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Editorial

Like many others, I can still visualise my first day at The High School. To say I was nervous would be an understatement. Approaching from the now familiar Zion Road, large letters loomed from the end of the road, spelling out the name of the school, in which I would spend the next six years of my life. The school appeared to dominate the surrounding scenery, and my first-year self was mesmerised, by the apparent power of the school to magnetically draw a continuous stream of pupils to the front gate. Five years on, and The High School no longer inspires quite the same awe and fear, as I experienced that first day. No longer am I apprehensive by the notion of The High School being such a strong focal point for so many, rather I am comforted by the idea.

You see, to me, I now imagine The High School as a giant river, into which pour hundreds of tributary streams. These streams, not only have different starting

points, but also travel via different routes, and therefore have different stories to tell.

Each stream equally makes its unique contribution to the main river, and in turn is equally helped and shaped by the surrounding waters of the main river.

For are we not all, both the same and different to each other in equal measures?

First, let's talk about the differences between us: No two pupils can ever share the exact same family backgrounds, the exact same experiences, or the exact same thoughts. Arguably, siblings may experience a similar home environment, but even then, their position in the family, and their unique strengths, will create a difference. These differences are not only crucial in helping us to learn about one another, but also in helping us to learn about who we ourselves are. The differences between us, can make us outright laugh, or pause for a second and think, but either way, they allow us to mature and gain a better understanding of both ourselves and others. The large pupil body of High School is therefore one of the strongest points of the school, as it allows the space for differences to be cultivated and developed.

And now for the similarities between us, or in other words the main river, whose course we all share. Whether we like it or not we are all influenced and in turn influence our surrounding peers, parents and teachers. A change in one leads to a knock-on effect of change in everyone else, and it is this common shifting that binds us all together. We may choose to swim either against or with the current, but either way can we ever truly say that we are innately ourselves when being continuously developed through

the influence of others?

The fact therefore that school is a hugely influential factor on our lives is undeniable, and this is what brings me to the importance of the yearbook. The yearbook manages to capture, both the unique atmosphere created by the school that year, as well as the annual consistency of the school. In other words, it allows us to view the same river that constantly changes.

I hope that you enjoy this year's edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times. Many thanks must be given to the outstanding editorial team, whose devoted work on sunny summer days, allowed the yearbook to be produced. Thanks must also be given to Mrs Carson and Ms Waugh, the masterminds behind the scene, whose enthusiasm and encouragement was never-ending. Thanks also to Alan Phelan, whose skilful work made this yearbook a reality.

Seraphim Dempsey, Editor

Acknowledgements

Welcome to the 2009-2010 edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times. In September we were very overwhelmed when over forty students turned up in B5 expressing an interest in being part of the yearbook committee. For us this was evidence of how important the yearbook is to the High School students. Of course, the enthusiasm wore off for some when they realised what a big production they were being asked to undertake. Nonetheless, a very committed group of eighteen students met every Monday lunchtime for a year to discuss ideas and to type up reports as they came in. Towards the end of the year these students also met nearly every day and then well into their summer holidays. The team comprised of Seraphim Dempsey as Editor, Amy Deverell, Stephen Watts, Clodagh Sleator, Hannah Browning, Cliona Rogan, Sophie Lee, Sam Harman Conlon, Laura Pearson, Aisling Naylor, Katie O'Brien, William Anglim, Robert Emo, Cian O'Neill, Rachael Spray, Rose Halpin Duffy, Eve Roseingrave and Stefanie Wynne. On the last count there were 135 different contributors of articles from students and an innumerable amount of photographs. Each of these articles had to be typed-up

and proof-read and every photo had to be checked for quality and captioned. Each student brought a different talent but each one demonstrated patience and willingness and, when needed, a sense of humour.

In addition to this motivated team, there were other fifth years who were involved: Robyn Carey and Johnny Brennan designed the front cover; Jessie Patterson contributed 'where's the ninja?' the comic strip and the interviews with the sixth year Art students; and Eleanor White conducted the interview with Senator David Norris. We would like to thank all the students who contributed articles and artwork.

Thanks are also due to the teachers, other staff members and coaches who helped to ensure that various reports were submitted. The assistance of Mr Duffy was invaluable, in particular when he told us how to tell our JPEG from our DPI! The office staff had endless patience for the requests for student lists and phone numbers (Debbie and Jean) and for photos to be copied to disc (Helen). Mrs King was extremely helpful for the library section; Mr Prendergast took hundreds of photos; Mr McBride never tired of our endless requests for IT advice; Ms Killane organised and judged our Erasmian Photography Competition and took all the photos of students' artwork; Ms Watson was very helpful in handing over responsibility and in giving us lots of advice; Mr David Shaw provided the Parent's Association report; Ms Ann Tector submitted the Past Pupils' Union report and of course Mr Alan Phelan, our archivist, has done another great job in designing and formatting the Yearbook.

While we have done our best to proof-read we apologize



Una McSharry, 6th Form.

in advance for any errors or omissions which are inevitable in a production of this size. We hope you enjoy the 110th edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times.

Ms Waugh and Mrs Carson

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Form 3

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 Mr A Malin

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Year Head: Mr T Gill
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 Ms P Saville, Mr A Kelly,
 Mr I Wilkinson, Mr L Carolan,
 Mrs L Pearce

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History: Ms P Graham
Irish: Ms A Parle
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SPHE: Ms T Jones
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The Principal (school website)

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 Ms A Rugg

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Drama: Ms M Milne
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Staff Services: Ms A Stevenson
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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 08/09

BT Duffy, MA H Dip Ed

National Developments

It is by now well known that the government has slashed and burned its way through education funding as part of its effort to restore national finances. From a position where we were already at the bottom of the table of OECD countries in terms of investment in education so much has been removed that the system is in danger of collapsing altogether. Pupils in "free" schools around the country are suffering the loss of subjects, larger classes, higher and ordinary levels being routinely taught in the same instead of separate classes, withdrawal of supports for children with special needs and even the cancellation of the book grant for the needy, perhaps the most unacceptable of all cutbacks. Unlike the government, the Finance Committee in this school engaged in prudent financial practices over the last few years and was in the fortunate position of being able to cushion fee-paying parents from the worst while also replacing our old astroturf hockey pitch and building a second, new astroturf. We managed this by using much of our accumulated reserve, with some judicious pruning of our normal budgets and with support from our staff.

For this type of school all normal government grants for the running of the school were removed from January 2009, e.g. support services grant, book grant for needy pupils, Transition Year grant, grants for materials in science and practical subjects, assistance towards caretaking and secretarial costs, etc. Since 1968, the government had maintained an agreement with the Protestant secondary sector that its schools would receive these grants. This agreement was simply abandoned without consultation or notice, in the middle of a school year.

The pupil teacher ratio was changed from 18:1 to 20:1 from September 2009. At this school we provide a pupil teacher ratio of 13:1 which we consider to be appropriate for good quality education and therefore you are now paying through your fees four additional privately paid teachers who were previously paid by the state. The only other option is to remove particular subjects from the curriculum.

Schools in Ireland now have the second-worst ratio of pupils to state funded teachers in Europe. Grants for the provision of supervision of the school and substitution for absent teachers were severely curtailed. The longterm implications are a less safe environment and curtailed extra-curricular activities.

Since March 2009, senior managerial positions in the school can not be filled if a teacher retires or leaves. In other words, if an Assistant Principal is a Year Head or Certificate Examination organiser and retires, that function is supposed to be "reallocated" or left unfilled. Other staff have their own responsibilities so these posts can not be easily "reallocated". This will mean a steadily diminishing service and pastoral care from schools, or rising fees to provide the services through private pay, while at the same time being conscious that parents can ill afford rising fees at the moment.

The government's own economic forum at Farmleigh comprised many of the best economic minds and entrepreneurial business leaders in Ireland, as well as the chief executives of some of the multi-national companies which have invested here in the past. The unanimous view was that, rather than cutting investment in education, the government should be investing more in education, research and development so that a well educated and well trained workforce is ready to take advantage of economic recovery and even to stimulate that recovery with innovation. However, as I write we hear that further cuts are being planned for the 2010 budget, in staffing and in special needs provision for the most vulnerable in our society. One has to question the wisdom of the path being chosen. Will we be looking back in fifteen years time and commenting on the disastrous decisions which were made in 2009?

This government has claimed to be promoting the development of science and technology education for more than a decade while the facts are that science classes are disappearing all over the country because they can no longer be funded. They are often the first to go because of the expense of maintaining the laboratories and providing the equipment and supplies. The last time there was any government investment in ICT was in the year 2000 - nine years ago! Are you still using a nine year old computer at home or in your business? At this school, we have maintained our position in ICT through our own investment and have recently upgraded our facilities again,



Aimee Jones O'Connor.

for the third time since 2000.

The Department of Education & Science, while cutting our funding, is also introducing a culture of ever-increasing control of what we do in the school and nowadays wishes to control even the teachers we may employ. Having already forced through a scheme of cross-sectoral redeployment where a teacher may be moved to a vacancy here from a school closing elsewhere, with our Board of Governors having no right even to interview that person, the Department is now seeking a similar scheme to redeploy out of the school a teacher who is surplus in its view, because the school might be temporarily over the quota of state paid teachers allowed to it, due to the recent changes in the pupil teacher ratio.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment continues to revise and plan the curriculum. Its current strategic plan envisages the completion of the rebalancing of all Junior Certificate subject syllabi, the development of a curriculum framework based in personal, social and vocational skills aimed at assisting students with special educational needs in accessing the junior cycle curriculum, the continuation of the pilot project on using the European Language Portfolio to support the teaching and learning of Irish and modern languages in the junior cycle. In addition, it is proceeding with the overhaul of the senior cycle curriculum and the development of Transition Year Units for certification. The curriculum is being rewritten for science subjects, mathematics, the humanities and languages at senior level, along with the development of a new subject for the Leaving Certificate entitled "Politics and Society" and a new curriculum framework for Physical Education. How exactly any of this will be financed is not clear!



Sarah McCoy.



Cameron Ridyard.

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 and recently Technical Graphics and Design & Communication Graphics. The reports of the inspectors were overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards. The most recent inspection reports are now published on the Department of Education & Science 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. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee and the revision of school policies guided by the Education Committee.

We have been busy over the summer with development and maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. The two new astroturf pitches were completed on time and are in use. Insulation and recovering of the roof of the school was completed in October. General maintenance work included painting, flooring, furniture renewal, fencing, etc. was also undertaken. All of these jobs were difficult to complete within the few weeks between the end of the exams and the beginning of term and we owe our gratitude to Administrator, John Davis, and Chairman of the Grounds & Property Committee, Dr John Reid, for the coordination of the projects.

The Sports Committee maintains a watching brief on sports policy and developments, the Finance Committee plans the school budget and supervises the accounts while the Management Committee is the body to which the sub-committees report. The Education Committee this year reviewed the code of conduct and policies in the areas of religious, spiritual and moral education, and social, personal and health education.

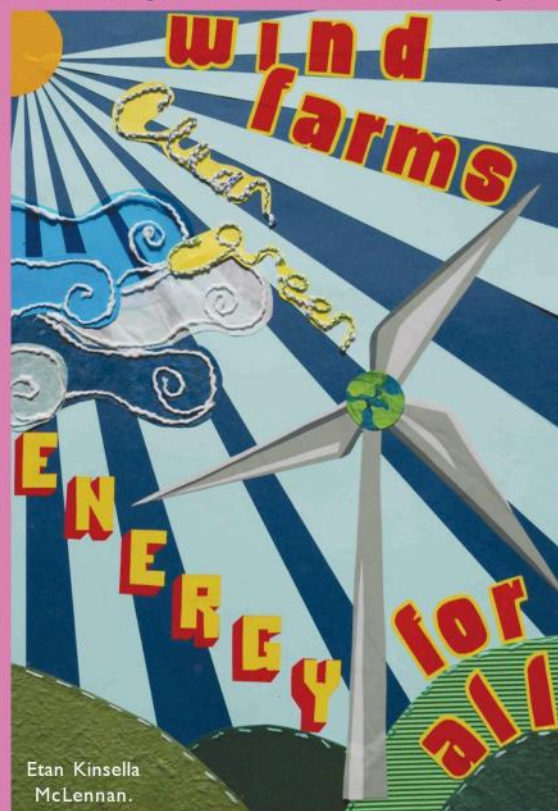
The school council is a very valuable body which is elected directly by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings and then meets with the school management and staff

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

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agree to visit us. Pupils, staff and the Principal also participate. Our assembly programme is designed to provide an opportunity when the whole school can reflect on spiritual, moral, social and ethical themes. In addition, we celebrate the achievements of individual pupils and teams by congratulating them in assembly. Assembly also provides an opportunity for musical performances by pupils to take place. It is an important

vehicle for assisting the development of pupils' characters and values.

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. Students 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. Students 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

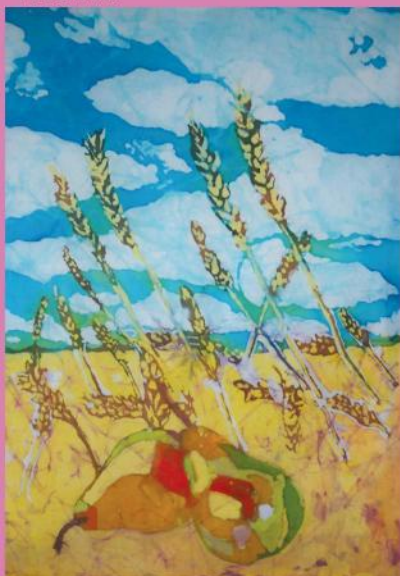


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programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is organised for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 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 by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have one of the most active associations of any school. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which

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are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2, 3 and 5, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad hoc committees. This work brings the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their work and, in particular, to Alan Browning for his work as President for the last year.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated. An online network exists on the school website at www.highschool dublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them.

Staff

Mr M Kirby retired at the end of October 2008, having taught Physical Education, Business and Latin since 1975. Mr Kirby coached swimming, cricket, soccer and golf at various times during his career. As an Assistant Principal, he was responsible in recent years for enterprise education and the locker system. Mr B Quinn retired at the end of August 2009, having taught modern languages since 1978. Mr Quinn coached rugby and cricket for many years and supervised trips to the continent. He served as a form teacher, as coordinator of continental exchange links and, in recent years as coordinator of the language department, of subject choice administration and of scholarships, while an Assistant Principal. We wish them well in their retirements.

Ms M Lynch, Mr K Clarke and Ms C Smyth resigned during the summer holidays. We have welcomed the following new staff - Ms A Rugg, French, hockey; Ms R Lyons, resource; Mr B Sheehan, Construction Studies, Technical Graphics; Ms L Sweeney, Art, replacing Becky Galligan while on leave; Dr T de Brit, Geography, Geology, replacing Mr D Wright temporarily (ill); Mr C Rankin, Geography, Mr D Dunne, English, History; Mr R Draper, Art; Ms J Jackson, Special Needs Assistant; Mr M Critchley, laboratory technician and basketball coach. We also welcome back after leave - Ms M Hearne and Ms S Toolan. Ms L Watson is away on study leave for a year; Mr M Wisener, Ms S Quinn, Ms M Burrowes and Melle E Roullet are on career breaks while Ms C Reilly is on a year of extended maternity leave.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2009-2010 is 771.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2009, 126 pupils presented 887 papers in 21 subjects. 637 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 79% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.25% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 57%. These statistics represent a very good performance. In the Junior Certificate 2009, 135 pupils presented 1073 papers where different levels are available and 135 papers at common level (CSPE). 905 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 86% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.8% 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 72%. This was the second best performance ever in the school.



Aimee Jones O'Connor.



Cameron Ridyard.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschool dublin.com and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated in 2008-09 by Ms L Watson. I would like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school, and to congratulate the pupils on being so involved and so successful in such a wide variety of different activities.



Aaron Sturdy.

PRIZE DAY AND PARENTS EVENING

Principal's Prize Day Speech

October 2009

Mr Chairman, distinguished guest, ladies, gentlemen and pupils of the school,
You are all very welcome here this evening, as the Chairman has said.

This is one of the most pleasant occasions in the school calendar when we celebrate many different kinds of achievement. As I feel I should explain each year, we have a big emphasis on academic success, needless to say, but also other awards for hard work, for making progress, for sporting prowess and leadership, for artistic contribution, for initiative and entrepreneurial spirit. We try to recognise the different ways in which people succeed and contribute in the school and I congratulate all pupils receiving prizes tonight for the great effort they have put into their work and activities. We must all take great pleasure and pride in the performance of the school during the last year, in so many different areas. However, the academic success is the obvious one we celebrate this year, since, as the Chairman remarked, the University of Ulster and the University of Limerick research teams decided to rank us as the best performing school in Ireland in terms of progression to third level. The academic success of the pupils in a school is about the quality of teaching in the classroom but it is also about much more. There is a great body of research which shows that a student who is happy, content and participating in extra-curricular activities achieves better in all areas. So the success of the school is a tribute to all involved in pastoral care, to all who staff sports and clubs, to those who supervise, who work in the office, who maintain the school and who provide meals, because all of these people contribute to making the High School community what it is. All are contributors to our success and I have felt it a great privilege to coordinate the work of all of these people over the last sixteen years.

Recently, the government held a consultative forum with economic and business leaders at Farmleigh to take advice on the best ways forward for Ireland as the world gradually emerges from its most serious economic crisis since the 1930s. The conclusions were fairly predictable and also interesting to those of us who are working in education.

A country's economy generates wealth for its citizens by selling things to the people of other countries. So, what will we have to sell in the future and what do we want to have to sell? Usually, one thinks first of commodities and in the past we exported a great deal of agricultural produce. We can still do this in the future but the keys to success will be quality, individuality, reliability and innovation. If you think about it, these are achieved largely through research and education of various kinds.

Extrapolate that to all the other fields of endeavour where we hope to succeed in the future and the observation is similar. We can sell tourism by constantly re-branding and re-designing the experience of tourists while they are here. We can use the intelligence of our population, still a young and energetic population by international standards, to research, innovate and develop value added services in areas such as newly emerging technologies in the



Orchestra playing.



Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh, Mr B. Duffy, Mr L. Ruttle (Chairman) and Mr R. Davies.

provision of energy, conservation and environmental control. It is no accident that companies like Google come to Ireland to employ large numbers of people. Google, Intel, Microsoft etc are looking for English speaking, motivated, well educated innovative people who will come up with new ideas, services, products even whole new ways of doing things, what people who use jargon call "shifting the paradigm". They have found and will continue to find those people in Ireland. Scientific and medical companies are seldom able to fill all the vacancies they offer in Ireland where they are seeking highly educated and skilled people who will be part of making the world a better place through their new discoveries and the subsequent development of those discoveries.

I would like to think that meetings such as that held at Farmleigh would lead to an ethos in government, among both politicians and the civil service, where it would be recognised that the economic key to the future is research, innovation and development. The preparation needed for Irish young people to make that future happen is an education system which encourages innovative thinking, entrepreneurial thought and cooperative endeavour. A great deal of that is already present and internationally recognised to be present, but there is much more that could be done. If the curriculum and the system needs to be revised to provide more of these qualities, then let the government lead the revision. We are ready and waiting to play our part.

What we want to see is a genuine commitment to placing Ireland in a position to benefit from the opportunities the future will provide. The brilliant young people sitting here today can make that future, if allowed to. Is the slashing and burning of the education system just when you need it most the sign of an understanding of the future, is it a sign of real leadership, or is it short term panic? These young people deserve a better thought out programme for the future and at least there appears in recent weeks to be a slowly dawning realisation that a mistake may have been made and that perhaps the mistake should not be further compounded – we shall see.

I would like to welcome Dr Aengus O'Marcaigh here tonight. Although the Chairman will explain more fully Dr O'Marcaigh's background, in many ways he represents what I have been talking about – a well educated medical scientist committed to research and development and to making the world a better place for our children. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Thank you.

School Entrance Scholarships 2009

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Tony Zheng

Kildare Place School, Rathmines

School Scholarships:

Séamas MacLochlainn

Gaelscoil Insechor

Hayley Blair

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Jessica Smith

St Peter's Church of Ireland National School, Dunboyne

Edward Bergman

Coláiste na Rinne, Dungarvan, Co Waterford

Rónán Dowling-Cullen

Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School

Music Scholarship:

Clare Austen

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Jessica Smith

St Peter's Church of Ireland National School, Dunboyne

Tony Zheng.

Claire Austen
and Jessica Smith.



Rónán Dowling Cullen, Edward Bergman,
Jessica Smith, Hayley Blair
and Séamas MacLochlainn.



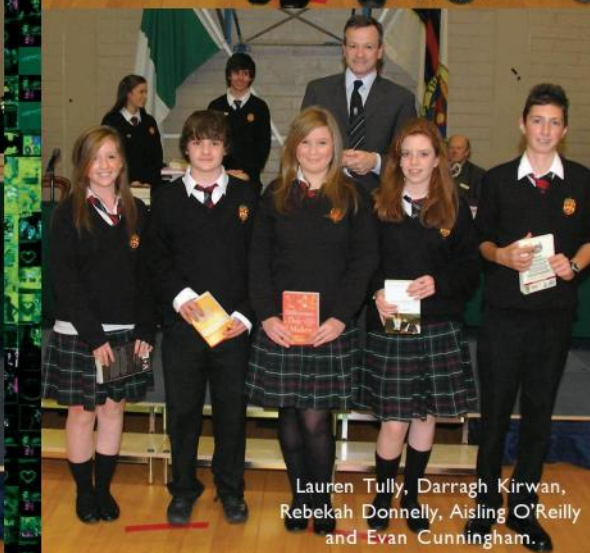
Catherine Fleming,
John Swanwick,
Lauren Hudson, Seán
Shanley-Mee and
Caroline Lahiff.



Robert Beverland, Eva
Barrett, Hugh Sweetnam and
Laura Rankin.



Lauren Tully, Darragh Kirwan,
Rebekah Donnelly, Aisling O'Reilly
and Evan Cunningham.



PRIZES 08-09

Form 1

Class Prizes:

1-G
Caroline Lahiff, Seán Shanley-Mee
1-Q
Lauren Hudson, John Swanwick
1-S
Catherine Fleming, Craig Kennedy
1-W
Oisín Faust, Niamh Hebblethwaite
1-WH
Emma Butler, Laura Dowling

Progress Prizes:

1-G
Laura Rankin, Hugh Sweetnam
1-Q
Eva Barrett, Robert Beverland
1-S
Jamie Laycock, Emma Webster
1-W
Robert McLoughlin, Robert Stitt
1-WH
Kenneth Edgeworth, Megan Byrne



Laura Dowling, Emma Butler, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Oisín Faust and Craig Kennedy.



Megan Byrne, Kenneth Edgeworth, Robert Stitt and Robert McLoughlin.

Form 2

Class Prizes:

2-F
Aisling Reilly, Andrew Shaw
2-G
Caoimhe Cassidy, Patrick Devine Prendergast
2-J
Fiadh Gregg, Gavin Rothwell
2-R
Lia McCann, Amy O'Regan
2-W
Kate Barlow, Ciara Dowling

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

2-F
Ellen Baldwin, Andrew Young
2-G
John Savage, Elaine Smyth
2-J
Conor Spain, Rebekah Donnelly
2-R
Darragh Kirwan, Aisling O'Reilly
2-W
Evan Cunningham, Lauren Tully



Ciara Dowling, Kate Barlow, Amy O'Regan, Lia McCann and Gavin Rothwell.



Conor Spain, Elaine Smyth, Andrew Young and Ellen Baldwin.



Fiadh Gregg, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Caoimhe Cassidy, Andrew Shaw and Aisling Reilly.

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize

(best overall in Form 3):

Cian Dowling Cullen

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Aoife Moroney

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:

Mark Deegan

Classical Studies:

Gavin O'Toole

Civic, Social & Political Education

- Parents' Association Prize:

Rachel Burke, Colm Finlay, Niamh Murphy

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:

Emma Devine

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Alice Somers Donnelly

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Judith Harrington

German - German Government Prize:

Anna Keary

History - Casserley Prize:

Thomas Wyse Jackson

Home Economics

- Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Anna Keary

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Materials Technology (Wood)

- Parents' Association Prize:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Joseph Finn

Religious Education- Parents'

Association Prize:

Jennifer Rynne

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Colm Finlay

Technical Graphics - Parents'

Association Prize:

Samuel Lunn

Progress Prizes:

3-H

James Hennessy, Niamh Kearns

3-OH

Rebecca Dalton, Stephen Reid

3-P

Deborah Burke, Ethan Conroy

3-R

Kristian Chisholm, Sophie Collins

3-W

Mara Barrett, Niall Burke



Cian Dowling Cullen.



Mark Deegan.



Emma Devine.



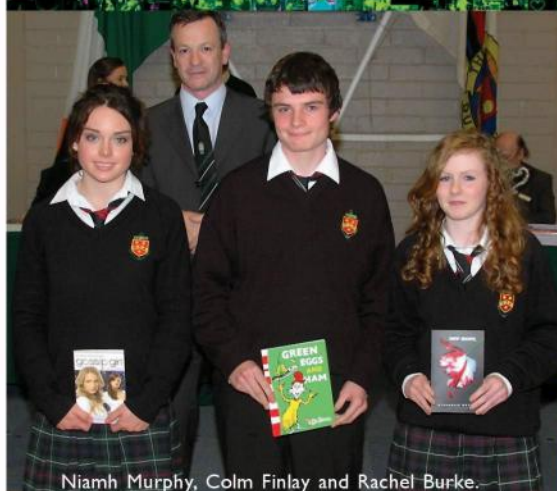
Alice Somers Donnelly.



Judith Harrington.



Cian Dowling Cullen.



Niamh Murphy, Colm Finlay and Rachel Burke.



Deborah Burke, Stephen Reid, Rebecca Dalton, Niamh Kearns and James Hennessy.



Anna Keary.

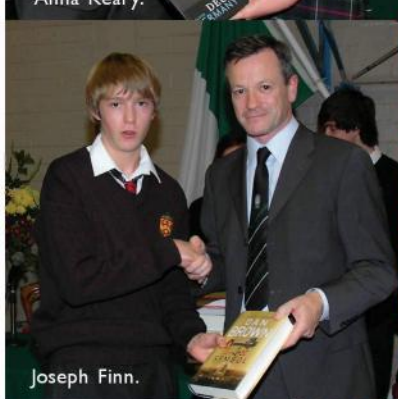


Luke Byrne.

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):
Luke Byrne

Class Prizes: Sarah Burns, Ian Duggan, Iain Irvine, Stephanie Lodola, Tess McCann, Robbie McGuinness, Michael McNulty, Eva Nugent, Mark Rogan, Tom Roseingrave, Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh



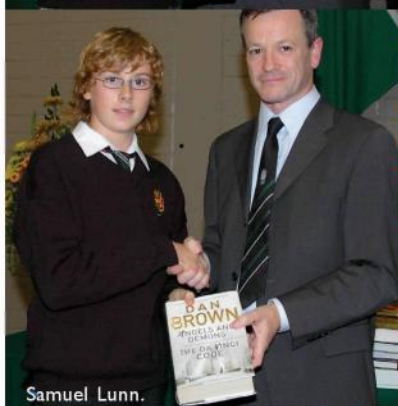
Joseph Finn.



Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, Tom Roseingrave, Mark Rogan, Eva Nugent, Michael McNulty and Robbie McGuinness.



Jennifer Rynne.



Samuel Lunn.



Colm Finlay.



Tess McCann, Stephanie Lodola, Iain Irvine, Ian Duggan and Sarah Burns.



Patrick King and Keenan Lacey.



Bill O'Cleirigh and Andrew Donovan.



Eleanor White.



Bill O'Cleirigh.



Aimee Jones O'Connor.



Niamh Murphy.

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)

Deborah Blair

John Thompson Scholarship:

Alicia Smyth

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)

Jack Kelly

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland)

Joan Somers Donnelly

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Jack O'Kennedy

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Stephen Shaw

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)

Thomas Burke

Accounting:

Deborah Blair

Applied Mathematics

- Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:

Shane Grehan

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Bo Jane Woods

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:

Jack Kelly

Business - S.S. Evans Prize:

Jonathan Walker

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:

Jack Kelly

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:

Alicia Smyth

Construction Studies

- Parents' Association Prize:

Clare Cryan

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Declan Fergus

English - Bessie Bury Prize:

Deborah Blair

French - McNay Prize:

Stephen Shaw

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Joan Somers Donnelly

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Niall Smith

German - German Government Prize:

Joan Somers Donnelly

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Jack O'Kennedy

Home Economics

- Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Zoe O'Regan

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:

Jack O'Kennedy

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:

Deborah Blair

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Robbie O'Brien

Physics:

Jack Kelly

Spanish:

Stephen Shaw

Technical Drawing

- Miss Mitchell's Prize:

James Ryan



Aoiife Moroney.



Deborah Blair.



Alicia Smyth.



Jack Kelly.



Joan Somers Donnelly.



Jack O'Kennedy.



Shane Grehan.



Bo Jane Woods.



Jonathan Walker.



Alicia Smyth.



Joan Somers
Donnelly.



Clare Cryan.



Jack O'Kennedy.



Declan Fergus.



Zoe O'Regan.



Stephen Shaw.



Robbie O'Brien.



James Ryan.



Gareth Fallon, Olivia McEvansoneya, Aislinn Coghlan and Robbie Browne.



Matthew McKenna Barry.



Olwen Smith, Linda Silke, Graham Mills and Matthew McKenna Barry.



Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh.



Niall Noonan.



Jonathán Walker.

Class Prizes:

Robbie Browne, Aislinn Coghlan, Ciarán Collins, Gareth Fallon, Olivia McEvansoneya, Matthew McKenna Barry, Graham Mills, Mark Savage, Linda Silke, Olwen Smith

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

(Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life)

Matthew McKenna Barry

P.P.U. Debating Medal:

Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

Patrick King, Keenan Lacey

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Andrew Donovan and Bill O Cleirigh for their role in the preparation, production and adaptation of the script for 'The Commitments'.

Eleanor White for establishing and promoting an Amnesty International group

Past Pupils' Union Awards

The following awards are made to the pupils who are considered to have made the best contribution to the school. In the case of the Head Boy and Head Girl the award is automatic and in the case of the other two awards a vote of staff and Form 6 pupils takes place from which the Head Boy and Head Girl are excluded.

Head Boy:

Jack O'Kennedy

Head Girl:

Olwen Smith

Jean Scott Trophy:

Charlotte Leonard-Kane

Old Boys' Cup:

Kevin Smyth

Ann Tector and Richard Graves.

Jack O'Kennedy.

Kevin Smith and Charlotte Leonard Kane.

Olwen Smith.

Aislinn Coghlan.

STAFF INTERVIEWS

Ms Byron-Smith



What were your first impressions of The High School?
There was a really good atmosphere on the corridors and people seemed relaxed. I felt it was a school of tradition and a good history.

Have you ever been on the C floor?

Yes, once when I was supervising in January. It was beautiful I could see the snow on the mountains.

What is your favourite year to teach?

I prefer teaching the 4th years Spanish and German. We had a good year together. I also loved my 5th year class!!
(Cheers Miss)

Why did you decide to teach languages?

I had always loved languages and I feel very passionate about them. I also travelled a lot learning new languages and it's something I can use every day.

What is your favourite language to teach?

I enjoy teaching German as it is an easy language to learn as it comes from the same family as English.

If you could live anywhere where would it be?

I would love to live in French speaking Canada, for a definite winter season and where you can play winter sports. I would also enjoy the bilingual language and I lived there for three years.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

When I lost my keys with my memory stick (which had all the summer tests on it). I was terrified a student might pick them up but after 24 hours of worrying eventually a teacher found them in the car park. Thank Goodness!

What actress would you want to play you in a movie?

Ehh Audrey Tautou and with a mixture of Renee Zellweger; Audrey is so beautiful and Zellweger has a great quirky personality

What three things would you take to a desert island? One has to be a teacher.

I would take that young teacher that Irish dances.

Mr Flynn??

Oh yes that's the one, he could keep me entertained on the island with his dances. Oh and maybe Mr Swan, he seems very calm and would make great company.

What about items?

I would like to take some music but I wouldn't have any batteries... Maybe a raft. Yeah, a raft.

Stefanie Wynne and Rachael Spray

Dr De Britt aka The Rock Doc



If you were stuck on a desert island what three things would you bring with you?

Hmmm...I would bring Bear Grills, a Knife and Mr Swan of course.

Geology or Geography?

Purely Geology.

If you could have a super power which one would it be?

The ability to teleport. I could see lots of rocks this way.

If you didn't do Geology what would you do?

Something to do with Genetics I think.

If you had to choose between Biology, Chemistry and Physics which one would you choose?

Chemistry and Physics. I like cell science.

What teacher do you get on with the most?

Any of the science teachers. Mr McBride, Mr Gill and Dr Whitford

Who is your favourite person fictional or nonfictional?

Gandalf.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

Don't know.

Do you play any sports?

Leinster league squash. We won certain divisions.

What was the best trip you have ever been on?

I went on a two week field trip to Scotland. Absolutely amazing...just all the rocks, the scenery and the weather. Sleeping in barns and all that stuff.

What is your favourite film?

Lord of the Rings. I think the second one is the best.

Who was your childhood hero?

Batman.

What was the worst job you ever had to do?

Oooh having to look at rocks in a quarry. Dismal.

What was the best job you had?

Uranium exploration in Canada. Talking to bears and living in a bush. Very enjoyable.

Do you have any hobbies?

Angling, photography and magic of course.

What school did you work at previously?

St. Joseph's.

What is your favourite type of rock?

(Laughs) Carboniferous limestone. (Sedimentary).

Do you have a nickname?

Don't have one. (Thinking) Rock Doc?

Do you have a motto?

It's a long road with no turning.

What is your biggest achievement?

Catching a 20 pound pike when I was 12.

Was there anyone who has inspired you?

George Sevastopulo.

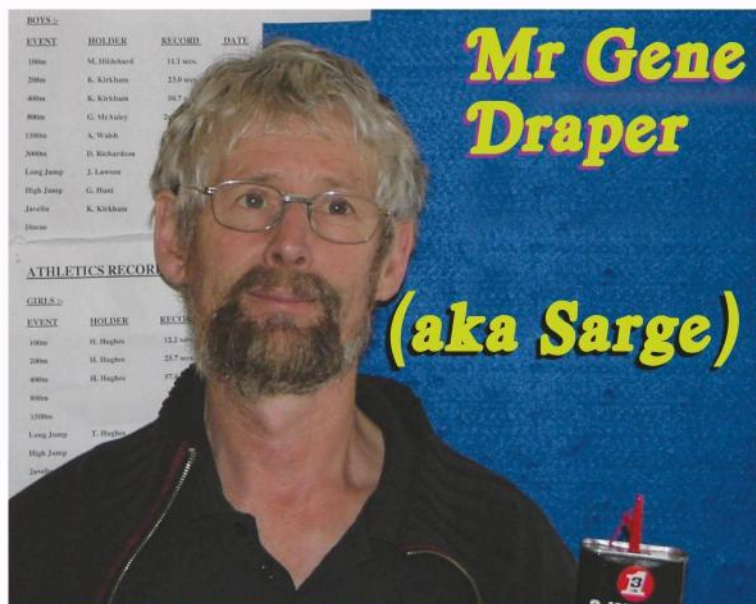
What was your favourite year to teach?

Sixth year.

What were your first impressions of High School?

Well organised, efficient place, very intelligent and entertaining students. Interesting and a smart bunch..

Sam Harman Conlon



Mr Gene Draper (aka Sarge)

When did you start working here?

1979 - At the time I worked in the building industry as a carpenter, and there was very little work. I was just married and when I saw the advertisement so I went for the job... and I've been here ever since! I brought up a family here, two daughters and our son, who all went to school here as well.

Is that Mr Draper who works here now?

Occasionally, yes it is!

What are your most memorable times at High School?

In 1982, the snow drifted up to the top of the house and we had to dig to get out! The school was closed for weeks - we think the snow is bad nowadays, but it was certainly big back then.

If you were to have a superpower what would it be?

I'd probably improve my eyesight- I'm a birdwatcher you know. I've a very fancy telescope....

Who would be your favourite teacher?

Well, my favourite teacher who was here was Mr Blackmore (do you know him? he's a bearded man!), and then after that Mr John Swan would be pretty up there.

If you were to bring 3 things with you on a desert island, what would you bring?

Well, apart from the usual things like fishing rods, I'd bring books...I wouldn't mind a knife.... *"pauses for thought"*... good memories!

What's the most dramatic thing that has ever happened to you?

I've had many things that have happened to me... I was electrocuted when I was about 11.

What!!?

I came in from school and my grandmother was 'hatching' the fire as they said in those days. She was sitting over the fire; it was a two bar electric fire. She had a cup of tea in her hand and I banged against her. The tea fell on the fire and the tea fell on me. Unfortunately I was holding a piece of metal, and I made the electrical connection. My mother, she thought that I was dancing, but then they realised that there was no music on the radio! The experience was like as if I was lying in the air with millions of little lines going by, and when they took me off the thing, the back of my leg was completely burnt and now there are no nerve endings. So I was lucky, I could have died... so that was pretty dramatic!

Anything else?

I was lost at sea for three or four days.

Really!? How did you manage to survive that?

Well, we were on a very old Norwegian trawler that was converted for sailing, and we were sailing from Spanish Morocco to Spain. No one really knew what they were doing, me included. We were ok for the first couple of days, but then we got caught in a storm. There was water coming in everywhere, it was quite a tall trawler with big red sails and as it hit the waves, it tossed dangerously from side to side. I remember being asked to go out on the boom, sort of out the front of the boat. I'm not really that boat favoured, with all the technical terms for sailing, in fact, I don't know anything about sailing at all. I've no idea why I was there! I remember having my legs around this thing and trying to pull this small sail up. We were out in the middle of the Mediterranean, and I don't think we ate at all while the storm was on...it was pretty mad! So that was a bit exciting... but luckily enough we saw land after three or four days. Yeah, it was scary enough, but you had enough to do!

Where did you go to school?

I'm afraid my school is finished and closed now. My school was Presentation College Glashule, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin. I grew up there and I wouldn't mind living out there beside the sea again someday. I went to an all-Irish national school so I'm fluent in Irish. When I was young we used to go to Inis Meáin. It's the middle Aran island, the quietest of the three - good bird watching. I used to love it, just for speaking to the people in Irish.

What has changed the most in High School since you've been here?

Well the staff, they're always changing, and I think students have always been good, interesting company. I've met some very interesting students over the years and I remember I used to lend out records to them back in the eighties.

What does your daily job consist of? Lots of running around?

Well, it's pretty mundane really. I start here at about half-six in the morning, and I go around making sure that everything's alright, doing whatever has to be done. Then I do maintenance jobs during the day, and shout at a few students. I don't think I shout as much as I used to, I don't really bother myself over it now. Well have you noticed me shouting?

No...! We've noticed seeing you round the corridors though! Have you any interest in music?

I do! But I must say I don't listen to music as much as I used to. I never played a musical instrument, well except for the harmonica. It's funny, we were a family of nine and none of us play an instrument. I have a sister who sings traditional music very well though.

Sure, I remember before there were even radios, and then when there were pirate radios stations instead. I used to run one with my friend - Radio Eamo. We used to close with Northern Lights Goodnight by the Beatles, and then we had different people who Djed on it. We had discussions on Saturday morning where we'd discuss the existence or non existence of God. Socialism was a big thing in those days too.

What's the most exotic place that you've ever been to? Any travels in your student days?

Corsica was very nice, but the most exotic place for me when I was young was Dalkey Island. Me and my brother, we used to go down to the harbour and take out a boat. We'd bring the dog and row down toward Dalkey Island where we'd do a bit of fishing before stopping off on Dalkey Island to do a bit of bird watching. In those days people would steal a few eggs and blow them for their collections, but it's not thought correct anymore, I wouldn't do that now.

If you were a bird, what sort of bird would you be?

I wouldn't mind being a swift or a swallow...

If you could choose to go to anywhere in the world, where would it be?

I wouldn't mind going to India, but there are millions of other places, South America....

What's your favourite book?

I read all the time but I'd have to say that my favourite book would be Gunter Gravace's 'The Tin Drum'. I've read it three times!

Seraphim Dempsey and Sophie Lee

Archivist

Mr Alan Phelan

What attributes do you need to be an archivist?

Patience. To be an archivist you need to be methodical, detail orientated and have a broad range of knowledge of different things.

How did you become an archivist?

I studied Communications in DCU. I concentrated on photography for my thesis and that led me to a Masters in Fine Art Photography which I did in Rochester, New York. Then I worked in the George Eastern House, a photography museum where I did an archives course. When I came back to Ireland in the mid-nineties, I worked for an artist as an archivist for a year and then got a job in the National Museum as a photography archivist. After working there for a couple of years it led me to here. I came to the archive to also set up the present exhibition space and move to the present building.

How has the school changed since you started working here?

I don't have a huge amount of contact with the school. I do have lunch in the school and enjoy when school groups come over to visit me. I have now seen a few groups go from first year to sixth year which is quite scary. When I see someone leaving I sometimes remember them arriving in on a first year tour of the archive.

How do you think the school will change in the next ten years?

(silly voice) It can only change for the better.

What interesting things do you come across in the archive?

The archive is quite broad. Everything from people researching Obama to more simple things like enquiries over land ownership.

What is the most interesting thing you found out in your research in the archive?

Seeing the kind of reaction within the Erasmian about the 1916 Uprising. The way it's recorded in the Erasmian was as a bit of a nuisance, as it was hard for students to get to school rather than the momentous political event that we understand it now. Another interesting thing was the Union Jack still being used at Prize Day in late 1920s. It was a slow turnaround.

Did you find out anything interesting about Erasmus Smith?

Discovering that he may not have come to Ireland was surprising. Also that his family have now died out completely.

What is the worst job you ever had?

Working in McDonalds! Because of the organisational structure of the company you are made to feel so small. All you can aspire to is to get through the levels of work within the company. I met some great people there however but kind of felt they'd be better somewhere else.

What actor would play you in a movie of your life?

It would have to be Morrissey or Quentin Tarantino. I'm constantly told I look like both of them.

If you could have a superpower what would it be?

Super stretchy! Don't know why.

What do you dislike about High School?

The way you all disappear for the summer when I stay designing and laying out the Erasmian!

Do you have a nickname?

Steve.

But your name is Alan?

Private joke, *(laughs)*.

What trait do you love/hate in others?

Loyalty and dishonesty.

Sam Harman Coulou and William Anglim

Ms Rugg



As we walk in, Ms Rugg sheds a single tear from the corner of her eye, as she discusses, with her 3rd year SPHE class, how her interview for the 2010 yearbook was not published. However, she seems adamant that this year's edition be published.

How long have you been working here?

Nearly two years.

What is your favourite thing about the school?

Definitely the pupils, especially my 5th year Spanish class.

Really?

No

What is the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you here at the High School?

Oh there are far too many to mention...and some are too rude!

Who would play you in a film of your life?

(A bit too quickly) Definitely Charlize Theron!

No, seriously?

Renee Zellweger in Bridget Jones...

If you had to audition for the X Factor what song would you sing?

Par Supuesto – Enrique Iglesias, in Spanish.

What is the last thing that you bought?

A sausage roll, for breakfast.

What have you worked as previous to your teaching career?

I worked in McDonald's in France! Avec pomme frites?! *(continues to babble away in French, says something about a Big Mac...)*

Do you like McDonalds?

No! I hate it!

Are you lying?

Yes. I go every Saturday morning for breakfast...

Where would you like to travel to?

I'd love to go to Russia or India; because they are so culturally diverse, but wait...I'm afraid of snakes so probably not India.

What is your favourite country/place in the world?

I like Whistler *(she whistles)*, in Canada, and of course Paris and Spain.

Which is your favourite year to teach?

6th years.

Why?

Because they're my favourite!!

What are some of your hidden talents?

Cleaning! *(Doubt that...)*

What is your favourite song?

Something by Kelly Clarkson or Avril Lavigne

Are you a good swimmer?

Yes.

What is your favourite word in French/German/Spanish?

Cacahuettes *(it means peanuts in French!)*

Lightning Round!

(Ms Rugg looks nervous)

Black or White: Black

Vanilla or Chocolate: Chocolate

Rugby or Football: Rugby

Left or Right: Left

Ireland or England: Ireland

Eve or Kate: Eve

Kate O'Marcaigh and Eve Roseingrave

Mr Sheehan



What was your first impression of High School?

Well, it was different to the last school I taught in - the kids in High School are well behaved and mannerly.

Has your impression of High School changed?

Not really, normally when you are a new teacher in a school your students are nice and well behaved for the first few weeks - like a honey-

moon period - while they get to know you and then they can sometimes turn on you but that hasn't happened here.

Have you taught in any other schools?

I have taught in two other schools.

A small school in Cork and an all-boys school in Clondalkin which was bigger than this school.

What subjects do you teach and which one is your favourite?

I teach Woodwork, Construction Studies, Technical Graphics and DCG. Construction Studies is my favourite because it's challenging for me and the students especially at Leaving Cert, as you want to get your students to reach their full potential.

Have you had any embarrassing moments in High School so far?

None here that I can think of, but in my last school on my first day my trousers got caught on the metal corner of a desk and ripped!

What's the worst job you've ever had?

When I was 15 or 16 I worked in Galtee Meats, in the slaughter house. The pigs came along on a conveyor belt type thing and we had to take out their intestines. Could you tell us three interesting facts about your life?

I suppose I'd be very big into Gaelic games - hurling and football, I play both of them. I also do a lot of travelling. I follow the world cups and have travelled to Germany and Vienna. Also I represented my county in hurling.

Do you have any hidden talents?

I can play the tin whistle!

Do you play any other sport?

I do yeah, I play soccer socially. I'm a follower in a lot of sports as in rugby. I would play a bit of tennis as well.

In an audition for X-factor what song would you pick and why?

(After a bit of thinking!)

It would probably be a heavy metal song. Probably a Metallica song - I can't sing so I could just shout through it!

