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The *Erasmian & Diocesan Times* is produced entirely by fifth year pupils of the school. All members of the production team are involved in collecting and typing the articles, all of which they research and write themselves. They also scan all the photographs, using the computer room facilities. This year's magazine is larger than usual due to the inclusion of a sports section covering the last two years. The team showed great dedication and patience in undertaking this additional task.

Kathryn Laing acted as editor-in-chief and team leader along with the two main assistant editors **Ingrid Ward** and **Sandra Bright**. Together they showed a high level of organisation and great commitment to the project. Ingrid also compiled the Valete. **Andrea Jenkinson**, as sports editor, compiled the Sports Reports and also undertook the laborious task of organising the class photos, a task which requires great patience and meticulous attention to detail. **Olga Maguire** collated the Poems and Essays section.

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The team worked very well together and on their behalf I would like to thank the following: Rachel Sirr, Stephen Brett, Richard Davies, David Benson, George Keegan, Helen, Fiona, Sarge and all the pupils, teachers, parents and others who helped in producing the yearbook.

I hope that everyone will enjoy reading this year's *Erasmian*.

-Tim Gill
(Production coordinator)



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Editorial

This is volume 100 of the *Erasmian*, an excellent opportunity to look back, to take stock and to look forward.

When The High School was founded in 1876, it had a handwritten newsletter called "The Buzzer", complete with cartoons. It was nearly twenty-five years before the *Erasmian* was founded. Initially the journal took more interest in Old Boys than students, but the first editorial in 1899 was addressed to the pupils: "Let boys learn as soon as they can what possibilities are in them, and when they know their own worth, and have found their vocation, let them be faithful to their trust."

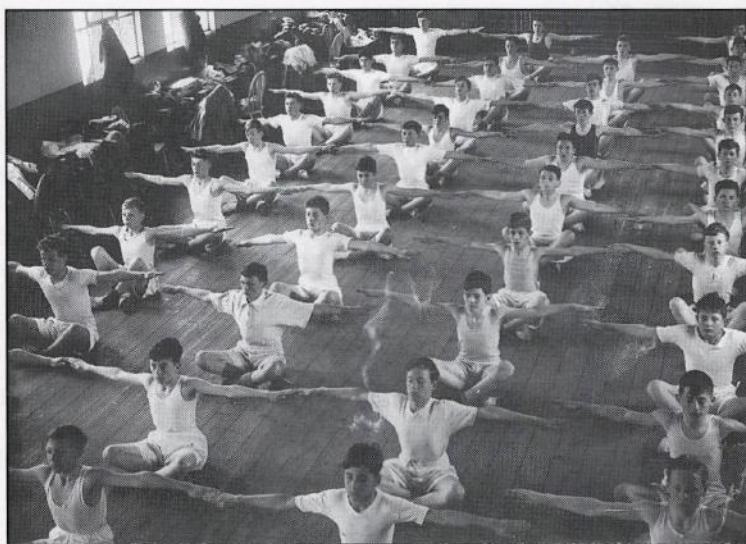
The first editorial was written in Harcourt Street at the turn of the twentieth century. The writer could have had very little idea of all that would change in his lifetime: cars, telephones, aeroplanes, cinema - an endless stream of inventions, each making a significant contribution to people's lives, some of them forcing people to change their jobs. Could the writer have foreseen the World Wars, or that the editorial in 1917 would say, "Although there is no conscription here, it is for our boys hardly necessary. As they reach the age for service they are nearly all only too anxious to serve."

In the Year 2000 we can still feel the pace of change. New inventions continue to transform our lives, the latest being the Internet and we still don't know where that's going to bring us. The notion of military service no longer has the importance of past times. What has replaced it? We see ourselves as citizens of Europe, but what do we do for Europe?

One lesson we can learn from the past is that we cannot foretell the future. From the past of the *Erasmian* we can also learn two good lessons: one is the importance of citizenship and the other is the advice contained in that first editorial which this writer will not attempt to rewrite.

-Sarah Lysaght, 5th

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Gym display at Harcourt Street



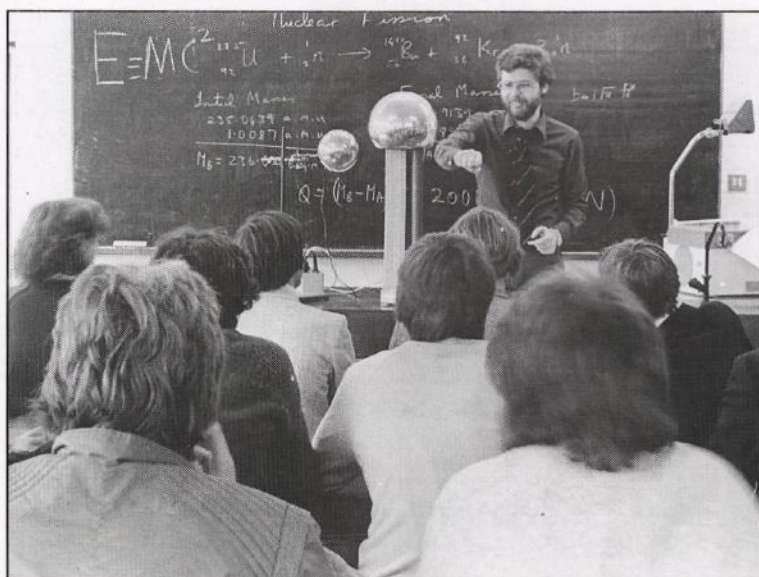
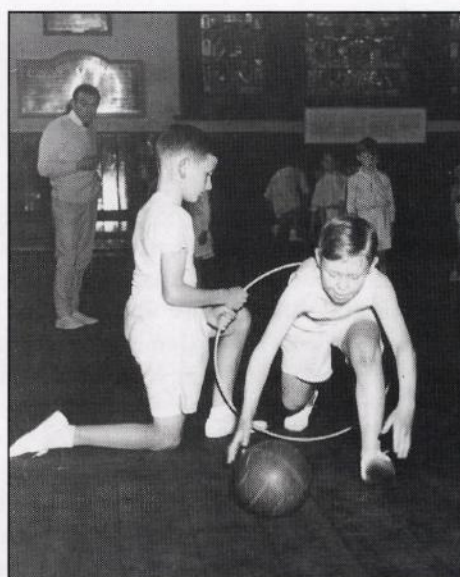
A gym display in the Diocesan playground - 1937



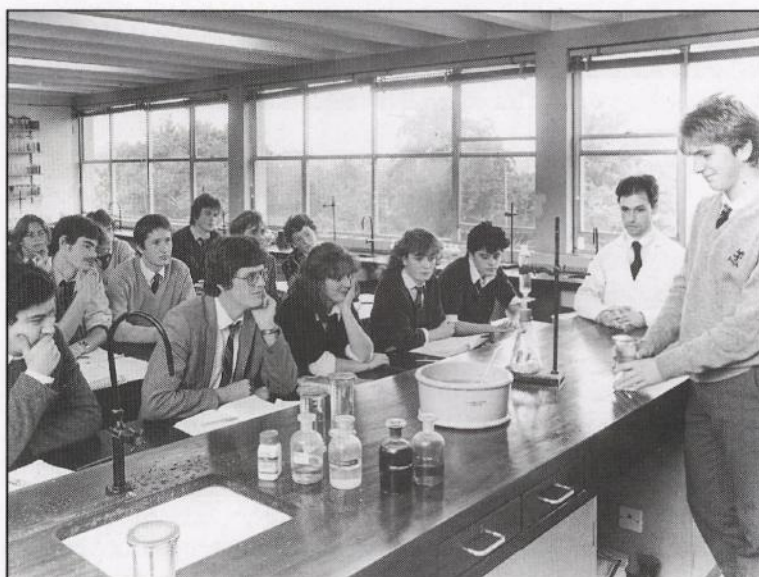
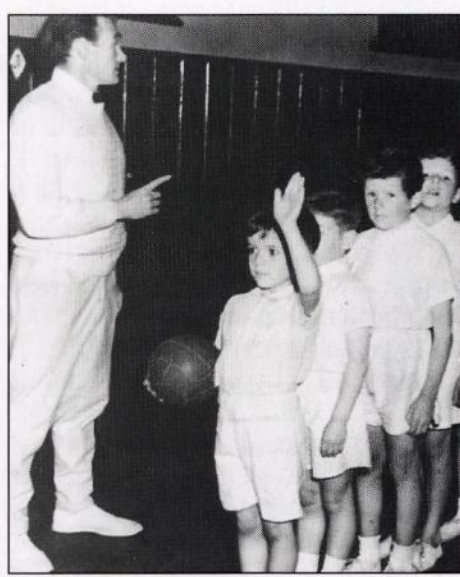
Senior Girls Tennis Team - 1980



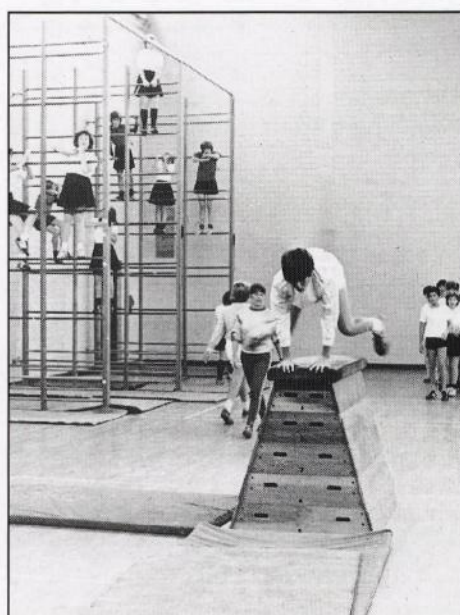
J.C.T. Cricket 1981 featuring Mr. Fennell as well as another well known current H.S.D. cricket coach!



Upper 6th Physics with Mr. Kelly - 1984



Sixth form Chemistry with Mr. Hickey - 1984



Erasmus Smith and the Erasmus Smith Trust

Fairly recently the *Irish Times* compiled and published a list of the richest people of the millennium and Erasmus Smith, the founder of the school's Trust, was ranked an incredible 180th richest in the last 1,000 years. In today's terms that translates into an astonishing approximation of £2.2 billion.

Born in Leicester in 1611, Mr. Smith lived to the healthy age of 80. He began his business career with a company of grocers in London as a trader supplying cheese, oats and flour. As a result of his activities during the Cromwellian campaign he inherited 665 acres of land in Tipperary and eventually accumulated over 40,000 acres. He refused to let wealth and power separate him from social reality. He used the revenue from his many properties to fund children's education.

"...Erasmus Smith reposeth in (the trustees)... the great and ardent desire which he hath the children inhabiting upon any part of his lands in Ireland should be brought up in fear of God and good literature"

Foundation Deed, 1st December 1657

In 1669 he set up the Erasmus Smith Trust through which the Governors of the Schools founded The High School in 1870. The charter also states the necessity of 32 Governors. Revenue from this trust was then specifically used for the setting up of five Grammar schools while providing exhibitions and scholarships for students at Trinity College Dublin and providing accommodation and a grant for King's Hospital or the Blue Coat.

High School was the last school to be founded by the Trust with the aim of training boys for the Civil Service, Army and commerce world instead of being a Grammar School. It was originally situated on 40 Harcourt Street, moving to 'Danum', Rathgar in 1971 where 3 years later it joined to make High School a coeducational school with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls (Adelaide Road). The Ennis Grammar School, Clare, The Galway Grammar School and the Drogheda School are still open today but are not controlled by the trust.



Erasmus Smith

The trust also ran 200 primary educational 'English Schools' throughout Ireland and Northern Ireland. Estates were situated in Limerick, Tipperary, Galway, Sligo, Louth, Westmeath and of course Dublin, many of which were fertile lands. Land in Sligo around Benbulbin contained prosperous mineral deposits and hunting and fishing rights. Land in Galway contained large portions of the towns Newtown and Bohernmore. Most of the lands were sold off during the last century while some of the Governor's estates transferred ownership following the Irish Land Commission.

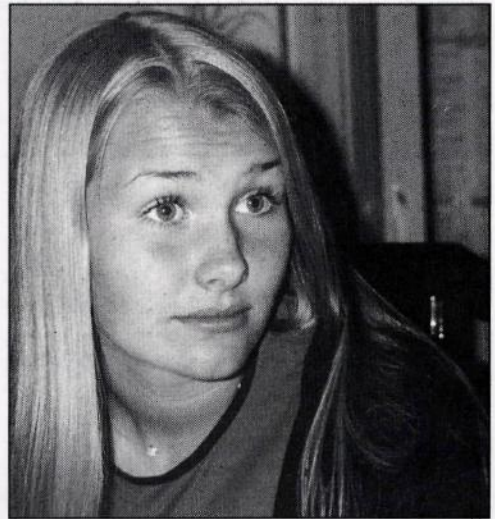
Knowing this it's quite understandable to see how Mr. Erasmus Smith would have been worth so much in today's time, yet he generously shared his wealth with others, to the extent that his beneficial power still exists today in the students of High School.

Archives existing on the grounds of the school extend right back to 1650 including detailed maps of the owned lands and the history of the school including priceless photographs for classes and sports teams going back to 1873. Further information can be found on the High School website: www.highschooldublin.com/erasmus.htm, while the Archivist can be e-mailed at archives@highschooldublin.com.

Amy Hamilton - Sailing Towards 2001!

Amy Hamilton is only seventeen years old and has already accomplished a huge amount in her sailing career. She had been sailing an Optimist (type of boat) from the age of nine up until she was fifteen. This gave her a lot of her experience, as she was able to sail all year round. Amy was delighted when she made the Irish team in 1994 and competed in international competitions in Holland.

In 1998 Amy went to the 'Europeans' as part of the Irish team and although she was offered a place on the team to compete in Africa last year she could not attend. Amy tells me that it would have been great to experience sailing at world class level.



Amy is instructing this summer and is looking forward to the experience, as it will be both physically and mentally challenging. Fortunately she has only had one bad accident to date when her hand got caught between two boats and her bones were damaged!

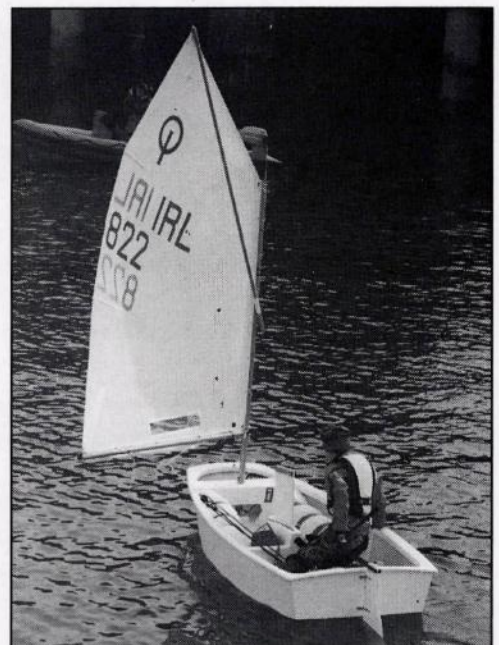
Amy's advice to someone starting off is; "Join a club, keep fit by running regularly, train hard - but always remember it's all about having fun too. Always aim high and the only con of sailing is that at racing class level it can prove expensive for the equipment necessary to compete."

- Rebecca Horan, 5th



Amy's mother, Judy, introduced her to sailing. As well as her mother Amy also admires her cousin, Gordon Maguire (a professional sailor at world class level) and her ambitious brother, Robbie, who has also achieved a great deal in sailing.

At the moment Amy is helming a Mirror which is a more complex boat than the Optimist. Along with her crew, Julie Meagan, she is campaigning for the 2001 World Championships to be held in Howth, Co. Dublin. She's a very keen sailor and has to rise early every Sunday in order to train in the cold harsh weather out in Dun Laoghaire.



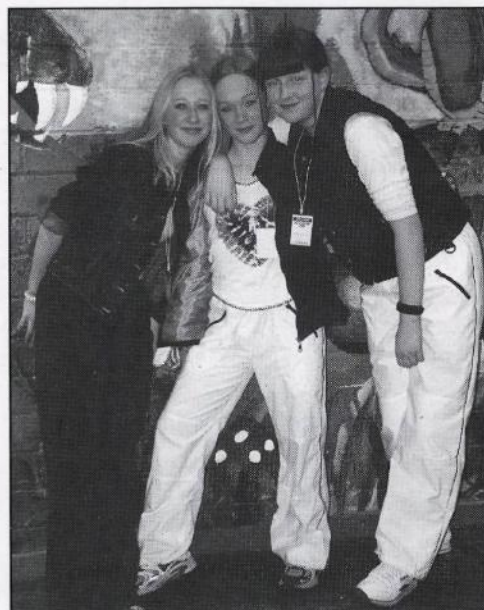
Jenny Kane - Singing Star

The vocal talents of Jenny Kane were first heard when she was about three years old - almost as soon as she could talk. Having always been a fond admirer of musicals she remembers her grandfather playing famous songs from the musicals on the piano to which she credits this stemming interest.

Jenny has never really entered any Feiseanna or similar competitions but she has auditioned for musicals and got the parts. Having completed certain stages in singing at the music college that she attends a few candidates were put forward to make a CD and she was one of them. It involved spending about two and a half hours in the recording studio in her college. They spent ages mixing tracks and adjusting volume and pitch. It was at least an hour before they started recording. Jenny found it really interesting; she says that it was a great experience and although it wasn't for sale it was fun to be able to say that she "had made a CD"!

Jenny likes the Corrs and the Stereophonics. She also thinks that Rebecca Storm's voice is amazing. She has lessons every Wednesday and is also expected to practice every day, but says that that is just what she's expected to do - she doesn't practice that often. Her lessons are quite expensive and she also has to buy tapes regularly because each of her lessons is recorded - but it is all worth it.

Jenny really enjoys performing, acting and singing. "It is something I've been doing since I was five; it's even more enjoyable when I'm getting paid for it. I had a Millennium show in my singing college and more recently I performed at "Duff Gardens", which was brilliant and at least I wasn't up there on my own. (Sarah and Andrea, thank you.)"



Jenny Kane Andrea Burgess & Sarah Lowe

Jenny would like to perform or sing professionally in some way but says that it is a really hard job in which to make a living. "There are so many talented people but unfortunately there isn't enough room for them all."

-Kathryn Laing, 5th

Julie McRann - Camogie Champion

Julie McRann is in her first year at High School. She started playing camogie when she was seven. A year later she joined her first club, Ballyboden St. Enda's. She began playing when she was in primary school where one of her teachers introduced some of the girls to the basics of camogie and they started to play on a regular basis.

What team do you play for?
I play on the U/12's.

Does any of your family have a strong interest in camogie?
My two younger sisters love camogie as well.

What type of titles has the team won or participated in?
While I was on the U/11's last year we won the Dublin Championships and the Dublin League. This year we won the Dublin U/12's Championship and the Dublin U/12's League.



Have you ever won any individual prizes/ medals/ trophies etc?

In 1998 and 1999 our school team got to the final of the Cumann na mBunscoil Championships in Croke Park. In total I've actually played nine times in Croke Park on the same team. Again, in 1998 and 1999 I captained the U/12's Dublin Team against Antrim and we won all our matches. This summer I played in the mini-sevens in Croke Park. This was an exhibition match at half time of the All Ireland Hurling semi-final and I represented Kilkenny at the half time of the All Ireland Camogie Final. I also represented Cork in a similar game. I have lots of medals from camogie.

How often do you train and play matches?

I train once a week and I play the matches once or twice a week from March to November.

What other sports are you involved with or interested in?

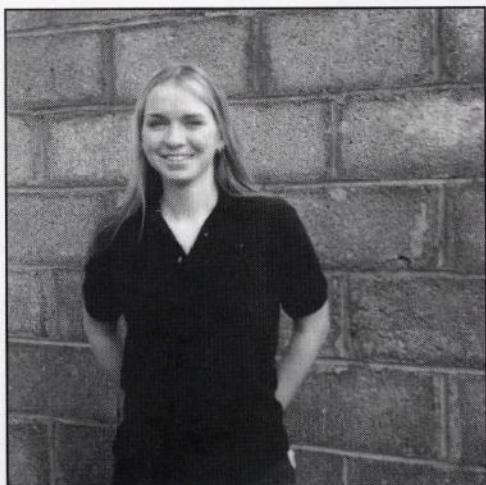
I play tennis and hockey in school.

Finally, would you like to play camogie professionally when you leave school?

I hope to continue playing camogie when I leave school but it's only an amateur sport and I couldn't play it as a career.

-Sandra Bright, 5th

Natalie May - Leinster Hockey Star



Natalie May is currently in transition year. For some time now she has been impressing various hockey and sports teachers in our school along with everyone else who has watched her skilfully playing hockey. This year her talent was credited when she was chosen to play for the Leinster hockey team.

Natalie has been playing hockey since she joined High School four years ago because she was "curious about what it was like" and "willing to try out anything that's new". This year, Natalie has been playing for the school's Junior A's and has also played in goals with fifth year Emily Holmes on the 1st XI. Apart from the Leinster team she doesn't play hockey outside of the school and never has. However,

her sporting interests don't completely revolve around hockey, as she plays a wide variety of sports from cricket in the summer term to basketball in the winter while also playing on a ladies soccer team outside of school.

At first she considered playing hockey purely for enjoyment, but since making the Leinster squad she has discovered that a high level of fitness is also expected. On the 3rd and 4th of December 1999 five teams including the Leinster Team participated in the Interprovincials. The other teams were Ulster, Munster, Connacht and a Southern district team. Natalie is proud to say that her team won. For five weeks leading up to the Interprovincials Natalie's team training schedule varied from between two- and- a- half hours to four hours a week. She will also take part in an upcoming trip to Holland as part of the Leinster team.

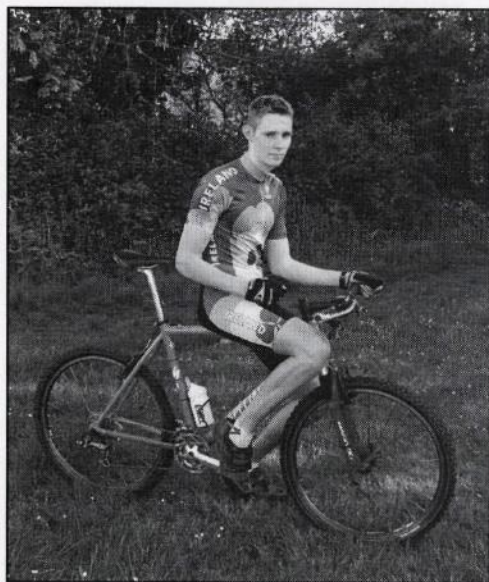
Modestly, Natalie says that she'd "love to play hockey professionally" when she leaves school but knows "how much effort and dedication it will take on my part", while also agreeing to enjoying hockey enough to keep playing it even if it wasn't for a team.

Natalie's sporting life is not as glamorous as it may first appear to be; being a goalkeeper at such a high level requiring such high levels of training has resulted in many injuries. These have included taking a hockey ball to the knee which left her on crutches and suffering immense pain from lacerated nerves in her ankles. Luckily her optimism hasn't suffered, "you can't expect to play hockey whether it be in goal or outfield and not get hurt; it's part of the game, I'm well used to it by now."

Natalie has an amazing natural flair for hockey and we wish her good luck for the future.

Sandra Bright, 5th

Ollie Gray -National Mountain Biking Champion



How did you get into cycling?

A few of my friends were into cycling and I always had an interest in it so I joined up with a local club and continued on from there.

What discipline are you into?

I concentrate mainly on mountain biking although I do mostly road racing for training.

Is it expensive to get into?

It can be expensive if you want to compete or take it seriously but you can get a fairly decent bike for about £300.

What's your biggest achievement?

I have won five National Championships and this year I went to Sweden on the Irish team to compete in the World Championships.

Do you train much and is the standard high in Ireland?

During the training season (March-September) I train seven days a week for about two hours a week.

Do you have any people that you look up to in cycling?

The people I look up to most are Stephen Roche and Sean Kelly because they have done so much for sport in Ireland. They have made other countries take notice.

Do you have any other sports that you're into?

I do a bit of running but I don't really have time for any other sports.

Do you have any other ambitions?

(To which he refuses to answer either because he doesn't have any ambitions or he doesn't feel like sharing them with us!)

Gordon Anton, 5th

Suzanne Kenealy-International Cricketer

As far back as I can remember I've had a cricket bat or ball in my hand. I was introduced to cricket at a very early age, when my uncle suggested to my parents that we join the Leinster Cricket Club and, ten years on, I've never looked back.

I gained my first Interprovincial status at the age of 12 in 1993 when I played U15 level. Two years ago I was selected to train with the Irish development squad. Yearly since the age of 15 I've played at U19 level in the Jim Kenny memorial cup. I gained my first Irish Cap last year for Irelands U19's against the English Development Squad. It was an amazing feeling playing for Ireland, but I was very nervous as there were selectors watching and I had a fear of messing up (but I didn't). In October 1999 I was selected to attend the Irish Senior Squads winter training sessions, and I am currently training for the cricket World Cup which is being held in New Zealand in November this year.

My most memorable match at Interprovincial level was last year for the U17's against Sussex - we played three games and my figures were - 22 overs, 26 runs and 6 wickets.

I was awarded player of the match. My finest moment at club level was at the league final last year when I got the Irish captain out.



When most people hear about cricket the comments flying around me are "I'd rather watch paint dry or grass grow" but cricket is a strenuous mental game; it requires a lot of concentration, focus and practice.

At the age of 15 my ambition was to gain my first Senior Irish Cap before the age of 20. I've achieved it two years early as I've been selected to play this year at the end of May.

-Suzanne Kenealy, 6th

Kate Higgs - A Violinist to Watch out for

Kate Higgs, currently one of the many third- year students sweating it out for her Junior Cert, has been playing the violin since she was three. Many people may remember her for her amazing performance during assembly where her incredible talents received "fantastic response" which she claims is the reason why she would be willing to do this again.



Kate Higgs

Kate first became interested in playing the violin when she was just two! She fondly remembers watching that famous Late Late Toy Show which included a young girl playing a violin. After that she asked her parents for "One of them things and a stick!" Little did the then young starlet know that around eight years later she

herself would appear on that same show. This is just one of the many things that Kate lists as her proud achievements that she's justifiably earned. Kate has also won "several competitions around Dublin" and has notably completed Grade 7. She has also entered competitions with Jane Hilliard who Kate gives praise and credit to (calling her a "music partner when it comes to doing gigs in school"). Her most recent accomplishment was coming second at the Inter Schools Music Festival in the Under 16 strings solo section.

Kate's influences over the past few years concentrate around two main people. The first of which is Linda Lampenius - an amazing electric and classical violinist who is also a model and her teacher Maeve Brodrick. Kate has been with Maeve for the last two years and considers herself to have improved greatly with her.

Music obviously plays a large in Kate's life as she practices for over an hour every day and that's not including the fact that she also plays the piano and viola. She has recently bought an electric guitar and hopes to play in the Entertainment show with that.

As yet this enthusiastic third year student with great potential says she'd love to start playing gigs but sadly she doesn't wish to continue her love of music as her life's work. When asked what she would like to do she simply states "I've no idea". Whatever she chooses to eventually do we all wish this talented young star all the best for the future in what we can only assume from her devotion that she puts into her music will be a very rewarding and successful career.

-Sandra Bright, 5th

Swiss Exchange

In August 1999 I left Switzerland to live in Dublin for about 10 months. There were four other pupils from my school at home who decided to make an exchange year in an English speaking country. They all went to the U.S.A. I was the only one who chose Ireland.

I was often asked "Why on earth Ireland?" Well, it has always been a dream for me to see Ireland, the green island as it is sometimes called in German. When I actually got the chance to live for almost a year in Dublin, I didn't hesitate anymore and began to look for a school and hospitality.

Eventually I got to the High School and found hospitality in Walkinstown. When I got off the plane last summer I had



Andrea Frey with friends Gillian Whelan, Bernice Millar & Olga Maguire.

no idea of what would be ahead of me and I didn't have any idea of what to expect because, I must admit, I was pretty scared when I got here. Of course I was very homesick - I missed my family so much, as I did my friends, my school and also the mountains which I'm so used to having around me.

During the first week of the school year I felt like a tiny little first year pupil who is waiting for a miracle to help it find all the different rooms, and how was I supposed to remember all those faces and names?

One big difference between the Swiss schools and the Irish ones is of course the uniform and it took me a while to become familiar with it. Tying a tie is certainly something I learnt during the time here!

I did Maths, English, French, Biology, Physics and Chemistry here. At the beginning I had difficulty understanding all the teachers and the pupils because they were simply speaking too fast for me but after some time that got better and I now even think in English sometimes.

