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Young Philanthropy Initiative

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Firrhill has participated in the Young Philanthropy Initiative (YPI) Scotland initiative since 2008-2009 and it was one of the first schools to be involved. YPI is skills-based, allowing young people the opportunity to choose and learn about a cause they care about so that they can pitch on its behalf, aiming to win a £3,000 grant to help the good cause continue its vital work. Pupils are encouraged to get involved with their chosen cause, where possible. The YPI programme originated in Canada and was adopted for Scottish schools by Sir Ian Wood. The Wood Foundation charitable trust continues to support this valuable programme.

The 2019 Firrhill YPI finals were held in late March. Eight S3 teams participated in a keenly contested event and presented their chosen cause, watched by pupils, staff and representatives of the charities involved.

Judging was a difficult task, given the high standard of presentations and the compelling cases put forward by all the teams. However, in the end, Conal Chrystal, Lucy Flockhart, Beth Moffat and Rosa Dunbar-Jones (pictured below) won for their pitch on behalf of Brain Tumour Action. This worthy cause now benefits from the £3,000 prize won on their behalf. The runners up were Poppy Bertram, Lucy Robertson, Reyhan Denali, Skye Harrison and Zoe Valentine for the charity Action for Children. Well done to all the teams for their hard work and efforts! Thanks too, to the Firrhill staff who supported this worthwhile initiative.

Congratulations to the Braidlaw S3 pupils on their win for Brain Tumour Action!

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Massive congratulations to our Braidlaw S3 pupils winning £3000 for Brain Tumour Action as part of the Youth and Philanthropy Initiative. Such a great showcase of pupils championing local charities. 🎉💫@ypi_scotland #RRSA #UNCRC Article 13: Freedom of expression 📣

Orla's Hockey Success

Orla Roberts, S1 has been successful in being selected to represent the East District Under 14's 2019 Girls Hockey team for the Scottish Inter Districts Hockey tournament held in May 2019. Orla successfully went through three trials before being selected for the training squad which, after weeks of intense training, was whittled down to a squad of 18. Orla currently plays for the Firrhill S1 2018-2019 team as well as Edinburgh Hockey Club.

Well done Orla and every success for the future!

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Hair Show Extravaganza

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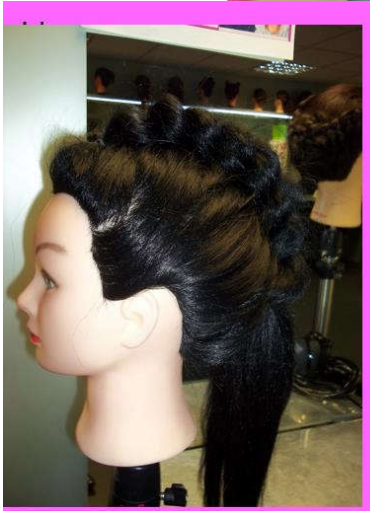
On 7 May a Hair Show extravaganza was held at the Firrhill hair salon, with hairdressers from Firrhill, Portobello, Holyrood and Castlebrae High Schools all taking part. Our judges were all from prestigious salons in Edinburgh. The students all made a styleboard showing current trends in hair and fashion, which were then reflected in the final image. Using the images, the students practise new skills and the styles which are portrayed on their boards. Once the students had practised the new skills, they then created the wonderful unique styles seen in the show.

Firrhill students Logan Storie, Hollie Gallagher and Hannah Fletcher came 1st, 3rd and 4th in the Hair Show, and Courtney Knight came 6th. The event, which was judged by industry professionals from Charlie Millar, Cheynes Hairdressing, Glamour Hair and Beauty, Bryony Quate Hairdressing and Harlequin Hair Salons. Well done to everyone involved for their achievements in impressing these top hairdressers.

Very well done to all 40 pupils who took part and created such amazing hair styles! Thanks to Jackie Lamont, hairdressing tutor.

2nd Place
Morgan Hewitt



Hollie Gallacher
3rd Place

The winners were as follows:

1st Place – Logan Storie (Firrhill)
2nd Place – Morgan Hewitt (Portobello)
3rd Place – Hollie Gallacher (Firrhill)
4th Place – Hannah Fletcher (Firrhill)
5th place – Jade Thomson (Castlebrae)
6th place – Caitlyn Gibbons (Firrhill),
7th place – Taylor Huth (Castlebrae)
8th place – Ellis McGinty (Holyrood)

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Art Exhibition

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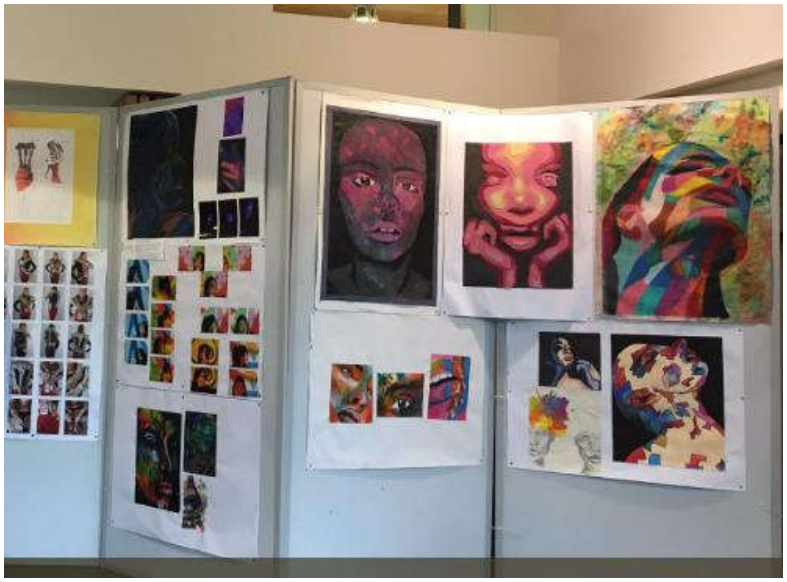
Well done to all the talented artists who exhibited work!

On Friday, 10 May, the Advanced Higher Art students opened the private viewing of their exhibition which was kindly hosted by Colinton Parish Church from 13 to 16 May, 10.00 am - 2.00 pm. The 17 Advanced Higher students' work covered an amazing variety of topics from portraiture to photography and fashion design. The school is very proud that eight S6 students from Firrhill High School are embarking on degree courses in Art & Design next year.