What actor would play you in a movie of your life?

What actors have red hair? (We couldn't think of any!) Well Morgan Freeman because if he can play Nelson Mandela surely he can play a convincing ginger!

Do you have any role models?

Sports people; Henry Shefflin - he's not in the limelight and keeps to himself - he's not getting any money for what he's doing and he's probably one of the best players of his generation... and he's also a ginger!

If you could have any super-power what would it be?

To be invisible - sometimes it would be nice to disappear!

What is your biggest fear?

I suppose I have a lot of aims and my biggest fear would be not even attempting to achieve them.

What is your favourite T.V. Show?

I'm a big fan of The Office and at the moment Extras because they both have Ricky Gervais in them.

Do you have any nicknames past or present?

In primary school I was called Biro...my first name is Billy so Billy Biro...very simple! It was when I was seven or eight but for some reason my friends have begun to call me it again.

Finally, what three words best describe you?

Outgoing, energetic, fun!

Amy Deverell and Katie O'Brien
5th year



The Supervisors

Upon arriving in the den the noisy 3rd years are Irish dancing in the Reynolds hall, Mr Egan shuts the curtains while Mr Mc Donnell complains we are interrupting his breakfast (Weetabix). We all sit around the table with tea and biscuits that Bonnie has kindly given us and we are ready to begin....

So first of all how long have you been working here?

Mr McDonnell: Five years.

Ms Carty: Since 1994, enjoyed every moment of it!

Mr Egan: About eight years, yes very enjoyable.

Mr O'Brien: Two years.

Any particular favourite day of the week?

Ms Carty & Mr Egan: Wednesday.

Mr O'Brien: Saturday!

Mr Mc Donnell: Ah I like every day...At their age it should be any day!

Any embarrassing moments?

Mr Mc Donnell: Asking Mrs Carson where her uniform was!

Mr O'Brien: Having to tell a girl she had tucked her underwear into her skirt one morning!

Who is the funniest?

Ms Carty: Mr. Egan!

Mr Egan: No, she is always telling me there is dancing monkeys and fire eaters in assembly.

What are your hidden talents?

Ms Carty: Oh I couldn't discuss them here!

Mr Egan: Being a diplomat.

Mr O'Brien: Being a teenager at heart.

Mr Mc Donnell: I'm a brilliant soccer and tennis coach.

What changes would you make to the school if you could?

Mr Mc Donnell: Ah I'd be here all day!

Ms Carty: Implementation of uniforms

Mr Egan: I'd fill in that puddle at the side of the pitches, our job would be easier then.

Which song would you sing for an audition in the X Factor?

Ms Carty: (straight away) Hallelujah

Mr Egan: (Sings)... (He cannot remember the song's name but it's from the film 'Good Morning Vietnam')

Mr Mc Donnell: Wham! No no, Hungry like the wolf: Duran Duran. Put that down.

Mr O'Brien: Sweet Caroline



Mr Mc Donnell.



Mr O'Brien.



What is your worst pet peeve?

Mr Mc Donnell: At the moment Bankers and politicians.

Mr O'Brien: We never have any...everything is nearly perfect!

Any special superpowers you would like to have?

Mr Mc Donnell: Haha... If I had a super power...

Mr O'Brien: I'd like to be invisible...and listen to things.

Ms Carty: Wonder woman, Superwoman, to make world peace...

Last item you bought?

Mr O'Brien: A blowtorch to make some lovely crispy duck and crème brulee (proceeds to tell us how his wife does not let him crisp the duck in the oven as it makes it dirty)

Mr Mc Donnell: A gastroscopy, bought it on the internet there last night.

Mr Egan: A Lotto ticket...although I never buy the winning ones.

So what were your past jobs?

Mr Egan: I was in the marbling business; a marble importer. I was also in the joinery business and sweets business.

Ms Carty: Sweeties for the children!

Mr O'Brien: Materials manager...

Mr Mc Donnell: I was in the Special Forces - secret agent for MI5

What animal would you like to become in the afterlife?

Mr Egan: A bird of some sort... so I can fly. My hobbies were flying; I had a pilot's licence for small planes when I was young and careless with money.

Mr O'Brien: A giant tortoise, they live for long.

Which year is your favourite to supervise?

Mr O'Brien: (sarcastically) the fourth years...Wonderful fourth years

Ms Carty: First years.

Mr Mc Donnell: Fifth years, I started here when they were in first year . Graham and Hugh still haven't grown!

Mr Egan: I enjoy the first years

Ms Carty: They haven't learned to be cheeky yet.

What do you all do when we are in class?

Mr Mc Donnell: Drink tea, eat biscuits, they sit here and drive me bonkers!

Mr O'Brien: Do Sudoku...

Mr Mc Donnell: (points) sleep in that chair.

Any nicknames?

Mr O'Brien: Well you keep calling me 'The Sherriff', don't you? Yeah the fifth years call me that.

Mr Mc Donnell: Vinnie was mine... (He has taken a shine to Vinnie Jones) and Mr. Muscles, but I don't know where that came from. Bonnie's is snow white (what about Bonnie?), Ms Garvey's is Hyacinth Bucket from the programme 'Keeping up Appearances'

Mr Egan: Ego

So Mr Mc how is the football/tennis academy coming along?

Brilliant, Brilliant its DSA academy .com

(Ms Carty snorts with laughter as she thought he said DSPCA...)

Mr Mc Donnell continues talking about his coaching skills...until he has to be interrupted

One place you would like to travel to right now?

Ms Carty: Moscow

Mr Mc Donnell: New York, I'd also love to see Auschwitz.

Mr Egan: Vietnam or Cambodia

Mr O'Brien: Anywhere in Italy

What are your favourite biscuits?

Mr Mc Donnell: Ginger nuts, Lemon puffs...

Mr O'Brien: ...No you hate them..

Mr Mc Donnell: But she keeps giving them to us!



Ms Carty.

Favourite ABBA song?

Ms Carty: Waterloo...no, Dancing queen.

Mr Egan: (starts to sing again- we all hum along but once again cannot figure out the name of the song)

Mr O'Brien: Thank you for the music

Who would play you in a film of your life?

Ms Carty: (immediately) Nicole Kidman

Mr Egan: Geoff Bridges

Mr O'Brien: John Wayne "the duke" (who?)

Mr Mc Donnell: Vinnie Jones

So who is the jock in the group?

Mr Mc Donnell: (confidently) Do we need to answer that?

And who is the cheerleader?

Mr O'Brien & Mr Mc Donnell: Ms .Garvey!

Any stories?

Mr O'Brien to Mr Egan: Tell them about Dungarvan

Mr Egan: No

(Off the record, we are told a very amusing incident about what happened on one of Mr Egan's weekend trips with his friends to Dungarvan)

We finish up as Mr Egan is eager to leave after finishing reading the paper!

Laura Pearson, Rose Halpin Duffy and Eve Roseingrave.

Ms. Garvey

During a quiet lunchtime we sit down for a chat with Ms Garvey in The Reynolds Hall.

How long have you been working here?

Since 1984, 26 years.

What previous jobs have you had?

I was a consultant manager in the cosmetic industry. I did treatments and trained consultants.

What animal would you like to be reincarnated as?

Hmmm...A horse or a dog, they're my favourite animals.

If you were to sing a song for an X-Factor audition, what would it be?

Fiddle di di, what song would I sing, gosh! I like the song My Lagan Love, it's not a pop song it's an Irish song.

Any Superpower you would like to have?

The power to heal

What's your most embarrassing moment in high school?

(Laughs) lots of them I couldn't tell you but let's just say I misspelt a word on the blackboard once...

Have you any memories of this year's 6th years?

Hugs! Lots of hugs!

Have you got any nicknames?

Gavin Mullan calls me the Garvetron

What do you do on weekends?

Just chill!

Who is your favourite teacher?

Mr Mc Bride, we are really good friends, his mum calls me his second mum.

If you could make any rule in HSD what would it be?

Shirts in, ties up, look happy!

What is your favourite saying?

Sufferin' duck!

Any hidden talents?

Yes loads (winks) I have two certificates for bull fighting. I was the best lady bull fighter of the day. Pet Peeves?

Liars, careless dressing.

What was the last item you bought?

A jacket, it's in a box in the car.

Whose your favourite year?

My darling second years, I'm on their lockers and get them lollipops from Belgium.

Anything else to say?

The happiest years of my life were spent in HSD. I love coming to school and hope I'll be here for many more years.

Laura Pearson and Maoliosa Nugent.



Ms Garvey.



The Legendary Mr Swan

When did you first join the school?

I had been working in a school in Botswana in Africa, just on the edge of the Kalahari Desert for two years and then travelling/working in South America for a further two years. I returned home in April 1977 and was very fortunate to get a job in High School starting in September 1977.

What was your first impression of The High School?

My first impressions of High School were of a most friendly atmosphere among staff and students and I can honestly say that this impression has never changed. I hope that young staff coming into the school still feel the same and that pupils always experience a positive friendly atmosphere.

How has the school changed?

There have been enormous changes and improvements to the facilities since I have come. I have seen huge advances in audio visual aids to teaching. The Music Block, the Technology Block and the all-weather pitches are among many improvements that I have seen.

When I came, there was a Junior School which operated quite independently in four rooms on the A corridor. There was also an Upper Sixth year which catered for a small number of students.

When I came, school continued until the end of June in the summer term. School exams took place at the same time as the State exams, and then after the school exams, classes resumed for a week; so those doing State exams were finished earlier than the rest of the school.

What were your most memorable moments?

I have so many memorable moments over the last 33 years but I suppose the numerous school trips abroad will always be very special; all those trips to Kerry and climbing Carrauntoohil with the President's Award are especially memorable.

What are you going to miss the most about High School?

That's an easy question. The people and the atmosphere. I will miss the staff, the students and the general buzz of a school. It is hard to think of any other job where you are working with so many people with so many different interests, talents and ambitions.

What are you looking forward to in your retirement?

I enjoy any type of DIY and so I will devote more time to this and hopefully learn some new manual skills.

How did you get involved in the outdoor activities?

Much of my outdoor involvement grew from the President's Award. I have always enjoyed working with the President's Award and all its activities.

It is always interesting to get to know students in a different setting outside the classroom and to learn more about them as people.

I would encourage all students to get involved in some activity outside the classroom. There are so many opportunities on offer in High School

Any words of advice for young people?

I have a selection of posters in my class room and one of them says:

"No one can do everything but everyone can do something"

You can always start with this.



Ms V. Barry of the office staff

How long have you been working in High School?

10 years

What is your obsession with your snow globes?

A teacher brought me one back from a holiday and it has snowballed from there!!!

How many do you have?

I have no idea!

What are you going to miss most about High School?

I'll miss having a laugh with the students and teachers and especially Ms King and Helen.

What are your hobbies?

Table tennis and reading.

I also like travelling I've been to China!

What superpower would you like to have?

I'd like to be able to be in more than one place at a time!

What are your plans for your retirement?

Well I'll have more time for myself and friends and family.

I might do some part-time work too.

What is your most embarrassing moment in High School?

When Mr Flynn started and I thought he was a student! I think it was his most embarrassing too!

What is your most memorable moment in High School?

Oh gosh! Let me think, probably how happy Ms Pearce was when one of her students got an honour in the Leaving Cert.

What were your first impressions of High School?

The Office was a nice friendly place. Helen, Debbie and Jean were here already here.

How has the school changed?

No, it hasn't really! I've really enjoyed seeing people grow and mature from 1st to 6th year.

Amy Deverell





Mr Wisener

How long were you teaching in High School?

27 years

What was your most memorable moment?

Moving into the Music block, finding a base.

Which did you prefer to conduct-choir or orchestra?

I liked them both equally.

Who was your most memorable student?

A Japanese girl called Yumi. She had perfect pitch, when she was asked for rhythm she gave tunes and pitch.

What is your favourite instrument?

The cello.

Did you always teach in the music block and if not where?

First I was in the A2 demo, then I was on the B or C floor and often I was in the Reynolds hall, then I was in the Music block.

What were you before you became a teacher?

A student.

Who is your favourite composer?

Bach.

Have you ever written your own musical piece?

Yes when I was a student.

What will you miss most about teaching?

Interaction with staff and pupils.

Stephen Watts

Mrs Pearce **THE** **Interview**



How long have you been working here?

I first came here about 1983. It was in a very casual capacity, teaching just forty minutes a week. Over the years I became more and more involved with the school until I was here full time.

Has anything changed since you started teaching here?

The biggest change has been the use of technology. It has been difficult for me to even attempt to keep up with all of the innovations. When I was doing my studies in mathematics, we had to do all our difficult calculations on a device called a slide rule. I still find it exciting to walk into a classroom and see data projectors, Computers and even calculators.

What were your first impressions of The High School?

I couldn't believe that any pupil could be attending a school in such a lovely setting. A school surrounded by playing fields and a river! I had come from London with cramped old buildings, poor housing with only tiny back yards and where schools had a bit of tarmac for the games amazed me.

What was your funniest moment?

It was probably when a helpful member of the class plucked up the courage to tell me that I was wearing odd boots! One black and one light brown!

What is your fondest memory?

Definitely the Christmas Fair Trade Fair. The atmosphere created on those days by the Transition year students has always been memorable. There was always such a strong feeling of purpose and achievement. Everyone working together and enjoying themselves.

What will you miss most about the High School?

I will miss coming in every morning and being greeted by friends and students. It doesn't matter how bad you feel when you walk in the door, there is always someone here to cheer you up and make you laugh. I know I will not be able to find a substitute for that.



Retirements

We congratulate Mr D Wright, Mr M Wisener, Mrs L Pearce and Mr J Swan on their retirements as teachers this year, though we will miss them all. We wish them the very best in the future and thank them for their enormous contribution to the school.



Mr Wisener established the Music Department at the school in 1979. Moving to a new school to work is a challenge in itself, but to be invited to build a Music Department from scratch is a huge undertaking. Mr Wisener showed that he could see the potential in the pupils here which he nurtured carefully over a career here

spanning 27 years. He encouraged the Board of Governors to establish a Music Scholarship scheme and this was to help him in his ambition to build a school orchestra which would become one of the finest in Ireland. He also built up school choirs and both orchestra and choirs performed under his baton at public occasions run by the school, such as the Carol Service, Prize Day, opening of new buildings and in latter years the annual summer concerts which he initiated. All of these became showcase occasions for the very talented musicians who came to the school, who came to know and respect Mr Wisener for his patience, his hard work, his careful organisation of the Music Department and his deep interest in each of them. I had been a colleague of Mr Wisener in his previous school in 1979 and when I came here as Principal in 1994, I was not at all astonished at, but instead admired, the magnitude of what he had achieved because I had known all along that he could do it, and he did! I was pleased to be able to plan with him enhanced facilities for the Music Department. With the support of the Board we planned the current Music Centre which opened in 2002. Mr Wisener also taught French and served as a form teacher, as well as contributing enormously to the musical life of Dublin through his time at St Patrick's Cathedral, St Bartholomew's Church, with the Culwick Choral Society and with the Strollers. Malcolm Wisener always sought new challenges and so he decided to take a career break from 2006 and is now organist of St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. Lucky Cork!



Mrs Pearce has worked here since 1982 as a Mathematics teacher, support teacher and form teacher. In recent years she has been coordinator of the Special Needs Department. A generation of students will remember her special care and attention for those with individual needs. Mrs Pearce brought valuable qualities to her responsibilities through the

warmth of her personality and the great care she took to see that each pupil with special needs was assisted in the best way possible. This involved visiting their primary schools, meeting with their parents, applying to the local Special Educational Needs Organiser for Department of Education resource teaching hours or Special Needs Assistant hours, applying for different kinds of support measures in certificate examinations and the daily marshalling and organisation of those resources in a department of four resource teachers and three SNAs. Mrs Pearce also assisted with the planning of the class groups in Form 1 so that her knowledge of the incoming pupils could be best applied with appropriate class placements. She played an important role in supporting my own work as



Principal in all of the above areas but also in running the special centres in the certificate examinations, again to ensure that all of the pupils were secure and as confident as they could be in facing the challenges before them. For all of these reasons and for her high standards of professionalism, as well as for her warm friendship, Linda Pearce has been a valued and respected colleague of all of the staff.

Mr Swan came to The High School in 1977 as a Geography and Mathematics teacher, having spent a period working in Africa. Over the years he has devoted almost superhuman energy to canoeing, swimming, coordinating the President's Award Scheme along with organising and assisting visiting teachers and coaches to Transition Year. Mr Swan began the President's Award (Gaisce) project at the school with a handful of students and over a period of about twenty years he built the enterprise into one of the most popular projects

in Transition Year, involving a series of personal challenges to be fulfilled during the year. This has proved to be a very rewarding experience for hundreds of students who have experienced community enterprises and physical challenges they might never have considered undertaking were it not for the project. He has guided hundreds of students to the top of Carrauntoohill Mountain in Co Kerry as the annual finale of the hillwalking part of the award. Because of the detailed supervision and record-keeping necessary, Mr Swan has devoted many hours of his time each year to ensuring that the pupils remained on track and his weekly meetings have often saved a student from falling by the wayside through his unswerving enthusiasm, encouragement and good humour. He has served as coordinator of the Geography Department and of internal examinations as well as fulfilling the role of form teacher. As Geography coordinator, he has kept the department strong and well organised, marshalling its resources to ensure the maximum effectiveness of teaching and learning, introducing many innovations and incorporating new technologies as they became available. When one of his teachers has been ill he has immediately stepped into the breach to assist the substitute and to reassure pupils by supplying many of his own resources for their use. As well as being the consummate professional, John Swan's personality and dedication have enthused many of his colleagues who are now happy to ensure that his legacy is an enduring one by continuing and developing the projects he began.



Mr D Wright was a pupil at The High School and was a member of the senior rugby team which won the Leinster Cup in 1973. Having obtained a Science degree in Trinity College he then furthered his studies in Alberta and graduated with an M. Sc. in Geography. He began his teaching career at the school in 1981 and taught Geography and Geology, a life long passion. He was unstinting in his willingness to organise and accompany trips abroad, to the Burren, to caving locations and elsewhere. He retained a strong interest in rugby and rose through the coaching ranks to become senior team coach. He also took charge of caving as an adventure sport in the summer term, acted as a form teacher, coordinated video equipment, and recently was Year Head of Transition Year. We thank him for the enormous contribution he made in so many areas during his long career at the school.



In addition to the above teaching staff, Mrs V Barry has retired as bookkeeper, having been with the school since 2000. Mrs Barry has kept the salaries flowing, a function regarded by all as somewhat vital! Her job required confidentiality, a great deal of accuracy and patience with staff seeking to deal with the complications of revenue form-filling. In addition she was responsible for fee income and liaising with the banks. She also handled charity collections and tour cash on behalf of the pupils and staff. During a long period of absence by the Administrator, Mrs Barry took over many of his functions and performed them very competently. We wish her well in her retirement.



Mrs Joyce Lowry also retired from the catering staff. Many at the school would regard her job as the most important one of the whole staff! Mrs Lowry brought a sparkling good humour to her duties and was always ready with a smile and a kindly word. Thanks for all those terrific lunches!

Brian Duffy
Principal



Following is an abridged version of a sermon by the Rt Reverend Michael Jackson at the Funeral of the Reverend Wilbert Gourley, Rector of Zion Parish, Rathgar, Diocese of Dublin.

St John 14:1: Jesus said: Set your troubled hearts at rest. Trust in God always; trust also in me.

Words of encouragement from Jesus to his disciples come at a time when the disciples themselves are very lost and Jesus is about to die and leave them. There is a particular fragility which plays on this very human scene. But some of the most important things come out, some of the most important connections are made - exactly and precisely when people are still feeling their way and unsure of what will happen next. These connections are strong and true in our own tragic circumstances today, as we mark with gratitude and sorrow the life of Wilbert, husband of Gladys, father of Peter, Catherine and Andrew, grandfather of Ethna, Angel, Zac, Lara, Dillon, Charlie and rector of this parish. We remember also the sadness of Fiona, Tina and Peter together with all members of Gladys's family.

This is a time of tragedy for all of us gathered today in Zion. These moments are also special because memories are raw. I greatly appreciate being here as a friend among friends. It comes through the kind and generous invitation of Gladys to preach at Wilbert's Funeral Service in the parish church where he has served for twenty-two years and where during two of those years I worked happily and fruitfully alongside him as curate-assistant, as indeed I had done previously alongside his predecessor Bishop Roy Warke. It is always a particularly poignant moment when sheep say farewell to their shepherd, when parishioners take leave of their rector in the circumstance of death in service. For Wilbert, Zion was his home for twenty-two years, the longest time he spent ministering in any one place. He was ordained to serve as curate-assistant of Newtownards, a distinction which he shared with his predecessor. Three years in the diocese of Down were followed by three years in the diocese of Clogher, as incumbent of Currin, Drum and Newbliss, where Wilbert is still remembered with affection by people who took both him and Gladys to their hearts, as the people of Clogher do. Seven and a half years in St George's and St Thomas's preceded his arrival in Zion in 1988. Peter was born while the Gourleys lived in Newtownards; Catherine and Andrew while they were in Scotshouse Rectory.

Gladys and Wilbert had met over a pair of scissors - it is less dramatic than it sounds! Gladys was the Catering Supervisor in the then Divinity Hostel and Wilbert, an ordinand, needed a pair of scissors to remove a badge from a pair of football trousers. Being of a practical turn of mind, Gladys insisted that he undertake to bring the scissors back - which he duly did. Wearing a pair of football trousers with no badge, all on your own, clearly proved to be a more lonely occupation than Wilbert anticipated, so he and Gladys found themselves not too long after at the cinema. History took its wonted and romantic course, as is the way of cinemas. They were married in Templemore on Easter Monday 1971 and promptly moved to London where Wilbert studied in King's College for the degree of Bachelor of Divinity.

Working with Wilbert was a fascinating and enriching experience. At all points, I found him open to new concepts and generous in running with you when you had an idea. Even if it were half-formed, as most of the ideas curates have somehow tend to be, he was never patronizing. The day came when Zion would have to find its way in the world without a stipendiary curate, and, as its last stipendiary curate, I say it with the greatest of delight - that may indeed have been the time when, as a parish community, it really began to blossom and flourish. Wilbert

was, and remained, scholarly, even bookish, by instinct. Yet he had the capacity, not vouchsafed to all of us who are ordained, to release energies in people, both likely people and unlikely people.

Young and old alike related to Wilbert. We see testimony to this in the many people who rallied to his assistance during his time of tragic illness and, we have to be honest, rapid decline, as the cancer, like the claws of the crab from which it takes its name, took hold and bit deep in him. The capacity of individuals and of the whole community to rally to the Gourley family when the need was greatest deserves to go down in the annals of this parish. It would be possible to name individuals but I should rather leave those who contributed most to consider themselves at the heart of this very broad and sincere thank-you which Gladys has asked me to voice on her behalf.

The good which any one person does, in fact does good for other people. People do good in their own lifetime. That goodness lives on in the lives of those who follow after them. Difficult questions, however painful their context, open up things which matter. They create space in which God speaks to us; and this really does matter. Journeying in faith and living in good faith take us to unexpected places and lead us ever onward to remember with gratitude, to follow in thanksgiving and to give back with love and hope.

John Milton wrote a poem entitled On Time in 1632 which holds together heaven and earth and communicates the biblical hope that God is all in all. Of time itself he says:

*...For when as each thing bad thou hast entombed,
And last of all thy greedy self consumed,
Then long eternity shall greet our bliss
With an individual kiss;
And joy shall overtake us as a flood,
When every thing sincerely good
And perfectly divine,
With Truth and Peace, and Love, shall ever shine ...*

In the pattern of John Milton we move by way, truth and life to truth, peace and love. May God overtake ... as a flood Wilbert Robert Joseph, priest, in the peace, the truth and the love of the heavenly places where torment is no more.

St John 14.3 And if I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Reverend Wilbert Gourley

Bishop Jackson spoke eloquently about my good friend Wilbert and I thank him for permission to reprint his remarks here. Wilbert was one of the first people to welcome me to The High School when I was appointed

as Principal in 1994. He had come to Zion Parish himself some six years earlier and had been appointed to the Board of Governors of The High School the following year. He served in that capacity throughout the remainder of his life and in recent years was a member of our Education Committee, where he was interested to know the detail of how policy was developed at the school and to make his own valuable contribution. On many occasions, Wilbert promoted the interests of the school in public, sometimes issuing a robust defence of a school he believed in when it was the subject of unwarranted or uninformed criticism. We who work daily to do our best for the educational and spiritual wellbeing of our pupils welcomed his care and concern for us. He worked hard to maintain and develop the relationship between Zion Parish and the school. When the law came to require detailed admissions policies for schools, Wilbert saw to it that the children of our staff would be welcomed as pupils of Zion National School.

I consulted Wilbert many times about the spiritual life of The High School and his counsel was always wise and calm. Our chats often developed far beyond the original subject into the most interesting explorations of all sorts of topics, from the philosophical to soccer! I came to value Wilbert's friendship deeply. I had lunch with him a few months ago when he was already unwell and his concerns as always were

about how things were going and whether he could do anything to help.

He was a frequent and welcome visitor to morning assembly where he delivered short, succinct,

dignified and yet inspirational messages to junior and senior pupils, varying the sophistication of his topic according to the age group he was addressing. He knew his audience and they liked and respected him. He would often have a cheery word with one of his parishioners or a former pupil of his national school as he departed. We will miss him greatly. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Brian Duffy,
Principal

TEEN TEACHERS

Yes!
Teachers
were
teenagers
once too!
Guess which
teenagers
are your
teachers
today!!!

A) Dr
Whitford
B) Mr Kelly
C) Mr
McCaughy
- Mr
McCaughy
insisted that
this photo was
taken for his
school play...
D) Mr Flynn
E) Mr Swan
F) Mr
Wilkinson
G) Mr Gill
H) Mr
Kinsella
I) Mr Walker
J) Mrs
Hutchinson-
Edgar
K) Mrs Milne
L) Ms Rugg



JUNIOR CYCLE

FIRST YEAR

Why?

Louise Dukes, 1C

I stood there watching, strong and tall
As, like my leaves in Autumn, they began

Terrifying noise,
Agonising screams,
They fell to the ground,
Their blood forming streams.

Their sticks of fire, so loud and bright,
Making daylight out of night.

As dawn approached the air grew still,
No more young men left to kill,
No screams of pain, no sounds of violence,
In their eerie silence.

Their bodies lay on the forest floor,
Destined to lie there forever more.

As I think back to those dreadful years,
Of pain, blood, screams and tears,
I wonder why those young men would aim,
At others who, to me, looked exactly the same.

Oh so slowly,
Do the leaves fall,
From yellow to red, from
Big to small. One could not help
But glance at the wonder that is their
Dance. Then when they have
Had their fill, they fall
To the
Ground
And lie
Quiet and still.

Louise Dukes, 1C

Water Park

Michael Dolan, 1C

Late July, given the blistering sun for a day
My Mom, Dad, Brother and I would go to a water park.
At first, we would take a bus. I could feel the sweat
It was like someone was pouring water over me.

I was relieved we finally got there.
I tasted freedom as I got out of the bus. We were finally there!
We went in the water park. I eagerly changed into my swimming togs
I dived in the pool. The water was as cold as ice.

I glided like a fish in the water.
I looked at the slides- black ones, green ones and red ones
Burned like they were on fire. I sped down the slides almost like I was a rocket.
I had such fun! Then we had to go, the water park was closing.

I always felt sad. All that fun wasted in a couple of hours.
Each year I hoped it would stay open longer, knew it would not.

First Year Poetry

1C



Back Row: Séamas Mac Lochlainn, Tony Zheng, Cian Milofsky, Megan O'Byrne, Ellen O'Gorman, Michael Dolan, Felim Kelly, Yasmeen Sinan.

Middle Row: Amanda Ko, Mark Perham, Victor Bell, Luke O'Brien, Louise Dukes, David Aspil, Charlotte King, Claire Austen, Alannah Carragher.

Front Row: Richard Gannon, Luke Murphy, Colin Jackson, Oisín Moodliar Walsh, Emma McNeilly, Rachel Delaney, Jasmine Pickett, James Macken.

Absent: Zach Breen.

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Back Row: Eleanor Conheady, Aisling Whelan, Eva Martin, Elliot Chambers, Dmitry Boykiv, Emma Watts, Johnjoe Irwin.
Middle Row: Jessica Smith, Rónán Weber, Josh Hogg, Shannon Young, Andrew Jones, Robert Deegan, Laoise Brophy.
Front Row: Philip Emo, Ailish Long, Saoirse O'Mahony, Byron Cunningham, Scott Wallace, Ellen McCullough, Susanna Wyse Jackson.
 Absent: Abbie Hennessy, Jack Killeen, Bethany Thompson, James Twamley.

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Back Row: Hugh Hackett, Daniel English, Beatrice Doyle, David Brusey, Robert Jones, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Chloe Manahan, Ruth Ferguson.
Middle Row: Peter Mullen, Roberta McCune, Leah Tuohy, Billy O'Carroll, Ciarán Harrison, Hayley Blair, Rachael Kaye Mellor.
Front Row: Jakob O'Donnell, Thomas McNulty, Finn Mason, Emily O'Reilly, Roisin Cormac-O'Hora, Eoghan O'Byrne, Kate Squire, Jessica Neville.
 Absent: Evie McClafferty, Eva Tyrrell.



Back Row: Andrew Courtney, Eoin Feely, Rebecca Shaw, Lucy Barlow, Kian Wilson, Harry Griffin, Dearbhla Moroney, Mark Daly.

Middle Row: Jessica McConnell, Alexandra Da Silva Talaia, Jonah Clegg, Áine Hughes, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Killian Elwood, Neil Dunne, Conor Prendergast, Felim O Cleirigh.

Front Row: Kyle Campbell, Orlagh Kearney, Elizabeth Gageby, Emily Ní Riain, Alice de Forge, Eva Kelly, Laura Power, Haneefa Carrim.



Back Row: Marika Gentile, Edward Bergman, Shane Richardson, Tara Barnes, Daragh McDonnell, Eamon O'Cathain, Marcella Nikolova, Conor Boyce.

Middle Row: Ellen Mullooly, Emma O'Malley, Alessandro Macari, Nadine Burke, Darragh Butler, Maya Devine, Rachel Donnelly, Aisling O'Kelly, Saoirse O'Donoghue.

Front Row: Evan Burrowes, Fionn McCarthy Purcell, Grace O'Marcaigh, Wesley Wright, Tom Harris, Isabelle Geraghty, Stephen Crosby, Liam Weitz, Laura Dunne.

First Years Have Their Say

During the year, we sent questionnaires around to the first years as part of a survey on life in High School. Some of the questions we asked included: embarrassing and funniest moments, first impressions, teachers, plans after school, weapon of choice in a food fight and what they felt was the best thing about the school.

When we went through the completed questionnaires, we came across a certain number of in-jokes such as someone shaving their eyebrows and something about giraffes! When asked about embarrassing and funniest moments, some of the answers were as following:

"When Mr Walker locked me in the changing rooms by accident"

"I slipped and elbowed Ms Garvey in the face"

"When a guy was talking to his pencil in the middle of the French exam"

When it came to first impressions, the responses varied:

"The 4th and 5th years were huge" (What about the 6th years?)

"That Sarge was a crazy man..."

"It was really friendly and all the students and teachers were really welcoming"

As for teachers, one student said he would most like to be Mr Levis because he "would have cool hair". Another said Ms Bourke because "she's kick-ass at piano" while Mr Malin would be chosen due to his "cool accent."

When asked about what their weapon of choice in a food fight would be, one very sensible first year replied "I would not partake in such a vulgar act as a food fight." Others were more daring, choosing items such as a stale loaf of bread, lumpy cold porridge and even a 12 ounce steak!

Certain students had very ambitious plans for after High School, such as playing hockey for Ireland, while others were not so sure about where they were heading. These responses included "I'm only in first year" and "To catch the bus home and do my homework".

Overall the first years had a very optimistic outlook on the school, claiming that some of its best features were the fact that it's mixed and how easy it is to make friends!

Aisling Naylor, Hannah Browning, Clodagh Sleator



Hardcore First Year Rugby.



Fun in the Sun.



Pillow Pride.



Pretty in Pink.



Season's Greetings from the Home Ec class!



Pillow Fight!



Eggceptional!



First Year Art



Kate Squire.



Grace O'Marcaigh.



Derbhla Moroney.



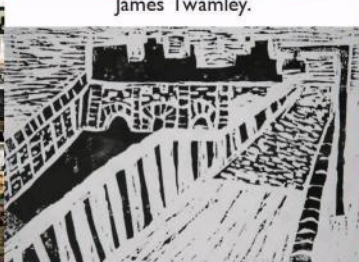
James Twamley.



Isabelle Geraghty.



Neil Dunne.



Jessica Neville.



Lucy Barlow.



Rachael Kaye Mellor.



Maya Devine.



Susanna Wyse Jackson.



Ronan Dowling Cullen.



Susanna Wyse Jackson.



Aisling Whelan.



Ronan Weber.



Susanna Wyse Jackson.



Abbie Hennessy.



Roberta McCune.

Junior Drama 2010

On 25th March Junior Drama put on not one but two plays. The two one act plays were written specially for the students by Ray Murray and were excellently directed and produced by Barry O'Kelly and Ms Milne. In the first play entitled 'Shoegazing' we were superbly entertained by a meritorious cast which brought us a story of being yourself, accepting others and broadening your outlook on life. A subtle and gentle tale, it had plenty of humour while dealing with deeper issues. The main characters Andy (Nathanael O'Leary) and Aveline (Grace O'Donnell) deserve special mention in a production that had wonderful performances throughout. The full cast was Emily ni Riain, Jessica McConnell, Eva Barrett, Abigail Donnelly, Grace O'Donnell, Nathanael O'Leary, Paul Harris, Mike Dolan, Darren Snodgrass.

The second play, as with the first, demonstrated the reward of hard work which paid off with yet another high quality production. This play entitled 'Stargazing' linked well with the first in dealing with being true to yourself. The play centered on the studio of Stargazers "the dynamic talent show that kills off dreams by making them come true". This was a more high energy play with plenty of music and dancing. It had very strong performances from the cast, especially Aisling Kelly, Alice de Forge, Evan Burrowes, Ellen Mullooly, Ellen O'Gorman, Cian Milofsky and Alexandra Da Silva Talaia. An enjoyable production, extremely well choreographed, this was funny, lively and had an unexpected finale. Other members of the cast were Emma O'Malley, Tom Harris, Emma McNeilly, Laura Dunne, Megan O'Byrne, Marika Gentile, Eva Tyrell, Elizabeth Gageby, Jessica McConnell and Tony Zheng. Overall the junior drama deserves congratulations on producing these two plays so professionally and treating audiences to a very entertaining night out. Behind the scene flawless work was carried out in sound and lighting and a great deal of work had clearly gone in to the design and construction of the set, costumes, make up and choreography. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Hutchinson-Edgar



Bitta bant.



JR Play Group.



Holding hands and taking a bow.



Chilling with the homies.



Four girls by bench.



Junior Drama.



Paris Hilton makes a guest appearance.



Three dudes chilling.

THE TITANIC SECOND YEAR

We arrived at the exhibition early in the morning via a complex, staggered series of buses to stop everyone crowding the same exhibit. When we entered the building, we were each given a questionnaire to fill out on the way as well as a ticket with the details of a passenger on the Titanic on them, from the rich and famous to Joe Blogg in third class. It told us everything we needed to know about them except the most important thing-whether they survived. While many people (Like third class disease-ridden me) had obvious fates, that didn't stop us from competing with each other-as if to say "Ha ha, you died and I didn't".

The Exhibits were in a very particular order. Moving through the exhibition the first exhibit seen was on the design and construction of the Titanic and its sister ships. It was hard not to be overawed by the size of the Titanic, but also by the safety issues-particularly the lack of lifeboats. The next exhibit was on the conditions inside the Titanic-from the richest first

class rooms (more like apartments), through second class (like small hotel rooms), to the third class (like a room in an army boot camp, with six per room) and the hellish boiler rooms. The next exhibits were about what happened on the night of 14-15th April 1912 when the Titanic sank. The first room was a complete mock-up of the Titanic's bridge, where we were told of the errors the crew and captain made (including ignoring three iceberg warnings). The next and largest exhibit covered the technical details of the Titanic's sinking, with a short video, demonstrations of the life boats and a fake iceberg which fascinated everybody. The final exhibit was on the recovery of objects from the Titanic and showed lots of things brought up from the sea bed, one of the submersibles which brought them up and a piece of the Titanic's hull which we could touch, unlike everything else.

After this, we entered a room with a huge list of the names of

everyone, passengers and crew, rich and poor, all the survivors and dead who were on the Titanic. Here we found out whether we had 'lucky ticket numbers' or not. But more than that, seeing those thousands of names on the wall really gave us a feeling for the scale and tragedy of the event. (And it settled the arguments).

After the exhibit, we had lunch in the cafeteria and returned to school.

Richard Bismilla, 2S

WHITE STAR LINE TICKET # 35024

Passenger Ticket for Steamship *R.M.S. Titanic*
 Sail on *Friday, April 12th, 1912* Date *12/4/12*

PASSENGER NAME *Mr. John Henry Chapman (Mrs. Elizabeth Lewis)*
 AGE *35* FROM *Belfast, Northern Ireland*
 ACCOMPANIED BY *John Henry Chapman (Mother)*

CLASS ☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ Cabin # *1000000*
 TRANSFERRED TO *First Class, Main Deck*

REMARKS *Mr. Chapman lived in Belfast, he and Mrs. were returning to America to live close to their brother, William who was by then living and working as a carpenter in Prother, N.Y.*

PASSENGER COMMENT *The couple planned their trip ahead, it was a holiday, however, they were one of over twenty souls who died aboard Titanic.*

Irish Independent *Citywest* *White Star Line*



Back Row: Emma Murphy, Luke Barry, Adam McCann, James Christle, Cormac Kennedy, Luke Bannister, Seán Keary, Alex Lodola.
 Middle Row: Ruby McLaughlin Callan, Caroline Lahiff, Daven Casey, Amy MacWilliams, Áine Kenna, Ciara Feely, Sarah Carson, Timothy Jones, Hannah Tully, Conor Christodoulides.
 Bottom Row: Laura Rankin, Zoe Reichental, James O'Brien, Hugh Sweetnam, Ryan Evans, Ann-Marie Finn, Peter Campbell, Katie Maguire
Absent: Seán Shanley-Mee.



Back Row: Grace O'Donnell, Julie O'Brien, Andrew Manning, Rupert Adams, Robert Beverland, Ross Dooley, Eva Barrett, Cassia O'Reilly, Sorcha O'Raw.

Middle Row: Cian Tobin, Clodagh McGinley, Sarah Mulhere, Tim Browning, Zephan Kavanagh, Laura Heaton, John Swanwick, Patrick Adye-Curran, Donal Naylor, Heather Baldwin.

Front Row: Ross Connolly, Jack Sheridan, Dylan Quirke, Chloe Bevan, Sarah Fox, Andrew Burke, Lauren Hudson, Jack Byrne.



Back Row: Chloe Doyle, Karl Kinch, Abigail Donnelly, Richard Bismilla, Jamie Laycock, Lauren Jackson, Jamie Morris, Naoise Farrell, Meg O'Connor.

Middle Row: Dervla Walsh, Saoirse Forde-Morrin, Matthew Drennan, David Howard, Tim Neenan, Ruth Connell, Jack Taylor, Darren Snodgrass, Emma Webster, Craig Kennedy.

Front Row: Catherine Fleming, Andrew Howell, Joe Donnelly, Shannon Baker, Julianne Stewart, Feargal Kavanagh, Shane Harrington, Zoe Smart.

Absent: Daniel Holder, Jenny McAuley-Doherty.

2W



Back Row: Niamh Hebblethwaite, Gavin Murphy, John Deering, Justin Bradish, Oisín Faust, Ben McElvaney, John Murphy, Mark Delaney, Robert McLoughlin.

Middle Row: Andrew Ryan, John Kehoe-Roche, Gráinne O'Reilly, Zoe Acheson, Ruth Mawhinney, Stephanie Johnson, Sara McQuaid, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Leah Stafford, Erik Skaadel.

Front Row: Daniel Sheridan, Niamh McCabe, Robert Stitt, Annie Keane, Reshaylia Naidu, Robin Hayden, Alison Kinlan, Grace McCarthy
Absent: Victoria Mollereau-Campbell.

2WH



Back Row: Grace Whelan, Danny McAvinue, Mark Ryan, Robert Dunleavy, Fionn MacManus, Patrick O'Hare, Sam Brown, Daniel McBride.

Middle Row: Amy Byrne, Jessica Cooper, Lorcan Daly, Gráinne Jordan, Suzanne Gray, Samira Ayea, Michael Dolan, Ailbhe Carney.

Front Row: Nathanael O'Leary, Emma Butler, Kenneth Edgeworth, Paul Harris, Laura Dowling, Maebh Brennan, Emer Brennan, Daragh Higgins.

Absent: Megan Byrne, Laoise Darragh, Sam Keating, Jack Walsh.

Alison Kinlan: 2ND YEAR BAND

ICE Star Search INTERVIEW

WIRE TO WIRE

ICE Star Search is a hugely popular RTÉ talent competition, where each week talented children and teenagers from around Ireland perform. Then a panel of expert judges along with the general public vote for their favourite contestant to determine who will progress into the next round. Last May after lots of hard work Alison Kinlan from form 2W was crowned the winner! I interviewed Alison about this remarkable performance.

Alison first began to play the piano and the guitar when she was younger and took up singing soon after. She was going to enter ICE last year but decided against it, so this year it seemed natural to enter. The competition consisted of four rounds and for each round you had to choose a song and sing it. Alison loves singing all genres of music especially pop and she sang "I'm Yours" by Jason Mraz, "Because of You" by Kelly Clarkson and even two songs she has written herself called "Love Song" and "No Ordinary Girl". Alison thinks that ICE was a really cool experience, even if it was nerve wrecking and a little weird to see yourself on TV! She got the opportunity to meet some really great people including the judges, other competitors and even Jedward, who she says are really fun and nice in person! We'd like to congratulate Alison on this brilliant achievement and wish her luck with singing in the future!

Aisling Naylor



We met the band before school at the second year lockers being swarmed by girl fans. The interview was followed by their first ever photo shoot!

Members: Jack Taylor 2S – Bass guitar
Cian Tobin 2Q – Lead guitar
Rupert Adams 2Q – Drums
John Deering 2W – Rhythm guitar
Laura Dowling – Singer

Wire to Wire have been playing together for 1 and a half years and was set up by Jack Taylor and Cian Tobin.

What music do you like to play? Alternative Rock

Musician you would most like to play with? Matthew Bellamy, Muse
Best X-Factor Judge? Cheryl Cole (*any reasons in particular?*)

What is your favourite band? Sum 41

What artist would you least like to resemble? McFly

Where do you see yourselves in 10 years? Rockin' it up in Oxegen

What song would you perform if you entered a competition? In Too Deep, Sum 41

What musician/band influences you the most? Muse

Have you played in school? No but we will be performing on 12th February (last)

Fame or Love? Fame! (*Sorry girls!*)

Aisling Naylor, Clodagh Sleator and Hannah Browning



Alison Kinlan.



Donal Naylor.



Home Ec in Action



Ski Trip



Ski bunnies.



Teachers on tour.

On Sunday 28th March a group of 2nd Years and 4th Years arrived in Dublin airport at 5am. We flew to Milan airport in Italy and then took a bus to Sauze d'Oulx, in the Italian Alps, and to our hotel, the Gran Bosco.

On the first day of our ski school we were put into our groups with our instructors. Each day we improved at skiing because of the lessons we were receiving and some of us even tried the black slopes which were really scary!!

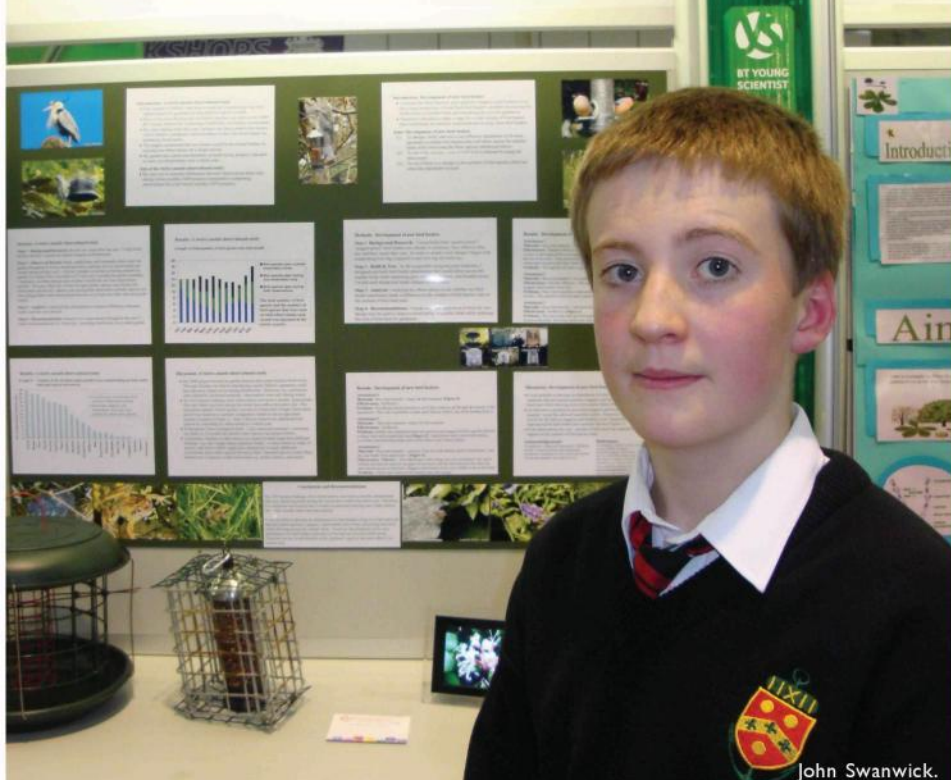
Each night there was a different activity organised for us such as DVDs, football, table tennis, arcades, a table quiz and even karaoke, which was great fun.