Sometimes I suddenly have to think hard to put together a proper sentence in German, but I hope that will change as soon as I get home again.

I attended the school orchestra in the High School and I really liked it very much. It was a new experience for me because in my school in Switzerland I'm in a wind ensemble.

During the Easter holidays my family came to Ireland to visit me and we saw a bit of the west of Ireland. This country really is so beautiful, I hope so much that I can come back lots of times for I will miss Ireland so much. I'm so glad that I've come here although it wasn't always easy, I'd like to encourage everybody who is thinking about a year abroad - go for it, it's well worth it!

I'd also like to thank everybody here in High School who gave me so much support during the whole year - Mr. Duffy for letting me be in the school, Miss Denniston for her endless patience on the phone all these times in Spring 1999, Mr. R. Miller for his being there and for giving help when I needed it, Mrs. Pearce for her so precious help all the time and all the teachers who were always so helpful and patient with me! And of course my friends who were always there for me.

Lately we had to write an essay in English about "The day I left home." I wrote about the day I left home for Ireland, but now there will be another day I leave home, and this time it is Ireland.

Tschüss zäme,
Andrea Frey

Karen Douglas - First Aid



Karen Douglas started First Aid at the age of ten. She was introduced to First Aid through her friends' sisters and has been practicing ever since. She normally trains every Saturday for an incredible two hours! However, if she has any competitions coming up she would usually train

on a Thursday as well. Karen is in the Dundrum unit of the Order of Malta even though she is a mere twelve years old!

Karen has entered the Order of Malta First Aid Regionals, which is a competition where every province enters and if you win you enter the All-Ireland final. Karen came 3rd two years ago in the Junior Girl Individuals (Noticeably the first year that she started practicing First Aid). Unfortunately she wasn't able to compete last year due to a broken leg but she has high hopes this year with her eyes set on 1st place.

The honest Karen admits that First Aid is immensely enjoyable and that she isn't about to give it up even though it is only a hobby. She believes that First Aid is a good thing to know and has to give up the odd weekend around once a year where 1,000 cadets meet up and all just go "MAD".

She says that she studies hard for all the competitions as First Aid is mentally as well as physically challenging. She isn't sure what she would like to pursue later on in life but says she may consider becoming a nurse. Personally, I would like to wish this energetic and delightful young student all the best with her future competitions, which I'm sure we'll hear plenty more of.

-Kathryn Laing, 5th

Nicki Meredith- Karting Champion

Nicki started karting when he was only eight years old! His father introduced him to it and his first few races were held in Cork at Watergrass Hill, but over the years he has proved himself to be a very successful young driver and to date he has won The Irish Open Championship, The Cork Club Championship and The Irish National Championship, all competitive and prestigious events.

Nicki eagerly tells me that the sport gives him something to do and is challenging both physically and mentally which people find hard to believe at first. He also admits that on the Saturday before his exciting win at the two day event in Cork he felt things were not going smoothly and his expectations were low. He was relieved when the team worked well on the Sunday. Everything fell into place and he took the title of the Irish Open Champion - well done!

Nicki has become quite a celebrity through his participation in this unique and challenging sport - appearing on TnaG, TV3 and RTE1.

Nicki practices at least once a month in the winter season as races aren't as regular as in the summer which leaves time for him to hang out with his friends. His idol is Michael Schumacher and he would love to watch him racing as his ambition is to race in Formula One and be a world champion - so look out!

His motto in life is 'to follow your dreams' just as he has done. When asked if he has ever had a bad accident he replied 'Just once in my first season in Mondello Park but I walked away with only a few scratches' - Phew!! Perhaps that is because he

didn't have his all-important good luck T-shirt on (he tells me it brings him luck).



Nicki is helpful when talking about advice to someone starting, he thinks the best move is to join a club, watch a few races and pick up information around the paddock (a karting term obviously) but be careful as it is quite competitive out there. Cheers Nicki!

He would like to thank his sponsors; Auto village in Clondalkin, Truck and Trailer Park and International motorsport management. Nicki hopes to improve his skills this year as he has more time!

-Rebecca Horan, 5th

Emma Kelly - Irish Dancing Champion

Emma Kelly, a current fifth year, is a leading competitor on the Irish dance scene, in June 2000 she competed in the All Ireland Dance Championships which were held in the National Basketball Arena in Tallaght. There were hundreds of dancers from Ireland, England and Wales. Emma won a first, a second and a third place in solo competition.

Here Olga Maguire interviews her;

When did you start dancing?

I started dancing when I was about five or six. The first type of dancing I remember doing was Latin American and ballroom. I gave that up after about six

months and started Irish dancing but then the teacher left and I moved again. I did everything including line dancing and disco, which I did for about six months, then I joined the Dublin Theatre Arts school where I learned jazz and tap for about five years. Then I took up Irish dancing again.

How did you become interested in Irish dancing?

My interest in Irish dancing came from seeing people dancing in the St. Patrick's day parade and from watching people dance on the Late Late Toy Show. Irish music played a big part in my background when I was growing up because of my grandparents and uncles. The thing that really made me interested was when I met a lady who lived across the road and worked with my mother. She used to hold the hard shoe classes in her garage; you could hear the music and the feet on the floor and it intrigued me so much that my mum asked her if she would take me into her class and she did!



Emma Kelly

How long have you been Irish dancing for?

I started Irish dancing again in September of 4th Year, so it's nearly two years now.

Where do you do dancing now?

I go to the Marion Downey School of Irish dancing in Clondalkin, I have classes twice or three times a week depending on the show or competitions and compete about every second Sunday.

Do many people your age do Irish dancing?

There are plenty of people my age who do Irish dancing but most of them have been doing it for years. There aren't many people who take it up at the age I did; I was lucky to find a teacher who let me join.

Do you do competitions and shows?

I compete nearly every second Sunday; we recently competed in the Dublin Championships, which is a competition for all the Irish dance schools in Dublin. This was my first ever time going and I was lucky enough to come third place in my grade and age group. We recently have done a show in the Olympia. We were in it for one night alongside Twink; it was called Pure 100% Irish Dance. It was a brilliant experience. We are now working towards the All Ireland Championships, which is dancers from everywhere competing in solos, figures and dance dramas.

-Olga Maguire, 5th



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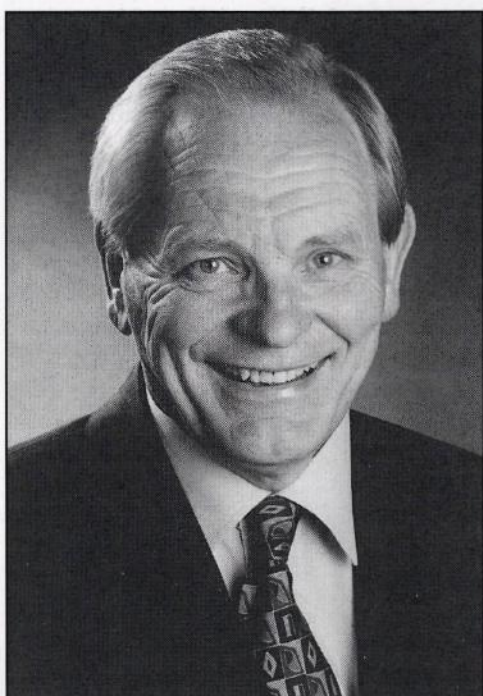
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Mr. Fennell retires after 43 years

Mr. Fennell started teaching in High School in 1957. Sheena Cadoo and Karen Prunty interviewed him just before his retirement in June;

What schools did you attend?

I attended Arles National School in Co. Laois. I was the only Church of Ireland child in a Catholic school. It was an Irish speaking school and I learned to play football through Irish! Then I went to Kilkenny College. I left after the Inter, but went back for another year in order to enter Trinity. I was the only one in my year to do this and I basically taught myself with only a little help from my teacher.



When did you start playing rugby?

I played my first match when I was 13. This was in February 1948. My last match was in February 1998. Organisers invited one member of each club I had ever played in to play in my testimonial match. It was a great day and I really enjoyed seeing my old friends again.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Well, I came from a farming background. I had four brothers and as I was in the middle, it was expected that I would get a job. Kilkenny College influenced me a lot - I was friends with some of the teachers and their job attracted me. Sport also played a big part - I was interested in coaching, so I just combined the two.

Did you teach in other schools before High School?

I was a junior boss in Mountjoy, which is now Mount Temple. This job included boarding duties as well as teaching one class of junior Maths. I took over Mr. Brook's job in High School when he moved to England.

What level did you reach in rugby?

I played for Leinster Junior team in 1958. This was the highest level you could play at this time.

What's the best High School rugby team?

The team of 1963 was one of the best. They were beaten by Blackrock 6-3 in the final; obviously the team of '72 who won the Cup were exceptional also.

Are there any coaching partners who stick out in your mind?

Jack Cornish influenced me lots. He had traditional methods of coaching which proved very effective.

Do you have any memorable players?

Phil Orr was an outstanding player. He holds the record number of caps for Ireland.

How many headmasters have you worked with?

I became Vice-Principal twelve years ago. I worked with Dr. Reynolds, Mr. Brook and Mr. Duffy. All were very different people and had different methods of running the school.

Do you have any memorable occasions in High School?

It would have to be the summer of '89 when the school won all the cricket cups in Leinster, boys and girls.

What are your interests outside of school?

Apart from cricket and rugby, I am very interested in farming. My wife is from the country and her brother still lives there. We go there every weekend and holiday without fail. I grew up three miles from my wife and we used to go courting on our bicycles! I love the country - I spend so much time there that I was entitled to an insurance reduction because my address for the majority of the year is in the country!

What are your future plans?

Well, I hope to spend most of my time in the country. We will have fewer responsibilities so there won't be things tying us to the city.

Any final comments?

I'll be sorry to retire. I'll really miss the wonderful friendly atmosphere in the school. The team spirit amongst pupils and staff is unique and I'll miss the crack in the staff room!

These are wise words that have taken central position in Mr. Fennell's office for ten years. They were often pointed out to a certain staff member (who shall remain nameless!)

"Please speak to me gently without raising your voice and without contradicting me in any way. In people my age, noise and contradiction provoke hypertension, gastric hyperacidity, so that I can rapidly become disagreeable."

-Sheena Cadoo and Karen Prunty, 5th

New Teachers

Mr. Wilkinson

Mr. Ian R. Wilkinson is an ex-High Schooler and went on to Trinity College Dublin to study Theoretical Physics, in which he received a first class honors degree. He admits to being a 70's child but would not be more forthcoming. Mr. Wilkinson was married to a Ms. Andrea Black in July 2000, sorry girls! He says that proposing to her would probably be one of the most memorable and exciting moments of his life and that if he had to pick someone to be with when stranded on a desert island he would "I suppose" have to say Andrea!

Mr. Wilkinson said that the only big changes in the High School were the many colourful murals that brighten up the corridors and stairwells. He says that it was a "little strange" entering the staff room on his first day as a H.S.D teacher. He tells me that Mr. Kelly, Mr. Hilliard and Mr. Hickey were his mentors throughout his education and that he was "one of their many star pupils".

He also admits that he did find it strange to be on the other side of the staff room curtains, but he admits that all the teachers are "very nice". He also says that the younger teachers sit on the right in the "swinging chairs" and the "older, more settled" members of the staff sit on the left.

While Physics is his favourite subject (English having been his worst), he considers himself a mathematician at heart. He adds



Mr. I. Wilkinson

that the canteen food is "very good", but, he really would enjoy a big, oozing T-bone or any "chunk of meat". Mr. Wilk. also enjoys playing the guitar and "dabbling in some sport". He says he is so far enjoying his teaching career, but maybe that'll change after a few years at this school!

-Sarah Lysaght, 5th

Ms. Hill



Ms. S. Hill

The first thing I can say about Ms. Hill is that she is a hard woman to get hold of. As it happens, one Thursday lunchtime we met up and found ourselves in A9, Mr Kelly's room, i.e. the first open classroom to be found.

I produced a set of questions and found that Ms. Hill was quite the peeker and can certainly read upsidedown. "Where was I born?" she asked. It just happens that she is from Cavan of all places, and she was quite apprehensive in saying so. It then followed that she went to boarding school nearer the Pale (which accounts for the screened accent) and then onto St. Catherine's College of Home Economics. It was about then in the conversation that I asked her did she teach any other subjects. "Oh Irish" was the answer. She went to an Irish speaking school and seems to adore the language.

Next on the list were questions about her years as a teenager. Did she find them difficult? Just simply "No". Apparently she breezed through those difficult years like a stiff autumn wind. She loved her schooldays and agrees with that cliché "Schooldays are the best days of your life." She also added that sixth year is for planning the "Debs" - not for any serious work, and to think I had her put down as a swot! How wrong was I?

Ms. Hill would like to travel and do a Masters degree (probably in Irish). At the moment she is house hunting, which consumes all her free time, but she still makes time for her daily strenuous workout regime at her gym.

At this point in the conversation I'm deeply impressed and Ms. Hill is bored with my pathetic questions, so, I hit her with "What's your favourite shop in Dublin?" Now there's one she can't answer too quickly! "Ooh, I don't know, I love Grafton Street, em, Brown Thomas". Quel surprise!

Ms. Hill says her first impressions of the school were good. "Lovely students". Also, she "can't wait" for the new extension (if it ever happens).

If anyone wants to know where to run into Ms. Hill you'll probably see her in Café Mao on Chatham Row or Wagamama's on South King Street. She absolutely adores eating out. Another thing she loves is the Mediterranean, don't we all?

My final question reads "What are your plans for retirement?" All I have written down are the words Married...Millionaire...Blissfully – doesn't that say it all.

Oh, and one more thing – she has a boyfriend, sorry guys! And girls in case you're wondering, her dress was crushed orange for the much-planned-for Debutante Ball.

-Sarah Lysaght, 5th

Mr. Quirke

I sat down to interview Mr. Quirke on a cold October afternoon. He, unaware of the grilling that was to proceed and I, unaware that a teacher could look so terrified.

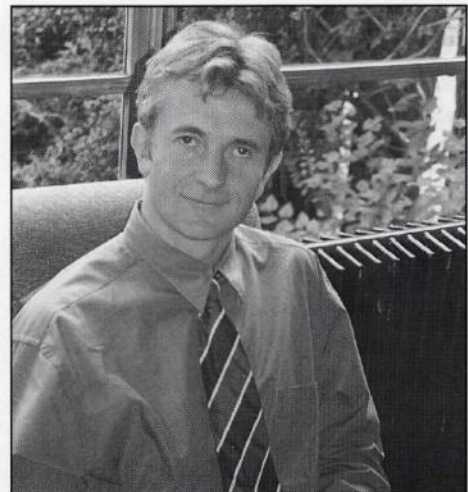
I began asking approachable questions – just to ease him in! I started by asking him where he came from.

Mr. Quirke last taught in Islington College in North London before coming to High School; he has fond memories of growing up in London, and brought his two lovely children and wife over with him on his move here in 1998, where he finished studying in U.C.D. I asked him what possessed him to take on the fifth year play and he tactfully responded "I am enjoying it but I am very, very busy." He closed with "I was asked and I agreed."

He continues to tell me of his big interest in the theatre and music in general, and his other hobbies include cycling, walking and visits to pubs where he likes to unwind by listening to traditional Irish music. Religion, isn't a big part of his life, but he stated in a wise tone, that a spiritual dimension is important and his motto in life is to be open to new experiences.

He would describe himself (and I would agree) as someone who is laid-back, but committed and demands as much commitment from those around him. He hates the fact that he needs to sleep a lot.

Mr. Quirke is very inspiring as he hates discrimination and is an avid member of Amnesty International. He set up a Drama Society in Milton Keynes some years back.



Mr. M. Quirke

He's a fan of James Joyce's *Ulysses* and the film "The Crying Game". As the interview was coming to an end, he boasts the warm welcome he received in coming to The High School and the staff being great, but when asked how he feels about the pupils in High School, he pauses and ends with "...yeah, I suppose, they are great too." Cheers, Mr. Quirke!!!

A more relaxed Mr. Quirke then leaves the room, unphased by the hustle and bustle of the A corridor, familiar with his new surroundings.

-Rebecca Horan, 5th

Prize Day 1999

The annual Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday 20 October 1999. Mr. David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were presented by Senator Mary Henry.

Principal's Address

At the change of century it is probably appropriate to consider where this school has been since its foundation and where it is likely to go from here on into the future. On the back of your programme you will find some brief historical notes about the origins of the school and these were compiled, among a great deal of information about the school, by Ronnie Wallace who taught here until his retirement a few years ago.

One of the letters referred to in Mr Wallace's research on the school was written in 1874 by a Mr Crawford who complained that one of his sons had been excessively punished by the then Headmaster; he had been beaten on the back so that the skin was taken off in two places, and given fifteen "pandies" (whatever those were) on the hands. Now, I am glad to report that the current Headmaster is not required to remove the skin from pupils' backs or hands, and would not want to, but this single example shows how far the school, and education in general, has developed in the century and a quarter since the foundation of The High School.

Today, the way in which the school is run is largely by consensus and with much consultation. Parents and teachers are represented on the Board of Governors and at all levels of school management, so that when a new policy is implemented it is by agreement. A number of years ago the school had a school council for the pupils which disappeared through lack of interest. I am very pleased to report this evening that pupils have recently suggested the formation of a new type of school council, in order to formalise consultation with pupil representatives as well. Pupils have been consulted in a variety of ways over the last few years by surveys, questionnaires and consultative meetings, over issues like the code of conduct, the uniform and the mission statement, but I very much welcome a structure for their formal involvement.



Mr. Duffy, delivering his Prize Day Address

Education at schools like this in the 19th century was largely about academic success and there was a time when tables of results from schools in major examinations were compiled and teachers paid by results. This was discarded as unworkable and destructive and instead a culture developed in the twentieth century in Ireland of emphasising the value of a dedicated, well paid and well regarded teaching profession as the key to the success of the system. As a history teacher, it astonishes me that so few lessons are learned from past experience. The current agenda of narrow, commercially driven interests to see a reversion to league tables can only be destructive of schools, teaching morale and pupil morale, as has been clearly demonstrated in Britain, where good teachers have left the profession in droves since their introduction there.

Education now at The High School is, of course, still about academic success but also about much more. I referred last year to how the school is trying to develop and acknowledge the different types of pupil within classes and with extra-curricular activities, by reference to Howard Gardner's theory of multiple intelligences. Gardner identified 7 types of intelligence which people exhibit in varying degrees and these were linguistic, musical, logical-mathematical, spatial, bodily-kinesthetic, intrapersonal, and interpersonal. While some schools concentrate on the linguistic and the logical-mathematical only, we are trying to develop and recognise all of the intelligences and abilities which pupils possess.

As another step along the way towards achieving our goals, we have this year revised the prize system to a considerable degree. The system originally grew out of bequests which were often attached to particular subjects, so the situation had arisen whereby some subjects had prizes and others did not. This year we have arranged the system so that every examination subject

has an individual prize in Forms 3 and 6. These will acknowledge the best performances in the whole variety of subjects, reflecting a wide variety of different abilities in the pupils. In Forms 2, 5 and 6 there are class prizes awarded, which go to the pupils who perform best over the whole range of subjects. There are progress prizes in Forms 1, 2 and 3 and these prizes reward those who work hard and make good progress even though they might not have a high placing in the examination results. In addition, there are special category awards which recognise completely different attributes. The Transition Year philosophy does not allow for emphasis on examination results so Form 4 pupils are acknowledged with a separate presentation ceremony at the end of the school year, during which they receive certificates for achievements such as their work experience placements, Gaisce - The President's Award, canoeing, swimming, judo, the Young Entrepreneur and Enterprise competitions, and the An Taisce environmental awards. The Alan Peters prize goes to the prefect who makes the best contribution, the Old Boys' Cup and Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl to the best all round pupils, the PPU debating medal to the best debater, the McDonnell Arts Prize to the person who has made the best contribution in any or a combination of the arts, e.g. drama, music, art. Finally, we have two new categories of awards this year. The Foundation Day Initiative Awards mark the foundation of the school on 1 October 1870 and are designed to acknowledge those who show initiative, organisational ability or administrative ability in starting or promoting a school activity. The Sports awards are going to the senior captains, or in some cases Secretaries, of the major sports undertaken in the school.

The review of the prize system has been based on the guiding principles of equity and fairness allied to the encouragement of as many different types of pupil as possible and I hope you will agree that it is a considerable improvement.

I hope that you will also agree that it contributes to the fulfillment of our mission statement which is "the pursuit of excellence and the development of the full potential of all. We emphasise values such as integrity, kindness and respect. Our aim is to enable pupils to take their place in society as responsible, informed, thinking and tolerant human beings."

Going back again to when the school was founded, we see that it took some years for people to gain confidence in the institution and that it had difficulties in securing sufficient pupils in its early years. It grew steadily, however, and in 1971 moved from Harcourt Street to Rathgar, amalgamating with the Diocesan School for Girls three years later. We can happily report that the situation with regard to pupil numbers is now very different, with sustained demand for places to the extent that we have to refuse dozens of people each year.

The curriculum in the 1870s was limited to eleven subjects, while we now offer twenty one Leaving Certificate subjects. The demand for places in practical subjects has led to Phase 1 of our building programme which we hope will be underway before the end of this school year, when the Department of Education & Science has approved our tender. The building will contain a Construction Studies room with an external store, a Technical Drawing room, two Home Economics rooms and an Art room.



Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Duffy, Senator Mary Henry & Mr. David Rowell

Further phases of the building programme will include the reconstruction of the pavilion and changing rooms as well as the construction of a new Music Centre with two classrooms, individual instrument tuition rooms and a concert performance room. There will also be a facility built to house the Erasmus Smith Trust archives, which are a valuable resource for researchers, dating back to the middle of the 17th century. The Trust, which founded The High School, originally controlled four Grammar schools and over 150 primary schools. Much documentation on these schools still exists.

So, as we move into a new century and a new millennium, we have a picture of a school conscious of its past and its heritage while planning for a bright and prosperous future, building on the experience and wisdom of its past staff and pupils while contributing to the development of its present and future pupils.

Excerpts from the Principal's report for the year 1998/99

B.T. Duffy, M.A., H.Dip. Ed.

The Education Act has now been passed into law and has placed Irish education on a statutory footing for the first time since the foundation of the state. It has many laudable aims and objectives and the balance between the rights of pupils, parents, teachers and the patrons/governors of schools is a welcome development. However, many of its goals must still be seen as aspirational, due to the persistent unwillingness of the Department of Education & Science to provide proper funding for their implementation, a habit which is increasingly difficult to understand in an extremely prosperous economic climate. The only instruction which has been received from the Minister since the Act was passed has been one which implements the section on school planning. Schools will be expected to involve parents and staff as well as management in the formulation of their philosophy, objectives and development plans once a training phase has been completed.

It is with some pride that we should note that this school has fulfilled such good practices for many years now, as parents and teachers are represented at all levels of school management. Their contribution to Board meetings and to all committees of the Board is very welcome and contributes to a sense of shared purpose in the school. We are also fortunate to have such an excellent Board of Governors, the members of which contribute their expertise to the school on a voluntary basis. The Board and the staff were pleased to see the resounding reinforcement of their work in the survey of parents undertaken last year. The overall approval rating of the school was very high and a number of issues were identified for further attention.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. The first cohort of pupils has undertaken the Junior Certificate having been taught most subjects in mixed ability classes which were introduced in 1996. We were pleased to see that they had excellent results, with the highest percentage of pupils sitting higher papers who gained C3

grades or above in the history of the school. The number of A and B grades was also very high, while the number of E grades and lower was negligible.

Revised Social, Personal and Health Education courses have now been introduced to Forms 1, 2 and 4 and will be extended to Form 3 next year. Our Information and Communication Technology courses are currently being reviewed and modernised. The staff have continued to monitor the disciplinary standards in the school in discussion groups at staff meetings. We feel that the introduction of a written code of conduct some years ago has been helpful to teachers, parents and pupils. A committee has been examining the development of an enhanced concept of Form 6, to be implemented when the first of our new buildings has been completed. The report form for Transition Year has been redesigned in order to provide more information and will be first used during the autumn of 1999. The staff will be holding a special training seminar in November 1999 to undertake a review of Transition Year courses.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils also participate and the Principal leads assembly on an average of two mornings a week.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning process undertaken in the school. The Education Committee has continued to guide the review of the educational process. Among its concerns have been the Relationships and Sexuality Education policy of the school, the drafting of the parent survey questionnaire and the overhaul of the prize system. The new prize system has been developed in order to acknowledge pupils who work hard and achieve their own potential as well as those who are academically gifted and achieve the highest standards. These goals are in keeping with the mission statement formulated by the school over the last few years which aspires to encourage all of our pupils to reach their full potential. In addition, we will be acknowledging the sporting side of the school at Prize Day as well as in other ways during the year. Inconsistencies have also been removed from the prize list, with all subjects now being equally recognised.

The Grounds and Property Committee has been planning a major development programme and continues to oversee the implementation of health and safety standards in the school. We are pleased that the Department of Education & Science has given the school permission to go to tender for the first phase of our building programme. We will be constructing a technical and crafts block in part of the centre square, containing a Construction Studies room, a Technical Drawing room, an Art room and two Home Economics rooms. Provided that the Minister approves a tender in good time, we expect building to begin during the current school year. The dates of construction of the other phases

of the development programme have yet to be determined by the Board. These will be the reconstruction of the pavilion and changing rooms and the provision of a Music centre.

The Sports Committee has considered the balance of provision of team games in the school and has supervised the planning of a rugby tour to Canada in August 2000. A tour committee has been formed consisting of parents, staff and the Principal. A number of fund-raising functions have already been held and more are planned. The committee would like to thank all those who have supported its work.

The Parents' Association has become increasingly active in recent years and its contribution to the school is greatly appreciated. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, facilitate the parties which 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 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 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.

The Past Pupils' Union calendar of events included the autumn, ladies' and mens' dinners, the annual golf outing, evening meetings on "Therapeutic Massage", "Interior Design" and "The Year 2000 Problem", and a fund-raising evening for St Luke's Hospital. The school is grateful to the 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.

Staff

Miss Irene Fraser (English) has left the school and we wish her well in her new appointment. Mrs Orla Purdy remains on career break. We have welcomed as new staff Mr Maurice Quirke (English),

Miss Sandra Hill (Home Economics and Irish), Mrs Shuna Hutchinson Edgar (RE Higher Diploma student) and Mr Ian Wilkinson (Physics and Mathematics Higher Diploma student).

Of the non-teaching staff, Mrs Jennifer Keogh has resigned as Secretary and Receptionist to take up another appointment and we have welcomed Ms Deborah Shaw to the office staff. We wish Mrs Keogh well in the future. Mr Paul McGuinness has been employed as a laboratory technician.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 1999-2000 is 788. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1999, 115 pupils presented 806 papers in 21 subjects. 513 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 82% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 5.3% of all papers. In the Junior Certificate 136 pupils presented 1084 papers. 785 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 82% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.7% of all papers.

Events and Activities

No fewer than seven of our pupils won entrance exhibitions into Trinity College, Dublin, based on their Leaving Certificate results in 1998. These were Oliver Nash, Daniel Frazer, Elizabeth Hilliard, Karen Cadoo, Zoe Lipson, Eric Klotz and Eoin Curran. In 1999, Michelle McCartney won the gold medal in practical Biology at the Irish Biology Olympiad finals in DCU. She then represented Ireland at the World Olympiad where she won a bronze medal. A school team consisting of Michelle, Rebecca Peare and Louise Watson was placed first out of seventy-two teams in the Irish Science Teachers' Association Quiz, receiving a cheque for £400 for the school. Michelle, Elizabeth Hilliard and Oliver Nash comprised the team for the Irish National Mathematics Contest which drew for first place with a Cork school (1998 competition). A team of Nicholas Nash, Killian Barry, Michelle McCartney and Fred Gilmore achieved second place out of thirty schools in the Classical Studies Association quiz.

As usual, many educational and field trips took place, including two language tours to Italy, a ski trip to Bulgaria, a visit by Form 6 to the Higher Options Conference, a Gaisce President's award trip to Kerry, an Irish department trip to Galway, caving trips to a number of locations, English department trips to drama productions, rugby and hockey tours to Britain, France and within Ireland, a Biology trip to Ardkill bog, a Form 5 Art trip to the Marino Casino, a Biology trip to the Burren, Transition Year trips to the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the National Gallery, the National Museum, Kilmainham Gaol and the Bank of Ireland Money Centre. A great deal of effort by members of staff results in these and other excellent educational opportunities for the pupils and I express the gratitude of the school to the staff concerned.

