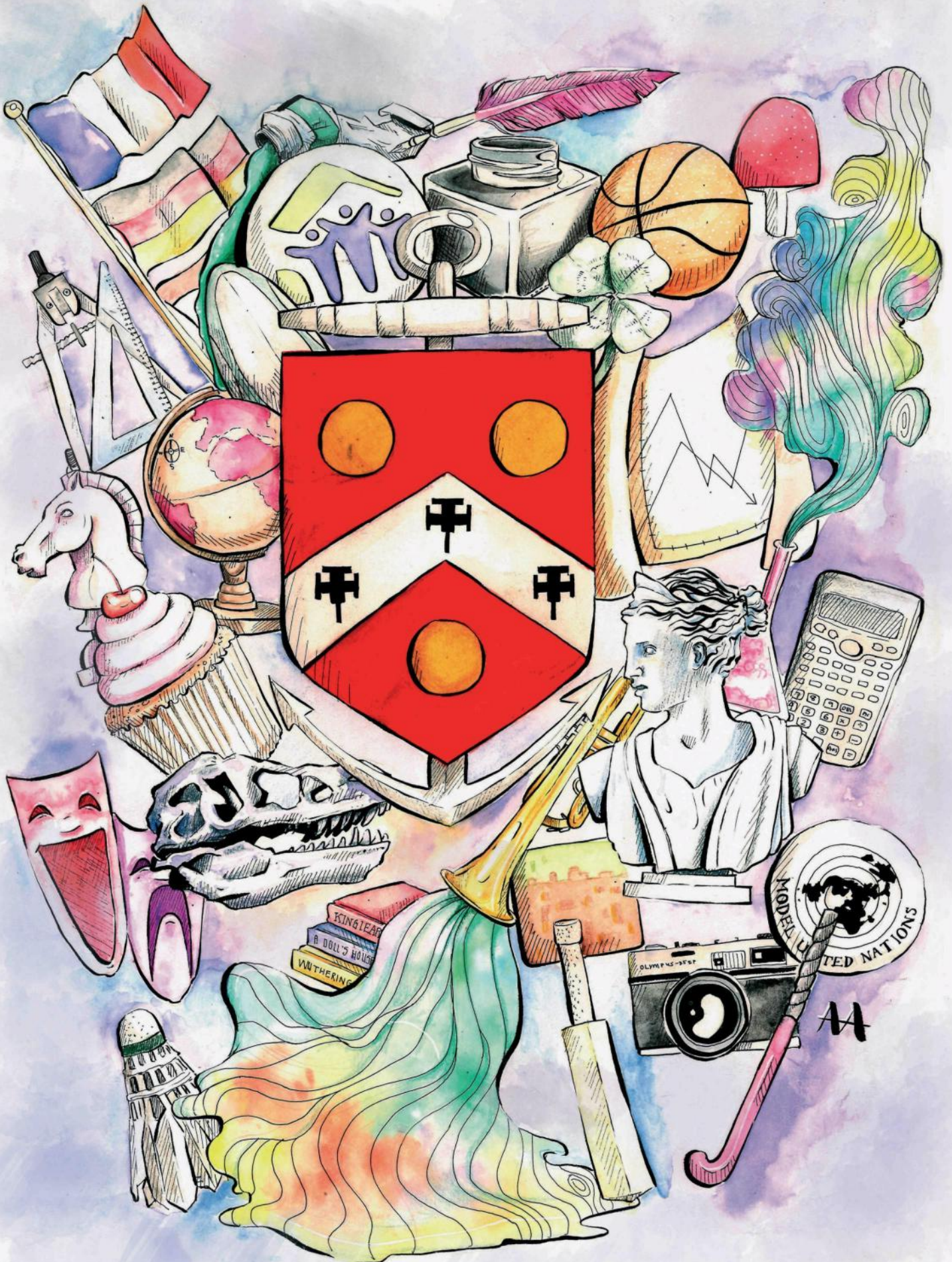


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EDITORIAL

One of my favourite subjects is Classical Studies; in it I learned a philosopher called Socrates once said: 'True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing.' Just like him, I believe we can't truly know if we know anything like how exactly to write an editorial but the important thing is to try. So, I decided to look at some of the other editorials, for inspiration of course and definitely not plagiarism... therefore here is the official editorial for The Erasmian and Diocesan Times.

But before I delve into the responsibilities of the yearbook (like eating pizza) I must give my thanks to all those involved. On behalf of the entire Yearbook Committee, thank you to Ms Beamish, you always helped us stay on track even though it wasn't always easy! Also a thank you to all the teachers who agreed to take part in the yearbook! And thanks to everyone who wrote articles, read them and the parents who get the yearbook just to see their kid's achievements. Lastly I must thank the Yearbook Committee. We all worked pretty great together and always had a laugh! Which leads into my next topic...

The experience! Being part of the Yearbook Committee was amazing, or to quote one of my favourite movies 'majestical'. Although there was a lot of work we were always having fun. Whether it was the (not to brag but) genius ideas for the Pupil section we came up with, a certain someone blasting 'music' (I use that term lightly) in the computer room or seeing our embarrassing class photos. No matter what we were doing, we always made sure we had fun; it was our top priority. And after all our hard work, we were awarded with pizza on the last day.

All in all, I strongly recommend the new Form 5 to sign up to do the yearbook. Obviously you won't beat this masterpiece but I'm sure your yearbook will be outstanding. But as Socrates also said: 'I cannot teach anybody anything; I can only make them think.' I can't teach you all exactly what the yearbook is like, how it's made or what exactly you do; it's something you've got to find out yourself. So good luck (you may or may not need it. Who knows.)

Ella Squire

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome to the 2016-17 Erasmian and Diocesan Times! Another year has flown by and I find myself sitting here wondering where it all went. This year has been a stellar year for sport at The High School. We had big league and cup wins across hockey and rugby and most notably our Minor Boys hockey team had a clean sweep across the League, Cup and ...! We have also got two new flags the 'Well-Read' flag and the 'Health Promoting Schools' flag, not to mention another 'Green-Schools' flag. School life often bears an uncanny resemblance to Tír na nÓg or the Lair of the Lotus Eaters. There are always fresh streams of young faces and we get so caught up in daily school life that we often forget that the world outside keeps spinning. This year we lose an invaluable member of the team, Jeanne Sadlier. Jeanne has been secretary to two headmasters, mentor, oracle and general all-round fountain of knowledge and calm for the last seventeen and a half years. After speaking to many colleagues about Jeanne it seems that a meagre thank you cannot cover her Trojan work and friendship over the years. On behalf of the staff I would like to wish Jeanne and her husband fair winds and following seas for all their new adventures to come.

This year's Erasmian team have been exceptional. The team of: Katrina

Cvetkovic, Tami Adeduntan, Miriam Kelly, Siobhan Chinenyanga, Milly Coghlan, Ella Squire, Kitty Dignam, Euan Leith, Ali Jones, Evan Bailey, Sitta Bailey and artwork by Avery Angle. The team put in countless hours chasing articles, writing them and learning how to work as an effective team to produce this fantastic publication. I would also like to say thank you to all the pupils and teachers who have either contributed or helped support those who did. You all know who you are! I was reminded recently that all pictures for the Erasmian used to be scanned in. I would like to thank the tech gods for digital images and to Mr Rankin as the school's resident photographer and Ms Burrowes who, as our recent Form 6 fondly nicknamed, the school paparazzi. As a result of both of them we have so many incredible images to select from and, more importantly, that capture the smallest moments of school life which we might never see. I offer a rather large thank you to everyone who has contributed in whatever way and thank you for your time!

On behalf of the Erasmian team and myself I hope you enjoy this year's edition. It reflects a school environment that shows strength and excellence in all areas and speaks volumes of its pupils and teachers.

Ms Beamish



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2016-17

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

National Developments

The national agenda for the post-primary education sector in 2015-16 continued to be dominated by protracted negotiations regarding the introduction of Junior Cycle reform, debate regarding a series of legislative and policy initiatives, combined with the threat of further industrial action. The impact of these developments, set alongside the ongoing effect of reductions in state funding for fee-charging schools despite a tangible recovery in public finance, resulted in significant and ongoing challenges during this period. In this context the change of political leadership at the Department of Education and Skills (DES) following the General Election in 2016 will have further implications for those concerned with education in Ireland and will be monitored with considerable interest.

The recent history of industrial unrest in the post-primary sector has resulted in a series of adverse outcomes for those concerned with restoring the primacy of teaching and learning in our schools. In 2013 agreement was reached with a number of unions representing public service workers on a range of reform and productivity measures known as Public Service Stability Agreement 2013-2016 (or Haddington Road Agreement). The formal adoption of the Haddington

Road Agreement (HRA) proposals following extensive negotiations resulted in revised pay structures as well as new arrangements for substitution and supervision cover which were intended by all parties to operate until 2016. In May 2015 the impending expiry of the HRA resulted in negotiations to conclude a further Public Service Stability Agreement 2013-2018 (also known as the Lansdowne Road Agreement). The Government also published new legislation to give effect to the provisions of the Lansdowne Road Agreement (LRA) which was intended to begin the process of reversing pay and pension cuts introduced for staff working in the public service.

In particular, the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest (FEMPI) Act 2015 made amendments to the existing FEMPI legislation which had underpinned the various public service pay and pensions reductions imposed since 2009. The Act aimed to secure the efficiencies, enhanced performance, and accountability of the earlier agreements as well as commencing the process for the partial restoration of public service pay. The Government claimed that the phased restoration of remuneration to public servants - focusing on those who were lower-paid - was part of a prudent approach to managing the ongoing improvements in public finances. However, refusal to accept the terms of the Lansdowne Road Agreement (LRA) by those who remained in dispute with the DES over pay and conditions raised the spectre of further industrial action in 2016. The inevitable consequence will be further disruption to the core activity of teaching and learning in secondary schools across the country in the near future.

In addition to managing the impact of industrial action the Government proposed to further limit the autonomy of post-primary schools by introducing two separate but associated pieces of legislation. The proposal to amend Section 7.3 (c) of the Equal Status Act along with Section 37 of the Employment Equality Act would restrict the capacity of voluntary schools in Ireland from recruiting and retaining staff who are in sympathy with the ethos of their patron bodies. The Education (Admissions to Schools) Bill 2014 will prevent voluntary schools from giving pupils in their own communities priority for admission over any other applicants. It is not surprising

that patron bodies and school leaders have expressed serious concern about the practical implications of enforcing this legislation if enacted as proposed.

In contrast the introduction of a national plan by the DES to tackle bullying and cyberbullying in schools - along with other policy initiatives with a pastoral focus - have been widely welcomed by school leaders. The Action Plan on Bullying set out 12 clear measures which focus on how to prevent and tackle bullying. The DES has required that new procedures for addressing the issue of bullying should be adopted at Board level by all schools in the country. The launch of an anti-bullying website, www.tacklebullying.ie, was part of the final phase of implementation of the Action Plan on Bullying. The website, which was developed by the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre (ABC) at Dublin City University, provides information, support, and advice for pupils, teachers, and parents on how to recognise and deal with bullying behaviour and allows teenagers to share experiences with their peers online. The announcement of a €210m investment to promote the use of digital technology in schools is equally welcome. The Digital Strategy for Schools, 2015-2020 sets out a vision and outlines plans for enhancing teaching, learning, and assessment through the effective use of ICT.

It would appear that funding for the key initiatives in reforming the post-primary education sector - namely, the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy, Junior Cycle reform, and School Self-Evaluation - has been consolidated in the short term. The ongoing recovery in public finance resulted in a generous provision for education in Budget 2016 which was announced with accompanying publicity in advance of the General Election. The former Minister for Education and Skills, Jan O'Sullivan, pledged €144m in additional investment including 550 additional teachers provided mainly at post-primary level to enhance guidance counselling and school leadership. The key measures in the reform agenda introduced by the outgoing Government were secured with additional funding, notably a €3m increase to €17m for the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy as well as a €8m increase to €17m in funding for Junior Cycle reform. However, there was no change in the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) in Budget 2016. A glaring discrepancy exists between schools





in the so-called Free Scheme (19:1) and fee-charging schools (23:1) which remains to be addressed in future.

The incoming Minister for Education Skills, Richard Bruton, appears to have accepted the policy direction and funding model established by his predecessor in office. In particular, the evidence suggests a clear determination to use the total investment of €43m secured in Budget 2016 to implement the terms of the Lansdowne Road Agreement across the post-primary sector. It is clear that it will be necessary to sustain this level of funding if reforms to the post-primary education sector desired by the current Government are to be achieved.

School Developments

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English, German, Technical Graphics, Design and Communication Graphics, Business, and Physical Education. The reports of the inspectors have been overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards across the curriculum. The most recent inspection reports are published on the Department of Education and Skills website.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning processes undertaken

in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board sub-committees and make valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee, and Sports Committee. There is so much work undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee as well as the revision of school policies guided by the Education Committee.

The Student Council is a very valuable body which is directly elected by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings, and then meets with the school management and staff representatives in order to

ensure that pupils have the opportunity to contribute to school planning and processes.

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude



tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Pupils are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Pupils in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career-related computer programs such as Qualifax. Pupils are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is organised for Form 5. Form 6 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day, as well as selecting other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 pupils there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The Guidance Counsellors are available to parents and pupils for career and psychological advice by prior appointment.

Mr E Draper was appointed to the position of School Sargeant in 1979. He



was responsible for a wide variety of caretaking, maintenance, and security duties which were performed with diligence and commitment throughout his long period in office.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2015-16 was 699.

In the Leaving Certificate 2016 examination, 126 pupils presented 874 papers in 25 subjects. 686 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 86% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage

of the grand total of all papers was 67%. This was an excellent level of performance which bears comparison with previous records at The High School.

In the Junior Certificate 2016 examination, 107 pupils presented 969 papers where different levels are available and 107 papers at common level (CSPE). 769 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 78% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.9% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 62%. These statistics represent a good level of performance.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our e-newsletter, on the school website (www.highschoolublin.com), and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication designed by Mr Phelan, produced by the pupils of Form 5, and co-ordinated by Ms Beamish in 2015-16. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with the extra-curricular programme for providing a wide range of enriching opportunities for those attending The High School. It is always a great pleasure to congratulate the pupils on their involvement and success in a variety of different activities.



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Principal: **Mr I Wilkinson**Art Portfolio Club: **Ms K Rogers**

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Ms S Hutchinson-Edgar

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Ms R McDonnell, Ms A WhelanChess Club: **Mr M Griffin**Choir: **Ms B Bourke**Christian Union: **Mr I Wilkinson**

Communications Co-ordinator:

Ms M BurrowesDebating: **Ms S Hutchinson-Edgar**(Senior), **Ms C Walker** (Junior)Detention System: **Mr J O'Brien**Drama: **Mr J Milofsky, Ms Walker**Enterprise Education: **Mr P Fitzpatrick**

Erasmian and Diocesan Times:

Ms E Beamish

European Youth Parliament:

Mrs J Wilson (Ms E Beamish)

European Studies Information

Exchanges: **Mr P Irwin**

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ROW 2: LUKE DIGGINS, AURYN MAHON, HARRY BYRNE, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, PATRICK GANNON, ALESANDRO DE ANGELIS, WILLIAM ANDERSON, KYLE BUTLER, DARAGH O'REILLY, SPENCER PEACE, SAM COSGROVE, PATRICK BARNES, DYLAN WALSH, CIAN HOBAN, OLIVER O'TOOLE, KEELAN QUINN, JAKE PILLOW

ROW 3: JUDE LYSAGHT, WILLIAM COSGRAVE, SIOBHAN CHINENYANGA, MATTHEW BARLOW, JAMES KINSELLA, EDWARD MEREDITH, JAMES METOUDI, ADAM KEALY, MAX O'DONNELL, HARRY MALONEY, MATTHEW WALLACE, LARAGH HARRIS-BOON, JAMIE KAPDAN, JAKE RICHARDSON, FIACHRA DEHORA, EVAN BAILEY, JAMES CARTER

ROW 4: KAARUNYA GURUSAMY, KATIE BOLAND, EUAN LEITH, ANCA AVASILICHIOAIEI, JAMIE UKAGBA, JASON MULLEN, ROSS SAMSON, GIANLUCA LYONS, CAROLINE RYAN, STEPHEN LANDY, GERARD COLMAN, SHAUN DAMBAZA, ZAK COGHLAN, CALUM GILLIS, KATARINA CVETKOVIC, DARAGH QUINN, TAMI ADEDUNTAN, ALEX LIN

ROW 5: ELLEN RIDGEWAY, KATE MORGAN-LAWSON, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, ISABELLA GANNON, REBECCA JONES, JAIME KNOX MACLEOD, CAOIMHE BARRY-CORR, MARTIN KELLY, TONY PARK, ALISON JONES, PETER O'LEARY, ADAM BYRNE, MARLEY DEMPSEY, ALEX FLYNN, OISIN O'CONBUHUI, EANNA CURRAN, ALEX KINCH, ADAM LALOR, MILLY COGHLAN

ROW 6: CATHERINE BOYD, AVERY ANGLE, FIELDS CHUNG, MIRIAM KELLY, LAURA CLINCH, SASKIA BOS, ISOBEL MAHON, JAKE KENNEDY, BOYUAN LU, ZACK RAFTER, JAKE FARRELL, ELLIE BURKE, ANNA BISMILLA, KERRY-ANNE TIMMINS, SITTHA BAILEY, KITTY WALSH DIGNAM, ALICE BURLEIGH, HOLLY GREENE

ROW 7: GRACE GAGEBY, SADBH ROHU, ELLEN RAFFERTY, MALIKA KOLA-CAHILL, GRACE CAMPBELL, CIARA SHAW, LAURA GALVIN, RUBY STEIN, ELLA BYRNE, ELLA CONNOLLY, SARAH MORLEY, CAOIMHE MEE, ZARA NAUGHTON, LORENZO DE ROSA, HIBIKIYAMADA, MICHAEL GUASTALLA

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ROW 2: MICHAEL SHEEHAN, JOHN BURNS, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY, DAVID DONNELLY, KEVIN FLAHERTY, HARRY CRIPPS, CONOR EMPEY, MICHAEL GOLDEN, TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR, JAMIE GLEESON DUNNE, JACK LYONS, SHANE O'REILLY, PHILIP MOTYER, LIONEL DEVERELL, RONALDO PERSECHINI, SINÉAD DUNNE, LAUREN FITZPATRICK KIELY

ROW 3: ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, SAM WRIGHT, MEGAN O'DONNELL, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, ALEXANDER DURAC, RAMIRO SANCHEZ IZQUIERDO, MEGAN O'BRIEN, LAUREN STYLES, LISA COSGROVE, MUSA MOHOLO, RHYS BUTLER, TIM DOLAN, EOIN SCARLETT, ELLIOT WRIGHT, SAM DUFFY, SHANE KELLY, ULTAN DOHERTY O'BRIEN, ROSS MAC WILLIAM, ROBERT HACKETT

ROW 4: JOE PRENDERGAST, DAVID O'BRIEN, JOSHUA ROSNEY, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MIA JENNINGS, CATHERINE HARRIS, KATIE WYSE-JACKSON, SARAH MULLOOLY, EMMA FETHERSTON, MARK TOBIN, JACK MCKENNA, EOIN FLYNN

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ROW 6: SORCHA NI NEILL, YULIYA MIKULCHYK, REBECCA FOX, RACHEL FERGUSON, EMMA TAYLOR, ELIZABETH BOYD, ABIGAIL NOLAN, JESSICA SMITH, FIONNUALA MULLEN, CIA MCELVEEN-WALSH, ELLA SCHMIDT, BEN MOHAN, ANGELA TANG, AMY SHIELDS, NATALIE KO, RHIANNA YOUNG

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PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

PRIZE DAY SPEECH

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

26 OCTOBER 2016

Mr Ruttle, Mr Fennell, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, past and current pupils of The High School. I am delighted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication demonstrated by all members of the school community to the life of The High School this evening. In particular, I should like to offer my warmest congratulations to prize winners on their success, to acknowledge the efforts of members of staff who encourage pupils to fulfil their potential, to thank parents and guardians for supporting the efforts of their children, and express my sincere appreciation for the practical support and advice offered by the governors. I have outlined a number of the ongoing challenges presented by the current climate in the Irish education system in my report in the Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution booklet which you are welcome to read at your convenience.

The High School has enjoyed a long and well-established reputation for excellence in education since its establishment in 1870. This tradition seeks to combine the best of the old with a real appetite for innovation in order to meet the multiplicity of challenges associated with preparing pupils for life in a rapidly changing and increasingly unpredictable twenty-first century world. In this respect we are fortunate that the range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities offered to pupils through the committed and dedicated efforts of staff, governors, and parents provides the perfect environment for all those attending The High School to achieve the highest levels of achievement commensurate with their ability.

We are equally fortunate to have inherited an ethos and accompanying set of values which support this enterprise and remain strikingly fit for purpose in the twenty-first century. The High School is (and has always been) a liberal and

tolerant institution which approaches the education of its pupils using an inclusive and progressive approach. The diversity and plurality present in the pupil body serves to enrich the lives of all members of the school community on a daily basis. Therefore, we remain fully committed to providing a first-class holistic education for all our pupils in a school where there is no academic selection on entry and mixed-ability teaching throughout. We continue to maintain a clear focus on developing the full potential of every pupil entrusted to our care by striving to achieve the highest standards of academic excellence commensurate with their abilities.

One narrow indicator of our collective pursuit of academic excellence may be observed in the field of public examination results. We can be justifiably proud of the fact that past pupils of The High School achieved record-breaking Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate results in 2013, 2014, and 2015. This record of achievement has allowed an average of 100% of Sixth Form pupils to progress to third-level education since 2012. We are all too aware of the pressures imposed by a high-stakes terminal examination which determines access to third level education and beyond. Nevertheless, these statistics suggest that the vast majority of pupils at The High School are fulfilling their potential and in many instances exceeding expectations on all fronts.

The annual Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution is an important expression of this aspect of our ethos and values at The High School. The prizes awarded this evening represent a series of important and distinctive accolades in a clear and separate recognition by the school of the highest levels of effort and achievement. The pupils who meet and maintain these standards have demonstrated outstanding commitment and determination in order to succeed in their respective fields. I am delighted that we have an opportunity to celebrate the wide range of achievements of pupils and past pupils this evening. I should like to congratulate those who have been awarded prizes and recognize their dedication to achieving and maintaining the highest standards throughout their time at The High School. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

We are particularly fortunate in enjoying a long tradition of academic success at the school which is sustained by a collaborative and co-operative approach to teaching and learning shared equally between pupils and staff. My colleagues on the teaching staff share a clear understanding that identifying and nurturing the multiple intelligences of the children entrusted to our care is central to our educational mission. It is clear to me that it would be virtually impossible to achieve the positive outcomes we are celebrating this evening were it not for the professional excellence of the teaching staff whose training, experience, and judgement is invaluable. They are ably and effectively supported in their activities by the ancillary, catering, and administrative staff on a daily basis. Finally, I am equally grateful for the practical support and sound advice offered by the governors at The High School whose specialized expertise is provided voluntarily throughout.

The role played by parents and guardians in promoting and supporting the education of their children in order to achieve these positive outcomes is greatly appreciated. It has become an increasingly onerous one given the variety of challenges to which families are subjected. You should be assured that the school is most grateful for the consistent support and encouragement it receives from the parent body. I hope that you will feel able to join with us in celebrating this proud moment of shared success.

In conclusion, a core purpose of any education system is to create the widest possible range of opportunities for young people to fulfil their potential. Therefore, it is vitally important that we remain true to our liberal and progressive values by fostering a positive and ambitious approach to educating the pupils entrusted to our care. The pursuit of excellence in education for all those attending The High School both now and in the future will not be advanced by excessive caution or complacency. We must continue to look to the future and lead from the front if we are to encourage pupils of The High School to pursue excellence in education whilst taking their place in society as responsible, informed, thinking, and tolerant human beings. I have every confidence that they will continue to do so.

REMARKS AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING,
GARRETT FENNELL
GUEST SPEAKER
24 OCTOBER 2016

Speaking notes from Garrett Fennell, Chairperson of Temple Carrig Secondary School to the Parents Night and Prize Distribution at The High School, Rathgar on 26 October 2016

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to be here this evening and would like to thank Mr Forrest for the kind invitation.

My attendance here is not without some controversy at home. My daughter who just started in first year at Temple Carrig School let out a shriek when she heard that I had been invited to speak at a prize distribution in The High School. She said "Dad what are you going over there for They trounced us at hockey a few weeks ago!" I asked her if The High School team were good winners or if they were gloaters. She confirmed that the victors were magnanimous and in fact really deserved to win as they were the better team on the day. So with the emotions reconciled I was cleared by my 12 year old to attend here tonight. Although I have been asked to warn that the Temple Carrig School Girls hockey team are improving and in the words of Mr Schwarzenegger "They'll be back".

Winning and succeeding are often achievements that people tend to play down in a modern day school environment. Some will say that "we are all winners" and that there is no need to single out people who have excelled. I don't agree. I think that it is really important to celebrate success, hard work, talent and skill. It is a recognition of the hours of study, learning or training that pupils have devoted to their subject, sport or talent. It also recognises the support and encouragement that pupils have received from their teachers and parents. And to those who don't win this year, there is an opportunity to be proud in the achievements of friends and to aim for success next year.

Parents Night and the Prize Distribution are clearly an important part of The High School annual calendar. It is clear that



the School has a long and outstanding tradition in teaching and learning. I took some time to learn about your school in preparation for coming here this evening. I understand that the school will celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2020, although its roots stretch back to the mid 1600s.

I can see that the School has an illustrious list of past pupils with people who have excelled in many fields.

Two particular former High School pupils caught my attention – Annalise Murphy who had such wonderful success at the Rio Olympics earlier this year and of course WB Yeats. Not every school has an Irish naval ship named after one of its past pupils, as happened last week when the LE William Butler Yeats was commissioned by the Taoiseach.

It is also very clear that High School as a school community works in the pursuit of excellence and the realisation of the full potential of all pupils.

The School places an emphasis on integrity, kindness and respect. These qualities help pupils to move from this place to new studies and careers where they can make a real and valued contribution to society.

The School that I am involved with,

Temple Carrig School is at a very different stage to the High School in many respects. It is a very young school - The School admitted its first pupils in September 2014 when we took in 132 first year students. We have a small but growing staff. The Principal, only started with the School on a full time basis 6 months before we opened in February 2014 and we had to build up our teaching staff from scratch that year – I can honestly proudly boast to the Parents that our teachers are getting bigger each year – of course I mean in number rather than size.

We have a growing student population – we now have 390 students enrolled in the school from first to third year. Next year the School will host its first State examinations and we will also have our first ever Transition Year Programme. We also have a sparkling new school building. 3 years ago the field where our school is now located was a dairy pasture on the outskirts of Greystones. We took possession of our new school building last December and it was officially opened by the Taoiseach earlier this month. Getting used to a new building and dealing with builders has had its own challenges– at the moment the building feels very large because the school is only half full. So large that some of the teachers joked about getting Segway's to get around. And we are also starting



to find our way in various sports, drama and music – indeed I got an update from our Principal this afternoon to tell me that our second year boys rugby team won in a match today against a certain leading secondary school established in 1870!

While there may be many differences between The High School and Temple Carrig School, there are also strong similarities.

For a start our school is also under Church of Ireland patronage, so is faith based and Christian in ethos. We have morning assemblies, a very active Chaplaincy, regular Services and really embrace and give effect to our Church of Ireland patronage and ethos. Most recently we were delighted to host the Diocesan Synod earlier this month.

Like The High School, Temple Carrig is inclusive and welcoming to students of all faith traditions and none. The diversity in our community is reflected in our student population. It is really important to recognise that faith based schools such as The High School and Temple Carrig School are inclusive and embracing of diversity and difference – diversity and tolerance comes in many different forms and is not the sole preserve of any particular patronage model.

Like The High School, Temple Carrig also aspires that our students commit to certain core values and demonstrate kindness, integrity, endeavour and adventure in their school and personal life.

Like this school, we are also committed to providing students with an inclusive, effective and comprehensive education which responds to their academic, cultural, personal and spiritual needs.

And although we are in the early stages of our school journey I am confident that we are making a good start.

While we don't have the long tradition or history of The High School, we have benefitted from the high regard in which schools under our common patronage, including The High School, are held. We have most definitely benefitted from the success and achievements that your school has achieved over the years. This has provided our parents and students with the confidence to "take a chance" with a brand new school which has no academic or sporting record and which needs to prove itself. And this following in this tradition of educational excellence counts for something – as a new school we have been oversubscribed each year since we opened. So we are very proud to follow in the footsteps of The High School and hope that we can make

our own contribution to enhancing the reputation of schools under our common patronage.

While we are starting off from scratch there is one new school tradition which we initiated this month – our own annual prize ceremony which took place on 6 October. Although we are only 3 years old we have already amassed a respectable selection of Cups and Trophies for the recognition of excellence and achievements in many different areas of school life.

To all those receiving prizes this evening "congratulations and well done" – it is a proud moment for you, your parents and teachers.

Your success is doubtless well deserved and it is great to have your achievements recognised in front of your peers.

So well done to all – take a bow – you deserve it

Thank you

PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



PRIZES 2015-16

(Subjects taken outside the normal school curriculum are not counted when calculating prizes)

Form 1

Class Prizes:

1GR **Mary-Rose Burke, Juliette Christle**

1RL **Ciaran Adair, Conor Moore**

1RW **Eimear Quinn, Amelia Durac**

1S **Éle Ní Chonbhuí, Ethan Flynn**

1W **John Kennedy, Cate Dooley**

Progress Prizes:

1GR **Hannah Dillon, Stephen Lalor**

1RL **Senan MacKeogh, Rachel Browning**

1RW **Niall Healy, Ben Mitchell**

1S **Anna O'Shea, Ian Mayrs**

1W **Aviv Sivak, Billy Ly**

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

2016-17

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship:

Kayla Kennedy

Rathfarnham Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Laura Cole

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Cillian West

Ballyroan Boys' National School

Hugh Geraghty

St Mary's Boys National School
Rathfarnham

Oscar Maharg Bravo

Griffith Barracks Multi-Denominational
School

Shane Reid

St Catherine's National School

Music Scholarship:

Caroline O'Connor

St Colmcille's National Senior School

Andrew Whyte

St Catherine's National School



Form 2

Class Prizes:

2G **Isobel Harrison, Eva Valentine**

2H **Nathan Hutchinson-Edgar, Frederick Loose**

2R **Enya Mak, Anna Lyons**

2S **Harry Lynch, Sophia Hartung**

2W **Siobhan Trimmer, Patrick Tallon**

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

2G **Patrick Ryan, Camilla Anele**

2H **Ruth Mary Ninan, Mia Murphy**

2R **Orla Prendergast, Ben Hopkins**

2S **Daniel Snodgrass, Laura Tuite**

2W **Joey Chong, Shaam Mallak**



Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best overall in Form 3):
Andrew Canning

Art – Miss Mitchell’s Prize:
Caitriona Brennan

Business Studies – S.S. Evans Prize:
Andrew Canning

Classical Studies:
Naoise May

Civic, Social & Political Education –
Parents’ Association Prize:
**Daisy O’Toole, James Campion,
Robert Whyte, Shane Dambaza,
Cormac Dempsey-Lerchundi**

English – Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Andrew Canning

French – Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Luan Rogers

Geography – Miss Latimer’s Prize:
Andrew Canning

German – German Government Prize:
Luan Rogers

History – Casserley Prize:
James Cole

Home Economics – Dr Maurice
Anderson’s Prize:
Katie Moore

Irish – Jellett Memorial Prize:
Naoise May



Mathematics – Dillon Prize:
Holly Perdue

Materials Technology (Wood) – Parents’
Association Prize:
Eric Felle

Music – Diocesan School Prize:
Denny Stupakov

Religious Education- Parents’
Association Prize:
Hannah Kerr

Science – Dorothy Blakeney Prize:
Andrew Canning

Technical Graphics – Parents’
Association Prize:
Holly Perdue

Progress Prizes:
3F **Ríán Moodliar Walsh,
Miles Dixon**
3J **Hannah Vance Cronin,
Thomas Webb**
3RL **Rory Browne, Tessa Long**
3RN **Naia Byrne Paredes,
Síofra O’Brien**
3W **Caitlin Nickels, Niall McDonnell**





Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):
Rachel Ferguson

Class Prizes:

**Ronan O'Byrne, Conor Empey,
Emma Taylor, Aela O'Flynn,
Jack Iredale, Kyla O'Dwyer,
Kate O'Shea, Rhys Butler,
Sorcha Ní Neill, Tim Dolan**

Montgomery Awards:
Biology 1st
Sophie Hayes

Biology Joint 2nd
**Shane O'Reilly
Catherine Harris
Kate O'Shea**

Physics 1st
Timothy Kaye Mellor

Physics 2nd
Ronan O'Byrne

Chemistry 1st
Aela O'Flynn

Chemistry Joint 2nd
**Ultan Doherty O'Brien
Alexander Durac
Jamie Gleeson-Dunn**



Form 6

(Normally a pupil is eligible for only one of the first six awards below)

High School Exhibition:
(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)
Katie O'Connor

John Thompson Scholarship:
Cian Devine Prendergast

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:
(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)
Clara Devine

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:
(next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland)
Alex Kelly

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:
(next best performing pupil)
Ilona Adams

John Bennett Memorial Prize:
(next best performing pupil)
Eoin Faust

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize: (best pupil who studies Engineering at 3rd Level)
Cathal Ryan

Accounting
Alison Mooney

Applied Mathematics
Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:
Philip Bradish

Art – Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Kate Hunter Hanley

Biology – Miss Jagoe Prize:
Katie O'Connor

Business – S.S. Evans Prize:
Laura McBean

Chemistry – Dr Start's Prize:
Clara Devine

Classical Studies – Etheline Brady Prize:
Ellen Downey

Construction Studies – Parents' Association Prize: **Ritchie Burbridge**

Economics – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Cian Devine Prendergast

English – Bessie Bury Prize:
Ilona Adams

French – McNay Prize:
Eoin Faust

Geography – Miss Latimer’s Prize:
Clara Devine

Geology – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Ralph Lee

German – German Government Prize:
Iлона Adams

History – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Cathal Ryan

Home Economics – Dr Maurice
Anderson’s Prize: **Michaela Rynne**

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:
Cian Devine Prendergast

Mathematics – Foster Memorial Prize:
Nebojsa Cvetkovic

Music – Diocesan School Prize:
Alex Felle

Physics: **Katie O’Connor**

Spanish – Ray White Memorial Prize:
Jack Scollard

Design and Communication Graphics –
Miss Mitchell’s Prize: **Jack Burleigh**

Class Prizes: **Aoife Kernan,
David Egan, Sam Rayner,
Tailte May, William Le Bas,
Clodagh Curran, Jason Cosgrove**

Special Category Prizes

Robin Davies Sports Award:
Fencing **Darren Chong**

Cross Country:
Roseanne McCullough

Mountaineering:
Tommy Myles

Rugby:
**Megan O’Brien
Ruby Keating Levins**

Cricket:
**Ellen Ridgeway
Orla Prendergast**

Hockey:
**Conor Empey
Alistair Empey
Peter Lynch
Harry Lynch
Alex O’Regan**

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect
who has made the most helpful
contribution to school life)

William Le Bas

PPU Debating Medal:
Rachel Ferguson

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: **Mark
Deering** – for his work on the 5th Form
Play and in the Orchestra.