After all the sunny weather, soft snow and a final April fool's joke on Mr Flynn, it was time to leave Italy. Waking up at dawn again and travelling back to Dublin, we bought some souvenirs (mainly Italian chocolate!) in the airport and arrived back in Dublin at midday on Easter Sunday, just in time to enjoy our Easter eggs! We would like to thank all the instructors and Gordano, our Italian guide, for helping us during the week and finally to all the teachers who generously spent their holidays trying to get us to go to sleep, Ms Jones, Ms Lanigan, Mr Flynn and Mr McBride.

Grace McCarthy and Alison Kinlan

MY BT YOUNG SCIENTIST PROJECT

Increasing garden biodiversity: the monitoring, observational study and development of new bird feeders



John Swanwick.

Last January John Swanwick and I took part in the BT Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS. This involved coming up with an idea and spending months of hard work developing it into a project. The judging was very competitive as over 1500 candidates applied but just over 500 projects were displayed at the exhibition.

John's project was about how to increase biodiversity in Dublin gardens using birdfeeders. This was very interesting and he was awarded highly commended by the judges. My project was about *Gunnera tinctoria*. As part of my project I investigated how the plant reacted to different stimuli in its environment. I met people who studied this plant and received plenty of information about it. I was also interviewed by the Irish Times and appeared on the RTE 1 Derek Mooney radio show.

Overall I found the BT Young Scientist Exhibition to be very enjoyable. Some of the exhibitions were interesting and there were lots of things to see and do. I would recommend partaking in the exhibition to everybody, it was great fun. But if you are thinking of entering I would do it as a group because you could get very bored by yourself. Also you get to miss loads of school!

Donal Naylor

Second Year Art



Mark Ryan.



John Deering.



John Deering.



Lorcan Daly.



Caroline Lahiff.



Emer Brennan.



Emma Butler.



Patrick O'Hare.



Robert McLoghlin.



Above and below: Class ceramic project Form 2.



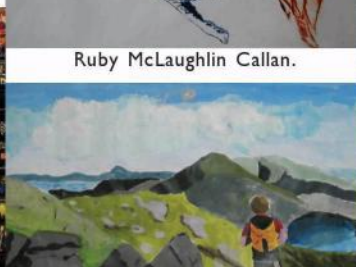
Naoise Farrell.



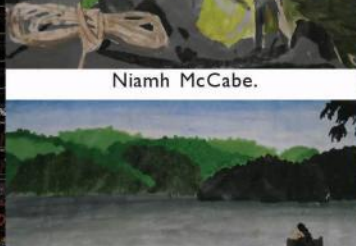
Robin Hayden.



Ruby McLaughlin Callan.



Niamh McCabe.



Ruby McLaughlin Callan.



Robin Hayden.

THIRD YEAR

Bee Human

Two Classrooms

Two classrooms quite unlike in atmosphere
In our school building (where I wrote this)
3B being quite crazy and loud here
3S have never even brought a frown
No one in particular from 3B
David Johnson he brings us great distress
He is so bad. He really annoys me
And then the lovely Alice from 3S
Now this Alice is quite the opposite
You wouldn't even know she's in the room
She isn't like the other, that mad git
And she talks about as much as a broom
Perhaps when these two meet, some sparks
Or tragedy may strike and one may die!

Conor Spain

Shall I compare thee to a busy bee?
What makes you engage, what pushes you so?
You've build an empire, what is the key?
You never stop working, what makes you go?
There is always something buzzing in your head,
You always have something pulling you down,
There is constantly pollen stuck to your legs
What you deserve is the queen's crown.

You stand out from the crowd, you shine bright.
Your actions are always followed by a large buzz,
Swarms chase you around there for the flight.
Dressed so well you are covered in fuzz.
You are constantly sucking up nectar and flying home,
Then storing up nectar in your honey comb.

Marianne McClafferty

Third Year Poetry



Back Row: Luke Burrowes, John Hackett, Ryan Gallagher, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Pavel Nikeryasov, Sam Evans, Zak Milofsky, Ann Barrett.
Middle Row: Rivkah McKinley, Claire Hallissey, Ella O'Neill, Chloe Deacon, Keelan O'Mahony, Aisling Reilly, Kate Somers, Andrew Young.
Front Row: Ray Listanco, Ellen Baldwin, John Love, Cian Pawle-Bates, Andrew Shaw, Alex Brohoon, Eamonn Weitz, Anthony Manly
Absent: Ross Keogh.

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Back Row: Christopher Knockner, Jamie Ralph, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Shane Smith, John Savage, Isaac Dempsey, Mark Carragher.
Middle Row: Gavin Power, Lili Nolan, Dayna Clegg, Dean Kilroy, Alex Liddicoat, Katherine Barrett, Ella Furey, Rachel McAuliffe.
Front Row: Sara Buttanshaw, Caoimhe Cassidy, Elaine Smyth, Ryan Foley, Raymond Ardill, Emma Lucas, Vicky Love, Ciara Green.
Absent: Owen de Forge, Jake Madden, Megan Quirey.

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Back Row: Fiadh Gregg, Marianne McClafferty, Lorcan O'Byrne, Luke Thompson, Naoise McTeirnan, Niall Mason, Dominic Guilding, Philip Halton.
Middle Row: Matthew Holder, Eric Smartt, Oisín Keenan, Ryan Byrne, Conor Spain, Laura Byrne, Rebekah Donnelly, Leah Sheridan, Gillian Chapman, Ben McNeilly.
Front Row: Kamala Falkiner, Emma Carroll, Evie McCullough, Zion Delaney, Lisa Doyle, Ciara Margolis, Jennifer Long, Gavin Rothwell, Gavin Campbell.

3R



Back Row: Wesley Bishop, Jake Hurley, Tim Harding, Cathal Butler, Caitriona Flood, Ryan Cardiff-Free, John Walsh, Ing-Mar Lim, Attilia Geaney Rea.

Middle Row: Conor Ryan, Hannah Ridgeway, Darragh Kirwan, Niall Donnelly, Cian Butler, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Siobhan McManus, Abdelaziz Kabadaya.

Front Row: Lucy Burns, Aaron Campbell, Amy O'Regan, Aisling O'Reilly, Lia McCann, Hayley Jackson, Rupert Chambers, Eimear Ní Bhroin.
Absent: Ben Gregory, Paul McCarthy.

3W



Back Row: Ben Sherwood, Oliver Drakeford, Sam Treacy-McGee, Jack McCann, Daragh Kiernan, Richard Beverland, Evan Cunningham, Pdraig McDonagh Fox.

Middle Row: Amber Graham, Niamh Smith, Kate Barlow, Stephanie Lyon, Mahon McCann, Florence Bradish, Ciaran Maher, Peter Flaherty.

Font Row: Brian Kennelly, Lauren Tully, Ciara Dowling, Holly Kane O'Brien, Andrew Mooney, Hannah Foley, Esme Moloney, Caoimhe Neville.
Absent: Leeroy Turner.

The Paris Trip 2009



All the gang at the Eiffel Tower.



Eamonn Weitz in Paris.

On the day of the Halloween break, forty 3rd years went on a trip to Paris. We arrived at Dublin airport at 4am. After clearing customs we arrived at the terminal. Soon we were in the air but of course our landing wasn't so smooth. This scared the life out of the teachers! But by 10 o'clock we were in Paris. After visiting Notre Dame we were treated to a bus tour of Paris where we saw many famous sites including the opera house and the Eiffel tower. Then we went on a long trek down the Champs Elysée, got on our bus again and got our lunch at "Flunch" before we went to our hotel.

On day 2 of the trip after breakfast we were out for the day. We visited the Louvre and saw the famous Mona Lisa. Then we were allowed wander and take in the rest of the art including the fruit people. After getting lunch on the Champs Elysée we headed to the Stade de France where we got a tour. Then we went on the Bateau Mouche for a night ride along the Seine before calling it a day.

The next day we got up extra early for a long drive to Disney Land. Upon arriving we split into groups and were given two hours to go on rides including Space Mountain and Indiana Jones (Mr Malin's favourite). Then we got dinner at Planet Hollywood. After this we got on the bus and drove to the Eiffel Tower which we climbed in the dark before concluding our last night in Paris.

On the last day we checked out of the hotel, boarded the bus and headed to the airport. Despite the loss of some tickets we all made it back home in one piece.

Thanks to the great teachers Ms Missen, Ms Waugh, Mr McCaughey, Mr Malin and especially Ms Boyce for their hard work and for putting up with us!

Isaac Dempsey, Elaine Smyth, Naoise McTeirnan, Eamonn Weitz, Evie McCullough

Shall I compare thee to a can of beans?
Cause fake tan's very popular with teens
I'm not insulting you by any means
But your orange legs they look quite obscene
Shall I compare thee to a lollipop?
Your head so big and your body so slight
You starve yourself to fit a size six top
Seeing you so skinny gives me a fright.
But I have other thoughts about you too
At first you may be a little hazy
You see I was the person, who sent you,
That valentine with roses and daisies.
See the truth is I think you're really great
And to this week's Wezz, will you be my date?

Laura Byrn

Sonnet #6

Two classrooms quite unlike in atmosphere
In our school building where I write this down.
Two rival forms compete to hear friends cheer
Each challenge each other to see one frown
Though they may be friends outside the classroom,
Neither will rest until the other one fails.
And people wonder why, when and from whom
This rivalry comes from, who started these talk
It's not just the grader that spurns all of this.
But also the sports, to become the best
By training until the teachers impressed.
Neither form show their actual hatred
But never forget the rumours or lies,
By smiling which coves their true despise

Zion Delaney

Sonnets

Sonnet 23

Shall I compare thee to an autumn tree?
Thou art as e'erchanging, thou art as plain.
Always restless as thy leaves break free
From green to brown, dull and bright, ne'er the same.
When the winter fades you're given new life
I have been waiting, obviously
I am only one of many who stride,
In your shadow of mean hypocrisy
Nature takes its consistent course again
Idly, I wait for what will never come
Thou took my pride, brake what thou cannot mend
When thy leaves are so dull, thy spark is gone
Thou lost thy leaves and my inspiration
Thou hath lost thy pride, and my affection

Lisa Doyle

Shall I compare thee to a winter's day?
Where everything is in endless sleep,
Still waters and solitude of each bay,
And darkened clouds disguise the ocean's deep.
Frozen transparency allows me see,
To the inner core of what's truly you,
As great as the midnight nobility,
And as enchanted as the morning dew.
Though winter falls and gives way to spring,
Your beauty will continue unaltered,
And you shall triumph above all splendid things,
Snowdrops and daffodils to you are paupers.
You know not me and so my heart is scarred,
So I can only love you from afar.

Lorcan O'Byrne

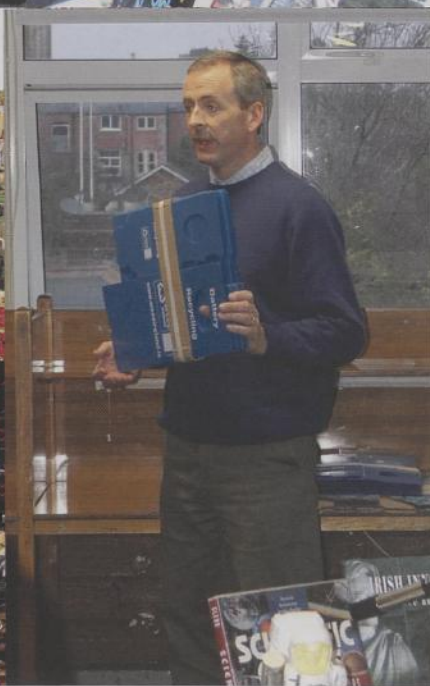
Poetry



Third Year Home Economics in Pictures



3G CSPE listen to a talk on Battery Recycling in the library.



Sonnet

Two classrooms quite alike in atmosphere,
(In our school building where I write this down)
Each student bound together by a fear
"Till human voices wake us and we drown".
The school bell beckons- fifty faces change,
They flood the hallways- many lag behind,
How quickly their formations rearrange!
No prizes for the noble or the kind.
To the great hall where we shall have our feast,
The stage is set, the players don their masks,
But after the performances have ceased,
Will anybody recognise the cast?
Alas the day is over, home we roam,
Where we can be together on our own.

Emma Carroll

My Virtue

Shall I compare thee to strawberry ice-cream?
As you were both there in my time of need
You'd comfort me if I had a bad dream
A profession of love shall be my creed.
It happened so fast, two cars collided
Paramedics came rushing to the scene,
Victims were rescued, blankets provided
All but one saved as life is cruel and mean.
I am left feeling lonely, sad, confused
It wasn't fair, our ending so abrupt.
I begged for you back, my plea was refused,
Injustice like this I find so corrupt.
Join me in heaven as I await you,
I'll be your angel and you my virtue.

Fiadh Rua Gregg

LIBRARY

Library Committee Report

People often ask how much the library has changed during the many years that I have been librarian. In many respects it is still the same. It's main function as a knowledge repository and study area. While technologies such as the internet have changed the way we access information they complement rather than diminish the role of the library.

Of course, in contrast to a university or public library, a school library such as ours will always be unique. It is a social hub in which pupils congregate to read the paper, do some homework, view a display or listen to a talk. This is an important function as it facilitates the transition of a pupil into young adulthood. The resources the library provides should contribute to a pupil's understanding and appreciation of the world in parallel to formal schooling, the library has the power to educate without the pupil really noticing it.

The function of the librarian is to assist this process by guiding pupils towards those parts of the knowledge repository that will interest them. This is mostly through books, but not exclusively. The library's position as a social hub means that it can help pupils make connections through a combination of acquired friendships, chance conversations or an exhibition. If the library manages to open up previously undiscovered pathways of interest for individual pupils it is doing its job. It doesn't matter which medium it is doing it through.

Reading habits, the popularity of different subjects and the intellectual priorities of pupils have all changed. But the great value of the library has not only been to adapt to these changes but to provide pupils with the means to advance our civilization with set of new ideas. The library is, in effect, timeless.

Valerie King
Librarian
04.06.2010

The year 2009-2010 has been, once again, a successful and busy year for the Library Committee. We began this year with the annual Feed the Pig, and continued with many more charity collections throughout the year. We celebrated Shakespeare's 446th birthday, with competitions, poetry readings and most popularly a delicious cake prepared by Ms Goulding. Competitions, displays and riddles were dotted throughout the year, serving as a catalyst to the enjoyment radiating from the Library. We also had Movie Monday and Tuesday drawing in large crowds. Our poetry-writing for National Poetry Day also reared its metaphorical head. We also had a Decade of Review display to commemorate the turn of the decade. All in all, the Library Committee has had an excellent year, with Ms King at the helm, and we hope for many more to come.

Mike Dolan, 2WH



Members of The High School Library Committee 2009/2010

Library Charity Report

It was another highly productive year for the Library Committee's various collections for chosen charities. We kicked the season off with Breast Cancer Awareness month in October. The handsome sum of €410 was raised. At Christmas the I.S.P.C.C's Hollyday made €205, an increase on last year! Also at Christmas we held our annual Feed the Pig Collection for Barnardos. This long-running initiative has been organised by Ms King for more years than she cares to remember! As always, Ms King generously doubled the amount collected to make €100. Our final fundraiser this year was the Irish Cancer Society's Daffodil Day, a great €475 was made.

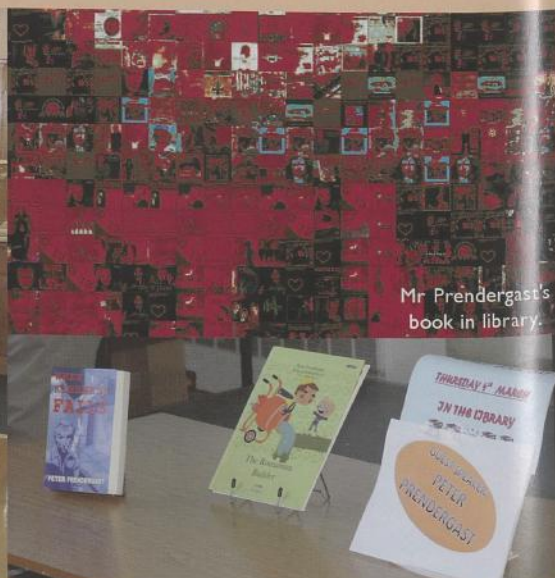
In total a magnificent €1190 was raised by the Library Committee. This is due to the dedication of the Committee, and the staff and students who donated to the various charities and of course none of this would be possible without our very own Ms King.

Thank you to all who have supported us throughout the year.

Gavin Rothwell, 3J



The Library Committee visit the Archives.



Mr Prendergast's book in library.

Shakespeare's Birthday

The Library celebrated William Shakespeare's birthday once more. There were quizzes, poem recitals and cake (courtesy of Ms Goulding). All week English classes came up and took part in the competitions around the library. Many thanks to Ms King, Ms Goulding and all the Library Committee who helped make this week a fun and memorable one. And to Shakespeare – Happy 446th Birthday!

Susanna Wyse Jackson, 1P

Shakespeare's Birthday Competition Winners

Shakespeare Quiz:

1st prize: Shannon Young 1P and Hayley Blair 1T
Runners Up: Elaine Smyth 3G, Ella Furey 3G and Emma Lucas 3G

Shakespeare's Life Quiz:

Ellen Mullooly 1W

Macbeth Quiz:

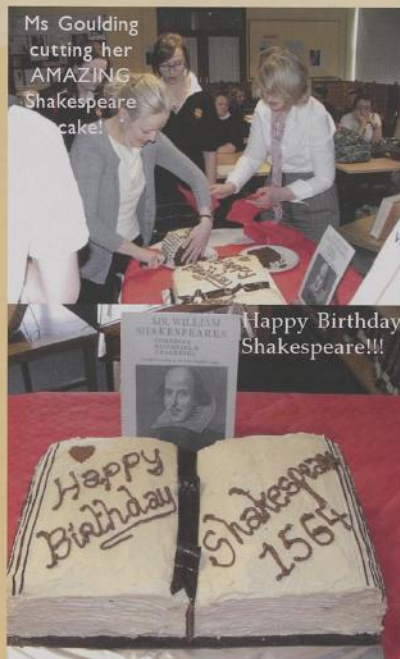
Ellen Mullooly 1W

Romeo and Juliet Quiz:

Robert Styles 4HE, Ellen Mullooly 1W and Marika Gentile 1W

Shakespeares Quiz:

Juniors: Ellen McCullough 1P, Marika Gentile 1W, Marcella Nikolova 1W, Nadine Burke 1W and Maya Devine 1W
Seniors: Thomas Wyse-Jackson, Cormac Jordan 4W, Niall Burke 4W, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh 4W, Robert Styles 4HE and Catriona Spoor 5MC



Winners of the National Poetry Day Competition

1st Year

Susanna Wyse Jackson
Josh Hogg
Aisling O'Kelly
Beatrice Doyle
Roberta McCune
Billy O'Carroll
Conor Prendergast
Emma McNeilly
Louise Dukes

2nd Year

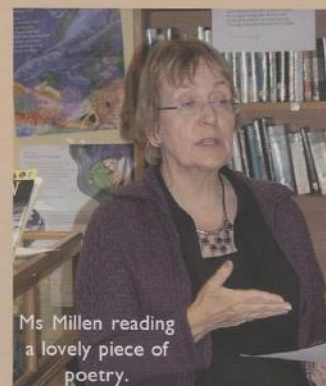
Daniel Mc Bride
Nathanael O'Leary
Cassia O'Reilly
Sarah Mulhere
John Deering

3rd Year

Lorcan O'Byrne
Emma Carroll

4th Year

Jim Fogarty
John Bradish
Valeria Schneuwly



Ms Millen reading a lovely piece of poetry.



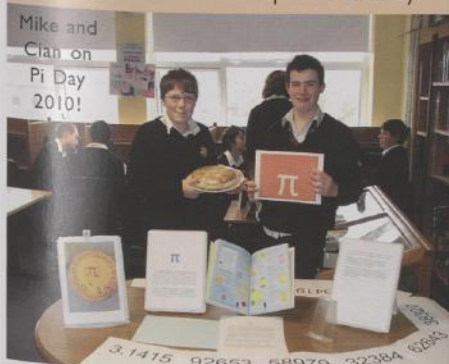
Girls enjoying National Poetry Day.



Consulting Ms King at National Poetry Day.



Library Committee at Shakespeare's birthday.



Mike and Cian on Pi Day 2010!



A dazzling display of Science in the Library.



Second Years enjoying Science Week.



Mr Gill teaching at Science Week.

Library Christmas Art Competition

In December, the Library yet again hosted its annual art competition, bringing with it many entries and yet more difficult decisions for the judges. The ultimate winners are pictured alongside Ms Killane and Ms Sweeney, Ms King and Ms Sadlier.

Mike Dolan, 2WH

Christmas Art Competition entries.



Winners of the Christmas Art Competition.

World Book Day

On Thursday March 4th, the Library organized celebrations for World Book Day, which proved to be very enjoyable. Highlights included excellent literature quizzes, with enough entries to keep the judges occupied for hours and talks by our very own Peter Prendergast. We'd like to thank Ms King for organising the day.

Daffodil Day

Well done to the Library Committee who were involved in selling daffodil pins etc. for Daffodil Day in aid of the Irish Cancer Society. A total of €474.70 was raised. Thanks to everyone who helped out and to all those who supported this worthy cause!



Conor, Aisling, Cathal, Ms King and Gavin on Daffodil Day.



Winners of the Christmas Art Competition.



1st years chilling at Europe Day.



Chilling on Europe Day.



Girls enjoying Europe Day.

CHARITIES

The Simon Fun Run



3rd year girls on the run!

The Simon Community Fun Run is an annual event. It is held in October each year in the Phoenix Park. It is a five mile run to help raise much needed funds for the homeless of Ireland. The Fun Run was launched in 1983, making it the longest running charity event in the Phoenix Park.

The run starts at the Papal cross and laps the park for five miles. Each year the High School have students taking part. Some students walk, jog or run. This year, the whole of the second year rugby team ran together with Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and the regular runners from the school.

The 2009 Fun Run in the Phoenix Park was my second time taking part. I could not believe it when I finished the run in less than 35 minutes. It was the best feeling ever, knowing that I had accomplished the Fun Run. I came in with the veteran runners and first for the High School.

The Fun Run is for people of all ages and is a great achievement for all who complete it. I strongly encourage as many students as possible to take part in the 2010 Fun Run. It is one of our school's contributions to help the homeless.

Nathanael O'Leary, 2WH



Fundraising can be fun!



Second Year boys putting their best foot forwards!

Action Breast Cancer

On behalf of the Library Committee, I would like to thank everyone who bought ribbons, pins, phone charms and key rings. I'm delighted to say that a total of 410 euro was raised. Many thanks to all those who volunteered to sell the pins during lunch times, and of course to those who bought them. We also had some generous donations which were greatly appreciated. Many thanks to Ms King for making this happen.

Mike Dolan, 2WH



Members of the committee hard at work selling pins for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

3W Bake Sale

In October 2009, 3W held a bake sale in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. This bake sale was part of the action project for CSPE. Earlier in the year, a guest speaker from Irish Guide Dogs came to The High School and talked to both 3R and 3W. They explained to us that not only did 85% of their income come from donations, but that it costs over €38,000 to breed, train and support a Guide Dog partnership. This helped to demonstrate to us the pressing need for fundraising. As well as raising awareness, the bake sale raised €120 for Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Sam Treacy-McGee



Men And Facial Hair.

Eight clean shaven, velvety smooth, fresh faced and new born baby soft teachers began their quest for moustached masculinity to raise funds for the Movember charity. This charity seeks to raise awareness of men's health issues, especially prostate cancer. Thanks to all the staff and students who encouraged the growth of facial hair and also helped to raise €713.65. This photo shows how successful all the participants were, and yes, Mr Giles was part of it!

Guide Dogs for the Blind of Ireland

This year due to a build up of cards over the last number of years, we decided to sell our old stock at half-price. This meant that our cards were sold at the recession-healthy price of €3. I am delighted to tell you that we raised €200 for the Guide Dogs for the Blind of Ireland. This money will be used to train guide dogs to assist blind people in everyday tasks. I would like to thank all those who sold cards at lunch time and of course all of you who bought the Christmas Cards. I would also like to thank Ms Graham for her help and support with the selling of the cards.

Amy Deverell
5th form

Operation Christmas Child

On the 16th and 17th of November, nineteen 4th Year students went to Sandyford, to pack and check boxes, that would then be delivered to poverty-stricken children, in both Africa and Eastern Europe. However, this was not where our journey began.

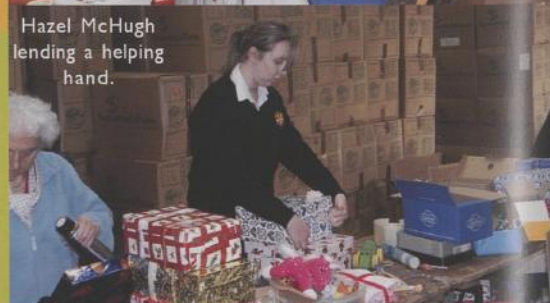
Our work began when Cillian Barry (yes, the former teacher) visited us to discuss Operation Christmas Child and how we could help the great cause. We decided on a course of action where we would try to encourage the 1st and 2nd years to bring in boxes by promising a 'no-homework' day. We were aiming to break all records of boxes collected in High School. We had our target in sight but things didn't go as smoothly as we planned. The 1st and 2nd years responded best and even though we did not reach our target a lot of students and others in the school responded generously to the appeal and put great thought into filling the boxes.

After the mid-term we gathered all of our boxes, counted and carried them to the school bus, where they were then taken to the Operation Christmas Child warehouse. The group was split into two teams each helping on separate days. Once we arrived at the warehouse, we were told how to check a box and what to do with it. The other volunteers at the warehouse were extremely helpful, answering our many questions about the process. On behalf of the whole team we would like to say thank you to Mr Irwin, Mr Barry, Mr Prendergast, Mr Flynn and everyone at the warehouse. Above all thanks to everyone who kindly donated boxes.

Lisa Sheerin and Zoe Dolan, Form 4



John Bradish and Zoe Dolan getting into the spirit of Christmas.



Hazel McHugh lending a helping hand.



4th Years gain an insight into the workings of the Operation Christmas Child Warehouse.



Jennifer Rynne and Lisa Sheerin hard at work.

40-Foot Swim

In mid December some brave, tough, warm-blooded, kind-hearted, charitable, seemingly super-human 4th year students gathered together in a bus and drove through dangerously low temperatures to Dun Laoghaire pier to do the annual High School 40ft swim. As we pulled up to the pier, we looked dubiously as other brave souls jumped into the cold, dark waters. Before we knew it, however, one of our own was sprinting down the pier, taking a long running jump at the water.

Not all of us were as fast and, dare I say it, as enthusiastic to jump in. One by one however everyone participated fully, making us the first year to have everyone complete the challenge. We posed for a few pictures in the numbing water before retreating to put on our dry clothes and enjoy the lovely hot chocolate that Ms Jones had brought.

In total, we raised €3000 for St Luke's Hospice, an amazing amount I'm sure you'll agree. On behalf of the whole group, I would like to thank the teachers involved, everyone who helped to organize the event, and of course, everyone who sponsored us.

Zoe Dolan



Creating a splash.



Smiles all round.



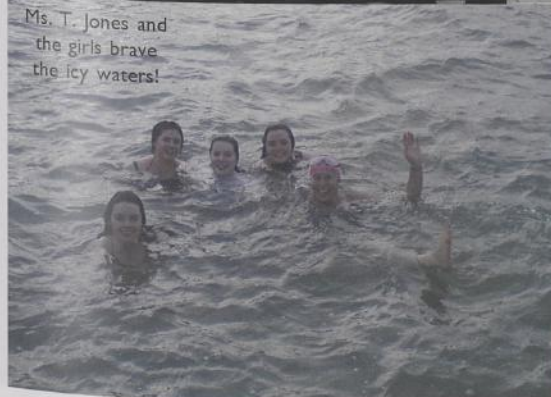
Helen Kane, Mr Gill, Sarge, Mr Swan, Mr Main and Ms T. Jones.



Presenting the cheque to Saint Luke's Hospital.



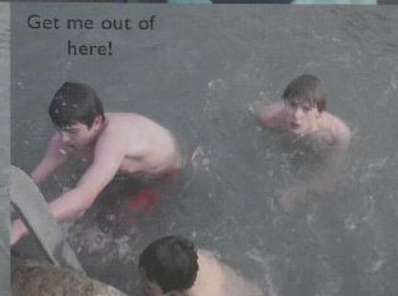
Drying-off after the freezing experience.



Ms. T. Jones and the girls brave the icy waters!



Come on in - I swear it's not cold!

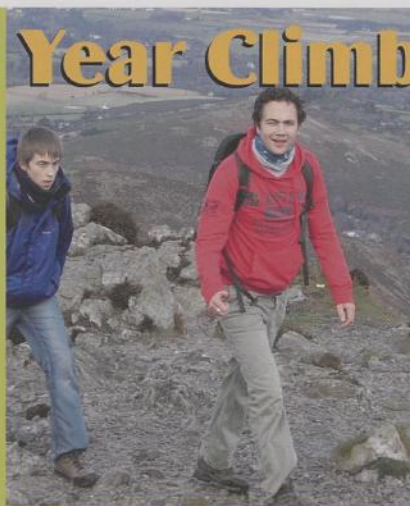


Get me out of here!

Barnardos 4th Year Climb

On the 16th of December 4th year students climbed the Sugarloaf in order to raise money for Barnardos Children's Charity. Our day began outside the school, climbing onto the buses in order to get away from the cold December wind. As we drove to the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains we eagerly anticipated the task ahead. It took us a little over forty five minutes to reach the white peak which the mountain is famously named after. Once gathered at the summit we enjoyed a great view whilst eating our lunch. After we finished gulping down our food we gathered for the balloon release, which would have been more successful had the windy gales not died down momentarily. We were all grateful when we clambered into the warm bus after the chilly descent we had endured. We all really enjoyed the day and would like to thank those involved in organising the climb. It was very worthwhile as the group made a great effort for Barnardos. We raised €330 for a most worthy children's charity.

John Bradish, 4HE



6th Year football team fundraising for Habitat.



2nd Years Fundraising for Habitat.



Ms H.E. takes a well-earned break.



4th year boys get into the spirit of things.



Getting ready for balloon-mania!



Ballooning out of control!



Colourful streets of Sonsonate.



Team Photo-Day One.



The hard working builders from each site.



Happy Team 2 on the last day.

Habitat for Humanity

Trip to El Salvador Easter 2010

This year a group of sixteen students from fourth and fifth year undertook a trip of a lifetime to El Salvador in Central America. After being struck by recent natural disasters, the housing need increased rapidly in El Salvador, both in urban and rural areas. Our aim was to help two families get a step closer to completing their family home. The preparation for the trip had started almost a year earlier.

Our first task was to raise a total of over €50,000. From tea parties to a screening of *The Muppets* in The Botanical Gardens, everyone made a great effort to work as a team and to help each other complete their target amount. We got a huge amount of support from so many people and their generosity is greatly appreciated by each one of us.

We arrived in San Salvador El Salvador late into the night after three long plane journeys. It would be an understatement to say we all suffered a little culture shock. After two nights staying in the capital, we travelled to Sonsonate where we were to meet the two families we were helping to build for. It was evident as we travelled further from the capital that the housing conditions became worse as did the poverty.

We were split up into two teams to help two families build their homes. On day one we were introduced to the builders and we began to move earth, dig trenches and prepare earthquake proof barriers to place in the foundations of the houses. This was our hardest day as we had to adapt quickly to the forty degree heat and take constant water breaks to keep hydrated. Our next week was spent lifting pouring and shoveling preparing concrete to pour into the foundations. The builders we worked alongside were extremely skilled and put us to shame not stopping for water breaks and working tirelessly throughout the day without breaking a sweat.

A lot of hard work was involved and there was great atmosphere within each team. During our break we would get to know the families with what Spanish we had and by making symbols with our hands we also played games of football with the locals. Getting to know the locals was just as important as helping to build, as we had learned in our meetings preparing for the trip. They welcomed us with open arms and we all formed new friendships with them.

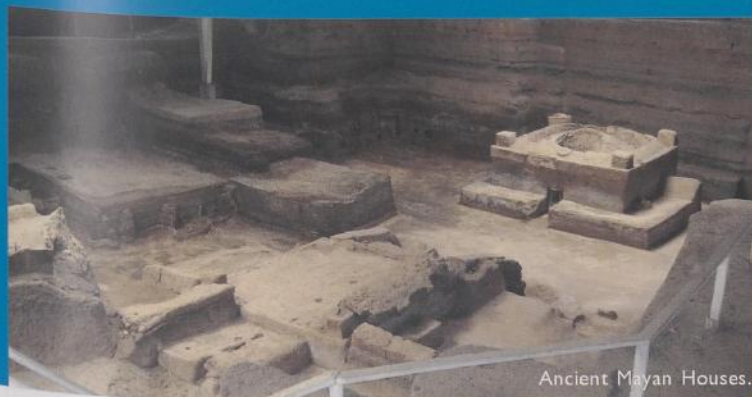
During the evenings we had lots of entertainment like Mr Carolan playing guitar and leading the singing, games of poker and a hilarious sketches from Tom at the talent show. Each evening we sat around a camp fire lit by our good friend Jeremy and told our positives and negatives of the day. This helped us build as a team and reminded us of what we were there to do together and what we wanted to get out of this incredible opportunity.

The last day of building was both emotional and a very happy occasion. We all worked tirelessly to get as much as we could done in the last few hours. When we had finished we gathered with the families and builders at one worksite. Each of us was presented with a certificate from Habitat for Humanity which recognised the work we had done. Each family said a few words, as well as a passionate speech from Will which moved some of the girls to tears! We presented each family with an Irish flag and keyrings as well as tea towels for their new homes when they would be ready. Afterwards we said our goodbyes and it was clear we had formed a bond with the people of El Salvador never to be forgotten.

Upon our return to Dublin we were all sad to have finally finished this long project but happy that we had fulfilled what we had set out to do. During our debriefing with Habitat we set different goals for the future and we were all eager to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity in Ireland. It was a fantastic trip, never to be forgotten. I wish next year's team all the best with their fundraising and building.

Thanks finally to Ms Thorp, Mr Malin, Ms Brennan and Mr Carolan.

Laura Pearson



Ancient Mayan Houses.



The family that Team 1 built for.



Lisette and Armando – the family that Team 2 helped build a house for.



Best friends Peter and Armando.



Taking in the amount of work to do



Footie with the locals.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Royal Russell School Model United Nations 2009

Wesley College Dublin MUN 2010

Early on Saturday the 17th of October, eight High School delegates, and of course our favourite supervisor Ms Rellis, showed up at Dublin airport with bags that were far larger than we were. We were buzzing with excitement, so the plane journey went by pretty fast. We then took a train and a tram to get to Croydon, where the conference was taking place. We unpacked in our room and then went to do lobbying. Lobbying is the first step that delegates have to take when trying to get their resolution passed. We had our first disco that night, which was a good ice-breaker with new people and a good opportunity to chat to the people we'd met the previous year.

We were up at 7 the next morning to get to our committee meetings. The topics we debated were set by each committee we were in, so the Economic and Social committee and the Security Council had completely different problems to deal with and different roles to play in the United Nations. I think we all did pretty well coping on our own committees, making friends and getting the courage to voice our opinions in front of strangers from all over the world.

We had two more discos during MUN, which were both themed. We had a jungle/army theme and a glow rave, and we got quite creative with our themes. It was great, after a long day debating, to be able to blow off some steam every night. I think that the discos were where we formed the greatest friendships of all. The general assembly was a different story altogether. We were all together sitting in our two delegations, of Ireland and Indonesia and we got to pass notes between ourselves. One of the best things about MUN is that there is an administrative team which passes notes between delegations. It made the experience more fun. We all agree it must have been rigged, because we were quite amazing but none of us got a distinguished delegate award!

Going home was very sad, and there was one rather romantic and tearful goodbye for one of our girls. At least we had the Terenure College team on the plane home with us. It was quite late when we got back and we were ridiculously tired, debating whether or not exhaustion was a legitimate illness to be kept home from school for. It's a shame more people from our school don't do MUN, I for one think it's one of the most worthwhile experiences I've ever had. I'm certainly more aware of world issues and what I can do to help with them. I've also learnt the top-secret art of ninjitsu, you can only find out if you do MUN though.

Julie Farrell, Form 5

On Friday the 26th of February, the entire MUN team rushed home to get changed and get to Wesley College in time for WCDMUN. First we had to register our three teams; Spain, Uganda and Palestine (which other delegates took great pleasure in informing us was not a country and we couldn't vote) and then we had a "banquet" which was pretty amazing considering how we hadn't had much time to eat before getting there. After the banquet we had General Assembly with opening ceremonies, in which we had a guest speaker, Mícheál Martin, telling us how disorganized real UN conferences were. Personally I preferred Senator David Norris' speech last year because he told us about how he used to say things deliberately to irritate Israel, but hearing about the chaotic Copenhagen conference was quite interesting too.

After Opening Ceremonies, we all went to our respective committees. We had delegates in Human Rights Committee, Human Rights Council, Historical Committee, Health and Youth, Security Council and Political Committees. Each committee has its own topics to discuss and resolve, and each require different debate styles. On the Friday night, we had lobbying. Lobbying is the time when delegates go around trying to get other delegates to sign their resolution to be debated. This can be achieved in a number of different ways, actually having a good resolution, food bribery, "I'll sign yours if you sign mine" and other such corrupt methods. After lobbying we had a social event; the "Late Late Jazz Café" which included a jazz band, the incredible guitarist Jamie Donnelly, and food we had to pay for. It was an enjoyable experience and a good chance to talk to people from other schools.

On Saturday the 16th we had to be there for 9:30am so we were all quite grumpy when we arrived in committees. Each committee debated the resolutions which had made it through approval panel. The mood was light-hearted and it was a good chance for less-experienced delegates to come to terms with the format of MUN debate. We had more General Assembly and then, quickly enough, Closing Ceremonies. The High School did extremely well this year, with multiple Commended Delegate awards and a Best Delegate Award for Jessica Patterson, and a Commended Delegation award for Spain - The High School's first ever delegation award! We all enjoyed ourselves thanks to a lot of hard work from Ms Rellis, she is the best advisor we could have for MUN and we're truly grateful to her.

*Julie Farrell,
Form 5*



Laura Forsythe, Emma Hogg, Julie Farrell, Aisling Reina.
Missing: Jessica Patterson.



Back Row: Ms Rellis, Stephanie Lodola, Mark Kelleghan, Ronan O'Byrne, Aisling Kiernan, Josh Kennedy, Patrick Foster, Aisling Reina.

Emily Dunleavy.

Front Row: Alex Deane, Laura Forsythe, Emma Hogg, Nathaniel O'Leary, Lucy Burns, Tess McCann, Julie Farrell.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL 09-10

This year's council started out as any usual year. With the election of the form representatives by the students I was one of those lucky few. When the first meeting was called we went straight down to business. We elected the re-elected member of the student council and last year's Secretary Guy Prendergast as President, with Stuart Gray being elected as the Deputy President. Cormac Jordan then volunteered to take over Guy's role and become secretary.

This year many issues were raised. These ranged from simple reports on broken taps and hand dryers to big issues such as uniform changes and environmental issues. Many ideas were discussed in our annual meeting with Mr Duffy, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr Davis and Mr Davies. While we met with some agreement with our ideas, we received well explained rejection of others.

We are proud to announce some ideas passed. One such was a request for The High School to enter the Green Schools programme with the vision of gaining a Green School Flag while encouraging cleanliness, recycling and environmental awareness around the school. Members of the Student Council have volunteered their time to establish a green schools' committee, which has gained momentum and will be a student council priority for next year.

We have also learned that the school is planning an expansion of the library. This will take time due to economic difficulties but plans are ready when the funding is available.

We are thrilled that the meeting was in favour of a proposal to display a WB Yeats poem donated to the school, by the front door. WB Yeats is a legendary poet and past High School student. A competition will soon be organised to find the best written interpretation of the poem for display.

That isn't all we have done this year, we received reports of broken lockers, sinks and mirrors, and transferred the issues to the Sarge; who was grateful and often fixed the issue quickly for us. We must also remind students that if you discover a maintenance problem you can just tell Sarge directly; his friendly charm and mechanical knowledge will help you as soon as he can.

This year's student council has been highly productive, and made great progress and had many highs, and if you have an idea, discuss it with your form representative. If you didn't see your ideas above, talk to your representative, they'll tell you what their current status is, or why it was rejected.

Overall, it has been a very productive year for the student council. On behalf of the student council, I would like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for giving up her valuable time to host our meetings, Mr Duffy for agreeing to meet with us, and Guy for doing a great job as President.

Cormac Jordan, Secretary and 4W Representative

Assembly



Choir and accompaniment.



Orchestra.



"Cellistic contemplation".



Fry Flies.



1st Year band.



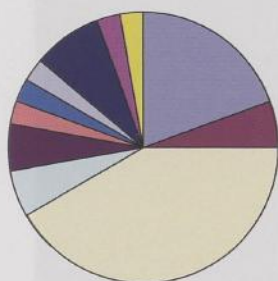
"The next Amy Winehouse?"

Gavin Rothwell.

Ms HE in assembly and her fluffy dog.

Green School Committee

Biggest Source of Waste



- Photocopying
- Lights
- Paper
- Plastic Bottles
- Packaging (Food etc.)
- chewing gum
- Reports
- Food
- Newsletter
- White Board Markers
- Heating

Worst time of year for litter



- Doesn't Change
- Winter
- Summer
- Early Autumn
- After Christmas-March
- September

Do You use the Paper Bin



- Yes
- Sometimes
- No

Do Classrooms need a bin for all recyclables



- Yes
- No
- Maybe

Are There Enough Bins?



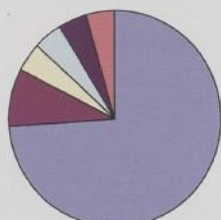
- Yes
- No
- Not enough types

Where are Bins needed?



- Corridors
- Lockers
- A Floor
- Stairwells
- Classrooms
- Outside Reynold's Hall
- Rugby Pitches
- Hockey Pitches
- Backgate
- Guidance Area
- Food Places
- Outside

Do you want Refillable Markers to be available?



- Yes
- No
- Bring Back Chalk!
- What are they?
- Are they not already available?
- maybe

This year the Student Council set up a Green School Committee. We invited other students to join the committee.

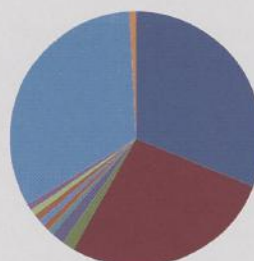
We set about organising a whole school litter survey. This involved gathering information from teachers, students and other areas in the school. In order to gather this information we gave out questionnaires tailored to each category. We then collected the surveys and put the information into pie charts (see below).

Next year we aim to put an action plan together and work on making the school a greener brighter place!

I'd like to thank Lia McCann 3R for all she did in gathering the information we needed to get the committee established and to Ms Hutchinson Edgar for hosting our weekly meetings.

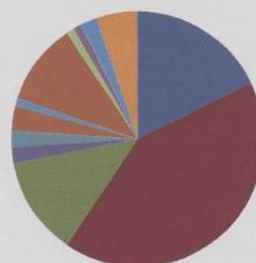
Amy Deverell 5th Form

Biggest Source of waste



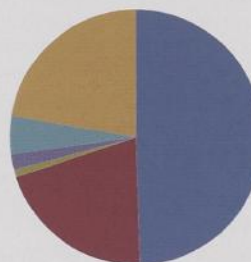
- Paper
- Lunch
- Plastic
- Field
- Locker
- Bag Rack
- Toilet
- Water
- Uniform
- Tracksuit

Worst Area For Litter



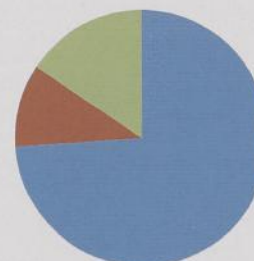
- Reynolds Hall
- Outside
- Bag Racks and Lockers
- Bathrooms
- Changing Rooms
- Classrooms
- Bike Shed
- Common Room
- A Floor
- Under Desks

Worst Time of the Year for Litter



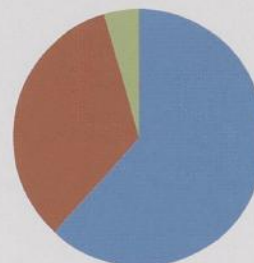
- Summer
- Winter
- Lunch
- No Time
- Varies
- Doesn't Vary
- Blank

Do you use paper Bins



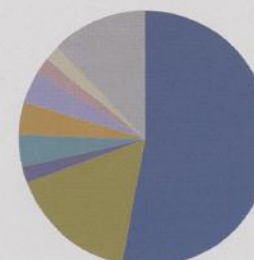
- Yes
- No
- Sometimes

Are there enough Bins



- Yes
- No
- Not Really

Where are Bins Needed?



- Outside
- Lockers
- Changing Rooms
- Inside
- Around
- Backgate
- Reynolds Hall
- Corridors
- Common Room
- No

Nothing Is Quite Something – The History of Zero

From a very young age we make a cautious entrance into numberland. We learn the "Number Alphabet" which introduces the counting numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... Counting numbers are just that. They count things, real things – apples on a tree, goats on a mountain, and trees in a forest. It's only later that we learn how to count the number of apples in an empty box.

The early Greeks advanced science and maths in quantum leaps, but even they lacked an effective way of dealing with nothing. They failed to give "nothing" a name.

The Romans had their own way of counting by combining I, V, X, L, C, D and M. But where was '0'? Did they not count nothing?

An astronomer, Ptolemy, influenced by the Babylonians, used a symbol close to our modern equivalent '0' as a placeholder. Zero could be used to distinguish between 75 and 705. The Babylonians had relied on context to make this distinction. This introduction can be compared to the beginning of the 'comma' into language. They are essential in reading the right meaning.