The Library is large by school standards, with almost 12,000 volumes and a multi-media computer. A group of pupils assists our full time librarian, Mrs King, with the organisation of charity fund-raising, displays and competitions.

School Record

The Guidance Department contains a library of information about careers, colleges and courses as well as a multi-media computer and video viewing facilities. Parents, as well as pupils, are invited to view and use the library. There is a full Guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 at present, with individual interviews for pupils in Form 6. Differential aptitude tests and interest inventories are undertaken in Form 4 to provide information to pupils about their potential and interests. The services of the Guidance Counsellor are available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening and a careers exhibition. Mr McClure also organises study techniques courses for pupils.

We are pleased to maintain our link with the Centre for Talented Youth in Ireland (based at Dublin City University). Nine of our pupils qualified to attend a residential course held under the auspices of CTYI, after sitting a Scholastic Aptitude Test.

The excellent performances of the orchestra and choir at Prize Day and the Carol Service were greatly appreciated by those present. The orchestra was placed second at the Inter Schools Music Festival. The orchestra gained 142 out of 150 marks in the Department of Education examination while the choir gained 132 out of 150. At the Inter Schools Music Festival, Jane Hilliard was placed first in the under 16 piano, first in the under 15 piano accompanist and first in the under 15 brass competitions. Cuan Ó Seireadáin was first in the over 16 brass, Kate Higgs second in the under 14 strings and Des Ryan first in the over 16 piano.

The Drama Society presented the musical *Guys and Dolls* in November. This was a spectacular and colourful production to a very professional standard. Transition Year pupils also staged two excellent variety shows while the various rock bands in the school participated in the *Battle of the Bands* which raised money for Amnesty International.

The Debating Society organised many debates and discussions. One highlight was the Christmas debate where three staff proposed the motion "That

Santa Claus is a woman". Rayne Booth has been selected to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament and Aoife McDermott has been shortlisted.

The staff and pupils of the school are always involved in raising funds for a wide variety of charitable causes and this year was no exception. The Library Committee organised collections for the Irish Cancer Society and the Cottage Home for Little Children. The Central Remedial Clinic was helped through the Santa Bear appeal, the Guide Dogs Association visited us and a fund raiser was organised for them too. The profits of the Valentine's Day Post were donated to ISANDS. The pupils organised a "Shaveathon" to help East Timorese refugees and raised £1630.

Among the many activities organised within Transition Year were various fundraising activities, a Young Reporters of the Environment project, an activity day to Glendalough, entries to the Young Entrepreneur Scheme and Enterprise Encounter, orienteering expeditions, the development of the wild garden in the horticulture course and two musical shows. Sarah Fisher represented the school in the Young Reporters of the Environment project by joining with pupils from other schools on a special study in Waterford. Adam Hutchinson and Robert Anton won the school Young Entrepreneur competition with their *Football Predictions Company*. They then went on to be runners-up in the Dublin final.

The President's Award (Gaisce) involves undertaking a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the development of a personal skill and a venture project. The community involvement could comprise, for example, working every week with Oxfam, in a nursing home or organising football train-



Mr. R. Miller, Ross McNally, winner of the Old Boys' Cup, Wallis Handelman, winner of the Jean Scott memorial Rose Bowl, & Marina Pearson, Joint President of the Past Pupils Union

ing for young children. It is not an easy challenge, entailing 15 weeks of community work and 26 weeks of skill development, but those who undertake it experience great satisfaction and fulfilment. Thirty-five pupils participated in the bronze challenge of Gaisce - the President's award. (A small number of

more senior pupils entered the silver and gold sections). These competitions consist of recording the pupils' achievement in increasingly difficult challenges of community service, physical skills, personal skills and venture projects.

Sport

The 1st XV rugby team defeated Wesley College in the first round of the cup but was put out of the competition by the eventual winners, Blackrock College. They also had a very successful tour to Bordeaux. The 2nd XV played well, winning some of their league matches but not qualifying for the finals. They finished the season by defeating a visiting Canadian side. The JCT distinguished themselves by winning the Plate competition this year in an exciting final against Newbridge College, who had earlier put them out of the cup. We also fielded a Transition Year team, a second junior team, two under fourteen and three under thirteen teams.

The 1st XI girls' hockey team was rebuilding, with only four players remaining from the previous season. They did very well to draw 1-1 with Wesley College in the quarter-finals of the league but were beaten in the replay. The 2nd XI reached the finals of the league after defeating Manor House, Sion Hill and Newbridge. We also fielded two junior teams, two minor and two first year teams. The Minor A reached the semi-final of the league but Loreto Dalkey proved stronger in that match. The Minor B won their Plate competition after defeating Santa Sabina, Balbriggan, Mount Sackville, Rathnew and Mount Anville. The 1st Year B team won the final of its league against St Joseph's of Cluny 3-0. In boys' hockey, the 1st XI had a mixed season while the Junior team won its league, defeating Wesley College in the final. We also fielded a minor and an under 13 team.

In boys' cricket the 1st XI won 75% of their matches and reached the cup final where they lost to Skerries. David

Blackmore, Gary Black and Greg O'Meara received Leinster trials, with Black and O'Meara being selected. Gary Black was also selected as 12th man for the Irish schoolboys team. The JCT reached the semi-final of the cup but were defeated by Wesley. We also fielded teams at under 14 and under 13 levels. The girls' cricket 1st XI defeated Our Lady's Templeogue, Mount Anville, King's Hospital and St Joseph's Rush to reach the final against Loreto Dalkey where they lost an extremely close match. We also fielded an under 14 team.

The cross-country team participated in a number of races and in the Leinster finals in February the girls distinguished themselves by winning the silver medal, a first for the school. The High School sports and athletics championships were notable this year for increased participation in field events, especially from Forms 1 and 2. Most success was also achieved at the East Leinster Schools championships in field events. Among the boys, Ross McNally (Senior) and Tennyson Egar (under 16) won gold in the shot while Jonathan Ellis took silver in the senior 800m and also qualified for the Leinster schools finals. Among the girls, Rosalind Campbell won gold in the minor javelin while Karis Brauer took silver in the minor high jump. The highest achievement of the year was Tennyson Egar's victory in the under 16 shot at the Leinster championships.

Our badminton teams continued to receive professional coaching weekly. Teams were fielded at senior boys, under 14 girls and under 14 boys levels. The senior boys fielded two soccer teams this year, with the first side unbeaten from October to April. Three girls' basketball teams, from 1st year, 2nd year and at senior level, trained and played with great enthusiasm. They showed a willingness to learn from every experience a match could provide.

Hillwalkers visited Glendalough, Three Rock, Tonlegee, Luggala, Lugnaquilla and Carrauntoohill as well as staging a "Dawn Raid" on Three Rock and some night walks. Cavers visited the Burren, Darragh Curran and Fergus Boydell were selected for Youth Cave Romania while rock climbers enjoyed the challenges of Dalkey Quarry. Swimming continued on a weekly basis, with ten pupils receiving silver Survival Proficiency Awards, eight receiving Royal Lifesaving Life Support 1 awards and seven receiving Royal Lifesaving Bronze Medallions. Pupils from Transition Year and other years participated in canoeing, with the Transition Year pupils aiming for the Basic Certificate in Canoeing.

We continue to publish a weekly newsletter and have a comprehensive website which is updated weekly. The website can be viewed at <http://www.highschoolublin.com>.

Without the dedication of so many staff and the enthusiasm of so many pupils, the school would not be the thriving community it currently is. Well done!

Prizes 1998-99

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1G Catherine Jones, Mary Dowd
1L Benjamin Senior,
Stephen Dowling Turner
1R Lorelle Brownlee, Ben Leonard-Kane
1WK Steven Duggan, Aoibhin Mc Greal
1WS Denise Lui, Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Progress Prizes:

- 1G Saoirse Ryan, Sharon Johnson
1L Eva Monaghan, Alice Keogh
1R Alice Toner, Daniel Donnelly
1WK Mark Lew, Grace Nelson
1WS David Mitchell, Mandy Lowe

Form 2

Class Prizes:

- 2DA Paul Webster, Leah Burke
2DO Donna Lui, Robert Thackaberry
2G Jenny Kane, Jennifer Day
2RD Meabh Cryan, Kate Higgs
2S Ralph Prendergast, Shalini Columb

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

- 2DA Lara Hickey, Daire O'Driscoll
2DO Sarah Cobban, Triona Curran
2G Robert Horne, Declan Mc Gonagle
2RD Keith Flower, James Tuomey
2S Carolyn Goulden, Stuart O'Meara

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):

Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

Brook Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):

Natalie Brandsma

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Rory Draper

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:

Eamon Garrigan

Civic, Social & Political Education -

Parents' Association Prize:

Katherine Humphreys

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize: Natasha Hall

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Natalie Brandsma

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Natalie Brandsma

German - German Government Prize:

Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

History - Casserley Prize:

Eamon Garrigan

Home Economics - Dr Maurice

Anderson's Prize: Stephen Mac Garry

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

Mathematics - Dillon Prize: Suzanne Mc Endoo

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:

Greg Ellman

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Jane Hilliard

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize: Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:

Eoin Mc Nally

Progress Prizes:

- 3-1 Donald Gray, Stephen Kohlmann
3-2 Victoria Gray, Alistair Elliman
3-3 Craig Watson, Aoife Mc Darby
3-4 Sean Mc Ginley, Robert Tierney
3-5 Holly Simmons, Rebecca Massey



Donna Lui receiving her prize.

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Des Ryan

Class Prizes: Emma Allott, Lindsey Clarke, David Collins, Jennifer Daly, Ellie Fry, Caroline Gray, Jennifer Mayne, Aoife Mc Dermott, Ray Ryan, Debbie Walker

Form 6

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

High School Exhibition: (best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters T.C.D.) Michelle Mc Cartney

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.) David Foster

Glorney Exhibition and Cup: (next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education) Redmond O'Connell

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

(The award of this prize to Eoin Curran was omitted in error from the 1998 prize book)

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil) Sharon O'Byrne

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil) Robert Holmes

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:
(best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.) Eoin Supple
Accounting: Robert Holmes
Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Rebecca Peare
Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Jennifer Eames
Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:
Louise Watson
Business - S.S. Evans Prize:
Robert Mac Namara
Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:
Redmond O'Connell
Classical Studies -
Etheline Brady Prize: Saoirse Milotte
Construction Studies -
Parents' Association Prize:
Thomas Blackwell
Economics -
Ivan King Memorial Prize: Ross Killen
English - Bessie Bury Prize:
Michelle Mc Cartney
French - McNay Prize:
Michelle Mc Cartney
Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:
Redmond O'Connell
Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Ronan O'Laoire
German - German Government Prize:
Eoin Supple
History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Niamh Kelly
Home Economics -
Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Kirsty Mc Farland
Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize:
Michelle Mc Cartney
Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:
Robert Collins
Music - Diocesan School Prize:
Louise Watson
Physics: Rebecca Peare
Spanish: Maria Olarte
Technical Drawing -
Miss Mitchell's Prize: Colin Brandsma

Class Prizes: Nigel Bass, Claire Cox,
Andrew Day, Declan Donoghue,
Benoît Ferré-Cullen, Sarah Gray,
Robert Hilliard, Nicholas Holmes,
Philip Loane, Gary Mahon.

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:
(Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life)
Susan Gray
P.P.U. Debating Medal: Jennifer Daly
McDonnell Prize for the Arts:
Saoirse Milotte

Foundation Day Initiative Awards

JJ Rolfe - awarded for his organisation of the sound system and provision of sound facilities for school occasions.
Darragh Curran - awarded for his organisation of rock-climbing, his motivation of other pupils and his assistance with instruction to other climbers.

The following two awards are to the "best all round pupils" as voted by the pupils and staff of the school.

Jean Scott Trophy: Wallis Handelman

Old Boys' Cup: Ross Mc Nally



Mr. R. Miller presenting the Old Boys' Cup to Ross McNally

School Entrance Scholarships 1999

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Michael Sexton South City Project School

School Scholarships:

Peter May	Whitechurch National School
Tariq Mesallati	Rathfarnham Parish National School
Richard Walsh	Scoil Bhríde
Alan Loane	Rathgar National School
Jeffrey Warren	Whitechurch National School

Music Scholarships:

Sorcha Moloney	Scoil Áine
Ian Thom	Rathgar National School

Bursaries

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the generous McDonnell and B'nai Brith bursaries. The names of the recipients of these bursaries are confidential and are not recorded here.

Leaving Certificate 1999

John Anglim	Declan Donoghue	Steven Hanán	Joy Mc Donnell	Eoghan Rice
Donal Barrett	Sara Dover	Wallis Handelman	Kirsty Mc Farland	Rachel Robinson
Nigel Bass	Daniel Downey	Ronan Heeney	Ross Mc Nally	Robert Ryan
Andrew Bent	Alan Dunne	John Henderson	Saoirse Milotte	Andrew Shaw
Thomas Blackwell	Daniel Dunne	Robert Hilliard	Eric Mullane	Mark Shaw
Katherine Blackwood	Adam Eager	Hugh Hogan	Shane Murphy	William Sheehy
Edward Boles	Jennifer Eames	Nicholas Holmes	Stephen Murphy	Michael Slott
Rebecca Borland	Susan Earley	Robert Holmes	Deborah Nevin	Simon Smith
Colin Brandsma	Robert Edmonds	Richard Hourie	Shona Nolan	Audrey Smyth
Paul Bridges	Yvonne Elliott	Robert Joscelyne	Heloise O'Byrne	Ciara Stafford
Paul Bright	Lloyd Ferguson	Mark Kavanagh	Sharon O'Byrne	Neil Stanley
Niamh Burke-	Benoît Ferré-Cullen	Rachel Keeley	Lindsey O'Callaghan	Nicola Strong
Kennedy	Trevor Fisher	Niamh Kelly	Redmond O'Connell	Lynsey Stuart
Fiona Campbell	Louise Foley	Helen Keogh	Ronan O'Laoire	Eoin Supple
Ian Carey	David Foster	Ross Killen	Maria Olarte	Emma Sweeney
Robert Collins	Lydia Foster	Laura Kirwan	Gregory O'Meara	Peter Synnott
Claire Cox	Mark Francis	Philip Loane	Eleanor O'Neill	Lucinda Taylor
Niall Crampton	Peter Freyne	Robert MacNamara	Stephanie Patterson	Geoffrey Thom
Andrew Cummins	Ian Galvin	Conall Mahon	Andrew Patterson	Helen Tippins
Hazel Dawson	Frederik Gilmore	Gary Mahon	Rebecca Peare	Louise Watson
Andrew Day	Sarah Gray	Brian Marconi	Katriona Pirie	
Antonio De Gregorio	Susan Gray	Tanya Masters	Michelle Prunty	
John Dorney	Terence Gunning	Michelle Mc Cartney	David Redmond	
Mark Duggan	Jonathan Hall	Mark McCullough	Robert Reid	

Junior Certificate 1999

Adam Argue	Colin Donoghue	Robert Hastings	Stephen Mc Cullagh	Brian Pemberton
Sian Barber	Stephen Donovan	Jane Hilliard	Aoife Mc Darby	Ruth
Killian Barry	Matthew Doogue	Alastair Hodgson	Suzanne Mc Endoo	Hannah Power
Keith Begley	Samuel Dooley	Daragh Hogan	Sean Mc Ginley	Annette Sammon
Sean Benaksas	Colm Dowds	Albert Hooi	Eoghan Mc Ilwaine	Rachel Senior
Paul Blackmore	Christopher Dowley	Katherine	Eoin Mc Nally	Breffni Sexton
Benjamin Blackwell	Sarah Doyle	Humphreys	David Mc Neill	Daniel Sheridan
Annette Boles	Rory Draper	Simon Jewell	Brian Mellon	Chantal Shine
Natalie Brandsma	Alan Duggan	Mark Kelly	Nikolaus Meredith	Holly Simmons
Talitha Brauer	Thomas Eager	Ashley Kindness	Alan Metcalfe	Laura Stafford
Alan Browne	Tennyson Egar	Stephen Kohlmann	Aisling Milne	Michael Staines
Jennifer Brusey	Alistair Elliman	David Lane	Caoimhe Milotte	Richard Stroughair
Andrew Burns	Gregg Ellman	Donal Lawlor	Barry Milton	Emma Tadros
Caroline Byrne	Lochlann Finn	Adam Leahy	George Misteear	Adam Tallon
Ian Cairns	Michael Fitzpatrick	Clive Lew	Eoin Morrissey	Corrine Taylor
Graham Carey	Emma Flanagan	Kevin Lim	Karen Murphy	Howard Thom
Karl Caswell	Sinead Gallagher	Jeremy Lloyd	Joseba Nafarrate	Robert Tierney
Emma Cobban	Eamon Garrigan	Simon Loane	Nicholas Nash	Mark Traynor
Gavin Coleman	Rachel Garvey	Brian Logan	Jennifer Nason	Daniel Vard
John Collery	Noel Geraghty	Philip Lyons	Linda Nevin	Robert Vard
Fiona Collins	John Gillen	Stephen MacGarry	Elizabeth Nicholson	Jonathan Walker
Lucy Connor	Aindreas Gilmore	Jamie MacNamara	Jessica Oatway	Anthony Walsh
Francis Cooney	Lauren Gleeson	Kim Maguire	Rachel O'Byrne	Craig Watson
Rory Cramp	Simon Goldsmith	Ruth Manley	Alexander O'Connell	Amanda White
Ria Czerniak-Lebov	Donald Gray	Tracey Mason	Iain O'Connor	
Cathal D'Arcy	Victoria Gray	Steven Masters	Edward O'Hare	
Justin Dawson	Natasha Hall	Natalie May	Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh	
Stephen Dodd	Keith Harrison	Conor Mc Cartney	Carol Opdebeeck	

Transition Year Awards

Gaisce-President's Award

Robert Anton
Nathan Breen
Sandra Bright
Sarah Brusey
Sheena Cadoo
Gillian Carty
Adele Camier
Jenna Cattermole
Roisin Cox
Steven Day
Neil Dover
Joanne Flower
Vicki Glover
Aisling Hale
Jennifer Hickey
Kathryn Laing
Sarah Lysaght
Kate Mahon
Mark Mc Cartney
Vicki Mc Kenna
Mark Mc Mullan
Sarah Mooney
Anna Nicholson
Michelle Ni
Raghnaill
Kevin O'Meara
Sarah-Jane Pardoe
Drew Prendergast
Roslyn Reddy
Andrew Rankin
Edel Smith
Mark Smyth
Richard Somerville
Jennifer Woolhead

An Taisce Environmental Awards

Sarah Fisher
Robbie Gilbert

Judo 4th Mon - Junior YellowBelt

Nathan Breen
Robert Carnegie
Neil Dover
Andrew Gordon
James Grimason
Emily Holmes
Sarah Keogh
Kathryn Laing
James Maher
Adam Mc Donnell

Canoeing

Joanne Flower
Adam Mc Donnell
Vicki Mc Kenna
Sarah Mooney
Kevin O'Meara
Roslyn Reddy
Richard Somerville

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

Robert Anton
Elizabeth Bell
Hazel Bird
Gillian Carty
Gareth Conlon
Jack Dooley
Robbie Gilbert
Victoria Glover
James Grimason
Amy Hamilton
Adam Hutchinson
James Maher
Mark Mc Cartney
Oisin Mc Garry
Drew Prendergast

School Trophy Winners 1998/99

Athletics

Belgrave
200 Metres - Senior Girls
Yvonne Elliott

Cornick
400 Metres - Senior Boys
Steven Day

Cunningham
Points - Junior Boys
Mark Kelly

Holmpatrick
David Foran

Magill
100 Metres - Junior Boys
Mark Kelly

Mathers
Points - Junior Girls
Karis Brauer

Moore
200 Metres - Senior Boys
Kiran Woolhead

Sloan
Long Jump - Senior Boys
Ross McNally

Southam
800 Metres - Senior Boys
Jonathan Ellis

Staff
Points - Inter. Girls
Sarah Brusey

Taylor
100 Metres - Senior Boys
Rhys Fitzgerald

Taylor
Points - Senior Girls
Yvonne Elliott

Travers
High Jump - Senior Boys
Dominic Mullan

Walker
1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Jonathan Ellis

War Memorial
Points - Senior Boys
David Collins
Karl Fahy

Whyte
Field Events - Boys
Ross McNally

Badminton

Factor (Junior Boys)
Ben Leonard-Kane
Hennessy (Senior Boys)
David Collins
Junior Girls
Grace Nelson

Canoeing

Broad Form 1
Clíodhna Noone
Canoeist of the Year
Meabh Cryan
Junior Liffey
Cathal D'Arcy

Cricket

Davies
Second Eleven - Boys
Andrew Fry
de Vere Shortt
Best Batting - Boys
Greg O'Meara
Hanly
Best Fielder - Boys
David Campbell
Jacobson
All-rounder - Senior Boys
David Blackmore

Hockey

Neville Davin
Senior Boys
Robert Collins
Diocesan Minor Girls
Suzanne Cairns
Jean Scott Junior Girls
Kate Mahon
Jean Scott Senior Girls
Susan Gray

Rugby

de Vere Shortt
Ross McNally
Evans Place and Drop
David Foran
Turner
Most Deserving Team
David Foran (Captain)

Table Tennis

Evans
Declan Donoghue

Tennis

Harcourt Junior Boys
Matthew Leahy
Sealy Senior Boys
Justin Hall
Jagoe Junior Girls
Sarah Walsh
Smith Senior Girls
Deborah Walker

Sports Captains 1998-99

Cricket - Boys Greg O'Meara
Cricket - Girls Suzanne Kenealy
Tennis - Boys Stephen Murphy
Tennis - Girls Jane Harley
Athletics - Boys David Collins
Athletics - Girls Yvonne Elliott
Basketball - Boys John Hyland
Basketball - Girls Lynsey O'Callaghan
Badminton - Hon. Secretary David Collins
Hockey - (Boys) Robert Collins
Hockey - (Girls) Susan Gray
Rugby Ross McNally
Soccer Peter Synnott

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Jennifer Daly (Head Girl), Jonathan Ellis (Head Boy),
Simon Alkin, Emma Allott, Suzanne Anglim,
Fergus Boydell, Darragh Curran, Lesley Eager,
Karl Fahy, Ellie Fry, Caroline Gray, Jane Harley,
Suzanne Kenealy, David Kirkpatrick,
Andrew Laughlin, William Lett, Aoife Mc Dermott,
Philip Mc Gouran, Eva Mc Guire, Ben Mc Nally,
Stuart Mellon, Clare O'Connor, Donal O'Shea, Jack
Olohan, Soraya Pillay, Jennifer Rath, JJ Rolfe,
Russell Simmons, Jennifer Smith, Cynthia Taylor,
Stephanie Taylor, Gregor T mlin, Deborah Walker.

School Choir

Annette Boles, Ruth Brady, Fiona Briggs,
Ruth Connell, Meabh Cryan, Rory Draper,
Judith Czerniak-Lebov, Ria Czerniak-Lebov,
Kate Higgs, Jane Hilliard, Olwyn Horgan,
Margaux Kenny, Martha Mc Dermott,
Louise Mc Sharry, Mallaidh Milotte, Claire Murphy,
Serafine O'Connor, Tonya O'Keeffe,
Niamh Sheehan-Hammond, Anna Stewart,
Grace Tallon, Cynthia Taylor, Stephanie Taylor,
Howard Thom, Sarah Walsh, Orla Walsh,
Melanie Whelan, Des Ryan.

School Orchestra

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Fergus Boydell, Mary Bridgeman,
Holly Burke-Naughton, Meabh Cryan, Ben Frazer,
Andrea Frey, Robert Hastings, Kate Higgs,
Jane Hilliard, SORCHA Moloney, Clíodhna Noone,
Clare O'Connor, Sean O'Connor, Cuan Ó Seireadáin,
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Stephanie Taylor, Ian Thom.

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Miss B. Bourke, B.A. (Hons.) (N.U.I.), B. Mus. (N.U.I.), H. Dip. Ed. (Hons.) (U.C.D.)

Mr A. McKay, B.A. (Hons.) (N.U.I.), H. Dip. Ed. (Hons.) (N.U.I.),

Dip. Bus. Std. (N.U.I.)

Ms E. Lyons, B.A. (Hons.) (N.U.I.),

H. Dip. Ed. (N.U.I.), C.T.G., T.E.F.L. Cert.

Mr J. Dolan, B. Tech. Ed. (Hons.) (U. of L.)

Mr M. Quirke, B.A. (Hons.) (Manchester) M.A. (N.U.I.) P.G.C.E. (Nottingham) Cert. Drama

Miss S. Hill, B. Ed. (Hons.) (T.C.D.) T.E.F.L., Dip. I.T.

Mrs M. Travers B.A. (Phys. Ed.) (N.C.E.A.) (Limerick), Dip. Bibl. Studies & Theology (T.C.D.)

Mrs L. Pearce, B.A. (O.U.), Cert. Ed. (London), H. Dip. Ed. (U.C.D.)

Mrs S. Hutchinson Edgar, B.A. (Mod.) (T.C.D.)

Mr I. Wilkinson, B.A. (First Class Modertor) (T.C.D.)

Miss M. Garvey (Education for Living Consultant)

Librarian

Mrs V. King

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Mr J. Davis, B.B.S. (T.C.D.), A.C.A.

Mrs M. Hare, A.C.I.S.

Ms D. Shaw

Archives Miss K. Forbes, M.A. (Hons.) (Aberdeen), Higher Diploma in Archival Studies (U.C.D.)

Principal's Secretary Miss M. Denniston

Matron Mrs D. Pfeiffer, R.G.N.

Catering Manageress Mrs J. Gillis

School Sergeant Mr G. Draper

Groundsman Mr B. O'Donovan

Security Mr S. Corrigan

Staff Responsibilities 1999-2000

Principal Mr. B. Duffy
Deputy-Principal Mr. R. Fennell
Senior lady teacher Mrs. E. Cummins

Form 1

Year Head Mr. M. Hilliard
Form Teachers Mr. J. Hickey,
Mr. M. Hilliard, Mr. K. Mills,
Mrs. C. McCartney, Mrs. L. Pearce.

Form 2

Year Head Miss A. Wilson.
Form Teachers Mr. T. Gill,
Miss E. Lyons, Miss E. Roullet,
Mr. R. Walker, Miss A. Wilson.

Form 3

Year Head Mrs. J. Geoghegan.
Form Teachers Mr. R. Davies,
Mrs. E. Davin, Mrs. M. Dowsett,
Mrs. J. Geoghegan, Miss D. Sixsmith.

Form 4

Year Head Mr. J. Toomey
Form Teachers Mr. P. Irwin,
Miss G. O'Sullivan, Miss C. Ritchie,
Mr. J. Toomey, Mr. D. Wright.

Form 5

Year Head Mr. R. Miller
Form Teachers Mr. I. Blackmore,
Mr. M. Quirke, Mr. L. McClure, Mr. D. Miller,
Mr. R. Miller, Mrs. M. Milne.

Form 6

Year Head Mr. R. McMullen
Form Teachers Miss P. Bergin,
Mr. C. Cryan, Mrs. E. Cummins,
Mr. R. McMullen, Miss A. Parle,
Mr. P. Prendergast.