Foundation Day Initiative Award
Saoirse Keaveny who organised a
week to raise awareness for mental
health in the school.

Past Pupils’ Union Awards

Head Boy:
Matthew Ridgeway

Head Girl:
Iлона Adams

Jean Scott Trophy:
Paige Leavy

Old Boys’ Cup:
Jack Scollard



LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2016

6CR

Dami Babade
 Alison Beverland
 Séana Brady
 Hannah Burke
 Max Clarke
 Megan Clinch
 Megan Doyle
 Stephen Doyle
 Alex Felle
 Anna Fleming
 Jake Foley
 Robert Hallissey
 Sophie Harrison
 Sean Healy
 Daniel Knocker
 Ralph Lee
 Siobhán Murray
 SORCHA O'CONNELL
 Andrew Palmer
 Jack Scollard
 Sophie Sheill
 Jack Whelan

6DT

Ritchie Burbridge
 Jack Burleigh
 Jonathan Chambers
 Jennifer Cody
 Jason Cosgrove
 Anna Cullen
 Nebojsa Cvetkovic
 Mark Deacon
 Clara Devine
 Ellen Downey
 Ciara Faughnan
 Aaron Hunt
 William Le Bas
 Laura McBean
 Oisín McEvoy
 Katie O'Connor
 Matthew Pearson
 Sam Rayner
 Danny Reilly
 Matthew Ridgeway
 Alistair Ridyard
 Michaela Rynne

6IW

Ilona Adams
 Jackson Barry
 Amy Byrne
 Emma Canning
 Aoife Cloughley
 Clodagh Curran
 Cian Devine Prendergast
 David Egan
 Conor Evans
 Louis Huggard
 Kate Hunter Hanley
 Alexander Kenny
 Aoife Kernan

Katya Koloskova
 Katherine Landy
 Amy Logan
 Christina Lynn
 Zoe Manning
 Taillte May
 Anna Mays
 Alannah O'Reilly
 Kate O'Rourke
 Brian Reilly
 Abbie Sheridan
 Stephen Wann

6JC

Ife Akinsuli
 Philip Bradish
 Evan Cooper
 Lynn Duke
 Eoin Faust
 Amyrose Forder
 Isabel Garland
 Oisín Gavigan
 David Green
 Orlaith Grehan
 Orla Johnson Oluwayose
 Luke Kehoe-Roche
 Robbie Kelleher
 Charlie Kerr
 Alison Mooney
 Charlie O'Connor
 Orla Perdue
 Cathal Ryan
 Adam Shaw
 Sarah Stafford-Langan

6JD

Koleman Angle
 Lindsay Baker Kerrigan
 Polina Borisenko
 Aitana Byrne Paredes
 Sofia Clifford Riordan
 Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi
 Aoife Domican
 Emma Dooley
 Conor Duffy
 Tom Farrelly
 William Furey
 Abigail Greene
 Stephen Greene
 Ethan Jones
 Seán Kennelly
 Joe Kiely Fox
 Cian Larkin Woulfe
 Paige Leavy
 Cian McCausland
 Jessica Miller
 Sam Moloney
 Hannah Molony
 Catherine Neenan
 Ferdia O'Connell
 Connor Sullivan
 Emma Treacy
 Cian Warren



6RH

Stephen Ardill
 Max Bevan
 Rory Duffy
 Lucy Healy
 Billy Iland
 Kirsty Meijer
 Tristan Reynolds
 Conor Ryan
 Ben Scallan
 Lee Tucker



JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2016

3F

Clara Bell
James Boyd
Shona Carey
Isabelle Carter
Mia Comerford McKenna
Finn Connolly
Elias Dempsey
Miles Dixon
Amy Dunne
Conor Fagan
Jack Healy
Matthew Kaye Mellor
Wilson Ko
Seán Maguire
Tom McCausland
Ríán Moodliar Walsh
Katie Moore
Harry O'Donnell
Daisy O'Toole
Dave Samson
Molly Sheridan

3J

Zak Bowker
Matthew Browne Garcia
Dominic Burke
Andrew Canning
Benjamin Cripps
Cormac Dempsey-Lerchundi
Alistair Empey
Erin Fetherston
Ethan Gernon
Dylan Keogh
Jasmin Long
Naoise May
Roseanne McCullough
Evan Miller
Finn O'Sullivan
Holly Perdue
Dylan Roycroft
Aine Ryan
Georgina Scanlon
Hannah Vance Cronin
Adam Vaughan
Tom Webb

3RL

Rory Browne
Harry Byrne
Jem Campion
James Cole
Sam Daly
Odhrán Dixon
Oisín Healy
Eva Kenna
Tessa Long
Niall Lynch
Leah Merriman
Laura Motyer
Aileen Nagle
Hugh O'Donnell
Rebecca O'Farrell
Luan Rogers
Tim Sweeney
Sol Wynne

3RN

Calum Adair
Naomi Adeyanju
Naia Byrne Parades
James Coman
Ferdia Darragh
Rachel Donovan
Eric Felle
Henry Hinds
Asier Kelly
Erica Macari
Ashley Makombe
Anna McKim
Síofra O'Brien
Anna Phelan
Shauna Power
Daniel Ruffli
Anuoluna Siwoniku
Matthew Thompson
Robert Whyte

3W

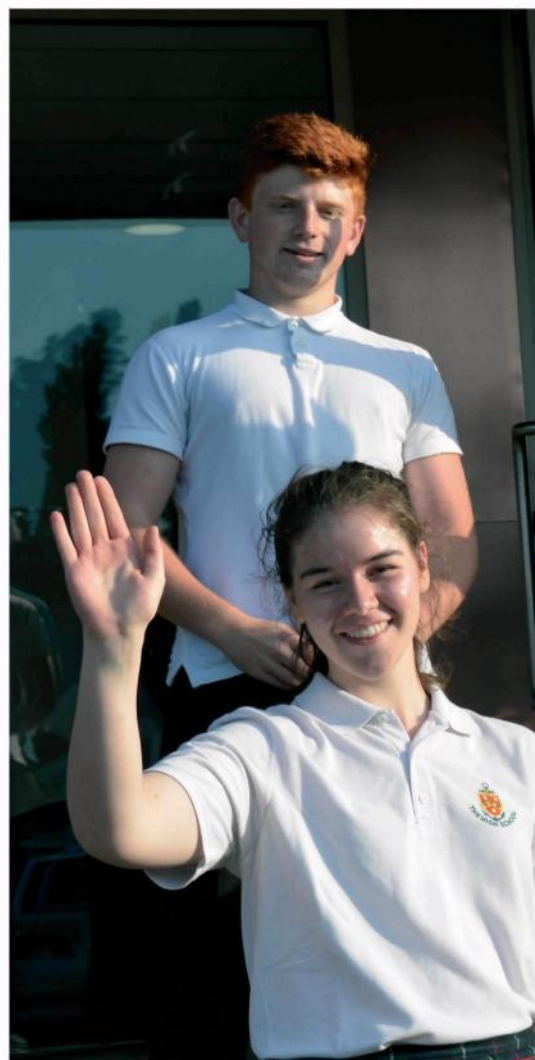
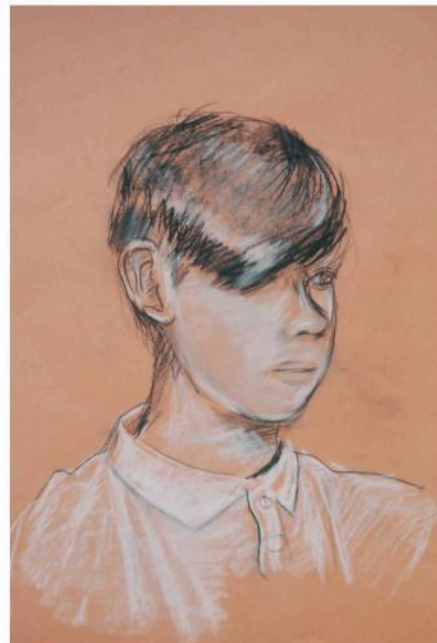
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Sofí Grant
Anna Keogh Corbally
Hannah Kerr
Niall McDonnell
Caitlin Nickels
Callum O'Dwyer
Molly O'Shea
Megan Rance
Amy Scollard



LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2017

James Anderson
 Seán Babade
 Trina Bovenizer
 Gemma Bovenizer
 Elizabeth Boyd
 Seumas Bracken
 Annie Brennan
 Andrew Brennan
 John Burns
 Rhys Butler
 Joe Byrne
 Robert Clavin
 Kellie Comerford
 Lisa Cosgrove
 Harry Cripps
 Daniel Curran
 Mark Deering
 Lionel Deverell
 Ultan Doherty O'Brien
 Tim Dolan
 David Donnelly
 David Donnelly
 James Dooley
 Gráinne Dowling
 Sam Duffy
 David Dunleavy
 Sinéad Dunne
 Alexander Durac
 Conor Empey
 Rachel Ferguson
 Emma Fetherston
 Lauren Fitzpatrick-Kiely
 Kevin Flaherty
 Eoin Flynn
 Dearbhla Forde-Morrin
 Rebecca Fox
 Jamie Gleeson-Dunn
 Michael Golden
 Georgia Grant
 Robert Hackett
 Ben Harrington
 Catherine Harris
 Sophie Hayes
 Jack Iredale
 Ellen Jackson
 Mia Jennings
 Timothy Kaye Mellor
 Ruby Keating Levins
 Saoirse Keaveny
 Shane Kelly
 Sam Killeen
 Natalie Ko
 Naoise Law
 Jack Laycock
 Eoin Lynch
 Jack Lyons
 Ross MacWilliam
 Ultan Maguire
 Cía McElveen-Walsh

Jack McKenna
 Robert McLaughlin
 Oliver McLuskie
 Maya McNair
 Nicola Merriman
 Yuliya Mikulchyk
 Megan Millett
 Benjamin Mohan
 Musa Moholo
 Tom Molony
 Philip Motyer
 Fionnuala Mullen
 Sarah Mullooly
 Sorchá Ní Néill
 Abigail Nolan
 Megan O'Brien
 David O'Brien
 Ronan O'Byrne
 Megan O'Donnell
 Melanie O'Donovan
 Aela O'Flynn
 Jack O'Gorman
 Shane O'Reilly
 Patrick O'Reilly
 Conor O'Ráin
 Kate O'Shea
 Milo O'Sullivan
 Ronaldo Persechini
 Liam Phelan
 Joseph Prendergast
 Ben Quirey
 Joshua Rosney
 Adam Ruffi
 Ramiro Sanchez-Izquierdo Rodriguez
 Eoin Scarlett
 Ella Schmidt
 Michael Sheehan
 Joy Sherwood
 Amy Shields
 Emily Smartt
 Jessica Smith
 Mark Smyth
 Lauren Styles
 Angela Tang
 Emma Taylor
 Mark Tobin
 Ellen Tucker
 Aisha Tuohy
 Luke Walker
 Katy Weafer
 Craig Whelan
 Sam Wright
 Elliot Wright
 Katie Wyse Jackson
 Rhianna Young



JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2017

Camilla Anele
Jordan Bailey
Sol Bell-Megaw
Amy Boyd
Lucy Brennan
Angela Burke
Jack Burke
Dennis Chan
Darren Chong
Joey Chong
Louis Christle
Emily Clinch
James Cody
Rory Cosgrove
Thomas Costello
Alana Cripps
Jacob Cullington
Alison Daly
Sarah Daly
Tristen De Beer
Emma Donohoe
Isabel Dunne
Samuel Dunne
Faith Edunpeters

Jack Farrelly
Rosie Gillis
Daniel Guastalla
Giulia Guastalla
Martin Hancz
Cormac Harbart
Isobel Harrison
Sophia Hartung
Issie Hayes
Montel Hewson
Jake Hickey
Nicole Holland
Chloe Holmes
Ben Hopkins
Ross Howard
Éabha Hughes
Nathan Hutchinson-Edgar
Liam Irwin
Alexander Jackson
Luan James-Geary
Evan Jennings
Thomas Kelly
Adam Killeen
Alison Landy

Katie Larkin
James Le Bas
Clara Lee
Joshua Lloyd
Frederik Loose
Gráinne Lynch
Harry Lynch
Rowan Lynch
Anna Lyons
Marco Lyons
Cameron MacKeogh
Adam Maguire
Aela Mahon
Eva Mahon
Enya Mak
Shaam Mallak
Jodie McAvinue
Caoimhe Milton
Sadhbh Milton
Oscar Moholo
Gavin Mulhere
Sean Mullen
Joseph Murphy
Mia Murphy
Tommy Myles
Ruth Ninan
Katie O'Brien
Katie-Maria O'Brien
Alex O'Connor
Heather O'Connor
James O'Connor
Isabel O'Donovan
Debbie Oduntan
Debbie Ogunkayode
Karo O'tobo
Morgan Pembroke
Robyn Pembroke
Jennifer Pillow
Orla Prendergast
Lisa Roche
Louis Rosney
Max Ross
Patrick Ryan
Conor Schmidt
Ben Shaw
Andrew Sinevici
Benjamin Sisson
Daniel Snodgrass
Amy Tala
Patrick Tallon
Nathan Timmins
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Eva Valentine
Daniel Walsh
Sarah Webb
Max Wright
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Cuán Young



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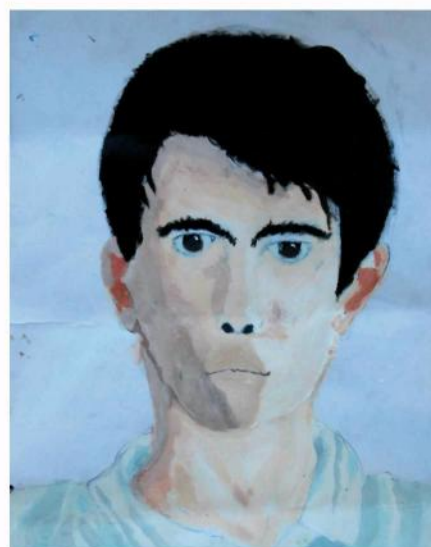
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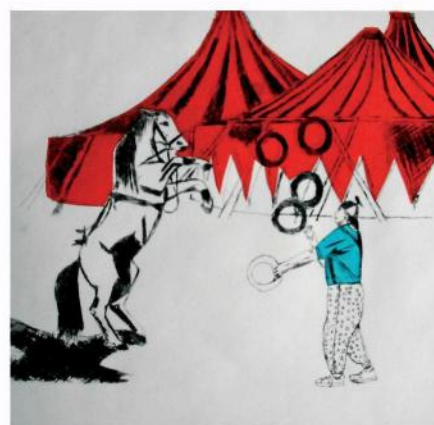
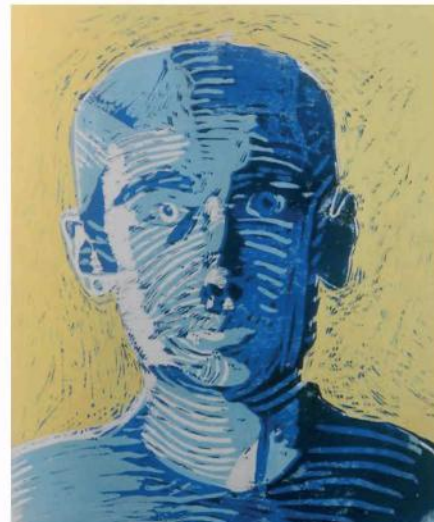
AROUND THE DEPARTMENTS



FORM 3 CERAMICS



FORM 4 LINO PRINTING



FORM 5 LINO PRINTING



FORM 6 PUPPETS



BUSINESS STUDIES

The Business suite of subjects includes Business, Economics, Accounting and several modules at Transition Year level like Enterprise, Business for Living and Accounting and Economics

All of these subjects are in tune with real life situations and provide pupils with many of the tools needed in life today.

These subjects are always changing with the Economics syllabus and we started a new Junior Cycle Business Studies curriculum scheduled this year.

This years' Transition Year Enterprise class designed and sold customised drawstring bags and it was well supported by the pupils of the school. We have two Form 5 Economics classes this year and hope to see this trend of increased demand for the Business suite at senior cycle.

Form 1 engaged with AIB in a banking module which saw the pupils visit the bank on several occasions over the year to engage in practical elements of banking.

We as teachers try to vary the experience of the pupil by participating in as many in and out of school quizzes, seminars, competitions and activities as possible.

We look forward to the new pupils coming in and wish all our leaving pupils every success in whatever they may do.

Mr Fitzpatrick



CAREERS

MOCK INTERVIEWS

The Mock Interviews were set up by the school board. We arrived into school and got a list of the people we were going to be interviewed by. Our interviewers were chosen for us based on what we are interested in doing when we get to college and what jobs we might want in the future. The pupils were each assigned a table in the Reynolds Hall where their interview would take place. I was interviewed by a psychologist. She read my personal statement and CV and asked me questions about them. She then asked me what were my favourite subjects and why I like them. She also asked what courses I might want to do in college. I then got to ask her questions about her job, such as "What got you interested in psychology?" and "What was the most rewarding part of your job?" My interviewer then filled out a sheet with feedback from our interview and told me what I did well in the interview and things that I can improve on. Overall, I think everybody enjoyed the mock interviews.

Ben Chaloner



UCD CAMPUS TOUR

As part of their careers class, all Form 5 pupils visited UCD on 3 March. We were welcomed by professors and current pupils who spoke to us about the courses on offer, and also provided a general overview of college life. This gave us a great insight into studying at any Irish university, not necessarily UCD. After these talks, we were split up into smaller groups and were brought on a campus tour. We were able to see not only the lecture theatres and buildings across the entire Belfield Campus, but also the sports facilities and various societies that UCD has to offer. The majority of the year were impressed by the campus and I have no doubt that there will be many pupils studying here after their Leaving Certificate.

Miriam Kelly

CLASSICAL STUDIES

Classical studies had another great year! Oisín Brennan (Form 2) and Alex Yang (Form 3) won the Iliad-off competitions and Form 5 went to the theatre to see the Aeneid! We are all looking forward to another great year 2017/18!

CONSTRUCTION STUDIES



FORM 6 LEAVING CERTIFICATE PROJECTS







ENGLISH

All pupils took part in the promotion of 'Drop Everything and Read' in the school as part of the improvement of the school's literacy. We had lots of pupils who took part in the Senior and Junior plays and debating societies throughout the year and honed their English skills in areas outside of the classroom. We celebrated World Book Day with a great talk about writing novels by Dublin writer, Ruth Frances Long. She was able to impart some of her knowledge to Form 1 and she gave advice on how to structure longer pieces of writing, especially pertaining to characters.

The English Department also organised a theatre visit to Dundrum in October, to see the production of Hamlet in the Mill Theatre. Form 6 pupils agreed that attending a staging of their Leaving Certificate play was of great benefit.

Some members of Transition Year also got an opportunity to take part in a day long course, to produce Radio Adverts and then record them in a mobile recording studio. A great time was had by all and students had their eyes opened to the technical issues involved in the production of adverts.

The main development in English saw the first-time examination of the new Junior Certificate English Curriculum, which followed on from the completion of the classroom based assessments. Whilst a welcome development in many aspects, the roll out of the new format has been challenging to say the least. Pupils in Form 3 deserve great credit for the manner of their approach to the subject. Their teachers deserve credit for their patience in implementing the curriculum with limited resources and limited time given over to resolve the implementation of the courses.

We were delighted to see that a former pupil, Stephen J Smith was commissioned by the St Patrick's Day Festival to write an epic spoken word poem; 'My Ireland'. The Irish Times described it as "... a thrilling, startling, irreverent, and sometimes angry reflection on contemporary Ireland, which manages to tread the line between knowing and clever on the one side, and full of heart and raw emotion on the other. The video that was produced to accompany the poem is worth viewing simply for its own cinematography."

One final thought:

'Studying English literature at school was my first step towards mental freedom and independence. It was like falling in love with life.' Ian McEwan

Mr Miller



GEOGRAPHY

2016-2017 was an excellent year for the High School Geography Department. The first trip of the year saw Form 6 visit Shankill Beach, Co Dublin to complete the Leaving Certificate project. The project involved the pupil's testing the effects of the coastal processes of transportation and deposition on beach formation. This gave pupils a great opportunity to develop their fieldwork skills. Recently Form 1 pupils visited 'Causey Farm' in Co Meath. The trip provided the pupils with the unique opportunity to interact with the many processes that are undertaken daily on a farm. This ties in with the Junior Certificate Geography curriculum on Farming and Peat Production. It was a huge success and rounded off a very successful year in Geography.

Ms Fallon



GEOLOGY



HOME ECONOMICS





IRISH

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE 2017

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge 2017 ar súil timpeall na tíre agus ar fud an domhain i mí na Márta. Tá an tseachtain seo tiomanta do scoileanna sa chaoi is go mbeidh siad i lár an aonaigh leis an nGaeilge agus go dtabharfar an deis dóibh ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar a gcultúr agus a dteanga féin agus ar an tionchar a imríonn siad ar phobal na scoile, mar aon le ceangal a dhéanamh leis an gceantar in athuair.

Bhí a lán imeachtaí ar siúl san Ard Scoil i rith Sheachtain na Gaeilge. Ghlac daltaí páirt i dTráth na gCeist agus i comórtas poc fada, d'imir siad peil Ghaelach, rinne siad ealaín agus bhí siad ag damhsa ag céilithe. Céiliúradh a bhí sa tseachtain agus bhain daoine an-taitneamh as. Bhí ár gcultúr le feiceáil i ngach áit, go háirithe ag Tionóil na scoile.

TIONÓIL NA MAIDINE

Cuireadh tús fuinniúil le gach lá de Sheachtain na Gaeilge ag Tionóil na maidine chun daltaí a spreagadh. Bhí amhránaíocht, ceol traidisiúnta, agus béal binn na filíochta ar siúl ag na daltaí i Halla Reynolds. Rinne an príomhoide a óraid go huile is go hiomlán as Gaeilge agus dúradh paidir na maidne as Gaeilge chomh maith.

CLUICHÍ PEILE GAELAÍ



Bhí an t-ádh orainn go raibh an aimsir go hiontach. D'éagraigh na muinteoirí cluichí peile idir a gcuid ranganna do gach bliain. Bhí na foirne an-iomaíoch. Tugann sé seo deis iontach do na daltaí spórt a imirt trí mhéan na Gaeilge. An riail is tábhachtaí a bhí i bhfeidhm ar an lá go raibh ar na daltaí Gaeilge a labhairt ar an bpáirc chun cárta dearg a sheachaint. Thaitin an spraoi agus an spórt go mór leis na daltaí agus leis na muinteoirí

COMÓRTAS 'POC FADA'

Is í an aidhm an chomórtais seo scileanna agus cumas na ndaltaí a chur chun cinn

ach is deis mhaith í chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoin stair a bhaineann leis an bpoc fada trí bhéaloideas na hÉireann agus scéal Chú Chulainn a theagasc dóibh i mbealach taitneamhach. Bhí duaiseanna ar fáil don phoc ab fhaide i ngach uile rang. Is imeacht thraidisiúnta na hArd Scoile i rith Sheachtain na Gaeilge í agus bíonn na daltaí ag súil go mór leis gach bliain.

TAISPEÁNTAS RINCE GAELAIGH

Gach bliain eagraítear céilithe do gach bliain. I mbliana, bhí taispeántas rince gaelaigh ar súil chomh maith le hamhránaíocht agus le ceol traidisiúnta. Thug sé seo deis iontach do dhaltai na scoile a mbuanna a chur os comhair phobal na scoile uile. Léirigh sé freisin an t-ardmheas atá ar chultúr na hÉireann i measc na ndaltaí.

SCOLÁIREACHTAÍ GAELTACHTA

Rinne daltaí na hIdirbhliana tionscadal ar Stair agus ar Thodhchaí na Gaeilge agus Seachtain na Gaeilge ag druidim linn. Bhronn Gael Linn scoláireachtaí le freastal ar chúrsa Gaeltachta dá chuid mar dhuais ar an tionscadal ab fhearr. Sa phictiúr, tá Oifigeach Gael Linn ag



bronnadh scoláireacht ar Eathan, a ghlac leis an duais thar cheann a dheartháir, Rían tógáil.

Bronnadh deich scoláireacht ar an iomlán ar dhaltai na hArd Scoile le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge.

Céiliradh atá sa tseachtain. Bhain idir dhaltai agus mhúinteoirí sult as comóradh na seachtaine. Bhí a lán imeachtaí eile ar siúl sna ranganna le linn na seachtaine, amhail Tráth na gCeist, pósteair, comórtas filíochta agus mar sin. Ní le linn Sheachtain na Gaeilge amháin a bhíonn An Ard Scoil gníomhach i gcursaí cultúrtha agus teanga, ach ó thús deireadh na scoilbhliana freisin. I mbliana, ghlac na daltaí páirt in Gaeilge

24 agus gach Luan tagann grúpa le chéile ag am lóin chun ceol traidisiúnta a chleachtadh. Tá ár gcultúr le feiceáil i measc na scoláirí agus tá athbheochan na Gaeilge ag dul ó neart go neart.

Blaiseadh de na himeachataí

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MATHEMATICS

Some might say that one Maths class a day is really not enough! Others might say it's too much. Whatever your own feeling is Maths is definitely not overlooked in The High School. While most of the hard work takes place in the classroom, there are welcome opportunities to apply skills and knowledge in other more relaxed contexts.

Maths Week 2016 saw Form 1 pupils 'Mathamateering' around the hockey pitch, solving problems to determine their route. Fractions, decimals, BIMDAS – the joys of calculation! Thankfully the weather was good that week and it was a welcome break from the classroom. Meanwhile pupils from Forms 2, 3, 4 and 5 competed in teams to complete a relay consisting of a series of 20 Maths problems. Thankfully there were no injuries in spite of some serious indoor sprinting. While the questions answered may never feature on a state exam paper, the relay gave pupils a chance to work in teams and to think outside of the box and the classroom.

There were several external Maths Competitions in which individuals and teams from The High School were entered; the IMTA (Irish Maths Teachers Association), Team Maths Quiz 2017 for Senior pupils and the Pi Maths Quiz for Form 3 pupils. Some of our Form 2 pupils took part in the Pangea Maths competition which was held in Trinity College. We are always proud of our pupils as they so ably represent The High School in these various contexts.

Pi Day (14 March) fell during Seachtain Na Gaeilge, becoming somewhat covered by those festive events. Even so two excellent Pi Doodles were created by Annie Sun and Yonatan Levy.



IRISH MATHS OLYMPIAD

During early November of last year every Transition Year pupil performed a short maths test along with every post Junior Certificate pupil in the country. Those who scored high enough were invited to attend Maths lectures performed by top maths lecturers across the country in UCD. A large group of pupils from The High School attended these lectures to expand their understanding of Mathematics

In the February we had to sit an exam in order to be selected to compete in the Irish Maths Olympiad. Only the highest scoring pupils were invited to compete. From our large group only two pupils were invited to the Irish Maths Olympiad, Katarina Cvetkovic and myself.

The lectures continued every week until the competition on 6 May. Pupils from across the country attended the event. The exam was made up of two three hour papers and took place over one day. The questions were challenging and based on advanced mathematics that often aren't taught in the Irish education system. Despite the paper's length the day was enjoyable and it was really great to meet people from other schools.

James Cole



MODERN LANGUAGES

During the year, some whole school activities were organised by the Modern Languages Department so that pupils could practise their language skills. To celebrate the European Day of Languages in September there were performances in Assembly and quizzes in the Library. In November, the Reynolds Hall was transformed into a Christmas market.

In language classes, pupils were given opportunities to learn about French, German and Spanish culture. They enjoyed reading novels, magazine and newspaper articles, watching films and learning about traditional customs. Delicious international food was also sampled!

In February, a Form 5 team took part in a French Quiz which was organised by The French Teachers' Association.

Congratulations to Naoise May who won a scholarship to study a Summer course in Germany.

As in previous years, the option of beginning Spanish in Transition Year allowed pupils to sample a new language before making their subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. We look forward to the introduction of Spanish for the incoming Form 1 in 2017.

Ms Stevenson

FRENCH QUIZ

On Thursday the 2 February, the annual French Teachers' Association quiz took place in Loreto College on St Stephen's Green. The quiz lasted about three hours and consisted of ten rounds in French on topics such as French music, sport and culture. Our team consisted of four pupils from Form 5, Miriam Kelly, Darragh Quinn, Tami Adeduntan and Katarina Cvetkovic. Overall the team performed well but unfortunately we didn't win any prizes. A great night was had by all and on behalf of the team, we would like to thank Ms Lally and Ms Stevenson for the opportunity.

LE QUIZ DE L'ASSOCIATION DES PROFESSEURS FRANÇAIS

Au mois de février, quatre élèves (Miriam Kelly, Darragh Quinn, Tami Adeduntan et Katarina Cvetkovic) participé au quiz français à Loreto Stephen's Green. Il faisait froid et il était nuageux, mais nos élèves étaient déterminés à bien représenter l'école au quiz. Le quiz a été organisé par l'Association des Professeurs Français. Le quiz a duré presque trois heures et il y avait dix tours en français sur des sujets variés comme la musique française, le sport et la culture. Le sponsor de cet événement était TV5 Monde.

Il y avait plusieurs occasions pour l'équipe de gagner des prix, comme un sac à dos, une montre et un calendrier de Tintin. Pour l'un des prix, ils avaient besoin de marcher à quatre pattes, cependant, le capitaine de l'équipe, Miriam, a été paresseuse et a refusé de le faire. L'équipe était très en colère avec elle, mais elle a fait de son mieux de se faire pardonner.

À la fin, ils n'ont pas gagné mais peu importe parce qu'ils ont fait beaucoup d'amis. Ils se sont bien amusés et ont hâte de participer au quiz français l'année prochaine. De la part de l'équipe, j'aimerais remercier Mme Lally et Mme Stevenson pour leur aide dans la préparation et pour nous accompagner au quiz.

