

# RATHMORE



ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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An emphatic cup run saw our Senior Camogs take the honours in the Sciath na gContaethe competition. Progressing through the group stages having competed against three strong outfits from St Benedict's, St Ronan's and Dominican College, winning two out of the three and drawing one of the games.

This success boded well for the semi-finals, where the girls played St Aidan's Cootehill before progressing to the final with St Joseph's Donaghmore.

The final lived up to expectations with a sensational end-to-end game.

The Donaghmore panel didn't make it easy for the girls and were leading going into half time with a score of 1-3 to 0-2. The girls didn't let this get to them and they kept their heads up and went into the second half even more determined and they really made the most of it. The Donaghmore team kept us working right until the final whistle but we managed to overcome their tough defence and win 1-8 to 1-3. The scorers in the match were Éirinn Wall (1-0), Róise Matthews (0-5), Anna Adams (0-2 frees) and Olivia Morgan (0-1).

A super performance led by captain Róise Stevenson and Róise Matthews who was named player of the match. The team have succeeded beyond their dreams, but their superb effort training every Friday after school with their manager Ms Brown and their coach Miss Bradley was justly rewarded.

The future is bright for such a young, dedicated and talented panel.

# SINGING HIS WAY TO SUCCESS



On 3<sup>rd</sup> December we all watched as Year 13 pupil, Gavin Duffy, impressed the panel of BBC Songs of Praise 'Young Chorister of the year' in the competition grand final. The music department and wider school community is extremely proud of his efforts in the competition, especially given the quality of all the young musicians involved. It was a spectacular event all round, and a thrill to watch Gavin's fantastic, performative story-telling. Gavin placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the senior category.

Gavin has many strings to his bow, including being an accomplished violinist and has just recently achieved distinction in his grade 8 violin exam.



## POWERCHAIR FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL CAP FOR NORTHERN IRELAND



In December 2023 a year 12 pupil, Ethan McCabe, received his Irish IFA Powerchair International cap for the Home Nations tournament that was held in April in Scotland. Ethan captained the team. This June he will play Champions League football for his club, Trailblazers, in Paris.

# CAREERS TASTER EVENT



On the evening of 25<sup>th</sup> October Rathmore invited pupils from years 10 to 14 and their parents to attend a careers event. They had the chance to meet some past pupil industry professionals from a vast spectrum of careers and create work experience opportunities. Many thanks to all the guests who attended and made the evening such an inspiring and successful event.

# SPEECH DAY CUPS



The Sister Austin Barry Cup



The Sister Ursula Canavan Cup



The Sister Columba Galvin Cup



The Board of Governors' Cup



The Father Paddy O'Donnell (CCsR) Cup



The Sister Brigid Galvin Cup



The Béziers Cup



The Père Gailhac Cup



The Rathmore Trophy



The Sister Joan Lynam Prize



The Memorial Trophy  
(donated by the Parents of  
Rosemary Donaghy)



The Mère St Jean Cup