Subject Co-ordinators

Art Mrs. D. Larkin
Business subjects Mr. P. Sheridan
Classics Mr. R. Miller
C. S. P.E. Mr. P. Irwin
Computers Mr. R. Davies
Drama Mrs. M. Milne, Mr. I. Blackmore
English Mrs. M. Milne
Geography Mr. J. Swan
History Miss P. Graham
Irish Mr. W. O'Connor
Mathematics Mr. M. Hilliard
Modern Languages Mr. R. McMullen
Music Mr. M. Wisener
Religious Education Mrs. M. Travers
Technological Subjects Mr. C. Cryan
Transition Year Mrs. D. Larkin
Social Personal & Health Education
Mrs. M. Dowsett
Special needs Mrs. L. Pearce
Science-junior cycle Mr J. Toomey
Young Entrepreneur Scheme Mr. M. Kirby

Sports

Sports co-ordinator Mr. R. Walker
Girls' games administration Mrs. G. Mellon

Rugby

Mr. D. Cole (administration)
Mr. R. Walker, Mr. D. Wright (Senior panel coaches)
Mr. T. Gill (JCT coach)
Mr. J. Dolan (Under 14 coach)
Mr. R. Fennell (Under 13 B coach)
Mr. B. Quinn

Hockey (Girls)

Mrs. G. Mellon (in charge, Minor A, Minor C & 1st year coach)
Miss D. Sixsmith (1st XI coach)
Mr. A. McKay (2nd & 3rd XI coach)
Miss C. Ritchie (Junior A coach)
Miss S. Quinn (Junior B, Junior C coach)
Mrs. D. Walker (Minor B coach, 1st year coach)

Hockey (Boys)

Mr. D. Miller (in charge, Senior coach)
Mr. A. McKay (Minor coach)

Cricket (Boys)

Mr. R. McMullen (in charge, 2nd XI coach),
Mr. R. Davies (1st XI coach)
Mr. R. Walker (JCT coach)
Mr. R. Fennell (Under 14 coach)
Mr. B. Quinn (Under 13 coach)

Cricket (Girls)

Mrs. G. Mellon (in charge, under 14 & under 15 coach)
Miss D. Sixsmith (1st XI, & 1st year coach)

Basketball (Girls)

Miss. E. Lyons (in charge)

Badminton

Mr. P. Sheridan (Senior)
Miss A. Wilson (Junior)

Athletics

Mr. P. Irwin (in charge),
Mr. J. Toomey, Mrs. M. Travers

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Caving Mr. D. Wright

Cross-country Mr. P. Irwin

Golf Mr. M. Kirby

Hill-walking Mr. I. Blackmore, Mr. C. Cryan

Indoor games equipment Mr. P. Sheridan

Rock Climbing Mr. I. Blackmore, Mr. C. Cryan

Soccer Mr. P. Prendergast (senior boys' coach)

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Table-tennis Mr. P. Sheridan

Tennis Mr. L. McClure (in charge of boys),
Miss C. Ritchie (in charge of girls)

Clubs & Societies

An Taisce Young Reporters for the Environment Awards

Mr. P. Irwin

Art portfolio development club

Miss A. Corrigan

Choir Mr. M. Wisener

Co-operation North cross-border exchanges Mr. P. Irwin

College applications and UCAS reference co-ordinator Mr. A. Kelly

Debating Society Mr. D. Miller,

European Youth Parliament Mr. D. Miller

Model United Nations Mr. D. Miller

Orchestra Mr. M. Wisener

Photographic club Miss A. Corrigan

President's Award (Gaisce)

Mr. J. Swan (bronze),

Miss P. Bergin (silver)

Assembly co-ordinator Mrs M. Travers

Attendance Mrs. E. Cummins

Booklists Mr. L. McClure

Corridor supervision before school Mr. W. O'Connor

Detention system - (in charge)

Mr. W. O'Connor

Erasmian & Diocesan Times Mr. T. Gill

Examination organisation

Mr. R. Davies, Mr. J. Swan

European dimension co-ordinator

Mr. B. Quinn

Guidance counsellor/College

Applications Ms. T. Jones.

Incremental returns co-ordinator

Mr. R. Miller

Induction of new staff Miss P. Graham

Lockers Mrs. E. Davin

Photography of school activities

Mr. I. Blackmore

Prize system Mrs. E. Cummins

Punctuality Mrs. J. Geoghegan,

Mrs. C. McCartney

Scholarship examination arrangements

Mr. R. Miller

School Council Miss S. Quinn

School steward (A. S. T. I.) Mr. P. Irwin

Staff services Mrs. M. Dowsett

Stage design for drama Miss A. Corrigan

State examinations Mr. W. O'Connor

Stationery Mr. J. Hickey

Study skills seminar Mr. L. McClure

Supervised study Miss M. Garvey

Supervision of school buildings

during assembly Mr. D. Cole

Timetable Mr. J. Hickey

Trophies Mr. J. Hickey

Video equipment and recordings

Mr. D. Wright

The Class of 1998

Liny Abraham : Optical Management, Cambridge

Ben Allison : Car Sales Representative

Luke Ashe-Brown : Electronic Engineering, Ballyfermot

Philip Bailey : Accounting, DIT Aungier St.

Ralph Benson : English & Philosophy, TCD

Heather Boles : Ancient History & Archaeology, French, TCD

Jesse Booth : Animation Studies, Ballyfermot

Hilary Boyd : Science, TCD

Melanie Boyle : Law, UCD

Keith Bradshaw : Dublin Business School

Paul Burke : Landscape Gardening, UCD

Michelle Byrne : Gurteen Agricultural College

Karen Cadoo : Medicine, UCD

Carolyn Camier : European Business & French, NCI

Daniel Clarke : Journalism, Ballyfermot

Jamie Collins : Science, UCD

Bruce Cooper : GDK, Network Solutions

Valerie Creggy : Languages, Tourism & Secretarial, Fairfield College

Janis Crosbie : Science, NUI

Eoin Curran : Theoretical Physics, TCD

Sean Curran : Service Department, Bosch

Rachel Dawson : B. Ed (Bachelor in Education), TCD

Ross Douglas : Aisling Doyle

Kate Draper : Hotel Management Diploma

Jenny Dunne : Public Relations, UCD

Jonathan Fennell : Arts, UCD

Pamela Morton Ferenandez : Travel Agent

Kevin Field : Business Studies, DIT

Seamus Finn : Video & Radio Production, Pearse College

Daniel Frazer : Music & Philosophy, TCD

Cristin Frost : Arts, UCD

John Gallagher : Arts, UCD

Julie Gillen : Business & Economics, TCD

Jacqueline Gordon : Montessori & Childcare, Liberties College

Ray Grafton : Business Studies, DIT

Shane Grafton : Art Course, Sallynoggin

Jeanette Graham : Arts, UCD

Nicola Gray : Info. & Comm. Tech., TCD

Kate Harris : Science, TCD

Danielle Hill : Childcare, Sallynoggin

Elizabeth Hilliard : Music, TCD

Nicola Hodgson : Culinary arts, DIT

Zoe Hutchinson : Aer Lingus Ground Operations

Rebecca Keenan : Info. & Comm. Tech., TCD

Brian Kelly : Early & Modern Irish, TCD

Mark Kennedy : History, TCD

David Killeen : Hotel & Catering Supervision, DIT

Stuart Kinch : Marketing, Rathmines

Eric Klotz : Science, TCD

Gillian Lane : Arts, UCD

Laura Lane : Secretarial Work

Zoe Lipson : Psychology, TCD

Philippa Lock : French & Spanish, TCD

Terence Madigan : Electronic engineering, UCD

Rachel Mathers : Arts, NUI Maynooth

Julian McDowell : Science, TCD

Zoe McGeeney :
Telesales Forefront, Europe
Ben McGuire : English, TCD
Ian McHugh : Electronic Engineering, ITT
Joanne McHugo : Law, Portobello
Laughlin McKee : Media Production,
St. Kevin's College
Jennifer McKenna :
Business & Computer Applic., Greenhills
Sandra Mitchell :
Office Admin. & Lang., Rathmines
Jennifer Moss : Science, ITT
Oliver Nash : Maths, TCD
Stephen Nash : Computers, Dundalk
Karen Nason : Market., Comm. & Lang.,
IT Tallaght
Fergus Naughton :
Philosophy & Economics, UCD
David O'Toole :
Military College, Irish Air Corps.
Karen Pickett : French & Classics, TCD
Alexander Rafter : Engineering, DIT
Tarik Rahman : Engineering, TCD
Seetha Ramkissoon : Science, TCD
James Robertson : Applied Science, DIT
Georgia Scott : Art Gallery, France
Louis Smith : Engineering, TCD
Maureen Synott : Law, Portobello College
Jenny Thompson :
Business Management, DIT Mountjoy Sq.
Matthew Walker : English, TCD
Aidan Walsh : Athletics Scholarship
U.S.A.
Bruce Wardrop : Sport & Recreation
Management
Ronald Whyte : Civil engineering,
Dundalk
Ross Wynne : Arts, UCD

Trinity Scholars



Eoin Curran, Eric Klotz, & Oliver Nash

Three pupils from the Class of '98 were awarded Foundation Scholarships from Trinity College this Year. Eoin Curran who is studying Theoretical Physics, Eric Klotz also studying Natural Sciences and Oliver Nash who is studying Maths. Congratulations to all three!

The Library Report

The Library continues to strive at being the literary oasis of the High School. Happily students are making increased use of its resources which, in addition to books, includes newspapers, periodicals, multimedia facilities and of course, a general study area. The collection now stands at 11,500 books - most impressive for a school library and sufficient to offer an excellent choice of reading for all levels.

In recent years we have found that inviting outside speakers has been an invaluable tool in enhancing the appreciation of literature. This year has been no exception. World Book Day - the annual celebration of all things literary - saw the noted publisher Michael O'Brien give the keynote address. Mr. O'Brien runs the O'Brien Press and explained with great eloquence the intricacies of the publishing world. In addition World Book Day provided the opportunity to run a poetry competition for particular classes in the 4th form. The standard of entries proved exceptionally high. Kate Humphreys was awarded a prize for the most appropriate inclusions and Sean O'Hegarty for the best compendium presentation. In addition a special prize was awarded to Aisling Milne for her "Cat" poem.

In addition to events such as World Book Day, the library seeks to stimulate interest by providing a series of displays throughout the year. The most recent has been a commentary on Dublin during the past 1,000 years. The production of this display was exceptionally aided by Craig Rankin, who, in addition to organising its format, devised an ingenious quiz based on the topic. The quiz was the deciding factor in the success of World Book Day 2000.

The library continues to strengthen and takes great pleasure in both introducing new readers to literature and equipping students with the research tools they need for later life.

-Mrs King, Librarian.

The Library Committee

The Library is run by a large group of young students and the Librarian, Mrs. King. They all hold the library together and have a lot of fun throughout the year. They include great competitions, working behind the desk as a stand-in-librarian each week, and brightening things up with the decorations at Christmas each year. They use the computer to design the "Word of the Week" - a weekly competition, and many other notices in the library.

Every year the library celebrates World Book Day and the committee does a lot of work to set up wonderful displays of different books. Each World Book Day is also celebrated with a large cake that everyone shares. The Library Committee is very loyal to the library. We are grateful to them and to Mrs. King, for all their work each and every day.

-Susan Barrett, 2nd

Mrs. Geoghegan – The New Deputy Principal

The Board of Governors was recently pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Joan Geoghegan, B.A. (Mod.), M.Sc., H. Dip. Ed. to the position of Deputy Principal from 1 August 2000, when Mr. Fennell retires.

Mrs. Geoghegan attended Glengara Park School, studied Natural Sciences at TCD, took the Higher Diploma in Education at Maynooth and undertook her M.Sc. in biochemistry at UCD. She worked for a period as a virologist for the US Department of Agriculture in Kenya and was a research scientist in TCD and UCD. Her teaching experience has included periods in Manchester and a number of Dublin schools before her appointment to the staff of The High School in 1976, where she teaches Biology and Science.

She still has the energy to be on the committee of the Irish Science Teachers Association (I.S.T.A.). Indeed, she was closely involved in the planning and administration of the I.S.T.A.'s highly successful Millennium General Meeting in March this year at UCD, which was a huge undertaking.

I'm sure I speak on behalf of all of her colleagues, the pupils, past pupils, parents and the Board of Governors when I send "Mrs. G." every good wish as she takes up this new role.

- M. Dowsett



Mrs. Geoghegan

The Choir



Kate Higgs, Grace Tallon, Ciara Farrell, Dearbhaile O'Neill

The choir returned ready for a musical year and, despite the absence of male vocals choir continued to perform in the prize-giving and carol service with their usual success.

The choir worked long and hard to perfect the very difficult song "Bohemian Rhapsody" by *Queen* for the prize-giving and made a huge effort to make the carol service a special one.

The whole choir would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Wisener for all of his hard work throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

-Clare Murphy, 3rd

The Orchestra

Once again, the orchestra had a busy and successful year. As usual, we played at the annual prize distribution and at the carol service which was held in Zion Church. We entered the Inter Schools Music Festival and came first, winning the cup in the senior competition! The orchestra played in the school music concert, which was held in March. Both the orchestra and soloists were of a very high standard indeed and the audience was very responsive.

Thanks are due to Mr. Wisener for all his hard work and dedication throughout the year.

The orchestra practises on Tuesdays between 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. New members are very welcome. If you would like to join, you should contact Mr. Wisener.

-Jane Hilliard, 4th

Other winners at the Inter Schools Music Festivals included:
Des Ryan - 1st place in the Over 16 piano solo
Jane Hilliard - 1st in the Over 15 piano accompanist
Leon Fernandez Brennan - 1st in the U- 15 orchestral percussion
Cynthia Taylor - 2nd in the Over 16 wind solo
Kate Higgs - 2nd in the Under 16 string solo
Ian Thom - highly commended in the Under 14 competition



Stephanie Taylor

Junior Debating

This year the junior debating society had ten members, all from form one. Our auditor was Zoe McNair and the secretary was Alice Mooney. Hugh Nowlan and Garóg Holohan were assistants. The teacher in charge was Ms. Hutchinson-Edgar.

We had good fun this year – the most memorable was when Zoe crashed through the door (a little over eager to get to B7!). We also managed to get in some debating and held two contests this school year; At Christmas it was won by Jenny Drakeford and in the summer by Zoe McNair, Hugh Nowlan and Brett Lawless.

-Zoe McNair, 1st

Valentine's Post

Early on Monday the 14th of February, excitement filled the halls as people ran around in panic trying to post their last minute cards and roses, teddy bears and chocolates.

While the chaos continued the anticipation levels rose as the sorting began. Some good attempts were made to try to sneak a peek at the piles of cards that were flooding the library tables, hoping that among the masses they would find something addressed to them.

Some records were broken this year as one second year girl got 13 cards and three roses and many others got various roses and cards. We made £143 for the worthy cause 'Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society'.

I would like to thank Meabh Cryan, Karis Brauer, Aileen Blackwood and Rebecca Rolfe for all their dedication to this year's Valentines Post. But I especially want to thank Jenny Kane, who made the stamps and organised the roses and cards. She could unfortunately not sell or deliver the cards because she was involved with her Junior Cert. Mocks.

Thank you for supporting the Valentines Post and goodbye until next year.

-Judy Czerniak, 2nd

Fundraising Concert for East Timor



*Tom Hyland of East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign &
Lyndsey Watson*

It all started one Wednesday afternoon as 2L filed into music class, shifting uneasily as they realised they had forgotten their music books. The very forgetful students were forced to hand over 50p to Ms. Bourke who would then pass it on to a charity of the students' choice. Due to the fact that nearly half the class had forgotten their books, an argument developed as to what charity the money should be donated to.

Discussion continued, ideas formed and the next thing we knew we were organising a fundraising concert for East Timor. At first the idea seemed nothing but a dim shadow in the future but it quickly developed and suddenly people all around us were rehearsing songs, beating tunes on the drums and playing the guitar. We found ourselves searching for a role in the rapidly growing concert, as we had no musical talent whatsoever!! We were happy when we decided on presenting the show to the brilliant audience who were very cooperative apart from a few little upsets regarding cameras.

We practised hard every week in our spare time and pretty soon the show was ready for the school to see. The big day finally arrived and Tom Hyland from the East Timor Solidarity Campaign came in and spoke to us in assembly about East Timor, but then Lyndsey announced that we were "Putting on a concert at Junior break to raise funds for....Kosovo"!!!!Duh!!!

We started off the show with the whole class singing "Iris", and then after weeks of giving us all headaches Lyndsey, Sean, Rory and Andy performed their excellent percussion act with snares, symbols, bodhrans and even bongos. The angelic voices of Anna, Ciara, Kate, Genevieve and Alice put *The Beatles* to shame

singing the hit songs "When I'm 64" and "eight days a week" accompanied by both Steven and Ms. Bourke on the keyboard. Danielle and Freya intended on doing a piano duet but unfortunately Freya was sick so they weren't able to. Instead Daniel impressed us all with his talent (his singing talent that is!) with "Maybe" in his best Liam Gallagher voice with John strumming away on his guitar beside him looking cool as always! Finally we all sang "Angels" and the show came to an end.

A big thanks to Ms. Bourke and Ms. Travers who played a big part in the organisation of the concert. We couldn't have done it without them! The show was very successful and raised roughly £120 (which I'm told goes a whole lot further in East Timor than it does here). We'd like to thank all those who gave up their time to be in this concert and also to all the people who gave up their lunchtime to come and see us all make fools of ourselves!!!

-Eva Monaghan & Holly Brennan, 2nd

Daffodil Day

As the national Daffodil Day in aid of cancer took place on Friday the 24th of March, a few fourth years decided to help charity out. Silk daffodils were sold for £1 and gold pins for £2 during the morning classes and in the library. Over £400 was raised to help cancer research into various cancers. A big thanks to everyone who donated their money and to those who donated their time to organise the day.

-Sandra Bright, 5th

Simon Community Appeal



Jenni Daly, Ellie Fry & Cynthia Taylor

One evening as I was walking through the city centre I became suddenly aware of the vast numbers of homeless people on the streets of Dublin. As I was daydreaming about what presents to buy for my friends it occurred to me that these people certainly would not receive any Christmas presents and would be lucky even to get a decent meal on Christmas day.

This inspired me to restart an old High School tradition of organising a collection of non-perishable food stuffs for the Simon Community.

I enlisted the help of Jenni Daly and Cynthia Taylor for this, and we asked the students to contribute some food to the appeal. Meanwhile, with the help of Ms. Bourke, I arranged for a small group of students to go carol singing in Rathgar. In one hour the group managed to raise £239 which was gladly donated to the Simon Community. In the last week of the Christmas term, Mr. McClure and I delivered the food to the Simon shelter. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the appeal. The response was brilliant. Thanks to Jenni, Cynthia, Ms. Bourke and Mr. McClure for all of their help. I hope this appeal will be carried on for many years to come.

-Ellie Fry, 6th

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a project for Kosovo in which ten of us from transition year were involved – Linda Nevin, Lauren Gleeson, Caoimhe Milotte, Sinead Gallagher, Liz Nicholson, Natasha Hall, Natalie May, Jennifer Nason, Rachel O'Byrne and Aisling Milne. This project involved wrapping a shoebox nicely in Christmas paper and filling it with toys, sweets, colouring pencils, paper and similar items. As well as collecting in High School we split up into two groups of five and travelled around to local primary schools giving a presentation and asking the pupils to contribute a filled and wrapped box. In all we collected 752 boxes and £1900. We would like to thank everyone who helped us especially Mr. Toomey, Steve and John Howie who was organiser of this project.



Aisling Milne, Rachel O'Byrne, Lauren Gleeson & Linda Nevin

-Linda Nevin & Lauren Gleeson, 4th

EYP

When the eight of us arrived at St. Louis High School on March 30 we were a little nervous. A European Youth Parliament selection conference was a new experience for all but one of us, so we didn't really know what to expect. I think deep down we all feared it would be a weekend filled with arguments between politically obsessed teenagers, but we couldn't have been more wrong.

That Friday night was a wake-up call for anyone who may have been a little reserved. We were all on committees with one representative from each of the participating schools; i.e. total strangers. What we were told to do was sit on them, scream at them, lie on top of them and play strange games involving apples and oranges. Don't worry, it's not as bad as it sounds; it's actually thoroughly enjoyable! It was team building and the idea was to break down any physical or personal boundaries between all committee members. It was all in preparation for Saturday.



*Oisín McGarry, Niall Connell, Eoghan McDermott
Louise McSharry, Cuan O'Seireadain, Ria Czerniak Lebov*

Saturday morning, bright and early, the opening ceremony commenced with the playing of the European anthem (we have an European anthem??). We were then sent back to our committee rooms from the night before, to discuss our questions in detail.

Before arriving at EYP, we had all been given a question (for example; The question of a European Identity: to what extent a National or European Identity is desirable or an obstacle for the future of Europe?). The idea being that we research it before our arrival.

Saturday continued, and it was hard! It was hours of lengthy discussion about serious issues and you really had to stay focused as your committee's job was to create a resolution to the problem and it all had to be in official European Union terminology and clauses (That's why it was important not to have any boundaries, we needed to feel 100% comfortable speaking our mind). However, it was a lot of fun. In order to perk us up we

would play the occasional team game, which usually results in hilarious consequences (I, for one, had an embarrassing incident with a chair...). To finish off Saturday on a light hearted note, and to celebrate the hard work gone into the day, Saturday night was spent doing karaoke and dancing the night away. Silly as it sounds, it was actually incredible. High School made a very spirited contribution to the evening with two anonymous male students singing a beautiful rendition of B*Witched's "Jessie Hold On" and another doing a "Full Monty" routine. Needless to say, it was an eventful evening.

On Sunday morning we all arrived giggling with embarrassment at the previous evenings' events, and began what was for some the best of EYP. Sunday is spent presenting your committee's resolution, and debating with the other committees. Each resolution is argued at length before being voted on, as is the situation in the real EP.

We talked and argued and defended all day with pleasing results. At the end of the day it was time to say goodbye to your new friends and to go back to the real world.

The European anthem was played again, and this time we understood what it meant to be European and how important it is that we get involved. Then it was officially over. We said our goodbyes and made our way home, hoping with the highest of hopes to be selected for the national EYP selection conference.

However the St. Louis weekend turned out to be only the beginning of our EYP experience as all 8 of us were selected for the national finals (which is extremely rare), and Cuan and I were really lucky and were selected for EYP international. We're really excited!

-Louise McSharry, 5th

Those selected for the St. Louis weekend were:

Eoghan McDermott, Ria Czerniak,
Cuan O'Sheridan, Oisín McGarry,
Chris Dowley, Graham Ruddle,
Niall Connell and Louise McSharry.

Student Council

The Year 2000 has led to an exciting change in the way that High School policies are decided. The Millennium has ushered in a new system of student involvement in the school – in the form of the long overdue Student Council. For the first time in many years students now have an official forum for their views, a recognised platform from which to air their ideas and concerns. The Department of Education suggests that the Board of Governors should: “facilitate the involvement of the students in the operation of the school, having regard to the age and experience of students, in association with their parents and teachers”. This recommendation is now fully satisfied here in High School.



Andrew Laughlin & Ellie Fry

There are 31 people on the Student Council, representing every year in the school, all directly elected by the student body. From these 31 students is drawn a committee of seven to meet with school management on a regular basis. The committee includes the president, vice-president (both from 6th year) and the secretary (5th year). It is our aim that the Student Council will lead to a heightened awareness and involvement of the students in the running of the school. Its purpose is to work *with* and not against the consultative bodies already established, to aid a process of continual improvement that will benefit both staff and students alike. We are living in an age where discussion, talk and debate have become the media of progress and compromise and it is our intention to apply these principles to the students, to use the council to enhance the fact that discussion is a pro-active way of achieving change and reform. These lessons will be of great benefit to students in their future years.

Although still in its infancy, the student council already has many plans in the pipeline and, in time, it has the potential to make a lasting impression on The High School. It has been my honour to act as the first president of the Student Council, and as we, the 6th years, leave the school we entrust the running of the council to the capable hands of the present 5th years, and we do so assured of the council's longevity.

I would like to thank you, the students, for your support and to remind you that this is your council, your chance to have a say in the running of your school. Its success or failure depends solely on the level of input and support. Finally, on behalf of the entire student body, I would like to thank Mr. Duffy and all the staff for their encouragement and support of the Student Council, and to Ms. Quinn, the teacher in charge, for all her hard work. Good luck next year.

-Andrew Laughlin (President)

Student Council

Founders:	<i>2nd Form</i>
Meabh Lysaght	Donal Curran
Carrie Gray	Orla Walsh
Aoife McDermott	Genevieve Boyle
Andrew Laughlin	Ben Leonard-Kane
	Anna Stewart
Teacher in Charge:	
Ms. S. Quinn	<i>3rd Form</i>
	April Kavanagh
Council Officers:	Ian O'Shea
Andrew Laughlin	Laura Hickey
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Raleigh International Introduction Weekend

Raleigh International is a UK based charity, which organises expeditions to foreign countries such as Ghana, Namibia, Mongolia, Belize and Chile. We were first introduced to Raleigh when Mr. Swan organised a talk in the school. We all thought it sounded so exciting. We were shown pictures of people petting baby lions and sitting on the top of waterfalls. 'That could be us', we thought. Two weeks later Emily Holmes, Ingrid Ward, Kathryn Laing, Michelle Reynolds, Sarah Lysaght, Roisin Cox, Aisling Hale, Adele Camier, Ria Czerniak, Karen Prunty, Sheena Cadoo, Vicky Glover and myself were sitting on the bus on our way to Roundwood. We were ready (or so we thought) for the introduction weekend. We all had a great supply of food with us, and were looking forward to melting marshmallows on the campfire that evening.

On arriving, our bags were searched and any unnecessary items were taken. Food, watches, mobile phones and drinks were among the things confiscated. We were devastated but determined to stay positive. We were then divided into groups and allocated different tasks, both physical and problem solving. Everyone enjoyed this part of the weekend as we got a real sense of what it was like to work as a team. We did this until it began to get dark and I guess it was about seven (our watches had been taken so we had no idea of the time) when each group was divided into two sections; one went to cook the dinner and the other went to build a night shelter, which consisted of a piece of plastic as a ground sheet and another piece of plastic tied to a tree. After dinner we went on a night hike up a mountain. We were completely exhausted by the time we returned to our shelters. As soon as we crawled into our shelter it started to rain, this was a tragedy for the people sleeping near the outside, who didn't have a very good night from what I can gather.



Emily Holmes in the middle of shelter construction

I think the word 'wet' just about sums up the next day. After breakfast we set about our tasks which consisted mainly of watersports. We did things such as walking through rivers blindfolded and building rafts. It has to be said that running into Lough Dan in the rain was the lowest point of the weekend and we weren't all brave, but we do have a laugh about it now!

I think I can speak for everyone when I say that the weekend was a great experience and I'm sure some of us will go on to do a Raleigh Expedition, while some of us realised that we weren't as tough as we thought! I would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Swan for introducing us to Raleigh and coming to see us in Roundwood, we greatly appreciate it.

- Genevieve King 5th



Aisling Hale, Adele Camier & Roisin Cox

Our Winning Project

Last year our form class (then 2DO) entered the 'Health Matters School Awards' competition, with great enthusiasm from our form as well as our science teacher, Mrs. Dowsett. The competition is run by one of the main healthcare companies in the world, Smith Kline and Beecham. The awards were set up about 7 years ago to increase awareness in school children of health issues around us. They are also there to promote and encourage teamwork in young people. The winning groups mainly consisted of 5 or 6 people and our group was by far one of the biggest with 26 pupils participating in the project. The aim is for each group to research a certain area relating to health matters and compile a project. The subjects studied ranged from Vitamin C in peas, to stress in young people, to the increasing amount of back problems occurring in students.

Our project was titled 'Watch Out...Pets About!' It was a study of micro-organisms in domestic animals, namely cats and dogs. Each student who had access to a cat or dog brought home four sterile plates containing agar jelly. Samples of bacteria were taken from the animals' fur, tongue and paws and introduced onto the plates. The fourth plate was used as a control. The samples were incubated and allowed time to grow colonies. When the plates were studied we noted that the most bacteria was found on the paws, then the tongue and the least amount was found on the fur. This means that you shouldn't let your pets eat off the same dishes as you or get up on the table.



Chris Akabusi presents the award to Mrs. Dowsett and the pupil representatives of 3DO

In September when we returned to school we found out that we had won first place in the Republic of Ireland, junior cycle category. There were about 1500 entries in all. The prize consisted of £500 for our science department, a watercolour of the class and a trip to London for five students who went to accept the prizes. To be fair the names were picked out of a hat. The five people were Rachel Bates, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Brian Sargeant, Robbie Thackaberry and myself Donna Lui. Ms. Siobhan Scott, one of the judges on the competition, accompanied us to London. We stayed in London for the night and the next morning attended the awards presentation in the 'Health Matters' Gallery at the Science Museum. When we arrived there we got a nice surprise. The guest speaker was Chris Akabusi, the British Athletic Champion. He gave a very inspiring speech, which left everyone smiling. The five of us had a nice time in London and were lucky to be there.

Everyone worked really hard on the project and deserved to win. Mrs. Dowsett put a lot of time and energy into it, so much thanks goes to her from the whole class. We couldn't have done it without her.

-Donna Lui, 3rd

Study Skills Seminar

On Saturday the 15th January around 70 students from 5th year came to school for a study skills seminar. Although the majority of us were none to pleased about getting up at such an obscene hour we battled on bravely. We were told that the Leaving Certificate was a rat race and to succeed we must climb our way to the top of the educational ladder!

However to achieve this we were told that we must set goals for ourselves and be ambitious. We were drilled on note-taking, essay writing, exam technique and the SES study method (Student Enrichment Services) otherwise known as the answer to all of our problems!

All in all by the end of the day the consensus was that it was a very worthwhile and beneficial seminar.

Special thanks go to our two guest speakers and Mr. McClure for organising this event.