Katrina Cvetkovic



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Physical Education department at The High School Dublin had a very successful year. Pupils continued to make good progress across their respective curriculums in a wide range of activities participating with enthusiasm and a willingness to improve.

Furthermore, a number of PE excursions and activities were organised by the PE Department to assist in providing new learning experiences for pupils at both the Junior and Senior cycles in the school.

Pupils in Form 2, once again participated in an Outdoor Pursuits day in Avon Rí Adventure Centre where they undertook activities such as kayaking, orienteering, abseiling, archery, zip lining and team building activities.

Transition Year pupils also took part in an overnight adventure excursion at Kippure Estate. Here pupils camped overnight, learned a variety of camp craft skills, prepared and cooked their meals, undertook a day and night hike and completed a high ropes course. Also as part of their PE curriculum Transition Year pupils undertook a number of coaching courses in sports such as Basketball, Hockey and Rugby where many pupils achieved a National Governing Body coaching qualification. Likewise, all Transition Year pupils successfully completed a recognised First Aid Course.

Finally, to end the academic year the PE Department with the assistance of pupils and teachers successfully ran their annual "Active School Week", which incorporated a wide range of activities at lunchtimes and during PE/Games classes such as rowing, yoga, dance, table-tennis, volleyball, soccer to mention a few.

Mr Sullivan



FORM 2 OUTDOOR TRIP

All of Form 2 went by bus on a trip to Avon Rí. It was a lot of fun. There were tons of activities including rock climbing, swimming and zip lining! We brought our own lunch and ate outside. The instructors were nice and explained how everything worked. It was a great experience and I hope to do it again sometime!

Ewan Squire

TY OUTDOOR ED PURSUITS PE

In early September, Form 4 went on an overnight camping trip to Kippure Estate in Co Wicklow. Once we had arrived, we dropped off our bags and went on a hike in the mountains. The walk was tough, but good fun. Afterwards, we learned how to pitch our tents. We then learned survival skills such as how to purify water and how to light a fire.

As evening approached, the instructors handed us maps and sent us, in groups, to find our food for the night. Upon finding our food, we then had to cook it for ourselves. There were burgers, sausages, vegetables and other items of food. When the sun had set, we set off on a night-walk. It was very difficult to see, but we managed to make it back with very few injuries. Once we had returned to the camp, the campfire was lit and we were able to roast marshmallows over the fire. After that, it was time to turn in for the night.

When we woke up, we got ready for the new day. That morning, we were brought over to the climbing ropes and we were given the opportunity to participate in activities such as archery, balance beam, leap of faith and abseiling among others. At around lunch time, we got on the bus and went home. We would like to thank the teachers in the PE department and the instructors at Kippure Estate for organising such a wonderful outing for us.

Callum O'Dwyer



This year, Transition Year pupils went to Kippure Estate, Co Wicklow to participate in an overnight camping excursion. We participated in a range of activities including; hiking in the Wicklow Mountains, camp craft activities, orienteering, archery, wall climbing, abseiling and a high/low ropes course.

We arrived early, at approximately 10am, and were introduced to our instructors from the Irish Army who would be accompanying us over the next twenty-four hours. Next, we were greeted with the daunting sight of the mountain that we were going to hike. After a number of hours trudging through the sweltering heat we reached the summit of Mt Seefin and gorged on our lunches, taking in the magnificent scenery that surrounded us.

Upon return to our camp, we were immediately engaged in more practical matters such as pitching our tents for the night. For many this proved quite difficult. After our exploits with the tents, we participated in further camp craft activities such as learning how to start a fire using flint, and how to filter water using charcoal, fine stones and moss.

As evening drew, we participated in an orienteering course, where our instructors handed us maps and gave us instructions to source the food that would be used in preparing our dinner. In groups we worked together and used the skills that we learned earlier that day, in order to cook the food sourced. The fruits of our labour were hastily cooked over our handmade fires.

Later that evening we were summoned by our instructors for a night hike. On return, we sang songs in the blackness of the woods, while sitting around in the comforting glow of the campfire before heading to bed.

After an early morning rise, we ate breakfast and dismantled our tents before packing them away. We were then put through our paces in a number of adventure activities, where we scaled walls to giddy heights and leapt from dangling trapezes. After a thoroughly enjoyable and bonding experience we returned to our everyday lives in Rathgar, tired yet fulfilled.

Luan Rogers

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As always it has been a busy year for the RE department. Form 3 have worked hard getting ready for the Junior Certificate exam. Writing up a variety of Junior Certificate projects, from looking at the Hindu Festival of Colours; Holi, to the origins of Islam and some very interesting surveys on the religious beliefs and practises of young people in Ireland today. The focus for Form 3 the previous year had been on Judaism and had included a really worthwhile trip to the Jewish Museum in Portobello, where they found out about Jewish rituals, synagogues, symbols and also learned a lot on the Jewish community in Ireland. Form 2 this year have studied the Major World Religions, making lovely posters on Hinduism and learning about everything from Buddhist meditation to the Jewish Shabbat. They have focused on Mosques for their Junior Certificate projects and enjoyed a really interesting trip to the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland in Clonskeagh, which included a talk by Dr Ali Selim.



On Open Evening A22 was turned into an exhibition space, displaying posters made by Forms 1-3 and a range of resources explained the academic focus of Religious Education in the school. Leaving Certificate pupil Rachel Ferguson and Form 2 pupil Éile Ní Chonbhuí helped out on the night.

In Transition Year pupils enjoyed taking part in many memorable debates on ethical topics such as Euthanasia and the Death Penalty. They also learned about morality, dipping their minds in to philosophical theories and were given a chance to explore some topical issues relating to global trade and justice. The chance to debate and research independently was very challenging and ultimately rewarding. They developed critical thinking skills and had an opportunity to question the bias in the media relating to war.

Over the course of this year Leaving Certificate pupils completed really engaging projects on 'Religion and Science' focussing on Galileo's discoveries and the impact they had on that relationship. Form 5 pupils studied philosophy, learning about the Presocratic philosophers, the great Classical philosophers, Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, the enlightenment philosophers like Descartes and the existentialists e.g. Nietzsche. Meanwhile Form 6 completed the course finishing their studies on Religion and Gender, Christianity and finally Moral Decision Making. The extra time and commitment these pupils give to their studies is really impressive and will stand to them going forward. We wish them all the very best in their future careers.

Ms Hutchinson Edgar





TRIP TO AN ISLAMIC CULTURAL CENTRE

This year, my religion teacher organised a trip for pupils in Form 2. The trip consisted of visiting the Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland (ICCI).

The Islamic Cultural Centre of Ireland is located in Clonskeagh, South Dublin next to University College Dublin. It was designed by the architect firm, Michael Collins & Associates. It is a very beautiful building. The layout is based on a square divided into nine smaller squares, with the Mosque placed in the centre. It was founded by the al-Maktoum foundation of Dubai and has a Sunni orientation. It was officially opened by Mary Robinson in 1996. The centre housed the headquarters of the International Association of Muslim Scholars before it moved to Qatar.

A primary school is located on the premises. The Mosque and Cultural Centre includes the main prayer hall, a restaurant, library, meeting rooms, laundry facilities, ten apartments, administrative offices and a shop.

Weeks before our school trip, we studied about Islam in our religion books. We were also able to watch a documentary about Islamic history. I myself found it very interesting and educational. The trip began at the school straight after our morning assembly. We got on the buses that the school organised for us. Our whole year group came on the trip.

We arrived there at about half nine.

We assembled right in front of the Mosque. We headed inside where we were guided by our tour instructor. He brought us to a room where we sat and he talked about Islam and its history. We also got to watch a five minute video about how the first Mosque was built.

We then had the honour to actually be able to go inside the place where the Muslims pray. Muslims have ritual washing, known as ablutions, where they cleanse the body prior to presenting themselves for worship or prayer. As we were not supposed to pray we only had to leave our shoes outside before entering the prayer room. Our instructor talked to us more about how they pray, how they go about their ritual and their meaning.

We were invited to go to their restaurant and to the shop. I got a burger and some chips. After everyone was done with their meal we assembled in our forms and got back on the buses. We arrived back to the school at about 12.30. I think the trip overall was a success as I had great fun and also found it very educational for me and my classmates.

Simone Iannacone

FORM 2 TRIP TO MOSQUE

As part of Form 2 Religious Education, we all went to visit a Mosque on the 8 February. We went by coach at 9.00 and we were all very excited. I think we were all surprised by the Mosque's beauty. We were brought inside the Mosque and met our tour guide. He told us all about the architecture of the Mosque we were sitting in. It was really interesting! The tour guide also told us about the Hajj, a pilgrimage to Mecca every Muslim must take at least once in their lifetime, if able to do so! After this, we were taken to the main prayer room where we had to take off our shoes, this is done to show respect to Allah. The tour guide proceeded to tell us more about the Mosque. It was really interesting learning about Islam and the Mosque; I learned a lot of things! After our visit to the Mosque, we all went to a nearby restaurant where we all enjoyed a delicious meal of our choosing.

Ewan Squire



RE PHILOSOPHY QUIZ

WHO SAID THAT?

Philosophy
begins
in wonder

Man is
condemned
to be free

I think
therefore
I am

He who has a why to live for
can bear almost any how.

Our hearts are restless until
they find their rest in you.

The
unexamined
life is not worth
living.

Two things fill the mind
with ever new and
increasing admiration and
awe, the more often and
steadily we reflect upon
them: the starry heavens
above me and the moral
law within me.

SCIENCE

This year has, as always, been a busy one for the Science Department.

Throughout the year, Science Club has been well-attended by a keen group of Form 1 and 2 pupils, meeting after school on Mondays to explore some aspects of experimental Science outside of the traditional syllabus. A group of pupils from the Science Club attended a Biodiversity in the River Dodder competition run by Dublin City Council in Spring, accompanied by Dr Budd. We were all thrilled when they were declared overall winners of the competition.

2016 saw the inauguration of Irish Space Week, and we marked the occasion with a poster competition for Form 1. We received some outstanding and creative entries, which made the judging very challenging. Book prizes were awarded to Julian Hauxwell and Ben Howard for their imaginative model of a space rocket, while Elijah Rosney won a prize for the most artistic poster, and Liam Butler for the most informative poster. Also, Ms Wiggle, our Librarian, compiled a fascinating Space display and a variety of competitions in the Library.

In October, Jack Healy and Andrew Canning were selected to represent The High School in the Irish and Irish EU Junior Science Olympiads at DCU, based on their high achievement in the Junior Certificate exams in Science and Maths.

Later in the year, Irish Science Week provided another opportunity for quizzes and an engaging display in the Library. The Library prize was won by Stepan Letsko. We also held a Science Limerick competition, which generated much mirth and book tokens were awarded to Abigail Kenna, Éile Ní Chonbhuí and Mark Deering.

The Dublin heat of the Irish Science Teachers' Association Senior Quiz was held in November in Trinity College Dublin. Our two intrepid Form 6 teams of Seumas Bracken, Ultan Doherty O'Brien, Jamie Gleeson Dunn, Eoin Lynch, Abigail Nolan and Aela O'Flynn, were accompanied by Dr Brusey and fought hard against stiff competition.

January saw our traditional Form 1 visit to BTYS Exhibition, which was enjoyed by all. In keeping with the Space theme, the pupils watched a 3D film showing the work of the International Space

Station, and were fascinated to see how astronauts keep fit in Space. The wildlife stand with an armored cricket, a giant centipede and a jungle python was also memorable.

In February, all of Form 2 took part in the HSD SciFest competition. This competition enables pupils to design and carry out an investigation, in order to answer a scientific question of their own choice. The pupils then had to present their findings in the form of a scientific poster. This year, various Science teachers acted as preliminary round judges, and the final judging was kindly carried out by Mr Davies, Dr Brusey and Ms Heffernan. The judges had a very difficult task, as the standard of the poster presentations was extremely high. First Prize was won by Chloe Loh and Naomi Sebastine, for their project 'Investigating reading and lack of sleep'. Second Prize was won by Rachel Low and Ellen Sweeney, for 'Plant growth', and Third Prize went to Annie Sun, Stephanie Olaniyan and Hannah Dillon, for 'Fire and fabrics'.

In April, Ronan O'Byrne was selected to represent The High School at the Irish Science Olympiad for Chemistry, which took place at DCU. This competition is most prestigious, as only the highest achieving pupils are invited to attend, and we are very proud of Ronan's efforts.

As the academic year drew to a close, a team of junior scientists took part in the ISTA Junior Quiz at Belvedere College. The team comprised Rory Cosgrove, Nathan Hutchinson-Edgar, and Patrick Tallon (all Form 3) and performed commendably well, being placed 10th out of 38 schools.

Congratulations to all our pupils on their efforts and for their enthusiastic participation throughout the year. Also grateful thanks are due to all the science teachers at High School, for their commitment and hard work in organizing the various events.

Dr C Whitford
Science Coordinator

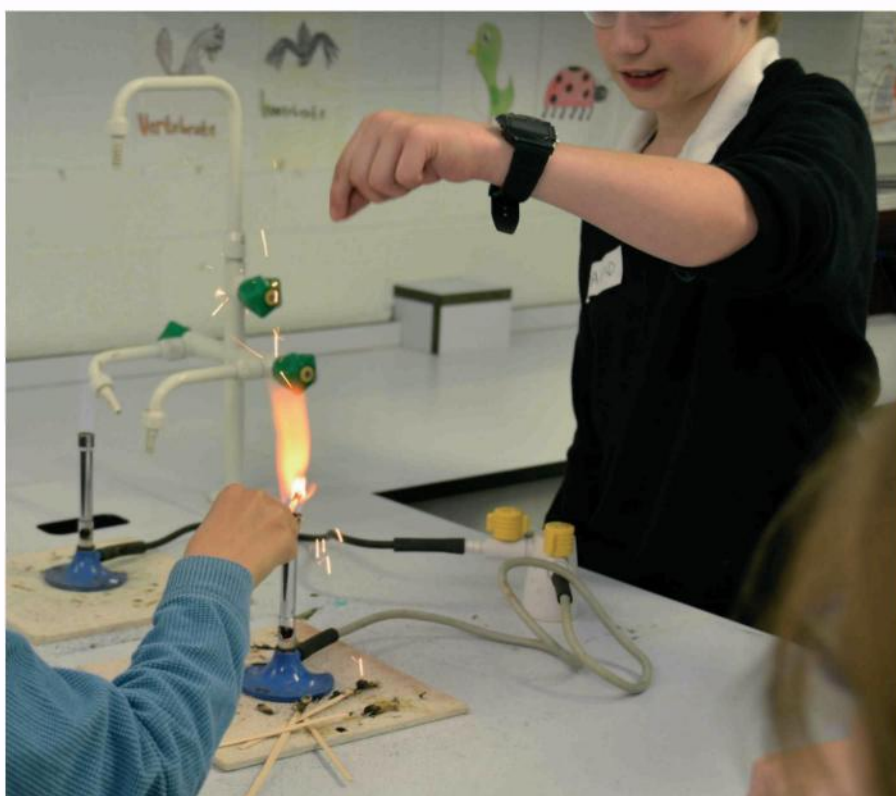
BT YOUNG SCIENTIST & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION: A SUCCINCT OVERVIEW

The Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition is a fair of pupils from both the Northern and Southern parts of Ireland. It was first created in 1963 by UCD physics researchers Rev Dr Tom Burke and Dr Tony Scott, in New Mexico. The first exhibition was held in 1965, with the first winner being John Monaghan. Over many decades, the exhibition has grown significantly. The event is now presented by BT in the RDS, in Dublin. Since its first exhibition in 1963, it has brought school-children together for one purpose: science and technology.

On Friday, January 13, Form 1 visited the exhibition. I was partnered with Mihai A, Jordan B, and Daniel A. We spent most of our time in the technology hall, exploring all of the various technology giants. The rest of my group found the 'VR', or virtual-reality, quite intriguing. I related to a lot of the technology booths, since I love the topic. Overall, I thought the robot fighting show was the best. My group and I visited this 'battle' near the end of our visiting time. Even though we did not watch the entire show (for timing purposes), I found it quite exhilarating. Overall, I thought the show was fun, well- organized, and informative.

If I were to make a project at the YSTE, I would test the effect of Coca-Cola on teeth. I would test to see if the time between consuming the drink and brushing your teeth has an effect on tooth decay and/or gum disease.

Daniel Frew



THE ARTS



SENIOR PLAY

Following the success of previous plays, this year's Form 5 worked tirelessly to produce "Rock of Ages". Auditions called for the actors, singers and dancers of the year to showcase their talents and roles were assigned. Weeks of rehearsals passed leading up to the big performances on 17, 18 and 19 November. The cast and crew spent hours after school and during our midterm break practicing and though stressful at times, I couldn't have asked for a better year group to work alongside. Gradually, the play began to take shape and all of the hard work paid off.

The musical is set in Los Angeles in the 1980s and is told from Lizzie's (Muna Anele) point of view, the energetic host at the Bourbon Room. She tells the love story of Drew (James Kinsella), a lonely Rock star searching for fame and Sherrie (Catherine Boyd) an ambitious actress. Lizzie also describes the struggle to keep the Bourbon room and rock n roll alive alongside Dennis (James Metoudi) amongst a city overwrought with corruption. The play included many different rock songs played by the onstage band which had the audience and backstage crew singing and dancing along.

The production would not have been possible without the hard work and enthusiasm of all involved. The sound and lighting crews prevented any microphone blunders and trained the spotlight perfectly. Ms Stevenson and the catering crew patiently handed out refreshments. The scenes couldn't have been created without the help of the army of volunteers who diligently painted backdrops and props. The artists who worked wonders with hair and makeup and everyone else who helped to sell tickets. Special thanks to my fellow stage manager Kaarunya and all of the extremely helpful stagehands.

Finally, on behalf of the entire cast and crew, a big thanks goes to Mr Milofsky and Ms Browne for directing and past pupils Paige and Ellen for assisting in directing and choreographing our play. It was a wonderful experience for all those involved.

Miriam Kelly





JUNIOR PLAY

On 30 March, the Junior Play was performed in the Reynolds Hall in front of parents, pupils and teachers alike. This year's play was "The Further Adventures of Nick Tickle" and a number of pupils from Forms 1 and 2 took part. The play was set in fairytale land and the plot cultivated around solving the mystery of which individual kidnapped Granny Possum (Ailbhe Smith). Granny was the narrator of the play and with the kidnapping of her, chaos ensued in fairytale land. At the castle, Queen Cupcake (Laura Cole) was devising wicked plans to get rid of her stepdaughter Snow White (Ciara Boyd) with the forced help of her magic mirror (Israel Abumere). Snow White was banished to the forest where she met the Steve (Emily Brennan) and Merle (Naomi Wilson) and Prince Charming (Charlie Silke). Little did they know but Prince Charming had arranged the kidnapping of Granny. Nick Tickle (Max Hauxwell) was hired to solve the case, however he was stopped in his tracks by the devilish prince. Despite the prince's best efforts, Nick outwitted Greybeard (Josh Ogunkayode) and his pirate crew (Annie Sun, Éile Ní Chonbhuí and Anna O' Shea) and with the help of his trusty cat, Puss in boots (Robyn Hamilton) he made his way to the castle where Granny was held.

There were a number of laughs throughout the show and the audience seemed to enjoy the performance (evident due to the amount of laughter we heard!). There were many memorable performances on the night and these included Rumpelstiltskin (Boaz Ninan) and Mrs Stiltkstin (Ella Maxwell), Fairy Godmother (Arianna Gorman), Cinderella (Abigail Kenna) and the castle guards Wayne (Shane Burke) and Bert (Adam Reid). The cast enjoyed putting the show together and although it seemed daunting at the beginning of rehearsal, the weeks flew by due to the amount of fun we had. Although we spent a number of weeks rehearsing for the main show, it could not have been held without the help of the backstage crew who helped design and paint the backdrop, put costumes together and beautify us on the night. This year we had help from Nathan Hutchinson-Edgar and Ruth Ninan and a number of senior pupils as well, so thank you to you all. I would also like to say a huge thank you to David Brusey (HSD 2009 – 2015) and Mr Milofsky for encouraging us during

our rehearsal time and to Ms Browne for organizing, producing and directing this production. I would encourage any Form 1 and 2 pupils to become involved in the Junior Play as it is great fun!

Charlie Silke





ONE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL

This year, The High School once again took part in the One Act Drama Festival, held in St Andrew's College. On the 16 February, 18 pupils from Form 4 and 5 performed "Last Class on a Monday" (written by the one and only Mr Milofsky), an adaptation of Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays". The atmosphere of the competition was exciting and tense, but the lead-up was perhaps the most memorable part of the experience. As we rehearsed as much as we could, fuelled by biscuits and Mr Milofsky's tireless work ethic, we gained more and more knowledge and experience of stage performance. We grew both as performers and as individuals as Mr Milofsky led us through Clowning exercises. Every one of us took part, and gave as much as we could.

We were unlucky in the competition, though we received high praise from the judges. Everyone was on a high at the end of the night, and we all felt a special bond after our last performance. "Last Class on a Monday" was a fantastic experience for every one of us, and one that won't be forgotten.

Naoise May

HSD ONE ACT DRAMA COMPANY TRIP 2017

On Wednesday 3 May, Form 4 and 5 pupils from the cast and crew of the 2017 the One Act Drama Festival entry, "Last Class on a Monday", had the pleasure of attending the Abbey Theatre to see the Druid Theatre Company's production of Samuel Beckett's "Waiting for Godot". Some of the Form 5 pupils had been introduced to Beckett in our Transition Year Drama module, but we didn't quite know what to expect before watching the play, and the experience, as it turned out, was unexpected! "Waiting for Godot" proved to be a philosophical journey through an existential crisis from a humorous perspective. The piece was a thought provoking experience and a great example of how empty Samuel Beckett felt his time was when he served with the Red Cross in Normandy. The staging was magnificent, and the performance was expertly acted, with both subtlety and class. Overall, the visit to the Abbey was an extremely enjoyable experience that enhanced our knowledge of theatre. We would like to thank Mr Milofsky for organising the trip and for coming with us, as well as Mr Rankin for joining us as well.

Avery Angle



ADVENT SERVICE

The Advent Service was a fitting way to officially start the Christmas season. I believe that I'm speaking for everyone here when I say that we all enjoyed it thoroughly. I am a member of the Schools choir and we were all happy to be able to share with everyone the work we have done with Ms Bourke, and work with the wonderful organist at Zion Church. It was also a great opportunity to work in tandem with the school orchestra, a rare experience for a typically solo performer such as myself, I think we all loved playing our instruments and singing together.

Everybody involved who sang and read did so spectacularly, there was a great sense of support for those who were nervous (myself included). The atmosphere in the church was that of respect and keen ears, it was a pleasure to be a part of. I very much enjoyed the readings as they brought back many memories of Christmas' past. It was lovely to take a break from the rush and material aspect that surrounds Christmas and remember the story of Jesus' birth and what it symbolises to us and to many outside of The High School.

There's something special about a candlelit service... When the candles are lit there is a moment of serenity and stillness... The candles give warmth and a focus to remember God's light.

Sorcha Ní Néill sang the first verse of Once in Royal David's City and I think everyone was in awe of how clear and melodious her voice was. The Three Kings were sung by James Kinsella, myself, and Ronan O'Byrne, and I must say James and Ronan both sang excellently. At the end of the service the organist played a fabulous tune! I'm glad I could contribute to the service and I hope that next year will be as pleasant as this year was. Well done to everyone involved, both teachers and pupils... and to the wonderful staff and volunteers in the kitchen who prepared teas, coffees and various treats for everyone to enjoy...

Jake Kennedy



CAROL SINGING: RAISING FUNDS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

On Thursday 8 December 2016, High School pupils headed to Dundrum Shopping Centre to sing carols for all the people within earshot of the music, we were all dressed festively and in high spirits. We sang to raise money for the Habitat for Humanity programme that The High School participates in every year. All present were giddy with excitement as we left the School, anticipating the fun ahead and beginning of the holiday season.

We brought buckets and bells and Ms Bourke had her keyboard there too and played along with the carols, adding her own unique style to all the pieces. It was great! We sang classics like 'Jingle bells', 'Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree' and Nat King Cole's 'Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire.'

I really enjoyed singing with friends and bonding with people over such a happy jamming session. I hope that the choir will have more opportunities to share its talents in such a productive and generous manner, representing the charitable morals The High School holds close to its heart.

Jake Kennedy



THE ORCHESTRA

I'm currently in Form 5 and I play the tuba in the orchestra. The orchestra has had a huge year this year. There are two pupils from Form 6 in the orchestra that are leaving this year and the orchestra is sad to see them go. We gained a lot of new members this year from Form 1 and 2. Our string section has grown a lot because of these new members.

We have done a multitude of events this year. Like every year, we performed a few different songs at the school's prize giving; this is where pupils who have won prizes throughout the year receive them.

We had the Wesley Feis in November. The Feis started late at around 5.30pm and it went on till around 8pm. There were four schools competing including us, they were great! We played "The Magic of Harry Potter" and in the end, we came fourth.

The next performance we had was the school carol service in Zion Church. We played songs such as "We wish you a Merry Christmas" and other well-known Christmas carols. We also played one song with the choir.

The next competition we had was Feis Ceoil in March. The Feis Ceoil takes place in the RDS and is one of the biggest musical competitions in the country. There were quite a few other schools in this competition.

The final Performance we did this year was the summer concert, on 17 May. It consisted of the choir and the orchestra and quite a few soloists. It was great fun and I think our best performance was during this concert.

All in all, I think this year was great for the orchestra and I'm excited for next year!

Gerard Colman



SUMMER CONCERT

The Summer Concert was a hugely successful and enjoyable spectacle. It was wonderfully put together by the music staff and was hosted by Form 6's Lionel Deverell, who had the audience in tears with his jokes and wisecracks. The concert opened with the orchestra performing 'The Magic of Harry Potter', followed by the choir singing Leonard Cohen's 'Hallelujah'. The solo acts were performed stunningly, and seeing the musicians get so absorbed in their performances was an exceptional experience. The duets were wonderfully done, with some thoroughly enjoyable (and somewhat nostalgic) theatre, Disney, and jazzy tunes. At the interval, audience members were hooshed into the dining hall for biscuits and refreshments before the second half of the evening. Dirty Mike (Form 6 band) performed 'Kids' by MGMT which was fantastic, although bitter sweet as well, as it was their last Summer Concert performance (as it was for many of the performers). The whole shebang was closed with the choir and orchestra coming together to perform a thoroughly entertaining rendition of Arcade Fire's song, 'Wake Up', which had audience members singing and dancing along to the closing piece. All in all, the night was fabulous.

**Siobhan Chinenyanga
and Milly Coghlan**



TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC GROUP

Every Monday at Junior Break a group of pupils and teachers met to play traditional Irish music together. This is the group's second year together. It was wonderful to hear the chiming sound of fiddles, whistles, banjos, mandolins and button accordions, pulsing down corridors at HSD. These Monday sessions were so much fun, as playing music with friends always is. Some favourite tunes added to our repertoire this year were, 'The Old Foggy Dew', 'The Foggy Dew', 'The Rose in the Heather', 'The Wind that Shakes the Barley' and 'I Know my Love'. The pupils played a couple of tunes at assembly during Seachtain na Gaeilge, their first public performance. Next year, we hope to encourage even more musicians to join the session. We use a flipped classroom method - learn at home, play in school - and all pupils are welcome!

Ms Burrowes



POETRY

I am broken,
I am burst,
I am torn open,
I am hurt,
I am spat on,
I am popped,
I am destroyed,
See me as I am, I am a balloon

Alex Chambers

I am the sea,
I am the blue boat bobbing up and down,
I am the dark green seaweed waiting,
I am the crashing of the waves,
I am the pebble drowning to the bottom,
I am the air bubbles rising to the top,
I am the silent still sand on the sea bed,
I am the fierce fish swimming.
See me as you wish, I am the sea

Sophie Ryan-Forrest



I am light,
I am darkness.
I am why the stars shine,
I am why the stars die,
I am the sun, the moon, and everything in between,
I am life,
I am death.
I am the beginning and the end,
I am time, and time is running out

Luke Diggins

I am Zeus
I am Posideon
I am Hades
I am Apollo
I am Athena
I am Artemis
I am Dionysus
I am Aprodithe
See me as you want, I am immortal

Zach Rafter

I am the one who brings your wanderlust,
I am the one who fulfill's your dreams,
I am the one who fights your inner demons,
I am the one who creates your inner meanings,
I am the one who slaks when you're tired,
I am the emotion within.
I am the joy you bring to many
That you don't deny, I am your conscience.

Zara Naughton



POETRY

Six years

Six years have come and past
 Far faster than we could grasp
 I write this now to say thank you
 For six years, you stood by my insanity
 For six years, you watched me grow
 For six years, you helped me learn
 Now I stand before you older than before
 Now I stand before you wiser than before
 Now I stand before you stronger than before
 No words I know could express how I feel
 No words could sum up what it's like to have you as a teacher
 No words could be good enough to describe what we made over the years
 I'm no longer a student who stumbles in the dark
 I'm no longer a student lost in their own thought
 I'm no longer your student.
 So, thank you for these six years,
 So, thank you for the games we played and lessons you taught
 So, thank you for being there for me,
 Parting is such sweet sorrow,
 But I must continue the fool's journey
 To find my path.

Mark Smyth**Thinking**

Slanted stacks of books
 The same three albums deep,
 Thinking of forever
 I'm drifting into sleep

With a stolen shopping cart,
 We're wandering the streets
 Pestering passing people
 Puddles under feet.

And a dartboard dirty bedroom
 An oasis of a kind
 White-cracked walls, old chairs
 And your picture in my mind

My own broken skyline,
 Inside me I can hear
 My hopes and fears and dreams
 Wishing it to clear.

Calum Adair**Racism is all around us**

Racism is all around us, you see it at home,
 You see it when you scroll through your mobile phone,

I'm told not to speak because I'm not afflicted
 The world is unequal and it means I'm conflicted,
 To be involved in this matter, one must be deranged
 The taste is so bitter, these fruits are strange
 And it's a catastrophe how casualties are treated casually,
 The actions some will take is such an extremity,
 How do we vanquish this area of sensitivity?

The powerful took two steps forward and one step back
 How could they hate someone because their skin is black?
 And just because words aren't met with bad intentions
 Doesn't mean these words aren't somewhat offensive
 It's something that's taught, they're not the inheritor
 I thought, we judge by content of character

Niall McDonnell**In a Minute**

Laughter echoes down the halls,
 A husband weeps, a baby bawls,
 Needle pushed into a vein,
 Colour from cheeks begins to drain.

Trolley wheels down white tiles,
 Happy tears, broken smiles,
 Wilting flowers by empty beds,
 Cards of life by baby heads.

A sharp breath, cold stethoscope,
 Father's last wishes, a mother's new hope,
 Heart beating faster, an ear-splitting beep,
 Bad news delivered, eyes scared to speak.

Baby's first breath and just down the hall,
 Time of death is hastily scrawled.

Eva Kenna

Consequences

Roads empty,
Souls filled with sympathy
Anger eight days early

Their own city ruined,
House demolished at noon
Helga put it to ruin

He sat in his alone,
Hustle and bustle around him, still alone
The cell was where he was thrown

Leg patched up as he lay in the hospital bed,
Blindfolded and busted how is he not dead?
3...2...1... FIRE no more life for James Connolly

Finn Connolly

Boy Joins up – Transition Year Poetry

"I'm going to join up tomorrow
I hope it's not too late"
Despite his mother's sighs and sorrow
He feels he must fulfil his fate

He can't wait to start his adventure
Finally away from the family home
No thoughts of death or danger
Taking his first steps into the unknown

Now on the front lines in constant fear
The never-ending booms of bombs are near
Amid the screaming he falls to the ground
No longer moving nor making a sound

Again a young life cut short too soon
Adding to the numbers in war's tomb
What better way to solve a dispute
Than to sacrifice the lives of our youth

Riverman – Transition Year poetry

Down by the stream where the wind doesn't blow,
The riverman walks, and he never will go
To anyplace else,
He has nothing to show
For himself but a shawl and a worn pair of shoes,
Shoes that bare feet that remember the dew
On the trees in the woods of the forested hills,
Where the feet marched with men
Who were out for the kill.
He remembers the children who ran in the night
And the fire in trees turning dark into light.
Now he sits by the bank, and he stoops his old head,
For the stream runs with blood
And the children are dead.

Magical Night

The sun goes down along with the
rainbow which was hanging from tree
to tree. The shooting stars come out,
feeding on the smiles of the amazed
audience. The eyes following it as they
burn in the sky.