The launch of zero into the number system posed a problem. How should it be treated? Addition and multiplication worked neatly: Addition with zero leaves the number unchanged. Multiplication with zero will always yield zero. But, subtraction and division didn't sit easy with "the outsider".

What, for example, do you think the answer would be to $7/0 = b$? (Assuming 'b' is the answer)

By cross multiplication, $7 = 0 \times b$. Anything by $0=0$. Therefore $7=0$. By admitting that $7/0$ is a number, there is potential for numerical MAYHEM. So we say that it is undefined. Similarly, you can't just place a comma in the middle of a word without descending into nonsense.

Zero is now one of the greatest inventions of Man. When zero was introduced it was thought odd, but now, it is remarkably indispensable. Some would say that nothing is really quite something. Some prefer to not think of such tedious things.

Cliona Rogan

I rith seachtain na Gaeilge, an 9ú-13ú M rta, bhí imeachtaí áirithe eagraithe, ag baint le cultúr Gaelach. Bhí dámhsa Gaelach, peil Ghaelach, puc fada, ceol Gaelach agus tráth na gceist.

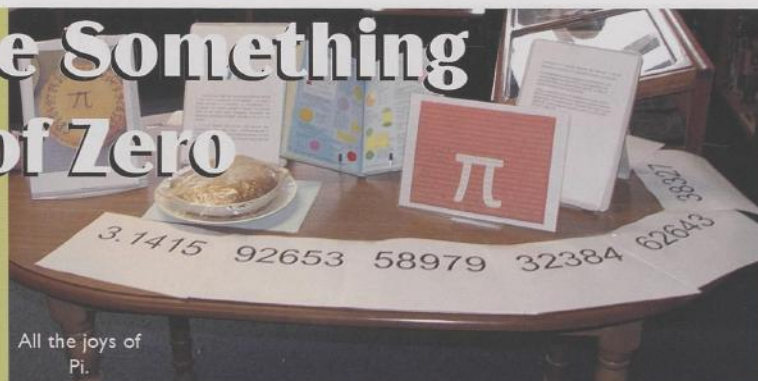
Bhí an-chraic againn i rith na seachtaine ag foghlaim portanna ar nós Ballaí Luimní agus lonsaí na hInse, ag imirt peile in aghaidh na ranganna eile, ag usáid camáin agus shotar agus ag éisteacht le ceol tradisiúnta agus nua-aimseartha ó na Coronas agus Mundy.

D'fhoghlaimíomar go leor rudaí faoin ár gcultúr féin nach raibh ar eolas againn cheana. Ba mhaith linn buíochas a thabhairt dona múinteoirí a d'eagraigh na himeachtaí dúinn.

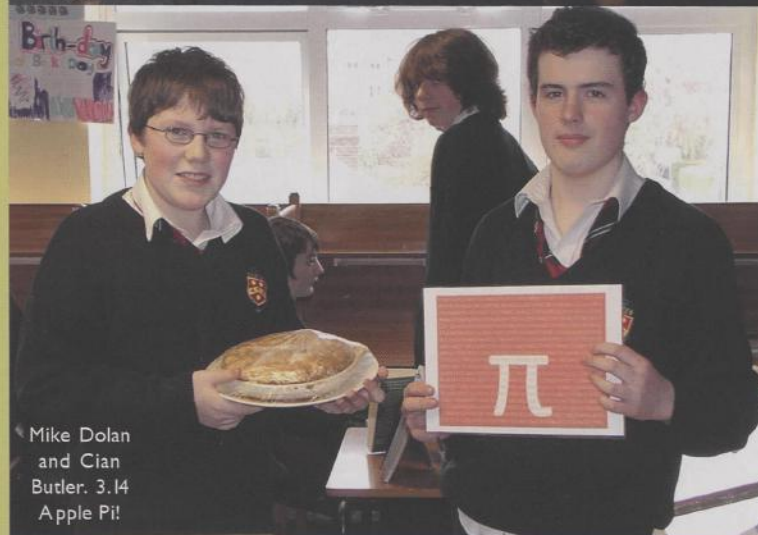
Daniel Meijer agus Rose Halpin Duffy



Lauren McGarry
playing Puc Fada.



All the joys of
Pi.



Mike Dolan
and Cian
Butler. 3.14
Apple Pi!

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE



Harpastic!



Irish Dancers
at assembly.

Ghlac an Ardscoil lánpháirt i seachtain na Gaeilge ón 5ú go dtí an 12ú Márta. Bhí atmaisféar iontach Gaelach timpeall na scoile i rith na seachtaine agus bhí Gaeilge bhreá líofa le cloisteáil ar fud na háite. Bhí deis ag gach duine sa scoil glacadh páirt in imeachtaí Gaelacha sa scoil. Chonacthas rince Gaelach ag tionól na maidine, céilí sa halla, póstaearí Ghaeilge timpeall na scoile agus an Poc Fada agus Peil Ghaelach amuigh ar an bpáirc fiú! Ba mhaith linn buíochas a ghabháil leis na múinteoirí Gaeilge uilig. Ach ní hiaid na múinteoirí Gaeilge amháin a bhí ag stiúradh na nimeachtaí seo. Bhí Iníon Ní Rellis ag déanamh a cuid féin ar son na Gaeilge le téarmaí Eolaíochta a aistriú ó Bhéarla go Gaeilge! Bhí siad go léir go hiontach agus bhain gach duine taitneamh astu. Mholfainn do ghach duine imeachtaí Gaeilge a chur ar siúl sa scoil an bliain seo chugainn. Ba fhiórGhaeil sinn i rith na seachtaine gan dabht. Maith sibh muintir na hArdscoile!

Aoife Ryan agus Rebecca Mills



Dhruv on the ball.





Where's the Ninja?

Everyone knows of the classic 'children' books 'Where's Wally' but how good are you at finding ninjas? You also have to find this surprisingly sociable ninja's blob-like friends: Jedward Harry Potter,

Ronald Weasley and Hermione Granger Julius Caesar Count Blobula Blob Party Super Blob Pirate Blob Princess Blob Santa Blob Dragon Sir Blobalot Turban Blob The Teleblobbies The Mad Hatter's

Tea Party Scottish Blob Space Blob Wally Blob Sherlock Holmes Dumbledore Penguin Blob Voldemort Butterfly Blob Cyclops Goldilocks and the Three Blobs Rastafarian Blob Pac Man Blob Jet Pack Blob

Walrus Blob And of course, who could forget, the two typical High School students, in full and correct uniform, looking spick and span and smelling lemony fresh. So get out your magnifying glasses and be ready to search...

MUSIC

Orchestra

This proved to be another great and enjoyable year for the High School Orchestra. We were joined in September by some extremely talented young musicians and set to work preparing Brahms' Hungarian Dance No.5 and a selection of pieces from Handel's Water Music for the annual prize giving, which proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

After a festive performance at the school carol service we began looking and working towards The Wesley Feis and The Feis Ceoil music competitions which would both take place in the spring. We prepared 'Jupiter' from The Planets Suite by Holst for The Wesley Feis and for The Feis Ceoil we added Beethoven's Symphony No. 1 to our repertoire. After a lot of hard work and rehearsals and two very enjoyable performances we achieved high marks in both competitions, in what was a very competitive year.

Our year finished with the summer concert, which proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable evening and featured a wide variety of talent from musicians throughout the school. The orchestra opened with the Mexican folk song La Bamba and we preformed The Hebrides Overture (Fingal's Cave) by Mendelssohn later in the evening where we were joined by past pupil and flautist Lynda Callaghan. The evening concluded with a performance of Coldplay's Viva la Vida by both choir and orchestra, an arrangement orchestrated for us by two incredibly talented 6th years, Sebastian Adams and James Harding and conducted by the later, which proved to be a great success.

We were very privileged to be asked to play at the late Rev. Gourley's funeral which took place on Saturday the 22nd of May in Zion church. It was a beautiful service and our greatest condolences go out to his family at this sad time.

On behalf of the orchestra, I would like to thank Ms White for another successful and enjoyable year.

Musicians at work.



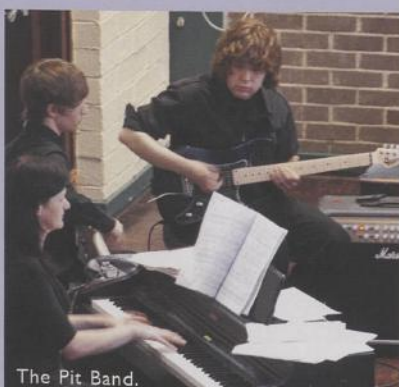
Performing at the carol service.



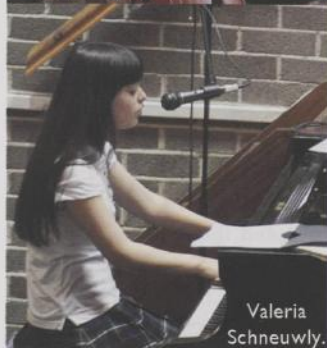
Some virtuosic violinists!



Aisling Reilly.



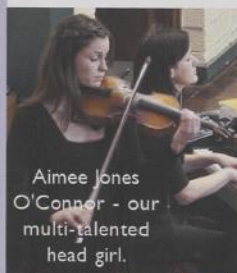
The Pit Band.



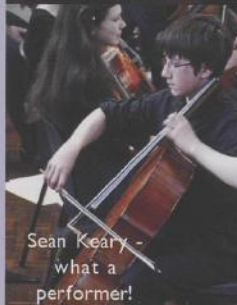
Valeria Schneuwly.



Claire Austen - a dazzling violinist.



Aimee Jones O'Connor - our multi-talented head girl.



Sean Keary - what a performer!



Sean Warren - Bach at it's best.



Seraphim Dempsey.



Mark Horgan - some serious performing.



High School Choir

This has been another productive year for The High School choir. Our first performance was at the annual school prize giving in October, where we performed a number of songs including 'Autumn Leaves' which was composed by Miss Bourke. This was a very enjoyable evening.

Just before Christmas we sang in the school carol service, performing old favourites such as 'We Three Kings' and 'The First Noel' and we returned to Zion again before the Christmas break to perform in their parish carol concert which was a great success.

At the end of the year, the choir took part in the School's summer concert where we performed such greats as Journey's 'Don't Stop Believing' and 'Viva La Vida' by Coldplay in collaboration with the school orchestra, raising the roof of the school with applause.

I'd like to thank both Ms Bourke and the entire choir for their hard work and brilliant performances throughout the year.

Stephen Watts, Form 5

Visit of William Dowdall

On Monday 21 October, the music department was delighted to welcome William Dowdall, the renowned flautist formerly of the National Symphony Orchestra and currently flute teacher at the Royal Irish Academy of Music. Mr Dowdall gave us a talk and a demonstration of the flute, with musical examples from the early baroque period to the present day. He brought along four flutes to show us and played a piece on each. One was made of platinum and is one of only seventeen in the world! We really enjoyed the workshop and Mr Dowdall has agreed to make a return visit in the near future.

Eve Roseingrave



National Youth Orchestra Report

This year, six students from the High School were chosen to play in the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland. These were Seán Warren, Seraphim Dempsey, Eve Roseingrave, Sophie Lee, Aisling Reilly, Anna Keary and Alex Dakin.

The orchestra performed several concerts, both at Christmas time and during the summer. They played a variety of different works, including, the Sorcerer's Apprentice, the Nutcracker Suite, Pirates of the Caribbean, and the Grannuaile Suite by Seán Davey. These performances took place in various venues around Ireland such as the National Concert Hall, Cork City Hall, and the Wexford Opera House.

Le Solitaire Du Figaro

Le Solitaire est une course de voile française. Il est aussi connu que le Tour de France. Il est sponsorisé par le journal, Le Figaro. Il y a seulement un skipper au gouvernail, mais vraiment ils ne sont jamais seuls. Chaque skipper a une équipe technique pour faire des réparations et réapprovisionner les voiliers. Les voiliers sont suivis tout le temps par satellite. La course arrive à Dingle chaque quatre ans. L'année dernière la course a démarré à Lorient, est allée à la Corogne en Espagne est remonté à Saint Gilles de Croix en Bretagne, est allée à Dingle. La dernière étape était à Dieppe dans le nord de la France. Nicholas Lunven a gagné la course.

L'année dernière quand j'ai travaillé comme monitrice de voile à Dingle la course est arrivée au port. On m'a demandé, ainsi que tous les autres moniteurs, d'aider. Alors j'ai dû monter à bord et vérifier que tous les équipements étaient aux normes.

Tess McCann

Why use four words, when one will do?

Manche möchte wissen, ob Deutsch oder Französisch die Schwierigere Fremdsprache ist. Wir kennen nur einigermaßen die eine Sprache, aber es gibt eine Sprache, aber es gibt eines, worüber wir alle einig sind: die Deutschen haben lange Wörter sehr gern. Hier in dieser Schule gibt es eine ganze Reihe Unterhaltungsmöglichkeiten z.B. Sporttreiben. Erst durch das Mitmachen solcher Tätigkeiten entwickelt sich das So genannte Zusammengehörigkeitsgefühl. Ja, genau- „Team Spirit“.

Wenn man als Student finanziell unterstützt wird, bekommt man Bafög. Bafög? Ja- jeder kennt Bafög; das Bundesausbildungsförderungsgesetz.

Why use four words, when one will do?

Stephanie Lodola

Spanish

¿Cómo se puede reemplazar al maestro Señor Quinn? Eso era la pregunta la que nos preguntamos antes del comienzo sexto año. Los clases de Señor Quinn habin sido cómun espectáculo cobdiano todos se receurdansus disportivo del viajes de su hermano "Bart" sus chismos horrosomos y "lo peso un Olivia Ball". ¡Señora Rugg tuveque estrar boras grandes! Sin embargo,despuésde algo tiempo,reconocemos quéesa lingvista Inglesá era un regalode los Díos. No estuve chupada la pandillodel fondo de la aula (Prefect Tom,Ben y Gavin) fueron separar por Señora Rugg ya imponió su cutordid en la clase. Nos amenazó alguien no puede hacer el tonto en mi clase. Aunque de rez en cuando Senóra Rugg trabó los jugadores de rugby con preferencia, lo pasamos fenómeral en ¡CIO! El apogeo del año esyure el examénoral en abril. Desayunamos juntas y luego, encontramos cos nosotros examinadora la enana peruviano María Elena (Aiiii ammmhherre to hhhhhelp choso) No había ningúnfalra de emoción: había olvidado rolover de sus racaciones en Éspaña y cabóde llegar en tiempode su examen - mientras Sénora Rugg casi arerío. A grandes rasgos - un año marevelloso po la clase de 6X. Muchas gracias a Señor Quinn y Señora Rugg por suaguda y consejo durante los des años.

Tom Roseingrave

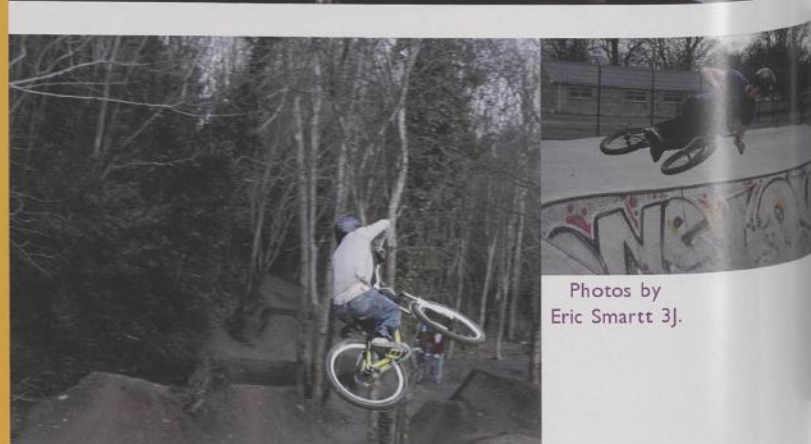
MODERN LANGUAGES



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PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

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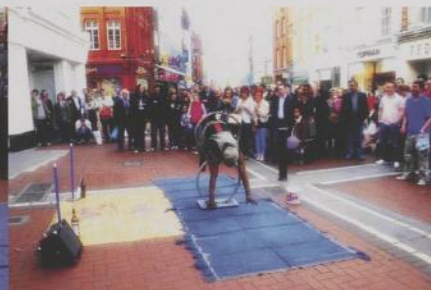
Julie O'Brien 2Q 'Tina Turner'



This year for the first time ever the Erasmian held its very own photography competition. The theme was 'We hope you will enjoy the show' taken from the Beatles' song 'Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band' We had some fantastic entrants from most years in the school with the winners receiving vouchers of €50 and €25 sponsored by the Dublin Camera Exchange.



'Let the Flames Begin'



'Through the Hoops'



Miles Reilly – Winner of the First Prize.



Photos by Miles Reilly.



Photos by Naoise Farrell 2S.



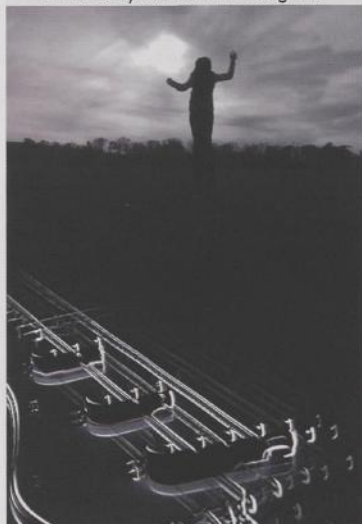
Photos by Niamh Hebblethwaite 2W.



Photos by Nicole Campbell Form 6.

Nicole Campbell – Buskers in Budapest – Runner Up Prize Winning Photograph.

Photos by Robert McLoughlin.

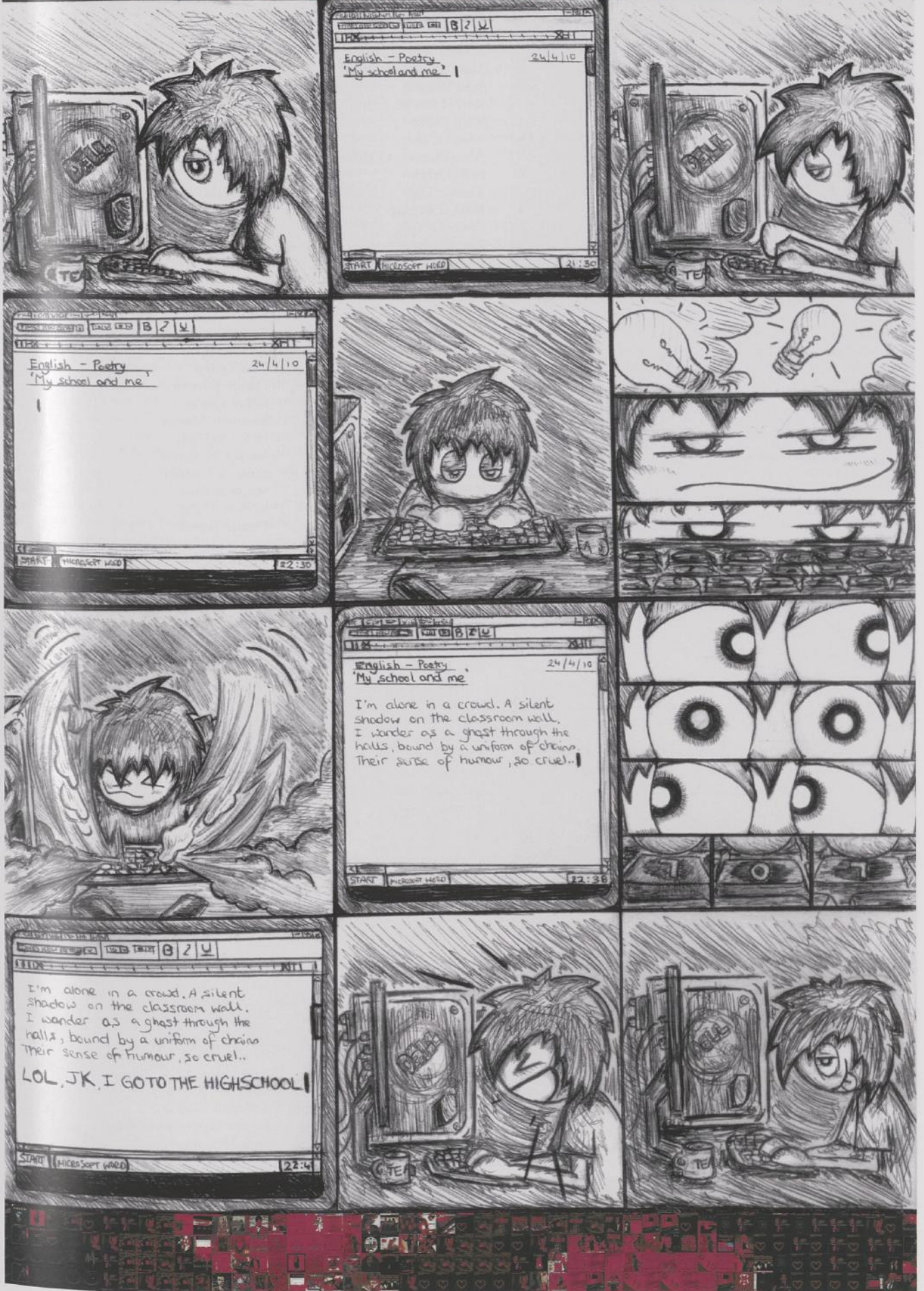


Sorcha O'Raw 2Q Winner of the Runner Up Prize.



Photos by Susanna Wyse-Jackson Form 1.

Comic Strip by Jessica Patterson



TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS

08-09 Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze

Seán Adye-Curran
Hannah Browning
Jennifer Byrne
Ellen Carney
Robert Carson
Amy Cripps
Megan Daley
Seraphim Dempsey
Amy Deverell
Christopher Downey
Emily Dunleavy
Rose Halpin Duffy
Samuel Harman Conlon
Niall Hickey
Sarah Keating
Jennifer Keogh
Ryan Kirwan
Sophie Lee
Sean-Tee Lim
Sarah Lucas
Hugh Macken
Joan McCarthy
Lauren McGarry
Neil McGinley
Colm Moran
Kira Mulhere
Finn Murphy
Lynn Murphy
Aisling Naylor
Katie O'Brien
Kate O'Marcaigh
Cian Ó Néill
Shane O'Reilly
Emma O'Rourke
Laura Pearson
Sarah Quirke
Megan Rayner
Mollie-Kate Richardson
Eve Roseingrave
Jessica Sargeant
Keri Sheehan
Clodagh Sleator
Mathew Smyth
Ian Stevenson
Maeve Sweetnam
Stephen Watts
Mark Weston
Dean Whelan
Shane Whooley
Patrick Wilson
Stephanie Wynne
Alan Young

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

William Anglim
Robert Emo
Kunal Kapoor
Cillian McCann

Judo

Yellow Belt Awards

Seán Adye-Curran
Graham Campbell
Daniel Clarke
Patrick Dennis
Amy Deverell
Jack Doyle
Emmet Dwyer
Niall Hickey
Josh Kennedy
Sean-Tee Lim
Jamie McAvinue
Neil McGinley
Ferdia O'Brien
Matthew Smyth
Michael Sykes
Stephen Watts
Joshua Wiler
Stefanie Wynne

White Belt Awards

Gary Beardsley
David Cosgrove
Alex Deane
Paul Deering
Cian McDonagh
Colm Moran
Andrew Stein
Oliver Walsh

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Peter Adye-Curran
Stephen Alexander
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Mara Barrett
John Bradish
Rachel Burke
Niall Burke
Denis Casey
Aine Cormac-O'Hora
Beth Dakin
Maeve Daly
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Morwenna Gentile
Sarah Grehan
Judith Harrington
Adam Heaton
Luke Hudson
Karl Huggard
Harry Jones
Kunal Kapoor
Niamh Kearns
Anna Keary
Una Keller
Kirsten Kinch
James Kinlan
Fabian Mak
John Martin
Jack McCabe
Leanne McDonnell
Sarah McKenna Barry
Jack Molony
Tom Moore
Aoife Moroney
Ryan O'Malley
Will Rolfe
Jennifer Rynne
Ian Sheridan
Niamh Smith
Alice Somers Donnelly
Rebecca Tully
Lauren Walsh
Sophie Wann
Jane Ward
Janice Whyte
Thomas Wyse Jackson

Young Entrepreneurs Certificate

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Rachel Burke
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Stephen Reid
Robert Styles
Daniel Turner

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Emily Atkinson
Cian Dowling Cullen
Luke Hudson
Jordan McQuaid
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White Belt Awards

Denis Casey
Neil Cosgrove
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Adam O'Malley
Sophie Wann

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Tom Clancy
Ethan Conroy
Maeve Daly
Joe Finn
Stefano Fusciardi
Oisín Hogan
Kunal Kapoor
Anna Keary
Kirsten Kinch
Sam Lunn
Fabian Mak
Kenneth Mason
Ferdia Soper MacCairaidh
Jack McCabe
Sarah McKenna Barry
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Conor Sexton
Michael Treacy
Daniel Turner
Thomas Wyse Jackson

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SENIOR CYCLE TY Work Experience FOURTH YEAR

Every year, the fourth years go forth, try to utilise all which they've learnt, and spread their wings in the workplace. 'Work' and 'Experience' are the two words that sum up this time spent in a variety of companies, placements and assorted work places. Most expect real work from us students. Sometimes it is an 'experience' one might not want to repeat. At worst, there are three types of work places. One, the workplace which forgets you're a teenager with no experience in the field and dumps you with a load of work which you can hardly understand the vocabulary inside it, let alone understand what you're supposed to do. Two, the workplace which provides you with jobs so menial that an eight year old could perform the task, and even they'd complain a four year old could do it. Three, the workplace which forgets you're there and lets you do your own thing, usually resulting in logging into Facebook within moments of the employer leaving. Choose your placements carefully to avoid one of the above! However do remember that it is pretty impossible to know which work experiences will truly interest you and which will leave you disappointed.

My two work experiences were in an accountant's office and a scientific institution. I had only studied accounting for the previous two months before being landed into the office, where I was given a box of bank statements, a dozen cheque stubs, and told to 'reconcile' this person's accounts. I was pretty lost within moments, however, through the guidance of the employer, whose help I asked for after the first half an hour of trying to pretend to

understand it, and a bit of hoping for the best, I managed to get on my way and completed this man's accounts by Wednesday. Happy I had finished, I was then given the same task for a different person, except in a completely different format, meaning that I had to relearn everything. In the end I managed to finish it before the end of the day on Friday, and my experience in the accountants was finished. Maybe I'll consider it as a future career after a bit more study and knowledge.

My second work experience was working with scientific samples and journals. Meaning, for the first two days, I was stuck at the computer, scanning journals and then converting them into text files. It was a long two days. The day after, I was given a microscope with a specimen to photograph. After spending half a day attempting to form some sort of recognisable image, I asked for help, only to be told that the software was faulty. In the afternoon I was able to listen to a talk on DNA profiling, and how it worked, which was actually the most interesting thing I'd done all week. Thursday was a field trip day to collect specimens. After three hours of searching, I found a single sample, which ended up being a third of the size of one's fingernail. On the final day, I was back on the computer, where I spent the day labelling and sorting specimens. I'm not entirely sure what they were, but I spent a good four hours labeling them. I hope it was useful to someone.

So in the end, I found work experience not as interesting as I had hoped, but the experience it gives in the workplace is invaluable. It teaches you that some jobs will be fun, some will be boring, which careers are worth looking into, and which careers you should stay away from like the plague. But nonetheless, I think everyone enjoyed their work experience, and wish the third years the best of luck in their attempts next year.

Thomas Wyse Jackson



Back Row: Daniel Turner, Colm Finlay, James Hennessy, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Kristian Chisholm, Jack Molony.
Middle Row: Luke Hudson, Kirsten Kinch, Mark Deegan, Matthew Mullan, Daniel Kernan, Lauren Walsh, Emma Feely, Aoife Moroney.
Front Row: Stefano Fuscuardi, Rachel Burke, Emma Devine, Alannah Burdon, Ellen Cunningham, Niamh Smith, Mara Barrett, Amy Lyons, Jennifer Rynne.
Absent: Peter Douglas, Gavin O'Toole, Michael Treacy.

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Back Row: Elodie Christle, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Thomas Clancy, Fabian Mak, Kári Andrésson, Sylvan Benaksas, Neil Cosgrove, Adam O'Malley.

Middle Row: Karl Huggard, Max Drakeford, Judith Harrington, Rebecca Dalton, Niamh Kearns, Thomas Moore, Conn Loane.

Front Row: Katelyn Fagan, Janice Whyte, Niamh Murphy, Una Keller, Harry Jones, Alice Somers Donnelly, Niamh Moran, Deborah Burke.

Absent: Shane Connolly, Jack McCabe.

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Back Row: Jo Finn, Kunal Kapoor, John Bradish, Cian Dowling Cullen, Stephen Alexander, John McNulty, Jordan McQuaid, John Martin.

Middle Row: Jessica Meeke, Hanne Skaadel, Shane Walker, Robert Styles, Will Rolfe, James Fleming, Daniel Baronetti, Sarah Howell.

Front Row: Nicole Connolly, Laura Duggan, Rebecca Tully, Maeve Daly, Helena Burns, Elizabeth McGuinness, Lisa Sheerin, Valeria Schneuwly.

Absent: Jamie Connell, Jim Fogarty.



Back Row: Kenneth Mason, Luke O'Donnell, David Fox, James Kinlan, Carl Adams, Ryan O'Malley, Jamie Elliott, Ciaran Flaherty.
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Absent: Emily Atkinson, Sam Killeen, Grace Morris.



Back Row: Adam Heaton, Jack McGrath, Conor Sexton, Mark O'Kelly, Darragh Twomey, Ethan Conroy, Ian Sheridan.

Middle Row: Zoe Dolan, Fiona Mitchell, Thomas McCune, Oisín Hogan, Ciarán Bradish, Aidan O'Byrne, Hazel McHugh.

Front Row: Beth Dakin, Sophie Collins, Sarah Grehan, Niall Burke, Cormac Jordan, Morwenna Gentile, Sofia E. Fusco, Sophie Wann.

Absent: Jane Ward, Cian Noone.

T.Y. Kerry Trip

As part of our President's Award (Gaisce), a group from Transition Year completed a venture activity in the MacGillycuddy's Reeks.

We left High School at 2pm on Thursday afternoon, made a quick stop in Limerick for food supplies and arrived at our hostel that evening at 8pm. Early the next morning we drove to Carrauntoohill and after a couple of hours walking we reached the Devil's Ladder which was a steep climb. We stopped for lunch shortly after that and when we were ready we continued to the top of the mountain.

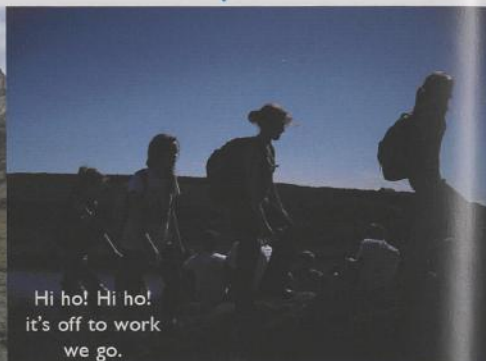
The top of Carrauntoohill was impressive with far reaching views and a large cross. On our descent we took a route called the Angel's Path which was a narrow trail down the side of the mountain. Nearing the end of the path we came across the Heavenly Gates which was a boulder followed by a steep descent. At the bottom of the gates we found a rescue shelter, and after minutes of marveling at it, we continued to the bottom of Carrauntoohill.

On behalf of the participants I would like to thank Mr Cryan, Mr McNamara, Ms Rellis and Mr Flynn for their time and assistance.

Harry Jones



Spectacular scenery in Kerry.



Hi ho! Hi ho!
it's off to work
we go.



Hill walking group.



Group photo.



What a rock chick.

Rock/Pop Show

This year's Rock/Pop Show was most enjoyable! It was very well organized by Ms Bourke and always had a friendly atmosphere. It is a great experience to be in a situation where you can perform to a group of friends, and the Rock/Pop Show allowed this to happen! On behalf of the Rock/Pop group I would like to thank Ms Bourke for all her hard work.

Rebecca Tully JHE



Jai Ho!



Peter Adye Curran.



The music maestro.



Totally rad man!



Take it off.



Giving it socks.

Spain Trip

Our trip began early on the 28th of March, when we met bleary-eyed in Dublin airport. After waiting for the last few teachers to arrive, and one person's money, we checked in and made our way through security, where thankfully no one looked suspicious enough to be stopped. After a nice flight on a very fancy plane, we landed in Malaga airport, with only a short delay as we waited for a bus to take us to the actual airport. There were some nerves in the air as we waited for our bags, but everyone's arrived safely, so we made our way to the bus.

The bus brought us to Seville, which was when the cultural aspect of the trip began as we took a boat cruise along the river Guadalquivir. After this wonderful cruise, we made our way to the first of our two hotels, checked in and had a nice bite to eat before returning to the city for the religious parades. We strolled around for a while, but eventually exhaustion got the better of us and we returned to the hotel for a well-earned night's sleep.

We woke early the next morning and headed for Cordoba. Here we were given a guided tour of this truly breathtaking city and visited the Alyama Mosque, filled with sculptures and spectacular paintings. We exited the mosque to find that the heavens had opened and it was raining worse than it had been in Ireland that week. We soon turned this into a positive by creating a photo opportunity of everyone in their multicoloured anoraks. We then returned to the hotel for dinner and a table quiz. The teachers' morals were not as strong as we had hoped, and they succumbed to pressure from a certain team allowing them a narrow victory!

There was some sadness in the air as we checked out of the hotel, the next morning and got a bus to Benalmadena, where we visited a fabulous aquarium, before having 4 hours of leisure time. Some enjoyed a leisurely lunch, some just looked for a McDonalds, either way everyone ended up on the beach working on a tan (or in some cases, freckles), or playing some beach football with the locals. After a comfortable victory, we headed back to our bus and checked into the next hotel, though finding the rooms was a challenge all in itself! Our evening activity that night was bowling, where some people showed off their talents, and others, like me, did our best to hide our lack of skill.

The next morning we gathered our passports and headed to Gibraltar. After some nervous assurances that we were, in fact the people that our passports said we were, we headed for the guided tour bus company (which would later have some of us wishing we'd paid more attention to its location). This wonderful tour showed us all there was to see in Gibraltar, and afterwards we took a cable car up the steep mountain to the top of the rock. I think it's fair to say that we had never seen so many monkeys in our lives, at least not wild ones! Poor Mr Sheehan was outwitted by one, as he foolishly displayed his bag of crisps for all to see, and then had to stand and watch as the monkey who grabbed them rubbed it in further by eating them not 5 feet away.

Our evening activity that night was an exhausting flamenco lesson, before heading out to the beach for a walk and some ice-cream. We woke early the next morning, taking our last visit to Malaga city, before going to la Canada to end the holiday on a high, shopping note. After our few hours there and some fun with other students, telling them that since they were late getting back to the bus, it had left and we would have to get an expensive taxi to the airport (it was April Fool's day after all) we headed for the airport, returning home.

On behalf of all the students, I would like to thanks all those involved in making it such a fabulous cultural experience and indeed trip. I would like to thank the teachers who went: Mr Agar, Mr Wright, Helen, Mr Sheehan and especially Ms White.

Zoe Dolan



Girls' boat.



It's raining men.



Ryan O'Malley.



Enjoying some delicious and succulent pears nom nom nom.

Advance Day 2010

On Thursday 15th April a group of some twenty-five fourth year students travelled to Taney Parish Centre to participate in an advance day named "Collide", which was organized by the 3Rock youth group. The day included fire breathing, live musical performances, a musical quiz, charades and challenges to make us think about faith and most importantly a massive game of "Dizzy Dinosaurs"! A good time was had by all and on behalf of the group I would like to thank the organisers, the leaders and most importantly Ms Hutchinson Edgar, who invited us all to participate.

Zoe Dolan, John Bradish, Amy Lyons

Fourth Year Trip to Galway

Early on Friday morning the Fourth Years met at Heuston Station. We took the morning train over to Galway, filling two full carriages. We arrived around mid-day and had a nice stroll through the city to N.U.I. When we arrived at the college we were given a brief lecture by a college representative which was cut short by a fire drill. We were given an hour and a half to have a look around the campus and to sit in on open lectures in the different departments. We bumped into a few ex-High School pupils who gave us more insight into the college facilities. We had our lunch and met back at the quad. We then took a boat ride along the Corrib and got to see Galway from a different angle. After the boat trip we were split into two groups. One of the groups headed to a boat museum along the banks of the river while the other group went to the Cathedral to see the historic building. The groups swapped over and then we all headed for Eyre Square. We had a very quick dinner in Super Macs and got to meet with some of the local Galwegians. We headed back to the train station in good spirits from our day in Galway. We arrived back in Dublin around 8:30 p.m.

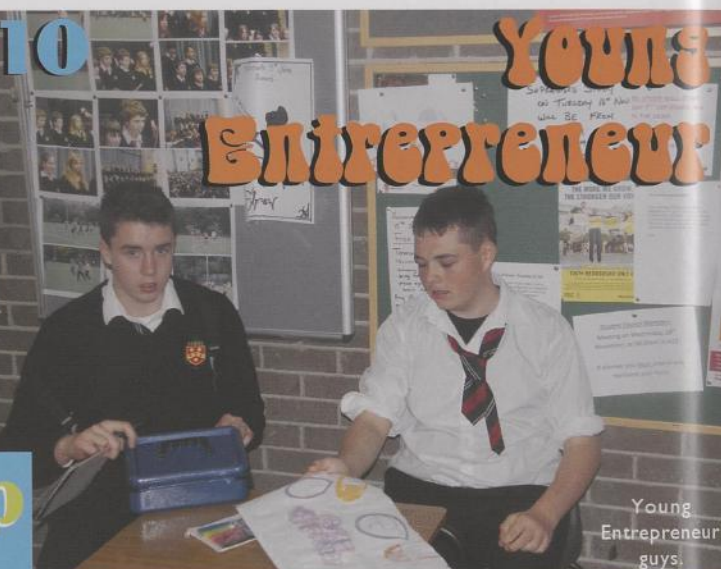
I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Irwin for organizing the trip and a thank you to all the staff members who gave up their Friday to take us.

Martha Barber-Hume



Get it innta ya.

CAKEE.



Young Entrepreneur guys.



Young Entrepreneur sales.

Choco choco chip.

Home Economics

Yum!



Chuelit.



Their proud creation.

Fourth Year Art



Aoife Moroney - art prize winner.



Martha Barber Hume.



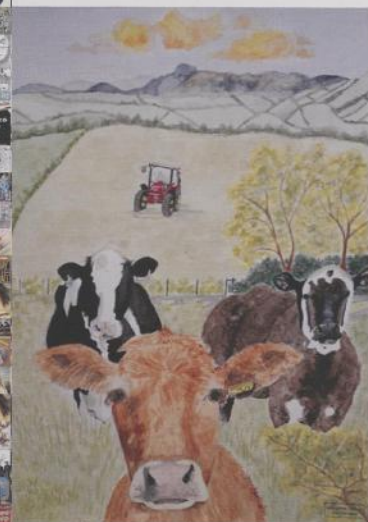
Sophie Wann.



Amy Lyons.



Niamh Smith.



Aoife Moroney.



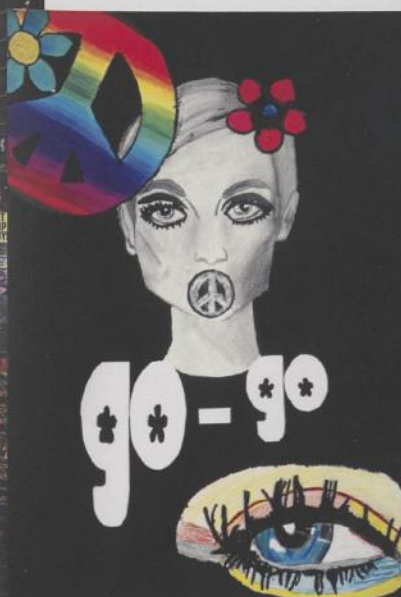
Emma Devine.



Jane Ward.



Beth Dakin.



Elizabeth McGuinness.



Conor Sexton.



Niamh Smith.



Matthew Mullan.



Sophie Wann.

The Ants

The Ants, they have the right idea,
No bombs or spikes or prisoners,
Just bloody, ravaging, lightning wars,
Complete and total annihilation.

The Red Army gathered and chanted,
Spilling from the hill like angry fire,
Clicked their clickers in anxiety,
Stood stock still and waited.

The Black Army emerged and taunted,
Buzzing around like an oily wave,
Covered the ground with angry paws,
Surged forward as if driven by desire.

Two raging forces met and squalled,
Raged and battled, fought and killed,
Perfect darkness and brilliant flame,
Two sides fought and two sides died.

By the end of it all, little was left,
A few red corpses, a few black limbs,
Pouring oozing, evil blood soaked and spurted,
And that was all, just a battle fought.

Colm Finlay

Aisling
Darby



War Debate

War is good,
War is must
In your leaders you must trust
It's a must.

War is bad,
You'd have to be mad
In your leaders there's no trust to be had
You're mad.

Why can't you use words,
Instead of shooting birds?

When you go on their soil,
To your country you are loyal.

War is good,
War is bad,
But who really is mad?

Kristian Chisholm 4F

Alanah
Burdon



My Poem

Not always the way it's expected to be,
Not always in the right direction for me,
Not always what we've selected to see,
Not always as it seems.

Never boring as long as it's so,
Taking a shape, the letting it go,
Changing around us the things that we know,
Stepping back and letting us grow,

Always keeping things just out of sight
Always wronging what we think we do right,
Always remaining as a dim little light,
Always different, always life.

Gavin
O'Toole

Sophie
Wann



Song

Live life as you want to,
Don't do to others what you wouldn't,
Do to yourself.
Be who you are don't forget you are
Unique

Always have dreams
Follow your heart
Hope is the most powerful weapon
Use it wisely

Be fit and strong do
Something with your life
Be REMEMBERED
For your achievements
Take each day
As it comes.

Michael Treacy

Fourth Year Poetry

Summer

Gentle summer breeze,
Birds flying high through the sky,
No noise, no nothing.

Jennifer Rynne

Save the Earth

When I look out of my window
I want to see clear skies and green meadows,
Not clouds of smoke and flaring fumes.
I want to see trees dancing in the breeze,
Not crying for help.

I want my children to be born into a world
Where car parks aren't built over playgrounds,
Where fields of flowers sway like jelly-beans.
Tell me, do you really not care
For the planet that began so fair?

Now, when the world around me is a waste bin
I think to myself, I wish I could change everything,
Change the minds of the people who have been so neglecting,
To help our Mother Nature,
What has she done wrong?

Our earth, our home, our mother.
We have neglected her
We have changed her
We have ruined her.

Emma Feely

Niamh
Murphy



Night Rider

I gaze into their warmly lit windows
As we pass at cruising speed
Shadowy bodies move inside
Secure in their warm haven
In each split second glimpse
I wonder how their lives are spent
Each one different from the other
Are they as content as they appear to be?
Or do they gaze out their windows
Wondering about their lives
Whizzing by in steel cages
Bound for unknown destinations?

Jack Molony

Amy
Lyons



Haiti

Haiti, 200,000 dead, said the newspaper, 1.5 million homeless.
Haiti has one of the lowest life expectancies on the planet
Before the Earthquake Haiti was the poorest country in the western hemisphere,
Yet nobody took any notice of it.
Geologists knew the region was unstable,
But no money was given to help build buildings that could survive quake.
It's strange that people tell stories about how bad living conditions are in the rest of the World,
But only do something about it after the disaster strikes.

Mark Deegan



Back Row: Jamie McAvinue, Daniel Meijer, Mark Swords, Gary Beardsley, Colm Moran, William Anglim, Finn Murphy, Daniel Linehan, Daniel Jones, Matthew Smyth, Oliver Walsh, Shane O'Reilly, Mark Gaynor, Emmet Dwyer, David Cosgrove.

Second Row: Niall O'Leary, Michael Sykes, Michael Leith, Troy Gallagher, Jack Doyle, Christopher Drakeford, Chloe McHugh, Alan Weekes, Diarmuid Smith, Seán Adye-Curran, Patrick Wilson, Padraig Harrison, Ryan Farrell, Daniel Clarke, Caolán Boyce, Ronan Lowther.

Third Row: Shane O'Donoghue, Chris Downey, Cian Ó Néill, Dhruv Kapoor, Robert Emo, Paul Deering, Patrick Dennis, Conor Broderick, Simon Jackson, Sammi Esghyer, Lauren McGarry, Lee Campbell, Ronan O'Byrne, Cillian McCann, Josh Wiler.

Fourth Row: Maresa McElvaney, Nicola Ryan, Cian McDonagh, Ella O'Leary-Watson, Maoliosa Nugent, Jennifer Keogh, Josh Kennedy, Mark Keleghan, Patrick Foster, Kate O'Marcaigh, Andrew Stein, Rona O'Donnell, Neil McGinley, Stephen Watts, Eve Roseingrave, Jessica Patterson, Geoff Gamble.

Fifth Row: Aisling Reina, Catriona Spoor, Eleanor White, Ian Stevenson, Seraphim Dempsey, Alan Young, Sean-Tee Lim, Hugh Macken, Alex Deane, Ellen Carney, Kira Mulhere, Clodagh Sleator, Stefanie Wynne, Dean Whelan, Laura Mills.

Sixth Row: Julie Farrell, Ryan Kirwan, Shane Whooley, Cliona Rogan, Aisling Naylor, Laura Forsythe, Emma O'Rourke, Mollie-Kate Richardson, Sarah Quirke, Laura Pearson, Graham Campbell, Alan Hughes, Seán Warren, Robyn Carey, Robbie Carson, Hannah Browning, Naoise Dolan, Aislinn Twamley Levins.

