



# Senior Scripture Union



We were delighted to be able to have Scripture Union in person this year after 2 years of only meeting online. Alongside our main Thursday lunchtime meetings, we also met regularly at Spark, a prayer meeting held in Mr Beacom's room each morning before school with a short devotional shared by a pupil, and in Small Groups, which allowed pupils to build relationships with each other whilst discussing and growing in their faith.

Each Thursday lunchtime we had meetings in the assembly hall, where we had a time of praise and different speakers shared with us. We enjoyed our series of study on the book of Philippians and 1 John, as well as looking at a four-part bible study on a series called, 'What is the gospel?' From this study we were able to learn more about the message of the Gospel. We believe it is a message about God, who created a perfect world that was tainted by sin. God sent his one and only son the Lord Jesus to die on the cross for our sins, but He rose three days later so that we can have the opportunity to repent and turn away from sin through a living faith in Christ and one day spend eternity in Heaven.

As well as our weekly meetings we had various events throughout the year. We started off the year with a 'Welcome back to SU BBQ'. It was so encouraging to see the school pitches filled with pupils from all year groups, enjoying a time of fellowship, games and food. We also had a pupil and teacher panel, where pupils and teachers in school shared about their faith and how it can be challenging to stand out for God while, also focusing on the importance of church in a Christian's life.



The SU weekend was one of the highlights of the year in Castlewellan Castle. Colin Hylands from CEF, shared with us on the book of Hebrews focusing on 'Considering Jesus.' We had pupil led seminars tackling topics such as 'Trials and Tribulations' and 'Confidence in Christ.' We also enjoyed a panel where past pupils shared

advice and encouragement for the next step in their life. The weekend was fun packed, with a praise and testimony night, prayer workshops as well as quizzes and team challenges.

Another highlight of the year was our SU formal, which was held in Edenmore golf club. After dinner we had an epilogue focusing on how Jesus has always been King and He is still our King now. He is our Saviour, the only one who can secure our future in heaven seated at the right hand of God, but only through our acceptance of Him as our saviour. We also had awards followed by a social held by Kingsways events.



Our focus for SU this year was based on Matthew 28v19, 'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'. Our aim is to share the good news of Jesus Christ in school and the wider community. As a SU we believe that God loves us as children of God and wants to display His love to others. We displayed His love through a collection of aid for the people of Ukraine, as we are deeply saddened by the events unfolding.

I would like to thank the SU committee who were involved in organising weekly meetings and events in school and for sacrificing their time to serve God. Our prayer as a committee is that



all in SU would know God's unfailing love and that as followers of Christ, we would be disciples that plant the seeds of the Gospel.

As a now past pupil, I pray that SU will continue to grow, and that the committee will be blessed as they serve God through the work of SU.

# Junior Scripture Union

In 2021, after a COVID break, Junior SU returned, moving from its usual slot on Tuesday lunchtimes to Thursday break in the Gym. The bigger venue meant room for more people, more games and more fun.

This year our programme included a series on the lesser-known characters in the Bible and the attributes of Jesus. We also enjoyed visits from Crown Jesus Ministries who took us through the parables. Unfortunately we were not able to go on our annual weekend away but we compensated for this with a range of day trips and after-school activities.

The joint senior and junior SU barbecue allowed us all to get to know each other at the start of the year and later in that first term we went to Airtastic for bouncing, food and mini-golf.

After Christmas, the seniors held a quiz night and we celebrated the end of the year with a trip to Let's Go Hydro.

Junior SU is a great chance to share our love for Jesus and strengthen our relationship with Him and with each other. For anyone who is curious, or would like to find out more, we meet every Thursday break time in the Lecture Theatre and everyone in Years 8-10 is welcome.

Hope to see you there.

