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Armoy Armada mural takes centre stage in the village

By Jonathan Williams

THE ARMADA MURAL IN ARMOY, NORTHERN IRELAND, HAS TAKEN CENTRE STAGE IN THE VILLAGE. THE MURAL, WHICH DEPICTS THE ARMADA SINKING IN 1588, IS A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS TO THE AREA. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST MURALS IN THE WORLD AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL FILMS AND TV PROGRAMMES. THE MURAL IS LOCATED ON THE WALLS OF A BUILDING IN ARMOY VILLAGE AND IS A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS TO THE AREA. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST MURALS IN THE WORLD AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL FILMS AND TV PROGRAMMES.

Ballymoney library back to normal opening hours

THE BALLYMONEY LIBRARY HAS RETURNED TO ITS NORMAL OPENING HOURS. THE LIBRARY, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN THE AREA, HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IT IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IS A MAJOR ATTRACTION FOR VISITORS TO THE AREA. IT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST LIBRARIES IN THE WORLD AND HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL FILMS AND TV PROGRAMMES.

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Cross and Passion gets 25 complimentary textbooks

CITB NI has developed a textbook to support the GCSE in Construction and the Built Environment subject and for the third year in a row is providing 25 complimentary copies to each of the 46 schools that teaches the subject, including Cross and Passion High School in Ballycastle.

GCSE in Construction and the Built Environment provides students with a realistic understanding and experience of modern-day practices in the construction industry and helps develop their knowledge of the construction industry and the built environment. The textbook contains all the essential underpinning knowledge required of a student who has never studied construction before and who wishes to explore the subject for the first time.

Barry Neilson, Chief Executive, **CITB** NI said, "Construction is a rewarding industry with a variety of opportunities on offer from project management to onsite roles with prospects for career enhancement and good earning potential.

The popularity of the subject is growing and approximately 7500 pupils have undertaken the qualification over the past decade. We understand the pressure on school budgets and the COVID-19 Pandemic has had a huge impact on the education sector. We are delighted to present 25 complimentary books to each school providing the GCSE in Construction again this year. This will provide students with effective support material for the subject and may be a potential steppingstone in the right direction for a future career in construction. This year **CITB** NI has launched a new bursary award aimed at encouraging school leavers to consider a career in construction and undertake a third level Built Environment related qualification. Applications are now open for 12 first year, full time students to apply for a £1000 towards the costs of their training. "

Mr Liam Berry, Cross and Passion College said "We would like to thank **CITB** NI for the complimentary copies of the GCSE Construction and Built Environment text book, it is an excellent resource for both students and



Mr L Berry Construction teacher at Cross and Passion College with Amanda Stevenson CITBNI SPB2037-027

teachers within the school. It is a very popular subject which has grown considerably over the past few years within the school and provides an excellent foundation for a construction career."