Seventh Row: James Sadlier, Keri Sheehan, Karen Blennerhassett, Katie O'Brien, Eva O'Byrne, Eiméar O'Brien, Joan McCarthy, Jessica Sargeant, Sarah Keating, Megan Lynch, Kate Cosgrove, Jennifer Byrne, Megan Rayner, Megan Daley, Sarah Lucas.

Front Row: Lynn Murphy, Amy Cripps, Shauna Maguire, Ms Saville, Ms Pearce, Ms McCartney, Mr Gill, Mr Davis, Mr Carolan, Mr Wilkinson, Emma Hogg, Jessica Buttanshaw, Sheila Brownlee, Amy Deverell, Rose Halpin Duffy.

Absent: Johnny Brennan, Emily Dunleavy, Sam Harman Conlon, Sophie Lee, Rachael Spray, Maeve Sweetnam.



5TH YEAR PLAY

This year's 5th year play was "10 Things I Hate About The Shrew" a modern adaption of William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew". The play was adapted by the very talented Julie Farrell, Mark Kelhegan, Patrick Foster and Julie Farrell. It was directed by Mr Barry O'Kelly who was helped by assistant directors Lauren McGarry and Emma Hogg.

Set in Padua College, it focuses on new boy Tom, played brilliantly by Cillian McCann. He is trying to win the heart of the beautiful Bianca (played by Julie Farrell) who will only go out with him, if he can find someone to go out with her social outcast of a sister Cathy (Aisling Reina). These events are carefully watched over by their overprotective father Walter (Neil McGinley).

Tom and his new friend, the school's local nerd Michael (Stephen Watts) attempt to find a match for Cathy while tricking the D4 rugby players Mario and Graham (Dhruv Kapoor and Daniel Meijer) to finance the escapade as Mario also wants to go out with Bianca. Eventually the duo thinks they may have found a suitable candidate in the form of local bad boy Patrick (Finn Murphy). Will Tom get his girl before it is too late? Michael meanwhile runs into trouble with the 'solids' leader Deco (William Anglim) when he fancies his chances with Deco's girlfriend Jacinta (Rachael Spray). Along for the ride were the two narrators representing the 'solids' of Padua College played with fantastic realism from William Anglim and Kate O'Marcaigh.

While those performing were very important we would have been lost without the help of the backstage crew, who made sure we had all the props and costumes we needed for each scene. There were also fantastic dancers whose performance brightened up the play. Notable performances included the Shakespearean dancing and the final dance at the Debs.

A particular thank you goes to Ms M. Milne and to Mr Barry O'Kelly without whom none of this would ever have been possible and to anyone who took part or helped in any way with the production of this play.

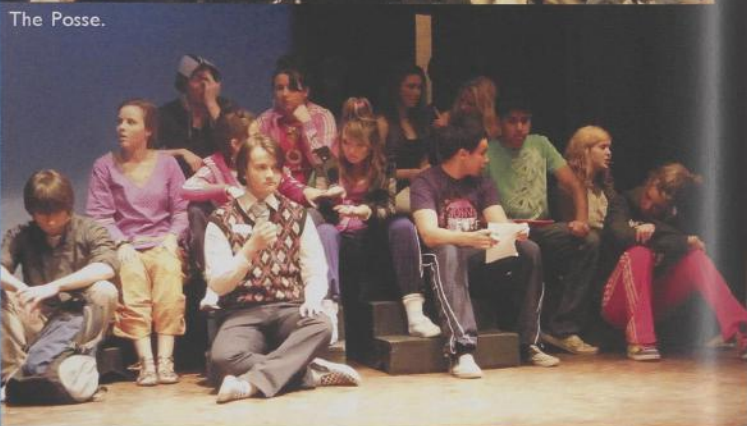
Stephen Watts, Form 5

Ten Things I Hate About The Shrew

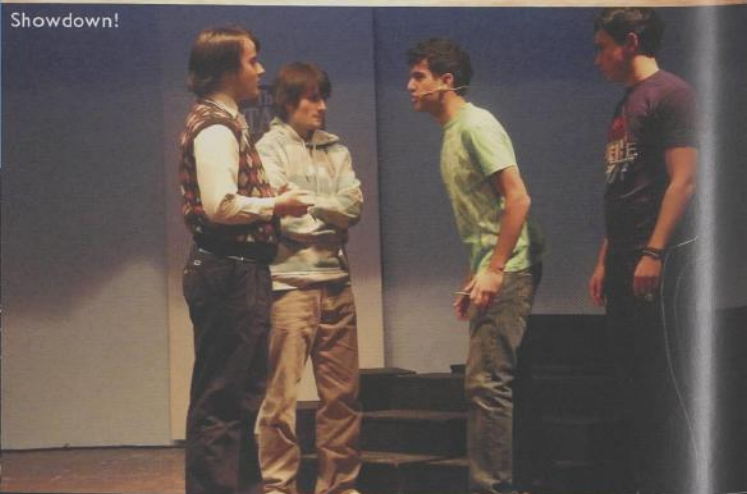
Dancin' at the disco.



The Posse.



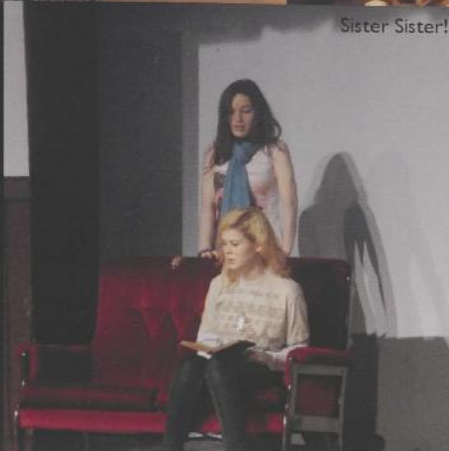
Showdown!



It was love at first sight.



Sister Sister!



Neil on the Rampage.



Mock Interviews 2010

On Tuesday 20th April, 5th year students waited nervously outside classrooms in anticipation of their first interview experience. These mock interviews are 'the only real example of a live collaboration between parents, students, and teachers in school' as described by Ms. T Jones (Careers Guidance and Mock Interviews Co-ordinator). This unique experience involves parents and other volunteers giving up their free time to interview 5th year students on a wide range of different courses and careers, such as Arts, Engineering, Medicine and Film. Almost 90% of the year took part- a percentage which has risen dramatically over the past few years.

Before approaching the interview, the students had to create individual CVs and write letters of application to their proposed interviewers. They also had to dress appropriately and prepare questions for their interviewers, in order to gain a better understanding of their chosen field.

Despite the anxiety felt beforehand, the feedback was extremely positive with the majority of students gladdened and relieved that they had participated. One student even managed to secure a summer job from his interviewers! The following are some quotes from some of the students:

"It was a bit nerve-racking at the start, but by the end I felt I could approach future interviews with confidence" Niall O'Leary

"It was a really worthwhile experience" Cian O'Neill

"Class" Robert Emo

The interviewers also felt similarly optimistic:

"Candidates were well spoken, confident and had the ability to present themselves in a very positive manner"

"I think the formula works very well and the students come across as well accomplished, rounded, bright young people"

On behalf of the participants, we would like to thank not only the Parents Association for all their hard work in the organisational aspect but also the interviewers for conducting the interviews. Many thanks also to Ms. T. Jones, without whom, this would never have happened!

Hannah Browning and Seraphim Dempsey.



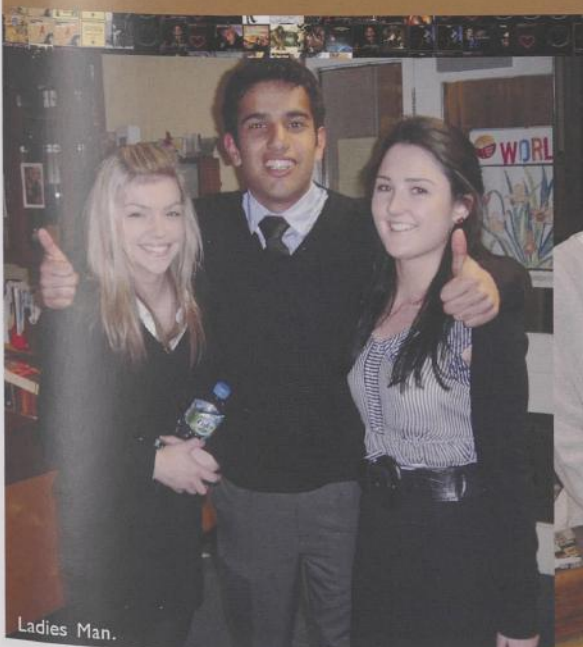
Lookin' smart.



Lookin' Snazzy.



The Boys at the Mock Interviews.



Ladies Man.



Two Teachers havin' a laugh.



Pretty Fly for a White Guy.

Hamlet Review

On Tuesday 22nd April, 5th Year English students went to see a production of Shakespeare's *Hamlet* by the Second Age Theatre Company. Below is Mathew Smyth's review, which praises and criticises in equal measures! Many thanks to Ms Waugh, Ms Missen and Ms FitzGerald for organising the trip.

Let's be honest, very few teenagers hear the name William Shakespeare and squeal with delight. The convoluted language and aged storylines are always a struggle. So it is a testament to Second Age that their production was not only easy to follow but enthralled its audience. That's not to say Alan's Stanford's production was flawless, but as a production clearly aimed at next year's Leaving Cert students, it pulled off its performance remarkably.

Hamlet has been seen rendered in such eccentric settings as 'The Simpsons' and Disney's 'The Lion King', so it's a shame that this was a more conservative fare. Obviously I didn't want to see Timon and Pumba walk on halfway, but the Old Danish Prince could have benefited from a more imaginative adaptation. As it stands, this performance followed the classic tale of Prince Hamlet who, after visitation from his father's ghost, plots his revenge on the usurper, his Uncle Claudius.

An interesting decision in stage design, maybe due to budget constraints or the Director's preference, was to take a very minimalistic approach. Outside of some screens at the entrances and an occasional chair, there was very little by way of props. This focused a lot more attention on the cast, but the pay-off was worth it. Marty Rea as Hamlet gives a master class on acting, drifting in and out of sanity and instilling the audience with a true sense of what Hamlet's quest is doing to his mind.

The stage is on a slope giving the whole play a sense that the whole world it has created is teetering on the brink. This is never made more apparent than when Hamlet gives one of his soliloquies, as he stands on a knife edge staring intensely into the audience, swaying between madness and sanity.

However, it is unlikely that Marty Rea could have carried the play without his supporting cast. Stephen Brennan steals many scenes with his humorous portrayal of Polonius, whose antics on stage delighted the audience. His misunderstanding of the cause of Hamlet's madness and other judgements lead to many of the play's conflicts.

It is a shame then that some of the other characters fail to pull their weight. Garrett Keogh as Claudius feels very bland and generic, his character never feels like anymore than the lines in the script and this is never more apparent than in his scenes with Hamlet. Marty Rea in contrast, disappears into his character and engages with the audience to great effect.

As an attempt to put on a play for teenagers studying for Leaving Cert, Second Age's 'Hamlet' does a good job of telling the story to a new audience. Strong performances by Marty Rea and Stephen Brennan help the story come alive. On the other hand, there is always a sense that Alan Stanford is playing it safe. The production sticks very closely to the source material and you know you're not going to see anything unique when the most original aspect of the production is a rip-off and 'The Lion King's' interpretation of Hamlet senior's spirit.

For someone with very little experience of Shakespeare or someone looking for a strong lead performance, this is your production of 'Hamlet'. But those looking for that little bit extra may feel let down by what is a very basic production.

Mathew Smith, Form 5

A Doll's House Review

In November 2009, our 5th Year English class made the long commute out to the Helix Theatre in DCU, to see The Second Age Theatre company's production of Henrik Ibsen's *A Doll's House* directed by Alan Stanford.

The play is set in 19th century Norway and is about a housewife who spends about 90% of the play in the kitchen because she's in some trouble with her husband. The cast and set at the Helix were riveting and even with the rather distracting chairs hanging from the walls the set really gave you a sense of confinement that the play tries to convey. Despite the long trek out there, the play was a great night and good thinking material for our exams. We would like to thank Mrs Milne for arranging it.

Finn Murphy

Classical Studies Theatre Reviews

On Thursday, 25th February a group of about twenty students and Mr. McCaughey went to see 'Off Plan' in the Project Arts Theatre. It was of interest to our class as we had touched on the story of the Oresteia while studying Homer's *Odyssey*. 'Off Plan' was a modern adaptation of the Oresteia and surprised many of us with its unique and unusual take on it. A tale of revenge and betrayal, the actors delivered an intense and emotional portrayal of the corrupt characters. A hidden camera linked to a large screen on stage depicted events which happened off stage, adding suspense and an extra dimension to the production. We would like to thank Mr. McCaughey for arranging the trip; it was a truly memorable performance!

Hannah Browning and Stephen Watts

On the 22nd of January Mr McCaughey took 5th and 6th Years to the Project Theatre to see the Greek play 'The Bacchae'. The play was based on the Greek God Dionysus, and the problems he causes for the City of Thebes for not acknowledging his position as a God. The actor playing Dionysus put on an excellent performance as you witnessed the collapse of a king's control of his kingdom. All the performances and the show itself were excellent and made a very enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Mr McCaughey for organising the trip in the first place; we had a classic time.

Stephen Watts and Lauren McGarry



Aisling and the two Rhinos.

Learning at the Natural History Museum.

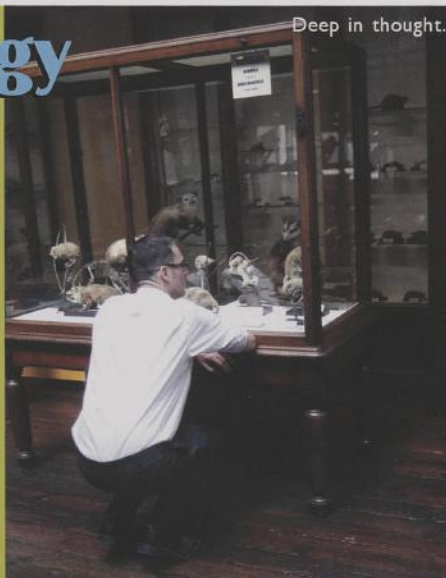
It's behind you!

5th Year Biology Field Trip

On the 21st of May on a sunny Friday morning, three 5th year biology classes all boarded a bus at 9.40pm. We were off to the rocky sea shore of Sandy Cove for our ecology field trip. When we arrived we were put into teams and given equipment to aid us in our investigation of the habitat. We were given a book of all the different species to be found on the shore, a net, a quadrant, litmus paper, and a thermometer. We were more than ready! We found crabs, jellyfish and starfish to name but a few. We even saw a seal swimming in the sea. We took down results of the temperature of the water and the pH readings in the rock pools. It was really interesting seeing all the animals and plants in their natural habitat. Afterwards on a way back to school we stopped at the ice-cream parlour Teddy's, where we all got 99ers. It was great end to a really interesting and worthwhile field trip. I would like to thank Mr Gill, Mr McBride and Dr Whitford for organizing this trip.

Rachael Spray

Deep in thought.



Finn getting trampled.



Spot the creeper!

Montgomery Science Awards

When she died, Helen Montgomery left a sizeable legacy to the school and asked that we inaugurate a prize connected to the promotion of science in memory of her brother Edward Montgomery, a past pupil. The Montgomery Science Awards were initiated this year in the form of a compulsory competition assignment for all fifth year pupils taking any science subject. The pupils submitted scientific essays in February which they researched and presented themselves. The shortlists were announced in March and then sent off to external examiners. There were four first prizes of €250 and four second prizes of €150 on offer. They were distributed among the subjects of Physics, Chemistry and Biology, with two prizes each in Physics and Chemistry and four prizes in Biology to reflect the larger number of pupils taking Biology. The awards will be presented at Prize Day.

Shortlist:

Physics

Chris Downey
Mark Gaynor
Ryan Kirwan
Sean-Tee Lim
Cliona Rogan

Chemistry

Ellen Carney
Emma Hogg
Mark Kelligan
Daniel Linehan
Colm Moran

Biology

Seraphim Dempsey
Naoise Dolan
Sophie Lee
Finn Murphy
Aisling Naylor
Katie O'Brien
Laura Pearson
Aisling Reina
Mollie Richardson
Matthew Smyth



Orienteering Extraordinaire

So Colm how did you get into orienteering?

I got into it because my Mum used to take me out running when I was younger and my passion developed from that.

What was the furthest distance you have run?

It was a very tiring 22 km, on the rough terrain in the hills of Wicklow.

What was your toughest run?

It was In Jukola; Finland. It was a 7 man relay starting at 11pm at night going on till the early morning. It was really tough but it was a great experience.

What do you find is most enjoyable?

Definitely the sense of achievement you get after a finishing a long race.

How do you relax after a long run?

I like to have a long warm bath with scented candles. I find it really helps me to relax.

Favorite candle scent?

Cinnamon.

What sports person do you most admire?

I really admire Messi, because he is such an amazing athlete and he has achieved so much at such a young age.

What do you eat before a big race?

A few slices of toast, lots of water and a banana 90 minutes before a race.

Biggest Rival?

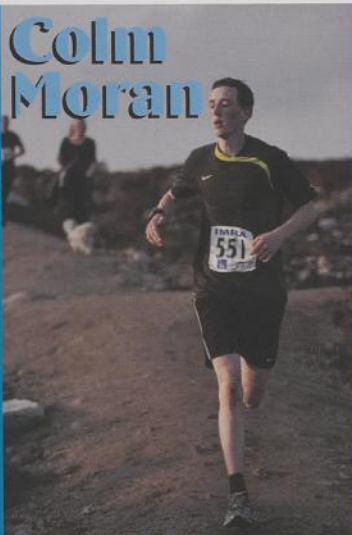
Michael Treacy by a mile. He's super!

What has been your best win?

Well I came 14th in a big orienteering festival in Britain called the JK.

Interviewed by Rachael Spray and Rose Halpin Duffy

Colm
Moran



Circles of friends.

SENIOR LUNCH



Sitting on the stage.



Food is good!



SHORT STORY

Of Railway Bridges and Tram Lines

I ducked down under the rusty barbed wire fence and into the wild undergrowth. It was a different world from the one I usually inhabited. It was unpredictable and it was untamed. There was a rough trail through the undergrowth that I couldn't leave, much and all as I wanted to, because I was in shorts and there were nettles everywhere and I already had enough gashes on my knees and bruises on my legs; nettles and thistles grew where they wanted around me, for this was their world. I walked along cautiously, my eyes darting around, trying to take in all the surroundings that I knew so well but could never get enough of.

The sides of my shoes lit up every time I placed my foot to

the solid ground. The light was red and I loved those shoes.

Up ahead, I knew that there would be a small clearing. There was an entire old mouldy living room set in that clearing. The couch had perhaps, at one point, been a velvet maroon two-seater, but now all the insides poked out at the seams, and the maroon was stained a patchy black colour, like tar, by the incessant rain, only the colour of its underside even vaguely resembled maroon. There was an armchair that matched the couch; it was missing arms though. Behind the couch lay, on its side, a burned-out and rusted fridge, empty, and with barely any of the white paint that had once presumably covered it left. However, its body was not without colour; someone had covered it with spray paint.

When we went together, my sister always went first, ahead of me, but today I was alone, free to go at my own pace, free to wander along. I went there most days. I was young, innocent and full of adventure, and this was my palace.

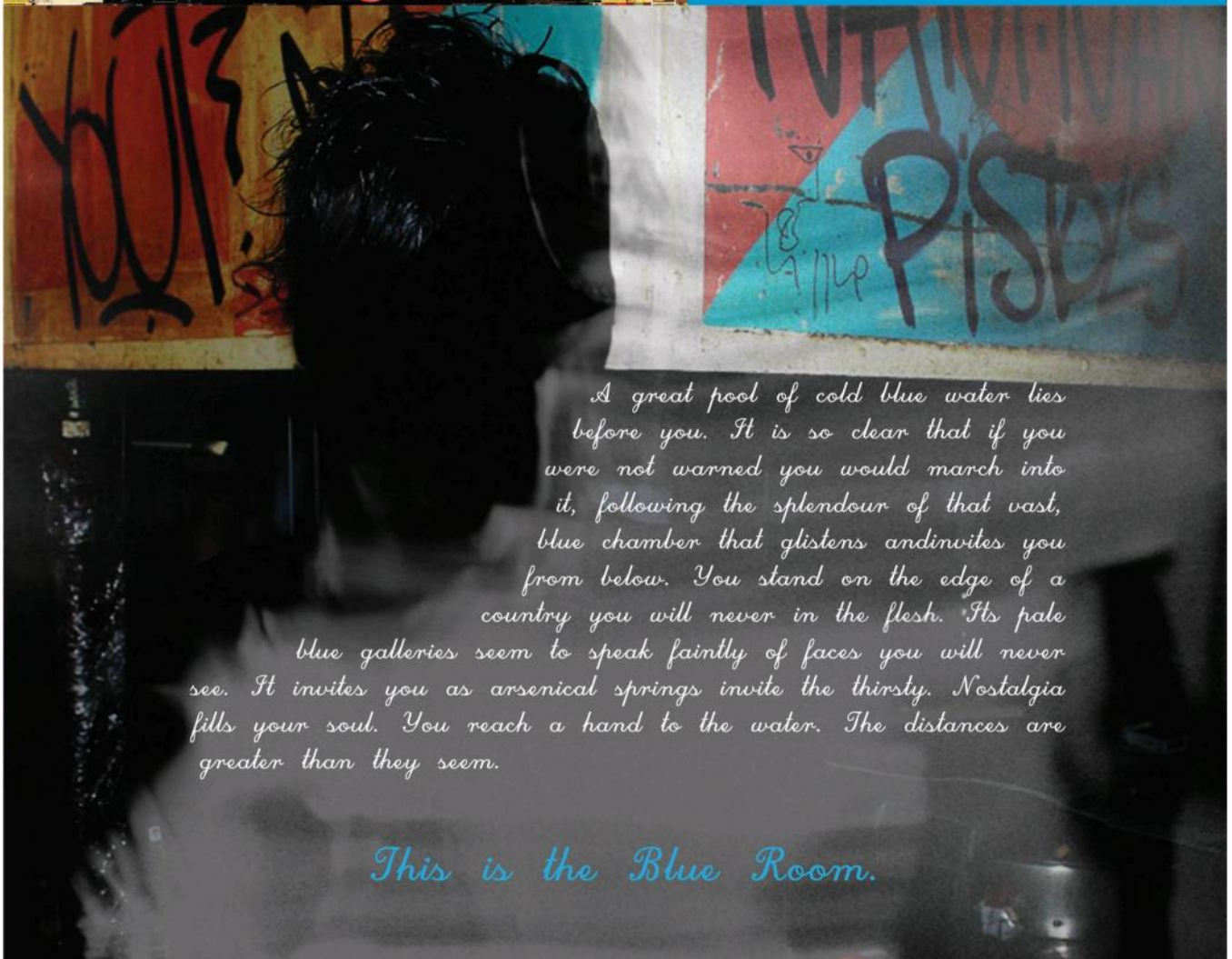
I left the clearing and followed that path on further until the briars flattened out and the nettles receded, and I was wading through long grass, then that grew thinner and I was there, to that magical place.

It had at one point been a railway bridge, but they had taken up the tracks and it was now more of a quarry-like hole, the metal span had long since been taken away and only the red brick support remained. There grew an ancient oak tree, gnarled and twisted, its topmost branches reaching down into the quarry below. It was taller than the railway bridge, taller even than the several story high apartment buildings that rose behind the 30 foot fences that lay behind it. On one of the middle branches was a rope that hung down, onto which the local teenagers had tied a stick. It made a wonderful swing.

But then they tore the whole thing down and build a tram. Not that I don't think the tram is handy, but I really loved the swing and the memories.

Aisling Reina

Aisling Reina Photomontage



A great pool of cold blue water lies before you. It is so clear that if you were not warned you would march into it, following the splendour of that vast, blue chamber that glistens and invites you from below. You stand on the edge of a country you will never in the flesh. Its pale blue galleries seem to speak faintly of faces you will never see. It invites you as arsenical springs invite the thirsty. Nostalgia fills your soul. You reach a hand to the water. The distances are greater than they seem.

This is the Blue Room.



Cian and Rose.



Shane and Emily.



Aislinn and Amy.



Eva and Rachael.



Very fancy looking cupcakes.





SIXTH YEAR

Back Row: Mark Weston, Vanya Eccles, Graham Flaherty, Miles Reilly, Alex Daly, Liam MacNamara, Milo Mays, Stephen James, Emmet McBride, Owen Carroll, Josh Tobin, Steven Chapman, James Liddicoat, Brian Speller, Aaron Sturdy.

Second Row: Bill O Cleirigh, Ruairi Nugent, Robert Savage, Kevin Browne, Dylan Farrell, Daniel Connell, Tom Roseingrave, Eoin Keenan, Hugh O'Marcaigh, James Hawe, James Harding, Mark Evans, Robbie McGuinness, Sebastian Adams, Simon Smith.

Third Row: Mark Coffey, Nicholas Jones, Daire Hunt, Louis Gregg, Daniel Corbin, Joshua Reichental, Joshua Purcell, Keenan Lacey, Mark Horgan, Simon Ludden, Oscar Bowling, Cameron Ridyard, Cian Twomey, Gareth Carragher, Gavin Mullan, Daniel Cooke.

Fourth Row: Luke Byrne, Michael McNulty, Andrew Donovan, Ian Duggan, Guy Prendergast, Stuart Gray, Archie Heaslip, Ben Harding, Danyal Fox, David Kernan, Mohammad Kabadaya, Craig Hanan, Neal Hickey, Luke Evans, Lorcan Ahern, Mark Rogan.

Fifth Row: Michael Adye Curran, Clive Drakeford, Alex Dakin, Clare Davies, Martin Flower, Lorcan Murphy, Richelle McDonnell, Stephanie Lodola, Susan McRann, Eva Nugent, Tess McCann, Naomi Reid, Nicola Durrant, Katie O'Connor, Andrea Murray-Byrne, Matthew Ware.

Sixth Row: Niamh McDonagh, Olivia Ball, Susan Kinlan, Sarah McCoy, Aoife Ryan, Rebecca Conalty, Suzanne O'Connor, Molly Hughes, Nicole Campbell, Sarah Kate McConnell, Rebecca Mills, Laura Martin, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh, Hannah Choy O'Byrne, Georgie Twamley, Michael O'Shea.

Seventh Row: Lara Madden, Una McSharry, Freya Breen, Sophie Mitchell, Etan Kinsella McLennan, Peter Williamson, Sam Williamson, Zara McElvaney, Megan Earls, Iain Irvine, Marie-Claire Foley, Sarah Brennan, Nicola Spendlove.

Front Row: Holly Taylor, Alex McLaughlin Callan, Mr McNamara, Ms Waugh, Mr McBride, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Mr Davies, Dr Whitford, Diarmuid Kennedy, Mrs Boyce, Ms Missen, Mr Prendergast, Aoife Kearney, Sarah Burns.

Absent: Andrew Gilbert, Camilla Hanney, Katie Hyland, Aisling Kiernan, Patrick King, Tara O'Driscoll, Darragh Tate, Ellen Walsh, Simon Wright.



Head Boy

I was just in the door from coaching in a summer camp in mid August when my mum called. She said that Mr Duffy wanted a quick word. I headed in and to my complete surprise half an hour later I was honored to be the next head boy of High School. This was great news but I was to keep the news quiet until the school could contact the head girl Aimee who was away at the time.

Our first acts as prefects were to welcome in the new first years. It was hugely entertaining to think the Reynolds hall had excited us that much!

Aimee and I were told by Dr Whitford that a series of prefect rotas must be made to allocate the various jobs. These included taking lates, clearing corridors (which was ALWAYS done) and ringing the dreaded assembly bell. Many thanks are owed to the I.T wizardry of Stephen Shaw who prepared numerous rotas throughout the year refusing anything more than thanks as a payment. A cleaning rota was also drawn up yet due to its regular "disappearing" Aimee and I kept copies at hand.

The first official event of the year was the Prize-Giving and all of the prefects were excellent in complying with their jobs. A special thanks to Mark C, Stuart and Michael who directed traffic in the car park. While the prefects were starving in the cold Aimee and I were "hob-nobbing" with the VIP's of the evening in the staffroom.

Our next serious school event was the carol service. This is always a great occasion yet not without the ever hard working group of prefects who handed out hymn sheets and aided with the nibbles afterwards. Aimee and I had a reading each to do which went very well and the choir and orchestra entertained us brilliantly with a wide variety of Christmas Carols.

The rest of the year went splendidly and any tasks given Aimee, the prefects and I were dealt with superbly. One of this year's "highlights" was dressing up as Dennis the Menace who Ann Tector told me was the school's adopted mascot! I would like to thank Ann for inviting me to the PPU dinner in Dun Laoghaire yacht club. It was a hugely enjoyable evening. I'm sure Aimee will agree it was very interesting meeting pupils from the original Diocesan Girls School and hearing hearty tales of the amalgamation.

As the year has ended I can honestly say that I thoroughly enjoyed my year as Head Boy. It's an excellent opportunity and I would like to thank Mr Duffy and Mr Davies for their trust and their guidance and Dr Whitford for her advice and kindness. I thank the prefects for their hard work and understanding when I was making no sense, Aimee herself, for being a fabulous Head Girl to work with, the office staff for always aiding me with many paper related needs and Ms Garvey and the resource teachers who always supported me. I wish next year's Head Boy and Girl the very best and hope they enjoy the year like I certainly have.

Diarmuid Kennedy

High School

& Changing Rooms

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Head Girl

Last August I got a phone call asking me to come into the school for a 'chat' with Mr Duffy. When he offered me the position of Head Girl for the year I was speechless, and as you can imagine, thrilled and extremely honoured. I accepted the position immediately. I know that the position comes with a lot of responsibilities and so I was delighted to find out that Diarmuid was Head Boy, as I couldn't think of a better person to share these responsibilities with.

As Head Girl I had certain tasks and duties to carry out throughout the year. Myself and Diarmuid's main task was to draw up and maintain the 'prefect's duties rota', which, thanks to the brilliant prefects, ran extremely smoothly throughout the year. Then there was the 'common room cleaning rota'. We all had our dreaded week of cleaning up other people's smushed sandwiches off the floor, but even this most unappealing job was carried out with co-

operation and enthusiasm by the whole year.

In October, the Prize-giving evening took place and all the prefects had different jobs. Some of the guys, armed with reflective jackets and torches, directed cars in the car-park, while others welcomed guests at the door or showed parents to their seats. Diarmuid and I spent a few minutes meeting the governors and we also handed out the prizes.

I said a reading at the always enjoyable Carol service and in April I was delighted to receive an invitation to the 'Ladies Annual Past Pupils Dinner'. This was a wonderful evening and I got to hear lots of great stories about The High School. All I have left to do now as Head Girl is to make the nerve-wracking speech at Graduation.

Being Head Girl has been an absolute privilege and honour. I would like to thank Diarmuid for taking charge of the common room cleaning rota, which was constantly being ripped down, and for being such a great Head Boy. I would also like to thank the prefects for all of their help throughout the year. Rarely did they have to be reminded about a duty, as they were always on top of things. Finally, I would like to thank Mr Duffy, Mr Davies and Dr Whitford for all of their help and support and for giving me this amazing opportunity.

Aimee Jones O' Connor.

Home Economics.



Prefects 09/10



Back Row: Vanya Eccles, Bill O Cleirigh, Tom Roseingrave, Mark Evans, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Mark Coffey, Keenan Lacey, Susan Kinlan, James Harding.

Middle Row: Megan Earls, Stuart Gray, Michael Mc Nulty, Sebastian Adams, Mark Horgan, Alex Dakin, Rebecca Mills, Olivia Ball, Eva Nugent, Susan McRann, Tess McCann.

Front Row: Freya Breen, Sam Williamson, Andrea Murray-Byrne, Nicola Spendlove, Diarmuid Kennedy, Aimée Jones O' Connor, Stephanie Lodola, Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, Aoife Kearney.

Absent: Rebecca Conalty, Clive Drakeford, Miles Reilly.

Interview with Tennis Star Susan McRann

When did you start playing tennis?

I started when I was around 7/8, following after my sisters.

How many titles have you won?

Over the past few years, my best achievements have been: representing Ireland at the tri-nations (Ireland, Scotland, Wales) and in Prague, winning the interpros with the Leinster team, becoming the national indoor champion and winning the treble (singles, doubles and mixed) in the Irish outdoor championships.

What is your best stroke?

Best probably is serve but favourite is forehand.

How did you get scouted for the USA?

At the end of 5th year I contacted many of the coaches in the American universities and fortunately I got many replies. I made a tennis video and the University of Arizona was my first preference as they play in the Pac-Ten Conference, one of the most competitive leagues in the states. In November I was offered a scholarship to Arizona.

How long will it be until we see you in Wimbledon?
Hopefully very soon!!

6th Year
listening intently.

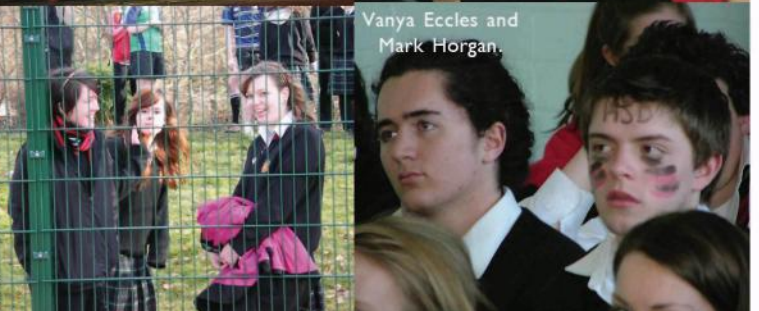


Aoife Ryan and
Susan Kinlan



listening very
carefully.

Vanya Eccles and
Mark Horgan.



Hello girls!

Mr Prendergast Creative Writing

Elated after the senior girls won their hockey final, the 6th years were ushered into the demo for the pleasant surprise of a lecture from Mr Prendergast on creative writing in honour of World Book Day. The attentive silence of a huge group of people is a rare thing to observe but Mr Prendergast managed to capture this with ease. He gave helpful tips which could be useful for exams as well as for any aspiring writers. These pieces of advice included how to use dialogue, using the senses to make a piece come alive and a brilliant piece of advice passed onto him by a fellow writer "all beauty and all truth is in the details." His touching anecdotes included one about his five year old son bonding with a Romanian builder working on their house, which inspired him to write a children's story, as well as his laid back humour, allowed his lecture to be enjoyable as well as helpful. A thank you goes to Ms King for organising it and to Mr Prendergast for sharing his words of wisdom.

Stephanie Lodola



Mr. Prendergast.



An assortment of furniture made by 6th years.



Construction Studies

Factory

Congratulations to the band Factory who won The Mark Cabena Battle of the Bands competition in Ranelagh Gardens. The event is part of the annual arts festival and is a tribute to a pupil of The High School, Mark Cabena, who was a victim of a cardiac virus in 2007. The band, comprised of 6th form students, was described as "the band with the best connection with the audience and best music" by the judging panel. Factory has only been in existence for a short while, so there may be a bright future ahead for them. Well done!



Factory - Aaron, Daniel, Josh, Bill, Luke.

Sebastian Adams a name to remember!



We met up with Sebastian who has just come out of his Leaving Cert Music Exam, and judging by the broad grin across his face, it all went well for him. Due to start a music composition course at the Royal Irish Academy of Music next year, we interviewed him, about his musical roots, how he became interested in musical composition, and what his plans are for the future.

When did you start composing?

Well when I was a kid, I used to always write Masses, you know, like they sing

in Church - only really I didn't understand the basic rules of harmony, melody or anything like that. So I used to just give the trebles a high C for the whole thing, until my Dad told me that no one could sing that! I was twelve or thirteen when I first started composing proper music as such. My friend gave me some sequencing software for the computer and so it went from there.

So when did you decide that you wanted to do music at third-level?

It probably would have been fourth year, when I was already kind of interested in it, and so did work experience. Music was already a hobby, so I did a couple of days with a film-composer, and it just seemed like the best thing ever! It was in a small studio called 'Waveform', and there were two guys working there then, but now there's only one. It was mostly commercials and stuff, but actually he's done a score for a film recently, with James Nesbitt, I don't think it's out yet, it's a horror film, and it's really vicious!

So, would you like to get into film music as well then?

I don't really want to narrow my path, if you know what I mean, because I enjoy doing film music and dance music, and pop songs, and proper classical music as well. So there's no point limiting myself now, at this age!

Have you any other plans for the future?

I want to gig a lot, with whatever bands I'm in, and maybe with you two, and then just the usual for a composer.

Any comments about the viola as an instrument?

Yeah, it's great!! It's much more tuneful than the violin and much more portable than the cello! So, I think it's just the best string instrument in general!

How long have you been playing it?

About ten years.

Did you ever feel like giving it up?

Yeah, I never want to practise... ever! But I've never wanted to give it up, you know how it is!? But once you start practising you really enjoy it. It's just that when you're playing a computer game, it doesn't seem like the most interesting thing to do!

What are your major influences in music?

Well, from contemporary classical music, Donnacha Dennehy. He's an Irish composer; he's quite young still and very good. But then going back, also from classical music, would probably be people like Mozart, Bach and Ravel. Then also, Sufjan Stevens would be one of my major influences. He's brilliant! You should check him out! And then The Smiths, they're a guitar band, they're also very good. Then sort of everything! **Do you play in any orchestras?**

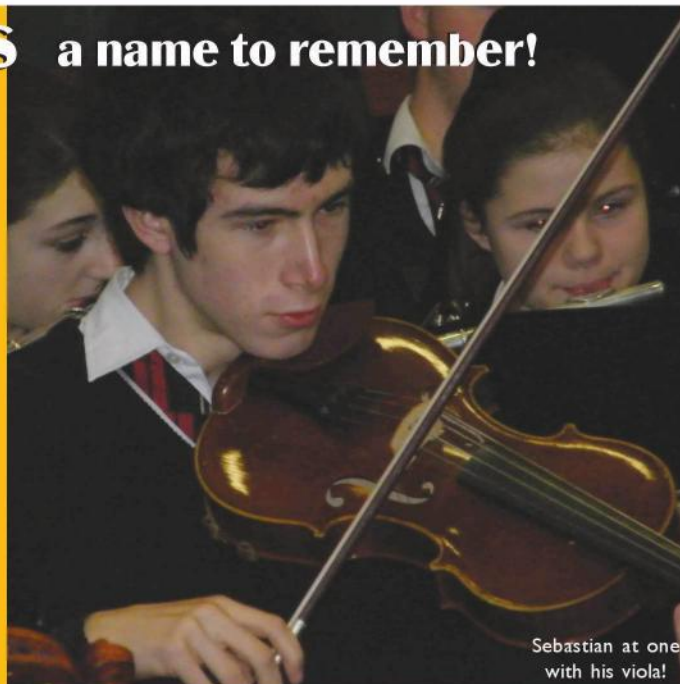
Well, at the moment I'm orchestra-less, but I'm hoping to join the Hibernian Orchestra after the summer, which should be great!

How do people in general listen to your compositions?

Well, I've always loved computers, the internet, Football manager is probably my biggest influence, apart from the ones I mentioned earlier. I'm quite a wiz at computers; I think it's fair to say. It's hard not to be when you're composing, and so I found this brilliant thing called Wix, which is a really easy way to make a flash-based website - the kind of thing that makes it look really flashy! I wanted people to be able to hear my music, so I designed a website: <http://www.wix.com/sebastianadams/sebastianadams>

Our interview complete, we feel enlightened by such an obvious interest and knowledge of music! We wish him all the best for the future!

Seraphim Dempsey and Sophie Lee



Sebastian at one with his viola!

My Memories of the Last 6 Years

As our six years in High School draw to an end, many of us now ask the question of what will the class of 2010 be remembered for? Will it be our talented musicians? Our production of "The Commitments" in fifth year? Or that infamous trip to Westport in fourth year? It's really hard to tell.

I remember my first day in The High School, although it seems like a life time ago now. We entered with our "ties up" (as Ms Garvey would say), our skirts swimming below our ankles and our over-sized bags in toe. We were quickly assigned to our classes and introduced to our form teachers. Little did we realise the friends we would make and the memories we would hold until now. I remember clearly being petrified of our year head Mr Gill who gave us a stern talking to about the importance of personality.

Some of my earlier memories in High School include double PE with Ms Mellon in which we ran (or largely walked) the 2.2m run around the Dodder. Or music class with Ms Bourke, when she constantly tried to persuade us to sing in assembly, regardless of whether we could or not. Another memory is of our Junior Cert night in 'Wezz'. I don't think I'll ever forget the bus journey there as we all sang "Nous sommes les rouges et noirs" while bewildered pedestrians looked up in confusion. Fourth year brought many new experiences with trips to Westport, Prague and Budapest. One of the highlights of the Prague and Budapest trip was the last night where we went to a traditional restaurant and our very own Stephen Chapman was dragged up to dance by one of the performing women.

Fifth year brings back memories of numerous play rehearsals. For me, the funniest times were had backstage where Tom and Louis would be practising with each other or where most of the boys ran around looking for touch-ups on their make-up. I won't name names!

Sixth year has been filled with good memories with most of them from the common room. As the school year draws to a close I don't think our year has ever been this close. These memories I have shared are only tiny snippets into what the last 6 years have been like. While most of the other years and teachers will remember us for these memories, I will remember the Class of 2010 for the funny and interesting people I had the pleasure to get to know. Whenever I think of Class of 2010, I will think "Nous sommes les rouges et noirs"

Sarah Burns

Interview with High School's Art Students to be... HAM

After stealing our three interviewees straight after their LEAVING CERT. LIFE-DRAWING EXAM (yes it deserves capitals) we took shelter in the near-by Common Room, earning a few curious glances from fellow inhabitants munching away on pot noodles and the like, as we got down to some serious business...



1) Right! Who might we have here then?

Hannah Choy O'Byrne.

Archie Heaslip.

Miles Reilly.

'HAM!' (you'll see!)

2) So, were you all art heads from 1st year, the very beginning of your school careers?

H: Yes.

A: No, I started in 4th year, with Ms Graydon.

M: Yes, but when I was in 4th year I was for giving up on art altogether.. Well, not all together, but that was when Ms Killane stepped in and saved the day! And also when I got into photography. (Miles is an award winning photographer, but ssssshh!).

3) So any plans for next year? A certain course or area into which you would like to.. branch? (etc.)

H: NCAD! (The National College of Art and Design) There's the Core Year first but then afterwards I'm hoping to go into fashion.

A: IADT (the Institute of Art, Design and Technology) for the VisCom course (Visual Communications; oh the arty lingo) or else I could take a year and do the Post-Grad. course in Stillorgan.

M: NCAD - Core Year - and then probably fine art or design, it's a tough choice!

4) Coolio! And where would you dream of seeing yourselves in 5 years time?

H: Milan doing fashion design!

A: Amsterdam! Probably with a graphic design job, they're really good over there.

M: Dublin. Hopefully with my own studio or something, probably coming about after much scheming and planning.

To our right we hear a giggle from Vanya, Aimee and Etan, the muses of our trio, a giggle which soon turns into a tussle, but their safety and ours is soon clarified by the fact that they are Archie's adoring fans. We're ok.

5) Ok.. So, did you always want to go to art college? How did you decide?

H: It took ages to decide about the college, but it was okay when I was trying to decide what to do.

A: Ben and Rory were my inspiration when it came to VisCom, they really got me into it.

M: I had always wanted to go. Ms Killane really gave me a boost too.

6) Miles, we've heard of your 800pt. portfolio! (in case you didn't know.. That's an amazing achievement!) What's it like to be the creator of one of the most highly marked portfolios NCAD has ever come across? M: I love it.

And that's meant to be unheard of! To receive such work from a 6th yr. straight from secondary school?

M: I know, I think there's a Polish Post Grad. Student who has the highest of 820, so when I heard I was speechless.

And we were lucky enough to have the chance to take a look and there's one feature we see quite a bit of throughout which is meant to have a decent story behind it. A pig skull?

M: Yeah, I had to work to get it, from a butchers in Rialto, hacked it to bits, boiled it and spray painted it gold. Somewhere along the line it broke.. well.. smashed, so yeah there's some glue in there too. Hoping to sell it for a grand!

7) So, as this is a live interview directly after your life drawing exam, what'd y'all think?

H: Pretty good.

A: It went either good or bad but now there's the Leaving Cert and study...

M: I've a headache but I'm very happy!

8) Freedom at last? Any views or comments?

H: It's strange.

A: Everyone is small.

H: I don't know, it's weird, graduation's coming up.

9) And on that note, last day of school and those crazy customized uniforms? Any plans?

H: A jumpsuit out of the school skirt, fish-net tights, red lips and fingerless gloves.

A: Going for shorts - knee length - and a sleeveless, smiley face t-shirt (see Archie's sketch).

M: A vest from the jumper, red trousers and some sort of drawings.

10) Any idols/inspiration?

A and M: Colin O'Connell and James Barber.

- Past pupils, much loved, NCAD students.

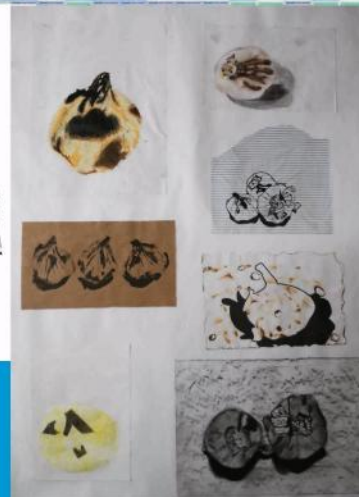
- General muse and main source of inspiration (M - James Barber).

M: Oscar Bowling - boy wonder and famous artist.

H: Archie and Clare - "totally Clarchie!"

11) SHOUT OUTS!!!

HAM: The lookers! Wickedly whiz kids! Ms Killane, Ms Galligan and 'Sweeners'! Sundrive six - west crumlin militia! [realto massive].