-Ingrid Ward, 5th

Photography Exchange



Photograph - Rory Draper

Our 4th form photography class is taking part in a cultural exchange with a Japanese school in Osaka. Their teacher is Nikki Slack, a past pupil of The High School.

The project is based on shoes; we sent the Japanese students our old shoes and in exchange they sent us theirs. Before packing up our shoes to post to Japan we photographed both the shoes and ourselves and wrote a short piece describing where they had been worn.

The shoes we received were tiny and their letters were really funny because their English didn't always make sense. It was interesting to see what the other students looked like and to get an idea of what life was like in a Japanese school.

-Paul Fitzsimons, 4th



Photograph - Natalie Brandsma

A Lesson in Driving

On the 6th of April all 4th and 5th years were invited to a production which was staged in the gym by Dublin Corporation. It was based on showing the consequences of dangerous driving.

Being told you can be excused from three classes to watch a play always makes you look forward to the event. When you're told that this also involves a "Terry Springer" chatshow involving stamping and chanting it's bound to grab your attention. However, this turned out to be only an additional bonus.

A five-strong cast depicted their lives based on true events before and after a car crash involving a close friend and showed how it affected all of them. This was then followed by the "Terry Springer" chatshow based on the play. The actors, still in their roles, acted as guests on the show. They were arguing about who was responsible for the death of their friend. At this point audience participation was encouraged and although minimal at times it did include some name calling from a certain fifth year girl (but let's not get into that).

A thoroughly enjoyable morning was had by all, ending with some harsh facts. According to the statistics, of all the people in the gym at that time around 13 of us were going to be caught up in serious car crashes within the next few years, of which at least 3 or 4 would be killed in a totally preventable situation. Road accidents are the highest killers of people in the 15-24 age group. Congratulations to Dublin Corporation and to those who undertook the task of getting through to us teenagers in an original, memorable and, most importantly, effective way.

-Sandra Bright, 5th

Golden Vale Young Entrepreneurs Scheme 2000

During the first few weeks of September, Mr. Kirby's fourth year Business Studies class set up business for the Golden Vale Y. E. S. With a list of guidelines and regulations, we began work on our business. In total, we came up with six businesses: *Sweets n' Stuff*, *Fantasy Football*, *Cookie Craze*, *The Globex Corporation*, *The Beep Kings* and *Crack Potts*.

There were three rival sweet companies who also had to deal with competition from the school tuck shop. *Cookie Craze*, a business devised by Clive Lew, Jamie Mac Namara and I, supplied cookies to pupils and teachers. We had no competition, as it was the most original idea for a sweet company.

We had a successful Market Day on the 21st of December. All the companies set up stalls outside the Reynolds Hall. During the year, a diary of events had to be kept. It would be put into the report that we were judged upon.



Jamie McNamara, Clive Lew & Ms. Garvey

We had interviews in school in February to decide who would qualify to the next round. *Cookie Craze* emerged on top and we went to the next round. There, a total of 25 companies competed for a place in the next round. We were runners up and received a cheque for £50 but didn't qualify for the next round. On behalf of the class, I would like to thank Mr. Kirby, Mr. Davies and Golden Vale.

-Jamie Mac Namara, 4th

Irish Mathematical Olympiad

Find an integer with the first digit 1, with the property that, if this digit is transferred to the end of the number, the number is tripled.

What would you do if you were faced with that problem? Well for a small number of High School students, this was one of eleven questions they were faced with one Saturday morning. And that was an easy question! eleven questions, 3 hours. No, this is not your run-of-the-mill maths exam. It was the first round qualifier (or some other important and scary name) of the Irish Mathematical Olympiad.

The Mathematical Olympiad is a maths competition for secondary school students. From the results of this competition a team of six students are selected to represent Ireland in the International Mathematical Olympiad.

It all started with a few innocent lectures in November of the last millennium. (The good old days). I think the purpose

was to give you a false sense of security. Then, BANG! They announce a test in January. Some fell at the first hurdle, just as they predicted. Others leapt over with grace and much success (much to their surprise!).

After giving us a few free Saturday mornings, (in which to catch up with beauty sleep) we were thrust back into the lectures. (By the way, in case you were wondering, it was Drew Prendergast and myself who were the successful hurdle jumpers from this fine establishment). The remaining 30 spent three hours in a classroom in UCD every Saturday morning learning about the finer points of inequalities, trigonometry, geometry, number theory etc.

Now despite sounding like I'm moaning about this whole unending ordeal, I am thoroughly enjoying myself. I got to know some people who I probably would never have talked to otherwise. I was told that people who are good at this kind of thing have minds that work in strange ways, so that there was no question of me not fitting in. Overall it has been (so far) a great experience. And if I do get onto the Irish team (unlikely) it will be great. And if I don't (probable) nothing is lost. There's always next year.

By the way the answer is 142857.

- Suzanne McEndoo, 4th

The President's Award

Thirty pupils participated in the President's Award this year. There are three different awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold. The pupils in Transition Year try to complete the Bronze Award and in fifth year a few progress by attempt the Silver and some even try the Gold.

There are four sections of the President's Award to be completed during the school year: community service, physical skill, personal skill and the venture project. The community service involves 15 weeks of working within the community. This year people helped in *Ladybirds*, worked in charity shops or helped in clubs for various age groups.

The physical skill consists of 12 weeks in a chosen sport. You must reach a set target within the year. These sports can include badminton, canoeing, hockey, swimming etc. The personal skill is 26 weeks long, which is the longest part of the award. Any skill can be chosen, as long as the students benefit from it themselves and reach their set target.



The venture project is the most challenging of the four sections. The school organised hillwalks and there were also a few night walks. We had to do four walks during the year, which trained us for the dreaded walk up Carrauntoohill in Kerry.

When we have completed the award, we will receive a medal and certificate. The President's Award is great fun, but very difficult.

-Jenny Brusey, 4th

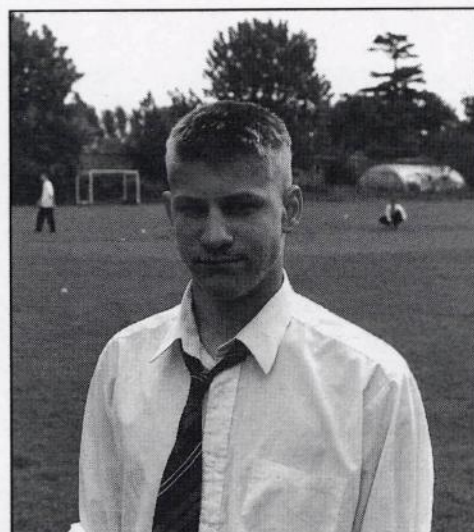
Work Experience

Work experience in the air corps was not what I expected. I thought there would be a few people, some helicopters and an operations room. What I found was about six helicopters, 12 planes and the G4, which is the VIP plane.

The equipment is worth about 10 million pounds. The corps is underfunded but the government has realised that they need new planes and have provided a grant of 50 million pounds.

There is a television programme called "Robot Wars" with entries from many countries. The air corps entered a robot that came second in the competition. A crash rescue service is always on alert and I took part in their rescue drill.

While I was on work experience, the bodies of the four soldiers killed in the Lebanon were brought back to Baldonnell Airport. The President and many other important people were there. The flags were at half mast and everyone in the air corps was very upset. There was tight security but I saw the coffins arrive with ceremony and leave for the funerals. It was a very sad day.



Donald Gray

-Donal Gray, 4th

A Midsummer Night's Dream

From the time the curtains opened, the audience was kept entertained by a fabulous variety of amusing mechanicals, a troop of colourful and dedicated lively fairy dancers and singers, the King and Queen and the four lovers. This tasteful performance, together with its colourfully constructed set and extravagant costumes, combined to give a very entertaining night for all.

We are firstly greeted on stage by the highly talented Katherine Miller - Hippolyta, and Niall Connell - Theseus, with talk of their wedding in four days time. Next we met Egeus, played by dedicated Jack Glacken, who has come for the blessing of his daughter Hermia's marriage to Demetrius, whose love is for Lysander. They plot to leave Athens and flee to the woods. Hermia tells her friend Helena of her plans and hopes that she will find love with Demetrius.

There are four main characters: Helena was played by the talented Gemma Reeves, whose performance left the audience stunned. Hermia was played by Mary Bridgeman, a truly modest and well-defined actress who certainly isn't new to acting, she started when she was six. Lysander was played by James Mc Hardy, a newcomer to the school, who has already amazed us with his acting skills.

Demetrius was played by Colm Doyle whose sheer precision for every move is hard to be missed (except for that whole blah... incident of course!)

The plot all slowly starts to fall apart when we come across the mischievous Puck - played by Lora Dolan who was also choreographer and spent a lot of time and effort in both departments using her natural talent for the things she does best, while David (who enjoys the odd dance backstage while nobody's looking) successfully auditioned for "the glory in fame". Puck causes havoc constantly throughout the play with her love spells.

Oberon on the other hand is completely desperate for the returning love of Titania - Louise McSharry - and to say the least, her previous experience certainly shines through in her thoroughly polished piece.

Perhaps the most memorable or attention grabbing were the Mechanicals who had one aim only - to please the audience. No one could mistake their impact on the play after hearing the laughter and applause from the crowd. Their finished play included a brick wall, a lion in a wardrobe smoking - Tim Czerniak who doubled up as both a classic idiot and an ass and a guy called Ritchie in a skirt complete with a high pitched voice.

Well done to everyone who was involved in the play, not just the actors but also people who helped out with set design and construction, costumes, make-up, sound, lighting, front of house crew, co-producers, director, all the sponsors, anyone else who was involved and finally to everyone who came to support the show. This will be a very memorable play to everyone, especially the fifth years, who I am sure enjoyed every moment of it.

-Sandra Bright and Olga Maguire, 5th



Director's Cut

Aoife and I decided to be student producers because we both really wanted to be involved in the play. As neither of us were keen on acting it seemed producing was the best possible option. Looking back on it now we can definitely say that it turned out to be the best experience of our lives.

From September to November our afternoons, evenings and weekends were dedicated to scripts, Shakespeare, Yorkie bars, Aeros, and the ever patient Mr. Quirke, not to forget a highly enthusiastic and optimistic cast.

Even through all the blood, sweat and tears, the shouting, the screaming, the nagging about unlearned lines, it was so much fun that we would both definitely do it again tomorrow given the chance.



Mary Bridgeman & Gemma Reeves



Gilly Patterson & Aoife Meldon

Opening night came and kittens were being had by everyone. The split second before the curtain opens is the scariest feeling ever, but by the last night everything paid off and we knew it had been a huge success. The satisfaction received is beyond comparison. We made a great team.

We would like to say an enormous thank you to everybody involved and everyone that supported us in our time of need. Immense gratitude to Mr. Quirke for without him none of this would have happened. He made our 'dream' possible.

-Gilly Patterson and Aoife Meldon, 5th



The Mechanicals

Bedtime Story

Sean O'Casey is a classic Irish author. I suppose that's why we wondered if we could do "Bedtime Story" justice. In any case, it was judgement day and we'd come as far as we were going to go.

The cast (Luke Slott, Gemma Reeves, Tim Czerniak, Louise McSharry, John Hyland and Mark Hill) had learned their lines and Gregor Timlin had hammered the final nail into the set. Andrew Laughlin had prompted the actors for the final time and director Jack Olahan had to let go.

We were all laughing and joking as we pulled into St. Andrew's College to perform in the annual one-act theatre festival; we were determined to have a good time at all costs. We spent the following two hours in final preparations for our big performance. The time had come to prove ourselves.



*Tim Czerniak, Luke Slott, Mark Hill.
Jack Olahan, Gemma Reeves,
Louise McSharry, Andrew Laughlin.*

As Luke Slott (John-Jo Mulligan) stepped onstage we all held our breaths, but as soon as the first line was out we exhaled in relief. The show had begun. We proceeded to do our best performance ever. Jack sat in the audience and bit his nails while Gregor stood by to help in any set disasters. We, the actors, sweated under the lights and gave it our all.

As we took our bows we all squeezed hands. Because we were such a small team we had become very close and were very proud of our production which was done entirely by students. We had done our best and we were happy with that. Win or lose, we were a team.



On Friday night as we entered St. Andrew's for the second time that week, this time as audience members, the nerves were gone. It's cliché, but we honestly didn't care if we won or lost.

When the time came for the awards to be announced we all grouped together once again. We were ecstatic to be nominated for the best set, as a great deal of work had gone into it from Gregor Timlin, and when Gemma Reeves won best actress it was the icing on the cake. We soon entered into a state of euphoria as Luke Slott was nominated for best actor, and Jack Olahan won best director. This was an award we'd all dreamed of being nominated for, as Jack is a student, one of our own. He had put so much into this production and we were all so proud of him and felt that he deserved it. Winning it was incredible.

When the time came for the nominations for the best overall play category we were already on cloud nine. It was incredible to hear "The High School" announced as the winner. We, as a team, had won best group. It was an amazing feeling as that award really was for us all. For Luke as a "guilt-ridden hero", Gemma as a "wicked temptress", Tim as the "self-interested Daniel Hali-but", and Louise as the "hideously crotchety landlady". "Best play" was for Gregor's set, described as "a lesson in minimalism" and Andrew's production. And perhaps most of all it was for Jack's direction, which, the judges Seamus Moran and Brenda Sexton said, was "frighteningly good for one so young".

Not only had we won the competition, but also most importantly we'd had a laugh and made great friends in the process. It was a great experience for all!

-Louise McSharry, 5th

Junior Drama

This year's Junior Drama production was a great success. The group put on two British plays. A tremendous amount of effort was put in by the cast, who were all from 1st and 2nd year. "From Five to Five-thirty" had a cast of five and although it was a short play many laughs were had by all as the girls led the audience through this amusing half hour. "Daisy pulls it off!" followed shortly afterward and kept the audience on the edge of their seats anticipating what happened next. All in all both audience and cast went home that night very satisfied with an enjoyable evening.

A special thank you to Mr. Friel for putting up with all of us week after week. Thanks also to Mrs. Milne and Mrs. Pearce for all the wonderful help and advice they gave us. One last word to say, thanks to all the light and sound lads and Good Luck to all the future young actors and actresses.

-Karis Brauer, 2nd



Anna Stewart as Daisy Meredith & Kiva Murphy as Trixie Martin

Hamlet

On Tuesday, 6th November, the diligent 6th year returned to High School following a week's break over the half-term...only to down tools and leave the building at 12 noon. The reason? To make their way to the Tivoli by 1 p.m. for the Story Tellers Theatre Company's production of Hamlet. By 12:30 most had arrived, even if it was with a little help from their friends...while Mr. Blackmore, Ms. Milne, Mr. D. Miller, Mr. Quirke and Mr. McClure carried out the unenviable tasks of taking attendance and preventing the H.S.D. 6th year from bringing Dublin's traffic to a standstill.

Finally, everyone poured into the theatre and up the stairs passing through the *Flirt!* nightclub, at which point most people felt strangely uncomfortable in the old H.S.D uniform... The theatre was filling up nicely and H.S.D students made their way towards the nice comfy red seats facing the stage..but oh no! They were reserved and the rest of us had to put up with little blue seats at the side of the stage. The unfortunate blue-seat occupants squirmed their way through the three hour performance. Twisted backs, stiff necks and damaged kneecaps were just some of

the complaints. Mr. Miller, you will not be forgiven! (And it was noticed that you had a red seat!)

The play itself was excellent. It managed to hold everyone's attention - even the blue-seaters! Some negative comments were made about himself (played by Anthony Kernan) but Hamlet is such a complicated character that few interpretations are going to match anyone else's preconceived idea of the prince. Kernan gave a spirited and passionate performance and really brought the character to life. But it was Horatio (Aiden Condron) and Laertes (Rob Price) who stole the show while Jennifer Barry put on an excellent performance and there was nothing but praise for her portrayal of Ophelia's insanity.

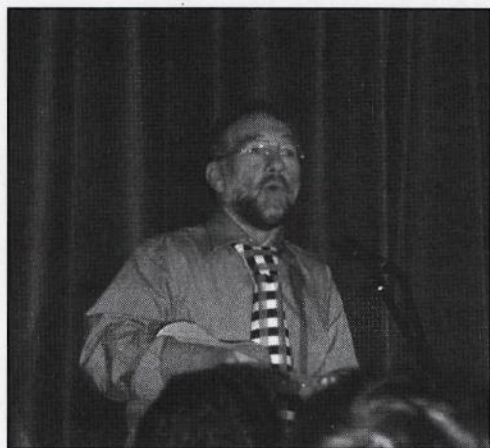
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern (a.k.a. Russell Smith and Ciaran Reilly) provided most of the laughs throughout the play. Although whether this was intentional or not remains to be seen. Rosencrantz only had to set foot on the stage and everyone burst out laughing. His holler of "What have you done with the dead body?" sent everyone into hysterics! The best explanation so far is that he was a sort of Shakespearean Mr. Bean - you'd really have had to have been there to understand! There are some things words just can't express!

The play was directed by Joyce Brannagh (sister of Kenneth), who very kindly made herself available to answer questions after the performance! Thanks to all the English teachers for organising the trip!

Jenni Daly, 6th

Duff Gardens

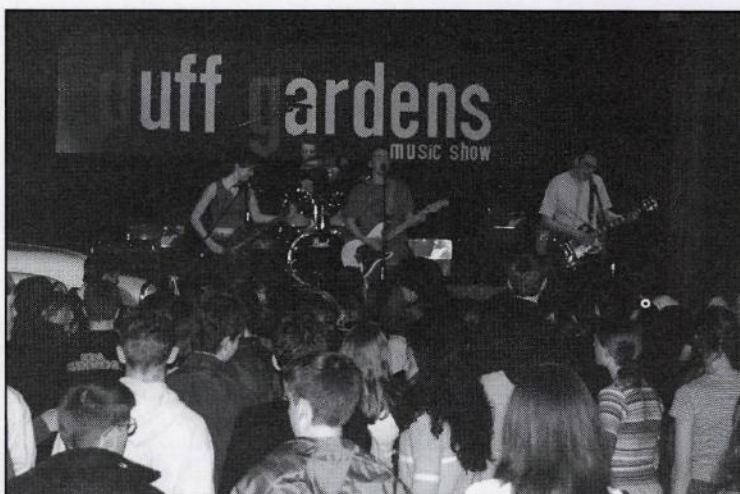
"Are you ready to rock?" bellows through the P.A. announcing the beginning of the most adventurous musical show H.S.D. has ever seen. The Reynolds Hall was packed to capacity and all concerned were waiting anxiously for the first band to go on. A brilliant stage design added to excitement with numerous televisions littered around the stage and a huge placard illustrating to all that this was "Duff Gardens". With amps turned to "11" and the dry ice machine puffing like a chimney the first band took to the stage.



Mr. Blackmore playing his ukulele

Shelflife, comprised of J. J. Rolfe and Eva Maguire, were the first band in what was to be an incredible night. The curtains opened to a deafening reception. A collection of their own material got the crowd jumping and they proved to be an experienced and well practised band. They left the stage to rapturous applause, almost equal, to the one Mr. Blackmore received as he walked out as the next act. The stunned crowd enjoyed every minute of his performance and even joined in for the last song.

The Vagabonds, described as "funk rock" played their own songs and one cover. The decision was made that 'classic rock' was the order of the day as the band opened with some twelve bar rock and roll. The band is comprised of Gordon Anton on guitar, Scott Haliday on drums and John Hyland on bass. The crowd jumped their way through another set until the curtain was pulled and the next act came out. Jenny Kane accompanied by Andrea Burgess and Sarah Lowe sang Christina Aguilera's "Genie in a bottle" which proved very popular.



Numb had built themselves a reputation having handed out their own customised stickers to nearly everyone in school and they didn't disappoint. Gavin Carroll, James Murphy, Simon Alkin and Sandi Mitchell make up *Numb*. They played some of their own material and a rendition of the *Red Hot Chili Peppers*' "Under the Bridge".

The next act were Alan Metcalfe, Jamie McNamara and Caroline Byrne on vocals, they played a cover of Natalie Imbruglia's "Torn". Next was *Quipede* consisting of Dominic Mullan on drums, Sean O'Meara on guitar and vocals and Peter Lysaght on bass. *Quipede* brought their own very original flavour tot he night which went down well with the audience. Another exciting act followed, David Kirkpatrick and Rayne Booth.

They were followed by *Jess*, who definitely left their mark in more ways than one. Peter Mullen, Tim Czerniak, Mark Doherty and Ciaran Murphy played their way through their own songs ending their set with a stage duet. An hilarious act followed *Jess* in the form of Graeme Singleton and Alan Metcalfe. Britney Spears eat your heart out.

Last, but certainly not least, were the most eagerly anticipated band, *Melaton*. They are a five piece band with Luke Slott on vocals, Jonathon Black on guitar, Andrew Brennan on guitar, Declan Garvey on bass and Anthony Mooney on drums. They are an experienced band having won the "Battle of the Bands" last year.

As the lights dimmed and the curtains were pulled everyone involved knew that the night had been a resounding success, a night made possible by a great production team, a great audience and great music. Thanks to all the teachers who cooperated, especially Mr. Blackmore. The brilliant production team consisted of: Gregor Timlin (M.D.) Ben McNally & Jack Olanahan (Stage Management) Jenni Daly & Johnny Ellis (Finance) David Kirkpatrick & Maeve Lysaght (Lighting) J. J. Rolfe & Rusty (Sound).

This truly was an amazing night enjoyed by all. Let's just hope that next year's show can be as successful as this one.

-Gordon Anton, 5th

Blast from the Past

This year's T.Y. Rock Pop/Dance show was *Blast From The Past*. Mlle. Roullet and Ms. Bourke produced and directed the show and gave up lots of free time to help us out with preparation and rehearsal. The show consisted of dance and musical acts provided by the dance module and the band who took part in the rock/pop module.



Ria Czerniak Lebov & Stephen McGarry

Sian Barber and Jane Hilliard came out from behind the curtains to rapturous applause and screaming. They were loved by the crowd and kept them amused with their quirkiness, for want of a better word. TLC were the first act out, kicking their "Scrubs" around the stage..... GO LADIES!!! Ria Czerniak-Lebov came on stage next, and gave her best rendition of "That Man Of Mine", as an amazed crowd looked on in delight. Now, it was the band's turn!!! The curtains opened to leave Alan Metcalfe, Jamie McNamara, Keith Begley, Scott Halliday, Séan O'Hegarty and Caroline Byrne in their best 60's glad rags. The *Bootleg Beatles* played "Lady Madonna" to an amazing reaction from a dazzled crowd. This was followed by *Five*, *The Cardigans* and *S Club 7*. And then, to finish the first part of the show, the girls were joined by Singo, Jack, Rhys, and Jules to "YMCA" their hearts out. (The scary thing is, Singo really enjoyed it!!!).

The second half opened with the *La's* "There She Goes", followed by *ABBA*, *The Bee Gees*, *No Doubt* and a Dusty Springfield impersonator that looked suspiciously like our very own Donald Gray in drag!!! When we eventually got him off the stage and back into his regular clothes, Caroline and the band played "Son of a Preacher Man". Then all was quiet... finale time...the curtains opened to reveal Aisling Milne, dancing amazingly to the world famous Riverdance. The whole cast lined out and gave it their all as Gregg "Michael Flatley" Elliman tapped out the beats of the drums during his solo.

The show was a complete success and we would like to thank Mlle. Roullet and Ms. Bourke for all their help during the weeks before the show and for giving up their free time to help us out. Also, many thanks to Sarge and Steve for their help on the night, Andreas on sound and Roslyn, Sarah, Dave and Meabh on lights.

-Alan Metcalfe, 4th



Keith Begley, Scott Halliday & Caroline Byrne

Ardkill Field Trip

On the 16th of September a group of 6th year biology students gathered at the front entrance of High School. We were going on a field trip to Ardkill Bog, one of the best and most unspoiled examples of a raised bog in Ireland. Our bus brought us to Ardkill and let us off at an old farmhouse, where the next stage of our journey began. We departed on foot in the direction of the bog. On the way a surprisingly large number of people became fascinated and excited by a nearby group of sheep, which slowed our progress slightly. Eventually we reached the outskirts of the bog, where we were given a briefing on the day's activities and the flora and fauna of the bog. There was much amusement when various people got stuck in bog holes, but we settled down and started our first task of constructing a line transect, where a section of ground is examined and plant types and heights of plants and bog are noted. From this information a diagram can be constructed.

Our second task was to set up a belt transect in which plant ratios within a quadrant are examined. The quadrant is then moved along and the ratios examined again. This is repeated several times and from this information a diagram may also be constructed. This exercise helped us to identify specific plants particular to the bogs of this type, and reinforced in our minds the methods used.

After a cold, tiring day, we headed back to the farmhouse. A few people fell into the deeper bog holes when trying to jump over them and they were soaked from the waist down. This was soon remedied by a change of clothes and a mug of steaming tea and a delicious home baked scone back at the farmhouse. After our period of recuperation, we boarded the bus and returned back to school armed with our information for another hard day's work.

Thank you to our biology teachers Mrs. Dowsett, Mrs. Geoghegan and Mr. Gill for an enjoyable day and an opportunity to escape school for the day and relax!

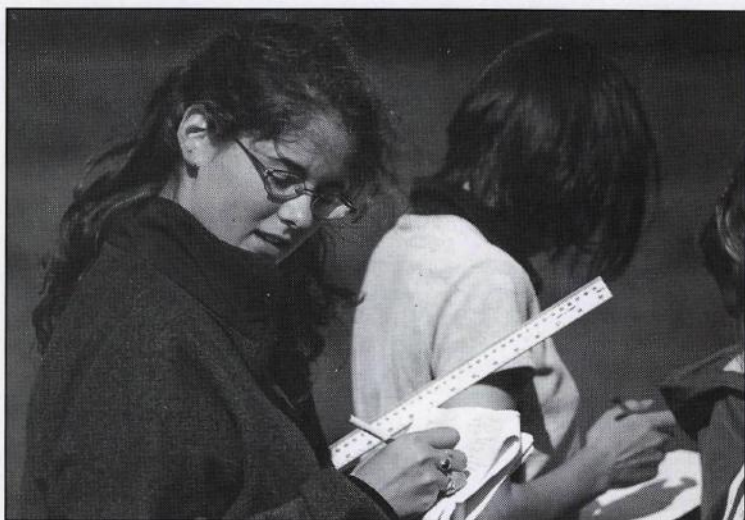
-Sophia Lawless, Rayne Booth, 6th



Kate Williams & Jane Wardrop



Jane Harley, Debbie Walker, Suzanne Kenealy, Carol Moss & Jennie Smith



Rayne Booth

French Trip 2000

The annual French trip took place this year during the spring midterm for 5th and 6th year pupils. It was organised that the eager group meet at the airport, early Saturday morning, and astonishingly enough we all managed to make it, even those of us who were suffering from the aftermath of the Pre-Debs. With the famous saying "first come first served" all 38 of us charged for the plane with one mission - to find a comfortable window seat for the one and a half-hour flight. On arriving, we met our French bus driver who would patiently ferry us around France for the following week. Our set destination for the first day was the famous museum, the Louvre, which houses the fabulous 'Mona Lisa' painting. After an hour, we experienced our first taste of French cuisine in the Parisian restaurant - Flunch. There, we were given the chance to try the famous 'escargot' and 'moules' but the majority of us decided to stick with the traditional Irish cuisine - 'Burger and Chips'. With the help of an Irish tour guide, our bus driver whisked us around 'Gay Paris' where we saw some famous sites including l'Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower.



The following day took us to the outskirts of Paris, to the Palace of Versailles, home of Louis XIV and his wife Marie Antoinette. The striking architecture and surroundings conveyed the pretentious wealth of the French aristocracy of that period. Although impressive, the palace evoked an atmosphere of disillusioned lifestyles. Outside the palace, we were confronted with vendors selling souvenirs, who gave us the opportunity to practice our French bargaining skills. The rest of the afternoon was spent in a French market, observing the daily activities of Parisians. In the evening, we went on a romantic boat trip down the Seine, which gave us a different perspective of the city.

Of course, on a trip to Paris you can't forget EuroDisney! On our third day we left the hotel early in the morning and were given most of the day to scurry from one attraction to the next. Excluding one or two, everyone was willing to chance their luck on each ride and it was unanimously decided that Space Mountain was the most spectacular attraction.