I am lost in the sun's eyes, buried
beneath the angry flames of the night.
Not a shadow hidden beneath the rocks
shaded from the earth. The grass is as
soft as I had dreamed, yet as beautiful
as I remember. It brushes against my
feet. The music filling my ears, making it
impossible to awake from my joy.

The air is a hug around me, not willing to
be shaken off and the cold just another
smile I have gained. The tears filling are
yet another nightmare I have eluded but
remain afraid to come back.

The rain is a signal to reach out to
your loved ones – just like the droplets
join together to make a bigger tear of
happiness. The leaves are the candlelight
some of us have burned out in others, as
well as the happiness some of us have
expanded.

The wind is now picking up the nature
of this night so someone else can share
the magic.

Ruth Stewart

A Foggy Night

The wind swept through my pain. The fog
stringing my eyes making the tears come out
harder. Gloom was the feeling of the fog, and
now it was the feeling of the city. Lighters were
made invisible but cries were not silenced.

Caution was the subject of the night. You
couldn't travel but neither could the dreams, as
The fog swept over your face. It made it
Impossible not to think of the nightmares lurking
Inside it. There was a delay in hope.

I know this place inside and out, yet I was lost.
I was locked in by the fog. It was not my night.
It was no ones.

Ruth Stewart

LOCO MOTION

"You could do an Animation Workshop..."

I have designed characters for animation before. And I did some Lego stop motion with my son when he was little. And I've used a stop motion app on my phone. And I've taught SPHE. Okay, I'll do it.

I put up a few posters around the school with a picture of a mariachi band riding on a mechanical bull. I called it 'Loco-Motion.' Animation Workshop, Junior Lunch, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone interested?

As it turned out, yes, there were quite a few pupils who were willing to spend their lunches in the art room making 2D paper puppets. And it was interesting, to me at least, that not that many of them did art.

The brief was simple: we were going to animate loops - design and build characters that did something that would repeat- like riding on a mechanical bull. We would animate one rotation, loop back to the beginning and repeat. That way we would have to do only a small amount of animation and could let it run as long as we wanted.

The team got to work and it was not long before the tables were covered in a bizarre cast of mis-matched characters - a muscle man on a trampoline, a chicken with a shotgun, a cat in a sombrero, a rockstar, a soldier and Egglord (an egg in royal garb carrying a sceptre, of course). They didn't fit together but that was fine - they were each going to have their own scene.

Then a wonderful thing started to happen. While the pupils chatted and worked, the characters began to interact and the original plan for each to have its own simple repeating scene was scrapped. Egglord was cracked which gave birth to a chicken with a shotgun and numerous other curious interactions.

And then Annie Sun joined the team adding a beautifully designed Cupid character (above) to the cast in no time at all. And we had a title - 'Cupid and Psycho.'

A special thanks to Fiona, Annie, Josh, David, Ewan, Ian and everyone else involved.



SPORT



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

WINTER AND SUMMER SPORTS



SENIOR ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, TRISTEN DE BEER, JAMIE UKAGBA, HARRY LYNCH, ADAM KILEEN, SEAN UKAGBA
FRONT ROW: ÉANNA CURRAN, NATHAN SHAW, DYLAN WALSH, CATHERINE HARRIS, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH



JUNIOR ATHLETICS



FORM 1 BOYS' ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, ELI BREEN, MATTHEW GILLIS, ANDREW BROWNE, FINN REILLY, HARRY DORAN, TAIWO OGUNDIPE, MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR
FRONT ROW: DEREK UKAGBA, OSCAR LOFTUS, KENNY OGUNDIPE, LEO VAUGHAN, JULIAN HAUXWELL



FORM 1 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, ELLA PASLEY, EILEEN CURRAN, MAYA FEIGHERY, EDIE LEAVY, ELLA MAXWELL, SOPHIA LEONARD, MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR
FRONT ROW: KELLY-JO WILSON, KATIE DUNNE, KATY DONNELLY, AJIRIOGHENE OTOBO, ZOE DUNNE, ROSEMARY SHANKEY



SENIOR BOYS' BADMINTON

MS RUGG, JACK LYONS, HARRY CRIPPS, ALEX O'CONNOR, FIELDS CHUNG
ABSENT: THOMAS KELLY



SENIOR GIRLS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: MIRIAM KELLY (CAPTAIN), ELLEN RIDGEWAY, MS RUGG. *FRONT ROW:* RHIANNA YOUNG, EMMA TAYLOR



MINOR BOYS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: JOSHUA RANCE, IAN MAYRS, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW: ETHAN MOODLIAR WALSH, SENAN MACKEOGH, SEBASTIAN STROIE



FORM 1 GIRLS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: MICHAELA BURKE, MICHELLEYANG, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW: FAYE LEAVY, RACHEL GARVEY, MAYA FEIGHERY



FORM 1 BOYS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: JORDAN BRISLANE, MIHAI AVASILICHIOAIEI, CIAN ZIGLINSKI, ROSS DEEGAN, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW: CONLETH LAW, LATRELL PANGANIBAN, SCOTT WILGAR, ADAM REID, JAMES FARRELL



SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: LUAN ROGERS,
JAMES BOYD
FRONT ROW: SEAN UKAGBA,
CORMAC DEE-BROWNE,
MATTHEW THOMPSON,
MATHEUS SOARES AJZENBERG,
FERDIA DARRAGH



U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: PATRICK TALLON,
SAUL LYSAGHT
FRONT ROW: STEPAN LETSKO,
TOMMY MYLES, MARTIN
HANCZ, TRISTEN DE BEER



FORM 1 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: JAY JAY MCCARTHY,
OSCAR MAHARG BRAVO, SEAN
OMORUYI, CIAN ZIGLINSKI,
HARRY DORAN, KEVIN SAEED,
TAIWO OGUNDIPE
FRONT ROW: LUKE DEE-BROWN,
CILLIAN WEST, NOAM BIRON,
KENNY OGUNDIPE, LEO
VAUGHAN, ISRAEL ABUMERE,
SAM HODGES



SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: ELLIE BURKE, ANCA AVASILICHIOAIEI, TAMI ADEDUNTAN

FRONT ROW: DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, KATARINA CVETKOVIĆ (CAPTAIN), SIOBHÁN CHINENYANGA

ABSENT: KERRY-ANNE TIMMINS



CADETTE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: MS KAVANAGH, SADHBH MILTON, SARAH DALY, CAMILLA ANELE, ISABELLE HAYES, SOPHIA HARTUNG, ALEXANDRAYANG, ISABEL DUNNE

FRONT ROW: ÉABHA HUGHES, AMY BOYD, DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, DEBBIE ODUNTAN, EMILY DAM



SENIOR 1ST BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, ZAK COGLAN, CIAN HOBAN, DAVID HOGAN, JAMIE TOPPING, PETER LYNCH, EDWARD MEREDITH, JAMES COMAN, ADAM VAUGHAN.

FRONT ROW: BOAZ NINAN, ANDREW CANNING, CALUM ADAIR, SITTHA BAILEY, BEN SHAW, TRISTEN DEBEERE, PATRICK RYAN

ABSENT: JOE PRENDERCAST



SENIOR 2ND BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ANDREW CANNING, SITTHA BAILEY, CALUM ADAIR, JAMES COMAN, ALISTAIR EMPEY, ADAMM VAUGHAN, MS BEAMISH

FRONT ROW: DAVID HOGAN, EDWARD MEREDITH, ZAK COGHLAN, JAKE PILLOW, CIAN HOBAN



JCT XI BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, ROSS HOWARD, DANIEL WALSH, HARRY LYNCH, ADAM KILLEEN, DANIEL GUASTALLA, JACK BURKE
FRONT ROW: JAMES CODY, SAMUEL DUNNE, PATRICK RYAN, BEN SHAW, ALEX O'CONNOR, MAX WRIGHT, TRISTAN DE BEER



FORM 2 BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, ISSAC FOLEY, DYLAN MURPHY, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX, NATHANIEL KAYE MELLOR, OISIN STAPLETON DOYLE, JORDAN LAING

FRONT ROW: MAX HAUXWELL, DANIEL HUDSON, CIARAN ADAIR, BOAZ NINAN, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY, NIALL HEALY, JOSHUA RANCE



FORM 1 A BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, CONLETH LAW, CHARLIE MCNAMARA, ELI BREEN, ANDREW BROWNE, GOWTHAMYELLAPU, LOUIS DUNNE, LUKE HARDY, DARAGH MCGRATH, MR SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: DARRAGH SULLIVAN, JULIAN HAUXWELL, SAM WALSH, LEO VAUGHAN, MARCUS EMPEY, SAM COURTNEY, OSCAR LOFTUS



FORM 1 B BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, CONLETH LAW, ROSS DEEGAN, PADDY PLOCKELMAN, ELI BREEN, LOUIS DUNNE, LIAM BUTLER, SMAUEL BYRNE, JOSH HAYES, MR SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: ANDREW BROWNE, CILLIAN WEST, LOUIS O'NEILL, CHARLIE MCNAMARA, NATHAN MCLOUGHLAN, CHRIS CHONG, OSCAR LOFTUS



SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, ORLA PRENDERGAST, JENNIFER PILLOW, SIOBHAN TRIMMER, LAURA MOTYER, ELLA CONNOLLY, TESSA LONG, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: SHAUNA POWER, OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, ANNA LYONS, ORLA BAGNALL



SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' CRICKET'

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, KATARINA CVETKOVIC, CAROLINE RYAN, SIOBHÁN CHINENYANGA, TAMI ADEDUNTAN, ÉABHA HUGHES, RACHEL WEBSTER
FRONT ROW: ERICA MACARI, ERICA BOWEN, AVERY ANGLE, MUNACHI ANELE, HANNAH KERR



JUNIOR A GIRL'S CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, ROBYN PEMBROKE, ALANNA CRIPPS, KATIE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER PILLOW, ANNA LYONS, KATIE LARKIN, ENYA MAK
FRONT ROW: ISABEL BOWEN, ORLA PRENDERGAST, LAURA TUIE, ORLA BAGNALL, MIC MC CULLOUGH



JUNIOR B GIRL'S CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, ÉABHA HUGHES, HEATHER O'CONNOR, CLARA LEE, HANNAH KENNEDY, CATE DOOLEY, AMELIA DURAC, EIMEAR QUINN
FRONT ROW: ELÉ NÍ CHONBHUI, ANNA O'SHEA, GRAINNE LYNCH, ROSIE GILLS, KATIE LARKIN, CLARA WILSON, LEANNE O'BRIEN
FLOOR: EVE SISSON, AMY STEVENS



FORM 1 GIRL'S CRICKET

BACK ROW: SOPHIE LEONARD, EMILY PRYCE, KELLY-JO WILSON, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, ISABELLE FEENEY, ISABELLA DOYLE, ELLA MAXWELL, RACHEL GARVEY, MS DEANE
FRONT ROW: MAYA FEIGHERY, KATY DONNELLY, SOPHIE DOYLE, ELLA PASLEY, LAURA COLE, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, KIRSTEN SARGENT
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SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, AELA O'FLYNN, EUAN LEITH, DANIEL FAGAN (CAPTAIN), DARRAGH QUINN, NATHAN SHAW

FRONT ROW: MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, ÉANNA CURRAN, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, CONOR FAGAN, JAMES CARTER



JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

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FRONT ROW: EILEEN CURRAN, MAYA FEIGHERY, CAOIMHE LOWRY, ELLA PASLEY, RACHEL GARVY, AJIRIOGHENE OTOBO

NAMES MISSING FRONT ROW



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: SHAUNA POWER, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH, SÍOFRA O'BRIEN, JAMIE KNOX MACLEOD, LAURA MOTYER, KATIE MOORE, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, ALISON JONES, OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, SASKIA BOS, MS GRAY

FRONT ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, CATHERINE HARRIS, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MIA JENNINGS, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, SINÉAD DUNNE, ANNA LYONS



SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS BEAMISH, CIARA SHAW, ALISON JONES, JAIME KNOX MACLEOD, SARAH MULLOOLY, ISOBEL MAHON, SASKIA BOS, KATE MORGAN LAWSON, ELLEN RIDGEWAY
FRONT ROW: MEGAN RANCE, MEGAN O'DONNELL, AISHA TUOHY, LAUREN STYLES, AMY SCOLLARD, ERICA MACARI, ERICA BOWEN



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: KEISHA O'BRIEN, RACHEL WEBSTER, ELLA BYRNE, ISABELLE CARTER, GRACE CAMPBELL, LAURA GALVIN, RACHEL O'DONOVAN, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW: MEGAN RANCE, JOY SHERWOOD, CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE (CAPTAIN), KATE MORGAN LAWSON, MUNACHI ANELE
ABSENT: ORIANNA DAVEY



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, ROBYN PEMBROKE, ALANA CRIPPS, MIA MCCULLOUGH, ROSIE GILLIS, JENNIFER PILLOW, ANNA LYONS, ÁINE RYAN, SÍOFRA O'BRIEN, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, ORLA BAGNALL, ISOBEL BOWEN
FRONT ROW: CHLOE HOLMES, ISOBEL HARRISON, ORLA PRENDERGAST, SHAUNA POWER, LAURA MOTYER, EMMA DONOHOE, LEANNE O'BRIEN



JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: GIULIA GUASTALLA, ALANA CRIPPS, ENYA MAK, KATIE O'BRIEN, LAURA TUIITE, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, ROSIE GILLIS, JENNIFER PILLOW, KATIE LARKIN, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: ÉABHA HUGHES, MOLLY SHERIDAN, EVA KENNA, SHONA CAREY, AMY SCOLLARD



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: DR BRUSEY, LUCY BRENNAN, SARAH WEBB, ÉABHA HUGHES, MIA MURPHY, HEATHER O'CONNOR, GRÁINNE LYNCH, HANNAH KERR, MS HARKIN
FRONT ROW: ALISON LANDY, RUTH NINAN, EVA VALENTINE, JODIE MCAVINUE, CAITLIN NICKELS, REBECCA O'FARRELL



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ORLA BAGNALL, EVA LAYTE, MIA MCCULLOUGH, LEANNE O'BRIEN, CLARA WILSON, ALANNAH CHILDS
FRONT ROW: CATE DOOLEY, GEORGINA MCCARTHY, ISOBEL BOWEN, ANNA O'SHEA, ÉILE NÍ CHONBHUI



MINOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: BMS JONES, THOMASIN MC KENNA, AMY MERRIMAN, RACHEL BROWNING, ABIGAIL SKYES, LAURA SMITH, HANNAH KENNEDY, EMILY FITZGERALD, AMEILA DURAC, EIMEAR QUINN, GEORGINA BYRNE
FRONT ROW: HANNAH DILLON, ELLEN SWEENEY, EVE SISSON, AMY STEVENS, CATHERINE LENEHAN, LAYLA KENNY, JULIETTE CHRISTLE
FLOOR: ALISON PEACE, AOIFE TALLON



FORM 1 A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS DEANE, EMILY BRENNAN, SOPHIE DOYLE, KELLY-JO WILSON, MAYA FEIGHERY, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, KIRSTEN SARGENT, KAYLA KENNEDY, ELLA MAXWELL, SOPHIA LEONARD, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: RACHEL GARVEY, KATIE DUNNE, ZOE DUNNE, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, ABIGAIL KENNA, ELLA PASLEY, ELEANA MCGRATH



FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS BENNETT, ALEENA VILSON, ROBYN HAMILTON, MICHELLE YANG, CIARA BOYD, AILBHE SMITH, AMELIA KING, ISABELLA DOYLE, BETH HESLIN, KRISTEN SARGENT, MS DEANE
FRONT ROW: CAOIMHE LOWRY, LAURA COLE, NAOMI WILSON, ISABEL FEENEY, KATY DONNELLY, KELLY-JO WILSON, ELEANA MCGRATH
FLOOR: RUTH STEWART, ROISIN MURPHY



FORM 1 C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: RUTH STEWART, CLAIRE CAHILL, SÍOFRA YOUNG, AILBHE SMITH, CIARA BOYD, ALEENA VILSON, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: CAOIMHE LOWRY, AMELIA KING, MICHELLE YANG, LAURA COLE, BETH HESLIN



SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR HOSKING, ROSS HOWARD, WILLIAM COSGROVE, WILLIAM ANDERSON, JAKE PILLOW, ALEX O'REGAN, HARRY LYNCH, PETER LYNCH, JAMES ANDERSON, NAOISE LAW, JAMES COMAN, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: JACK IREDALE, ROBERT HACKETT, ALISTAIR EMPEY, ALEX FLYNN, CONOR EMPEY, ROSS MACWILLIAM, CALUM ADAIR, ANDREW CANNING, ANDREW BRENNAN



JUNIOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR HOSKING, ADAM MAGUIRE, ELIAS DEMPSEY, CALUM ADAIR, HARRY LYNCH, ROSS HOWARD, JAMES COMAN, JOSEPH MURPHY, CIARAN ADAIR, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: BEN CRIPPS, HARRY BYRNE, ALISTAIR EMPEY, ANDREW CANNING, TOM MCCAUSLAND, EVAN JENNINGS, ETHAN FLYNN



JUNIOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR HOSKING, ETHAN FLYNN, ALEX O'CONNOR, GAVIN MULHERE, PATRICK RYAN, ADAM MAGUIRE, JOSEPH MURPHY, ADAM VAUGHAN, TRISTEN DE BEER, BOAZ NINAN, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: BEN CRIPPS, HARRY BYRNE, ELIAS DEMPSEY, TOM MCCAUSLAND, BEN SHAW, CIARAN ADAIR, MATTHEW DONOVAN



MINOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: DANIEL HUDSON, ISAAK FOLEY, JOSHUA OGUNKAYODE, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY, JAKE KING, MARCUS EMPEY, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, DAVID WILSON, MS DEACON
FRONT ROW: BEN WHELAN, OISÍN STAPLETON DOYLE, BOAZ NINAN, ETHAN FLYNN, CIARAN ADAIR, ELI BREEN, MATTHEW DONOVAN



FORM 1 A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: LUKE HARDY, SAM WALSH, MATTHEW GILLIS, SHANE BURKE, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, ELI BREEN, ANDREW BROWNE, HARRY DORAN, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: JULIAN HAUXWELL, LOUIS O'NEILL, OSCAR LOFTUS, MARCUS EMPEY, LEO VAUGHAN, ADAM REID, SAMUEL BYRNE
ABSENT: JONATHAN LEES



FORM 1 B BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: LUKE DEE-BROWN, CONLETH LAW, FINN REILLY, NOAM BIRON, LIAM BUTLER, OSCAR MAHARG BRAVO, JONATHAN LEES, JOSH HAYES, ROSS DEEGAN
FRONT ROW: JAY JAY MCCARTHY, SAM HODGESS, DARAGH MCGRATH, OSCAR MARTIN, NATHAN MCLOUGHLIN, CILLIAN WEST, SAMUEL HUTZLER



SENIOR 1 SCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, ADAM RUFLI, JAMIE SHAW, SAM KILLEEN, LORIS NIKOLOV, MORGAN KANE O'BRIEN, JACK O'GORMAN, TOM MOLONEY

MIDDLE ROW: DYLAN WALSH, JASON MCGRATH, EDWARD MEREDITH, TIM KAYE MELLOR, KYLE BUTLER, NIALL MCDONNELL, STEPHEN LANDY, JAMIE UKAGBA, SITTHA BAILEY, MATTHEW BARLOW, MR WALKER

FRONT ROW: MILO O'SULLIVAN, RONAN O'BYRNE, RHYS BUTLER, DAVID DONNELLY (CAPTAIN), TIM DOLAN, MARK TOBIN, ANDREW BRENNAN

ABSENT: DAVE DONNELLY



SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, ADAM O'ROURKE, JAMES SHAW, MORGAN KANE O'BRIEN, JACK IREDALE, NIALL MCDONNELL, EDWARD MEREDITH, MATTHEW BARLOW

MIDDLE ROW: JASON MCGRATH, HARRY WALSH, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, KYLE BUTLER, CIAN HOBAN, HUGH O'DONNELL, ADAM KEALY, MR WALKER

FRONT ROW: JASON MULLEN, SITTHA BAILEY, JAMIE UKAGBA, TIM KAYE MELLOR, DYLAN WALSH, STEPHEN LANDY, WILLIAM ANDERSON

ABSENT: JAMES ANDERSON, OISIN O'CONBHUI



COBRAS BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ADAM KEALY, DYLAN WALSH, ADAM O'ROURKE, NIALL MCDONNELL, MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, SEÁN ÓG BARNES, CORMAC DEE-BROWNE

MIDDLE ROW: MR MC BRIDE, JASON MCGRATH, KEELAN QUINN, RORY BROWNE, WILLIAM ANDERSON, FINN CONNOLLY, CORMAC DEMPSEY, SITTHA BAILEY, SEAN UKAGBA

FRONT ROW: STEPHEN LANDY, HUGH O'DONNELL, JAMES SHAW, ADAM LALOR, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, FINN O'SULLIVAN, ERIC FELLE



TRANSITION YEAR BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, RORY BROWNE, SEÁN ÓG BARNES, HARRY O'DONNELL, TIM SWEENEY, LUAN ROGERS

MIDDLE ROW: MR TEVLIN, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, TOM WEBB, HUGH O'DONNELL, CORMAC DEMPSEY-LERCHUNDI, FIACH CONNOLLY, FERDIA DARRAGH

FRONT ROW: DYLAN ROYCROFT, ERIC FELLE, ROBERT WHYTE, NIALL MCDONNELL, FINN O'SULLIVAN, SEAN UKAGBA, OISÍN HEALY



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: SAMUEL DUNNE, CONOR MOORE, LORCAN TWOMEY, DANIEL WALSH, ADAM KILLEEN, DENNIS CHAN, BEN HOPKINS, MORGAN PEMBROKE, MR MALIN

MIDDLE ROW: MR TEVLIN, JAMES O'CONNOR, DANIEL SNODGRASS, MARCO LYONS, SAUL LYSAGHT, CONOR SCHMIDT, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY, KARO OTOBO

FRONT ROW: BEN SHAW, LOUIS CHRISTLE, JAMES CODY, LUAN ROGERS, JACK FARRELLY, SOL BELL-MEGAW, ROBIN DAVEY



FORM 2 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: BRIAN CARTER, DANIEL AWODE, SAMUEL MAWHINNEY, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX, SAUL LYSAGHT, SCOTT DUNNE, LOUIS O'LEARY, JOSHUA RANCE, KANE HENNESSY
MIDDLE ROW: MR MC CAUGHEY, LOUIS O'SULLIVAN, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY, BEN MITCHELL, OISÍN STAPLETON DOYLE, ZAC DORFMAN, NIAL HEALY, JOHN KENNEDY, ADAM SHARP, MR SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: NATHANIEL KAYE MELLOR, STEPAN LETSKO, BILLY LY, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY, STEPHEN LALOR, MAX HAUXWELL, ROBIN DAVEY
FLOOR: SAM REDMOND, CONOR MOORE



FORM 1 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: CONLETH LAW, HARRY DORAN, MARCUS EMPEY, LOUIS DUNNE, JAY JAY MCCARTHY, ANDREW BROWNE, CHARLIE MCNAMARA, CHRIS CHONG, EOIN QUINN, GOWTHAM YELLAPU
MIDDLE ROW: MR MC NAMARA, MR HILLIARD, LUKE HARDY, HENRI SIMMONS-HAYDEN, TOM GARVEY, PADDY PLOCKELMAN, PETR KOLOSKOV, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, DANIEL SCHOLTES, MATTHEW GILLIS BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, MR GRIFFIN
FRONT ROW: DEREK UKAGBA, COLM COONEY, LOUIS O'NEILL, JULIAN HUAXWELL, OSCAR LOFTUS, LEO VAUGHAN, TADHG DIXON ZAMAN ZAIDI
FLOOR: ANDREW WHYTE, DARAGH MCGRATH



SENIOR GIRLS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: KEISHA O'BRIEN, CATHERINE HARRIS, KATIE MOORE, LISA COSGROVE, AILEEN NAGLE, ISABELLE CARTER
MIDDLE ROW: MS FALLON, MILLY COGHLAN, KATIE WYSE JACKSON, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, MAYA MCNAIR, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, CAOIMHE SHANLEY MEE, MS DEACON
FRONT ROW: KELLIE COMERFORD, CÍA MCELVEEN-WALSH, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MEGAN O'BRIEN, ABIGAIL NOLAN, SOPHIE HAYES



JUNIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ARIANNA GORMAN, CAOIMHE LOWRY, RACHEL GARVEY, AILBHE SMITH, JOSHUA RANCE, PATRICK TALLON, KENNY OGUNDIPE, NATHAN TIMMINS, RORY COSGROVE, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: EILEEN CURRAN, ABIGAIL KENNA, MAYA FEIGHERY, LAURA COLE, ELLA MAXWELL, ELLA PASLEY, ELEANA MCGRATH
FLOOR: TAIWO OGUNDIPE, DARAGH MCGRATH, ETHAN MOODLIAR-WALSH



SENIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ÁINE RYAN, EVA KENNA, DAISY O'TOOLE, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, ERIN FETHERSTON, SEÁN MAGUIRE, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, TESSA LONG



FORM 1 TABLE TENNIS

OSCAR MAHARG BRAVO, LATRELL PANGANIBAN, KEVIN SAEED, ZAMAN ZAIDI



JUNIOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ROBYN PEMBROKE, ORLA PRENDERGAST, ANNA LYONS
FRONT ROW: GIULIA GUASTALLA, ISOBEL HARRISON, SIOBHAN TRIMMER, ROSIE GILLIS



JUNIOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, JODIE MCAVINUE, FAITH EDUNPETERS
FRONT ROW: SARAH WEBB, ALISON LANDY, EVA VALENTINE, NICOLE HOLLAND, EMMA DONOHUE



MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS JONES, EVA LAYTE, LARA SMITH, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: ELLA MAXWELL, EMILY PRYCE, ELLA PASLEY, ELEANA MCGRATH



MINOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS JONES, ELLEN SWEENEY, AMY STEVENS, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: HANNAH DIXON, RACHEL BROWNING, ABIGAIL SYKES, ANNIE SUN



MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS JONES, MAYA FEIGHERY, MONA WEBSTER, MS BENNETT
FRONT ROW: RACHEL GARVEY, RUTH STEWART, EMILY BRENNAN, NAOMI WILSON, EILEEN CURRAN



SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MC DONNELL, PETER LYNCH, RORY BROWNE, LUAN ROGERS, MR SWANNICK
FRONT ROW: DARRAGH QUINN, EOIN SCARLETT, NAOISE LAW, ULTAN MAGUIRE, FINN CONNOLLY



MINOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MC DONNELL, MATTHEW GILLIS, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, MR SWANNICK
FRONT ROW: HARRY DORAN, LEO VAUGHAN, ANDREW BROWNE, ADAM REID



JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MC DONNELL, EVAN JENNINGS, DANIEL WALSH, MR SWANNICK
FRONT ROW: JAMES CODY, HARRY LYNCH, LORCAN TWOOMEY, AXEL CULLEN

SPORTS CAPTAINS

2016-17

Basketball Boys

Senior Haris Webster

Basketball Girls

Senior Katerina Cvetkovic

Cricket Boys

Senior Joe Prendergast

Cricket Girls

Senior Ellen Ridgeway

Hockey Boys

Senior Conor Empey

Hockey Girls

Senior 1 Mia Jennings

Rugby Boys

Senior 1 David Donnelly

Girls Rugby

Megan O'Brien

Tennis

Mirian Kelly

Swimming

Eva Kenna

REPORTS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

This year was a great year for athletics at The High School. Everyone put a lot of hard work into preparing for the East Leinster Championships in Santry. The dedication paid off when The High School grabbed 11 medals across the different events and age groups. On both days of East Leinsters the athletes left school early in the morning on a team bus led by Ms Fallon and Ms Hutchinson Edgar, later joined by Mr Irwin. Everyone enjoyed the competition and we were lucky enough to get great weather. It was a very successful and fun two days.

Dylan Walsh

Senior Girls

Caoimhe Shanley-Mee

(Silver - Javelin)

Ella Schmidt

(Silver - Long Jump)

Ruby Keating Levins

(Gold - Shot Putt)

Roseanne McCullough

(Gold - 800m)

Inter Boys

Tristan de Beer

(Silver - Javelin)

Under 16 Boys

Patrick Tallon

(Gold - Mile)

Junior Girls

Anna Lyons

(Silver - Long Jump; Bronze - 200m; Bronze - 4x300m Relay)

Eva Layte

(Bronze - 4x300 Relay)

Clara Wilson

(Bronze - 4x300 Relay)

Isobel Bowen

(Bronze - 4x300 Relay)

Junior Boys

Brian Carter

(Bronze - High Jump)

Minor Boys

Eli Breen

(Bronze - 4x100m Relay)

Tai Ogundipe

(Bronze - 4x100m Relay)

Kenny Ogundipe

(Bronze - 4x100m Relay)

Matthew Gillis

(Bronze - 4x100m Relay)

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

We all progressed in athletic abilities this year and had a great time at the East Leinsters; where we won medals in numerous events. We would like to thank the teachers who helped organise athletics this year, namely Ms Fallon, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Mr Irwin. It was a great year for athletics.

John Kennedy

FORM 1 GIRLS' ATHLETICS

Athletics is such an enjoyable sport and we all loved to get out on a Monday and do whatever part of athletics we liked. From sprints to javelin, athletics had something for everyone and it was good fun finding out what area was for each person. We went to Santry and had great success in all our events. It was really cool to race against all different schools and to push ourselves to do the best we could to make The High School proud.

Ella Maxwell

ATHLETICS IRELAND TALENT IDENTIFICATION DAY

On the 11 May, five girls and five boys from Form 1 took a trip to Abbotstown, indoor athletic stadium to participate in a competition with schools from all over Ireland. On arrival, we were handed a pink or blue t-shirt each. This was a nice touch and a special souvenir to bring home with us. Our first activity was 80m sprints where we were greeted by the Irish sprinter Molly Scott. It was great to meet her and we really benefited from her sprinting tips and techniques. We also did high jump and long jump and there were some professionals there to give us some advice on how to improve. After lunch we heard from a nutritionist who gave us a talk on having a healthy and balanced diet which was very interesting. Irish sprinter David Gillick spoke to us about his training, what inspired him and his drive, discipline and passion for running. Ajiri won the competition and received an iPad which was really incredible. It was a fantastic day and the atmosphere was great. I think it really inspired and encouraged us all to join athletic clubs and to further train and participate in this sport. Overall, it was an enjoyable experience that we all learnt a lot from.

Ella Maxwell

SENIOR GIRLS' BADMINTON

The Senior Girls' Badminton team completed a solid 2016/17 season. Our team consisted of Miriam Kelly, Ellen Ridgeway, Emma Taylor, Rhianna Young and Rachel Lowe. We got off to a great start, winning all three of our qualifying matches. Following this, we sailed through to the quarter finals, playing Loreto College Bray. Unfortunately, we came up against a really strong team and didn't manage to make it to the semi-finals. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Ms Rugg and Sian Williams for their never-ending support, enthusiasm and excellent coaching. The team worked brilliantly together this year and are making great strides towards an improved next season.

Miriam Kelly

JUNIOR A BOYS BADMINTON

2016-2017 was a good season for our team. We played in Division 1. Our team had four players Adam Vaughan, Ethan Gernon, Wolf Chung and Jordan Bailey. We played many teams and beat Wesley and St Benildus. Unfortunately we did not make it through to the knock out round because we lost some very close matches. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Ms Rugg and Ms Williams our coaches, for their support, running the training sessions and organising the matches we played.

Jordan Bailey

JUNIOR B BOYS BADMINTON

At the beginning of the year, we trained hard for our upcoming matches that we would have to play. Having a few losses and some wins we improved throughout the year. I would like to thank Ms Rugg for organising matches and training for us.

Ian Mayrs

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

After a poor performance in our previous season, the Senior Girls' Basketball team was hopeful to make improvements and have a more successful season this year.

We started training early for the difficult matches we would face later in the season. With a depleted squad of five players we headed out to our first match in the National Basketball Arena against Rathdown School. We suffered a loss in this game and this set us back for the whole season.

The season ended quickly with only three matches played, however we continued training in preparation for next season. I think our team took some significant steps forward this school year. We've built some momentum as a team, and our next season promises to be more rewarding.

I would like to thank the team for all their hard work and dedication and on behalf of the team I would like to say a big thanks to Coach Joey Boylan, for all the time and effort that he put into coaching our basketball team this year.

Katarina Cvetkovic

MINOR A GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Despite starting off with an inexperienced team, we gave up our Fridays and trained hard and eventually became a team who worked well together and had a great incentive to achieve. Though we did not win our league, we had fun and developed as a team and we are now ready to take the challenge on again in Form 2. We can't thank our coach Shauna enough for her patience and dedication whilst coaching us.