Archie Heaslip.



Archie Heaslip.



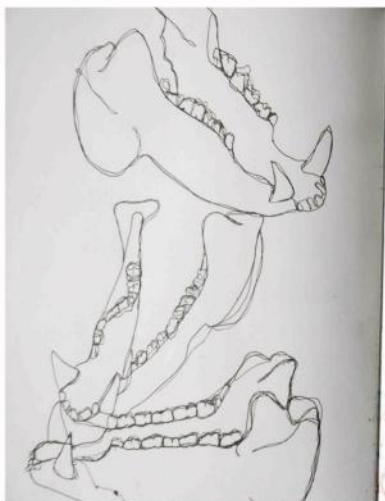
Miles Reilly.

12) Finally the last question...Three things? Desert island? Go!

H: My friend Steve, papers and a tuna sandwich.

A: Bread, nutella and peanut butter.

M: My friend Steve, food and a sketch book.



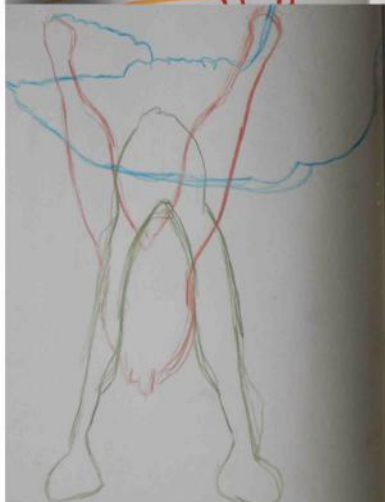
Archie Heaslip.



Georgie Twamley.



Georgie Twamley.



Miles Reilly.



We managed to re-find Georgie Twamley who had somehow made a swift escape after the exam, therefore eluding our questions... Something to hide? Nope, she's safe, we caught up with her a little later and this is what she had to say.

1) Name please?

Georgie Twamley.

2) So, did you start art from first year?

Yep! I really didn't want to at the time but was glad in the end!

3) Plans for next year? What area in art are you hoping to branch into?

Hopefully next year I'll be in NCAD, I won't find out until August though! Then I'd like to branch into fashion, and have my own brand eventually!

4) Where would you dream of seeing yourself in five years time?

Living in Paris doing a Masters in fashion marketing and getting experience doing internships!

5) Did you always know you wanted to go to Art College? (How did you decide?)

I thought of a million other things but at the end of the day nothing compared, I think art is a part of you and you can't really deny that.

6) Was meant to catch you for a live comment just after the life-drawing exam. How'd it go? How'd you feel about it? Intense stuff right?

It went pretty well! It was quite relaxed apart from the competition over the models!

7) So it's all over, kind of, freedom? The big bad world just waiting for you out there? Any views?

Very weird, definitely going to miss High School! Enjoy it while you're there!

8) Last day of school, enlighten us! Any crazily artistic outfits sported?

There were a lot of very, very good outfits. Mine turned out being spectacularly plain in comparison! Gavin's three meter dragon tail was a highlight!

9) Do you have any idols? Inspirations? People you look up to? (in life/in general/the artistic world?)

The creative designer of Lanvin, Albert Elbaz creates beautiful clothes and is able to stand out with his own views of fashion that go against tradition yet be successful. Stella McCartney is great for building a great empire. For life my idol is my Nana because she is unfailingly permanently happy!

10) There was a quote from 'Archie's biggest fan' Louis Gregg:

"I recognise Archie for his profound artistic ability. However, I find it ironic that the style of someone with such a fine tuned sense of the aesthetic could have improved so significantly after his girlfriend started dressing him"

So, any comments...??

....Go Clare!

11) Can't forget! SHOUT OUTS! (nearest and dearest? Best mates? Utter strangers? An Gealt ar an mbus...?)

Ms .Killane! An artistic and educational genius!

12) And finally, of course, have to ask... Three things? Desert Island? Go!

(i) A yacht.

(ii) Art materials.

(iii) Ben and Jerry's... lots!

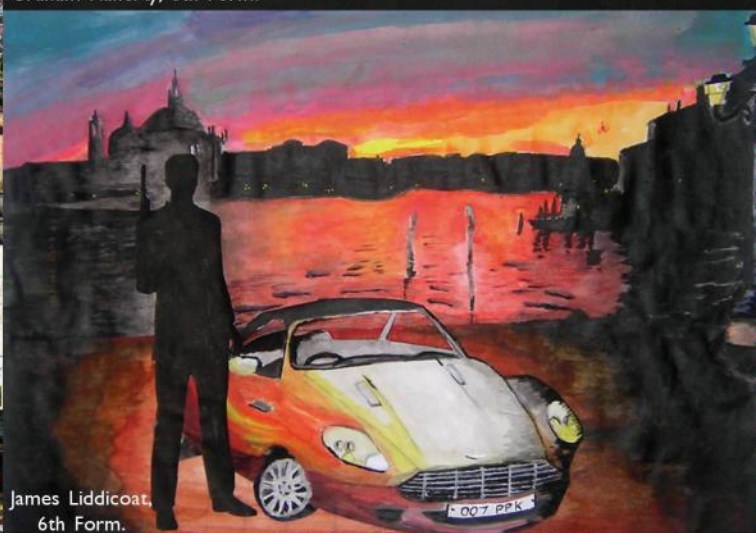
Art Competition



Graham Flaherty, 6th Form.



Aisling Reina, 5th Form.



James Liddicoat, 6th Form.



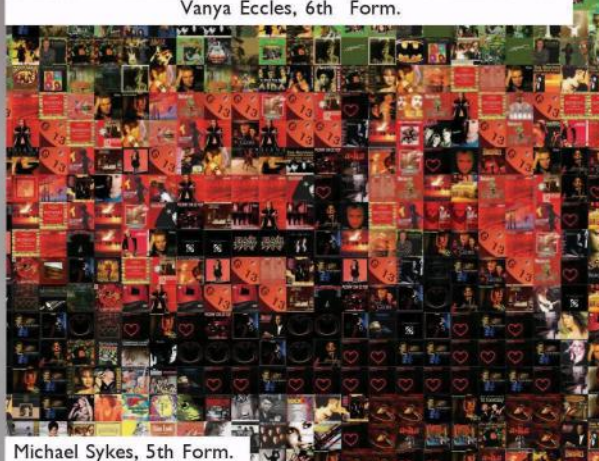
Johnny Brennan, 5th Form.



Vanya Eccles, 6th Form.



Robyn Carey, 5th Form.



Michael Sykes, 5th Form.

Junior Certificate 2009

Leaving Certificate 2009

Adams, Carl
Adye-Curran, Peter
Alexander, Stephen
Andrésson, Kári
Atkinson, Emily
Barber Hume, Martha
Barnes, Karl
Barrett, Mara
Benaksas, Sylvan
Bradish, Ciarán
Bradish, John
Burdon, Alannah
Burke, Deborah
Burke, Niall
Burke, Rachel
Burns, Helena
Byrne, Leah
Casey, Denis
Chisholm, Kristian
Christle, Elodie
Clancy, Thomas
Collins, Sophie
Connell, Jamie
Connolly, Nicole
Connolly, Shane
Conroy, Ethan
Cormac-O'Hara, Aine
Cosgrove, Neil
Crimin, Ian
Cunningham, Ellen
Dakin, Beth
Dalton, Rebecca
Daly, Maeve
Darby, Aisling
Deegan, Mark
Devilly, Oisín
Devine, Emma
Dixon, Emer
Dolan, Zoe
Douglas, Peter
Dowling Cullen, Cian
Drakeford, Max
Duggan, Laura
Elliott, Jamie
Fagan, Katelyn
Feely, Emma
Finlay, Colm
Finn, Joseph
Flaherty, Ciaran
Fleming, James
Fogarty, Jim
Fox, David
Fusciardi, Stefano
Garland, Rebecca
Gentile, Morwenna
Grehan, Sarah
Hanlon, Patrick
Haque, Saiful
Harrington, Judith
Heaton, Adam
Hennessy, James
Hogan, Oisín
Howell, Sarah
Hudson, Luke
Huggard, Karl
Jones, Henry
Jordan, Cormac
Kapoor, Kunal
Kavanagh, Alanna
Kearns, Niamh
Keary, Anna
Keller, Una
Kernan, Daniel
Killeen, Samuel

Kilpatrick, Megan
Kinch, Kirsten
Kinlan, James
Loane, Conn
Lunn, Samuel
Lyons, Amy
Mak, Fabian
Martin, John
Mason, Kenneth
McCabe, Jack
McCune, Thomas
McDonnell, Leanne
McGrath, Jack
McGuinness, Elizabeth
McHugh, Hazel
McKenna Barry, Sarah
McNulty, John
McQuaid, Jordan
Meeke, Jessica
Mitchell, Fiona
Molony, Jack
Moore, Thomas
Moran, Niamh
Moroney, Aoife
Morris, Grace
Mullan, Matthew
Murphy, Niamh
Murray-Byrne, Brendan
Noone, Cian
O'Byrne, Aidan
O'Callaghan, Niall
O'Connor, Katie
O'Donnell, Luke
O'Kelly, Mark
O'Malley, Adam
O'Malley, Ryan
O'Toole, Gavin
Olliffe, Hannah
Reid, Stephen
Reidy, Lorcan
Rolfe, Will
Rynne, Jennifer
Sexton, Conor
Sheerin, Lisa
Sheridan, Ian
Skaadel, Hanne
Slaba, Katerina
Smith, Niamh
Somers Donnelly, Alice
Soper MacCafraidh, Ferdia
Styles, Robert
Treacy, Michael
Tully, Rebecca
Turner, Daniel
Twomey, Darragh
Wade, Lauren
Walker, Shane
Walsh, Lauren
Wann, Sophie
Ward, Jane
Whyte, Janice
Wyse Jackson, Thomas

Allison, Bentley
Anglim, Thérèse
Arias-Paz, Shay
Barber, James
Bennett, Lucy
Bishop, Rachael
Blair, Deborah
Boles, Benjamin
Bourke, Ruth
Brazil, Tierna
Browne, Robbie
Burdon, Joshua
Burke, Thomas
Butler, Patrick
Callaghan, Linda
Campbell, Miles
Carr, Gillian
Carrim, Ayesha
Carter, Stephen
Clarke-Kavanagh, Sam
Coghlan, Aislinn
Cole Pidgeon, Hilary
Collins, Ciarán
Collins, Grace
Connell, Emma
Conroy, Alex
Conway, Aoife
Cosgrove, Lydia
Cowlard Joyce, Aidan
Cox, Sarah
Craig, Conor
Cryan, Clare
Daly, Aoife
Day, Alan
Emo, Thomas
Fallon, Gareth
Fergus, Declan
Finn, Ross
Flaherty, Fiona
Frizzelle, Conor
Fusciardi, Damiano
Gamble, Jessica
Gray, Keith
Gray, Michael
Grehan, Shane
Grimes, Catriona
Hennessy, Ronan
Hogan, Saoirse
Horton, Candace
Hunt, Peter
Jackson, Jake
Jones, Amy
Kavanagh, David
Keane, Mel
Keating, Sean
Kelly, Jack
Kenny, Saurin
Kinlan, Emily
Kinlan, Jonathan
Kinneen, Simon
Laing, Phoebe
Lane, Iain
Leavy, Hannah
Ledwith, Colin
Leonard-Kane, Charlotte
Levine, Ian
Lew, Karen
Madigan, Sophie
McEvansoneya, Olivia

McGinley, Conor
McGovern, Aoife
McGuckin, Ishbel
McKenna Barry, Matthew
Meade, Tessa
Meeke, Alison
Men, Kieron
Metoudi, Michael
Mills, Graham
Monaghan, Daragh
Moore, Daniel
Moore, Samuel
Morgan, Ryan
Murphy, Grant
Murtagh, Katie
Noonan, Niall
O'Brien, Gráinne
O'Brien, Robbie
O'Connell, Cólín
O'Connor, Denis
O'Connor, James
O'Donnell, Conor
O'Donohoe, Jane
O'Kelly, Paul
O'Kennedy, Jack
O'Regan, Zoe
O'Reilly, Sean
O'Riordan, Sean
O'Toole, Shona
Phelan, Hannah
Quirke, Leah
Regan, Rachel
Ryan, James
Ryan, Rhiannon
Satchwell, Emma
Savage, Mark
Shanley-Thian, Abigail
Shaw, Stephen
Silke, Linda
Simms, Rory
Slattery, Mattias
Smith, Niall
Smith, Olwen
Smith, Sinead
Smyth, Alicia
Smyth, Kevin
Somers Donnelly, Joan
Speller, Helen
Tallon, Katie
Walker, Alison
Walker, Jonathan
Webb, Shane
Whelan, Richard
Willoughby, John
Woods, Bo-Jane
Wright, Rebecca
Young, Graham

Sport

JUNIOR BOYS CROSS COUNTRY AND AFTER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Mondays after school a group of runners met outside the front of the school and went on runs with Ms Hutchinson-Edgar. Even if it was raining, snowing and/or well below freezing we still went on runs around Bushy Park or just a nice simple 1.1 (It didn't seem simple during the run!)

During the summer term we did Athletics like the long jump, shot put etc. It was all very enjoyable and great craic! On behalf of everyone who participated during the running after school and during the Athletics during the summer term I would like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for giving up her time to bring us out running.

Jack McCann, 3W



100m sprint.



Junior Boys Athletics

Back Row: Mr Irwin, Ross Connolly, Jack Sheridan, Gavin Murphy, Patrick O'Hare, Jamie Laycock, Sam Treacy McGee, Rupert Adams, Darren Snodgrass, Dylan Quirke, Nathanael O'Leary.

Middle Row: Shane Harrington, Kenneth Edgeworth, Daragh Higgins, Jack McCann, Justin Bradish, Felim O Cleirigh, Ciaran Maher.

Front Row: Peter Campbell, Killian Elwood.

GIRLS ATHLETICS

On the 5th of May, High School students went to Irishtown Stadium to compete in the East Leinster Athletics Championships. We entered 5 events: the long jump, high jump, shot putt, relay and 100m sprints. The First Year relay team consisted of Ellen O'Gorman, Claire Austin, Emma McNeilly and Rachel Delaney while other first years included Megan O'Byrne and Elizabeth Gageby who competed in the shot putt and 100m. Two Second Year relay teams were entered. Team one included Maeve Brennan, Eimear Brennan, Abigail Donnelly and Sarah Fox. The second team was Amy MacWilliams, Áine Kenna, Chloe Doyle and Meg O'Connor. Emma Murphy from second year also competed in the Under-16 long jump. Lia McCann from 3rd year and Laura Rankin also competed. Niamh



Girls Junior/Minor Athletics

Back Row: Rachel Delaney, Lia McCann, Amy MacWilliams, Chloe Doyle, Emma Murphy, Sarah Fox, Lauren Hudson, Elizabeth Gageby, Emer Brennan, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar.

Front Row: Abigail Donnelly, Megan O'Connor, Claire Austen, Ellen O'Gorman, Emma McNeilly, Áine Kenna, Maeve Brennan.

Moran, Fiona Mitchell, Niamh Murphy, Judith Harrington and Una Keller from Fourth Year also entered. No medals were won but there were some progressions from heats to finals. All in all it was a great

day and we would like to say a special thanks to Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Mr Irwin for organising the day.

Ellen O'Gorman, 1C



Senior Boys Athletics
David Kernan, Bill O Cleirigh, Colm Moran, Conor Sexton, Neil Hickey.

SENIOR BOYS ATHLETICS

This year's athletics season began well with a number of new juniors coming out to train. It is clear that there is great talent and enthusiasm in the school.

All of the athletes who participated in the East Leinster Athletics Championships at Irishtown Stadium did their best, with some progressing through their heats to the finals. Congratulations to Bill O'Cleirigh who received bronze in the Senior 800m and 1500m, to Colm Moran who received bronze in the 1500m Steeplechase and to Conor Sexton who received gold in the Intermediate 100m and Long Jump.

On behalf of this year's athletics team I would like to thank Mr Irwin, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and Mr Griffin who have given up their time to Athletics both during games and in training after school. None of our achievements would have been possible without their support.

Conor Sexton

SENIOR GIRLS

The two Niamhs getting ready -
Niamh Moran and Niamh Murphy.



Some of 2nd Year Girls Athletics

Badminton

Badminton Senior Girls Competition
Mr Flynn, Chloe Deacon.



Badminton Senior Boys Competition
Mr Flynn, Cian McDonagh.

UNDER 16 BOYS BADMINTON

The Under 16 team this year consisted of Aaron Campbell, Alex Liddicoat, Ken Edgeworth and Andrew Young. It was quite a topsy-turvy year for us as we won some matches and lost some others. Our first match of the season was against Terenure College which we narrowly lost 4-2. We then played against St Mary's and beat them 5-1 followed by a match against C.U.S. which we won 4-2. It was down to our final match to see if we would progress to the knockout stages of the competition but unfortunately we lost to Wesley in a thrilling match. Thanks to Ms Thorp and Mr Flynn for all of their coaching and organising throughout the year and we look forward to next year.



Under 16 A and B Boys Badminton

Back Row: Mr Flynn, Cian Butler, Andrew Young, Paul Harris, Zephon Kavanagh, Ms Thorp.

Front Row: Nathanael O'Leary, Kenneth Edgeworth.

Absent: Aaron Campbell, Alex Liddicoat.

UNDER 16 GIRLS BADMINTON

The Under 16 badminton team had a great season. We trained every Tuesday in the hall. The team had a fantastic start to the season with 6-0 wins against Our Lady's Grove, Beaufort School and Holy Child Killiney which ensured we won our group. We brushed off Wesley in the quarter-final and St Joseph of Cluny in the semi-finals. We played Gormanstown in the final but unfortunately lost a tough match. Our aim next year is to finally win the final; fourth time lucky! Thank you to Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for putting so much time and effort into coaching us all season.

Emma Murphy



U16 Girls Badminton A+B Teams

Back Row: Mr Flynn, Emma Lucas, Stephanie Lyon, Chloe Deacon, Hannah Ridgeway, Ms Thorp.
Front Row: Vicky Love, Lia McCann, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne.
Absent: Emma Murphy, Rachel McAuliffe, Amber Graham.

Under 16 Girls
Badminton team
having fun.



Badminton
Junior Girls
Competition
Mr Flynn,
Elizabeth
Gageby.



Badminton Junior Boys Competition
Mr Flynn, Kenneth Edgeworth.



Badminton Mixed Junior Competition
Mr Flynn, Leah Tuohy, Mark Perham.

UNDER 14 BOYS



Under 14 A, B and C Boys Badminton

Back Row: Rónán Weber, Robert Deegan, Mark Perham, Adam Lunnon- Collery, James Twamley, Mark Daly.

Front Row: Luke Murphy, Richard Gannon, Feargal Kavanagh, Colin Jackson, Scott Wallace.



FIRST YEAR GIRLS BADMINTON

This year's first year badminton was great. Loads of first years came down every Thursday afternoon to learn how to play badminton and to have some fun. We entered two girls' teams into a league and also played lots of tournaments against each other in which we found out that Elizabeth Gageby was the best!

Thanks a million to Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for organising our matches and giving up their time to teach us. We had a lot of fun and we can't wait until the next badminton season!

**Maya Devine
and Hayley Blair**



UB Girls Badminton, A and B

Back Row: Mr Flynn, Ruth Ferguson, Hayley Blair, Chloe Manahan, Leah Tuohy, Shannon Young, Maya Devine, Ms Thorp.

Front Row: Eva Tyrrell, Susanna Wyse Jackson, Kate Squire, Elizabeth Gageby.

Basketball

SENIOR BOYS



Senior Boys Basketball
Back Row: Luke Thompson, Stephen James, Graham Flaherty.
Front Row: Ben Harding, Kevin Browne.

JUNIOR BOYS

Junior Boys Basketball
Back Row: Pavel Nikeryasov, Jack McCann, Daragh Kiernan, Luke Thompson, Tim Harding, Ing-Mar Lim.
Front Row: Ray Listanco, Ciaran Maher, Mahon McCann.



2ND YEAR BOYS

2nd Year Boys Basketball
Back Row: Sam Keating, Rubert Adams, Justin Bradish, Robert Beverland, James Christle, Sean Keary, Sam Brown, Danny McAvinue.
Front Row: Kenneth Edgeworth, Daragh Higgins, Shane Harrington, Hugh Sweetnam, Peter Campbell.
Absent: Adam McCann.

1ST YEAR BOYS

1st Year Boys

Back Row: Rónán Weber, Billy O'Carroll, Ciarán Harrison, Luke O'Brien, Daragh McDonnell, David Aspil, Victor Bell, James Twamley.

Front Row: Stephen Crosby, James Macken, Daragh Higgins, Thomas McNulty, Tony Zheng.



SENIOR GIRLS

This year the senior girls' basketball team had a very enjoyable season. Due to last year's success, we had been promoted up a division and were facing tougher opponents. One of our first matches was against Loreto Bray, in which Stefanie Wynne sported a fantastic performance. Unfortunately, we did not win our first match. Regardless of this first disappointment, we trained hard throughout the year. We won several matches, including an extremely close match against St Colmcille's Community School which we won 32-28 with Sarah Quirke scoring the winning point. This year we have had a very enjoyable season and we are looking forward to next year. We would like to thank Mr Critchley for all of his help and hard work throughout the year.

Eve Roseingrave

Senior Girls

Back Row: Mr Critchley, Sarah Quirke, Kira Mulhere, Laura Pearson, Stefanie Wynne, Leanne McDonnell

Middle Row: Clodagh Sleator, Jenny Keogh, Rachael Spray.

Front Row: Eimear O'Brien, Eve Roseingrave.

Absent: Rachel Burke.

CADETTES GIRLS

We began the season strong. With the arrival of our new coach, Mr Critchley, we won most of our matches. The squad, made up of third and fourth years, worked hard and we reached the play offs for the quarter final of the league. The match against Alexandra College was a tough one but against our best efforts we lost. We have high hopes for our next season. We would like to thank Mr Critchley for all of his work with us and thanks to Mr Walker for driving us to all of our matches!

Leann McDonnell 4M



Cadets Girls

Back Row: Mr Critchley, Una Keller, Leanne McDonnell, Rebecca Dalton, Ella Furey.

Middle Row: Niamh Moran, Jennifer Long, Lisa Doyle, Lia McCann.

Front Row: Rachel Burke, Laura Byrne.

Absent: Deborah Burke.

JUNIOR GIRLS

I would like to thank Mr Critchley for all of his help this year and for putting a great amount of effort into the team. We played many matches improving every time. Well done and thanks to all of the players!

Abigail Donnelly



2nd Year Girls

Back Row: Mr Critchley, Gráinne O'Reilly, Ciara Feely, Naoise Farrell, Victoria Mollereau-Campbell, Cassia O'Reilly, Lauren Jackson, Stephanie Johnson, Jenny McAuley-Doherty.

Middle Row: Samira Ayea, Sara McQuaid, Laoise Darragh, Hannah Tully, Zoe Smart, Shannon Baker, Laura Dowling.

Front Row: Abigail Donnelly, Sarah Carson.

Absent: Annie Keane.

Getting ready for the final.



Posers!

Reach for the stars!



The tension's killing them.



MINOR GIRLS

The first year girls team played really well in the South Dublin League, winning 5 of their 6 games, putting them into the league semi-final. In the semi-final they played really well to defeat Loreto Dalkey by 33 - 16. Rathdown were the opposition in the final played in the new sports centre in Greystones. After a tense first half High School trailed by 1 point, the nerves eased in the second half and a good all round performance resulted in an 11 point winning margin. The cup was presented to team captain Bethany Thompson to great cheers and excitement. Tara Barnes was awarded the games MVP Award for a great all round performance.



1st Year Girls

Back Row: Aine Hughes, Emma Watts, Tara Barnes, Rebecca Shaw, Beatrice Doyle, Louise Dukes, Roisin Cormac-O'Hara, Alexandra Da Silva Talaia.

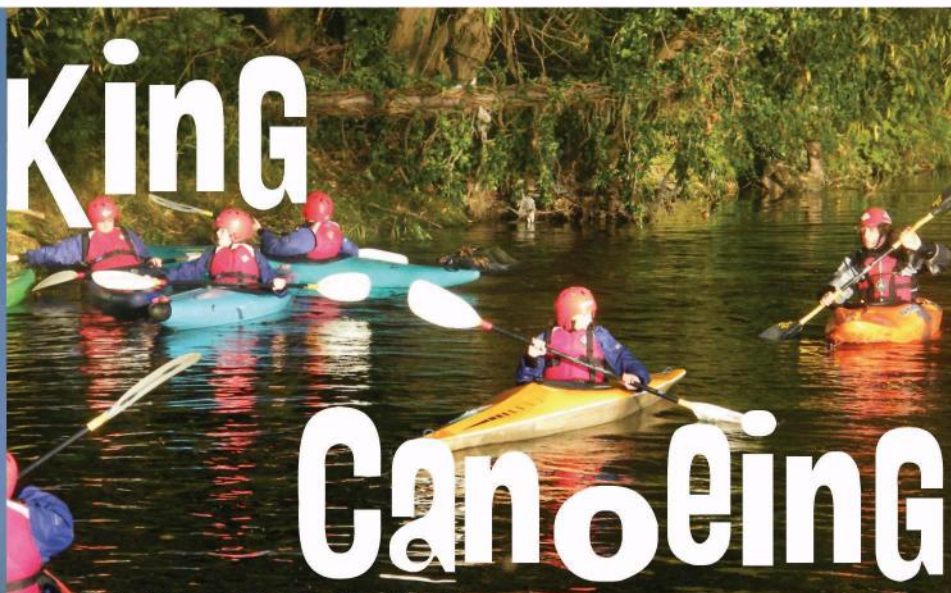
Middle Row: Alice de Forge, Isabelle Geraghty, Jessica Mc Connell, Elizabeth Gageby, Rachel Donnelly, Laoise Brophy.

Front Row: Emma O'Malley, Bethany Thompson.

Kayaking

2009-2010 has been a successful year for the school's kayaking team. Several students from 1st year through to 4th year have participated in numerous trips to Blessington Reservoir and the River Liffey, as well as taking part in weekly training on the River Dodder. Activities have involved river races, various games and classes led by professional instructors to learn the proper techniques and strokes.

A team from the High School came runners up in the School Kayak Games at the Irish Canoe Union in May. Seven students competed in many events including a race, slalom course and kayak polo games and were narrowly beaten by a strong team from Belvedere College. The team performed extremely well in the Slalom course achieving an excellent time and few penalties and just lost out on 1st place to Belvedere. The High School team played very well in the polo round achieving third place and beating teams from King's Hospital, Castleknock College and Mac Dara's. The final event was a race from the Wren's Nest Weir back to the ICU and Jack McCabe (4G) achieved the fastest individual race time. Well done to all team members! Congratulations to Jack McCabe (4G) on winning Junior Canoeist of the Year award, Harry Jones (4G) on winning the Liffey Cup and Fionn McCarthy Purcell (1W) on winning the Broad Cup.



Canoeing

Canoeing on a sunny day.



Hittin the surf!



Fighting the current.



Conor having a laugh.



I think there's something in your canoe!

Unfortunately the Senior 1st's didn't have quite the season we had hoped for, but we had moments of brilliance such as Gareth Carragher's astounding performance against St Columba's College, and our convincing win over eventual cup winners King's Hospital, that were a joy to watch. We started off with a friendly against King's Hospital. This was just to get the rustiness out of our system and prepare for the real competition, so we treated it as more of a training session than a game. Our first league match was against a tricky Wesley College side. Unfortunately the track didn't suit our batting style, and we were confined to a minimal total of 85. But our bowlers asked all sorts of questions of the Wesley batsmen. We never let them get comfortable, and they could manage just 49 runs from 20 overs. It was a tight finish but we were just edged out at the end. Next we faced the challenge of King's Hospital. We felt confident we could play some good cricket. There was good bounce in the pitch, which suited our bowlers very well. We elected to bat first and set a good total with a captain's innings of 20 from Mark Rogan and great performances by our bowlers. We knew we controlled the game at this point, and with an aggressive field set, we set our sights on the win. We constricted them to taking singles, and our field shut them down if they looked towards the ropes, with some spectacular catches. We recorded an emphatic win and showed our true cricketing prowess. Next we moved on to face a strong St Columba's College team. We elected to bat and used the good pitch to our advantage and set a decent platform from which to best attack the game. A brilliant batting performance really gave us a good chance of clinching the win. But unfortunately, during our recess for tea, we saw that the weather had taken a turn for the worse. The wind had picked up to a near gale. This meant our bowlers couldn't utilise their pace and swing to full effect. This left our bowling attack at a severe disadvantage as these two factors were the bedrock of our previous successes. We took an early wicket, showing our teams strength of character that we could battle through the adverse conditions. But unfortunately strength of character alone couldn't help us win the match, but we pushed them right to the death never

SENIOR 1ST XI

Cricket

losing our fighting spirit. We ended the season with the traditional exhibition match against the Old Boy's team. Two of our teammates defected to the Old Boy's to help strengthen their squad, but we didn't let this affect us. We fielded first and the Old Boys set a strong total that we hoped we could match. Eventually the Old Boys ran out winners. It was a light-hearted and jovial affair, with good cricket all round. We would like to thank some of our 2nd's counterparts for stepping up to the plate to bolster our squad during the season. We would also like to thank our captain Mark Rogan and our coaches Mr Malin and Ross Johnson for their help throughout the season.

Cian Ó Neill



Senior Boys Cricket.



Skipper preparing for his eagerly awaited bowling attack.



Cricket legend Will Rolfe eyeing up the shot.



Golden duck coming up.



Well left Dhruv.



BEASTS!!



Senior 1st

Back Row: Mr A. Malin, Christopher Downey, Stephen Alexander, Shane O'Reilly, Will Rolfe, Michael Sykes, Cian Ó'Neill.

Front Row: Simon Jackson, Sean Warren, Mark Rogan (Capt.), Gareth Carragher, Alan Hughes.

Absent: James Hawe, Dhruv Kapoor.

SENIOR 2ND XI

It was a season of so close yet so far for the 2nd XI cricket team this year. In the end we were one match away from the prestigious 2nd's league final. Our first match was against a dangerous Sandford Park side. We set a high score for them to chase and it came down to the wire with them needing a six off the last ball to win. We won and our winning streak held out against St. Andrew's College. Again we set a decent target and bowled them out thanks to some brave fielding from Robert Emo and Ethan Conroy who were late call-ups into the side. Our next game was a friendly against St. Columba's College. We opted to field first and restricted them to a pathetic total. It left our batsmen with no challenge and we cruised to an easy win. Buoyed by this victory we went into our next league game against Blackrock knowing that the win would send us to the final. But due to a below par performance in the field, we bowed out of the competition valiantly. We went into our final match against Gonzaga College with a jovial attitude. With our reversed orders, we easily overcame the relaxed challenge of the Gonzaga team. All in all it was a reasonably successful season.

We would like to thank our coaches Mr Malin and Ross Johnson.

**Chris Downey
and Cian O'Neill**

JUNIOR BOYS

This year our season was not an overall success but it still was very rewarding. We kicked off the season with a difficult match against St Columba's College which was close but didn't end in our favour.

Our next match was against Blackrock College. They reached 89 runs by the end of their innings. With some quality batting from Andrew Mooney, Dean Kilroy and Aaron Campbell we stepped up to the challenge. We played our shots well but unfortunately fell short of their total by 10 runs.

The team was aware of the tough challenge of playing a strong CUS side. We also played an end of year match against the junior girls' team which was a fun match and enjoyed by all.



Senior 2nd XI

Back Row: Mr A Malin, Simon Jackson, Stephen Alexander, Shane O'Reilly, Will Rolfe, Michael Sykes, Kunal Kapoor, Conn Loane

Front Row: Sean-Tee Lim, Stephen Reid, Christopher Downey (Capt.), Cian Ó Néill, Ryan O'Malley.



Junior Boys

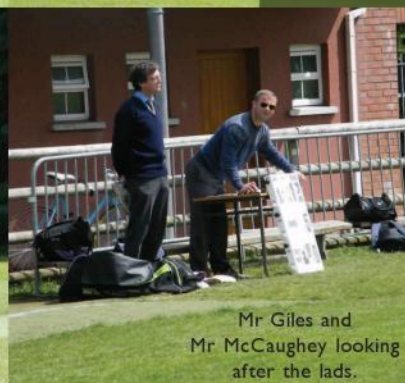
Back Row: Mr McCaughey, Aaron Campbell, Tim Harding, Daragh Kiernan, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Sam Evans, Mahon McCann.

Middle Row: Jack McCann, Dean Kilroy, Ing-Mar Lim, Paul McCarthy, Richard Beverland.

Front Row: Eamonn Weitz, Darragh Kirwan, Andrew Mooney, Zion Delaney.

I'd like to thank Mr McCaughey and Alan Cairns for great coaching which everybody benefitted from. I'd also like to thank all of our supporters, Eamon O'Sullivan, Luke Thompson and Daragh Kirwan.

Ing-Mar Linn, 3R



Mr Giles and
Mr McCaughey looking
after the lads.



U14 Boys

Back Row: Mr Walker, John Murphy, Sam Keating, Robert Beverland, Cormac Kennedy, Luke Bannister, Sam Brown, Luke Barry, Daniel McBride.

Middle Row: Donal Naylor, Cian Tobin, Andrew Manning, Ryan Evans, Tim Jones, Patrick Adye Curran, Paul Harris.

Front Row: Tim Browning, Jack Byrne, Hugh Sweetnam, Sean Shanley-Mee.

U14 BOYS

Our first cricket match of the season was against St. Andrew's College away from home. This was a very tough match but we played very well especially in the bat. We progressed as a team hugely through the matches and had narrow losses to CUS and Belvedere College.

Our final match in the cricket season was against St. Columba's College away from home. We batted first and batted extremely well and myself and Cian Tobin got an opening partnership of 57 not out. We got a high total and then St. Columba's batted. It was a very close match with great bowling

performances from Andrew Manning, Daniel McBride and Jack Byrne but a strong batting performance from St. Columba's won them the match in the final overs. We would like to thank our coaches Mr Walker and Mr Malin for all their time and effort in coaching us this year.

Ryan Evans, 2nd Year

U13 A

Our first cricket match was the first ever match for more than half of our team. It was against King's Hospital and it was a comfortable win with a final score of 187 runs to their 71. It was a brilliant start to the season with a good all round batting and fielding display. Tom McNulty and Hugh Hackett batted marvellously and there were some very impressive bowlers like Ronan Dowling-Cullen, James Twamley, Conor Boyce and Darragh McDonnell.

With confidence on our side we entered the game against CUS after winning our first match by 116 runs. CUS were a good side and this showed as, after about half an hour, we were on 14 runs for 6 wickets. It was a good match with everyone learning more about the game. The whole team bowled tremendously and Colin Jackson was our star batter for the day.

Our third match consisted of a slightly worse performance on our behalf. We lost the match quickly to a superior St Mary's side. Although we lost with Mary's beating our total of 30, we had the nicest sandwiches ever made!

Our last match of the season was the most fun. We had an easy win against St Columba's College. We gave away only 6 runs but also a horrific 24 wides. Cian Wilson and Oisín Moodliar Walsh's batting was excellent. Andrew Jones didn't give away a single run and Conor Boyce took 4 wickets for only 5 runs. I'd like to thank the fabulous Mr Levis for all his hard work and say well done to all of the team.

Hugh Hackett



Above: U13A Boys

Back Row: Mr Levis, Conor Boyce, Billy O'Carroll, Kian Wilson, Darragh Mc Donnell, Ronan Dowling Cullen, Andrew Jones, Conor Prendergast.

Front Row: Colin Jackson, Tom Mc Nulty, Hugh Hackett, James Twamley, Oisín Moodliar Walsh.

Below: U13B Boys

Back Row: Liam Weitz, Victor Bell, David Aspil, Eamon O'Cathain, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Jakob O'Donnell, Richard Gannon, Mr Levis.

Middle Row: Cian Milofsky, Zac Breen, Scott Wallace, Luke O'Brien, Tony Zheng.

Front Row: James Macken, Luke Murphy.



SENIOR GIRLS FIRST

This year's cricket season got off to a great start with a convincing win against St Columba's College. Our training had really paid off with some ace bowling from Cliona Rogan and Sarah Keating (a.k.a Mowgli). Unfortunately our next match didn't go as well against a really tough Mount Anville team. We scored 82 runs and sadly that was not enough to beat them but we had great fun on the trip. At least we ended the season on a high with a fantastic win over our rivals Wesley College. Eve Roseingrave, Jennifer Rynne and Cliona Rogan clocked up many runs between them putting on a great performance. Many thanks to Emma Hogg for providing us with comedy both on and off the pitch, for our new players who contributed greatly to the team and especially to Mr Levis for his hard work and his abilities to keep the spirit at an all time high.

Stefanie Wynne

JUNIOR A



Senior Girls 1st XI

Back Row: Mr Levis, Jessica Sargeant, Eve Roseingrave, Sarah Quirke, Jessie Meeke.

Front Row: Jennifer Rynne, Maeve Sweetnam, Stefanie Wynne (capt.), Cliona Rogan, Emma Hogg.

Absent: Maeve Daly, Martha Barber-Hume.



In cricket this year we played many teams including St Columba's College, Mount Anville and Wesley College. In all we fought and played our hearts out. We had a great match against Mt. Anville, matching their score in just under 12 overs. Our match against St Columba's was on Astroturf so our fielding had to be very good. We restricted them to only a couple of fours and no sixes. We played Wesley in the semi-final. This was an

amazing match where we had our best performance but unfortunately, with two overs left and eight runs away; the road to the final was blocked by Wesley. I'm so proud of everybody who played.

I would especially like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr McNamara for putting up with us and all the slagging we gave you! So thanks a million and I hope to see everybody back next year!

Hannah Ridgeway

Junior A Girls

Back Row: Mr Fitzpatrick, Kamala Falkiner, Caoimhe Neville, Holly Kane O'Brien, Emma Murphy, Chloe Deacon, Jennifer Long, Aisling O'Reilly, Esme Moloney, Ellen Baldwin, Mr McNamara.

Front Row: Alison Kinlan, Laura Rankin, Grace McCarthy, Hannah Ridgeway, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Lia McCann, Ciara Dowling.

JUNIOR B GIRLS

This year the Junior B team had a good season. We didn't have that many matches but we all really enjoyed the couple we played. For some of us it was our first time playing cricket but we all got the hang of how to play. We started off the cricket season with a positive attitude looking forward to our matches. Our first match was against a strong Mount Anville team. Unfortunately we lost but we all had a great time playing. Our second match was against Wilson's Hospital School. They began batting but when it came to our turn it started raining heavily. After waiting for half an hour the match was unfortunately called off with Wilson's Hospital School getting 77 runs.

Our last match was against Alexandra College. They also began batting and managed to get 131 runs. We were all a bit unsure if we would be able to beat them as they were quite good. We had an amazing come back and we got exactly 131 runs! The game ended with a draw and we were all really pleased. The whole team played really well throughout the season and I would like to thank Lia, Ciara and Holly who helped us out a lot in our matches.

I would also like to thank Mr Levis, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr McNamara for coaching us and organising our matches. We all really enjoyed the season and are really looking forward to next year.

Leah Stafford

1ST YEAR A

For most of us this was our very first time playing cricket but we were enthusiastic and willing to learn. We began to train on Fridays and soon we played against St Columba's College which we won by 20 runs. We then played three other matches against Malahide Community School, Aravon School and St Andrew's College. We won two out of three of these matches. Unfortunately we didn't get any further in the league.

I'd like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr McNamara for organising the matches and for coaching us. We really enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to playing again next year.

Ellie Conheady, Form 1

FIRST YEAR B

This year the First Year B team was very successful. For most of us, it was our first time playing cricket. We played matches against Aravon, St Columba's College and Mount Anville. We won all of our matches except for our qualifying match to the final against Wesley. That was a tough match and we played well but in the end Wesley were the better team.

We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr McNamara for contributing their time to coach us on Friday afternoons and for organising the matches.



Junior B

Back Row: Mr Levis, Zoe Reichental, Holly Kane O'Brien, SORCHA O'RAW, Lauren Jackson, Naoise Farrell, Ciara Feely, Aisling O'Reilly, Esme Moloney, Caoimhe Neville.

Middle Row: Hannah Tully, Ciara Dowling, Lia Mc Cann, Leah Stafford, Shannon Baker, Caroline Lahiff, Sarah Fox.

Front Row: Laoise Darragh, Niamh McCabe.



1st Year A

Back Row: Mr Fitzpatrick, Grace O'Marcaigh, Alannah Carragher, Eleanor Conheady, Ellen McCullough, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Mr McNamara.

Front Row: Ailish Long, Emily Reilly, Rachel Delaney, Haneefa Carrim, Laura Power.

Absent: Charlotte King.



1st Year B

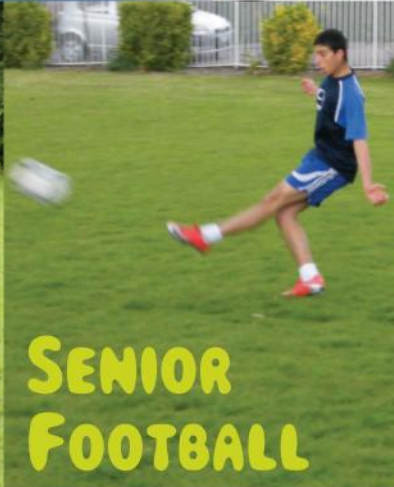
Back Row: Mr Fitzpatrick, Eva Kelly, Alice de Forge, Aine Hughes, Evie McClafferty, Eva Martin, Claire Austen, Emily O'Reilly, Mr McNamara.

Front Row: Ellen O'Gorman, Ellen McCullough, Leah Tuohy, Haneefa Carrim, Laura Power.

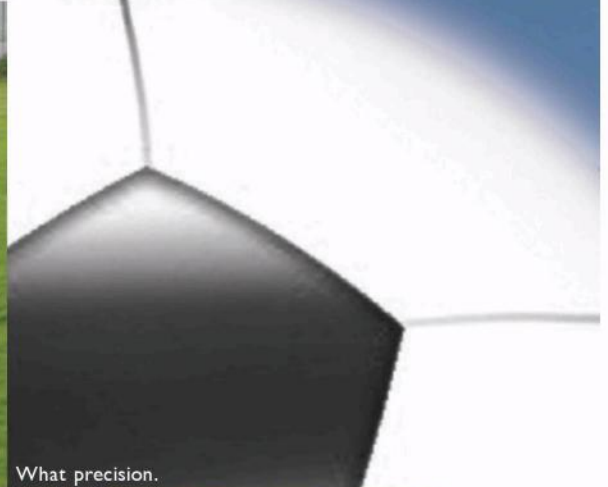
Football



Do you have
a licence for
those guns?



**SENIOR
FOOTBALL**



What precision.



Don't forget the
ball Mark!



Sean dribbling.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL



Bit of
controversy.



Having a laugh.

This year our 1st XI hockey team had an enjoyable and successful season. We knew our strength lay in team play and were at our strongest working together, utilising every player available. With a squad system in place we were able to alternate players and this gave us lots of options on the pitch, always knowing we had talented team-mates on the bench ready to come on and influence the game.

Our team included the super Eve Roseingrave in goals, who made some invaluable saves throughout the year with some superb dives and swift reactions. We had Eva Nugent at right back, capable of powerful hits, she was reliable both as an attacker working the ball up the pitch and also back in defence where she made some important clearances and tackles during the season. Una McSharry and Katie O'Brien held strong in the centre keeping the opposing teams away from goal and Rose Halpin Duffy and Jenny Long alternated on the left where they provided a link with the mid-field. At left mid was either Aisling Naylor or Kate Barlow, both capable of dodging past players and adding to our attack. Centre-mid was occupied by the skilful Maolíosa Nugent who always managed to run rings around her opposite number and out on the right was Susan McRann who was solid and consistent and had a great shot, scoring goals in some of our most important matches. Up front we had a strong choice of attackers who all contributed differently when they came on. Aimee Jones O'Connor was a speedy and skilful goal-scorer in the centre, capable of squeezing past any defenders who got in her path. Stefanie Wynne and Sarah McCoy were our aggressive attackers who worked well linking up with the forwards and mids to create chances on goal. Jessie Meeke played up front and always gave an injection of pace with clever off the ball running as did Kate O'Marcaigh who also came on as a forward.

We prepared well for the league and despite being drawn in a tough group we were hopeful and optimistic for the matches ahead. The season started well and reaping the benefits of extra instruction from Mary Logue- an experienced Irish player and coach- we won our first two games with a score of 2-1 against Holy Child Killiney and 1-0 against Loreto Foxrock. Alexandra College were our next opponents and we knew the

SENIOR 1ST GIRLS HOCKEY REPORT

match would be tough! Despite their team of strong individual players, we really stepped up to the mark and had some great runs of play, making them work hard to keep possession. We were unlucky to concede a goal in the first half and then we had more bad luck in the second half when Katie was injured and went off with a badly broken nose. Alexandra College stole 3 more late goals but this score line didn't really reflect the way our team played and we left the pitch proud of the performance we had given. The remainder of the league saw mixed results, with us sustaining losses against Mount Anville, Beaufort and St. Gerard's while beating both Sutton Park and The King's Hospital. Unfortunately we hadn't done enough and our league ended there.

Now all our attention was focused on the Cup. To our dismay in the first round we were drawn against none other than the dreaded Alexandra College! We trained hard for the match, determined that this time round we wouldn't let them get the better of us. On the day we put in a compelling performance and played the best we had all season, but Alexandra College managed to sting us with two early goals and despite our valiant and respectable efforts they walked away with the win, putting an early end to our Cup campaign. Although we were disappointed with the loss, we were encouraged by the high level of play we had shown and set this as our standard for the matches to come, determined not to let anything stop us from winning the Plate.