After the fun and adventures at EuroDisney we had an early start for our three-hour trip to Caen. After a filling lunch we reached Caen and decided we would check into the hotel before shopping around Caen - 'what a relief'. So, after a quick stop we headed out on our energetic shopping spree. The town proved to

be very nice and pleasant with a cultural touch. In the centre of the town there was a castle with a cathedral. The people were kind-hearted and amiable and it was a good chance to practise our language skills - "bonjour" and "merci beaucoup". We gathered at the bus at 6 o'clock, exhausted but happy and I think it's safe to say for the majority - with successful buys. Anyway, we headed out for our evening meal in Flunch, our favourite restaurant. Self service with a variety of meals to be bought from hot to cold. We then went bowling - where it took the teachers a while to figure out their correct shoe sizes. We then returned to the hotel for the rest of the evening.

The next day we went to visit the famous Bayeaux Cathedral where the Bayeaux Tapestry is kept. This proved very interesting and we received explanations about each scene representing the different stages in the battle. Following a pleasant lunch the day soon asserted itself as a very historical one as we visited the Ohma beach and a museum dedicated to D-Day. It was certainly very interesting and educational. We then went to visit the bunkers and the craters made by the bombing. The depth and width of some of the craters shocked us. It certainly made you stop and think about some of the atrocities of the war. We also visited the American Memorial where there were 9,000 soldiers buried. It was French soil given to the Americans to honour their dedication to the war.

Later that night - our last night, we decided to stick together and go to a karaoke show where we had a brilliant night despite a few mishaps. Exhausted the next morning we got up really early to get the bus to the airport.

We were welcomed home by TV and camera crews. We didn't know then but we later appeared on the 9 o'clock news thanks to Ellie, Luke, Andrew, Sarah and Mr. Wright who spoke about our trip on our behalf. We'd like to say thanks to all the teachers especially Ms. O'Sullivan for organising it as we all got on really well as a group together.

-Rebecca O'Reilly & Jenny Woolhead, 5th

Ski Trip To Italy

It all started on the cold, dark morning of February 20th at 5:45, when a bunch of fourth and fifth year students met up in Dublin Airport, said goodbye to their parents and set off on their journey to Verona, Italy.

After a two hour flight and a one-and-a-half hour drive we reached the small, but very beautiful village of Brentonico where we were to be staying for our week away. I can safely say that by lunchtime when we arrived, we were all well and truly wrecked. But a very strange thing occurred when we stepped off the coach – it wasn't miserable, drizzly and overcast weather, as we are so accustomed to – instead it was a summer's day! Not a cloud in the sky and the sun splitting the stones and by this strange miracle we all had the instant energy we needed for the rest of our day which we spent exploring our surroundings and sampling the local cuisine.

The next morning we arose bright and early and made our way up along the winding road onto the slopes. We were then all fitted out with skis and snowboards and divided into different skiing and snowboarding groups according to our standards. Beginners, in both skiing and snowboarding, spent the first

couple of days getting used to the snow, doing some exercises on the baby slopes and of course falling – a crucial part of snowboarding! Those who had been either skiing or snowboarding before soon got into the swing of things once again and concentrated on improving their skills.

After receiving our daily dose of pasta and coke at lunch-time we were free to return to the slopes and practise or just simply relax by the fireside until we had to return to the bus. We were exhausted but excited at the prospects for the week ahead.

Our evening entertainment included a table quiz, ice-skating, a trip to a disco and traditional pizza. We were also entertained by a night-time show performed by our ski instructors and a few advanced skiers from High School which was a procession of skiers following one after another with lit torches to guide them down the slope – it looked wonderful, almost ethereal.

We also had the opportunity to go to the historic city of Verona. There we visited the city's amphitheatre where open-air operas are held in the summer and "Juliet's Balcony". By the end of the week everyone was flying along the slopes – all except for those who had received injuries ranging from broken fingers to concussion. Thankfully all are now on the mend.

By Sunday we were all very sad to be leaving but we still had the memories of an absolutely amazing holiday. On behalf of everyone on the trip I would like to say a huge "thanks very much", to all the teachers: Mr. Quinn, Mr. Davies, Ms. Parle, Mr. McKay, Mr. Dolan and especially Ms. Quinn for organising the ski-trip once again and looking after us.

-Roslyn Reddy, 5th.



Burren Trip 2000

Our trip began on the fresh morning of Thursday the 11th of May when we were loaded into a bus resembling that of the Flintstones. Our trip was to be headed by hardened Burren campaigners in the shape of Mr. Wright, Mr. Gill and Mrs. Geoghegan, accompanied by Miss Sixsmith who was making the trip for the first time. Our first stop was in the small village of Moate, a nice, exciting place. Most of the 50 or so students headed into either Supermacs or Super Valu to stock up on whatever they needed for the duration of the trip.

Our next stop was Bishops Quarter where we carried out some ecological field work on the vegetation of the sand dunes there. Later on in the day we visited the Ailwee Caves which was one of the highlights of the weekend. The caves themselves were interesting and anyone above the height of a dwarf had to duck and crouch most of the way through the cave to avoid the overhanging rock. We reached the hostel at around 7:00 that night and all of us tucked into dinner at about 7:30 after being shown to our rooms. That evening we collated the data from our field work and constructed various graphs.



Roisin Cox, Aisling Hale & Sarah Keogh

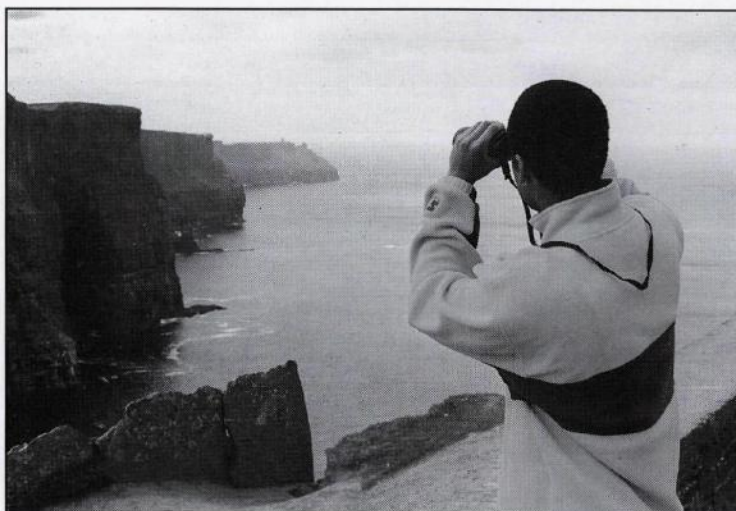
After the mile long queue for the showers the next morning, we gathered our caving gear together and headed out for a day of outdoor adventures. We first went to Poll Sallach to do a belt-transect on a limestone pavement and a coastal survey on a nearby shore and then headed to the Pollnagollum cave. Once we got into the caves, hard hats and lights were essential. The caving itself was a great experience to all those who took part, although some of the students preferred to sleep on the coach instead, all of them big softies. After class that night we headed out for a short walk around the town before going to bed.



School Record

On the final day we all had tears in our eyes at the thought of leaving the hostel, but none of us would miss that bearded Dutch man who seemed really fond of shouting at us!! We visited the Cliffs of Moher and found out that someone had recently fallen off the cliffs after crossing the barrier so we were all very careful not to follow this example.

We decided to pay the historical town of Lisdoonvarna a visit before returning to Dublin, and what visit to Lisdoonvarna is complete without a rendition of that famous song. Our efforts were pathetic and we realised that we could only sing the chorus, letting the stereo system do the difficult verses. After a spot of lunch and a look around Lisdoonvarna we all decided that we had had enough of rural living and wanted back to the lights of Dublin. Our bus driver Brian decided to spoil our peaceful drive home by thinking it a good idea to take a wrong turn off and then, instead of turning the bus, decided to reverse



Ben Okonji at the Cliffs of Moher

out onto a busy roundabout. Shortly after this we arrived back to the civilisation of Dublin in the shape of High School. On behalf of the pupils, a most sincere thanks to Mrs. Geoghegan, Mr. Wright, Mr. Gill, Miss Sixsmith and of course our bus driver Brian.

-Graham Ruddle, 5th



Mr. Wright explaining the geology of the seashore at Poll Sallach

Aran Islands

All 53 of us met at Heuston Station at 10.15 a.m. on Wednesday morning. We were all anxious to go. At 10.30 a.m. Mr. O'Connor gave us the go ahead to board the train, and at 11:00 a.m. we were on our way. On the journey down to Galway we listened to Jamie McNamara playing the guitar accompanied by Brian Pemberton on vocals. After a three-hour journey we finally reached Galway. We checked into our hostel and then went for lunch. After lunch we went for an hour-and-a-half long cruise on the River Corrib during which it began to rain. When we got back from the cruise we were given two hours to get dinner and check in to the hostel at eight o'clock. When we all met in the reception at eight o'clock we were given a curfew of 10:30 p.m. We all went our different ways, some just walked around Eyre Square while others went to the amusement and pool hall that was located five minutes walk from the hostel. We were all back in our rooms on time and we were all asleep by 11:30 p.m.

The next morning we all managed to get up and have breakfast. When our rooms were tidy we proceeded to get the bus that would take us to the port. The bus journey was an hour long. The time flew by as some of us were talking away while others were sleeping. We arrived at the port and boarded the boat "The Aran Flyer". The journey began well but when we were about half way across the water became

rough. People were getting sick everywhere and the others were just sitting down trying to enjoy the ride. Mr. O'Connor seemed to be the only teacher who was enjoying the journey. Ms. Quinn had such a grip on the arm of her chair that we were lucky it didn't come off and Mr. Dolan tried to keep a straight face but we all knew that he was ready to get sick. When we arrived at Aran we all ran off the boat, dumped our bags in a van and made our way to a bike shed where we were greeted by the owner and told all the rules of the road. The hostel was about half a mile from the beach. After putting our bags in our rooms we set off to explore the island and John Gillen and Brian Mellon were delighted when they found a nearby soccer pitch.

That night we experienced the highlight of the whole trip, a barbecue cooked by Ms. Quinn. We had burgers and sausages on baps and Mr. Dolan brought us coke and crisps for afters. When we had finished the barbecue we all went down to the soccer pitch and had a 25-a-side match where we all had great fun.

We began the next and final day by having scones, cereal and tea or coffee for breakfast. We then packed our bags, tidied our rooms and began our final walk to the beach. As we went down we stopped at Spar to get sweets for the boat and the people who were seasick availed of Caoimhe Millotte's sickness tablets. The boat ride was much calmer going back and the bus was waiting for us on the other side. When we got back to Galway we went for lunch. At 2.45 p.m. we met at the train station and by 3.15 p.m. we were on our way. On the way to Dublin we either slept or listened to music. We finally arrived back in Dublin at 6.30 p.m. where members or our families met us.

All in all a good trip was had by all 50 of us. I would like to thank Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Quinn and Mr. Dolan for organising and making the trip possible.

-Simon Goldsmith, 4th

President's Award Trip to Kerry

The Kerry trip this year was a phenomenal success. As the venture part of our bronze President's Award Challenge, 28 of us climbed Carrauntoohill at the beginning of May. We started out at about 10:15 on the Friday and by about 2:00 we were all at the top. The first two guys to the top were Clive and Cathal and the first two girls were Caroline and Jenny. Then the group split into two. Eleven of us returned back down the Devil's ladder while the more courageous seventeen of us went over the Bee Karagh Ridge. We all had a great weekend. I would like to thank all the teachers, in particular Mr. Swan for his constant dedication and for being so accommodating throughout the President's Award.

- Ria Czerniak-Lebov, 4th

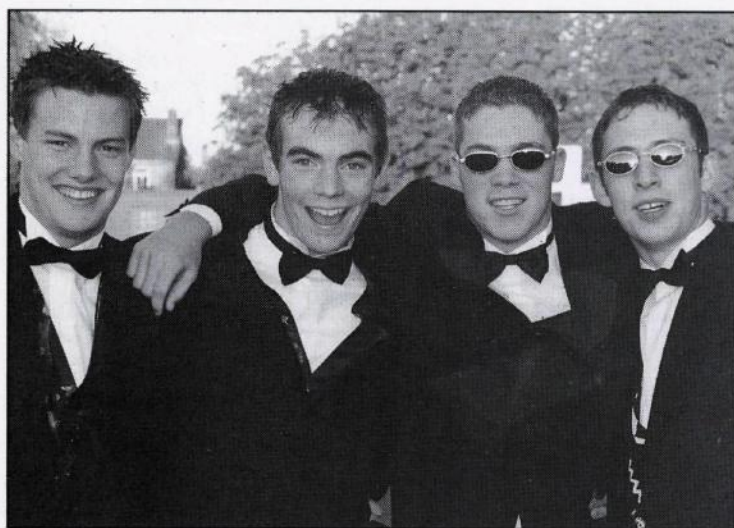


Debs '99

After looking into several venues for our Debutante Ball, the GlenRoyal Hotel in Maynooth seemed by far the best deal, and it definitely proved to be. There were a few hums and haws about the price of the tickets but I'm sure that now everyone will agree it was well worth it.

The night started with a congregation at the school, with parents and teachers there to admire us all in our fancy attire. Three coaches left the school carrying 171 debutantes, eagerly awaiting the night ahead.

After our half an hour journey, we were met in the hotel reception with champagne and then we went into the function room to take our places for dinner. When the extremely satisfying meal ended, the musical side off the night kicked off with the resident band. They were an interesting group to say the least! Everyone gladly stepped into their dancing shoes as the band belted out "Mambo No. 5" and "Livin' La Vida Loca". As it was Neil Stanley's birthday it was only to be expected that he joined the band on stage for a song, while showing off his mastered dance moves. The band played for about an hour and they were followed by a DJ, so the real hardcore dancing was then introduced.



Mark McCullough, Hugh Hogan, Alan Dunne & Paul Bridges

To nicely break up the night, at about half twelve, the karaoke machine was set up and the playlists were distributed around the tables. There were a few memorable contributions, and all the songs were taped and played back to us at the end of the night, with Stephen Murphy, Andrew Patterson, Dave Foster, Katie Blackwood, Fred Gilmore and many more adding to this part of our night, some were shocked by the hidden talent that was revealed.



Michelle Prunty & Emily King

Half one then arrived and the DJs set up again to bring us through the last stage of the night. The majority of us managed to last the whole night although there were a few, who will remain nameless, who just couldn't handle it. Some, I have to say, I didn't see grace the dancefloor once over our whole stay but others, especially Eleanor O'Neill and Jenny Eames get a pat on the back for their lasting energy. Ronan O'Laoire also has to get a mention for his tireless display of dancing skills.

At 4:30, a light breakfast was served and then we all stumbled out to repack the coaches for the trip home. I have since heard that some braved going into the city centre but most, after being dropped back to the school, made their way to their beds as quickly as possible.

I really think that I can speak for everyone and say that it was an amazing and memorable night. I would like to say thanks to Mr. Davis, Sarge, the office staff and everyone else who helped out.

-Wallis Handelman
(Head Girl 1998-99)

Parents' Association

The 56th Annual General Meeting of the High School Parents' Association (HSPA) was held in October, and the committee elected for 1999/2000 was Ann Rath (President), Susan Boyle (Secretary), John Ellis (Treasurer), Ruth Dover, Des Johnson, Tadhg O'Connell, Margaret Wilkinson, Ann Mahon, Richelle Duggan, Derek Hanan and Trevor Wynne. The Principal attended the meeting and was available to answer parents' questions on school policy and development. We're most grateful to Mr. Duffy for giving up his time to attend our meeting.

The Parents' Association Committee send representatives to all subcommittees in the school. Ann Rath and John Ellis have attended Board of Management Committee meetings and John Ellis, Des Johnson, Ruth Dover and Trevor Wynne represent the Parents on Finance, Grounds and Property, Education and Sport Committees respectively.

The full committee met with Mr. Duffy and the Chairman of the Board, Mr. David Rowell and the Vice Chairman, Mr. Frank Sowman. We very much value the opportunity, as parents, to exchange ideas and information with the Principal and the Board of Governors and thank them for their continuing interest.

The Association continues to facilitate the parent-teacher meetings that are now very much part of the school calendar. Meetings took place for Forms 1, 2, and 5 this year. As most parents will now be aware the whole system has been computerised with the help and expertise of Ernie Dover. I wish to thank him and his wife Ruth for all their extra help during the preparation and setting up of the "most wish to speak to" priority operating system. Many thanks also to those who helped with appointment schedules and to all of you for your help on the day.

Following the success of the Mock Interview evenings in previous years, we arranged a Mock Interview for fifth form students. These interviews took place in April with the help of Guidance Counsellor, Ms. Jones.

I wish to thank Des Johnson and John Ellis for all their help in organising the evening and thank all the interviewers for giving so freely of their time for this worthwhile learning experience.

The committee helped parents of third and sixth year to organise parties at the time of the Junior Certificate results, and on the last day of Sixth Year. These events are becoming a positive focus for the students.

The Staff-Parents cricket match was held at the end of the Summer Term but unfortunately rain stopped play. It was, nonetheless, an appropriate time for many parents to say farewell to Bob Fennell who has been organising this event for many years.

As the school session draws to a close we extend our thanks to all parents, school teaching, catering and administrative staff for all their help and support throughout the year.

-Ann Rath (President)

Mock Interviews

The mock interviews took place on the 5th of April 2000. They involved people from various careers - e.g. doctors, teachers, social workers coming to the school to interview 5th year pupils in a real life situation.

Most people found them very beneficial, as it was the first job interview that many of them had had.

At the end of the interview the interviewers went over the candidates' strengths and weaknesses and told them where they could improve their techniques.

It was funny to see everyone in the year dressed up in their best clothes.

We would like to thank Ms. Jones for organising the evening.

-Ingrid Ward and Kathryn Laing 5th



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Back Row (L-R): Tony Wann-Pierce, Holly Synnott, Julie McRann, Alan Loane, James Hanlon, Ronan Kenny, Sean Froudish-Walsh, Hugh Nowlan
Middle Row (L-R): Niamh Hogan, Jennifer Drakeford, Garóg Holohan, Stephen Rorke, Joe Silke, Ciara O'Toole, Patricia Cullen, Barry Daly, Michelle Gunn-O'Connor.
Front Row (L-R): Niall McDarby, Stephanie Coughlan, Rachel Browne, Alice Mooney, Ercus Long, León Fernández-Brennan, Michael Rath, Robert Wilson.
Absent from photo: Michael Okonji.



1-2

Back Row (L-R): James Anglim, Katie Hamilton, Susan Murphy, Averil Blakely, Carla Fitzgerald, Cillian Suiter, Philip Deegan, David Flower.
Middle Row (L-R): Nicholas Gordon, Jonathan Quinlan, Richard Walsh, Ross Traynor, Rory Forsythe, Marc Judge, Pamela Webster, Claire Fry, Karen Douglas.
Front Row (L-R): William Mitchell, Tara Bright, Pia Ward, Rebecca Murray, Miriam McSharry, Owen Wardell, Brett Lawless, John Aslanis.
Absent from photo: Mark Gallagher, Seán Fox.



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Back Row (L-R): Ronan Lonergan, Isabel Baker, Sarah Meehan, Brendan Phelan, Michael Sexton, Jonathon Slacke-Fitzpatrick, Stephen Lane, Sarah O'Callaghan.

Middle Row (L-R): Michelle O'Donoghue, Evan Barry, Jonathan Somerville, Robert Fullerton, Scott Hannan, Conor Dixon, David Stephenson, David Kelly, Graham Kinlan.

Front Row (L-R): Aoife MicPhilibín, Saoirse Gilbert, Claudine Murphy, Ciarán Condren, Beverly Hutchinson, Patrick Earls, Ross Lowe, Allison Lett.

Absent from photo: Aisling Hughes, Karl Kelly, Céin Sookram.



1-4

Back Row (L-R): Zoe McNair, Ruth Borland, Ruth Brady, Andrew Bannister, Peter May, Ross Johnson, Melanie Whelan, Aoife Greene.

Middle Row (L-R): Richard Fallon, Liam Reidy, Sam Jackson, Jo Lynch, Stephen Walsh, Adam Synnott, Gregor McGuckin, Philip Duffy.

Front Row (L-R): Mollaidh Millotte, Craig Rankin, Jeffrey Warren, Alison Bass, Paul McGonagle, Alan Thompson, Barbara Dooley, Olwyn Horgan.

Absent from photo: Andrew Lui, Jordan O'Byrne, Fiona Briggs.

Class Photos



1-5

Back Row (L-R): Emily Glynn, Rachel Elliman, Tariq Mesallati, Scott Dempsey, Ayo Fakinle, Sorch Moloney, Jane Goldsmith, Vicki Collins.

Middle Row (L-R): Simon Marconi, Edward Ahern, Glenn Sheridan, Lucy Whitaker, Anna McCormick, Scott McNeill, Al Grogan, Laura Houston, Daniel King, Lauren Dwyer,

Front Row (L-R): Ciarán Hale, Steven Nelson, Samantha Meridith, Niamh Carroll, Orla Tevlin, Ian Thom, Brian Kelly, Kim Elliott, Augustine Nwosu.



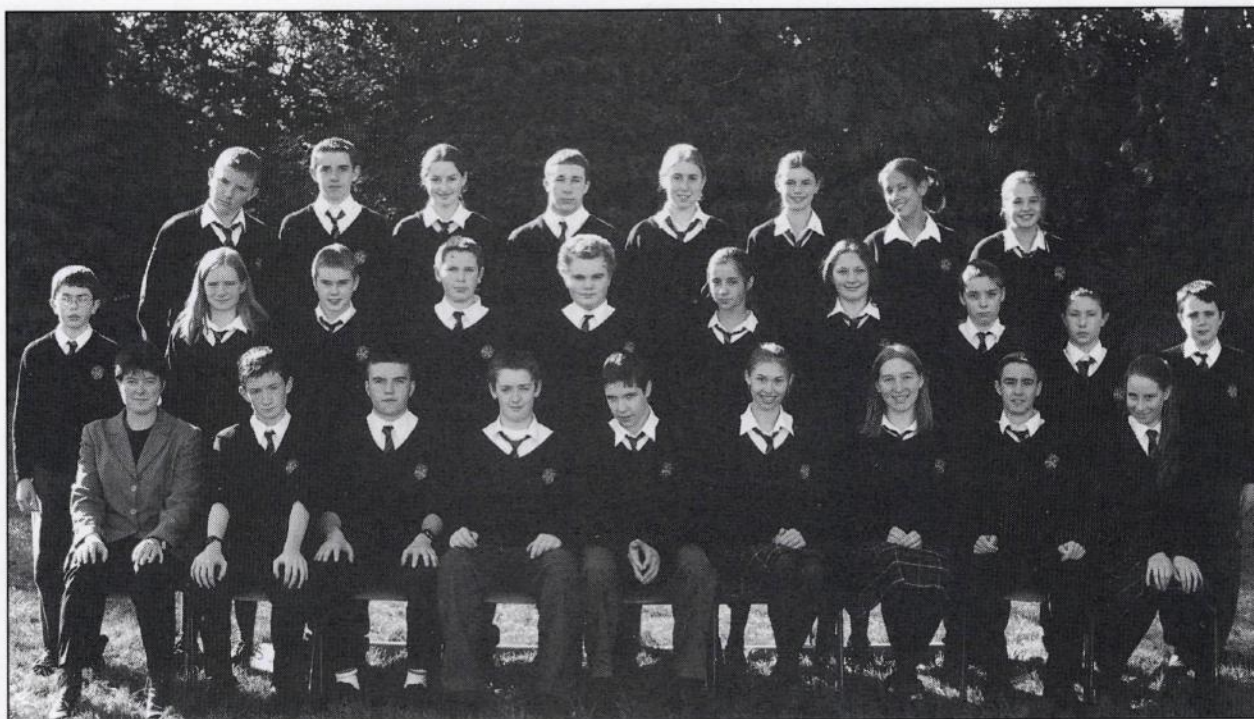
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Back Row (L-R): Donal Curran, Chris Lawson, Jason Brooke, Jessica Bell-Fahy, Nadine Grunitz, Gillian Rath, Jenny Stafford, Saoirse Ryan.

Middle Row (L-R): Jeremy Whyte, Mary Dowds, Jenny Kearns, Drew Dover, Cathy Jones, Ciara Nugent, Sharon Johnston, Paul Hannigan, Kerrie Williamson, Conal O'Meara.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. T. Gill, Cliodhna Noone, Stephen Rooney, Robert Moore, Chris Harding, Karis Brauer, Segun Fakinle, Rob Stratton, Neal Hunter.

Absent from photo: Emmet Forde.



2L

Back Row (L-R): Richard Begley, John McDermott, Lisa Marshall, Benjamin Senior, Alice Keogh, Lyndsey Watson, Kate Ashe-Leonard, Freya Oatway.

Middle Row (L-R): Stephen Mahon, Eva Monaghan, Daniel Roantree, Rory Bannigan, Max Callan McLaughlin, Holly Brennan, Rebecca Rolfe, Julian Persechini, Lee Boutiche, Stephen Dowling-Turner.

Front Row (L-R): Ms. E. Lyons, Andrew Meaney, Gregory Sheridan, Seán O'Connor, Carl Daly, Danielle Donnelly, Genevieve Boyle, Graham Cooley, Anna O'Hare.

Absent from photo: Ciara Fitzgerald, Scott Wilkinson.



2R

Back Row (L-R): Martha McDermott, Judith Czerniak-Lobov, Gillian McMurray, Eilish Smyth, Adele Kirwan, Susan Barrett, Noel O'Meara, Jamie McDonald.

Middle Row (L-R): Alan Ellman, Kerrie Fahy, Aideen Blackwood, Tom Gillespie, Ben Canton, Amy O'Byrne, Bryan Hannon, Lorelle Brownlee, Matthew D'Arcy, Alice Toner.

Front Row (L-R): Miss E. Roulet, Robert Sherwood, Shelly McGeeney, Andrea Vard, Matthew Leahy, David Lee, Ben Leonard-Kane, Pat Anglim, Robert Wynne.



2WK

Back Row (L-R): Mr R. Walker, Mark Lew, Patrick Mullan, Orla Walsh, Steven Duggan, Joanna Corbett, Grace Nelson, Simon Jones, Elliott Leavy.

Middle Row (L-R): Padraic Smith, Stephen Power, Shane Prunty, Aoibhin McGreal, Tonya O'Keeffe, Peter Burns, Sarah Collins, Ross Murphy, Sophie O'Hare, Sarah Reynolds.

Front Row (L-R): Robert Byrne, Chris McAuliffe, Karl Hill, Sarah Hennessy, Jennifer Carr, Niamh Sheehan-Hammond, Julie Ann Tector, Margaux Kenny, Cillian Meldon.

Absent from photo: Adam Brennan.



2WS

Back Row (L-R): Anna Stewart, Ruth Connell, Sarah Maguire, Daniel O'Rourke, Macdara O'Seireadain, Mandy Lowe, Evan McAulay, Aengus Walton.

Middle Row (L-R): Louise Duggan, Denise Lui, Eoghan Cullen, Daniel Donnelly, Kiva Murphy, Stacey Douglas, Max Olohan, Tim Mills, Neil O'Connor, Joanna Burke.

Front Row (L-R): Miss. A. Wilson, Andrew Lett, Zoe Allott, Rosalind Campbell, Barry Walsh, Daniel Murphy, David Mitchell, Neil Smith, Graham Kerr.

Absent from photo: Sharon Taylor, Ross Holder.



3DA

Back Row (L-R): Dave O'Driscoll, Deborah Keogh, Ruth Kelly, Alex Feldman, Eoin Tippins, Rhiannon Gleeson, Eoin Monaghan.

Middle Row (L-R): Andrea Burgess, Suda Rao, Alan McCarthy, Zoe Quinn, Maeve Willoughby, Davy Holmes, Leah Burke, Andrew Grimson.

Front Row (L-R): Matthew Parkinson Bennett, Edward Kenny, David Young, Luke McGuire, Louisa Earls, Paul Webster, Lara Hickey, Daryl Hoy, Mrs. B. Davin.

Absent from photo: Fiona Traynor.



3DO

Back Row (L-R): Jennifer Hanan, Elaine Laing, Rachel Bates, Laurence Brook, Brian Sergeant, Stuart Maguire.

Middle Row (L-R): Wesley Mahon, Donna Lui, Anthony Camilleri, Rachel McSharry, Caira Fahy, Chung Lam, Sean Ward.

Front Row (L-R): Ross Condon, Nuala Sheehy, Stephen Keegan, Kealan Kelly, Brian Morton, Catriona Curran, Dearbhaille O'Neill, Mrs. M. Dowsett.

Absent from photo: Sarah Cobban, Simon Houston, April Kavanagh, Karl Kavanagh, Eoghan O'Reilly, Robert Thackaberry.



3G

Back Row (L-R): Robert Horne, David Thompson, Paul Morrissey, Daniel O'Byrne, Ian O'Shea, Rebecca Nicholson, Sarah Tobin, Kerrie Wynne.