Isabel Feeney



CADETTES BASKETBALL

This year's Cadettes basketball has been an enjoyable experience for everyone. It's amazing to see how much everyone has improved in training and matches. We had a great laugh in training even though we had to do lots of drills. We were an optimistic and enthusiastic team. We made it into the semi-finals of the league but, unfortunately, we lost.

It was an honour and privilege to captain our team. I'd like to thank the players for their efforts throughout the year. On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Shauna, Ms Jones and Mr Walker.

Debbie Ogunkayode

SENIOR BOY'S CRICKET

The Senior Boys 1st XI enjoyed an exciting and ultimately successful season, culminating with victory in the Plate Final. The season began with us being drawn in the same Senior Cup group as Gonzaga and Blackrock. Our opening game saw us host Gonzaga, where despite posting a competitive 105 in our 20 overs with useful contributions from Jamie Topping and Ben Shaw, we would go on to lose by 5 wickets. We then made the short trip to Blackrock where helpful bowling conditions on a fresh wicket meant we were all out for 60, and we would lose by 9 wickets. This meant we entered the Plate Semi Final vs St Columba's in Danum. A powerful batting performance, including some huge hitting from Jamie Topping and Tristan De Beer saw us post a colossal 175. Despite some lapses in the field, wickets from Topping and Joe Prendergast meant we won by 38 runs. The Plate Final in Railway vs Sandford Park proved an enthralling and exhilarating affair. After winning the toss and batting first, Ben Shaw and Zak Coghlan shared an opening stand of 75 in 12 overs. Some late inning's brutality from De Beer boosted the score to 126 from our 20 overs. The Sandford reply began positively, until Patrick Ryan clean bowled both their opening batsmen. A batting collapse saw wickets fall rapidly, with Prendergast at one point on a hat-trick. However, the Sandford tail wagged to leave 8 needed for victory from the final over. Prendergast managed to restrict them to 7, ensuring a super over. De Beer took the ball for the Super Over, where his fiery yorkers removed two Sandford batsman while conceding only 2 runs. Ben Shaw hit the first ball of the reply for 2, before a scampered bye secured us

the win, cue mass celebrations. I would like to thank our coaches Mr Malin and Conor Prendergast for their hard work throughout the season.

Joe Prendergast

JCT X1 BOYS' CRICKET

Our first match was against Belvedere College which we narrowly lost by 10 runs. Our next league match was against St Joseph's Rush which we won comfortably, we then played Clongowes Wood and won again. Our final league match was against St Peters which we won, meaning, we finished first in our league.

Sol Bell-McGaw



U14 A BOYS' CRICKET

The U14 A boys cricket had a good season. We competed against a good number of schools this year. We had tough matches against St Andrew's College and Sandford Park. Our final match was against Wesley College. We had a solid match but Wesley batted well scoring 188 runs. This was to prove too much for us to chase. Throughout the season there were some great performances from several players: John Luka Doherty, Ciaran Adair, Issac Foley, Niall Healy, Max Hauxwell and myself. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin for the great season!

Boaz Ninan

U14 B BOYS' CRICKET

The U14 B's had a mixed season this year. We started off strong winning our first match by 4 wickets. However, we lost our next two matches against Sandford and Ardglillian Castle (which we lost narrowly). I would like to thank my team and our coaches Mr Malin and Mr McCaughey for all their help this year.

Ciaran Adair

FORM 1 BOYS' CRICKET

We started off in the gym. Our coaches were Mr Hilliard and Mr Sullivan. When we were in there we learned how to throw and catch. I was quite good at this mainly because I played hurling. When it got a bit warmer we moved outside onto the pitches and tried our hand at batting and bowling. Even though we weren't sure of all the rules we still won our first game! We had three more games after that. We won the first two, but lost the third. It was a pretty good season for a group from Form 1 who had never played the game before!

Charlie MacNamara



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' CRICKET

The Senior 1sts Team had a very successful season this year. From the beginning, our goal was to win the league. After our first match against St Columba's things looked bright for us. There was a great batting partnership and super bowling that allowed us to take our first win. Soon after, we played our semi-final against Wesley College. This game was a challenge but we dug deep and had our mind set on the final. From our determination and skill we won, meaning that we were into the final, playing against our long lasting rivals St Andrew's. In this match I definitely think we played our best cricket. We had a great batting score of 121 with Orla Prendergast holding up the team with 70+ runs. We also took all 9 wickets leaving them short for runs. We won the game in the last few overs when Orla Bagnall bowled our last wicket. The whole team played so well in the match and had great fun. This team was a pleasure to play with and hopefully we'll see many more wins our way in the future.

Finally I would like to thank all the coaches who helped us to get where we did, Ms Gray and Jody. On behalf of the team I would like to thank you for all your hard work, we couldn't have got so far without you both. I would also like to say a huge thanks to all the girls playing this year. You all put in so much effort and hard work and it certainly paid off!

Ellen Ridgeway

SENIOR 2 GIRLS' CRICKET

This season was eventful for The High School Senior 2 Cricket team. All of us girls worked so hard during the season. We trained every Monday after a double of games but spirits were always up because of how great the girls are. There's no doubt that we may have been able to have achieved more this season because we are very capable. However, whether our game was on par or not, there was never a dull moment! Hopefully next year we get to reach our full potential because this truly was a great team.

On behalf of the whole team, we'd like to thank Ms Gray and Jody for their time and encouragement throughout and we hope next year will truly be sensational!

Munachi Anele

JUNIOR A GIRLS' CRICKET

The Junior A girls cricket had great success this year. We won all our matches and won the Junior A final for the second year in a row. In our semi-final, Jennifer Pillow top scored with 43 runs and I scored 29 runs. We then followed this with some good bowling figures. I got 7-15 and Orla Prendergast 2-9. In our final against St. Andrews, I top scored with 30 runs and Enya Mak scored 27 runs. In our bowling attack to defend our title the best figures were mine with 3-19, Orla 1-5 and Orla Bagnall 1-20. This secured us the win. On behalf of the team I want to say a big thank you to our coaches Ms Gray and Mr Hosking.

Laura Tuite



FORM 1 GIRLS' CRICKET

This year, Form 1 Cricket in The High School was great fun. Every Wednesday we enjoyed either a match or training with our coaches Ms Deane, Jody, Andy and Amy. The Form 1B team had a very successful season and made it to the semi-final but unfortunately lost in a close match against the opposition. We had a great season and we would all like to thank our coaches. We can't wait for next season and for more cricket!

Ella Pasley

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

We had a mediocre year in Cross Country. We attended a few races, including the East Leinsters. Unfortunately, the boys did not win these races but performed excellently. The only major victory was from Roseanne McCullough, who won a bronze medal in the 'All Ireland Cross Country Uneven Ages' and went on to run for Ireland at the 'Celtic International Cross Country Event', a great achievement. If I'm being honest, I wasn't actually present for these races but I was at most training sessions. We had a very enjoyable year in Cross Country after school, including having a 2.2 mile race for chocolate selection boxes and going to get hot chocolate on the last day before Christmas. I would also like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Ms Fallon for coaching us and making cross country so enjoyable. I would advise everybody to come along and try out Cross Country after school on Mondays until 5.00 in September.

Daniel Fagan

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Cross-country is a group of enthusiastic athletes led by Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Ms Fallon. We met every Monday after school to improve our endurance running. Special thanks to our coaches and all the athletes who represented the school at the East Leinsters.

Scott Dunne



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior 1 team had a very enjoyable year which was filled with highs and lows. We had a rough start to the season with a few losses to strong teams such as Holy Child Killiney, Loreto Foxrock and Mount Anville. However, after the disappointing loss to Mount Anville, we decided to turn over a new leaf and this was when our season changed! We got fitter and trained harder and finally the results started to show. We started to win games and drew against some of the top teams like Muckcross (future Senior Cup winners) and Wesley (Senior Cup semi-finalists).

Our hard work and determination was unstoppable and we fought hard against Rathdown to obtain a 2-1 victory and make it through to the Senior Cup quarter finals against Loreto Foxrock! This was a frustrating point in our campaign. We went 1 nil up in the first few minutes and managed to hold our own and keep the lead throughout the game. Unfortunately, with 5 minutes to go Foxrock equalised with a stroke to level the game. Worse again, a few minutes later, they got a highly controversial second stroke to go ahead and win the game. Everyone was devastated as this was the last match we would all play together. However, to quote Ms Gray "Sport is cruel, but its many highs outweigh the lows", and I truly believe our highs outweighed our lows.

Throughout the season, Ms Gray helped us all believe in our ability to be the great players that we are and this was shown throughout the season, alongside our team spirit that no one could fault. We may not have managed to bring home the silverware this year but we got something much more important out of the season and that is, a great group of

girls who are friends for life on and off the pitch and have many memories to treasure.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to Ms Gray for her coaching, her tactics, and her belief throughout the season. We have been so lucky to have her support every step of the way. I'd also like to thank David Howard for all his time and commitment this year. Also, a thank you to Ms Jones for putting up with us all throughout all our hockey years at The High School!

And, finally as captain of the Senior XI team, I would just like to say I am so proud of every single girl on our team and of how hard we worked together throughout our season. I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of girls to share my last season in The High School with. Thank you for all your time, dedication and friendship throughout the season. I will miss playing with you all so much.

Mia Jennings



SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior 2nds girl's hockey team this year was composed of a variety of years so it took us some time to get used to each other as a team. Throughout the year the team trained hard, improving greatly as the weeks passed. Although we had a tough group to play in the league, we fought endlessly and didn't let the results discourage us. Our hard work really paid off in our last match of the season when we got a well-deserved win.

On behalf of myself and the team we would like to give a huge thanks to Ms Beamish for her dedication and commitment to the team.

Finally I would like to thank my team for making my final year of hockey in the school so enjoyable! I wish you all the best of luck in next year's season.

Lauren Styles



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior 3rds had a fantastic year finishing third in the league narrowly missing out on the play offs by a single point. The girls involved put everything into training and matches and towards the end of the season, our dedication could clearly be seen by the improvement and progress we had made; our wins soon completely overshadowed our losses. Everyone made a brilliant effort to get down to training and matches regardless of the conditions and each individual came out a better player at the end of the season, making us much stronger as a team. All in all I'm exceptionally happy with the team's work and can say we all grew closer as individuals.

**Caoimhe Shanley-Mee
and Kate Morgan-Lawson**



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Junior A team had a very enjoyable season this year. With a mix of Form 3 and 4 on the team we used our first few matches to get to know each other and bond as a team. Despite a good start to our league competition we were unable to qualify for the semi-finals. After Christmas, the team got back together and we started working harder than ever. We were in the plate competition and determined to do well in it. We made it to the final in Three Rock Rovers and were up against a very strong team from Rathdown. It was a very tough match and the final whistle blew with the opposition 1-0 up. On behalf of the team I would like to give a huge thank you to our amazing coach Ali Meeke for her dedication and commitment to the team. We are so grateful for the time and hard work she put in and we hope we made her proud!

Shauna Power

JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year the Junior Bs, made up of Form 3 and 4 girls, competed in the league to reach the semi-finals.

Although we did not achieve the most impressive position in our league, every player on our squad improved not only as individuals but as part of a team. We learnt how to better ourselves in the field and also how to use our individual skills to bounce off each other. At the start of the year, most of us had never even played with each other and so it was not surprising we suffered our share of defeats at the start of the season. But through training and working together, we improved greatly.

In late February we went on to beat a team 3-1 in the quarter finals that had beaten us in a friendly only a few months earlier. One of our defenders managed to score a hat-trick in a position she'd never played before. We began to learn where to be for each other on the pitch and be an option at all times. As a team, we shared a truly great season.

Through the hard work of Ms Gray and the members of the team we were able to turn a group of individual hockey players into one unit and despite year difference, hockey truly brought us all closer together.

Eva Kenna



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Junior C's, while we didn't have the most successful year results wise, we had an amazing year getting to know each other and playing hockey. We'd like to thank Dr Brusey and Mrs Harkin for all the time and work they put into the committed Junior C's.

Jodie McAvinue



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

We started the 2016/17 season with a bang. We won our first league match against Rathdown. We worked hard as a team, but unfortunately, we only came third in our pool and didn't qualify for the semi-finals. Sadly, we were knocked out of the cup but we got to the quarter-final of the plate. After a tough match we lost to The King's Hospital. Near the end of the season we played a friendly against Newtown in Waterford. This was a fun trip and great bonding experience for our team. We would like to thank our coaches for all the great help and advice they gave the team this year.

Isobel Bowen
Mia McCullough

MINOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year I participated in the Minor B hockey team. This year our minors were training on a Friday night with their coach Saoirse. The team showed great commitment coming to training every week which then improved how we played in our matches. The B's have had mostly home games throughout the year, apart from when they played St Columba's College, Alexandra College and Newbridge. In the team's training this year we had been practicing short corners, sweeping and hitting. Although we didn't place in the league we hope to do well next year. We had a great season and thanks to Ms Jones, Saoirse and Jessie who have helped us throughout the year and for making us a better team.

Amy Stevens

FORM 1 A GIRLS' HOCKEY

From the first to the last training, the atmosphere has been competitive and energetic. Even though we might not have been the best behaved and we might've skipped a couple of laps, we have all improved individually and as a team. This was all thanks to our teachers and amazing coaches, Ali and Jess, for putting up with us.

Coming fourth in the A division has only set us up for more to come in the years ahead. I think I can speak for the whole team when I say that it's been a great season.

Rosemary Shankey



FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year is my first year in The High School. Along with my new sports gear I persuaded my mother that a new hockey stick would be a good idea. As a member of Rathgar Hockey Club, The High School hockey pitches had been our home grounds during my time at primary school and I was really looking forward to hockey in The High School.

During the year we had hockey three times a week, hockey practice on a Tuesday, matches on a Wednesday and more hockey training during PE on a Friday. You might think that this was too much hockey but we all loved and enjoyed each and every one of them. Team selection appeared on the board on Tuesday and we all raced to see who made the team, some were happy, some disappointed.

When the season was over we had finished 5th in the league. The highlight of our hockey season was our trip to Cork. We stopped to play two matches on the way. We won one and lost one but the great excitement was being away with our friends.

I would like to thank our coaches for all the valuable advice and assistance in all weather and I look forward to another successful year of hockey competition and training.

Isabella Doyle



SENIOR 1 BOYS' HOCKEY

This season was the Senior Boys most successful in the team's history. The first major competition of the year was the All-Ireland Championships in October. We were drawn in a difficult group with the reigning champions Banbridge. After seeing off Villiers and Cookstown in the first two games, we were left level on points but one goal behind Banbridge on goal difference. This meant that we would need a win to top our group and reach the semi-finals. Unfortunately, after leading 1-0 we conceded a late penalty stroke and drew the game.

This still left the Leinster Senior League, Cup and Trophy still to play for. After beating Wesley in a penalty shoot-out in the league semi we reached the final for the first time in the school's history. We played St Andrew's and the score was 3-3 after extra time and still level after the first five penalties. It then went to sudden death. In the ninth round of sudden death we lost.

After losing to St Andrew's 2-0 in the Senior Cup Semi-final we finished the year with some silver ware by beating Mount Temple 2-0 in the Senior Trophy final.

The team would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Hosking, Ms Gray, Ms Rugg, David Howard and Andrew Jones for all their work on and off the pitch this season.

Conor Empey



JUNIORS BOYS' HOCKEY

This year the Junior hockey team entered two competitions: The Leinster Junior A League and the Leinster Junior Cup.

We started our league campaign well, winning all 6 group matches. The pivotal match was against St Andrew's College, we won 2-0. The goals were scored by Alistair Empey and Harry Lynch, with Tom McCausland putting in an excellent performance from the back. Our group stage performance meant we qualified for the semi-finals.

In the first round of the cup we played Mount Temple Comprehensive School, we won 2-0. We played Newpark in the semi-final of the league. In a tight and cagey affair, we prevailed 1-0. The final was a repeat of our group game against St Andrew's College.

St Andrew's College started the stronger, going 1-0 up in the first half. Ben Cripps produced a couple of superb saves to keep us within touching distance. We grew into the game in the second half, creating chances. As we pushed we began to win short corners. We won a stroke courtesy of a Harry Lynch drag flick. Alistair Empey coolly slotted it away to level the game. It went to extra time in which both teams played cautiously. In what was to be the last play of the game, Andrew Canning scored from a short corner routine meaning that The High School won its first ever Junior A Boys League.

In the final of the cup, we played against Wesley College. We started the stronger, with an Andrew Canning goal coming after good passages of play. This proved to be the vital moment, as Wesley were denied time and time again from open play. This was also helped by superb play from Ben Cripps and by James Coman and Harry Lynch, who marshalled the defence.

Overall, it was an amazing season for us as we won the League and the Cup for the first time in the history of the school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Hosking for their continued and considerable support throughout the year. We all appreciated it greatly.

Andrew Canning

JUNIOR B BOY'S HOCKEY

The Junior B's reached the semi-final of the Junior B league where we were unfortunate to lose to a strong Sandford Park A team. The B team gave valuable match experience to several minor players who will be playing Junior A's next year as well as several current Junior A players. The team changed and evolved as the season developed with varying levels of strength. I would like to thank all the players involved in the Junior B's this year for their commitment and participation.

Patrick Ryan



MINOR BOYS' HOCKEY

The Minor Boys' team had a mixed season this year. We began our season with a friendly game against St Columba's College. We won this game 2-0, which gave us a good start into the season.

After losing several players from last year's team, we were lucky to gain a few great first years to play up for us this year.

We started off the league with hopes of repeating what last year's minor team did as a couple of us had played on that team. Unfortunately we lost our first match of the league to St Andrew's College. After this we improved significantly and beat Sandford and Kilkenny College, as well as a 0-0 draw with King Hospital. We unluckily did not qualify for the league semi-finals.

Next we moved onto the Cup we played our first and sadly last game against Newpark Comprehensive School. It was a close game but Newpark broke the deadlock and won the game narrowly.

I'd like to thank our coaches Ms Deacon, Mr Fitzpatrick and Dave Howard for all their effort they put into the team this season.

Ciaran Adair



FORM 1 A BOYS' HOCKEY

The Form 1 team of 2016-2017 had a great start to the year with lots of promising players showing with almost everyone having played before either in school or in a club. Lots of players even joined clubs throughout the year. Our first team game was a friendly quarter pitch tournament which gave us a promising start as we won most of our games without much trouble. The A team did especially well in their league and cup, making it to the semi-final where we played against Wesley in an extremely tight match having almost all of possession but unfortunately falling short of a win as the game finished 1-0 with their goal being scored by Peter Walker. We did well in the cup also, winning all of our matches and beating Sanford Park 5-0 in the quarter final. We went on to play Wesley once again, unfortunately not being so lucky and losing 5-0, knocking us out of the cup. However, it was still a great year and next year's minor team is promising.

Marcus Empey



FORM 1 B BOYS' HOCKEY

The Form 1 Hockey 'B' team got off to a shaky start this year. Many of us had never played hockey before and the rest had little experience. However, through training, we gradually improved and won our first match 4-0! Unfortunately, our next three matches in Three Rock and Wesley didn't go so well, despite a fierce fight from the team.

I shared the captaincy with Sam Hutler and Andrew Browne. I would like to thank our coach, Jody Hosking for the effort he put into training us. The 'B' team's resilience, skill and determination impressed me throughout the year and I was proud to play with them.

Cillian West

ROWING

2017 has been a big year for The High School Rowing Team. The year started off on a high when Olly O'Toole won the Irish squad trials in a Junior Pair. The year continued to make positive progress with the school winning a number of medals in various regattas throughout the year. Possibly the biggest achievement for The High School this year was winning the Irish Schools National Championships in the coxed four with the crew consisting of Hannah Vance Cronin (cox), myself, Áine Ryan, Sarah Daly and Alison Daly. Alison and Sarah also came second in their double U15 event while Áine Ryan and I came third in the U16 event. A few weeks later, there was even more success for The High School, when five pupils (Áine Ryan, Abbie Nolan, Caroline Ryan, myself and Olly O'Toole) travelled to Belgium to compete in the Ghent International Regatta, where a number of international gold and silver medals were won. Hopefully our success this year will inspire other High School pupils to join Ireland's fastest growing sport.

Daisy O'Toole



SENIOR 1 BOYS' RUGBY

The Senior Rugby boys came into this season off the back of an incredible rugby tour to South Africa which took place over the summer. It was an incredible bonding experience as all the players got to know each other on and off the pitch, which would prove vital in the upcoming season. Coming back from South Africa with an unbeaten record, including a win against Durban High School, who are one of the top-rated schools in South Africa, gave us high expectations of what we could achieve this season.

Our league campaign got off to the perfect start, with 3 comfortable wins out of 3 against St Patrick's School Navan, St Joseph's Drogheda and De La Salle Churchtown. We reached the semi-final and our opposition turned out to be Skerries, who had beaten us in the cup the previous two years, so we knew we had to perform to our highest standards. Sure enough, we played to the standard we were capable of and beat our old rivals, booking us a spot in the league final. Our opponents were to be Wilson's Hospital, who had beaten us in the league the previous two years, but we knew the tables could be turned this year, if any.

With weeks of training to prepare, the final of the league finally came and was played in Donnybrook Stadium. With the previous few games causing us little difficulty, I believe we went into this match with the mentality expecting this match to be no different. This was far from the case. Wilson's scored within the first few minutes after a dominant period of play from their forwards. One score led to another and when the second half came we found ourselves 3 down. Fortunately, we picked ourselves up and we began to start questioning the Wilson's defence. We were rewarded and with only minutes to go the score was level at 22-22. The whistle blew and the match would be replayed two weeks later.

The replay of the final couldn't have been more different. Although Wilson's scored in the opening minutes, and the first half ended at 7-5 after an incredible High School defence, the second half would belong to the men in red and black. An incredible display of rugby finished with The High school winning this section of the league for the first time in the history of the school, by margin of 39-14. Our sights were now set on the Vinnie Murray competition.

Unfortunately, our match against Wesley College didn't go to plan and we lost our hopes of being successful in that competition. But, we then began to focus on the plate. Some time passed and we drew Presentation Bray in the final. For Form 6 it would be the last match they ever played representing their school, and, for the supporters, the last chance to support us.

A nail biting first half led to Pres dominating the first half but, thanks to a strong High School defence, they only led 7-0 at half time. The second half came with our own opportunities and soon we were leading by only 6 points, with Pres getting closer and closer to our try line as the clock was getting worryingly close to full time. A strong effort by our boys held the ball up over the line and a 5-metre scrum was called. An excellent scrum by High School led to the ball being turned over, it was picked up and kicked out and the final whistle was blown. It was an incredible feeling winning two trophies in one year, especially for Form 6, as it was our last year playing for the school.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank the coaches for everything they have done for us, not only this year but since we started in Form 1. I want to say a huge thank you to Mr Walker, Mr Malin, and past pupils Dave Aspil and Darragh McDonnell, for all their hard work, we really appreciate it. I would like to wish all my teammates in Form 6 the very best of luck in all their future endeavors and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know you all, on and off the pitch. For next year's team, I would like to wish you all the very best of luck. We will all be back to support you next year.

David James Donnelly



SCT PLATE FINAL

On Friday 24 March the Senior Cup Rugby Team played Presentation Bray in the final of the Vinnie Murray Plate. For the current Form 6 pupils it would be the last time they represented their school and it was a fantastic opportunity to do so in Donnybrook, with an enthusiastic group of supporters cheering us on.

Match day came and both sides were keen to finish the final match of the season on a high. For The High School, this match was a chance to get their second trophy of the season, their final match together.

The first half was heavily dominated by the opposition in what could only be described as a phenomenal defensive effort by The High School, keeping it at 7-0 to them at half-time. But in the second half The High School had their opportunities which were instantly turned into points. Thanks to the boot of Tim Dolan, who slotted two penalties, the match was a one point game. Then The High School scored a converted try through Matthew Barlow to put the team 13-7 ahead. Not long after, the opposition scored an unconverted try, placing the match back to a nerve-wrecking one point game. With less than 10 minutes to go, Adam Ruffli put The High School further away from their opposition with a well worked try into the corner making the score 18-12. The next few minutes were excruciatingly nerve-wrecking with the opposition holding all the possession and getting increasingly closer to The High School try line. Presentation Bray went over the try line, as a strong High School defense held the ball for a 5 meter scrum. Nearly as quick as the scrum was set, The High School turned over the ball and kicked it into touch. The final whistle blew and The High School Senior Cup team had won the trophy.

For the Form 6 players, we couldn't have finished our rugby career at The High School in a better way. Two trophies in one season, one awarded in our final match together. The realization that things have come to an end is quite overwhelming. We began in Form one by winning the League and we are leaving The High School, winning the League and The Vinnie Murray Plate.

On the behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Walker and Mr Malin, not only for all that they have done for us this year, but over the last 6 years, including the tour to South Africa, which we will remember for the rest of our lives. We would also like to thank past pupils, and coaches, David Aspil and Daragh McDonnell for all the work they have done with us over the last 2 years.

Finally, to my boys in Form 6, it has been an absolute pleasure playing with you all since Form One. I am so immensely proud of everything we have achieved and I cherish the bonds that have been made over the last 6 years. I wish you all the very best in the future.

**David James Donnelly
(Captain SCT)**

SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

The 2016-17 season for the Senior 2nds rugby team was one with a great number of highlights that, for myself, are wonderful to reflect on. The team did an exceptional job to meet many tough challenges with adversity and power through some particularly tough moments. I think that many of the players will agree that a fantastic moment for us all as a team was our final game against Blackrock. For me, this game showed exactly what our team was capable of, facing a vastly superior team while keeping our heads held high, and narrowing the margin to only a minor defeat. I would like to congratulate the team, and particularly my fellow Form 6ers who put their heart and soul into the game; we played and showed true dedication to our school. Thanks to Mr Malin and Mr Walker for helping us through the tough times.

Tim Kaye-Mellor





TRANSITION YEAR BOYS' RUGBY

Our season began similarly to the previous season, although having a new coach, Mr Tevlin taking over. It started out well, with a victory in our first game of the new season against Wesley College. We had a string of mixed performances but quickly found our rhythm once the league campaign started. Another victory against Wesley and a well contested draw against King's Hospital allowed us to progress to the semi-final of the league against CUS. Unfortunately, we lost that game which brought our season to a close. On behalf of the team, I'd like to thank all of those involved, especially Mr Tevlin, for making it an unforgettable season.

Niall Mc Donnell



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

Our season kicked off with a pre-season trip to Naas. Both players and coaches formed long-lasting bonds of friendship and developed genuine camaraderie throughout the trip. The season got off to a start with comprehensive victories over St Mary's and St Michael's. Despite our strong run of form we came up short against a powerful St Andrew's side. Our misfortune continued as the likes of CBC Monkstown and Kilkenny College overpowered us with their brutal physicality. Granted, our performances improved with narrow yet bitterly disappointing losses to King's Hospital and Roscrea. Eventually we overcame our adversity when we snatched victory at the death in an exhilarating encounter against CUS. In the run-up to our eagerly awaited Father Godfrey clash against Wilson's Hospital, we punctuated our rigorous training routine with friendlies against Newpark, Pres Bray, St Mary's and St Michael's. Then came our season-defining fixture. On a blustery January afternoon in Barnhall we overcame a formidable Wilson's Hospital in a scintillating game of rugby. CUS awaited us in the quarter-finals. Despite our valiant efforts under the lights in Donnybrook, we were outdone by an improved CUS. After our disappointing defeat we went on to play The King's Hospital in a friendly. To mark the end of a wonderful season we played Clermont l'Herault, a touring French team, in an intensely enjoyable match. I'd like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of the team to Mr McBride and Ross for an unforgettable season of rugby.

Luan Rogers

COBRAS BOYS' RUGBY

We had a tough season this year. We had no wins, but recorded one draw. We played Blackrock, St Michael's, Gonzaga, CBC Monkstown and drew with a German touring team. Despite everything we had a great season and had loads of fun!

Adam Lalor



FORM 2 BOYS' RUGBY

This year, Form 2 rugby has been a good year overall, we have won more matches than we lost, which is always an achievement. We had a strong start in the autumn of 2016, but we had our ups and downs, fortunately we have had more ups than downs through the season. Luckily for the team, Mr Sullivan had set up days for strength and conditioning so that whenever we weren't doing rugby training we could still train in the gym. Through the start of 2017 we were unbeaten and we hoped to finish the season the same way we started. One of our best matches was against Blackrock, we were losing but in the last play we scored an amazing try and won the match for ourselves. Unfortunately, during our tour at the end of the season, we had two very hard matches to play, both Carrickfergus and Rainey had beaten us. I am proud of how the team played and looking forward to seeing what we can bring in Form 3.

Robert Cloughley



FORM 1 BOYS' RUGBY

Playing Form 1 rugby was a great experience. It was also a great introduction to rugby as myself and many other players had never played before. I think the team developed very well and collaborated well together as well.

Our trip to Cork in March was a very helpful experience for the team. The trip showed how we enjoyed playing rugby and being together as a team. We played a local rugby school and marginally beat them.

Our very last matches of the season were in Wesley College for the Under 14 B league tournament. This was a series of matches played in just one day. We met Gonzaga Collage in the final for a very tight High School win. After being presented with the shield by Josh Van Der Flier, and receiving our medals, we all agreed it was a great way to end the season.

Obviously our team would be nothing without all the amazing help from all the coaches. The work put in to our team was really great. From Mr Hilliard, Mr Mc Namara, Mr Griffin, Mr Sullivan and Ian, training us week in week out, to Mr Malin organising our matches and especially our Cork trip. A big thank you to all of the coaches and people involved from me and the rest of the team!

Julian Hauxwell



GIRLS' RUGBY

The Girl's Senior Rugby team began the season with a blitz held in St Mary's RFC. For many members of the team, this was their first match. After beating St Louis in the final, we qualified to play in the Leinster schools final in Donnybrook stadium. Here we performed well but had some tough competition, unfortunately just missing out on qualification for the All Ireland finals.

We played friendly matches against Mount Temple and were winners of a Schools Tournament held in Railway Union.

We finished the season with an exciting tournament held by the IRFU. We made it to the final of the cup and very narrowly missed out on the cup in an intense match against Sacred Heart Tullamore.

It was a fantastic year of rugby, with more girls than ever getting involved, many very early morning training sessions and with huge improvements made in all aspects of the game. None of it would have happened without the dedication of the team and our coaches. Huge thank you to Ms Deacon, Emma Murphy and Ms Fallon for their hard work during the year to make it all happen. I have no doubts that The High School's Girls' Rugby has a very bright future.

Megan O'Brien



SWIMMING

This year was an amazing season in swimming with the Habitat swim, pyjama week, friendly relays and of course, speed and technique strengthening lengths.

Swimming in High School is not only beneficial in the physical aspect but it is also great socially for pupils.

Swimming was great this year thanks to the dedication of Ms McHugh, Ms Jones and Ms Bennett. I would strongly suggest to anyone with an interest to come down and experience it, even for just one week. It's a great atmosphere and good for years to mix.

Swimming at The High School takes place every Tuesday for juniors and seniors in Terenure College. Hope to see you there!

Eva Kenna

JUNIOR SWIMMING

This year in junior swimming we had great fun. Everyone improved greatly. We took part in the sponsored Habitat for Humanity swim. We'd like to thank Ms Jones for such an enjoyable year.

Sarah Webb

MINOR BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

The Table Tennis Minor boys enjoyed a successful season in 2016/17, finishing in 2nd place in Division 2. We played against schools such as Knocklyon and Gonzaga. The team was made up of players who were playing on a table tennis team for the first time and were thrilled at their first High School Table Tennis success.

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MINOR GIRLS' TENNIS

Three tennis teams were chosen to represent our school for Form 1 and 2 in April 2017; Minor A's, B's and C's. Each team consisted of six players, split into pairs. It was wonderful to get outside and play a game of tennis in the warm summer afternoons. Ms Jones was our coach and she was great fun and very supportive. We were in a very competitive league and were unlucky to not qualify as we lost to Loreto Naas just before the final, however in a blitz to Mount Anville all three teams came out as super star winners.

Emily Pryce

MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

This season has been extremely enjoyable. Although we have not had much success we all learned a lot and have had loads of fun (most importantly). We would like to thank Ms Bennett and Ms Jones for organizing all our matches this year. The members of this team are Naomi Wilson, Ruth Stewart, Mona Webster, Maya Feighery, Eileen Curran, Michelle Yang, Rachel Garvey and Kayla Kennedy. Thank you to the coaches for a great season.