With a strong team-spirit we sailed through the first round with a 7-1 win against Loreto on the Green. We were then straight through to the quarter final which we played away in the lashing rain against Rathdown and

Hockey



despite a cagey first half we won 6-1, earning our place in the semi-final against Loreto Dalkey. This match turned out to be tense and although we didn't give our best performance, we came away with a 4-3 win, seeing us through to the final.

Wesley College were our opponents in the all important match and with everything to play for, we stepped up, taking control of the game from the starting whistle. Two first half goals from Susan McRann secured us a lead and although Wesley increased pressure and pulled a goal back in the second half, our defence held strong and they were unable to break through again. The whistle blew with a final score of 2-1, and we were overjoyed, if not a little relieved, glad to finally be bringing home some silverware!

It was a great finish to what had been an enjoyable season, allowing the sixth years to end their High School careers on a high note. We would like to give a huge thank you to our wonderful coach Ms Jones for all the hard work, effort and time she dedicated to us, week in and week out, helping our team reach its full potential this year. Her faith and perseverance carried us to the final and we can never thank her enough for all the help she has given us over the past five years.

Thanks also to Jay for the motivational words which our team relied on in the toughest of times!!

Una McSharry and Katie O'Brien

SENIOR GIRLS FIRST



Senior Girls First

Back Row: Aisling Naylor, Kate O'Marcaigh, Sarah McCoy, Eva Nugent, Susan McRann, Maoliosa Nugent, Eve Roseingrave, Ms Jones.
Front Row: Kate Barlow, Jessica Meeke, Stefanie Wynne, Una McSharry, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Jenny Long, Katie O'Brien, Rose Halpin Duffy.



Megan Putting in a Tackle!



Una's inspirational words.



McCoy gets her game face on.

We are the champions...



Supporters getting rowdy.



Rocky Balboa 2!



Tensions are high in the Big Brother house.



Celebrate, Good Times... come on!



Inspirational Words from AJOC.

Mr Agar laying down the law.



Michael Flatley
Lord of the
Dance.



Itching to play.



The Thirds.



Rathdown - team
talk at half-time.



Sarah Keating
on the ball.



Maoliosa looking for a free.



Megan Lynch
on the ball.



Discussing
strategies.



Jessica Sargeant
giving a great
pass.



Through the net.

SENIOR 2ND

The year began on a good note. Our first match was away against The King's Hospital during the middle of a heat wave which had a detrimental effect on our performance.

We played our hearts out and ended up winning 4-1 with some spectacular goals from Kate O'Marcaigh.

From there on our winning streak took a slight downturn. Even though we put in our best efforts we managed to lose a few of our next matches.

Our league matches came fast and sadly we didn't perform as well we should have done. Devastatingly we failed to get out of our group.

The team morale however was not faded in the slightest. We enjoyed a night of ice-skating courtesy of Mr Levis and Mr Agar which went down well. With some cookies and team bonding, our spirits soared.

Our season was short lived, but, with amazing dedication from a severely ill Mr Levis, we battled through our remaining friendly matches heroically.

Cliona Rogan

SENIOR 3RDS

This year the thirds had an interesting season. We played many enjoyable matches which included a victory over a visiting Scottish team. Most of our matches were tight and many could have gone either way. Sadly many did go the other way. In our final league match against Dominican College Wicklow we dominated but failed to secure the much needed goal.

We had a great season though and really enjoyed our training sessions thanks to our coaches Mr Agar and Mr Levis. I would like to thank all the girls for their determination and all the other players that played for us during the year.

Tess McCann

SENIOR 4THS

This was a great year of progress for the Senior Fourths. We had many new players who were playing hockey for the first time. Although we didn't enjoy a great run in the league, we enjoyed some comprehensive victories in the friendlies; including three nil wins against St Columba's College and Mount Sackville. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank our coach Mr Agar for his very positive encouragement throughout the season.

Judith Harrington



Senior 2nds

Back Row: Robyn Carey, Susan Kinlan, Kate O'Marcaigh, Rebecca Conalty, Aoife Ryan, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Kirsten Kinch.

Front Row: Zoe Dolan, Freya Breen, Maeve Daly, Cliona Rogan, Jessica Buttanshaw, Sarah Brennan, Mr Levis.



Senior 3rds

Back Row: Mr Agar, Keri Sheehan, Karen Blennerhassett, Jessica Sargeant, Rebecca Garland, Fiona Mitchell, Niamh Murphy, Sheila Brownlee, Aislinn Twamley Levins, Maeve Sweetnam.

Front Row: Hazel McHugh, Amy Cripps, Hanne Skaadel, Tess McCann, Sarah Keating, Emma Devine, Megan Lynch.



Senior 4ths

Back Row: Katelyn Fagan, Jane Ward, Fiona Mitchell, Niamh Murphy, Alannah Burdon, Mr Agar.

Front Row: Hazel McHugh, Sophie Wann, Hanne Skaadel, Judith Harrington, Emma Feely, Emma Devine, Elodie Christle.

JUNIOR A

We started the year off well this year with a lot of confidence and high hopes for the season. Soon enough we had our first league game against Muckcross Park. We all played our hearts out but unfortunately lost 2-1 with them scoring the winning goal in the last few minutes of a very intense game. We won our next game 1-7 against St. Tersians which had us on a high. We then had to win our last game to qualify for the quarter-finals. It was against a very tough team, St. Andrews, but we were ready and went into the game with confidence and determination. With that we won 2-1 and we were through to the quarter-finals.

We soon found ourselves playing against Wesley College in the quarter-final. It was a very tough game and we were 1-0 down at half time. We had a good half time talk from our coach Ms Jones and went into the second half with high hopes. Unfortunately they scored again and won the game.

We then wanted to concentrate on the cup. Our first game was coming up and against Mount Anville. The whole team was rearing to go. We went into the game with our heads held high and ready to win. Mount Anville undeservingly got a penalty and scored in the first 10 minutes but we came back with a brilliant goal from our centre back Jenny Rynne! We were all playing our best, especially our centre mid Kate Barlow. But unfortunately we lost again in the last 5 minutes. We were all very disappointed but we were now in the junior plate.

In the Plate we trained so hard and cruised through to the final. This final was our biggest game of the season; it was against a very well known Loreto Beaufort. The whole team was fired up and ready to play. We began really well. Our backs were a brick wall and our midfield and forwards were going strong. There was some lovely play from Evie McCullough in midfield and Caoimhe Cassidy up front and some brilliant saves from our amazing goalie Lia McCann. Although we were playing our best so was the other team. We came out on top in the second half scoring a brilliant short corner consisting of Niamh Moran and I. We all played our hearts out and managed to keep the lead until the final whistle blew.

I'd just like to thank the whole team for being so amazing and all the dedication you all put in! Last but not least, on behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coach Ms. Jones for all her time and dedication to the team and for believing in us right until the very end!

Jessica Meeke



Junior A

Back Row: Hannah Ridgeway, Laura Rankin, Rachel Burke, Deborah Burke, Keelan O'Mahony, Niamh Moran, Kate Barlow, Ellen Baldwin, Ms Jones.
Front Row: Jennifer Rynne, Evie McCullough, Siobhan McManus, Jessica Meeke, Jennifer Long, Caoimhe Cassidy, Lia McCann.



Jenny Rynne on the ball.



Barlow makes a break for it.



Inspirational words.



Gotta get your head in the game!

JUNIOR B



Junior B

Back Row: Mrs Long, Ella O'Neill, Holly Kane O'Brien, Stephanie Lyon, Lauren Walsh, Chloe Deacon, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne.
Front Row: Fiadh Gregg, Amy O'Regan, Esme Moloney, Alice Somers Donnelly, Lauren Tully, Hayley Jackson, Sara Buttanshaw.
Absent: Rachel Burke, Ciara Dowling.

JUNIOR C

The Junior C team had a great year. We had many wins over the course of the year, but unfortunately did not make it anywhere in the Leinster league. We had fun with our team growing stronger through our league matches. We enjoyed playing all our hockey matches throughout the year and building a strong bond within the team. We played against many teams such as Mt. Anville, St. Columba's, St. Raphael's, Holy Cross Killiney, Alexandra College and Wesley College. They were all good teams but we managed to win the majority of them!

We would like to thank Ms Goulding for her excellent training and always showing up no matter what the conditions. We are all eagerly anticipating a great season next year.

Vicky Love

MINOR A

The Minor A squad had a great season, with each player clearly improving throughout the duration of the year. After the long summer break we got back into hockey winning most of our early friendly matches. We felt we had a strong team and were confident going into our league. Unfortunately we ended up with a very tough group and didn't win enough games to qualify. So we turned our attention to the cup and tried to up the tempo of our game. We had a very tough match against Wesley, which we were unlucky to lose 3-2.

With us out of the cup and the league, all of our hope rested on the plate and we were determined to win. All of the players gave 100% effort in getting ready for our upcoming plate matches. Our first match went smoothly with a 3-0 win over Clunty. As a result we were in high spirits for the quarter final against a very tough Loreto Dalkey side eventually winning 1-0 in extra time. Unfortunately Mr Levis became ill just before this match but Ms Rugg and Mr Agar substituted brilliantly. Our semi-final was against a very good Rathdown side, who we just edged by 1-0, again in extra time.



Junior C

Back Row: Emma Lucas, Katherine Barrett, Laura Byrne, Attilia Geaney Rea, Florence Bradish, Rachel McAuliffe, Ciara Green, Rebekah Donnelly, Niamh Smith, Ms Goulding.

Front Row: Marianne McClafferty, Lili Nolan, Hannah Foley, Vicky Love, Megan Quirey, Caoimhe Neville, Kamala Falkiner.

Evil Eyes.

Our final was to take place just two days later and the tension was running high. On the day of the final we were reunited with our amazing coach Mr Levis which gave us a huge boost of confidence. Nothing could separate the two sides, not even extra time. It went to nail biting penalty flicks and even after 5 flicks we went into sudden death. Our goalie Emer Brennan made some incredible saves and Saoirse O'Donoghue converted our winning flick, to win us the plate!

I would like to thank the team for all their hard work and dedication all season long. On behalf of the team I would like to give a big thanks to our fantastic coach Mr Levis. Without him, we would never have won the plate.



Minor A

Back Row: Ailish Long, Emily O'Reilly, Sarah Fox, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Lucy Barlow, Leah Stafford, Meg O'Connor, Zoe Acheson.

Front Row: Emer Brennan, Zoe Reichental, Laura Rankin, Emma Murphy, Maebh Brennan, Julianne Stewart, Grace McCarthy.

MINOR Bs

This year the minor B hockey team consisted of many skilled girls, enthusiastic to play. Our team improved greatly since last year with new players and new pitches. We had great fun at training and during matches.

We didn't win every match and sadly many of our Saturday matches were cancelled at the very last minute as we were affected by icy conditions and frozen pitches. Our main goal scorers were Sarah Mulhere, Alison Kinlan and Kyrie Baker-Kerrigan. Our strong defenders were a Niamh and Niamh partnership with Suzanne and Ruth on either side, with Shalie in goals for back up. Our midfielders Katie and Jessie worked really well together to gel the team and keep us motivated.

We would like to thank Mr Levis and Ms Rugg who took over for Mr Levis while he was recuperating.



Minor B

Back Row: Katie Maguire, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Ruth Mawhinney, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Suzanne Gray, Jessica Cooper, Alison Kinlan.

Front Row: Amy Byrne, Sarah Mulhere, Amy Mac Williams, Niamh Mc Cabe, Reshaylia Naidu.

MINOR C

The Minor Cs had a mixed season. The start was slow but the defence were solid - Robyn Hayden as sweeper and Heather Baldwin at CH had some really solid games. Many of our friendlies were successful but unfortunately a cup game on the grit of St Joseph's on a wet Saturday morning without all our key players ended in defeat. The league games were varied as well - too many draws meant we didn't do as well as expected. Towards the end of the season our strikers found the net and Megan ended up our leading scorer and we had some notable wins against Wesley College, St Gerard's and Loreto Dalkey.

Capt Lauren Hudson
VC Robyn Hayden



Minor C

Back Row: Ailbhe Carney, Megan Byrne, Heather Baldwin, Chloe Doyle, Julie O'Brien, Caroline Lahiff, Gráinne Jordan, Ruth Connell, Saoirse Forde-Morrin.

Front Row: Dervla Walsh, Catherine Fleming, Robin Hayden, Lauren Hudson, Emma Butler, Áine Kenna, Ms Rugg.



In goal.



Smiles all round.



Where's the ball?!



Protecting the goal.



Transformers robots in disguise.

1ST YEAR A

This year the first year A's started out by training after school on Tuesday and during games on a Friday. We went into our training sessions willing to learn and wanting to have fun which we certainly achieved! It began with Ms Jones organizing us into positions and practising short corners and frees. Once we were ready, we began playing matches, most of which we won with good 2 or 3 goal leads. We occasionally drew and rarely lost, meaning we were strong contenders for our league that was beginning soon.

Our first league match was against Rathdown School, which we won 5-0, with goals from Emily O'Reilly, Saoirse O'Donoghue and Laura Power. We won our next two matches against Loreto on the Green and St Mary's Naas, four and five nil respectively; with both teams being unable to get past our strong backline of our goalie Alannah Carragher, Haneefa Carrim, Eva Martin, Kate Squire, Rachel Delaney and Rachael Kaye-Mellor. It then came to our final match against St. Andrew's College, which unfortunately we lost 1-0. But despite this we continued to train hard. It all paid off when we beat Wesley 1-0 in our pre-quarter final match, with a great goal from Saoirse O'Donoghue. We showed great play from our mid-fielders Lucy Barlow and Ailish Long and forwards Charlotte King and Grace O'Marcaigh. Unfortunately we lost our quarter final to Newpark by just one goal to nil.

I would like to thank Ms Jones for putting in her time and effort into coaching us, and I just hope we can do as well next year. I would also like to thank the team for trying their best to always give 100%.

Ellie Conheady

1ST YEAR B

The First Year B's were a strong team this year and we had a really good season. We would like to thank our coaches Ms Jones, Gareth and Finnuala for organising all our matches and training us on Friday afternoons. We got to the semi-final and we would never have got there without them.

On our way to the semi-final we had some really hard matches including a play-off to get into the quarter finals. Here we won on penalty flicks when our goalie Chloe held firm! Some other great performances from that match came from Bethany, Ellen Mc and Evie. Other matches included our quarter final where we beat Mount Anville 1-0. Emma, Grace and Leah played really well in that match. We



1st Year A

Back Row: Grace O'Marcaigh, Kate Squire, Rachael Kaye Mellor, Eva Martin, Charlotte King, Rachel Delaney, Emily O'Reilly, Ms Jones.

Front Row: Alannah Carragher, Haneefa Carrim, Ailish Long, Eleanor Conheady, Lucy Barlow, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Laura Power.



1st Year A Team.



1st Year B

Back Row: Grace O'Marcaigh, Dearbhla Moroney, Leah Tuohy, Ellen O'Gorman, Bethany Thompson, Claire Austen, Ellen McCullough, Jessica Neville, Ms S. Jones.

Front Row: Chloe Manahan, Saoirse O'Mahony, Evie McClafferty, Hayley Blair, Emma McNeilly, Maya Devine, Jasmine Pickett.

played St Gerard's and won 2-0, Saoirse, Maya and Dearbhla played brilliantly. We beat Beaufort 4-1 and Jessica, Ellen O'Gorman and Jasmine played spectacularly. We had a disappointing semi-final but it was superb just to get there. After that we played against an English team called Beech Burrough and that was a lot of fun.

We had a really fun season and can't wait for next year when we plan on winning our league!

Hayley Blair

1ST YEAR C

It was an absolute pleasure to be on the First Year C hockey team. We made lots of friends, created memories and learned plenty of skills that will never be forgotten. Of course we didn't win every match but we tried our hardest and we never gave up. We played many matches against many great schools such as Muckross Park College, Alexandra College and many more. Training was the best part of our day because we all got along so well and had fun. We always put in 110% every game and the C team brought us together for an enjoyable year! Our goalie always made marvellous saves each match. The C team worked really hard this year and we plan to work even harder next year. We'd like to thank Ms Waugh for all her help and support this season.

Beatrice Doyle



1st Year C

Back Row: Emily Ni Riain, Megan O'Byrne, Aisling Whelan, Ruth Ferguson, Yasmeen Sinan, Shannon Young, Ellen Mullooly, Ms Waugh.
Front Row: Aisling O'Kelly, Aine Hughes, Rebecca Shaw, Beatrice Doyle, Eva Tyrrell, Amanda Ko, Susanna Wyse Jackson.



Banter on the bench.



Shocked faces.



Rachael on the run.



Saoirse O' Donaghue weight lifting champ!

SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY 09-10

This year was a very enjoyable year which took us to the brink of silverware many times, but we just fell short on every occasion. At the start of the year we barely had enough players so we decided to drop down to the 2nd division and forfeit our place in the All-Ireland championship where we had competed in the previous year. This didn't dampen our spirits though and under the guidance of our hockey coach Mr Fitzpatrick and his inspirational words during the season we got to two finals and a semi-final.

It was the first time in 2 years that we had played in the 2nd division and some of our players hadn't played hockey in many years, but it didn't faze anyone and we put in a couple of marvelous results in warm up games beating Wesley College and St. Andrews easily. This gave the team great confidence and we went into our first game of the season in good spirits and got the result we deserved beating The Kings Hospital 3-0 with goals from Shane and our newest player Mark Rogan.

After this incredible win we felt confident and prepared to take on Wesley in the league where we produced a super display of counter attacking hockey to win 2-0. After this result we went to our next two league matches with minimal fuss beating St Marks and St Columbus with great displays from our attacking duo of Ian Irvine and Ryan O Malley.

In-between all this though we had to compete in the newly formed Senior Trophy, where we had our sights set on becoming the first ever winners. We were drawn onto the toughest side of the draw facing all 1st division teams. Up first was the renowned force of Mt Temple who had just returned from the All-Ireland tournament. We started the match on the back foot, but soon found ourselves in front with great goals from Shane O Donoghue and Mark Evans, before Mt Temple pulled one back before half time. After the break we came out more intent on attacking and were soon rewarded with another goal from the newest player to the team, Stuart Gray. Unfortunately we conceded 2 goals in the last 5 minutes, and we went into extra time. We quickly regained the lead in the extra time thanks to another well taken goal, then overhead from Shane. Stuart ran on to the ball to make the



Senior Boys

Back Row: Mark Rogan, Conor Sexton, Mark Evans, Robbie Mc Guinness, Shane O'Donoghue, Stuart Gray, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Guy Prendergast, Stephen Reid, John Mc Nulty, Gareth Carragher, Iain Irvine, Sam Williamson, Ryan O'Malley.

score 5-3 with 5 minutes remaining. We must have started celebrating too early because in the next 5 minutes Shane was sent off for a rash tackle and we found ourselves at 5-5 despite the best efforts of our defence, especially Guy Prendergast. So we went to the dreaded penalty strokes competition and from here we went on to win 4-3 thanks to the calmness of Sam Williamson to slot the final stroke.

After that dramatic match we went on into the semi-finals knowing we were just one win away from the first ever final and we were against our strongest opposition yet in the form of Sutton Park. We went there on a sunny March day just before our holidays and there was a great atmosphere on the bus which we brought to the field. After some early exchanges and passes we soon found ourselves 1-0 up thanks to a rocket of a drag from Shane. Sutton Park soon replied after this earning many short corners which were well dealt with by my defence team and me. So we went into the second half and soon found ourselves 2-0 up thanks to a wonderful strike from Stuart, but after another wave of attack we found ourselves at 2-1. Soon we restored the advantage when Gray followed up a rebound off the post after a slick, pitch-length move for 3-1.

Breathing room, though, only lasted for two minutes as Sutton earned a corner and they netted at the second attempt. It left about 20 minutes to find an equalizer but, despite Sutton spending more time on the offensive, we looked the more likely to score.

The Sutton Park Keeper pulled off a fine double-save before being subbed off for an extra outfielder in the last five minutes. I had to produce one more great save from Sutton to seal our place in the Trophy final, knocking out our second 1st division school in successive weeks. This win also qualified us for the Senior Cup Semi-final against St Andrews.

So we were into our 2nd final in 3 years and were determined to win this time. We started the last match like we ended the last with us on the defense but always a threat on the counter. We managed to get to half time level at 0-0 but soon found ourselves 1-0 down thanks to a cool finish from the Kilkenny

College attacker. After this though we forced some errors from Kilkenny thanks to a trademark drag flick from Shane, this led to Kilkenny pouring forward in search of a winner and they got the goal they wanted with 5 minutes remaining. We had the nerve to come from behind this time and in the last play of the game Shane roofed another short corner to bring the tie to extra time. Extra time passed without incident and so the penalty strokes followed, but unfortunately after sudden death flicks, Kilkenny became the first ever winners of the Senior Trophy.

The following week, fresh from our first defeat of the season we went to St Andrew's to see if we could spring another upset, but on this occasion we were outclassed and if it wasn't for some brilliant displays from Robbie McGuinness and Niall O Leary we could have been truly beaten. So instead we turned our attention to the league semi final where we faced a solid Newpark side that was unbeaten in the league. Our determination shone through and we won 3-2.

This led to our final match of the season against Dundalk in the league decider. We all went out knowing this was our last chance for silverware and soon found ourselves 2-1 up, but late in the 2nd half they struck twice to leave us a goal down. This time though, there was no dramatic comeback and we lost our match and so ended half of the team's time involved with high school hockey.

It may have been a disappointing end to a historic

season but I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick, our inspirational coach, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Miller for their great management of the team and all the hard work they put in, making it a truly special season.

Gareth Carragher



Robbie on the run.



Team Talk!



Oh Dayum!



Stephen looking fierce.



Having a great time!

JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior Boys' hockey team had a very good season this year. In the league we won four out of five games, starting off with a 6-1 triumph over Wesley College. There were great performances across the pitch. There was some outstanding goal keeping from Matthew Holder and other excellent performances by Stephen Reid, David Howard, Sam Treacy McGee, Andrew Manning and Conor Sexton.

The cup began after Christmas. We got drawn against Wesley College in the first round. Unfortunately we lost the first match 5-0, but we played well. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for all his work and effort throughout the season. I would also like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for umpiring our matches.

Jack McCann



Junior Boys Hockey

Back Row: Dylan Quirke, Oisín Keenan, Ferdia Soper MacCraith, Mark O'Kelly, Jamie Laycock, Jack McCann, Ryan O'Malley, Niall O'Callaghan, Matthew Holder.

Front Row: Mr I Wilkinson, David Howard, Kunal Kapoor, Conor Sexton, Stephen Reid, Oisín Devilly, John McNulty.

Sitting: Sam Treacy-McGee, Harry Jones.



Dedicated supporters



Go together like Sonny and Cher.



Great save by Carragher.

MINOR BOYS

This year the Minor Boys put in a lot of effort into matches and training. Although we didn't win the League or the Cup our team improved a lot this season, particularly goalie Jamie Morris who proved an unstoppable force. We were captained very well by our captain David Howard. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Wilkinson for training us and taking us for matches and Mr Miller who got us going from day one.

David Howard

U13 BOYS

Our season started well after beating St. Columbus 2-0 despite forming a team just a few days beforehand. As time went on our team developed more and more at every training session each week our league still developed well with several victories against difficult opponents such as Wesley, St Andrews and Kings Hospital.

The cup commenced soon after Christmas and we had high hopes as we finished top of the league before Christmas. Unfortunately our dream of winning the cup didn't go as well as we'd hoped as Kings Hospital beat us 3-0 in the first round. We were doing great in the league as we were on course for winning the title with six points clear. As the league drew to a close, we played St. Andrews in the semi final to decide who progresses to the final. Unfortunately our season finished with a defeat to a strong St. Andrews side, with the match being extremely tight. We were disappointed in the result despite great performances from everyone on our team. We have high hopes for next season and would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for all his hard work he has put into our team throughout the year.

Jack Killen and Kian Wilson



Minor Boys Hockey

Back Row: Mr. Fitzpatrick, Donal Naylor, Andrew Manning, Sam Treacy-McGee, John Swanwick, Darragh Butler, Conor Prendergast.

Front Row: Dylan Quirke, Felim Kelly, Thomas McNulty, Jamie Laycock, David Howard, Andrew Jones, Daniel Sheridan.



Under 13 Boys Hockey

Back Row: Mr Fitzpatrick, Andrew Jones, Peter Mullen, Felim Kelly, Kian Wilson, Billy O'Carroll, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Scott Wallace, Evan Burrowes.

Middle Row: Victor Bell, Mark Perham, Colin Jackson, Jack Killeen, Thomas McNulty, Killian Elwood, Tom Harris.

Front Row: Conor Prendergast, Darragh Butler.

1st year boys.



Blair having a giggle.



1st year boys and girls hockey lunch.



Sam on the ball.

Snow white and the witch.



Colin Jackson, thumbs up!

This section was accidentally omitted from last year's Erasmusian so it has been now included in the current issue.

SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY 2009

This season, the Senior Boys Hockey Team had one of the most successful in its illustrious history. We reached the All Ireland Schools Tournament for the first time ever, as well as having a successful League campaign, culminating in a formidable Cup run.

We began the season with high hopes as we retained the core of last years cup runners up team. Also we had the decent additions of Shane O'Donoghue, young talent Stephen Reid and Junior Team Captain, Niall O'Leary.

The season began with the news that we could be participating in the All Irelands for the first time in our history. To qualify we faced the daunting task of an all or nothing clash with arch rivals King's Hospital. Having already faced a gruelling test of endurance against Kilkenny College we knew this would be our greatest test yet. However we succeeded in dethroning a strong King's Hospital team. This was a close affair with super sub John Willoughby scoring the crucial goal.

In high spirits we travelled to Limerick ready to take on the best teams in Ireland. We were drawn in the group of death with previous winners Banbridge Academy and Ashton, as well as a renowned Regent team. We had now taken our rightful place amongst the giants of Irish Hockey.

Unfortunately our tournament got off to the worst possible start, conceding to Banbridge after a whirlwind 10 seconds. We knew immediately that it was going to be a baptism of fire. Our entire game plan was thrown out the window and although we recovered well from this setback and fought hard for the entire match. However, the experienced Banbridge side, who were finalists the previous year, proved too strong for us in the end.

Next up was Ashton, another David vs. Goliath clash. We went out determined to cause an upset, with the possibility of qualification from our group still a very realistic prospect. With this knowledge, we dominated the first half and despite the lion's share of possession and a



Senior 1st Boys Hockey

Back Row: Paul O'Kelly, James Barber, Keith Gray, Niall Noonan, Mark Evans, Robbie McGuinness, Niall O'Leary, John Willoughby, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Joshua Purcell, Guy Prendergast, Ryan O'Malley, Jonathan Walker, Stephen Reid, Ian Irvine, Gareth Carragher.

Insert: Jack O'Kennedy. **Absent:** Shane O'Donoghue.

host of short corners, we failed to capitalize. Alas, with one minute to go to half time, Ashton converted a well worked short corner. The second half started well for us again, with many more penetrating attacks but still nothing to show for our efforts. We paid the ultimate price for this when we were undone on the break with our superb keeper Gareth Carragher helpless to stop a deflected effort. With one eye on our next match against a renowned Regent side, we took off several key players and eventually succumbed to defeat against this Ashton side who would go on to reach the semi-finals.

We now went into our crunch tie with Regent knowing that qualification was now a bridge too far. Our pride and the pride of the High School was at stake. Once again we started strongly but found it difficult to convert our chances. It wasn't long though before James Barber, who had been threatening to hit the form of his life all tournament, became the first ever High School player to score at an All Ireland Championship. He was given the ball on the half way line, and with it all still to do, he left three defenders in his wake before unleashing a scorcher of a reverse stick shot into the roof of the net. With our first goal scored we began playing with confidence and it wasn't long before James Barber added his, and our second, goal of the match. It came in the second half after some fine interplay between myself and Keith Gray, working the ball down the right before I waltzed past a couple of challenges and put the ball on a plate for Barber, who duly converted. We won the match 2-0.

After the disappointment of our earlier-than-planned exit, we were drawn against Raphoe in a friendly the next day. The match itself was anything but friendly, with challenges flying in left, right and centre. Raphoe were a well disciplined, highly organized outfit with numerous Ulster Representatives amongst their ranks. Despite this, we managed to produce one of the performances of the tournament, to turn them over 4-1. There were several memorable performances but most notable was the smoking hot contribution of Ryan O'Malley.

After a couple of close fought league encounters with Bandon, Sutton, Kilkenny and newly crowned champions of Ireland, St Andrews, our Cup campaign got underway. As the Cup was seeded this year, we got a bye through the first round before facing the difficult challenge of an exuberant Mount Temple team, who were undefeated so far this season. Despite there being no sign of Shane O'Donoghue, we brushed them aside 3-1 with minimal fuss.

This set up a mouth watering semi final tie against Wesley College, a carbon copy of last year's epic final. It would truly be a clash of the titans. The match was played in Wesley, in treacherous conditions, which played right into Wesley's hands. It was a cagey opening with both sides obviously wary of the other's attacking credentials. Unfortunately it was Wesley who drew first blood. We recovered well from this though and when a gilt-edged opportunity fell to James Barber, with the open goal at his mercy, he blazed over - unable to recapture his scoring form of the All Irelands. We continued to challenge all match and had several goal mouth scrambles before eventually pulling one goal back through Shane O'Donoghue. We kept on pressing for the all decisive goal and even hit the post before Wesley caught us on the break and ended the tie.

It was a disappointing end to an historic season and on behalf of the team I would like to say thanks to Mr Miller, Mr Wilkinson, and in particular, Mr Fitzpatrick for all the hard work they put in to making this a truly memorable season.

Johnny Walker

JUNIOR BOYS

The season got off to the best possible start with a 7-1 win against St Columbas, despite having two season long injuries of Sean-Tee Lim and Alan Young. As the league campaign started we scraped victories against Sandford Park and Kilkenny College. With players missing for various reasons our league campaign lost momentum with defeats to St Andrews and Wesley College.

The Junior Cup started after Christmas and the weather took a turn for the worse, with a frozen pitch causing training to be called off. This meant we went into the first round against St Marks less prepared than we would have liked. After the first half we were 2-0 down but two quick goals from Stephen Reid brought us back into the match. Our early League form shone through and we won 6-2 in the end, with great contributions from all players, in particular Niall O'Callaghan and Matthew Holder.

Our season finished, unfortunately, with a defeat to Wesley College in the quarter-final of the Cup, despite fine performances from Ryan O'Malley and Johnny McNulty. Thanks to Mr. Wilkinson and Luke for all the hard work this year. Good luck next year boys!

Niall O'Leary



Junior Boys Hockey

Back Row: Mr Wilkinson, Niall O'Leary, Cian Noone, Conor Sexton, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Naoise McTeirnan, Jack McCann, Matthew Holder, Kunal Kapoor, Adam O'Malley.

Front Row: Oisín Devilly, Niall O'Callaghan, Ryan O'Malley, Stephen Reid, Harry Jones, John McNulty, Kari Andresson.

HERE COMES THE SHANE: AN INTERVIEW WITH SHANE O'DONOGHUE



How did you get involved in hockey?

Both parents played hockey and I was involved from a young age.

What are your first impressions of High School and its hockey?

It's not bad, but I am used to a higher level sometimes, but was very proud to get to the All-Irelands for the first time in High School's history.

What Club are you playing for?

Glenanne.

When did you make your senior debut for your club?

15, I wasn't allowed to play beforehand.

When did you first play for Leinster/ Ireland?

I first played for Leinster when I was 12 going on 13 and I first played for Ireland when I was 15 in the Europeans in Holland.

Where do you intend to be playing hockey in 5 years time?

I would love to move abroad to play hockey professionally in Holland, Spain, Germany or Australia.

Who is your sports inspiration?

Stephen Butler and... our own Paul Fitzpatrick.

What was the most exciting match you ever played in?

There are two matches that I played in that were incredible the first one was when I was playing for Ireland against Holland the quality was just unbelievable and the second

match was the IHL final for Glenanne that went to penalties.

What is your favourite team to play for?

Glenanne.

How do you feel about your recent nomination for young player of the season by the Irish hockey league?

It is a great honour, but I wouldn't have got it if it wasn't for the effort of the whole team.

How do you rate your chances of winning it?

I think I have a great chance, but there are many other deserving winners and I am just happy to get nominated.

Finally, Lucozade or PowerAde?

Lucozade!

Shane has recently been selected for the Irish U18 team and will compete in the upcoming under aged European championships. Let's hope Shane can continue his progress, he could be in line to make his full Irish debut!

A half-time hockey huddle.



UNDER 13

The Under 13 Boys Hockey had a very mixed season this year. Whilst victories were hard to come by the players involved made good progress throughout the year and have improved their all-round playing ability.

An initial group of 13 players made up the core squad, this number is down on previous seasons and possibly reflects the demands being placed on students time these days. The team was ably captained by Jamie Laycock and David Howard. Both proved themselves to be capable hockey players and competent organisers throughout the season.

Jamie Morris was soon installed as Goalkeeper and he proved his worth and progress in a number of matches especially against Wesley and Newpark in the Cup, where he made a series of very good saves. John Swanick, John Murphy and Donal Naylor worked hard at improving their skills and became competent defenders alongside Jamie Laycock. Andrew Manning also made a number of appearances and proved himself to be a very good hockey player.

David Howard, Dylan Quirke and Daniel Holder were responsible for the midfield and these players worked well throughout the season and put in good performances against St Andrews and St Killians. Karl Kinch, Jack Sheridan and Sam Treacy McGee played up front and provided us with a good attacking outlet. Unfortunately, this season we had a small squad and did not score enough goals but hopefully with more hard work and improvement in training this will be improved on next season.

Anyone who did not play this season and wishes to play in the Under 14 (Minor) League or take up the sport next season is more than welcome to attend in September.

Whilst this team did not see results go their way at times the players showed a really good sense of commitment, a good work ethic and also a noticeable level of improvement across the season.

Mr D Miller



Under 13 Boys Hockey

Back Row: Dylan Quirke, Donal Naylor, John Swanwick, Karl Kinch, Daniel Holder, Mr Miller.

Front Row: Jamie Morris, Jack Sheridan, Jamie Laycock, David Howard, John Murphy.



Niall Noonan ready to attack.

Jack hits the ground running.



Guy Prendergast - "darn it ball - I WILL."

Mark Evans strikes for goal.



WORLD SHOTOKAN KARATE FEDERATION

Congratulations to Eva Martin and Reshaylia Naidu who have recently been examined in and achieved their black belt grade in karate, under the scrutiny of a formidable International panel of Instructors, chaired by WSKF World Chief Instructor, Sensei Kasuya.

This is a fantastic achievement for them both as their training has been particularly intensive over the last several months in preparation for the mock and subsequent examination which took place over a gruelling three days.

The girls have been selected for the WSKF Irish National Squad and hope to be selected for the team who will be competing for Ireland at the WSKF World Cup being held in Cyprus in October.

Additionally they have enjoyed great success competing at National level and have achieved medal wins in several competitions. As part of a three girl team they currently hold the Irish National Kata Champion and WSKF National Kata Champion titles amongst their medal successes. They along with their Kata (forms) and Kumite (fighting) team have given some older competitors some great competition.

They have shown themselves to be dedicated, determined and focused. By training hard they have developed their fitness, strength, co-ordination, self discipline, self defence but perhaps more importantly self belief. It is a great honour to achieve black belt status, a level not readily or successfully achieved by martial art practitioners.

We wish them well with their future training and wish them continued success.

Eva and Reshaylia will continue to develop through their training and dedication resulting in continued success.

Sophie Lee



Eva Martin



Reshaylia Naidu

Orienteering

A full bus headed off to Carrigolligan for the Leinster Schools Orienteering Championships on a dull March Wednesday morning. A group of Transition Year boys alongside three fifth and sixth year boys made up the team. Upon arrival the group of unenthusiastic 4th Years helped Mick 'Pirate Pete' Kellet to set up some sort of shelter for the bags as the rain drizzled down on the heads of those students asking themselves: 'Was it really worth the day off school?' As the sun came out the races began and the first starters were off. The courses were enjoyable, simple enough to let you think it was easy before becoming tricky enough to let you get hopelessly lost. A few hardy souls raced the course while other competitors enjoyed a leisurely stroll through the student-infested forest. The courses incorporated monstrous cliffs, waist high heather and lakes that would fit the Lough Ness monster. These were for students to tackle as well as to navigate by. Decent runs from all students resulted in a string of good results. On the

transition year boys' course, The High School took a deserved one-two, with Sam Lunn taking gold and Conn Loane in the silver medal position. The High School also secured an astonishing nine of the top ten places on this course! The High School has now won the TY boys' gold medal three years on the trot. On the 5th/6th year boys' course, The High School secured yet another gold medal with Colm Moran winning his age class. On the same course brothers Peter and Sam Williamson took a strong 4th and 5th place.

Another notable performance through the year was Fabian Mak who claimed a 1st and 2nd at two separate league events in the transition year boys' category, helping the team secure 1st place in the league. Fabian was unfortunately unable to make the Leinster Championships. Two other competitors who missed out were Niall O'Leary and Alan Young who both had high hopes of a gold medal on the 5th/6th year boys, but unfortunately both carried injuries at the time.

Colm Moran

Transition Year Orienteering

Back Row: John Martin, Darragh Twomey, John McNulty, Conn Loane, Mr Irwin.

Front Row: James Fleming, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Harry Jones, Oisín Hogan.



SCT

This was a very successful year for the senior cup team. The season started off in late August with pre-season training. The coaches Mr Walker, Mr McBride and Eamon O'Riordan immediately started with fitness. Our first match was against Templeogue College. This was a training match and we came out on top winning by two tries to one, Robert Emo played particularly well that day. Then we had another training match against Wesley College. These training matches proved useful as we got our defensive and attacking patterns organised and focused our attentions towards our league.

Before the league started we had our first full proper match against Belvedere College. We began poorly and found ourselves 23-0 down at half time. However the team showed spirit by pulling the game back to 23-22. Unfortunately that was the final score. James Hawe played extremely well showing us what he could do on the wing with a few line breaks. Our first league match was against Presentation Bray. We lost 10-6 and that was a game we felt we should have won. Next we played De Le Salle College in a friendly and used this game to experiment with players in different positions. The main outcome was the movement of Josh Purcell from scrumhalf to flanker. Next up was another league game against Roscrea. It was a long journey down and we started off poorly. However in the second half the team stepped it up a gear and started putting pressure on Roscrea resulting in penalties and a yellow card. We lost unfortunately.

After midterm we had our third league game Wesley College, everyone was anxious to get a win under their belt. Our defence was rock solid and we won 19-0. We played Blackrock's second IX next and this match was the start of the teams defence really stepping up with Josh Purcell and Robert Emo playing well. Next up was The King's Hospital who were top of the league and had beaten other schools such as Gonzaga College, St Mary's College and had even drawn with Clongowes Wood College. They expected to win however our defence kept solid and thanks to a penalty and a try from James Sadlier we found ourselves 10-0 up at half time. However The King's Hospital stepped it up a gear and the game finished 20-10. After this match the bad weather kicked in with the majority of our matchs being cancelled.

We won our next matches against CUS and Carrickfergus. We were unlucky to draw with Skerries College in the first round of the cup that had many Leinster and Ireland players. We knew this so we trained hard over the Christmas holidays. One day we trained for 3 hours in the snow. There was a lot of nerves and tension building up amongst the team before the Skerries game. The match began with Skerries repeatedly attacking but not being able to score due to our solid defence. Chris Downey scored an intercepted try against the run of play and we were lucky to find ourselves 7-0 up at half time. However Skerries changed their tactics and decided to keep the ball in their forwards who were physically larger than us. They scored two tries in the corner using their maul. We lost 10-7 and everyone was very down afterwards.

A touring Canadian side came over and we

Rugby

had an enjoyable 3 days with them. Mr Walker told us the good news that we had been drawn against Presentation Bray in the plate. We used the Canadian game as a training match. The Presentation Bray game was away and when we arrived it was clear that Presentation were ready for this match. However all our hard training all year paid off and we won 19-0. We played De Le Salle in the final. Thanks to a Mark Coffey and Nicky Jones try we found ourselves 12-7 up at half time. In the second half we pulled away scoring 2 tries thanks to Robert Emo and Chris Downey. James Hawe also threatened the line many times. When the referee blew the final whistle it was a great feeling as it was a great reward for all our hard work. We had won the plate. It was especially nice for the 6th year as it was the perfect way to end our rugby in High School. I would also like to thank our coaches Mr Walker, Mr McBride and Eamon O'Riordan. I would also like to wish next year's team the best of luck.

Cian Twomey (Captain)



Alex jumping high.



Scrum down



Receiving medals for Plate Final - Well done guys.

SCT



SCT Rugby

Back Row: Daire Hunt, Ronan Lowther, Patrick Wilson, Eoin Keenan, Alex Daly, Liam McNamara, Conor Sexton, Ethan Conroy, James Sadlier, Cian McDonagh, David Cosgrove.

Middle Row: Mr R. Walker, Gavin Mullan, Steven Chapman, James Hawe, Cian Twomey, Mark Coffey, Josh Purcell, Josh Wiler, Mr L. McBride.

Front Row: Chris Downey, Andrew Stein, Martin Flower, Robert Emo, Nicky Jones.



Can't touch this.

Captain Cian.



Paddy ready to roll.

All the lads.



Cian lining up the kick.



JCT

JUNIOR CUP TEAM

Our Junior season began in mid-August with some pretty demanding pre-season training. The weeks that followed were really about trying to get our rhythm back, getting back into playing games and improving our ball skills. We began to work very hard on defence and around the fringes.

Our game was beginning to improve when we were very lucky to get a tour to Munster in early October. We played two games, one of which we ended up playing Bandon's Under-17 team.

We got our junior league underway in November. This was the beginning of a tough period of our season with league defeats to CUS, The Kings Hospital and Roscrea.

We came back after Christmas and were a different team, raring to go and full of confidence. We played our first Cup game against CUS, winning 19-18. Our second game was against Skerries Community College, who really put it up to us; however, we stuck in to win by a point. We then played St. Patrick's Navan in the Semi-Final. We conceded a try early

on but went on to play out of our skins and dominate a pack that had targeted us. A series of 9 penalties and a yellow card reduced our influence on the game. A brilliant individual try ensured another thrilling last few minutes, and we held out to win 17-14.

In the Cup Final against Presentation College Bray, we didn't have the best of starts, conceding an early try in what was an intensely fought game. In the end, they took their chances and we didn't. It was heartbreaking after all the work that we had put in, but it was a great experience and will make us better players.

I really enjoyed the last two years and have learnt a lot and can say this on behalf of all the players as well. This was largely due to our coaches, Mr McCaughey and Mr Malin, who stuck with us all the way through. I'd also like to thank our junior coaches, Tom Meredith, Sean Tevlin and Colin Sheridan, who also gave up their time to help coach us.

Junior Cup Team A

Back Row: Mr Malin, Tim Harding, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Ben Gregory, Naoise McTeirnan, Daragh Kiernan, John Savage, Ross Keogh, Shane Smith, Robert Beverland, John Hackett, Mahon McCann, Mr McCaughey.

Middle Row: Paul McCarthy, Ing-Mar Lim, Alex Liddicoat, Dean Kilroy, Gavin Power, Aaron Campbell, John Love, Zion Delaney, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Daniel Holder.

Front Row: Andrew Mooney, Daragh Kiernan, Peter Flaherty, Alex Brohoon, Gavin Campbell.



YMCA.

Coaches at work.





JCT 8

We started our season with pre-season training. We got back into the game and were committed to having a good season this year. Our first game was against Gonzaga College and with an outstanding defensive performance we won 19-12. This gave us confidence for the next game against a strong CUS side. We did not let them past and dominated the game with a 21-5 win. The majority of the season was more training as a lot of us were part of the first squad but we had a B league. Our first opponents were the same Gonzaga College side. In the muddiest game ever we held them back for a 12-7 win. We were through to the quarters against Clongowes Wood College and unfortunately lost by a narrow margin. Overall we were very happy with our season. We would like to thank all the coaches for all their time in improving us immensely. We all enjoyed it so thank you for a great year!

Alex Liddicoat

Junior Cup Team B

Back Row: Mr Malin, Tom Meredith, Colin Sheridan, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Sam Evans, John Savage, Naoise McTeirnan, Pavel Nikeryasov, Zak Milofsky, Owen de Forge, Mr McCaughey, Seán Tevlin.

Middle Row: Luke Byrne, Darragh Kirwan, Andrew Mooney, Gavin Campbell, Alex Liddicoat, John Love, Alex Brohoon, Conor Ryan, Eamonn Weitz.

Front Row: Ing-Mar Lim, Conor Spain, Brian Kennelly, Oisín Keenan, Peter Flaherty, Zion Delaney, Raymond Ardill, Jamie Ralph.

Fourth Year Under 16s

Back Row: Mr B Kinsella, Peter Adye-Curran, Aiden O'Byrne, Ferdia Soper Ni Chafaidh, Cian Dowling-Cullen, Sylvan Benaksas, Tom Clancy, Luke O'Donnell, Matthew Mullen, Ethan Conroy, Mr A. Malin.

Front Row: Conn Loane, Ian Sheridan, Karl Huggard, Conor Sexton, Neil Cosgrave, Darragh Twomey, Stephen Alexander, Jamie Connell, James Fleming.

Power of Gavin.



UNDER 16's

We had a swell season of rugby this year playing majestically at times. We started the season playing like a confused gaggle of geese, but lucky for us we have fine players like Jordan McQuaid and Ian Sheridan. We started the league defeating Castleknock, 22-0. We also beat CBC Monkstown, with the big man Tom Clancy squirming for his try. We then faced Clongowes

for a place in the semi-finals and with Ethan Conroy and Daniel Turner dominating at the breakdown, we delivered a victory. Then came Blackrock and with Ethan driving someone back 20 yards and the rest of the forwards like James Fleming and Darragh Twomey putting in great effort, the backs really delivered with some stimulating play. We marched into the final

against St Gerard's, and unfortunately not all our glitter sparkled gold. A few late scores by Gerard's put some gloss on the scoreboard, which didn't reflect the closeness of the match. At the end of the season we went on tour to Scotland, winning one match and losing another. On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mr Kinsella and Gavin for coaching us and Mr Kinsella and Mr McBride for bringing us to Scotland.