Middle Row (L-R): Ciara Farrell, Aoife Moore-Lewy, Narika Negi, Jennifer Day, Jamie Bonney, Simon Heffernan, Sam Abraham, Tom Kennedy, Tania Hashmi, Jenny Kane.

Front Row (L-R): Pamela Pimiento, Jack Smith, Sarah Lowe, David Garvey, Declan McGonagle, Claire Foster, Eilis Coughlan, Heidi Walsh, Mrs. J. Geoghegan.



3RD

Back Row (L-R): Zara White, Meabh Cryan, Suzanne Cairns, Aoife Donohoe, Fergal Kenny, Gavin Whyte, Kate Higgs.

Middle Row (L-R): Claire Murphy, Glenn McNeill, Chris Somerville, Rajiv Bose, Keith Flower, Holly Naughton, Aidan Field, Aislinn O'Toole, Jonah King.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. R. Davies, Alison McHugo, Matthew Browne, Elaine Victory, Fiona Condron, James Tuomey, Scott Halliday, Karl Heeney, Ruairi O'Connell.

Absent from photo: Lewis Doyle, Brook Campbell-Crawford.



3S

Back Row (L-R): Simon Murray, Sarah Walsh, Gavin Murphy, Andrew Hui, Ben Frazer, Konrad Nicholson, Nicola Sutton, Shalini Columb.

Middle Row (L-R): Eamon Cassidy, Thomas Cassidy, Ralph Prendergast, Amy Wilkinson, Susan Walsh, Carolyn Goulden, Stuart O'Meara, Shivan Pillay, Rebecca Fisher.

Front Row (L-R): Fiona Keller, Vicky Wright, Niall O'Shea, Martin Anglim, Jimmy Wright, Joesph O'Callaghan, Robert Smyth, Richard Owens, Miss D. Sixsmith

Absent from photo: Grace Tallon, Richard Dempsey



4I

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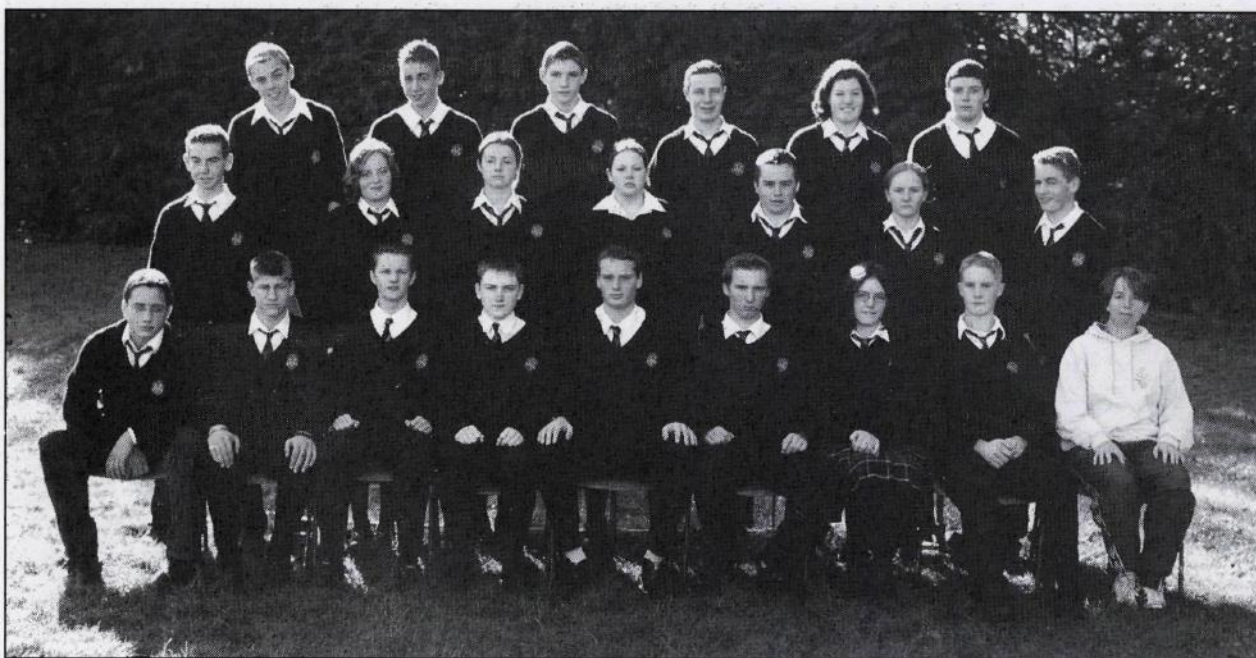
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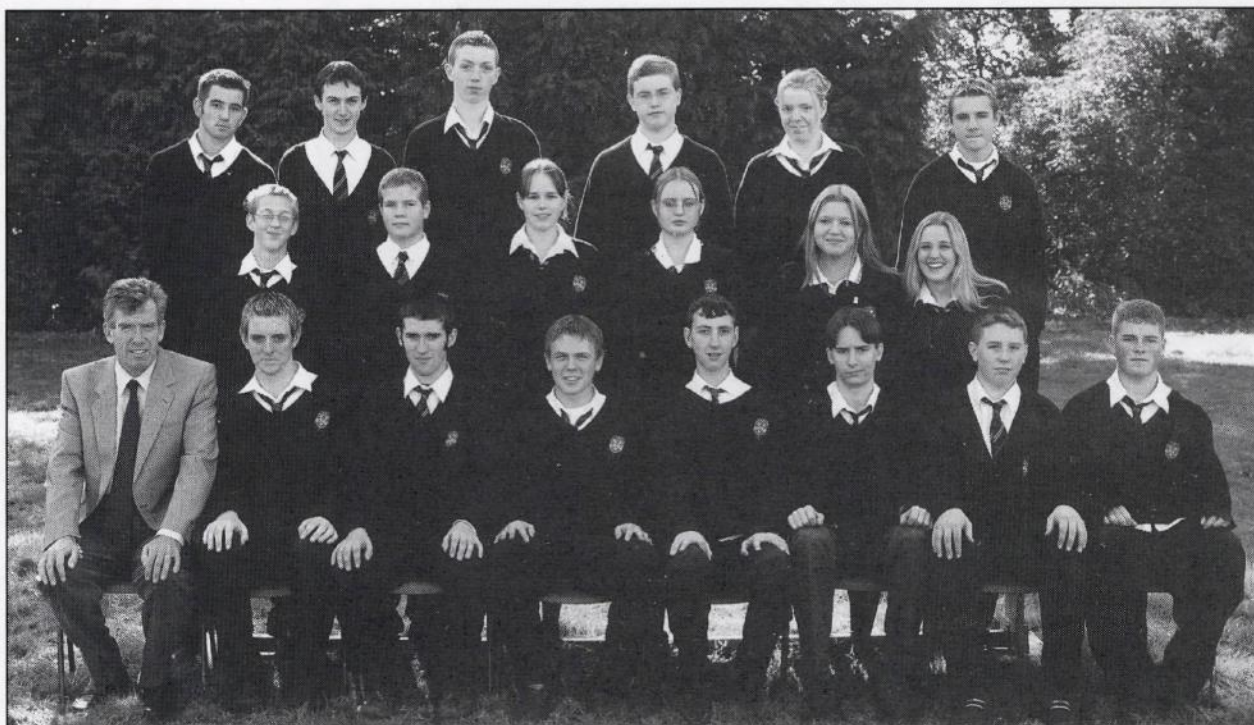
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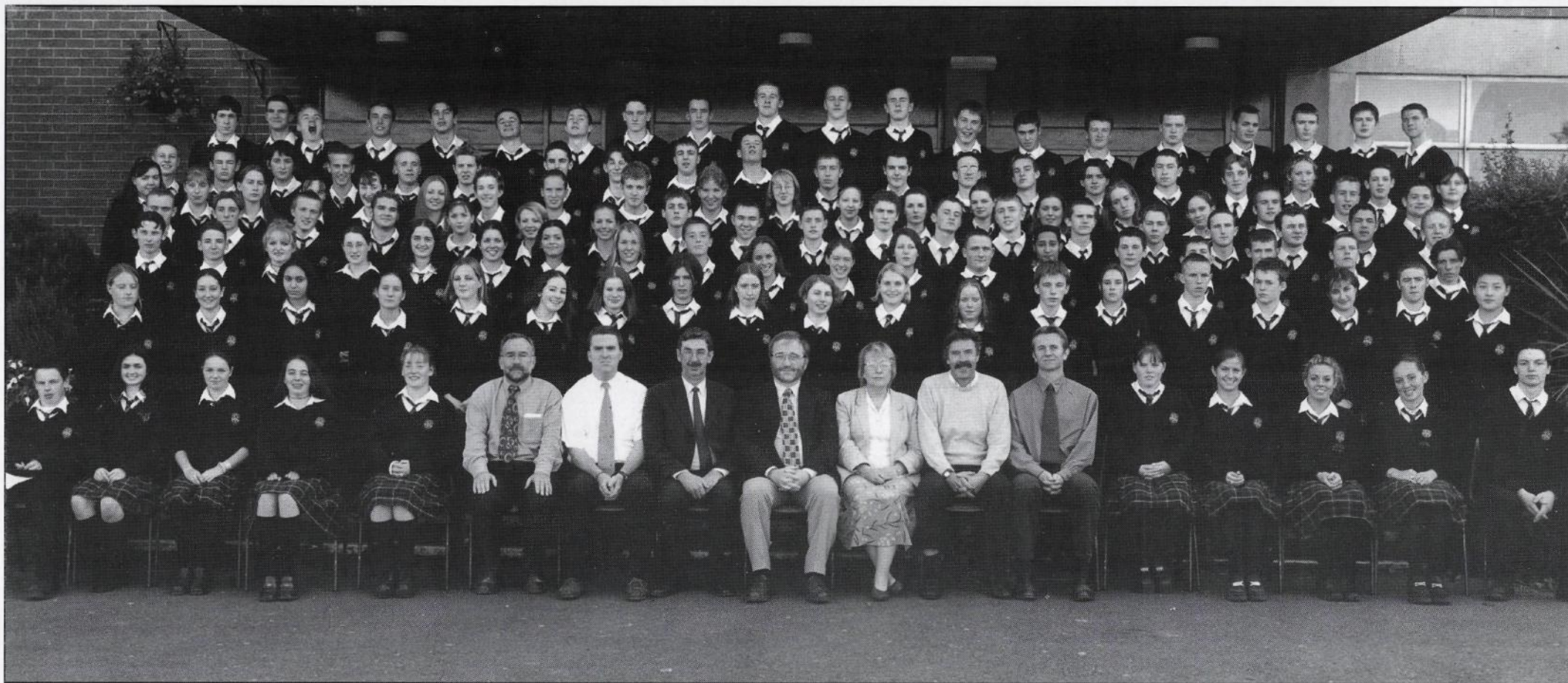
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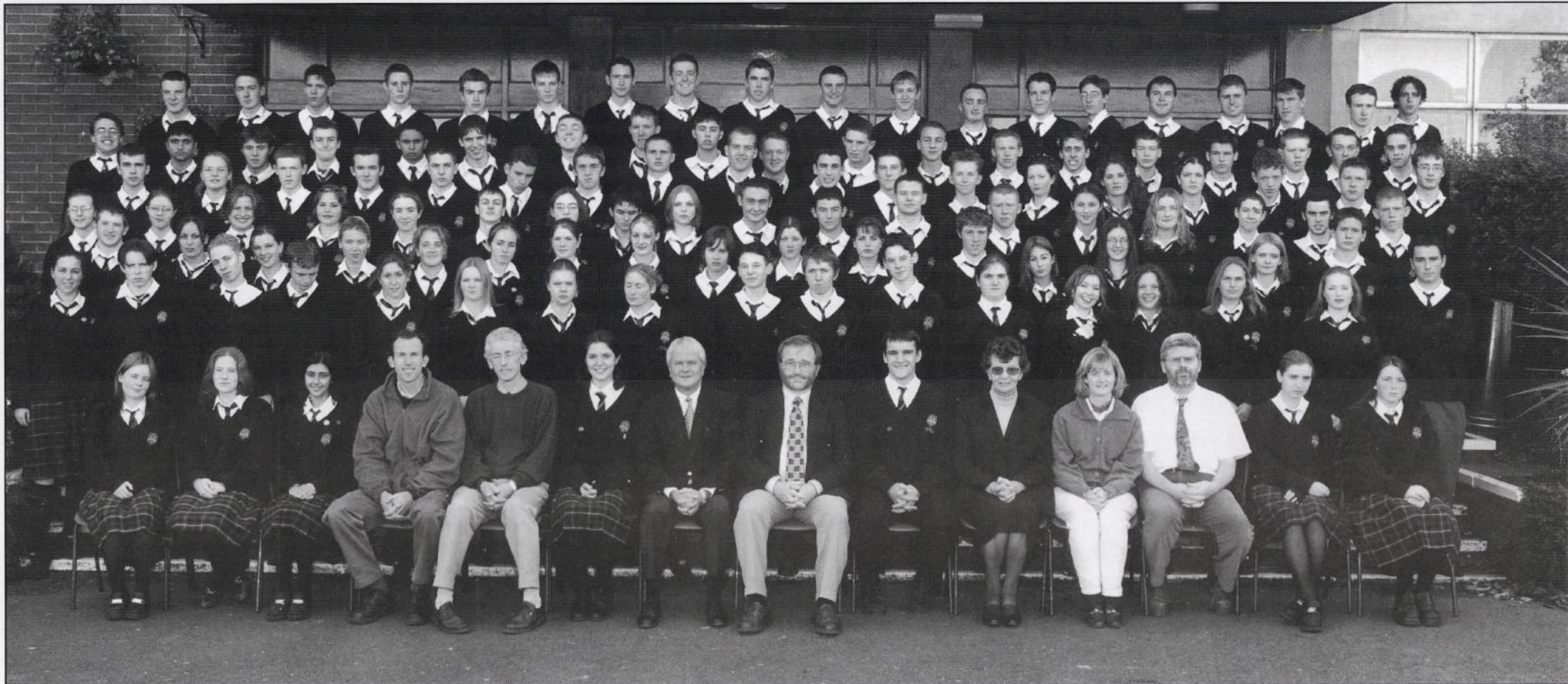
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Poems and Essays

Chocolate

Oh to be swimming
In a bath of chocolate milk
With a bar of chocolate soap
That you actually have.

Oh to be flying through
A chocolate galaxy,
With milky ways
And magic stars.

Oh to be trekking
Through a chocolate jungle,
With lions
And animal bars.

Oh to be sitting
On a chocolate bus,
Double Deckers are the best!

Oh to be writing
In a chocolate book,
With chocolate characters
And chocolate, chocolate, chocolate....

Anon.

Happy the Horse

For happy the horse
We are filled with remorse
Cause the poor ol' horsey's
Dead,
She died when a large and
Grey piece of lead fell from
The ceiling and on to her head,
They found her the next day
Lying in the hay, her eyes glazed
Over her face cold and grey,
They cried when they saw her,
And they tried to draw her
But found no joy in this.
So they bought a new f6al
Tied it to a pole and named
The little thing Chris.

Eva Monaghan, 2nd.

Nameless

Jesse's life went smoothly, self-assured without a doubt,
But never did we realize what she really thought about.

She was confident, successful, everything she should have been,
But signs of her most inner self were always left unseen.

Jesse always conquered fear, we thought she had it all,
But never did she ask for help, all she need have done was call.

She seemed so very happy, optimistic and content,
But little did we know how time alone at night was spent.

We never knew of tears she cried, of tears or desperation,
Neither did we know I guess of times of pure elation.

Jesse died on Sunday morning, late November last,
She didn't stand a chance; the car couldn't stop that fast.

There are many different theories as to why she died that day,
Was it just an accident or did she think she couldn't stay.

Anon.

The Secret Grove

As I lie within the wooded glade,
With the babbling brook nearby.
I reach the tranquillity,
Peace to mind and eye.

The trees rise up all around,
The sun shines through the leaves.
Sometimes I think I can hear,
Whispers in the breeze.

The birds sing in the trees,
The animals scamper on the
ground.
No-where else, in the world,
Can such peace be found.

I rise up, the time has come,
For me to leave this place,
I disappear among the trees,
A smile upon my face.

Max Callan, 2nd.

Never before

Never before have I had a friend like you
Who cared for me and helped me through
You healed my pain and dried my tears
I will never be able to repay you, not even
In a million years.

Nothing I do will show how much I appreciate
You, not flowers, chocolate or any other gift.
No words could express what I really mean,
Except thank you and I will always be here for you
No matter what you go through.

Whether it's big or small, it doesn't matter at all
I will be there for you through it all.

Anon.

Stating the obvious

Beauty is a beautiful thing
Humour is so funny
Cynicism is quite nasty
Sarcasm the lowest form of wit.

But when things aren't black and white
They are usually in colour
And when it all comes down to the thing
It's usually lumpy and gone off.

Life can be a picnic and picnics are great
But on a rainy day
You are up the creek and paddleless.

John Hyland, 5th.

The Observer

I am the 'observer', small and slight but always there,
I see what others don't; the naked truth no matter where.

I witness crimes and see the lies that other people live,
The way that some can only take while some can only give.

I see the looks of fear, of anger, hurt and pride,
The way that while some hobble, others often stride.

I notice all around me, all that's taking place,
I see the truth in all their eyes; in each and every face.

Throughout the years I guess observation made me wise,
The ability to see past the self-deception and the lies!

Anon.

Peace

I hope for the day
when all violence shall cease
I hope for that day
maybe then we'll have peace.

I long for that day
when someone will declare
peace has been found
peace everywhere.

From this day onwards
all violence shall cease
From this day onwards
the world is at peace.

But that day is not coming
anytime soon
My hope is that children
Born in this age
will grow up with the feeling
of peace all around.

Zoe McNair, 1st.

Believe?

Do you believe in nature, heaven, hell?
Who is your God? Science or Emmanuel?
Do you think Darwin really knew the score?
Is there a chance there could be even more?

Let not your mind o'erthrow judgement of heart;
The earth exists – a living form of art.
An accident that carries us along?
Or could it be for once that you are wrong?

With time on earth so short before we die,
Could there be something more than you and I?

Ellie Fry, 6th.

The Universe

The sky is full of wonder,
There's so much we have not seen,
The universe is so beautiful,
The sun is like a queen.

The solar system orbits,
Orbits the distant sun,
But out of the nine planets,
We live on only just one.

The Earth is full of green land,
With desert, ice and snow,
On the land, icecaps and in the ocean,
There's life everywhere we know.

We wish to see more in space,
We wish for more knowledge,
We wish we could see everything out there,
And try and live life on the edge.

I think I should finish this poem now,
For it is getting late,
I'll see more of the universe in the future,
Some year, some month, some date.

Susan Barrett, 2nd.

Ocean

Life's blood is flowing in the veins of the earth
And we but simple beings must flow too,
Follow courses made long before our birth
To a place that was there before the first bird flew.
From all corners it speaks with the same tongue,
Water, the earthly life giver emanates.
It was new when the earth was young,
Water to the heaving ocean accelerates.
It was our mother in aeons gone by
We still contain a little bit inside.
Our natural ancestor appears when we cry,
Now we poison it with our human pride.
Observe the final destination of the flow
A billion mermaids salty tears have made this endless sea
Like blood to a heart, the river to the sea must go
So we can sit on the beach and be.

Nicole Dowley, 6th.

So much

Can distance break two hearts? - I hope not!
Why does he have to go for so long?
I won't be able to think, I'll miss him too much.
I bet he'll look at other girls!
Just like I'll look at other boys
Comparing them to him, of course!
But the girls he looks at will leave
Him with no thought of me.
I'm so horrible. I do trust him....
Just not from such a distance.
Well, at least I care about him!
My words would be very different if I didn't!

It's funny how I'm writing this and wanting
So much for him to stay.
But if he were here and we were together,
I'd want him so much to go away.

Sinead Gallagher, 4th.

Hidden Art

She crept slowly,
Quietly she grew
So very, very subtle
Almost no one knew.

But I saw her come,
I saw her grow.
I watched her blowing
Away the snow.

She decorated the bare ground
The branches too,
All around the pace
Buds bloomed anew.

And I saw her there-
I knew where she'd been.
For where she'd left
There was a vivid green.

And so the flowers bloomed,
The leaves did grow.
And it gives me great comfort
That I know-

When the winds blow
Sleet on my face,
Spring will soon be here
To revive the place!

Karis Brauer, 2nd.

Our War

We all walk the same way.
Taking armies in our stride.
And we fade into the distance,
Without a thought of what we left behind.

We've all got families.
We've all got a war.
We've all got enemies,
But not so far.

And then something happens,
And then something happens again,

This is our war

Why can't you see through,
All that they do.
We've all got friends,
But not so far.

We all walk the same way.
Taking armies in our stride.
And we'll come back to be,
With thought of what we left behind.

And then something happens,
And then something happens again.

This is our war

And now our struggle is over,
All apologies made.
We are back together,
But we're still afraid.

This is our war.

Squigley

Memory of Childhood

A cosy fire
The long long day
As you stretch your feet
And with the silence play

Crackling ambers
The news of the day
On Radio One
The Angleus plays.

Gillian Whelan, 5th.

Dead and Gone

Old eyes, old heart, old souls
Sadness locked within the young.
New thoughts, new patterns-
But no.
Like those, thought by them, that's dead and gone.

Scented smells of perfume and cologne
Putrid, they rise from the grave.
To fill the empty soulless silence-
Endless chatter.
Like that, said of them, that's dead and gone.

Glorious tastes exciting and exotic
Foul, they taste of ashes in the mouth.
From the past into the future never time for now-
Always running.
Like that, done of them, that's dead and gone.

Celebrated sounds inflamed and foreign
As a preacher on a pulpit.
Softest satin, smoothest silk for party dresses-
Coffin linings.
Like that, made by them, that's dead and gone.

Take a pretty picture, lovers, family or friend-
Grinning, as skulls in a row.
And look back when years are flown at people,
Gone to bone.
They, are them, that's dead and gone.

Tell me children of tomorrow,
What it's like to live,
Life as one from birth-
Condemned.
Because of lies and errors;
Made by them, that never lived and are dead and gone.

Sarai Mooney, 5th.

We have nothing to fear but fear itself

What do you fear? What makes the blood run cold in your veins? Your heart skip a beat? The hairs on the back of your neck stand up? I tell you, you have nothing to fear, my friend, but the fear of fear itself.

With every sunrise so too dawns another day of fear. We live our lives in fear. In fear of what may not happen. It seems that fear is the very thing that keeps us going, the force that drives us through our lives. Why else would teenagers struggle through school and fight for points, for courses, for college places? They fight for futures without fear. They yearn for the security of a job, a house. They struggle to release themselves from the fear of an uncertain future.

Day in, day out people rise at the crack of dawn straining under the burden of their work. They struggle through a lifetime in order to survive. In order to keep the fear of what may happen if they don't, at bay. They toil because they care so much for their families, because they fear so much for their families and they toil so much that they never see their families. Fear is a vicious circle, a never-ending vacuum that sucks us all in. Even when we do succeed, even when the teenagers grow up and realise their dreams, when they make certain of their future, even then they do not receive the release for which they longed. They now fear losing what they have achieved; the house, the car, the job; and so they continue to blindly stagger in pursuit of an escape, which they will never find, but for which they will search for the rest of their lives. There in lies another of our greatest, perhaps even the greatest fear. The fear of death.

If there is one thing that we can all depend on in this life, it's that one-day all of us will die. This is a fact. A truth universally known but rarely acknowledged. Most of us spend our lives running from it, attempting to convince ourselves of our own immortality. It'll never happen to us, and anyway, it's a far to distant thing to think about now. Does this explain the flippancy of youth and the piety of old age?

Those who can feel the cold breath of death on the backs of their necks grasp at god, at religion, at anything to allay their fears of what may lie in the store for them beyond the boundaries of this realm. But why do we endure the burdens of this world? Because we're afraid that the next world may be even worse? To quote Shakespeare's Hamlet: "Who would fardels bear, But that the dread of something after death, makes us rather bear those ills we have, Than fly to others that we know not of?"

We put up with the trouble and strife of this world out of fear that beyond, things may be even worse. Fear is the element that undermines our society. We live, we're not happy, we want more. We get more, we're not happy. We guard what we have and want even more still. Many people live on £15,000 per year. Yet people on twice that salary will struggle to have more and more. The thought of their business folding, losing their job, getting a pay cut, terrifies them! Yet what is the worst scenario? The dole, and that's not exactly starvation now, is it? Even then, we've already dealt with the fact that to fear death is pointless. It comes to us eventually and we may as well enjoy the time we do have, rather than living it in fear.

In our pursuit of what we want, we are blind to the needs of others. Some people live life on the breadline, while others wallow in more money than they could ever possibly want or need. The people, however, to whom life has not dealt the kindest hand, also need to combat their own fears, and can often turn to crime. In essence, fear causes greed. Greed causes poverty. Poverty causes crime, and crime in turn causes fear. It's an unending spiral rooted in the blackest part of human nature.

We are all born as separate and complete individuals, yet most of us live in fear that we won't be fulfilled until we find strength, support and live in the arms of another. Now as wonderful as a boyfriend, girlfriend or spouse might be, there is no need to fear the absence of one. So why are we scared not to have one? When we do we fear that we might lose them! As heart-breaking as any break-up might be, we all know that we'll survive in the end. So really we live in fear of fear.

Racism, sexual discrimination, ageism. From what common ancestor do all these evils descend? Fear. Fear of the new, the unknown, and the different. Our fears themselves create fear. Fear causes us to descend into a primitive state of suspicion and disdain.

Most of us fear as a matter of course. We all know the feeling that someone is watching us, the urge to check over your shoulder, the conviction that from behind the next tree some psychopath with a bloody knife is going to jump out and get yah! But statistically, each of us has a better chance of matching five lotto numbers than of being the victim of a vicious assault. But how often are you convinced that you are going to win some cash on a Saturday night?

Speaking of nights, not even they are sacred, as our own fears catch up on us again. In the dark of night we are locked into dreams of which we have no escape but to wake up to a reality which may be the greatest nightmare of all.

-Jenny Daly, 6th.

Prejudices

It is 1965, Virginia, a time of great racial hatred between black and white people. There is an incredible bitterness in black people's hearts for their unjust treatment and they believe that their only chance of complete freedom is to stand up and fight for it instead of being treated like lesser beings and slaves. In some cases it only takes one incredible and courageous and strong willed person to speak out against unfair rule and oppression and to make a difference for then other people would follow their lead.

The day was bitterly cold and the wind howled and moaned, sounding like some lost soul seeking vengeance. There was a strange tension in the air as the young boy walked home from school. His name was Malcolm King. He felt anger welling up inside him as he thought of all the restrictions against black people—they're not allowed to eat in the same bars or restaurants as white people, they're not allowed to drink from the same water, they're not permitted to go to the same schools or go on the same buses as white people. The list is endless he thought, shaking his head in despair as he wondered if it would ever change.

The sudden sound of footsteps behind him made him cower against the wall, praying fervently that no one would see him. His heart pounded against his chest and his pulse raced wildly as the footsteps drew nearer and nearer. A feeling of stark terror threatened to engulf him and his breathing came out in gasps. His eyes widened in horror as he lifted his head up and saw the three large, white men walking slowly towards him. Their pace was deliberately slow as he realised, giving him time to think about his fate.

One of them had a malicious grin on his face, making Malcolm feel like a small, helpless mouse at the mercy of a lion that already secretly knew that its life had just ended. The man was muscular and had piercing grey eyes like a hawk. 'Slaves should bow before their masters, eh Tom?' the evil man laughed, thumping the boy in the stomach. Malcolm fell to his knees gasping and spluttering as he tried to breathe. A vision flashed through his head of all the black people who had ever died at the hands of white people and he felt a surge of fury and hatred sweep through his whole body. He tried to stand up but he was immedi-

ately forced down by one of his persecutors. He felt pain sear through his shoulder as he was hit again and again.

He let out a cry of pure anguish and torment but the evil men just laughed and continued to kick him. He raised his hand to touch his face and as he brought it down before his eyes his heart lurched inside as he saw that it was covered in blood. Through the hazy film of tears that streamed down his face he saw the reason for his people's torments. He suddenly realised that there was no difference between black and white people but that it was only in people's heads.

His screams of utter pain and bitterness racked the air, seeming at that moment to come from every black person's mouth that had ever died at the hands of a white person. He felt a strange calmness touch his mind as he knew then that the only way the white people would listen would be if they were taught a lesson that they would never forget.