Emily Brennan

JUNIOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

We thoroughly enjoyed this year's tennis season. We got off to a brilliant start by winning against Woodlands Academy across the board and a healthy win against Mount Anville. Unfortunately, we lost to Sion Hill in a very close set of matches in the quarter final of this league. I'd like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Bennett for making this term of tennis as memorable as it was. We all improved greatly as well as having loads of fun in the process!

Isobel Harrison

JUNIOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

The Junior B's had a great season playing tennis. We all co-operated equally throughout the season. We may not have had great results but our team spirit made up for this and we all feel that we improved greatly. I would like to thank Ms Jones and my team mates for a thoroughly enjoyable season.

Eva Valentine

JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

We started off the season by beating St Andrews College 5-0. This gave us high hopes for the rest of the season. Then we had a disappointing loss to Castleknock College which set us back in the qualifying. We then beat Benildus College 4-2. We then thrashed Sutton 5-0, but unfortunately this did not qualify us for the quarter finals. We greatly enjoyed our season overall and would like to thank John the swan and Mr McDonnell.

Harry Lynch

FORM 1 BOYS' TENNIS

We have had a great season. We won all our matches and reached the semi-final. Our coach Mr McDonnell. has been really helpful, especially with the beginners and everyone has improved a lot.

Leo Vaughan



SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 2016-17

Sports Awards

19 May 2017

ATHLETICS**Belgrave Cup**

200 metres – Senior Girls

Aela O'Flynn**Ruby Keating Levins****Hutchinson Cup**

800 metres – Senior Girls

Cathy Harris**Parents' Association Cup**

100 metres – Senior Girls

Mia Jennings**Cornick Cup**

400 metres – Senior Boys

Will Anderson**Cunningham Cup**

Most Points – Junior Boys

Brian Carter**Scott Dunne**

Most Points – Junior Girls

Eva Layte**Hughes Shield**

100 metres – Junior Girls

Eva Layte**Diocesan Staff Cup** – Most points

Intermediate Girls

Roseanne McCullough**Magill Cup** – 100 metres

Junior Boys

Scott Dunne**Mathers Cup** – Most Points Form

1 Girls

Kelly Jo Wilson**Tate Cup**

Most Points – Form 1 Boys

Elijah Breen**Moore Cup**

200 metres – Senior Boys

Tim Dolan**Taylor Cup**

100 metres – Senior Boys

Tim Dolan**Pakenham Hamilton Cup**

High Jump – Junior Girls

Eimear Quinn**Sloan Cup**

Long Jump – Senior Boys

Oliver McLuskie**Southam Cup**

800 metres – Senior Boys

Peter Lynch**Walker Cup**

1500 metres – Senior Boys

Peter Lynch**Taylor Cup**

Most Points – Senior Girls

Aela O'Flynn**Toomey Cup**

1000 metres – Junior Girls

Clara Wilson**Travers Cup**

High Jump – Senior Boys

Dylan Walsh**War Memorial Cup**

Most Points – Senior Boys

Dylan Walsh**Whyte Cup**

Most Points in Field Events

Senior Boys

Dylan Walsh**BADMINTON****Factor Cup** – Junior Boys**Jordan Bailey****Ian Mayrs****Hennessy Cup** – Junior Girls**Rachel Low****Hennessy Cup** – Senior Girls**Emma Taylor****Hennessy Cup** – Senior Boys**Jack Lyons****BASKETBALL****Senior Boys Trophy****Henry Hinds****Senior Girls Cup****Katerina Cvetkovic****Junior Boys Cup****Saul Lysaght****Junior Girls Cup****Sarah Daly****CRICKET****Davies Cup** – 2nd XI Boys**Zak Coughlan****Dawson Cup** – Form 2 Boys**Boaz Ninan****De Vere Shortt Cup** – Batting**Jamie Topping****Hanly Cup** – Fielding**Joe Prendergast****Ridgeway Cup** – Senior Girls**Ellen Ridgeway****Junior Girls Cup****Laura Tuite****HOCKEY****Neville Davin Cup** – Senior Boys**Conor Empey****Diocesan Cup** – Minor Girls**Mia McCullough****Jean Scott Cup** – Senior Girls**Mia Jennings****Jean Scott Cup** – Junior Girls**Shauna Power****Karen Eppell Cup** – Fair play**Melanie O'Donovan****Andrew McKay Cup**

Junior Boys

Callum Adair**Shield** – Minor Boys**Ethan Flynn****RUGBY****Dawson Cup** – Form 2**Brian Carter****De Vere Shortt Cup**

Player of the Year

Jack O'Gorman**Evans Cup** – Place and Drop**Rhys Butler****Holmpatrick Cup** – 7 a side**Rhys Butler****Turner Cup**

Most Deserving Team

SCT Captain

David Donnelly

SPORTS DAY

SWIMMING

Dodder Cup – Juniors

Eileen Curran

John Phillips Cup – Survival skills

Tessa Long

Liffey Cup – Senior

Kenny Ogundipe

TABLE TENNIS

Evans Cup

Ultan Maguire

TENNIS

Jagoe Cup – Junior Girls

Eva Valentine

Smith Cup – Senior Girls

Miriam Kelly

Shield – Minor Girls

Lara Smith

Harcourt Cup – Junior Boys

To be contested

Sealy Cup – Senior Boys

Peter Lynch

Minor Boys Shield

Matthew Gillis

White Shield

Ultan Maguire

Coaches Merit Award

Leo Vaughan

Presentation to the School

Leinster Cricket Senior Girls Cup

Captain **Ellen Ridgeway**

Leinster Cricket Junior Girls Cup

Captain **Laura Tuite**



NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HONOURS SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES



NAIA BYRNE



LAURA MOTYER



ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH



TOMMY MYLES



DARREN CHONG



ORLA PRENDERGAST



ALEX FLYNN



CALLUM ADAIR



ANDREW CANNING



ROSS HOWARD



AELA O'FLYNN



MEGAN O'BRIEN



RUBY KEATING



ALISTAIR EMPEY



ALEX O'REGAN



HARRY LYNCH



PETER LYNCH



CONOR EMPEY



MIA JENNINGS



TROPHY WINNERS



BOYS' HOCKEY RECORD SEASON

Senior 1st

- Won Senior Trophy
- Top of group in League
- Runners up in League Final
- Semi-final in Cup
- Finished unbeaten and second in All Ireland's

Juniors

- Won Junior League
- Won Junior cup

Minors

- Finished mid-table in League
- Round 2 Cup

U13's

- 2nd in League group stage
- Semi Final League
- Semi Final cup



PUPILS



HEAD BOY REPORT

Being called to the office could evoke trepidation. For me, however, being called in to Mr Forrest's office in August was the start of a great year. I was delighted to be asked to be Head Boy and recognised it as a privilege.

I had returned early from the Gaeltacht for a Prefect Training Day and had no idea that I would be called in to be offered the Head Boy role. That first day 'in office' was a busy one. It was an interesting symmetry that our last year coincided with the beginning of a High School chapter for the incoming first years. We met them and gave them a tour of the school and they were full of excitement and energy. They reminded me of my first day here.

I was delighted to get to work with Aela as Head Girl, and to realise that Kate and Mark were deputies. I predicted that they would be great to work with.

There have been several duties, and the first of these was the Prefect Rota. This was made easier by using previous templates and through collaboration with the Prefect Team. The prefects have been wonderful to work with as they monitored, supervised, mentored and supported us all throughout a diverse and busy calendar of events.

One of the most remarkable school events happened early in our year. Our school, which has such a proud and long history of sporting endeavour, welcomed back an Olympian. Annalise Murphy joined us for a special assembly and was interviewed by Aela and Chloe Holmes.

She was introduced to the many underage representatives of national, provincial and county sport in The High School, who themselves may be future Olympians.

The High School also has a significant academic reputation. One of the key calendar events is the Prize Ceremony and it was great to recognise the range of scholarships and achievements in the room on that October night.

The Wreath Laying Ceremony in November was particularly evocative during the centenary year as we remembered those High School pupils who died in conflict. The memorial was a sobering reminder of how different our lives are one hundred years later.

Our first and last year in The High School marked the two significant years for our rugby team. In our first year we won the League and had been looking to recreate the achievement. We finally succeeded in our last year.

Christmas time in The High School has always been a special time. The Carol Service showcases the remarkable orchestral and choral talent in the school. We also organised a fundraising Christmas dinner for the Simon Community. This event was both festive and significant in reminding us of our responsibilities to others.

With the start of the New Year came a renewed focus on exams and CAO deadlines. This was a reminder that this chapter would have an end – and that there was work ahead. We had mock exams, oral exams and practicals.

And then we had a significant change in our world – the notorious lockers, which had the capacity to house a field mouse, were finally retired.

We are now entering the first of the lasts – our last days here in The High School and preparation for our graduation. It's the beginning of the end – and therefore promises of a new start. I have loved being a part of this school community and value the members of the school. I would like to thank our Principal Mr Forrest for offering me this role and supporting me throughout the year. I also would like to thank the Deputy Principals Mr Davies, Ms Connolly and Ms Packham. I have also enjoyed great guidance and assistance from the wonderful staff in High School. I would particularly like to acknowledge my classmates – those strangers I met six years ago who have become so important during my time here. I can't imagine a better group to have joined me in this adventure and know our paths will cross again.

Ronan O'Byrne





HEAD GIRL REPORT

On a very warm and generally confusing August day last year, I was offered the role of Head Girl. Having never received my original prefect letter, I was both shocked and delighted. After some careful consideration, I was honoured to accept the job, along with its opportunities and responsibilities. Once I learned that I'd be joining the wonderful senior team of Ronan, Kate and Mark, I was very excited to get the year underway.

Before long, we were swept into the swing of things when our 32-strong team of prefects had their first, and favourite, task of introducing the incoming First Form pupils to their new home. In September, we had the pleasure of welcoming Olympic medallist Annalise Murphy back to the school. I had the opportunity to interview her, along with Chloe Holmes, at a whole-school assembly to commemorate her fantastic achievement. This assembly also gave us a chance to say goodbye and offer our appreciation to Ms Jeanne Sadlier, who would sadly be leaving at the end of the year. This event was a great inspiration to pupils and staff alike to work hard and strive for success.

Like clockwork, the calendar events came thick and fast at The High School. The Prizegiving Ceremony and the Carol Service were the successes of the first term, thanks to the stellar organisation of Ms Thorpe, Ms Bourke and Ms Rothwell, respectively. Unfortunately for the prefects, the second term brought the dreaded 'mocks' and a whole host of oral and practical exams. In the blink of an eye, Easter had passed and the countdown to Graduation had begun. Throughout the year, the team of prefects, like cogs of a large and complex clock, performed their duties with diligence and, always, with good humour.

For the senior team, committees and meetings have been a necessary evil this year. Between Student Council, the Debs Committee, early morning prefect meetings and Graduation organisation, we've all certainly been kept busy. Great credit is due to every member of these committees, each of whom has dedicated huge amounts of time and effort to the school and its events this year.

This year has been a fantastic experience, but there have been some challenges to face along the way. Without the help of a

countless number of people, things could easily have cracked under the pressure. I'd like to thank Mr Forrest for giving me the opportunity to take on the role of Head Girl and for guiding us through the year. Big thanks is due to Mr Davies, Ms Connelly and Ms Packham for leading the way through the big events of the year. Thank you to Ms Hutchinson Edgar for being an exceptional and hugely supportive Year Head, not to mention a voice of reason. Thank you to the ladies in the office for putting up with our constant queries with great style. Thank you to all of the prefects for their dedication and enthusiasm. Thank you to Kate and Mark for being a joy to work with and tirelessly helpful. Thanks, of course, to Ronan for being a wonderful partner and the ultimate rota champion. Last, but by no means least, thank you to every pupil and every member of staff that has made The High School the place it is today. I have treasured my years here and I leave with very fond and very funny memories of the place that I have called home for the last six years.

As a final note, best of luck to the Class of 2017 and to all Head Boys and Girls to come. The only way from here is up and with your memories of The High School backing you, success is soon to follow.

Aela O'Flynn



REMARKS AT THE HIGH
SCHOOL GRADUATION,
MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR
YEAR HEAD - FORM 6
24 MAY 2017

**What advice to give you as you
graduate High School?**

Be a good friend, invest in your friendships, they will bring you more rewards than exam results. The life you have ahead is unknown, sometimes this can be a bit scary but it is also exciting, it is like a blank canvas an artist is about to put that first brush stroke to. The past six years you have learned a lot, you have grown and developed into the young people you are tonight. Now you have the tools to move on to the next stage in your life. Some of you will attack that canvas as the artists of your own life, with red, fiery and energetic, some will be cool blues, some mellow yellow, raging violets, keen greens or perfect pinks – now maybe I got carried away with colour analogies – However, life is full of colour, different people will bring colour to your life and new situations and opportunities are part of that diverse rainbow that makes up any single lifetime.

Of course life will have its ups and down, no matter who you are or how you do in the Leaving Certificate or in college or with jobs and relationships. You will experience a future full of highs and lows, joys and sorrows, uphill struggles and downhill freewheels. Enjoy the good times, include those important friends, don't forget your families who have supported you and be generous with your successes and happiness. In the bad times, don't despair, nothing is as bad in retrospect and we learn a lot and gain strength from coming through the difficult times.

As JK Rowling put it "You will never truly know yourself, or the strength of your relationships, until both have been tested by adversity. Such knowledge is a true gift, for all that it is painfully worn, and it is worth more than any qualification I ever earned."

Real friends will be there for you, don't be afraid to ask for help and you will always be welcome home. All your parents who are here with you tonight, they have nurtured you, supported you, cheered you on, dried your tears and like most

parents they don't expect to hear thanks too often. They do all they do because they love you. Don't forget your roots, you may travel to far-flung places, reach summits, and meet amazing people – for all of that there is no place like home to go back to, especially when you're low and few people will ever match your Mum or Dad in being amazingly generous to you, as understanding and as forgiving.

Finally, never give up on yourself. Every single one of you is a talented individual with a mark to make on the world, with a voice that deserves to be heard and we all look forward to learning how you are getting on and the great things you are doing in the future.



Before I finish I would like to share a few quotes with you... this one I just discovered recently:

Remember 'if plan A didn't work the alphabet has 25 other letters ... cool!

Don't lose hope, when the sun goes down the stars come out

Dreams don't work unless you do

And to end my favourite quote and this one I would like you to take with you,

Be yourself everyone else is already taken – Oscar Wilde



STUDENT COUNCIL 2016-17

This academic year, the Student Council met every second Wednesday in Ms Hutchinson Edgar's room to discuss various issues regarding life in The High School. Topics covered included food, non-uniform days, sports and management issues. Form and year representatives attended management meetings to further discuss issues important to the student body at The High School. Meetings were often held with Ms McNeilly from the catering department to address food issues, particularly in relation to healthy eating.

I would highly recommend new pupils to nominate themselves to be Form reps and to get involved with Student Council, as it is a valuable opportunity to be a voice for pupils for positive change within the school. This year saw Sophie Hayes as President of the Council, and Lionel Deverell as Vice-President. On behalf of the Student Council, I would like to thank Ms Hutchinson Edgar for facilitating the meetings, Ms McNeilly for attending the meetings and taking on board so many of our ideas, and Ms Connolly, Ms Packham, Mr Davies, Mr Poole and Mr Forrest for engaging with our ideas at management meetings. The Council would also like to wish the dedicated Form 6 members: Sophie Hayes, Aela O'Flynn, Ronan O'Byrne, Katie Wyse Jackson, Mel O'Donovan and Lionel Deverell well in the future.

Grace Gageby

HIS VOICE; LIKE A DAY IN JULY; WARM:

His voice never sounded so cold. He stared at her, the usual warmth in his eyes she had grown to love was now gone. All that was left was... nothing. They were dead. His voice was like ice, it was like a knife that cut right through her, and shook her to the bone. Then, he turned, slowly. His eyes were no longer on her now. She could feel it; the wedge between them. It was growing. She reached out her hand gingerly. She tried to speak but silence followed. She stood there, helplessly, as he turned and walked away.

Ella Squire

CREATIVE WRITING

YELLOW MAN, LIVES ON THE SUN, LONELY, WANTS TO EXPERIENCE WINTER, ONLY HAS SUMMER NIGHTS.

Greg's world was yellow. His house was yellow, his bed was yellow, his cat was yellow, even his oranges were yellow! Every morning, he woke to a yellow sky. He went to sleep, surrounded by a yellow haze. He spent his day at work, as the suns keeper, trying to make sure that the temperature of his world was kept just right for all the people living on the big blue planet below him. The only problem was that Greg had never met any of these people and his heart ached for some company. Every evening, Greg would sit down, outside in his yellow garden and look through his telescope at all of the beings below that seemed just out of reach. He would watch them play and fight, laugh and talk but his particular favourites were Sandra and Sol, a couple who had just moved into a new home with a little baby. Greg watched them every day, wishing on his star that he would someday find a Sandra of his own.

Greg woke this morning to a large wind, knocking over his bedside lamp. He immediately got out of bed and looked into the sky, it was the same, all yellow. Although the wind had frightened him, Greg was disappointed in a way. All he longed for was a change, some darkness. He was eternally living in this summer life. He carried on about his day, heading deep down into his mine to ensure that the brightness level was in check. Suddenly, Greg was jolted from his position. He went up into his yellow sky, not knowing what had just happened. He looked back at his yellow world and saw a big ball of fire lodged into the side. He was catapulted into the air and his world was growing smaller and smaller.

He looked around him and thought for the first time in his life things seemed to be getting darker. "YES! YES!" He exclaimed. He was being flown far far away from all the yellow. He closed his eyes and felt the air passing by. He landed with a thump. He opened his big shiny eyes, clueless to his surroundings.

Caoimhe Barry Corr

SUMMER NIGHTS

I have brilliant memories of summer nights as a child. My fondest of these is in my granny's house, Annesbrook in County Meath. There are many factors that make up these memories but the main two are my family and Annesbrook.

After a dinner in Annesbrook, that would consist of foods mainly from the garden, all of my cousins and I would rush back outside to whatever mystery we were getting up to, like making an elaborate bridge over the river (which we were positive had all sorts of mystical creatures in it) with branches, old planks of wood and anything else that we found which looked like it would suffice. Or else we could be on the lookout for crocodiles in the bogs and trying to figure out the best way across without getting

eaten by one. The nights were always the most fun part of the day because there would be an extra bit of mystery in the air and different creatures would come out like bats, foxes and the night hobgoblins which my cousin Richard had sworn he had saw so we were on the lookout ever since. If we weren't in the woods, we would be in the garden, picking fruit and eating it for desert.

When I got a bit older, and the hobgoblins and crocodiles retired, I started to enjoy the summer nights in a different way, like lying down on the grass with my granny and waiting for the swallows to swoop down over us or watching the crows all fly back to their nests in the oak tree.

Cia McElveen Walsh

GLEEFUL PROMISES

...The cart rocks from side to side, as if astride the ocean, currents pulling it this way, waves pushing it another. The smell of the wheat behind me speaks so much of late summer, it is as if it is calling me, telling me of the blistering sun, and the warm breeze. Telling me of the happiness it brings to many, reminding them of childhoods spent running through it.

I judge by the position of the sun that it is early afternoon. The heart also tells me this. Beads of sweat trickle down by dusty brow. After a long day of travelling, I can feel the dirt on my face. The layers upon layers of dust and sweat, mingling to create a sludgy grimy mess. I would rub it on my sleeve, hurt after doing that so many times already; my sleeve is indistinguishable from the dirt road I travel on.

Feeling a drought-like parch in my throat, I wish for a cool apple cider. The kind so sweet, its also unbearable. That's what I crave more than anything. More than a soft bed,

more than the love of a woman. All that mothers is the golden glow of a cool apple cider.

A short while later, which feels like an entire year because of the enticing images of a drink, driving me demented with an unhealthy longing, I spot an inn on the side of the rutted dusty road. It's cut stone base, and black stained wooden first floor; mark it as a place of wealth, despite the civil war.

It isn't an earth shattering conflict, unlike the wars of centuries past that threatened to extinguish life as easily as pinching a candle flame, in one terrible moment. No. This is worse. Much worse. This sparks here and there, like a forest fire at the height of summer. Crops burn villages are ransacked. People long for death. A quick slice of a sword. But no, that will never come. Families starve; society crumbles like sand underfoot. This is a painful death, one that gleefully promises no ending...

Auryn Mahon

SUMMER NIGHTS

Like every evening that summer, he found himself at the beach. Dew clung to the marram grass and a tawny eagle flew by him, its dandelion eye like a jewel in the night. He stepped onto the fine sand, his bare swarthy feet pressed together like a tin soldier. He gazed up at the sky, imagining the white stars were holes in the snow globe of the sky, and if he could push his fingers through, the glass would shatter and fall to earth like a meteor shower.

Walking towards the sea, he waded in deeper and deeper, until he met the eyes of his monstrous companion, the whale. He extended a hand to touch its rubbery skin and it licked balefully. It opened its mouth, heat and the smell of krill filling the air. He clambered in, skin meeting a spongy tongue and sliding passed baleen plates, until he landed in the whale's stomach. Above his head, its ribs were erected like the broad arches of a church. He filled his pockets with shrimp and then slept, until strokes of light Shon into the

whale and he climbed out and swam to shore the next morning.

Under the blistering heat, his arthritic fingers rolled paper into small cones, which he filled with shrimp, throwing the occasional morsel to a feral cat, whose tail flickered like a candle flame. He made his way to the market and positioned himself next to a snake charmer, who tried to sell him a syrup which he swore would grant eternal prosperity. Amidst the smell of sweat and perfume, the sounds of squealing children and vendors shouting their wares, and the buzz of flies which descended on the sweet stall creating a black haze around stacks of caramel, he sold his shrimp; hands clumsily handing pesos. When the sun set, he walked back to the beach, the cobblestones warm under his bare feet and his throat sore from his aggressive salesmanship. Gazing out onto the water, a dark eye met his and he waded, once again into the sea.

Grace Gageby

JUNIOR DEBATING

During the 2016-17 school year, all juniors at The High School were invited to participate in Junior Debating. Debating was held in the library every Monday from 12.55-1.15 and was facilitated by Ms Walker and Ms Wiggle. Each week we would debate a different motion. Some topics included the US Presidential Election, hypocrisy in the modern society, Ireland after the economic collapse, and homelessness. The group varied each week which led to different opinions being circulated and discussed. Overall, our group was well represented, especially in first year. Next year, we hope some incoming Form 1 will join the debating group. We are also going to enter some debating competitions.

Daniel Frew



LIBRARY REPORT

The High School Library had a busy year. The Library was host to a number of new events, and we had great fun running these.

These events included: Space Week (new to the Junior Certificate curriculum); Science Week; Banned Books Week; Day of European Languages; Book Speed Dating and Book Speed reading, for some local national school classes; World Book Day; Pi Day and Maths Week; an author Ruth Frances Long, who came and talked to all of our Form 1 English classes; and the Library's ever-popular Shakespeare week.

The Library was also central to The High School's Well Read Literacy campaign. Additional reading, and book, related events were run to involve the whole school community. Examples were; a Readathon (with prizes donated by the Parents' Association); a Transition Year visit to a local care home for older people; visits by two different national schools to the Library; Bring a Book, Buy a Book – to help celebrate World Book Day; talks by Vanessa Wyse Jackson and Amanda Bell, both authors; and a We Read Too, Can You Guess Who? competition, involving teacher and administrative staff.

The Library continues to be used regularly before school, and during breaks, for study, reading or quiet time.

Ms Wiggle



FORM 1 TEAM BUILDING

In October everyone in Form 1 went on a trip to Larch Hill. We did many activities there including, team building, orienteering, grass sledding, archery and survival skills.

When we got there we split into groups. This was a great way to get to know people we didn't talk to very often. We learned lots of new things from orienteering, such as, how to read a map and how to work as a team. We also learned lots of survival skills like how to light a fire using flint and steel.

The grass sleds were really fun. We had competitions to see who could get down the hill the fastest. We did archery last and had fun doing archery competitions as well. Going to Larch Hill was a good day. We learned many new skills and got to know many people in our year better.

Abigail Kenna and Caoimhe Lowry



MICROSOFT OFFICE SPECIALIST CHAMPIONSHIP

Throughout the year I completed a Microsoft Office course for Word, PowerPoint, Excel and other applications. Based on my high results in these tests I was invited to compete in The Microsoft Office Specialist Championship. The competition is held across Ireland, Scotland, England, and Wales.

Mr McBride and I attended the competition which was held in the Microsoft building in Sandyford on 10 May last year. While there, we met other competitors, spoke with employees about their work and ate food from their extensive buffet. The exam took place shortly after this. It was a timed exam based on the Microsoft Office Word Application.

After the exam a tour was given to the contestants around the Microsoft building and any questions we had about the building or Microsoft itself were answered. The day finished up with an awards ceremony. We came home with a new unreleased HP laptop and touch sensitive pen in tow.

James Cole

CHINA TRIP

On the 7 April 2017 a group of Forms 4, 5 and 6 departed from Dublin Airport on a long-haul flight to Beijing arriving on 8 April. Upon arrival we met with our Beijing tour guide, Jing, then promptly transferred to our hotel for check-in and a long needed rest after which we had our first dinner in a local restaurant.

The following three days were packed with surreal sight seeing trips. We visited Beijing Olympics Siles, Shichachai Historic scenic area, Tiananmen Square, Forbidden City, Yonghe Palace (the lama temple), Summer Palace, Temple of Heaven and the Jade museum. We climbed the Great Wall in the Badaling area and partook in a Chinese Tea Ceremony. We also received a tour of the Hutong area on rickshaws. Afterwards we had dinner hosted by a local family and learned about their lives in China.

ROCK-CLIMBING

There are two main disciplines in rock climbing: bouldering and lead climbing. Boulders don't use rope as they climb walls about 3m in height with pads beneath them. Lead climbers use ropes to climb indoor walls as big as 20m and outdoor cliff faces sometimes more than 500m high. Hill climbing is not rock climbing.

In land climbing competitions, competitors aren't judged on speed but rather how high up the wall they get either before they fall or where they are after 7 minutes. In finals there is usually only one route, which they only get one attempt on.

Bouldering competitions are different. In finals, there are 4 boulders varying in difficulty. A competitor will get 4 minutes on each boulder to have an unlimited amount of attempts on that boulder. Competitions are judged on how many attempts it takes to reach the top.

This year, during competition season I had a competition on nearly every weekend or else training with the Irish team. I came 2nd in the Junior Irish Bouldering League and joint 1st in the Youth Climbing Series which qualified me to go to Scotland to represent Ireland at the end of April for the Grand Final of the YCS. The YCS is an annual European competition with regional qualifiers with the final at the EICA in Scotland. I might be going to the British bouldering championship this year as well.

I also got on a lot of outdoor bouldering and sport climbing (lead climbing) trips across Ireland and abroad to France.

Tommy Myles

On Wednesday 12 April, we checked out very early in the morning and from our hotel went to the train station where we took a high-speed train to Shanghai. Subsequently, after arriving, we were greeted by our Shanghai tour guide Qi (pronounced Chi) and from there we travelled to our tour stop for the day at the Bund for group and scenic photographs, we then had dinner at a local restaurant after which we were brought to our hotel.

The next day was our only touring day of Shanghai where we visited Shanghai

SCOTT GILLANDERS

Congratulations to Scott Gillanders, Captain of the Irish U17 Squash Team to be the first Irish Team to get to the Final of the European Championships in any age group. Scott has been very busy with Squash during Transition Year and achieved notable success in competition. His performances currently place him number three in the European rankings and number six in the Irish Senior rankings

He appeared in the finals of two major tournaments in Europe and consistently finished in the top five results in Irish Senior events, including his first appearance in a Senior Final. His performances currently place him number three in the European rankings and number six in the Irish Senior rankings. Scott will play for Ireland at U17 in the European Championship in Prague in May. His team is probably the strongest Irish Junior team in the history of Irish Junior involvement in international competition. The team is targeting a top three finish as a minimum achievement.



Old Street, Shanghai Silk Centre, Old French Concession, Nanjing Road and a farewell dinner at a BBQ place.

Our last day in Shanghai consisted of a late hotel check out, visiting the Shanghai museum and spending a large portion of time in the largest underground market in China. Afterwards, we travelled to the airport for another long-haul flight back to Dublin.

Sarah Morley

CHINA TRIP 2017

On 8 April 40 pupils and 4 teachers travelled from Dublin to Beijing, China. After our lengthy flights we arrived in our hotel where we had to fight our overwhelming jet lag in order to attempt to adjust our body clocks for the exciting week we had ahead of us.

On our first day of touring we visited the 'Lama Temple' where got to see the fascinating traditional Chinese architecture for the first time and witness where many Chinese Buddhists go to worship. The amazing statue of 'Maitreya' which was handcrafted from a white sandalwood tree stood 26 meters tall in the main Temple, here we learnt all about the history of the main temple and its surroundings. Later that day we continued to the 'Tiananmen Square' in the Forbidden City which consisted of temples built for Emperors. Day 2 we went to the Summer Palace in the morning, which was surrounded by a beautiful lake, where we had some free time before we headed to the Jade museum where we learnt about the unique crafting of the elegant stone. Following a hectic but enjoyable morning, we made way for 'The Great Wall' where we took a cable car to one of the highest points on the wall so we could see breath taking views of the Chinese countryside. One of the most memorable experiences of the trip was day 3 when we went to a Chinese Tea ceremony where we tasted and learnt about the health benefits of many different teas, which plays a major role in the Chinese culture. That afternoon we went to the Temple of Heaven to see a different style of the fascinating architecture and intriguing history. We then experienced rocky rickshaw rides through the streets of old town Beijing which gave us a brief insight of how people live in China before we continued on to a hosting families home for a delicious dinner which included sticky rice, vegetable and meat dishes to celebrate our final night in Beijing.

Our next day started with us saying our goodbye's to Beijing as we departed for Shanghai via the Bullet train, which took only 5 hours, which reached an average speed of 320km/h.

We were all taken aback by the modernised Shanghai versus that of the traditional Beijing. Our first stop in Shanghai brought us to the breathtaking waterfront known as the Bund, the view from across the Haungupu

river was astonishing with some of the world's largest skyscrapers, which we explored the next day. Day 1 in Shanghai we visited a silk factory, where we were educated about how silk was made from the worms, all the way to how the workers put everything together and the skills it requires to do so. We then got to experience being on the top floor (88th floor) of one of the highest skyscrapers in the world called 'Jinmao Tower' where we could see over the old and new Shanghai. On our final day we visited a Chinese history museum before the intimidating, biggest open market in Asia where many of our 'shopaholic' traits came through. By the end of the day we had developed from being ripped off to the best hagglers that were to walk out of the market, where we went straight to the airport to stuff all of our last buys into our already bursting suitcases.



Everyone was excited to go home to have a traditional roast! The Chinese food was different but we still all enjoyed it.

This was a trip of a lifetime that wouldn't have been possible without the kind staff who arranged it: Ms Connelly, Ms Smith, Ms Deane and Mr Rankin, who we would like to say a special thanks to.

**Zara Naughton
and Zak Rafter**





FORM 2 SKI TRIP

On 21 February, at ten past four in the morning, thirty four Form 2 pupils and four teachers met at Dublin airport for their flight to Barcelona, which was followed by a three hour bus ride to Andorra. We were staying in the Hotel Roc Blanc Andorra and every morning we would get up at 7.00 am and be at the cable car by 8.30 am. The ski resort was beautiful and the views of the Pyrenees were breath-taking. Each day we would have two hour lessons in the morning, a break for two hours and then another two hour lesson. We went skiing for four days. There was an advanced group and three beginner groups. As a beginner myself, I was surprised at how much I enjoyed skiing and how kind the instructors were. When we weren't skiing we were either at the hotel having free time or participating in some of the activities the teachers had planned. We went swimming in the hotel's pool, saw "The Great Wall" in the cinema, and also had a disco. All in all the trip was a huge success. I would like to thank all the teachers who came with us, especially Ms Fallon who organised the trip. It was so much fun!

Éile Ní Chonbhuí



GUESS THE TEACHER



A B



C D



E F



G H

A: M A: Ms Killane; B: Mr Griffin; C: Mr O'Brien; D: Ms Deacon; E: Ms Fallon; F: Mr Tevlin; G: Ms Walker; H: Mr Millosky

Mostly A's: You are Mr Tevlin, the fabulous maths teacher. Positive, caring and intelligent, you succeed in inspiring those around you. You are outspoken, a person of principles, who is readily expressed. You are not afraid to stand up for what you believe is right even in the face of overwhelming odds. Just like Mr Tevlin, you are able to make the tough calls. You love sport and work well as part of a team. You are trustworthy and reliable, and are respected by your pupils.

