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God's blessing upon Christian school



Miss Ruth Foster—"Star pupil"

PORTADOWN Independent Christian School's prize-night provided principal, Mrs. Diane Haffey, with an opportunity to rejoice, with her school, the teachers, its pupils and their parents, in the mercy of God toward them all. She highlighted the successes achieved by the school's half-a-dozen GSCE students, of whom Ruth Foster was the star performer. She obtained seven grade A* passes, two more grade As and a hat-trick of distinctions in OCR stage one text processing, typing and word processing, plus computer literacy and information technology and integrated business technology. "The external examination results have shown -once again - that pupils attending our school are certainly not disadvantaged academically," she said. "Rather, they are given the opportunity to do extremely well."

Referring to the school's continued growth, she highlighted the role of her staff - thirteen full-time and part-time members. She also acknowledged those responsible for ancillary jobs. "All staff and helpers deserve credit for the vital role they play in the work of the school," the principal stressed, adding, "We are privileged to have such a team of workers." She singled out three members of staff - Mr Greer, Mrs McNabb and Miss Redmond - who had completed their time at school at the end of last year. "We want to thank them for all their hard work and wish them well," she said. "And we were delighted that Mr. David Wilson felt led to return to the staff after a period as a missionary, teaching in the Ivory Coast. I know he will continue to be an asset to the staff." She also lauded the parents for "committing their children to our care" and described their help and support as being invaluable. "We are also indebted to those who have faithfully helped with the cleaning of the school," Mrs. Haffey added.

We offer our congratulations to the pupils, the prize-winners in particular and especially to Ruth Foster on her wonderful achievement. We also rejoice with Bethany Free Presbyterian Church, the school staff, the Management Committee and the parents in the tokens of God's blessing upon their school.

May Free Presbyterians take to heart this vital and increasingly necessary aspect of our duty toward our children in a day in which the state school is under the management of Martin McGuinness, the man publicly cited as the leader of the IRA.