Neil Cosgrave, Form 4



UNDER 14 A

We started with tough training to get us in shape for the new season. This involved taking part in the Five Mile Run in the Phoenix Park which was an enjoyable day for all of us.

Our first matches gave us encouraging signs of what the team is capable of, losing by the narrowest of margins to Gonzaga, Castleknock College and St Gerard's.

We were then joined by Mr Sheehan who took over from Mr Gill as our coach.

We went on to beat Newpark but were unlucky against Blackrock, St Andrew's, Wesley and CUS in the League.

We also travelled to Roscrea but didn't win despite some good individual performances.

In another very tight match Terenure snatched the game from us after long spells of being in front.

After working on our weakness and building on our strengths we beat St Columba's in a match that we largely dominated.

We then finished our season on a high beating De La Salle in our final match.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank all our coaches for their time and help this year and we are looking forward to being the JCT next year.

Tim Neenan 2S

Under 14 A's

Back Row: Mr Sheehan John Murphy, Rupert Adams, Oisín Faust, Cormac Kennedy, Robert Beverland, Justin Bradish, Robert Dunleavy, Daniel McBride, Patrick Adye-Curran, Andrew Ryan.

Front Row: Mark Delaney, Matthew Brennan, Jack Byrne, Cian Tobin, Tim Neenan, Craig Kennedy, Hugh Sweetnam, Jack Taylor, Ryan Evans.
Absent: Tim Browning.



Get your head in the game.



Pile on!!

Under 14 B's

Back Row: Mr. Sheehan, Tim Jones, John Swanwick, Gavin Murphy, Daniel McBride, Sam Brown, Fionn MacManus, Sean Keary, Danny McAvinue, Sam Keating, Andrew Ryan.

Front Row: Donal Naylor, Robert McLoughlin, Darren Snodgrass, Johnny Kehoe-Roche, Oisín Faust, Ross Conolly, Jack Sheridan, Robert Stitt, Ryan Evans.





UNDER 13's

Our season began in September when we met our coaches, Mr Griffin and Mr McNamara, for the very first time. For our first few training sessions we concentrated on ball skills as some of us had never played rugby before. Shortly after that we began contact training and some of us discovered our tackling prowess. We started off with a 10 a side tournament up in St. Columba's, which we managed to win. Our next tournament was against Terenure College and although we played well, we lost narrowly. We then had our first full 15 a side game against Willow Park, followed by St. Columba's College. With some good passing, we managed to win both those games. We then played Gonzaga College in what would be the first of four games against them this season, ultimately finishing in 3 victories to The High School. In preparation for the league we

played some hard games against Castleknock, CUS, St. Andrew's and Newpark and managed to sneak a couple of victories. Unfortunately the league didn't go so well, mainly due to a lot of injuries. We finished the season playing a seven a side tournament in King's Hospital.

We have learned a lot, even though most of us had never played rugby before. We now know we are a team and must work together. We enjoyed playing rugby and maybe we can do better next season.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr Griffin, Mr McNamara, Ciarán, Mark and Steven for all their help and support over the year.

**Conor Boyce
and Scott Wallace**

UI3

Back Row: Mr Griffin, James Twamley, Edward Bergman, Cian Milofsky, David Brusey, Daragh McDonnell, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Johnjoe Irwin, Luke O'Brien, David Aspil, Mr McNamara.

Middle Row: Richard Gannon, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Billy O'Carroll, Liam Weitz, Scott Wallace, Andrew Jones, Jack Killeen, Victor Bell, Ciarán Harrison.

Front Row: Jonah Clegg, Stephen Crosby, James Macken, Philip Emo.



Piggy-back time.



UI3 training hard.

Cobras

Back Row: Alan Young, Sammi Esghyer, Simon Jackson, Daniel Clarke, William Anglim, Finn Murphy, Gary Beardsley, Daniel Meijer, Lee Campbell, Caolan Boyce.

Middle Row: Michael Sykes, Robbie Carson, Paul Deering, Graham Campbell, Hugh Macken, Mark Swords, Pdraig Harrison, Jamie McAvinue, Mr McBride.

Front Row: Dhruv Kapoor, Cillian McCann.



SENIORS

The Senior Swimming Group consisted of about 15 students from 4th, 5th and 6th year. The focus on this group was to improve our fitness levels and techniques. Most of the 4th years used the session to fulfil their physical skill as required by the President's Award. We got the opportunity to learn different dives, took part in lengths swimming and in relays. When our fitness had reached the required level we were given the opportunity to take part in a five week introduction to life saving. Our fun sessions included water polo and races. Overall it was a positive, rewarding and fun filled year at swimming. On behalf of the swimming team we would like to thank Ms T. Jones, Ms Lanigan and Mr Malin for another successful year at swimming.

**Jessie Sargeant
and Rona O'Donnell**

JUNIORS

The Junior Swimming Group comprises of swimmers from 1st to 3rd year. We swim weekly on Tuesday evening at Terenure College Pool for a 40 minute session. The session is open to all junior students. This year's group of over thirty swimmers comprises of beginners and improvers. The aim for the swimmers was enjoyment, training for fitness and for some to learn new skills. All of the swimmers are better with improved stroke techniques. There was also a fun element to some of our sessions. We had an opportunity to try synchronized swimming, races and obstacle courses which was great fun for all. Mr Malin proved to be a great sport when he was pushed into the water (Ms Lanigan was standing nearby). On behalf of the Junior Swimming Group we would like to thank Ms Jones, Mr Malin and Ms Lanigan for giving up their free time to give us swimming lessons.

Matthew Holder 3J

Junior Club

Back Row: David Howard, Dmitry Boykiv, Matthew Holder, Robert Jones, Evie McClafferty, Hebblethwaite.
Front Row: John Swanwick, Michael Dolan, Daniel Sheridan, Nathanael O'Leary, Emma Webster, Elizabeth Gageby, Ms Lanigan.

Swimming



Senior Swimming

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ms T Jones, Luke Hudson, Daniel Lenihan, Graham Flaherty, Josh Kennedy, Ms Lanigan.

Front Row: Sarah Keating, Sarah Quirke, Katie O'Marcaigh, Lauren McGarry, Stephanie Wynne, Jessica Sargeant.



Junior Swimming

Back Row: Jack Sheridan, John Swanwick, David Howard, Robert Jones, Dmitry Boykiv, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Ms T Jones.

Front Row: Nathanael O'Leary, Daniel Sheridan, Michael Dolan, Lia McCann, Eimear Ní Bhroin, Ms Lanigan.

Absent: Elizabeth Gageby, Evie McClafferty, Emma Webster.



High School Swimmers

It has been a very successful year for the seven High School students who swim for team Templeogue Swim Club.

Niamh Murphy, Dayna Clegg, Jonah Clegg, Eva Barrett, Eva Martin, John Martin and Ann-Marie Finn all train at Templeogue Pool and at the National Aquatic Centre, up to ten times a week. They start at 5:15 and train until 7:15 every morning before school and on certain days train after school as well. Saturday training is for four hours; starting at Templeogue for two hours in the morning and then at the National Aquatic Centre later in the day, where they are part of the Leinster training squad, for a further two hours in the fifty metre pool.

Niamh Murphy and Dayna Clegg have also been selected to take part in the High Performance programme. In the past year, Swim Ireland appointed a coach for this new squad that train in the National Aquatic Centre. It is from this squad (of about 20) and from the High Performance squad based in Limerick, that Irish Olympic selection will be made.

Apart from the many individual and club successes at galas throughout the year, they have represented The High School at two school galas this year.

In December 2009, the Leinster schools gala was held in Portmarnock Pool. All seven swimmers competed, representing The High School. Some opted to swim individual and relay events and some just the relays. The five girls formed two relay teams to represent the school in the Leinster schools' gala. The Intermediate Medley team of Eva Barrett (backstroke), Ann-Marie (breaststroke), Dayna (butterfly) and Eva Martin (freestyle) swam a very tight race to win gold, passing out the leading team in the last few metres.

Niamh Murphy, Eva Barrett, Dayna Clegg and Ann-Marie Finn had a more comfortable victory in the Senior Freestyle relay, winning gold in that too, and a trophy for the school.

This then qualified them to swim in the Irish Senior Schools gala in Cork in February 2010. The Freestyle and Medley relay teams of Ann-Marie, Dayna, Eva Martin and Eva Barrett comfortably won gold in both events for the High School.

As in the Leinster gala, some were swimming individual events only, some relays only and some were swimming in both. Eva Martin, swimming in a freestyle event, qualified from this gala to represent Ireland in the follow-on event WISE (Wales, Ireland, Scotland, England) which was held in Scotland this year in March.

Being part of a swim club team involves a fair amount of travel. Although most of the galas are now held in The National Aquatic Centre in Blanchardstown, galas are also held at the 50 metre pool in Limerick University, in other parts of Ireland, travelling also to the UK to compete.

Some have also taken part in training camps in the Canary Islands and Spain.

Ann-Marie Finn, 2G



Irish Swimmers

Back Row: Dayna Clegg, Niamh Murphy, Eva Barrett.
Front Row: Anne-Marie Finn, Jonah Clegg, Eva Martin.



Swimming Representative Selections

Back Row: Eva Barrett, Dayna Clegg.
Front Row: Ann-Marie Finn, Eva Martin.



Ann-Marie Finn

Table Tennis



Stephen James
winning trophy.



Playing table
tennis.



Keenan playing
table tennis.



Table tennis after
school.

Tennis



Daniel Lenihan,
DJ D on the
decks.

SENIOR BOYS

We had three teams representing our school this year, at Minor, Junior and Senior levels. Unfortunately we did not have a successful season with regard to our results. This can be attributed to the fact that we faced very strong teams from other schools who regularly dominate this competition! The standard of players who represented High School this year was very high and our minor and junior teams were the strongest I have coached since I became School Tennis coach! However luck was against us with the draws we had.

I would like to thank all the boys who participated this year, for all their hard work and dedication and a thank you to all the girls/boys who came to tennis lessons. Finally, I would like to thank Ray Walker for his support and commitment to Tennis this year. It was much appreciated!

Sean McDonnell
High School Tennis Coach



Senior Boys

Back Row: Stephen James, Mark O'Kelly, Daniel Linehan, Niall O'Leary, Mr McDonnell.

Front Row: Guy Prendergast, Ian Irvine, Michael Adye-Curran, Robbie McGuinness.

JUNIOR BOYS

Junior Boys

Back Row: Kenneth Edgewood, Gavin Murphy, Justin Bradish, Mark Delaney, Mr McDonnell.

Front Row: Andrew Ryan, Tim Neenan, Ryan Evans, John Swanwick, Alex Lodola.

MINOR BOYS

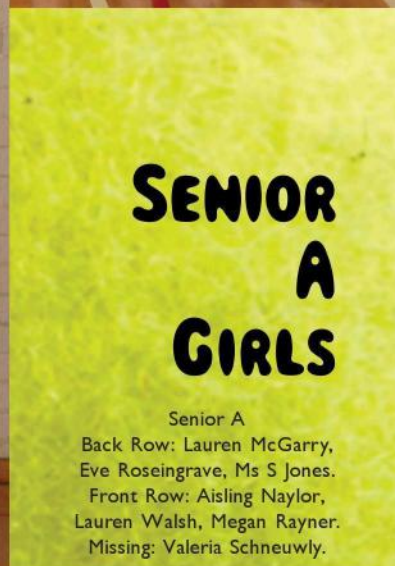


SENIOR A GIRLS

Senior A

Back Row: Lauren McGarry, Eve Roseingrave, Ms S Jones.

Front Row: Aisling Naylor, Lauren Walsh, Megan Rayner.
Missing: Valeria Schneuwly.



Minor Boys

Back Row: Craig Kennedy, John Kehoe-Roche, Adam Lunnon-Collery, John Swanwick, Mr Mc Donnell.

Front Row: Andrew Jones, Mark Perham, Ryan Evans, Jack Killeen, Luke O'Brien.



Aisling Naylor, gonna nail it.





Left: Senior B Girls
 Back Row: Jane Ward, Ellen Cunningham, Emily Dunleavy, Ms S Jones.
 Front Row: Emma Feely, Clodagh Sleator, Hanne Skaadel.
 Missing: Aislinn Twamley Levins.



Junior A Girls
 Back Row: Rachael Delaney, Siobhan McManus, Amy O'Regan, Ms S Jones.
 Front Row: Evie McCullough, Marianne McClafferty, Caoimhe Cassidy.



Left: Junior B Girls
 Back Row: Lia Mc Cann, Stephanie Lyon, Hayley Jackson, Ms S Jones.
 Front Row: Kate Barlow, Amber Graham, Lauren Tully.



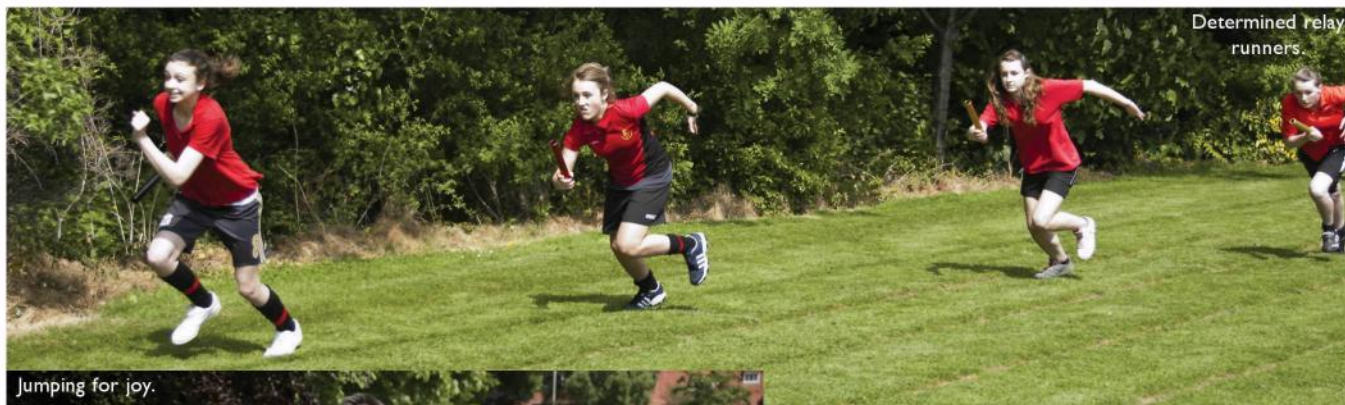
Above: Minor B Girls
 Back Row: Ms Waugh, Meg O'Connor, Ruth Connell, Chloe Doyle, Reshaylia Naidu, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan.
 Front Row: Maeabh Brennan, Emers Brennan, Zoe Acheson.



Minor A Girls
 Back Row: Ms Waugh, Sarah Fox, Emma Murphy, Claire Austen.
 Front Row: Catherine Fleming, Sarah Mulhere, Ellen McCullough.

Minor C Girls
 Back Row: Ms Waugh, Alannah Carragher, Ruth Connell.
 Front Row: Rachael Kaye Mellor, Emily O'Reilly, Lucy Barlow.





Determined relay runners.



Jumping for joy.

Sports Day



Legend!



Bill, Colm and Conor at the trophy table.



The excitement filled the pitch!

Sports Awards

SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 08-09

Athletics

Belgrave
200 Metres - Senior Girls
Emma Murphy

Cornick
400 Metres - Senior Boys
Bill O Cleirigh

Cunningham
Points - Junior Boys
Sam Treacy-McGee

Hughes
U15 Girls 100m
Emma Murphy

Diocesan Staff
Points - Junior Girls
Emma Murphy

Magill
100 Metres - Junior Boys
Sam Treacy-McGee

Mathers
Points - Form 1 Girls
Eva Barrett

Moore
200 Metres - Senior Boys
Stuart Gray

Pakenham Hamilton
High Jump - Junior Girls
Not awarded

Parents' Association
100 Metres - Senior Girls
Katie O'Brien

Sloan
Long Jump - Senior Boys
Conor Sexton

Southam
800 Metres - Senior Boys
Bill O Cleirigh

Taylor
100 Metres - Senior Boys
Stuart Gray

Taylor
Points - Senior Girls
Katie O'Brien

Travers
High Jump - Senior Boys
Not awarded

Walker
1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Bill O Cleirigh

War Memorial
Points - Senior Boys
Bill O Cleirigh

Badminton
Factor
Junior Boys
Alex Liddicoat

Hennessey
Senior Boys
Not awarded

Junior Girls
Emma Murphy

Senior Girls
Not awarded

Evans
Junior Mixed
Not awarded

Canoeing
Broad Cup
Form 1

Zephan Kavanagh
Canoeist of the Year
Form 6
Tom Burke

Junior Liffey Cup
Form 2
Sam Treacy-McGee

Cricket
Davies
Second Eleven
Alan Hughes

Dawson
Form 2 - Boys
Aaron Campbell

de Vere Shortt
Batting - Boys
John Willoughby

Hanly
Fielding - Boys
Niall Noonan

Hockey

Neville Davin
Senior Boys
Jonathan Walker

Diocesan
Minor Girls
Evie McCullough

Karen Eppel
Sportmanship
Olwen Smith

Jean Scott
Junior Girls
Martha Barber Hume

Jean Scott
Senior Girls
Alison Meeke

Rugby
Dawson
Form 2
Dean Kilroy

de Vere Short
Player of the Year
Alex Conroy

Turner
Most Deserving Team
John Hackett U14s

Evan
Place & Drop
Cian Twomey

Soccer
Shield League
Neal Hickey - Captain

Table Tennis
Evans
Ryan Morgan

Tennis - Girls
Jagoe
Junior Girls
Lauren Walsh

Smith
Senior Girls
Susan McRann

Cricket - Boys
Niall Noonan

Cricket - Girls
Cliona Rogan

Tennis - Boys
Jonathan Walker

Tennis - Girls
Aimee
Jones O'Connor

Athletics - Boys
Bill O Cleirigh

Athletics - Girls
Niamh Murphy

Basketball - Boys
Stephen James

Basketball - Girls
Aislinn Coghlan

Hockey - Boys
Jonathan Walker

Hockey - Girls
Alison Meeke

Rugby
Stephen Carter

Tennis - Boys
Harcourt
Junior Boys
Mark O'Kelly

Sealy
Senior Boys
Jonathan Walker

Minor Boys
Andrew Ryan

Swimming
Senior (Liffey)
Alan Young

Junior (Dodder)
Emma Webster,
Daniel Sheridan

Survival (John Philips)
Not awarded

PARENTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

The AGM was held on Monday 5th October 2009, where the following committee was elected:

Alan Browning, Lorraine Brunell (Hon Secretary), Ken Farrell (Treasurer), Brigid Hebblethwaite, Peter Manly, Iain Power, Kim Reichental, David Shaw (President), Dawn Sweetnam. We were also pleased to welcome both Feargal O'Neill and Linda Evans who joined the committee a couple of weeks later.

Special thanks are due to the following parents who stepped down from the committee having completed their term: Sue Barber, Eamon Flaherty and Eileen O'Driscoll.

The AGM was well attended and Mr Brian Duffy spoke about school developments and also participated in a questions and answers session with parents. The Government changes to funding for secondary schools was topical and still impacts us. We wish to express our thanks to Mr Duffy for his work with the Parents' Association at both the AGM and committee meetings.

The association also represented parents at meetings by invite of The High School board.

I am pleased to advise that the committee met as required with individual members of committee quietly getting on with the tasks assigned. These included organising the mock interviews for Fifth year, Sixth year graduation night party at Old Wesley and arranging tickets for Junior Certificate students to a party on the evening of the announcement of results.

The parent teacher meetings were well attended. Time slot allocation is reasonably complex; a computer application is employed to maximise parent / teacher time and to achieve a best-fit match for requests. Mostly parents met with the teachers they had requested, however some were disappointed. The moral of the story is to return your meeting request form promptly to secure your time-slots!

The Association supported the pupils who were competing in the Leinster senior schools swimming gala.

We listened to our guest speaker Dr. Bobby Smyth who presented a talk 'Preventing drug & alcohol problems in teenagers – what parents can do' to a full demonstration theatre on 23rd March. This talk was synergistic with the work Ms. Thelma Jones is undertaking with other local schools. Look out for a parents guide to alcohol and substance abuse which is in the final stages of preparation before release.

Collaboration with The School remains excellent and we are pleased to have been able to help fund an interactive 'white board' for use in the school this year. The final activity of the year was the annual Parents v Teachers cricket match. This was a very close game this year with the Teachers snatching victory by four runs on the last ball of the game.

We note and again express our thanks to the teachers and office staff who retired from the school this year; we wish them continued success as they take on new challenges.

Please keep in touch via any member of the committee, or e-mail hsdparentsassociation@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM which will be held towards the end of September.

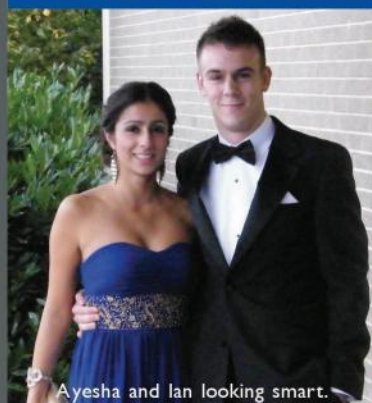
David Shaw

President of the Parents' Association

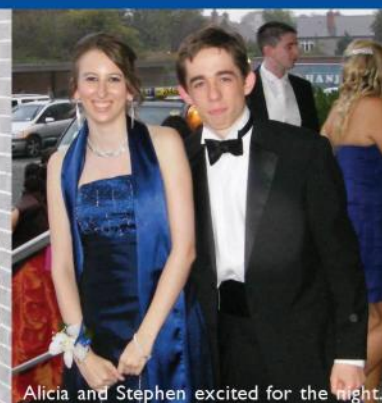
Debs 2009

The class of 2009 DEBS was back in the Leopardstown Pavilion, a good location not too far from home with great surroundings. The night started with a wine reception in the school for debs, debs' dates, parents and teachers alike. Balloons transformed the Reynolds Hall where, the very glamorous debutantes, nibbled, sipped and mingled! Everyone snapped away; happy classmates, doting parents, relieved teachers and a professional photographer too. We soon piled into the double decker busses one last time and headed off to the racecourse for a great night. Good food, a live band, a DJ, a long night and the much longed for breakfast to finish was enjoyed by all and although it took a bit of planning, fundraising and organising it was definitely worth it. Kevin and I would like to say a huge thank you to the DEBS Committee and to Mr Duffy, Mr Davies and Mr Gill for all your help and for making the DEBS an unforgettable night. It was definitely a great DEBS that will be remembered affectionately by all!

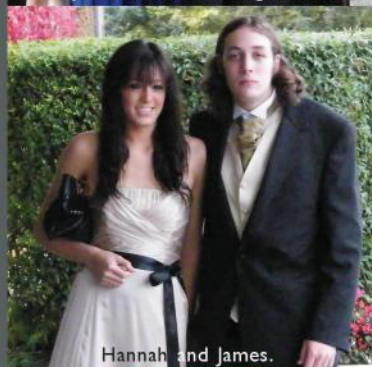
Charlotte Leonard Kane



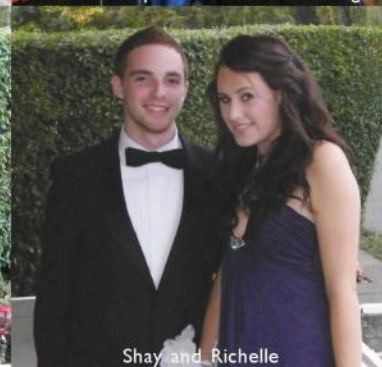
Ayesha and Ian looking smart.



Alicia and Stephen excited for the night.



Hannah and James.



Shay and Richelle



Big smiles.



Charlotte rolling up.

PAST PUPILS UNION REPORT 09/10

Well, another year has flown by, and I think that I can say for both myself (Ann Tector) and Richard Graves, we have had a very enjoyable year. It has been a great honour for us both to represent The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union at various functions.

Our annual barbeque was held in June last year, this event is always good fun, and it will be held on June 30th in High School this year.

In September Richard and I went into the High School and spoke to the 6th year pupils about the PPU. We asked them for their contact details to put into our database. This area needs a lot of attention, but it has improved immensely this year. A special mention should be given to our membership secretary, Victoria Moran, in this regard.

We also asked the current students for ideas and two volunteers to join up with the committee for a year, to help provide a better link with the school. This practice, we feel, needs to be maintained to give us a better link with the 6th year pupils who will become PPU members the year after.

Our Annual Golf outing was held in September in the Grange Golf Club. Thanks to our Golf Secretary, Brian Priestman, it was a great success. For the second year in a row, we had a good turn out from the women, and a great social night was had at the dinner that followed the golf. Our next golf outing will be held on the 9th September in the Grange Golf Club.

We both attended Prize Day in the High School where we presented "The Old Boys Cup" and the "Rose Bowl". The orchestra and choir were brilliant, as well as the students who obtained prizes for either coming first in a subject or for their particular endeavors in striving to improve their knowledge and skill in a particular subject.

At the beginning of December we went carol singing in the Orwell Nursing Home, just around the corner from High School. A great night was had by all, over 40 people attended (including children, which elderly people just love to see). Many thanks to Sharon Reid for supplying triangles, tambourines, rattles, etc. for both carol singers and residents. Many thanks must go also to my daughter, Julie-Ann, for printing out many sheets of music and words in large print for residents (and those who forgot their glasses!). David Wilkinson, an organist from Rathfarnham Church, played the piano organ, and a choir member from the Guinness choir sang "O Holy Night"..... but....our best memory of the night was the faces of residents, singing and really enjoying themselves... and then to look back at all the carol singers, equally enjoying themselves! We think that this December, it would be a good idea to invite the residents' relatives to this night.

In September the rounds of various dinners started. Richard and myself were lucky that most of the dinners we were invited to, we were able to attend together. They were really enjoyable evenings and good fun. Together we attended the Kings Hospital, Wesley, Mountjoy, St Andrews, Sandford Park, Alexandra College and Kilkenny dinners as well as the High School and Diocesan PPU Ladies Dinner.

Although numbers were down on the Men's Dinner this year it was very much enjoyed by those who were there. Archdeacon Gordon Linney proposed the toast of the Guests and Senator David Norris replied, - both speeches were very entertaining. The musical entertainment added to the success of the evening, and as the dinner was "in the year of 2010" Maurice Mc Donagh updated Paddy Henry's song with verses referring to "the year of 3010". The dinner was held, as usual, on the 4th Saturday of January which unfortunately clashed with the last round of the Heineken section matches. Next year the dinner will be held on the last Saturday of January, which is the week before the first internationals and is a "Magners League" weekend.

The High School and Diocesan PPU Ladies Dinner took place on the 16th April in the Royal St. George Yacht Club, and it was a great success. Our numbers were well up, and everyone had an excellent evening by all accounts. A huge thank you to Carole Bardon for all her help. The dinner would not have been such a success without her. At the dinner Janet Edgley, our first co-president, proposed the toast to Ireland. Mr Brian Duffy responded to the toast for the school and said that if the ladies dinner became a mixed event, reflecting the co-educational ethos of the High School, it would have his support. The Reverend Gillian Wharton proposed the toast to the Union and the President. She was extremely witty and funny. Eanna Ní Lamhna was our guest speaker and, without notes, was

wonderful, entertaining and amusing, especially the bit about the robins... you will have to ask someone who was there!

I joined the "Dioce" in 1973, we amalgamated with the High School in 1974, so when my class left, that was effectively the end of the Old Diocesan School. The girls who attended the High School after me, had a far greater allegiance to the co-educational environment, in which they were educated. To this end we invited our principal Mr Brian Duffy and his wife Catrin to represent the present... the Head Boy and Head Girl to represent the future, and Richard and myself to represent the past. Invitations were extended to all presidents from other schools' unions whose dinners we attended, regardless of gender. If you have been given the honour to wear your chain of office to represent your school gender discrimination should not come into it! Sandford Park, Terenure College and Alexandra College are all single sex schools, yet they invite the person who has the honour to wear the chain of office.



I know the argument is that we have a male and female dinner, but since the ladies dinner hopes to become more progressive by avoiding gender discrimination - this area needs to be looked at very carefully, as does having one president, alternating between male and female. This requires from all of the PPU, a generosity in spirit and compromise.

We held our Hockey Fun Day on the 23rd April, and we believe it was a good success and something to build on. A huge thank you to Sharon Reid and Avril Poff for organizing the PPU teams, to Ray Walker for organizing the school and to the PPU committee for their support for this now annual event. We had sumo-wrestlers, which were great fun, hot dogs and drinks by the pitch side, and two well fought hockey matches. Afterwards we had a lasagne supper, and another huge thanks goes to Joy Gillis and her staff for supplying most of the food and helping us. We now have two new perpetual trophies, which we hope will be fought over (within the game of hockey) for many years to come.

Hopefully by making the PPU more alive and active it will encourage more paid up members, and if a proportion of our subscription income could go towards school projects, this also might help to increase the numbers of subscribers.

The committee would like to thank Stephen Browne for doing our accounts, - a thankless job! For Julie Dowling our secretary, - another thankless job, - many thanks for all the years you have given to the PPU. Julie and her family are moving to England, so we wish them all well in their new adventure. For Linda O'Connor and Alan Osborne who finished their term of office in May this year - many thanks for all your support and enthusiasm. And thanks also to the other members of the Committee.

We wish Adrienne Wynne and Jonathan Miller all the best for the coming year as co-presidents.

Ann Tector



Ladies dinner – Ann Tector, daughter Julie Ann and mother Mary Godsil with Brian and Catrin Duffy.

LADIES DINNER



Margaret Borton, Marina Pearson, Janet Edgely, Hendrikje Mahon and Valerie Houlden.



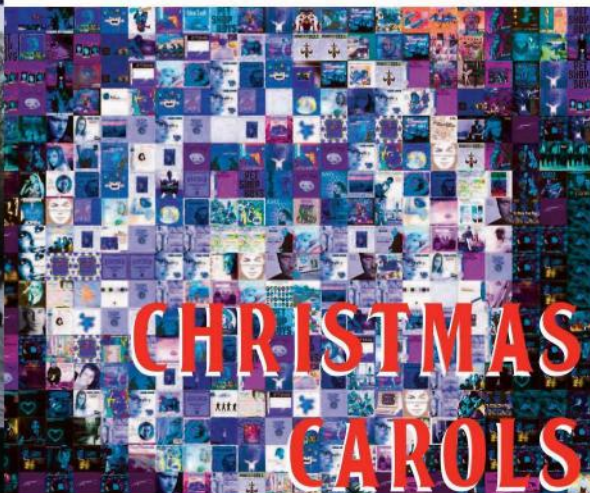
Eanna Ni Lamhna with the Head Boy, Diarmuid Kennedy, and the Head Girl, Aimee Jones-O'Connor.



Linda O'Connor, Sharon Reid, Serena Lawlor and Avril Poff.



The Joint Presidents and Ann Tector with the President of the ASU, Yvonne Traynor, dressed as a Penguin!



CHRISTMAS CAROLS



Carol Singing.



Ellen's never gonna catch her.

HOCKEY



Gareth sending him to the nursing home.



Niall dosen't have a chance.



Whack it! Don't tap it!

SUMO WRESTLING



Head Girl in action.



Jonesy flattening Ms.Rellis.



INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR DAVID NORRIS

When I decided to organise an interview with Senator David Norris, I had absolutely no idea what to expect. From what I had heard from people who had also interviewed him, he was an enthusiastic, fascinating person. Even though I was of course nervous about interviewing a possible candidate for Áras an Uachtaráin, I was also strangely excited about what he had to say about his time in The High School. If you don't know who David Norris is, he is a civil rights campaigner, independent political activist and media personality. He is a former university lecturer of Trinity College and long-time member of Seanad Éireann. Norris was the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in Ireland and is the founder of the Campaign for Homosexual Law Reform.

When did you graduate from The High School?

Oh, I think that was 1962. I did my Leaving Certificate that year, but I stayed on for an extra year but I don't know if they would call it a transition year now. Anyway it was called Upper 6th and we were prepared for the entrance scholarship to Trinity. I turned out to be doing the wrong course in Latin for 8 of the 12 months! We changed after 8 months and it was a great relief for we were doing Tacitus and we changed to do Horace poetry which was absolutely wonderful. I won a prize, not a very big one which I think was reasonable enough given the circumstances!

So you left the school in 1963 and you have had a very successful political career; do you think your time in the High School influenced you?

Absolutely! I'm immensely grateful to High School because my father died (in the then Belgian Congo) when I was 6 and my brother was some years older, and a year or so later when I was seven and my brother 11, we were refused entry to my father's Public school in England. As a result we were sent to an appalling boarding school here in Ireland and it had a very bad effect on my brother. It was shocking: the mistreatment of the children and the sheer brutality and squalor of the school was unbelievable, but I managed to get myself out and got into High School which was such a relief. It was a day school which suited me much better. The teachers were motivated by their love of their subject which they communicated to the students; they stayed in late after school doing drama classes and all this kind of stuff. It was absolutely wonderful and there was

no physical brutality that I was aware of. I made great friends there, and I took part in everything! I was on the second rugby team, I was a very useful right winger and I really loved it. I used to write poetry and I co-edited the Erasmian. I used to play the piano and played at concerts. I used to paint the scenery with a friend of mine John Diggs who died earlier this year quite sadly. And I am immensely grateful to High School, immensely grateful!

Are you still in touch with any of your fellow High School pupils?

Some people, not that many, 'cause my life is terribly busy and I also spend part of the year aboard, but I haven't completely lost touch. My closet friend was a fellow called David Miller who became a Doctor and went to live in Canada and we occasionally get in touch. John Diggs remained a good friend but he died quite recently. My accountant Billy Gorman helps me to operate a number of businesses for charity. I was in class with John Gill who became the director of Lisney's. Paul Walsh is still a friend of mine, he is a barrister; he was a very good cricketer! I see other people such as Michael Adams who had quite a distinguished career with the European Civil Service and now lives in Berlin. I see him from time to time. And to my great delight, in the last few weeks, an old friend from my class John Grey who I haven't seen in over 40 years turned up at the Old Boys dinner at which I spoke. We then had lunch last week here, at Leinster House, and caught up on all kinds of things. And another fellow called Norman Tom, a very clever fellow, who has patented all kinds of inventions and made a lot of money out of that. He is off aboard somewhere but when he gets back to Ireland, John is going to bring him in and we're all going to have lunch together. But I have nothing but good feelings about High School! Although I'm sure other people hated it! But I loved it!

You mentioned your love of classical studies: would that have been one of your favourite subjects?

Ah up to a point, I liked Horace. I picked and chose. I didn't like the study of army movements up to 3000 years ago. I didn't find that very exciting. But Horace on the other hand wrote about human things like young men and women flirting with each other and all this kind of stuff. I loved the way his poems described things then which haven't changed much since then! In the entrance exam the late Professor Wardo, whose children baptised him Wardo, was the examiner. We were in the enormous exam hall - a vast 18th Century building - officially known as the public theatre and there was a small school desk and two chairs right in the middle of this vast echoing room. We started talking about Horace and we ended up discussing what the bouquet of Barium Wine would have tasted like, so it showed me that university was something not to be afraid of but a place where you could learn and that it was very human and humane. But I also loved history because of the stories that were involved. The human detail and the unfolding of events with a wonderful narrative appealed to me. My favourite subject, without a doubt, was English, and I had a superb teacher called Billy Jack Cornish. He was a man who imposed discipline simply by the force of his personality, he never raised his voice. He would raise an eyebrow and that would create calm and discipline. He was a very remarkable man. I was taught Irish by Frank Peters and as a result of Frank Peters, I am still a lover of the Irish language.

What would you consider the biggest difference between today's youth and the youth of your generation?

Well I was in school in the fifties really and it was the immediate post-war period, so there was very little money around even for the professional middle classes. There was little in the way of decoration, so when you went down to the country side it was completely different to what it is today. There were very poor cottages with fairly gangrenous thatched roofs collapsing in on top of them and very little in the way of decorations. The gardens were full of cabbage, there were no such things as garden centres and flowers would have been an unattainable luxury in most of the country. So rural Ireland was fairly grim and the city was pretty grey. In the early days when I was a child there were no sweets. There was a sugar shortage and everyone loved to get spangles which were a practical type of hard boiled sweet in a packet and they also had different kinds of mints and we thought that these were the most wonderful, romantic, glamorous things on earth. It was a more innocent time, I mentioned the word grey, for I mean we wore grey socks, grey shoes, grey trousers, grey jumpers, grey shirts and grey expressions and the only people that seemed to have any life at all as far as we were concerned were the people in the slums in the inner city. For we would come into town and you would see them flying around the lampposts on ropes, wearing these kind of outrageous clothes which were considered terribly vulgar by the adults, but we were really jealous of them.

It was a very ordered society and very contained and there was a lot of respect for the establishment and figures of authority. You look at the situation regarding politics different politicians may have been disliked, but they were respected, whereas now politicians are regarded in complete contempt! So politics has gone!

The law has changed as well, if you look at the enormous amount of money being milked out to the tribunals, and if you look at the scandalous behaviour of some solicitors who have absconded with people's funds involving property transactions.

Then if you look at the church; the scandal involving the serial sexual abuse of children and the known cover-up by all the churches. That has brought the church into complete contempt. Now I was gay and that was an additional complication growing up, but think as an adolescent when your body is changing, with hormones whizzing around and all of this kind of stuff, there is a certain amount of confusion with all kinds of feelings and everything else. I think it's a confusing time for everyone, but I certainly don't think it helps being gay, especially if you're gay at a time in your country where it is viciously condemned by the church. It was a matter of criminal guilt which you could be sent to jail for. You could be interfered with by psychiatrists, physically and mentally. I have seen the damage done and the victims. People who were forced to have E.C.T. (Electroconvulsive therapy) or Aversion Therapy, which I find so appallingly sad. But nowadays teenagers have such brilliant organisations, such as a group called BeLonG To and the teenagers who are part of this group have no hang ups with their sexuality. They are very positively determined to seek their rights and to secure people against bullying in schools because there is an awful endemic of homophobic bullying in schools. So groups like these are a huge change from when I was a teen.

The negative side of this is that the pillars of society have brought their own destruction and people rightly hold them in contempt that is a terribly sad thing but it is because these institutions have been let down by their human members and these people have not been honest, honourable or truthful. And I wish they would, but the reverse side of that is these institutions can no longer bully, intimidate or harass young people and frighten them, in the way they would have, without being challenged and I believe that is a very positive thing. So many differences!

What have you done so far for Civil Partnership?

I wrote the first civil partnership bill even though it won't come into practice because it was really more of a catalyst for the government and now they have produced their own one which is advancement, but is still very defective.

What has been your most important aspect of your career while you have been an independent senator?

Probably my involvement in human rights, which started with the whole LGBT issue and then spread out to the issue with East Timor, then Tibet, South America, Israel. I met Palestinians this morning about the current issue there. Also the fact of my election because I was the first openly gay person elected to parliament in the world. I believe this helped change people attitudes. The outline of the Dublin Metro, the move of the Abbey Theatre, rescuing the Dublin Georgian core, I like to think I have made some impact but I wouldn't want to exaggerate.

What led you to run as a candidate for Áras an Uachtaráin?

This has come up over the last few years with me travelling around the country and people asking me, after a speech or a Joyce show, if I ever would run. I never really thought about it because you need 26 signatures from Oireachtas members and the last time I applied I was short of 6. But this time it has come from the public and websites started appearing, groups on Facebook. Then I was approached by the newspapers on foot about this and I actually didn't realise that this was happening, until they told me! They asked me if I would run and of course I would, but I can't say I'm



running because [...] you have to meet all the right qualifications. But I am actively acknowledging, that I'm available if people want, and I would give it everything I can .

Do you personally hope that you can run?

Yes definitely, I hope I can, given the choice, and I think it's possible, but I think it would take some more work. If it isn't possible at least I will know that I have done everything I can to bring that to place. I have to say, the first question all the media ask me, is about being gay, and I accept that, because it is 'unusual' but I don't think that it should be the main concentration because 10% of the population are LGBT, and 90% are not. I don't think it would be fair to elect someone who only represented 10% of the people and my spread of issues is much broader than that. I had the same problem when I first was elected to senate and people believed I would be obsessed with only certain issues but I think I have proved them wrong. I like to think I could prove myself to the Irish people as well but it is a question that is going to be asked and it is an important one because I would not be propagandising against gays, and the very fact that if I was elected this would make an impact not just in Ireland but worldwide.

Eleanor White



Dorothy Blakeney

We regret to record the death of Dorothy Blakeney on 21 February 2010. The following tribute was published originally in "The Erasmian and Diocesan Times" at the time of her retirement. When Dorothy Blakeney retired at the end of the Summer Term 1983, we knew that the Junior School would seem very strange without her. She had given years of dedicated service to the High School, and the pupils who passed through her classes came to realise that she was a very special person indeed. She was totally committed to her task of teaching and guiding her pupils, and her patience and gentleness encouraged the affection and trust of the boys and girls in her care.

She created such a happy atmosphere in the Junior School that even the most difficult child blossomed. She looked for good in everyone. No child was so bold, that Miss Blakeney did not discover that he was good natured; no child was so lazy that she did not find him helpful and polite. Her sense of justice and her sympathy ensured that no child was frightened to bring his troubles to her and have them sorted out. No wonder that, in their turn, her original pupils sent their sons and daughters to be taught and trained by her.

Of course, she was cross at times! "I really lost my temper with my class", she would say ruefully to us all in the staff-room, but for the wrong-doers, her disappointment at their behaviour was often punishment enough, for they all wanted to please Miss Blakeney.

Her particular interest was biology and her enthusiasm was infectious. Her classroom shelves were filled with plants and twigs, odd shells and bones, dead beetles and butterflies-even as one pupil described it: "Miss Blakeney's brain in a jar". A hazard of teaching in A6 during the Spring was the emergence of frogs from the jar of tadpoles beside the blackboard. Many a lesson broke up with the shrieks of delight as a frog hopped out and along the shelf.

It was impossible to withstand her charm. Those of us who worked with her, whether back in the 'old days' in Harcourt Street, or more recently, appreciated her courtesy and kindness. She never failed to compliment and praise, and was meticulous in thanking people for any small service. We all miss her cheerful presence in the Staffroom, and are delighted when a school function brings her back among us.

I taught with Dorothy for five years and feel very fortunate to have had her as a colleague and mentor and to continue to enjoy her friendship. At prayers in the mornings, she often reminded the juniors of the School motto. Her excellence as a teacher and her goodness as a person are fine examples of how faithful she is to the trust put in her.

Deirdre Larkin

ARCHIVES

The past year at the Archive has had a variety of fascinating and diverse queries and researchers visiting. The photographs below show the visual outcome of some queries into former English Schools (over 200 primary schools around Ireland were funded by the Trust in various ways). These photographs of schools in Donegal and Cork show how they have lapsed from use and are now derelict. This is quite typical, as most schools are small and in very rural areas and have been replaced by larger buildings. The Archive holds architectural plans for over 60 of these schools and many of these have been used for research into an important forthcoming publication to be published by Yale University Press on the art and architecture of Ireland which is being co-ordinated through the Royal Irish Academy. More information can be found at <http://www.ria.ie/our-work/research/aai.aspx>

Past pupil and staff queries this year have been investigating former notable individuals such as Samuel English Stronge (1846-1908) and Sir Joseph Horsford, Kemp (1874-1950) but also included fruitless queries into a possible character from James Joyce's Ulysses from the Harcourt Street days and even more unusually, a very distant connection between US President Barack Obama and the Trust. This in particular connects Obama via the salary provided by the Trust for staff at Trinity College in the 18th century - in this case John Kearney who was appointed as Provost in 1760 and is related to the Irish side of the Obama family tree.

Queries about the former Estates of the Trust this year shed some light on the former properties in Limerick. A researcher who was trying to put a list together of land ownership for the entire county visited over several weeks. While our records are extensive, there were several gaps from the 1920s specifically regarding the transfer of lands under the Irish Land Commission. This unfortunate absence is common in Irish archives during this difficult and important part of our country's history. Other queries around former Estates resulted in a lecture to the Rathmines Historical Society on Belgrave Square by local historian Elizabeth Smith and further research into Denis Treacy (father of Sean, a key figure in the 3rd Tipperary Brigade IRA) who was involved in a bloody dispute with his brother Thomas over a farm Soloheadbeg, Co Tipperary during the 1870s.

The other former Trust Grammar Schools in Galway, Drogheda and Tipperary also produced several queries ranging from general history through to the sporting history of cricket.

If there are any queries, donations or information of any kind that you may have for the Archive please feel free to get in touch through the main school switchboard or by email at archives@highschooldublin.com

*Alan Phelan
Archivist*



Interior and exterior of Burtonport English School, County Donegal (1902-1912).



Tubberkeen English School, County Donegal (1911-1915).



Clondulane English School, County Cork (1911-1915).



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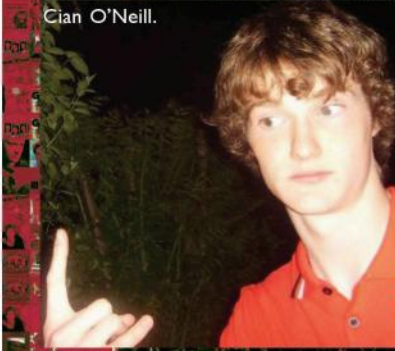
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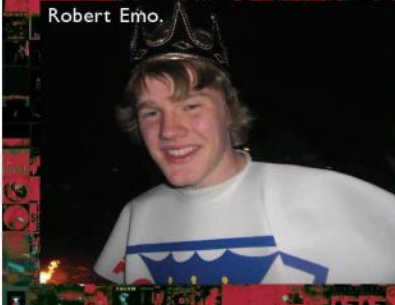
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We hope you will enjoy the show