WHICH TEACHER ARE YOU?

Q1. If you could teach a different subject, what would you teach?

- A. Biology
- B. English
- C. Art

Q2. Favourite sport?

- A. Football
- B. Walking to bijou to get coffee
- C. Horse riding if I'm on my own, tennis if I'm playing with a team.

Q3. Who's your best teacher friend

- A. Sully
- B. Ms O'Toole (she buys me coffee)
- C. The guidance counsellors

Q4. Your spirit animal?

- A. Wolf
- B. Seal
- C. Phoenix

Q5. Favourite year *cough* Form 5 *cough*?

- A. Fifth
- B. Fifth
- C. All years!

Q6. Least favourite school day?

- A. Friday
- B. Thursday
- C. The day that the sixth years leave

Q8. Favourite 'hangout' spot in school?

- A. Cricket crease
- B. Secret teacher hangout spot
- C. Staff room

Figure out your answer below:

Mostly B's: You are Ms Duggan, the ultra-fashionable, cool Irish teacher. You are an optimist, you believe in your dreams! You are a social creature and enjoy spending time with friends and family, you also love reading and long walks on the beach. People enjoy your company due to your kind-hearted nature. Your patient and genuinely sympathetic approach to dealing with others is valued by the people you work with and you are appreciated by your pupils.

FIRST AID AND COACHING COURSE

Throughout Transition Year all pupils completed both a first aid course and a coaching course. The first aid course was instructed by qualified paramedics who guided us through the basics of first aid. We learnt how to master basic movements such as CPR and the Heimlich manoeuvre.

Subsequently we learnt how to deal with cuts and blows to the body. Despite the brevity of the course I feel that we all gained a greater understanding of First Aid and its importance.

We then moved on to a coaching course in our chosen sport. I participated in the rugby course. Qualified coaching experts aided us on our journey towards our level 1 coaching certificates.

The course culminated with the hosting of a primary school rugby blitz. This was a hugely rewarding and enjoyable experience for all those involved. I wish to extend my gratitude to all members of staff who organised and facilitated these excellent courses.

Luan Rogers

SCRATCH BOX

Mostly C's: You are Ms Browne, the fantastic Head of the Resources and Learning Support Department. You are spontaneous and active. Ms Browne is the moral compass that leads her pupils to success, and much like her, you are kind and compassionate. You love people, telling stories and having fun. Your energy and enthusiasm radiates from you, and you leave the people around you feeling happy.

Katarina Cvetkovic

TRANSITION YEAR



TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS

GAISCE Bronze 2015-16

Tami Adeduntan
Will Anderson
Munachi Anele
Avery Angle
Evan Bailey
Sittha Bailey
Matthew Barlow
Saskia Bos
Erica Bowen
Alice Burleigh
Kyle Butler
Grace Campbell
James Carter
Alexander Chambers
Fields Chung
Laura Clinch
Gerard Colman
Lucy Colman-Black
Sam Cosgrove
Éanna Curran
Daniel Fagan
Alex Flynn
Emmett Fox
Grace Gageby
Kaarunya Gurusamy
Rebecca Jones
Miriam Kelly
Jacob Kennedy
Saoirse Kennedy
James Kinsella
Malika Kola-Cahill
Adam Lalor
Stephen Landy
Euan Leith
Peter Lynch
Isobel Mahon
Auryn Mahon
Edward Meredith
Kate Morgan Lawson
Sarah Morley
Keisha O'Brien
Melina O'Meara
Alex O'Regan
Jake Pillow
Darragh Quinn
Ellen Rafferty
Ellen Ridgeway
Caroline Ryan
Ciara Shaw
Ella Squire
Ruby Stein
Kerry-Anne Timmins
Jamie Topping
Harry Walsh
Rachel Webster
Haris Webster

GAISCE Silver 2015-16

Katherine Landy
Rachel Ferguson

Judo Award 2015-16

Sam Cosgrove
Morgan Kane-O'Brien
Nathan Shaw
Daniel Fagan
Kitty Dignam
Peter O'Leary
James Shaw
Euan Leith
James Carter
Loris Nikolov
Adam O'Rourke
Ella Squire
Andrew Cloughley
Gerard Coleman
Luke Diggins
Jake Kennedy
Alex Kinch
Adam Lalor
Jude Lysaght
Jason McGrath
Orla O'Byrne
Caoimhe Shanley-Mee
Jamie Ukagba
Matthew Wallace
Evan Bailey
Dylan Walsh

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LESOTHO 2016

Sittha Bailey
Adam Byrne
Alexander Chambers
Olivia Cunningham
David Donnelly
Robert Hackett
Jack Iredale
Ruby Keating Levins
Zara Naughton
Loris Nikolov
Megan O'Donnell
Melanie O'Donovan
Peter O'Leary
Kate O'Shea
Ellen Ridgeway
Sadbh Rohu
Caroline Ryan
Sam Wright

Andrew McKay Memorial Business Award 2015-16

Alex Flynn
Keisha O'Brien
Harry Moloney
Tom Murray

Young Entrepreneurs 2015-16

Patrick Barnes
Erica Bowen
Adam Byrne
James Carter
Laura Clinch
Milly Coghlan
Zak Coghlan
Katarina Cvetkovic
Jake Farrell
Alex Flynn
Stephen Landy
Euan Leith
Peter Lynch
James Metoudi
Harry Moloney
Keisha O'Brien
Zack Rafter
Caroline Ryan
Jamie Ukagba
Haris Webster



GAISCE
Bronze 2016-17

Adair, Calum
Barnes, Sean Óg
Bell, Clara
Brennan, Caitriona
Browne, Rory
Burke, Dominic
Byrne Paredes, Naia
Byrne, Harry
Canning, Andrew
Carey, Shona
Carter, Isabelle
Chung, Wolf
Cole, James
Coman, James
Connolly, Finn
Cotter Vasquez, Oisín
Cripps, Ben
Cullen, Axel
Daly, Sam
Davey, Orianna
Dee-Brown, Cormac
Dempsey, Cormac
Dempsey, Elias
Dixon, Milo
Donovan, Rachel
Dunne, Amy
Empey, Alistair
Fagan, Conor
Felle, Eric
Fetherston, erin
Healy, Oisín

Kenna, Eva
Kerr, Hannah
Long, Tessa
Lynch, Niall
Macari, Erica
Maguire, Sean
May, Naoise
McCullough, Roseanne
Merriman, Leah
Moore, Katie
Motyer, Laura
Nagle, Aileen
Nickels, Caitlin
O'Brien, Siofra
O'Donnell, Hugh
O'Dwyer, Callum
O'Farrell, Rebecca
O'Shea, Molly
O'Sullivan, Finn
Perdue, Holly
Phelan, Anna
Power, Shauna
Rogers, Luan
Roycroft, Dylan
Ryan, Aine
Scanlon, Georgina
Scollard, Amy
Sweeney, Tim
Ukagba, Sean
Webb, tom
Whyte, Rob
Wynne, So

Andrew McKay Memorial
Business Award 2016-17

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Young Entrepreneurs
2016-17

Calum Adair
Clara Bell
Andrew Canning
Shona Carey
Isabelle Carter
James Coman
Sam Daly
Shane Dambaza
Rachel Empey
Alistair Empey
Paul Gleeson
David Hogan
Asier Kelly
Jasmine Long
Roseanne McCullough
Niall McDonnell
Evan Miller
Katie Moore
Aileen Nagle
Siofra O'Brien
Callum O'Dwyer
Molly Sheridan
Matthew Thompson
Thomas Webb



HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY
INDIA 2017

Calum Adair
Muna Anele
Catherine Boyd
James Carter
James Coman
Finn Connolly
Alistair Empey
Morgan Kane O'Brien
Hannah Kerr
Stephen Landy
Isobel Mahon
Tom McCausland
Niall McDonnell
Jason McGrath
Edward Meredith
Katie Moore
Laura Motyer
Ciara Shaw
Jamie Shaw
Ruby Stein

GAISCE

As part of Form 4 a lot of pupils signed up to take part in the President's award or An Gaisce. To complete the Bronze Award you have to complete thirteen weeks of community involvement and a personal and physical skill. You had to continue one of these activities for a further thirteen weeks. Another requirement to receive the award was to climb the highest mountain in Ireland – Carrauntoohil. We did a number of practice hikes before to prepare us for the tough climb.

We travelled by bus to the hostel where we stayed overnight in Kerry. We were expected to prepare our own meals during our stay. The hike was difficult and the weather wasn't ideal but everyone managed to reach the top and it was worth it for the sense of pride and achievement we all felt afterwards. It wasn't easy to complete Gaisce but I think everyone feels that it was worthwhile and enjoyable.

Molly O'Shea



ROCK POP

This year's instance of the Form 4 Rock-Pop Show was greatly successful with a wide variety of talents from across Form 4 coming together to deliver an intense musical performance. Form 4 pupils Luan Rogers, Elias Dempsey, Naoise May, and Paul Gleeson comprised the Transition Year band. Together they played musical accompaniment for our talented vocalists, and performed numerous Rock anthems that had the audience head banging and rocking along with them. Highlights of the show include a drum solo arranged by Paul Gleeson, a cover of Riptide by Angel Okah, and a piano piece composed by Form 4's own Siofra O' Brien. The true star of the show however was Callum O'Dwyer whose onstage antics and showmanship had the audience on their feet clapping along to Bowie and singing along with him.

The show reached its peak with the arrival of Israel Abumere; a special guest from Form 1 with extraordinary dancing skills. The crowd went wild for his moves, resulting in a constant stream of applause and cheers from the crowd for the remainder of the performance.

The show was met with great praise by the year group and was thoroughly enjoyed by all those involved in its production. Thanks to Ms Rouillet and Ms. Bourke for organising and allowing the Rock-Pop Show to be possible. Let's hope next year's Form 4 will be treated to a performance like ours!

James Cole

ROCK POP SHOW

On the 13 December, a group of Form 4 pupils performed in, and staged, a Rock Pop show, for the rest of their peers. This was part of a six month module which included; forming groups, choosing songs, and lots of rehearsing. On the day of the show, the atmosphere was amazing. Everybody got an opportunity to perform their songs and were encouraged by a very enthusiastic audience. Our two MC's on the day were Roseanne McCullough and Callum O'Dwyer. These hosts were met with great vigour and energy from the crowd. The show consisted of a broad range of musical genres spanning from classical to indie. There was a nice balance of every type of music including; indie, rock, pop, soul and even classical and modern piano pieces.

However the highlight of the show for me was at the finale of the concert, when the band played 'American Idiot' by Green Day, and a first year pupil, jumped from behind the stage and started break dancing, to the astonishment and delight of the audience!

Elias Dempsey

any rock pop photos?

FRENCH MARKET

In December of this year, all pupils of the Transition Year French classes were tasked with the job of thinking up creative ideas for a French market that would raise money for Aware. We all split up into groups of around three and began forming plans that would hopefully draw in pupils of the school. On the morning of the market, we tottered down to the Reynold's Hall to set up our stands. As the bell sounded and the hall began to flood with our fellow pupils, we were able to reap the benefits of our work as they donated a small fee in exchange for an ambrosial baked good, a turn at an arcade game or a fresh crêpe, while attempting to deal in French. All in all, it was a rewarding experience and we are delighted to have raised €130 in aid of Aware a most deserving and worthwhile charity.

En decembre, les étudiants de français de l'année de transition ont dû penser à des idées pour un marché français en foyeur de Aware. Par groupes de trois, nous avons planifié notre action pour récolter de l'argent. Le matin de marché, nous sommes allés au Reynold's Hall pour installer les étals. La cloche a sonné et les autres étudiants intéressants, acheter un délicieux biscuit, faire un tour à un jeu d'arcade ou manger une bonne crêpe. C'était une experience formidable et nous sommes heureux d'avoir récolté 130€ en faveur de Aware.

Hannah Kerr



TRANSITION YEAR DCU TRIP

In March, the Transition Year pupils made their way to DCU. We met in the Helix and the student ambassadors took us to one of the lecture halls. Students from different courses spoke to us about the many different courses and societies in DCU. We were then split into different groups and were given a tour of the campus. We saw the student accommodation, sport facilities, lecture halls and labs for the different science courses. The trip gave everybody a better understanding of college life and what course we may want to do. We finished the trip with a group photo in front of the Helix.

**Molly O'Shea
and Tom McCausland**

WORK EXPERIENCE

For my first week of work experience I went to Plan Ireland a charity working with children in developing countries. After my week they asked me to go to Malawi to see development projects with members of the board. I went to Dzaleka Refugee camp where I met two boys my age who were both representing their families they told me their stories of how they ended up as refugees in Malawi and they communicated a sense of great helplessness as they saw no future for themselves. I also went to visit schools, a sports academy, a water project, a VSL scheme which helps women form small businesses in local villages. Interacting with the children and playing netball with them helped me to understand their lives and their daily struggles. This trip had a huge influence on me and when I hear people talking about refugees today, I think about the Dzaleka Refugee Camp, I think about those boys, I think about their lives, how they were turned upside down and how they are surviving against the odds.

For my second week I went to McCann Fitzgerald's, a law firm. I spent time working alongside the partner and got to visit The Four Courts. I spent my last week in Capnua, a financial advisory firm, where I completed a market research programme. I gained great experience and really enjoyed my work experiences.

Aileen Nagle

TRANSITION YEAR TRIP TO CROKE PARK

At the beginning of May, Form 4 went on an Irish trip to Croke Park. We watched a short video on GAA before being allowed to look around the GAA museum. We enjoyed trying out a few of the interactive activities they had available upstairs in the museum e.g. a reflex game.

Afterwards, our tour guide brought us to the changing rooms, the warm up rooms and the room where the teams eat, celebrate and congratulate each other once the match is over. We also went into the stands, and our guide gave us a bit of information about each of the people the stands are named after. We went up to the highest seats and then went on to go into one of the corporate boxes, which was a lot comfier than the outdoor stands. Once we were finished there, our tour guide brought us down to the café, and that was the end of our enjoyable trip.

Rebecca O'Farrell



TRANSITION YEAR TRIP TO FOLK AND TRANSPORT MUSEUM.

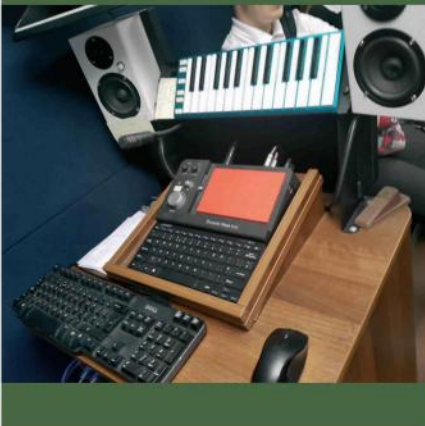
On the 27 September 2016 the Transition Year group went on a trip to Cultra, County Down to visit the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum. The trip consisted of a train journey from Connolly station to Belfast Central, and then a connecting train to Cultra. The museum consisted of two parts; an indoor exhibition, and an outdoor village replica. The outdoor section had two parts, a rural section and a village section. The village contained different buildings such as a tea room, a post office, a school and a printers, while the rural area had houses and equipment. The indoor section was also made up of two sections; a Titanic exhibition and a Land, Sea and Air museum. We were split into groups to complete worksheets on what we saw in the displays and buildings of the museum. After a few hours spent in the museum we got back on the train and returned to Dublin. It was a very educational and enjoyable trip. Many thanks to all the teachers and staff who organized this trip for us.

Catriona Brennan



TY AT ALTON TOWERS

RADIO RECORDING STUDIO



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COMMUNITY



DIVERSITY WEEK

Diversity week was organised by Mr McCaughey's Form 1 SPHE class. They came up with tons of creative ways to celebrate different cultures, religions, sexualities, nationalities, etc. One of their ideas was to have a shield painted blue, symbolising anti-bullying status in the school; this was done by pupils putting a blue fingerprint on a shield cut out. There was a map put up outside the Reynolds Hall and people were allowed to place pins in the countries they had a connection to. There was also a bake sale, which sold different kinds of sweets from different countries. Lastly on the Friday everyone came into school wearing one of the colours of the LGBTQ+ flag. We stood outside on the rugby pitch and a drone took a picture of us creating the LGBTQ+ flag. Overall, it was an amazing week!

Mr McCaughey



INTERVIEW WITH MS WHELAN

Q. Why did you want to become a guidance counsellor?

A. Well there were a couple of reasons. Number 1, I felt like I was wasting my time doing things that were fine and I could make good money and they were fun but I didn't feel like I was changing anything, and that for me was really important, I felt like I would get more energy and enjoy things more if I could help people. So I thought even if I could help one person that would mean more than earning a lot of money. Number 2, when I was in school I was really lucky to have a really good guidance counsellor and she was incredible and when I decided to become a guidance counsellor I still went back to her 10 years after I left school, she still remembered me and I just was like that's exactly the kind of person I want to be.

Q. You're a new addition to the crayon box, what colour would you be and why?

A. I would like to be that multi-coloured crayon. You know the one that has loads of different colours in the one crayon and then you can change it on a different side to have a different colour, do you know one I'm talking about?

[Interviewer 3] I do, it's like twisted and there's like 4 different colours

[Ms Whelan] I'd be a swirled colour.

[Interviewer 2] Why?

[Ms Whelan] As a guidance counsellor I do a lot of different things in my job. I do careers, I do counselling and I try and make things fun as well, I try and be different. I wouldn't be like a teacher if that makes sense. I wouldn't want to be a regular colour in the box, it would have to be different and also for me personally fun is so important, so that's why I'd really want to be a different colour.

Q. Is it true that you competed in Season 3 of Master Chef?

A. *(laughter)* That is such a rumour! Who started that? No, I definitely did not compete in Master Chef, I was a chef in a past life. I worked in many different places and so many different countries and I loved it. I was put up to go on Hell's Kitchen in America.

[Interviewer 1 and 2] Oh!

[Ms Whelan] But I declined because I was moving home.

[Interviewer 2] What countries did you go to?

I lived mostly in America. I worked in New York, Boston and I also lived in San Francisco as well.

Q. What is your favourite thing about The High School?

A. Oh this is a good one. I'll be honest. It's the people. I had heard so many lovely things about the school because of the building, but then I realised it's nothing to do with the building it's the people inside it. The teachers are such lovely people, when I came in they were so nice and welcoming, but it's you guys that make it really easy and what makes me love my job.

[Interviewer 2] Thank you, so now we're going move onto the mental health questions.

Q. What advice would you give to pupils on how to keep their mental health healthy?

A. I would say make time for fun. I think fun is so important in life, people get so caught up in the I have to do this, I have to do that and it's really easy to forget that you only have one life. If you want to be happy you have to have fun and fun is different for every person. It could be activities, it could be reading, it could be colouring a book, it could be singing, it could be so many different things, and I think you have to make time to have fun. Whether that's alone or with people you love and care about it doesn't matter, as long as you have fun you will have an element of happiness and I think that's so important.

Q. Why do you think mental health awareness is important?

A. I think we live in a world where mental health has become a very big thing and it's become a very big thing because in Ireland as a society we never talked about our feelings. Like if you go back say 30 years ago you would never see a man talking about how he is suffering about something or how he's feeling about something, whereas now, there's so much more awareness because of the amount of suicide in Ireland. It's become a thing where we're trying to change our culture in that it's okay to talk about your feelings. Sure the Irish expressions of ah sure it's grand or ah no I'm grand it's fine don't worry about it, they are things that we naturally do, we brush things off rather than going actually you know what I'm having a really hard time. I think that's why mental health and talking about it is so important now, is because they've realised that we actually need to start addressing things rather than pushing it under the carpet because it does affect your mental health if you



don't talk about it and that's why I think it's so big and so important.

Q. Any advice for the pupils on how to manage stress?

A. Oh that's a really good question. If I had the answer for that I'd be a millionaire. What I would say is it's different for every person. What I would usually say to pupils is when you have felt stressed in the past what would you have mostly likely done and usually things that people do when they procrastinate are the little things that help them relieve stress without even realising it, so whether that's baking or going for a walk or exercising or whatever it is. If you do that when you know that you're supposed to be doing something else it's because you're trying to manage your stress, so that generally tends to be the thing. What I would say to people is you need to make time to have time away from being stressed, whether that's doing yoga or whatever it is that you've chosen to help you relieve your stress, I would say that is something really important so during times of exams and things like that you need to build that into your routine so go okay I'm gonna do even just 20 minutes of study and after the 20 minutes 5 minutes of something fun. As I said before fun is so important so that's how I would manage stress.

Katarina Cvetkovic (Interviewer 1), Miriam Kelly (Interviewer 3), and Tami Adeduntan (Interviewer 2)



MENTAL HEALTH IN HSD

What is HSD doing?

a. In class:

i. SPHE provides support and assistance in the areas of belonging and integrating, self-management, communication skills, physical health, relationships and sexuality, and emotional health

ii. CSPE explores individual rights and responsibilities, interdependence and human dignity.

iii. PE encourage physical and other health-related activities.

iv. Guidance Counselling offers personal support and counselling for mental health issues, assistance with educational and career guidance, and study strategies.

b. Extra-curricular activities:

i. Sports and after-school clubs and trips provide physical activity, team-building opportunities and develop a sense of belonging and connectivity with the school community.

ii. The School Council - provides a voice for the pupils.

c. Initiatives:

i. Health-promoting Schools programme:

1. Introducing healthier lunch options for pupils.

2. Providing greater access to drinking water around the school.

3. Facilitated the introduction of the .B Mindfulness for Schools programme. Offering a free 10-week programme to introduce Mindfulness to pupils.

ii. Mindfulness for teachers - 6-week introductory programme for teachers.

iii. Diversity Week to celebrate the ethnic, religious, cultural, linguistic and sexual diversity that exists within the school.

iv. Parent and teacher mental-health questionnaire to seek information and feedback about the mental health of the school.

v. From Darkness into Light Walk for Pieta House.

vi. Positive mental health, healthy eating and study skills talk for all of Form 3.

vii. Blue-Shield Anti-bullying award completed by Form 1 and they ran the school's Diversity Week.

viii. Talks for Forms 1, 2 and 3 on cyber-bullying and their e-reputation/identity

ix. Beat the Blues from Aware: Four-time All-Ireland champion Kevin McManamon from Aware talked to all the Transition Year pupils on how to identify depression and anxiety in ourselves and in others. It also introduced the 'Coping Triangle' strategy to assist in coping with negative thoughts and poor mental health.

d. Next year the school will introduce the Friends for Life Resilience programme in Form 1 and many more initiatives!

Mr McCaughey

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Take 5 for your Mental Health

1. Connect

Connect with the people around you: family, friends, neighbours at home, school or in your local community.

2. Be active

Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good!

3. Take notice- be mindful!

Be observant, look for something beautiful or remark on something unusual. Savour the moment, whether you are on a bus or in a taxi, eating lunch or talking to friends. Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.



4. Keep learning

Make the most of your classes, or try something new! Take on a different responsibility, fix a bike, learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do.

5. Give

Doing something for someone else has been proven to make you feel better. Do something nice for a friend or stranger, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time or consider joining a community group. Look out as well as in!



Statistics:

+ 70% of adolescents are coping well, have positive self-esteem and help-seeking behaviors.

+ More than two-thirds reported no problems with depression, anxiety or stress.

+ About 70% report that they have support from a special adult when in need.

+ Having **One Good Adult** is important to the mental health of young people.

+ Those who **talk about their problems** enjoy better mental health.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Jigsaw.ie

Aware.ie

Pieta.ie

Childline.ie

or call 1800 666666

or text Talk to 50101

Bodywhys.ie

BEAT THE BLUES

Kevin McManamon - four times All-Ireland Football Champion - representing the organisation Aware, delivered the 'Beat The Blues' mental-health and depression awareness programme to Form 4 pupils.

Pupils learned how to identify mental health issues like anxiety and stress using a coping triangle process. Aware seeks to provide support to people who suffer from mental health problems as well as providing information to their families and friends.



WHAT PEOPLE SAY

When people hear the words 'mental health' their minds usually go to mental illnesses like depression or bipolar disorder but that's not all there is to mental health. Mental health relates to everyone, it is about your state of mind, positive and negative thinking, stress, worry, joy, fear. Mental health concerns everyone and hopefully this article will help educate and inform you on the subject matter and the school's relationship with it.

Pupil Responses:

With over 700 pupils in the school, it is expected everyone has different struggles, feelings and opinions on mental health; here are some of them:

"Anxiety is like thousands of voices in your head that never stop, it's pretty overwhelming; sometimes it's a struggle to get out of bed."

"I'm glad the school can offer my

friend a strong support system along with friends and family"

"Eating disorders are complicated, once you get them, recovery is the most difficult part, and it cannot be 'cured' through diets easily, it's a mental state that sticks like gum on your shoe."

Luckily, there are many support sources available whether it's in person, call lines or online help. One thing to remember is that you aren't alone, and remember to keep your health your number one priority!"

"I'm glad to be in a school that is supportive and not judgemental when it comes to mental health. I think I'm very lucky."

"Mental health is a very important subject and the school is a good job educating us and helping anyone in need!"



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INDIA 2017

On 7 April 2017, after months of preparation and hard work, twenty High School pupils and five teachers set out from Dublin airport. We sleepily made our journey through Frankfurt to Chennai in India, where we were immediately struck by the intense heat and humidity of this foreign climate. Here we spent one night before travelling in sweaty conditions to our final destination of Pondicherry, where we would stay for the duration of our trip. We were introduced to Jason, a representative of Habitat India, who would be working with us for the next ten days.

We arrived in Pondicherry on Saturday and couldn't start building until Monday, so we spent the next day and a half getting to know the town and dipping our toes in the Indian culture.

Auroville was one of the excursions we took in our free time. We went to see its sacred sphere, which was built a number of years ago in honour of 'the Mother'. Before we set out to visit this metal sphere, we watched a brief documentary on the aims and history of Auroville. What came as a surprise was that all the shops in the community help fund the future construction of a moat around the sphere.

The next day we got to visit a street market nearby our accommodation. Here, we got a real insight in to what Pondicherry is truly about. From walking right in the middle of a busy street to bumping in to cows, there was no doubt we were knee-deep in culture. This day wasn't as we expected it to be, we all got to witness and appreciate Pondicherry for its creative and colourful culture.

After two days of orientation and sightseeing, the team eagerly rose at 6.30 on Monday morning, more than ready for our first day of building. After a hearty breakfast and interesting yet seemingly endless bus journey, we were greeted with a crowd of beaming smiles in the village of Kapiyampuliyur. We could not believe the warmth with which we were welcomed as we descended from the bus, villagers immediately flocking around each of us, holding our hands and asking us questions with what little, but impressive, amount of English they could speak. The main language spoken is Tamil, a difficult language, but one we all tried to pick up a few phrases of.



As part of our welcoming ceremony, the locals danced with us and gave each of us a garland of flowers as well as putting bindis on our foreheads. We were then led through the village and greeted by those who had stayed in their homes, ending finally at the tent we would be using during our breaks. I (and, I think, most others) was surprised and humbled by how honoured and ecstatic each member of the village seemed to be to have us there for the following week.

After settling, we were introduced to the family at the first site at which we would be building. In total we worked on five different houses during our week; each had been started and built up by the three teams that had been out before us. We were the fourth, and the fifth team would be completing the houses for the families to move into. Some of the families had only one parent and each had a child with some form of disability. We saw the hut in which one of the families was currently living, and I think we were all struck then by the severity of their situation, and each of us had a greater motivation to work to the best of our abilities. We were aided on site by a few local men, who showed us how to mix cement, which we passed in chains up to a builder who poured it and laid the

bricks. During this time "when" became the in-joke word of the worksite. The work was undoubtedly a difficult task in such extreme conditions, but each of us thoroughly enjoyed pushing ourselves for something we knew was going to make a positive difference.

As well as building work, we were able to visit a local school where, to each child, we gave a copybook and some stationery. They sang for us and we then got everyone into a circle where various team members led songs and dances such as the 'Hokey Pokey' and 'Twist & Shout'. On one or two of the days, we split in two groups where some of the team built and the others painted in the school. We designed a large mural with alphabet pictures and words, and repainted blackboards in the classrooms. Each child has an individual section of the wall to write on, as they cannot afford to use paper.

Our breaks were spent playing with and getting to know the children that would come to the tent each day, something that was, for most of us, one of the highlights, if not the highlight, of the trip. We were struck by how happy and energetic each of the children was, despite having so little. Though there

were few words we could share between each other, things as simple as playing a clapping game or throwing a ball grew between us a connection that made the final day an emotional one.

After finishing the last of the required work, both in the school and on site, we gathered with the villagers at the tent where we danced to energetic Indian beats before settling for the closing ceremony. Children in small groups performed for us traditional Indian dances and we, in turn, sang for them 'The Fields of Athenry', 'Amhrán na bhFiann' and 'Riptide', led by Stephen on the ukulele. We presented to the families and to those who had helped us tokens of our appreciation, and speeches were given, translated by Jason.

During one of our outings, we also had the opportunity to visit a local paper factory where each piece of paper was handmade. We were all so surprised to see the many ways paper could be used and shocked to learn that kilometres away from the town of Auroville, this lucrative and innovative factory also made profits in aid of its construction! The Botanical Gardens in Pondicherry were a beautiful area of recreation. There was even a brief train ride that we took around the gardens.

Our trip was rounded off with an opportunity to unwind and relax at a beach-side hotel in historic town of Mamallapuram. We tried not to let our final couple of days be dampened by several team members getting jellyfish stings within minutes of dipping into the murky Indian sea. We took a wander about another market before a final team meeting where we discussed our thoughts and feelings on everything we had experienced. The following day, we returned to Chennai where we said a very fond farewell to Jason and made our journey back to our everyday lives.

It was undoubtedly an incredible and unforgettable experience, and on behalf on the whole team we would like to thank Mr Barry, Ms Browne, Ms Gray, Mr Tevlin and Mr Middleton for making it the trip that it was. We would also like to express our thanks to those who helped with the challenging task of fundraising. It was a hugely impactful experience and one we would recommend to anyone to do, should the opportunity present itself.

Hannah Kerr and Munachi Anele



TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

In early November of 2016, a group of 40 pupils from Form 4 in The High School gathered for the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal.

The Team Hope Shoebox Appeal has been held in The High School since the 1990's. Team Hope is an Irish charity which collects shoe boxes filled with presents, and delivers them to underprivileged children at Christmas time.

The group of Transition Year pupils were split into many groups with different responsibilities. These included assemblies, class room visits, finance and publicity. Over the next several weeks the teams made many classroom visits, published in the newsletter, and talked in assembly. At Assembly, we were also fortunate to have pupils who had had the opportunity to distribute Team Hope shoe boxes in Lesotho.

With the team of Form 4 pupils, along with the staff involved, one hundred and 99 shoe boxes were donated to the appeal. The Form 4 pupils involved were also able to visit the Team Hope warehouse, where they helped with the packaging and organising of the shoe boxes.

This year, 254,218 shoe boxes were collected in total. The shoe boxes that The High School pupils and staff collected were delivered to Swaziland, Malawi and Belarus. The Team Hope Shoebox Appeal delivers presents to some of the poorest and most vulnerable children in the world. The appeal can have a huge effect on the children who receive them.

The whole experience was very worthwhile to everyone involved. Team Hope is a very worthwhile charity to take part in, and we encourage everyone to take part or donate next year.

Wolf Chung



DUBLIN SIMON FUN RUN

On the 3 October 2016, the 33rd Dublin Simon Fun Run took place in the Phoenix Park. As always, a large number of High School pupils and teachers attended. While the weather was extremely wet at the beginning, it soon cleared up and the sun was shining by the time everyone reached the finish line. The five mile run is a pleasant route through the scenic, deer-filled park. Upon finishing the run, everybody received a goody bag and medal and had their photo taken.

The Dublin Simon Community is a fantastic charity that works closely with those experiencing homelessness. Their work includes doing nightly soup runs, and providing Mobile Health Units for those sleeping rough. Aside from being an extremely enjoyable event, the Fun Run is an excellent opportunity to raise awareness and much needed funds for a worthy cause. The High School has an excellent reputation for fundraising for this charity, and I would highly recommend everyone to get involved with the Fun Run next year, or to sponsor their friends.

Grace Gageby



GREEN-SCHOOLS

The Green-Schools committee is dedicated to working towards environmental causes in the school community. From September, we continued on from last year under the water theme for our third Green Flag.

Through meetings on Thursday mornings, the committee planned and carried out a wide array of goals for the year. We continued monitoring the school's water meter and the ways water is used in the school. Online questionnaires were conducted with the pupils. Many of our plans oriented towards Water Week, which was scheduled around World Water Day on 22 March. On Water Week, we held events to raise awareness surrounding the topic. We held a Walk for Water event to highlight the situation of global water conservation. Pupils were encouraged to participate in the poster and poetry competitions on the theme of water conservation. A speaker from Global Action Plan (GAP) Ireland came in to speak with the Form 4 group, and members of the committee also presented during assembly on the subject of water.

This year, two pupils, Fields Chung and Joy Sherwood, participated in the Green-Schools Water Ambassador Programme. This included some very interesting and enlightening experiences, including a trip to a wastewater treatment plant as well as some informative presentations, that were subsequently communicated with the school and wider community.

As ever, the Green-Schools committee continued to involve the school community in other aspects as well. Under a Transition Year Geography module, pupils engage with environmental issues and recycling. Our annual Spring Clean was held during some very fine weather.

The year was capped off with the receiving of our third Green Flag. This flag was awarded for water following from litter and waste and energy. Representatives of the committee accepted the flag at a ceremony in DCU on 23 May and presented it to the school in assembly.

We would like to thank Ms Lyons for coordinating the committee this year, and well done to our representatives for their work.

Fields Chung



MODEL UNITED NATIONS BLACKROCK COLLEGE MUN

A team of eight Form 4 and 5 pupils represented North Korea in Blackrock College's annual Model United Nations conference. North Korea, known officially as the 'Democratic People's Republic of Korea' provided an interesting challenge and provoked some complex debates but the delegation argued excellently regardless. The conference took place over two days on 20-21 January. Delegates debated very relevant and interesting topics, including the ongoing refugee crisis in the Middle East and nuclear weapons, amongst others. Overall, a great two days was had by all and two Form 5 pupils, James Kinsella and Fields Chung were awarded 'Distinguished Delegate' awards for their efforts.

Miriam Kelly

TERENURE COLLEGE MUN

A Form 3 pupil, Chloe Holmes, was awarded a 'Distinguished Delegate' prize for debating at a Model United Nations conference in Terenure College. Twenty one students from forms one to six alongside Ms Beamish, attended the event. Our school had teams representing Australia, Japan and the Russian Federation. For the first time, the conference took place over two days, from Friday the 30 September to Saturday the 1 October. The three delegations discussed a wide range of thought provoking issues including childhood obesity to international terrorism. A great weekend was had by all involved.

Miriam Kelly

ROYAL RUSSELL MUN

From the 22 to 25 October, 8 pupils from Form 5 and 6 attended the Royal Russell MUN from Saturday 22 to Tuesday 25 October.

The High School represented Bulgaria and South Sudan. The Bulgarian delegation was staffed by Form 6 pupils Naoise Law, Maya MacNair, Melanie O'Donovan and the Ambassador Sophie Hayes. The South Sudanian delegation was staffed by Evan Bailey, Miriam Kelly, James Carter, and Éabha Hughes and the Ambassador James Kinsella. We were supervised by our wonderful teachers Ms Beamish and Mr Rankin.

We travelled early on the Saturday morning, flying into London and then taking the train to the school in which they took part in their specific committees including delegates who joined the disaster committee responding to the eruption of the Yellowstone National Park super volcano. The final day the two delegations went to general assembly and debated on the resolutions passed in the sub committees. After fruitful debates, we flew home late Tuesday night happy to have taken part in such a great competition.

Naoise Law



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

BACK ROW: MS BEAMISH, MIRIAM KELLY, KATIE MOORE, JAMES CARTER, MILLY COGHLAN, BOAZ NINAN

MIDDLE ROW: MELANIE O'DONOVAN, JAMES KINSELLA, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, EVAN BAILEY, SOPHIE HAYES, FIELDS CHUNG

FRONT ROW: MUNA ANELE, EUAN LEITH, ÉABHA HUGHES, NAOISE LAW, MAYA MCNAIR, ISABELLE CARTER, RUTH NINAN



WELL READ

The High School embarked on a journey to achieve the 'Wellread National Award' for the school. The Professional Development Service for Teachers 'Wellread National Award' is a national initiative. It aims to create heightened awareness about the importance of creating a culture of reading in schools as part of their personal and academic development. Teachers, parents, pupils, ancillary staff and the wider community are involved in a range of reading and associated activities.

As part of the initiative we organised activities such as:

- Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)
- Reading to Orwell Care Home Residents
- Reading Competitions
- Bring-a-Book Buy-a-Book
- World Book Day
- Book Speed Reads
- Author Visits
- Book Speed Dating
- Readathons
- Poetry Day
- Shakespeare's Birthday
- Book Character Day
- Banned Books Week

The Wellread Award has explicitly fostered and nurtured a reading culture in The High School and has brought about an overall improvement in pupil's literacy skills in a fun and engaging way.

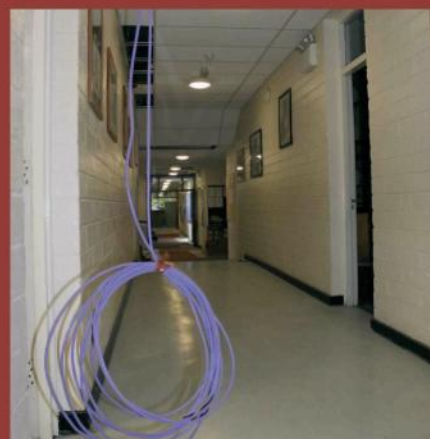
Following the adjudication process for the PDST 'Wellread National Award', we are delighted to inform the The High School was successful in becoming a Wellread School 2017 – 2020. Comments from the PDST were very positive such as "It was such an enjoyable experience for us to gain an insight into all of the initiatives you undertook as a whole school community to get everybody reading". "The enthusiasm and creativity of all partners involved was evident in your school's portfolio". "We commend you for bringing your school community together in such an enriching and worthwhile manner." "Congratulations on becoming a 'Wellread' school." The positive comments will only make us strive to further enhance our reading culture within our school.

I would like to thank all staff, especially those on the steering committee, the librarian, pupils, and parents who helped achieve the award.

Ms Connolly



SCHOOL SUMMER REFURBISHMENT



RETIREMENT JEANNE SADLIER

Andrew text on Jeanne



Sometimes you can just tell. When Jeanne Sadlier telephoned me for some information about the position of School Secretary which we had advertised, the Administrator, John Davis, was in my office and when I put the telephone down I said "I think she's the one". After all the employment interviews and procedures were finished, it transpired that she was indeed the one and has been the one for seventeen years. It was a great privilege for me to work with Jeanne from her appointment in 2000 until my retirement in 2011.

Anyone who manages a company or an institution knows that the person who knows everything and who really has the "power" is the Secretary. Jeanne was adept at juggling all the conflicting demands of her position, which combined leader of the office staff with personal assistant to me and general sponge duties as she soaked up and dealt with the anxiety of distressed pupils, parents and staff at various times. Jeanne also took a strong interest in the pupils and their achievements and I would often hear her chatting to them and congratulating them with a genuine enthusiasm.

She coordinated the work of the administrative section of the office with her usual calm disposition. I find it difficult to remember anything substantial ever going wrong during her tenure, due to her meticulous attention to detail. She was always proactive in reviewing our systems and suggesting improvements. In particular, during my time as Principal

the management of the admissions system for pupils was largely delegated to her and, with a little discussion every now and again with me, she ensured that the school was always fully booked. This was of great satisfaction to those responsible for the finances. They knew Jeanne was a person you could trust and rely on.

Anyone who has ever met Jeanne knows of her cheerful, sunny disposition. This attribute proved to be gold dust in the complex position which she held. Things could become hectic around examination time but when you looked through the glass of her office wall, there was a smile beaming from among the piles and boxes of papers. More importantly, when a distressed parent arrived at the school due to some difficulty with their particular teenager, it was the same cheerful disposition which met them and which calmed them from the start, a talent which was invaluable in her unfailing support for me.

I could not have wished for a better professional relationship with anyone holding Jeanne's position. It was one of mutual respect and consultation, of equality and learning together. It was also fun!

I wish Jeanne the very best for a long and happy retirement and I hope our paths cross frequently.

Mr BT Duffy
Principal 1994-2011

ARCHIVES

This year has brought some exciting changes and developments to the Archive. Firstly, The Registrar John Davis now has an office in the Archive building as he has retired from his role as Bursar for The High School. He will be working

new website name:

www.erasmusmithschools.ie

new email contacts:

archive@erasmusmithschools.ie

registrar@erasmusmithschools.ie

LEGACY



part-time over the next three years with a focus on Trust affairs.

The major first outcome of this has been a review of Trust titles and in doing so it was decided that existing names did not reflect the new legal requirements for charities. There has never been an entity legally called 'The Erasmus Smith Trust' and equally 'The Governors of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith Esquire' is a cumbersome and unclear wordage. To better reflect existing legal terminology, the 1938 Erasmus Smith Schools Act was taken as the best place to start. The Trust will therefore be known as "Erasmus Smith Schools" which also connects better with how the former schools were always known locally. The word 'Trust' will not disappear of course as it is on the crest motto "We Are Faithful to Our Trust".

The Archive website will now reflect these changes with a new domain name

erasmusmithschools.ie and re-titled as The Erasmus Smith Schools Archive. The site will be developed over the coming year and will eventually include new finding aids to the Board Registers and English School Master's Report. Both of these are based on indexes which are being linked into existing databases. Patrick Lynch, who previously helped in scanning the WWI years of The Erasmian has helped again in photographing the index pages of the Board Registers to start this process.

Research has been busy this year with a good flow of queries and visitors to the Archive. The most significant discovery of the year is the photograph above. This is the only image that shows pupils from Doon English School, (near Knocknacarriga and Cappamore), Co Limerick, circa 1907. The photograph shows the pupils in their Sunday best with the teacher Elizabeth A Ellis, back row, second from the right. Our records

show the school open from 1867-1918. This connection came as a response to an attendee at a lecture I gave about the Archive to the Irish Genealogical Research Society in November, 2016 at the Royal Society of Antiquaries Ireland Society House on Merrion Square.

Other queries ranged though the various holdings with former schools at Donaghmore, Gorey, Tralee, Longford town, Kinnitty, Ballymore and Ferns; the grammar school in Galway and Ennis; as well as queries on past pupils and former staff members. One query also lead to a classic Hollywood connection which is under research at present and will hopefully be revealed next year on publication.

Finally a big thank you for donations to the Archive from Brian Ellis, Adrian Davis, Julian Reynolds and Mary Milne.

Alan Phelan

HAROLD SLOAN: A FORGOTTEN SOLDIER

When Harold Alexander Sloan was killed in action at Combles, near the Somme on 21 January 1917, Irish football lost one of the most celebrated players of that era. His exploits have been largely forgotten, however, due not only to the passage of time but also the polemics of Irish history and the evolution of Dublin sporting culture.

A Presbyterian from Castleknock, Sloan attended The High School, then located on Harcourt Street, before embarking on a career as a civil servant. Sloan played eight times for Ireland, scoring five goals, and led the line for his club for over a decade. A quick-footed forward, he scored the first ever goal at Dalymount Park and captained his club during his career, capturing the Irish FA Cup in 1908. Sloan achieved his elite status as an amateur in an era of increasing professionalism. While he married and had one son after his retirement, Sloan enlisted in the British army in January 1916 and was dead within a year at the age of 34.

Sloan studied at The High School, then located at Harcourt Street, from September 1895 until June 1899. He entered the school in third year and studied English, Maths, Classics, French and Drawing during his time there. He scored consistently high grades in English and to a lesser extent in Maths but struggled at Classics; a fact which was reflected by his teacher's comments in school reports.

The most commonly reoccurring remark made by teachers is that Sloan was a 'promising' student. He did not complete sixth year in the school and it is highly likely that he entered a civil service college at that time, his fifth year teacher remarking that Sloan 'seems to have lost interest' during his final term at the school. By 1901, Sloan was employed as a 2nd division clerk in the civil service.

The Bohemian Football Club had been established in Dublin on 6 September 1890 by a cohort of young students in their late teens and early twenties. Newspaper reports indicate that Sloan made his breakthrough at the top level of Irish football with the club from around the turn of the century. At this time, rugby was the dominant sport in Dublin while football was more popular



in Belfast. It is also important to note that one team represented all of Ireland at international level.

On 7 September 1901, an exhibition match between Bohemians and Shelbourne officially opened Dalymount Park. Sloan earned the distinction of having scored the first goal at the new ground. Dalymount would go on to become the home venue for the Republic of Ireland international side for much of the twentieth century.

News of Harold Sloan's first international selection was announced in the Freeman's Journal of 11 February 1903. He was named at inside left in the Irish side to take on England at Wolverhampton. This was Ireland's opening fixture in the 1902/'03 Home Championship and Sloan was the sole Dublin squad member named amongst representatives from the northern clubs and English-based players.

The match report indicated that Ireland were fortunate to have kept their hosts to a single goal during the first half. England then stepped up a gear and outclassed Ireland in the second half, scoring two goals to put the result beyond doubt. Sloan undoubtedly experienced a difficult debut and one he would bounce back from, but the result was not unexpected. Prior to the 1903 game, England had won twenty of the twenty-one matches played between the two sides; the exception was a two all draw in Belfast in 1894.



Sec.-Lieut. Harold A. Sloan, R.G.A.,
Killed in action on Jan. 21st, was the son of Mrs. Sloan, Dunsink House, Castleknock, Co. Dublin. He had been captain of the Bohemians.

Sloan's strongest individual display for Ireland came in a 4-4 away draw to Wales in April 1906. Again, the only Dublin-based player named in the starting eleven, Sloan put in a solid performance, opening the scoring from a cross by Hunter in the first half. Wales then scored two goals in quick succession to take the lead before Sloan added his second after a solo effort on goal. Wales added a further goal before half time to lead 3-2 at the break. After Wales scored again in the second half, Ireland rescued a draw with two late strikes, the first from Maxwell and the second from Sloan, completing his hat-trick in the closing stages.

The hat-trick performance against Wales resulted in Sloan being named as captain for the opening fixture of the 1906/'07 Home Championship against England at Goodison Park. The Irish team was described by The Irish Times as 'one of the strongest ever put in the field' but were ultimately defeated 1-0 by their hosts in a poor game.

Sloan's goals proved decisive again for Ireland side in the final fixture of the 1907/'08 campaign, scoring the winner

THE MAKING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL DOCUMENTARY 1971

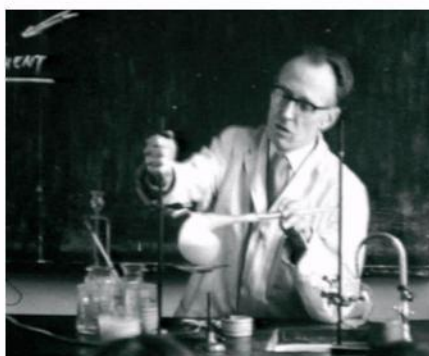
During the last days of term in June 1971 a documentary was made of The High School before it moved from its Harcourt St premises to the school's sports fields at Danum in Rathgar. For over a hundred years the school had occupied these premises with a large playground surrounded by mature trees right in the heart of Dublin.

The idea of making a documentary about the school was Mr Ian Broad's, a young geography teacher at the time. Ian Broad had asked Nigel Cox, the then Head Boy to be Director, supported by Niall Moore as Co-Director, with my cousin Sebastian Delmonte as Editor. My brother Bernard Walton and myself were members of the Photographic Society at the time and were brought in to assist with lighting and production.

The film was shot by Stuart Farmer with a windup Bolex on 16mm black and white film without on loan from UCD. Although sound was recorded the surviving film does not have sound. If anyone knows where this is let me know! Bolex cameras were very popular in the 60s and many Hollywood directors cut their teeth on them including Steven Spielberg and Martin Scorsese.

The most striking element to the film is how some things have changed, High School is now a co-ed, whilst other things haven't such as the look and hairstyle of the boys of the time compared to today. The film provides a great opportunity for literally hundreds of Old Boys to find themselves and their friends throughout the film's footage. So if you are interested in buying a copy go to the Archive website www.erasmusmthschools.ie.

The documentary sets out to capture a typical school day from pupils arriving through to the end of the school day. Watching it again brings back vivid memories of how we made the film with the full cooperation of the staff. Some bits are a bit contrived like the boys smoking in the toilets but even these events often actually occurred. We managed to get the teachers to enact parts of their character such as Mr Wilf Lowry the Latin teacher punching his fist as he got us to go through our Latin conjugation with rhythm. Equally, Mr Gardner the Science teacher is captured doing a chemistry demonstration with all



the idiosyncrasies of his teaching at the time, slightly chaotic with paper darts flying around. Mr Gardner also did the special effects of the boys simulating smoking in the toilets. These teachers really did their best to reflect their own characters as seen through the eyes of the pupil.

Mr Johnston was the Interim Head Master at the time following the death of Dr Reynolds who was a very popular head teacher during the 1960s. Mr Johnston is seen entering the Assembly at the beginning of the day with Mr Broad playing the role of the late teacher just getting into Assembly on time.

Watching the film reminds us of how untidy and dirty the school was in those days. The wiring around the school bell buttons for example look dodgy indeed. Classrooms had fireplaces which were still in use!

The last part of the film is about the opening of the new school building by the then Taoiseach Jack Lynch.



Bernard was the only one of the team to continue in a film career later as a BBC producer making wild life films with people like David Attenborough. Later he went on to found his own company Aqua Vita Films. I started an online television channel called PharmaTelevision in 2006 having previously started a company called PharmaVentures in the UK. Nigel Cox went on to study law, while Niall Moore studied medicine. My cousin Sebastian became a doctor too but died tragically at the age of 29 while working in Nepal for the World Health Organisation.

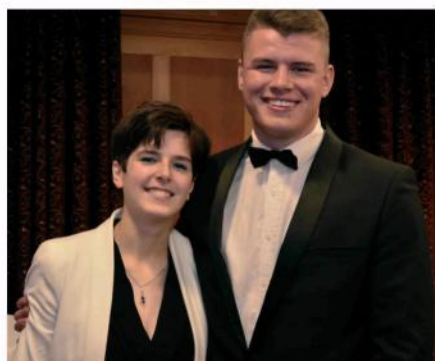
Fintan Walton (HSD 1966-72)

A DVD of the film can be ordered through the Archive website.

PPU & PA



DEBUTANTES' RECEPTION



THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION

PPU REPORT 2016/2017

JOHN GILLIS
PRESIDENT

As a committee, this and I might add every year we have succeeded in progressing and growing the Past Pupils' Union.

Regular meetings with the Headmaster. Regular interaction with the School and Parents Committee. All to ensure that we are all pulling in the one direction.

HOW DO WE CONNECT WITH PAST PUPILS?

We try to organise events that will bring Past Pupils back in touch with the school. Give them an incentive to come back and perhaps if circumstances permit allow them to contribute with either time, money or both to their school.

We keep them up to date with how the school is currently getting on. Let them know that we would like them to get involved.

Our ability to get information out to our Past Pupils via our mailing list and our website is constantly improving.

The Past Pupils of most of our schools are the ones that are being asked to help fund the building projects the new pitches, new library etc. The money isn't coming from anywhere else, so we have to be innovative and find our many Past Pupils that have succeeded in business and may be in a position to help out.

In this regard the school is about to launch our 2020 Vision which is 150 years since the school was founded. This will be a large fundraising campaign with the monies raised been used to improve the School building.

HOW DO WE HANDLE OUR MEMBERSHIP?

We had struggled with this hot potato for a while. Is everyone a member of the Union by default or should they pay a small fee? We have all asked this question of our Unions. This year we made the decision to offer PPU Membership for a small fee of €15 a year.

For this fee you will get concession prices on tickets for events, you will get The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, but more importantly you will be helping to ensure that your Union survives and that your committee continues to work for you guys. For those of you interested log onto our website www.hsdppu.com. Signing up is simple. Just follow the instructions.

The Form 6 pupils when they leave become automatic members of the Union for 5 years. This entitles them to receive The Erasmian and Diocesan Times during this time.

The Union is in a reasonably healthy state but will have to look at other funding opportunities as we move forward. The most important one is that we continue to run our events as best we can and try to ensure that our events do not lose money.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

We had our Annual Golf Tournament in September in the Rathfarnham Golf Club. We had 47 Golfers in attendance who enjoyed the fantastic course and great weather. The Old Boys Trophy was won by Leslie McCormack and the Ladies Trophy was won by Kara Browning.

CAROL SINGING

We had our Annual Carol Singing in the Orwell Nursing Home. This was very successful and as usual was welcomed by the staff and Patients alike. We had to up our standards this year as the home had hired a director of Music none the less for the festive season.

OLYMPIAN LUNCH

We had a fantastic Olympian Sports lunch with Annalise Murphy and Shane O'Donahue. Shane is here tonight. For our guests, Shane was a constant member of the successful Irish Hockey Team in Rio last year.

We had almost 90 at the Lunch held in this room. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Both Annalise and Shane shared their stories from the Olympics. Annalise brought along her medal and was very patient when everyone wanted a photo op with the medal. Not least your President who swapped his chain for the Silver medal for the photo op.



MEN'S DINNER

We had our Annual High School Men's Dinner on the last Saturday in January. A successful evening with 170 men in attendance. The annual friendships were rekindled, pints were had and the singing was as good as ever. Our guest speaker Henry Anderson proved very popular with everyone.

ANNUAL HOCKEY MATCH VERSUS THE SCHOOL

End of term School Hockey match featuring the Past Pupils versus the current 1st teams. Last year both matches were won by the school for the first time in a long while. Watch out for High School Hockey in the next few years, more success is on the way.

COMMITTEE

As I am sure my guests will confirm, you do need a good committee behind you to help drive everything forward. It takes quite a lot of work to organise dinners, lunches etc. We usually meet about 8 times a year formally in the school Boardroom along with a couple of other informal meetings for particular projects. It's not all serious stuff we do have a laugh as well and sometimes a pint or two. I would ask that the committee stand please.

Dorothy Rolston, Arlene Brislane, Heather Ridgeway, Gregory Hopkins, Brian Priestman and Jamie Elliot.

I am coming to the end of my two year term. I have enjoyed my time immensely and have been very proud to represent The High School at many functions over the two years. I am delighted to be welcoming in Dorothy as our new President very shortly. When I first met Dorothy to see if she would be interested in the role I immediately saw that she was the right fit and I knew that she would be a great ambassador for the School. So Dorothy I wish you all the best over the next two years. I am also delighted to let you know that following Dorothy will be Gregory Hopkins who also will be excellent in the role. I consider that our Union is in good hands certainly for the next 4 years.

MORE PPU NEWS

RACHEL DELANEY 1ST IRISH CAP

Congratulations to past pupil Rachel Delaney (LC 2015) who in April made her full international debut for the Irish Women's Cricket Team in a three match series against England in Abu Dhabi. The Irish team then moved onto South Africa where they partook in a quadrangular tournament along with India, South Africa and Zimbabwe, in which Ireland finished in third place.

IRELAND RUGBY SEVENS VICTORY

Congratulations to past pupil Emma Murphy (HSD, 2008-14) and the Ireland Seven-a-Side Women's Rugby Team who won the Challenge Trophy in Dubai after overcoming the USA and Spain - two teams that finished well ahead of them in last season's HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series.





UCD AD ASTRA AWARD

We are delighted to have been advised that an immediate past pupil from The High School has been awarded an Ad Astra Scholarship for Music in UCD in recognition of his exceptional talent as a violinist. The UCD Ad Astra Performing Arts Scholarships are awarded, on an application and merit basis, to students who demonstrate talent and dedication to their art alongside commitment to their chosen academic degree. In 2016, Luke Kehoe Roche (HSD, 2010-16) achieved this notable distinction and has been awarded the Ad Astra Scholarship. We offer him and all recent past pupils our warmest congratulations on their achievements and wish them every success in their academic careers.

STEPHEN JAMES SMITH

St Patrick's Festival commissioned Irish poet and playwright, Stephen James Smith to pen a poem in response to the Festival theme for 2017 which he has entitled 'My Ireland'.

IRELAND SELECTION

Congratulations to immediate past pupil Christina Lynn (HSD, 2010-2016) who has been selected for the Ireland Ultimate Frisbee Junior Women's team. She will be competing for Ireland in the European Youth Ultimate Championships in Veenendaal in the Netherlands in August. She is currently vice captain of the DIT team where she is attending college

GUEST SPEAKER AT PPU DINNER

Lindsay Peat, former Irish Underage Soccer international, former Irish International Basketball Captain, former Dublin Footballer and All Ireland medal winner and current Irish International Rugby Player.

I was listening to 2FM a month or so ago and Lindsay was being interviewed. I found the interview fascinating and said to myself that everyone at this dinner should hear her story. I made contact with Lindsay and she very kindly agreed to speak at our dinner. What certainly came across in the interview for me was your passion for winning.

I saw a lovely quote that you gave that probably sums up your passion for sport.

"You have the ball, I want the ball, I'm taking the ball".

Lindsay retired from competitive sport, content having achieved quite a lot. She enjoyed family life with her wife and new baby.

While in retirement she dropped into Railway Union to have a look at the game of rugby. It had always held a fascination for her. Very shortly later she was playing for her country.

That's a great story.

I don't know if many of you watched this year's Six Nations but I did and found the women's game to be very enjoyable to watch. Some of the Men's Rugby games can be difficult to watch as defences are so difficult to break down these days. In the women's game the ball gets moved around much more, plenty of line breaks, with wingers running around players with the ball.

John Gillis

THE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PA REPORT 2016/2017

ARTHUR BARLOW

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

The PA commenced its 74th year with a continued focus on its primary goal to represent the interests of the parents and guardians of the pupils at the School and to promote good relationships with all the stakeholders of the School.

Dr Duncan Cole (President) and Nigel Donovan (Vice-President) were the Parent Representatives on the Board of Governors and the Management Committee of the School. Duncan stepped away from his role in February to join the school Board and take up the position of Chairman of the Property and Grounds committee. We wish him well and would like to thank Duncan for the vision and energy he has brought to the role of President in transforming the way the PA communicates with all stakeholders. Arthur Barlow agreed to take on the role of President of the PA on an interim basis.

The AGM in September saw significant change at committee level with the departure of Finola Connolly, Anthony Harris, Peter Lynch, Martin Ridgeway, Fiona Sweeney, and Jane Suiter. We wish them well and thank them for commitment and efforts over the past years. In their place we were delighted to welcome the newly elected committee members Malcom Boyd, Evelyn Foley, Vincent Landy, Beverly Maxwell, Linda O'Connor, and Steve Wilson who brought fresh insight and energy to the committee.

The committee members provided parent representation on each of the School Board's four sub-committees – Education, Sport, Finance, and Grounds/Property. Access to these committees provides the PA the opportunity to contribute and consult on the development and enhancement of the functioning of the School. To ensure a link is also maintained with the pupils and to listen to their views, Arthur Barlow was the parent representative on the Student Council.

Finally and critically, with the goal of continuously promoting and building out



effective working relationships across the School, we have parent representatives aligned with each of the year groups and look to establish effective working relationships with each of the School Year Heads.

Form 1 – Malcolm Boyd
Form 2 – Steve Wilson
Form 3 – Elaine Costello
Form 4 – Nigel Donovan
Form 5 – Arthur Barlow
Form 6 – Loretta Dignam

Following from consultation with the parents last term the PA has focused its activities in the following five areas:

1. Enabling effective communications

Last year the PA launched its website <http://www.hsdparentsassociation.com> and also available through the and it has become one of the main ways we communicate with the parent body. We continue to use group e-mail alerts to update on upcoming events.

The School's Weekly Newsletter that has gained increased viewing in its digital format e-mailed to all parents on a weekly basis, has also provided the PA with a means to promote our events to the parent body.

Also, we are grateful to Michelle Burrows for her assistance in providing us with access to the School's weekly digital Newsletter to promote our events to parents.

This year we invited and facilitated Form 1, 2, and 3 parents to share their contact details and we trialled a WhatsApp group for the Form 1 parents and thanks to Mal Boyd, your Form 1 rep, for managing this.

2. Supporting welfare and educational interests of the pupils

We continue to provide financial support to the School's Habitat for Humanity initiative, with 20 pupils traveling to Pondicherry in India over the Easter break, and the Model United Nations teams that represent the School at events in Dublin and the UK.

This year's PA's Student Achievement Award went to the Senior Boys Rugby Team who won the Leinster League (Division 1B) and the Vinne Murray Plate, both firsts for a High School team. A superb achievement by the squad and coaches, well done!

We are pleased that our lobbying at the Grounds and Property Committee, where Steve Wilson represents the PA, will see improvements to the facilities and access at the hockey pitch and the rear School entrance.

3. Organising social evenings and events

The PA ran a social 'get to know' evening for Form 1 parents in January that was well attended and welcomed by new parents to the school. Many thanks to Mal Boyd for organising this event.

Also, we ran three parent evening talks over the academic year. In November, Jim Harding, founder of 'Bully4U' spoke to us on 'Bullying and Cyber Bullying'. In February, the well known expert on obesity and High School parent Prof. Donal O'Shea, consultant endocrinologist and physician spoke to us on 'Healthy Eating & Active living in 2017'. In April, we welcomed back Dr. John Sharry who spoke on how 'Help our children to make good choices around alcohol, drugs and sex'.

A special thanks to Chris McNeilly and the catering team at the School who were fantastic partners through all our evening events at the School this year.

The Junior Certificate Results day event in September 2016 involved a return to the paintballing course in Bray for the majority of the last years Form 3 pupils and was a great success with thanks to Fiona Sweeney for organising this event.

The Form 6 Graduation Day was a success again this year with the PA supporting the School in the organisation of the evening events. Thanks to Elaine Costello for her work in planning this event and organising the upcoming Pre-Debs reception sponsored by the Board at the Radisson Blu St Helen's this coming September for the Class of 2017.

Summer Sizzler 2017

On Friday 19 May we held our now annual "Summer Sizzler" event in the school grounds where we were joined by over 250 parents, guardians, and teachers to enjoy an evening of socialising, dancing, food and drink.

The event incorporate the annual parent teacher cricket match and is an opportunity for us all to mingle, socialise and celebrate another year in the life of the School. Well done to Ray Walker and the teachers who retained bragging rights over the parents by winning the cricket match.

Much appreciation to all of the committee and in particular Elaine Costello, Nigel Donovan, Evelyn Foley, Beverley Maxwell, Vincent Landy & Steve Wilson who were instrumental in sourcing and coordinating the moving parts. Thanks to The High School management board for sponsoring the prosecco reception and to the School's grounds staff for working with us to ensure a smooth event. Thank you to all our sponsors, and a special



word of thanks for Vincent Landy who encourage local business in the area to donate prizes for the evenings raffle.

5. Consultation with School on policy Matters

The Education Committee conducted a review of the Code of Conduct and the Bullying/ Cyber Bullying policies of The High School and they welcomed the input of the PA as represented by Beverly Maxwell, where we suggested a 'student friendly' aspect to the policy in order to engage the pupils. We look forward to seeing these revised policies introduced for the coming academic year.

Also, the school is conducting an on-going uniform review and is seeking input from all stakeholders. Initial changes include a new lighter 'cotton/acrylic' jumper for the new academic year.

6. Promoting parental involvement in School

The PA continues to facilitate and work with the school to run the Parent/ Teacher Meetings for all years with an approach that seeks to maximise access to teachers over the session. The PA is looking at new software to improve the model next year.

As part of the careers module the PA and the School has run a mock interview evening for the Form 5 pupils for a number of years. The pupils prepare a CV and personal statement around their interest in 3rd level courses and are interviewed by parents with a background in that area. The format was changed this year to one-on-one interviews conducted in the Reynolds Hall, with greater input and organisation from the school staff led by Lucinda Packham. Overall the feedback

on the new format was positive from both the pupils and parents involved. Thank you to the over 35 parents who participated in these mock interviews. We are very grateful to be able to draw on the parent body to enable this programme to cater to the wide range of pupil's career choices.

Used Book and Uniform Sale

We held our final event of the year on Saturday 24 June with the used book and uniform sale in the school. This affords an opportunity for pupils and parents to use the Reynolds hall to set up stalls and resell their second hand books and uniforms. Lost property items were available for reclaim but were much reduced due to a more effective 'returns initiative' that ran throughout the year. Hi-Vis vests year available for free from the school, along with contacts for iron-on name tags. In addition, the School Warehouse, the official uniform supplier, ran a stand offering the full range of school uniform clothing.

In closing, I would like to reaffirm my thanks to the committee this year for their relentless commitment, energy and dedication to help build and improve the relationships between the parents and all the stakeholders in the School.

To all parents, please keep in touch via the links on the School's website or alternatively simply reach out to any of the committee with your views and suggestions. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on Monday 25 September at 8pm.

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