The taste of blood filled his mouth as his attackers slowly walked away from him, laughing at the thought that they had put one more black person in their rightful place. Their display of brutality though had the opposite effect on Malcolm King.

He lay on the path as still as a dead person, trembling with the cold and with anger. His forehead was covered with sweat and he knew that if he were to stay there that he would surely die. Ear-piercing screams filled the air and he was horrified to discover that they were his own.

It was about half an hour later that the old black man knelt down beside him, a worried expression on his kind face. Malcolm looked up trying to ignore the pain in his head as he moved it. 'Thanks be to God that you're still with us', the old man murmured.

A sudden look of blind rage flickered across his face as he saw how badly beaten Malcolm was. 'Who in the world committed such a crime?' he asked. The boy opened his mouth and whispered a few words but then closed it again as his throat felt as if it were on fire.

The old man brought him to the nearest hospital and asked for entry into it. One of the doctors just laughed in his face. 'You stupid black man', he said, 'we don't let slaves like yourself into a hospital where there is only space for civilised white people.'

'He'll die if you don't see to him,' the old man shouted, his voice incredulous. The doctor just shrugged his shoulders. 'So what,' he said and slammed the door shut behind him.

Malcolm looked up at his rescuer and sighed deeply. 'I thank you,' he whispered, his voice contorted as if he was wreathing in pain, 'but I ask one more favour of you.' 'Liberate my people for that is what we most desire.'

His head fell limply back onto the man's chest as he died. The man stared helplessly at him but then he murmured, 'I will achieve this for you and my brothers.'

-Vicki McKenna, 5th.

An Unwelcome Visitor

As I arrived home that night, I noticed a strange and eerie silence hanging in the air. I knew it was late, but still, there was something unsettling, even unearthly about it. I couldn't put my finger on what exactly what was wrong, but I expected to be relieved to get home. However, when I got there, I discovered the same otherworldly feeling in the air. It was oddly quite dark – not so dark that I couldn't see, more like a thick mist engulfing everything around me. I hadn't a clue what was going on, but I decided that the best way to shake off my uneasiness was to get a good night's rest, so I headed up the stairs to bed.

The same freaky mist was in my bedroom too, and the way it unnerved me made it hard to fall asleep. It didn't help that someone started knocking on my door shortly after I had fallen into bed either. Glancing at the glowing LCD display on my alarm clock, I noticed that it was four o'clock in the morning. Who could possibly be at my door at four o'clock in the morning? My first thought was to just ignore them and hope they would go away, but my visitor seemed to be getting more and more impatient as he kept knocking louder and louder. Eventually I just decided to go downstairs and deal with whoever was there.

As I slumped down the stairs I didn't know who, or what to expect to see – however, I definitely didn't expect to see what I saw. Standing on the doorstep was a man, at least seven foot tall, dressed in a long black robe with the hood casting a shadow over his face so that I couldn't make out any of his features, but so that I could still tell that he was glaring at me. But the most striking feature of this giant however, had to be the fact that between the withered, boney fingers of his right hand he clutched a long, sharp scythe, with little glints of moon light reflecting off its blade revealing tiny, yet still visible drops of dried blood.

As you can imagine, this didn't exactly fill my heart with joy, and as my visitor drew his tool back behind his head, ready to swing it forward again, I promptly screamed, slammed the door in his face and ran back to my bedroom to hide in my bed. It wasn't the ideal solution to the problem at hand, but I was much too confused and frightened to think at the time.

Somehow I managed to fall asleep that night, but only after reassuring myself that it was all in some way a dream, or a figment of my imagination or something.

My alarm clock did its usual 'make an unhealthy lot of noise' routine the next morning at seven, and I estimated that I had gotten around two hours of sleep, which didn't make me very happy. However, if my lack of sleep made me unhappy, then the sight I woke up too sent me into suicidal depression: looming over me, staring at me through two hollow eye sockets, with an arm reaching out towards me, was the same ghostly apparition that had visited me the night before. I tried to scream, but my breath caught in my throat so I attempted to roll out of his reach instead. And my plan would have worked wonderfully – if I had remembered that rolling too far over would send me flying towards the floor which I hadn't. And then – just to top off the perfect crime – I hit my head off the corner of my hard wooden bedside table on the way down, and knocked myself unconscious.

All I can remember after that is feeling a sharp pain, as if I was being hit with a scythe, followed by what seemed like an extremely bright, but not blinding, white light, and then waking up somewhere that didn't seem to fit in with the mornings previous events at all.



I found myself in what appeared to be a waiting room in some kind of plush office building. The room was quite large, and had a strange musky smell. The floor was covered with an immaculately clean red carpet, and the wallpaper too, was similarly red and hygienically sound. Apart from myself, there was only one other person in the room: a lady sitting behind a secretary's desk (the sign on it reading "Secretary" was a dead give away) typing something into a computer. Her most striking feature was that, just like the invader in my room, she was all skin and bones, but without the skin. After a while she glanced up at me, and then immediately leant away from me and started speaking into the intercom. Almost immediately, the skeletal man from earlier that morning entered and motioned for me to come with him.

"Ah good morning sir," he said in a soft and welcoming voice that completely belied his appearance. "Please follow me. I think we have some explaining to do".

-Karl Kavanagh, 3rd.

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Rugby

Canada 2000 Tour

The team was in high spirits as we met in Dublin Airport at 7 a.m. for the start of our trip of a lifetime. We said our final good-byes and took the short flight to Heathrow. Then we boarded the Air Canada plane and set off on our ten-hour flight. We flew over the Rockies, which gave us our first taste of the breathtaking views we were to encounter later. After landing in Vancouver Airport we boarded a ferry that brought us through the most amazing scenery before arriving on Vancouver Island. We then took a coach to Cowichan R.F.C. where we met our first hosts.

The next day, after our first training session, we spent the afternoon in Victoria, the provincial capital of British Columbia. It is an absolutely gorgeous city with its beautiful bay full of yachts and seaplanes. We all rested the night before the big game, which kicked off at 6 p.m. in front of a large and enthusiastic crowd. The Cowichan team was strong and bulky

and they hit us hard in every tackle. However, our side was more skilful and played better rugby and were rewarded with a 27-10 victory. Despite being victorious our spirits were not too high as some of our players received injuries, two of which had to receive treatment in Hospital, and another had concussion and consequently couldn't play for the remainder of the tour. Even so, the Cowichan lads took us out for the night and a good time was had by all.

Fraser Valley

After the ferry journey back to the mainland we took the coach up to Burnaby Lakes Rugby Club where we were introduced to our new hosts, Fraser Valley Juniors XV. The following day we met up high in the mountains at the most impressive Simon Fraser University at 11.45 a.m. for the second match of the tour. The pitch was waterlogged after a heavy day's rain, which didn't suit either teams' game plan. It was a very close game and, once again, very physical, but after both teams missed penalties late in the game it was the home team that were victorious with an 18-16 score. After the match we were treated to a Barbecue and then headed off with our hosts to enjoy the night. As the next day was a free day, many took the opportunity to take the sky-train into Vancouver City for a spot of shopping.



Sightseeing at the Athabasca Glacier

Enderby/Salmon Arm

We said our goodbyes and departed at 7.30 a.m. for the five-hour journey to Enderby. We took it easy that night in preparation for the match against A.L. Fortune School, known locally as the Yetis. The day of the match was another hot one with temperatures reaching 30°C. Some of us headed to a nearby lake for a swim and a game of volleyball. The Yetis were another strong team who played with determination but we were victorious again (22-5). After a slap-up meal at the school everybody disappeared with their hosts for the night. The next day was one that we had all been looking forward to - white water rafting on the Adams River. After being split-up into two groups and told the dos and don'ts we headed off. We went through three very fast rapids (Grade 3 on the 1-5 scale) and everybody got soaked! It was an unforgettable experience for us all.

Kamloops

Our next stop was Kamloops where we were informed that our match was at 2 p.m. and that the temperature was going to be over 37°C! We had a well-needed training session that evening, and the following day we had a pool party, which was quite new to us! The whole team soaked up the sun and relaxed in the pool. On the day of the match, after a much-needed lie-in, we arrived at the pitch and although the heat was unbearable we started well, getting a 12-7 lead by half time. Then the heat and fatigue set in, and Kamloops hit back with a 26-12 lead. However, due to their ill-discipline, two of their players were yellow-carded and sent to the sin bin. In the last ten minutes the team dug deep and scoring three late tries eventually won the game 31-26. That night we had another pool party to celebrate our victory.

The following day, after more goodbyes, we boarded another coach that took us higher up into the Rockies, which was spectacular. Our first stop was at Mount Robson which is the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies with an elevation of 13000 feet (3954m). The team took the opportunity to take many hundreds of photographs of the breathtaking scenery of ice



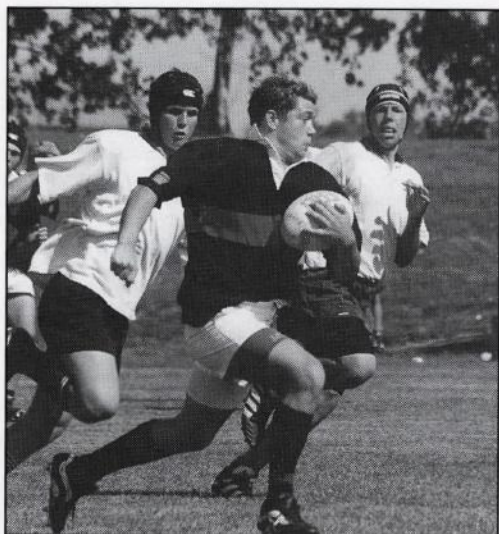
Peyto Lake

capped mountains. We then stopped in Jasper for a quick bite to eat and stocked up on supplies for the night we were to spend in two log cabins; one at Athabasca Falls the other in Maligne Canyon. The cabins offered only the most basic accommodation but staying in them was an experience for us all. Some of the team even went bear hunting but no dinner was caught, either by them or the bears!



White water rafting on the Adams river

The next day, after breakfast in Jasper, we visited Medicine Lake and Malign Canyon where again the views were breathtaking and the cameras were used to the maximum. After a light training session we had a dip in the Miette hot springs, which had to be cooled to 40°C. Even at this temperature it was too hot for some people!! We all stayed that night in an international hostel where some of the team showed off their cooking skills! We retired that night after a rousing singsong around the campfire.



Mark McCoy

Calgary

On our way to Calgary, we stopped and had a tour of the Athabasca Glacier on a huge snowmobile. The glacier was quite spectacular. Another stop that day was at Peyto lake. We then left the Rockies and headed to Calgary where we stayed in the Best Western Hotel. The next morning after a light training session, we used our free time to explore the city before returning to play Calgary Irish at 4.45 p.m. We started off very well, putting 21 points on the board in the first ten minutes, but then we relaxed and let in two soft tries. However, we rose up again and eventually won 33-10. Another great victory! That night we went out and sampled the city's nightlife and nobody was disappointed!

Edmonton

It was another early morning as we headed off to our last game in Edmonton against Alberta Provincial side. During the three-hour journey we were told that this match was going to be our hardest game against a selected side from all of Alberta. We trained that night and retired early to bed at the Royal Inn in anticipation of the big game the next day. The match was played in four quarters. The tension was almost unbearable before the game started, as we really wanted to win our last game of the tour. However, we soon settled and played the best rugby of the whole tour. It was obvious that our side had improved over the last five games and we won very convincingly 44-14. The team and coaches were delighted with the victory and we celebrated in style that night.

On our last full day we spent the rest of our dollars in the West Edmonton Mall. With its 800 stores, it is the largest shopping and entertainment facility, including the largest indoor pool area, in the world. We've never shopped so much in our lives! That night the whole team had it's last glorious supper together in the *Sawmill* restaurant. We spent the whole evening together, reflecting on a very successful tour.

On the final day, we took the coach to Calgary Airport where we began our nine hour flight to Heathrow, and then on to Dublin. Although sad to leave beautiful Canada we were glad to be home again. None of us will ever forget Canada - the fantastic scenery, glorious weather, the physical rugby, and especially our wonderful hosts who welcomed us so generously. The memories of this trip of a lifetime will remain with all thirty four members forever.

It just remains to thank all our sponsors, the fund-raising committee and all those who supported fund-raising activities over the last 18 months, Dennis O'Brien, Howard Kilroy and our three coaches and teachers - Mr. David Wright, Mr. Ray Walker and Mr. Tim Gill. Without their organisation and commitment this trip would not have been possible.

- Steven Day

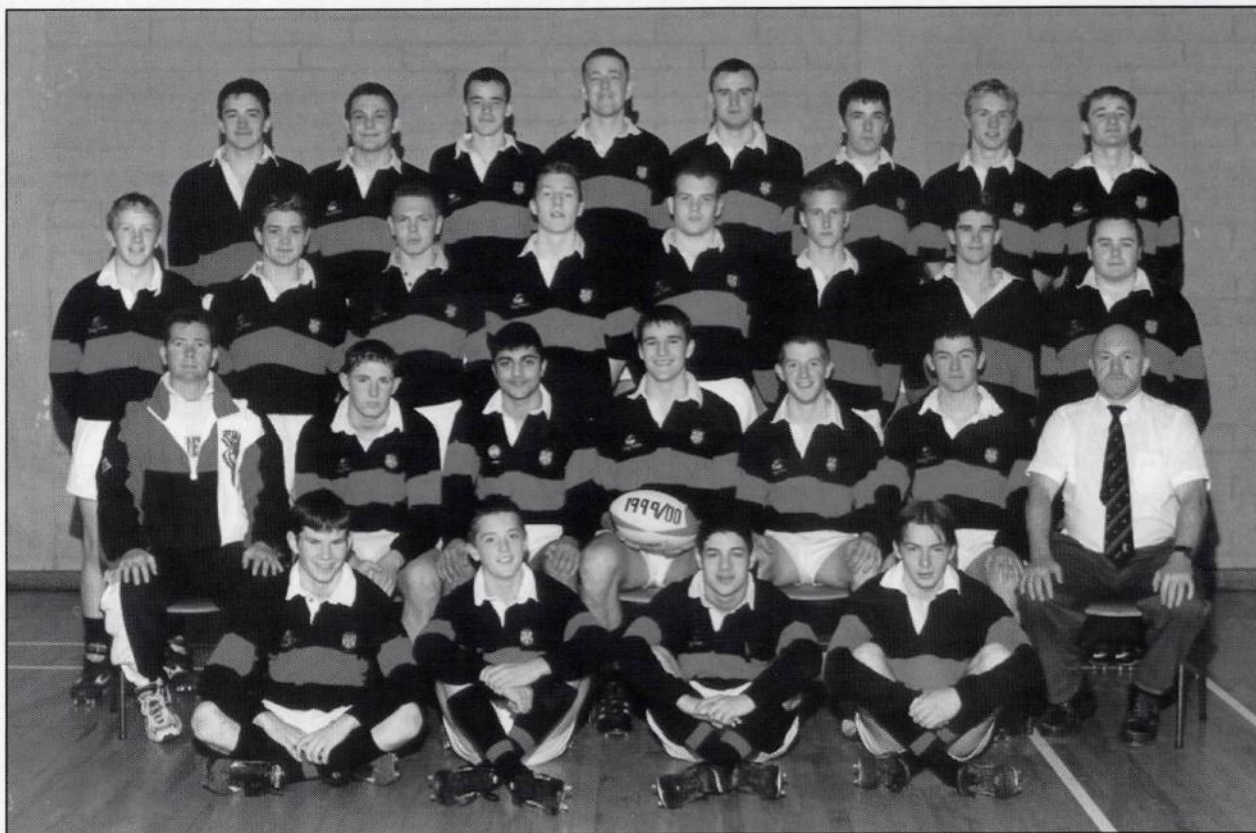
Senior Cup Team 1999/2000

This year's season got off to an early start with pre-season training during August. The start of our campaign was always going to be tough as we had never really played together before. Our performance in the League campaign showed this; we ended up on the receiving end of heavy defeats by St. Andrew's, C.B.C. Monkstown, King's Hospital and St. Gerard's. Despite this poor start to the season and to the credit of the lads the season began to turn with a well earned victory over St. Paul's.

Our season now began to take shape. During October we had a tour to Brighton and this was a major success, as the team got to know each other and morale started to build. A fine victory was recorded when we produced a winning margin of 40 points in our final game of the tour.

Back in Dublin, approaching Christmas, the Cup match was drawing nearer and training became harder. The team responded superbly by putting their heads down and this produced a victory over Blackrock and the first real sign of what this side could achieve.

Over the Christmas break we had a major morale boosting victory over Campbell College, winners of last year's Ulster Senior Cup. That day High School played with the belief that they could win which had been lacking in previous matches. It was a superb result and a fine team performance.



1st XV 1999/00

Back Row (L-R): T. Egar, R. Burns, N. O'Byrne, W. Lett, S. Cusack, R. Gilbert, D. Foran, T. O'Brien.

Middle Row (L-R): T. Bass, M. McCoy, E. McNally, J. Maher, I. Logan, S. Day, D. Hanlon, J. Collery.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. R Walker, G. Black, I. Masood, J. Ellis (Capt.) D. Campbell, R. Simmons, Mr. D. Wright.

Seated on Floor (L-R): S. Loane, P. De Barra, C. Sookram, J. Kelly.

After Christmas, the Cup run-in began. We had some fine 40 point victories against Sligo Grammar and St. Joseph's, Galway and a hard fought victory over Gonzaga College.

The Cup day arrived with the match at Carlow Rugby Club (our thanks go to Mr. Fennell for looking after and providing us with a meal at his Club's home ground). We went into the match against Roscrea very much the underdogs. We produced a marvellous display and gained a victory through a massive effort from the entire pack and a superb try from James Maher, two penalties from Gary Black and a fine drop goal from David Campbell. The final score was 14-8 and a huge victory had been achieved against last year's beaten finalists.

A special mention must be made for the hundreds of High School supporters who travelled down – it made a huge difference and probably inspired us to victory.

Castleknock were our second round opponents but we could just not find the intensity of our previous victory. Although we led 7-6 at half-time due to a great try from Will Lett, Castleknock's bigger pack and majority of possession took its toll and we exited the Senior Cup by losing 18-7.

After the Cup hype, training relaxed and began to wind down but before the season ended we enjoyed a good plate run where we defeated Newbridge and Gonzaga and gained revenge over

King's Hospital to reach Donnybrook and the Plate Final against our rivals Wesley College. On the day the long season took its toll as well as the large Wesley pack and we ended up losing 15-8. The season finished on an enjoyable note when we were runners-up in the Railway Union 7's.

I hope the team has gained great experience from this year's highs and lows and will go on and benefit from it. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Wright for excellent coaching and support throughout the season and on a personal note I would like to thank the team for the way they turned around the awful start to the season. Finally, I would like to wish my 5th and 4th year team mates the best of luck in their senior trip to Canada this summer.

-Johnathan Ellis(Capt.)

Second XV



*Back Row (L-R): Stuart Mellon, Adam McDonnell, Niall O'Byrne, Adam Leahy, Robbie Gilbert, Iain O'Connor, Kieran Woolhead.
Middle Row (L-R): Thomas Eager, John Kelly, Francis Cooney, Jack Dooley, Steven Day, Matt Doogue, Cathal Darcy, Dan Hanlon.
Front Row (L-R): Ben Okonji, Simon Loane, Philip de Barra, Trevor Bass (Capt.), John Collery, Colm Doyle, Mr. R. Walker.*

I had written what people said was an excellent report for this season, but due to unforeseen circumstances it was misplaced, (through no fault of Sarah Lysaght).

I can't really remember the season now, but I'm sure we had an excellent one. We played a bit like the 'All Blacks' most of the time, with some spectacular tries from our backs.

I'm sure we won most of our 'friendly' matches coming up to the League. From what I can remember we beat Pres. Bray 30-3 thanks to a hat trick from Conor Sookram, and one-a-piece from Stuart Mellon and Eoin McNally. We also had a great win against De la Salle, beating them 50-7, due to brilliant defending from Colm Doyle and Ben Okonji. Some great tries were scored by Dan

Hanlon, Robbie Gilbert and Ned Tapley, to mention just a few. But, altogether it was a great team effort.

Then came our first League match against Castleknock. We all played outstandingly, but the game was played at such a pace, that I can't remember most of it. Trevor Bass scored a try, which I'm sure by his standards of try scoring was very spectacular!!!! Shane Killoran and Kieran Woolhead also had a brilliant game each scoring a few tries, and of course I just have to mention Jack Dooley's brilliant penalties. In the end, I think we beat them by about 60-0.

In our second League match we were facing Terenure. Phil de Barra scored the 'try of the season' in the opening minutes. For the next 60 minutes, the defence made a huge effort, but unfortunately and annoyingly, Terenure scored in the last minute.

We then had our worst game of the season against Gonzaga. We lost, which meant we were out of the League.

Overall, we had a good season and we were disappointed not to go further in the League. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank our ever-willing coach Paul Kirwan for turning up for all our matches.

-Trevor Bass (Capt.)

Third XV

At the beginning of the year we were called the Under 16's and had a narrow loss to C.B.C. The next match was away against Clongowes; we were very unlucky to lose because of a last minute try. After some hard training with our coaches, Mr. Martin and David Bell, we had good wins over Blackrock and Wesley, 17-12 and 41-19 respectively. On a freezing cold Saturday morning we played St. Andrew's. We sustained great pressure especially in the second half and came through to win 6-0.

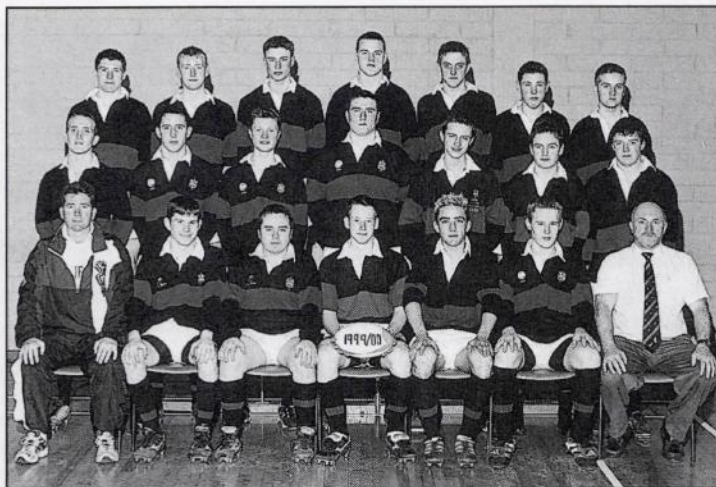
Just before Christmas, we changed to a Senior 3rds team and entered the 3rds League. This meant we came up against bigger and older players. Our first match in the League was against Columba's and we had a convincing 27-5 victory. We knew our next match against Blackrock would be tough but we felt we could beat them. Our forwards got stuck in right from the start which gave the backs time and space to use the ball effectively. We took the lead with an early penalty - it was 7-3 to Blackrock when Francis Cooney burst onto the ball at pace to score a great try. We went on to win the match 20-10. This was the highlight of our season and was a great victory.

We then made the long journey down to Roscrea, where we were beaten by a much bigger and stronger Roscrea side. We played well against Wesley and won the match 35-7.

There were good performances throughout the season from Brian Logan, Francis Cooney, Eoin Morrissey and Simon Goldsmith. Towards the end of the season Rob Smyth and Ross Condrón came up from the Juniors to play for us and did extremely well. Our last match was against St. Mary's - with several players missing through injury we lost the match despite a strong performance in the second half.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Martin and David Bell for all their hard labour, efforts and encouragement throughout the year, helping to make it an enjoyable season.

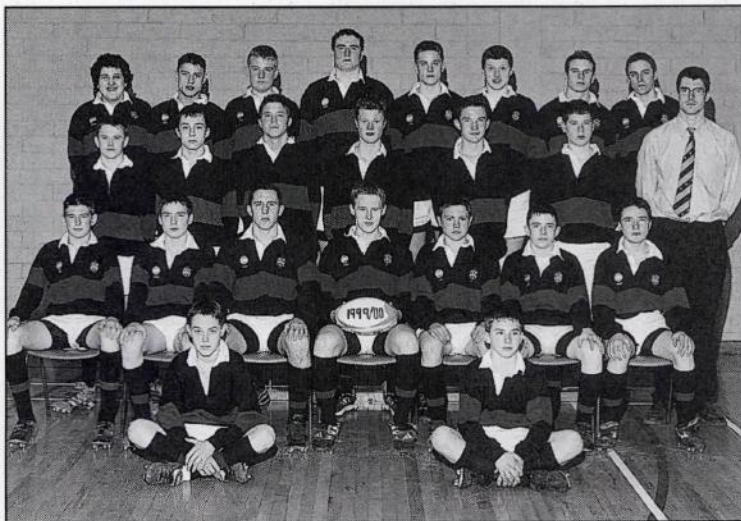
Daniel Vard (Capt.)



3rd XV

Back Row (L-R): Cathal D'arcy, Matthew Doogue, Thomas Eager, Adam Leahy, Iain O'Connor, Francis Cooney, Colm Doyle.
Middle Row (L-R): Brian Logan, Ross Condrón, Mark Kelly, Simon Goldsmith, Alistair Elliman, John Gillen, Noel Geraghty.
Front Row (L-R): Mr. R. Walker, Simon Loane, John Coltery, Daniel Vard, Eoin Morrissey, Rob Smyth, Mr. D. Wright.

J.C.T.



Back Row (L-R): Rajiv Bose, Alex Feldman, David Lee, Simon Goldsmith, Brook Campbell-Crawford, Pat Anglim, Lewis Doyle, Gavin Murphy.
Middle Row (L-R): Robbie Thackaberry, Eoin Tippins, Andy Hui, Mark Kelly, Ben Leonard-Kane, Eoghan O'Reilly, Mr. T. Gill.
Front Row (L-R): David Thompson, Daniel O'Byrne, Ross Condrón, Rob Smith, Matthew Darcy, Bryan Hannon, Wesley Mahon.
Seated: Aidan Field, Ralph Prendergast.

The 1999/2000 season got off to a good start by winning seven matches in a row. The team was not yet at its full strength. We had a lot of experienced players coming back from last year's Junior Cup side, including Rob Smyth, Mark Kelly, Ross Condrón and Alex Feldman.

Our first match of the season was against St. Gerard's who we beat 56-0. We also beat a very good Gonzaga side 25-7. Our first League match of the season was against Pres. Bray in which The High School performed brilliantly, defeating them 41-14. We played another friendly match against King's Hospital, who we also defeated 7-3. The next match was a big test for us, we were playing a visiting team from Newington, Australia. It was a very close match but we were defeated 17-12.

After a bad result against the Australians, we had to play our second League game against Templeogue, it was a very tight game. They were winning 25-19 into injury time. Then we got the break we needed and Rob Smyth scored a try, and David Thompson got the conversion to leave the final score 26-25.

Sports Review

We felt we had a good chance to win the League until we played C.B.C. Monkstown. It was a dreadful performance and we lost 25-24. For our next match we had to travel down to Kilkenny. The final score was 5-0 with Ross Condrón scoring the only try. The next match was the most important, if we were to continue into the play-offs for the League; it was against Wesley. This was probably the best match of the League. We performed very well on the day, defeating Wesley 22-18, with Alex Feldman scoring two great tries. With this win we were through to the semi-final of the League against Gonzaga.

For the next match against C.U.S. we were given new jerseys, sponsored by Mr. Condrón of X.M.I. We wish to thank Mr. Condrón for sponsoring the jerseys, and we believe that they brought us luck defeating C.U.S. 19-0, with Ross Condrón scoring three tries.

It was now time to play Gonzaga, in the semi-final of the League. We were not going out with a great attitude and it showed in our performance. We were defeated 21-0. We had four more friendly matches, before our first big match against Castleknock in the Junior Cup. We won all four matches, De La Salle 12-7, St. Paul's 47-0, C.B.C. Monkstown 20-13 and Gonzaga 13-0. This brought great confidence to the team before the big match.

This match was against Castleknock in the Cup. We were well prepared and went out fighting. The first half was disappointing. The pitch was in a dreadful state and the score at half-time was 7-0 to Castleknock. Mr. Gill gave us a good talking to at half-time and we went back in to the second half with determination and we played a lot better. We then got a penalty scored by Rob Smyth, which brought the score to 7-3. We finally got a try and conversion scored by Rob Smyth which brought the score to 10-7 to The High School. During the last three minutes Castleknock got a penalty which they converted. This brought the score level 10-10. This meant a replay, which was held at Blackrock College. This was a low scoring match. Castleknock scored a penalty in the first half. There then followed a brilliant phase of rugby, which left an overlap to allow Ross Condrón run over for a try. This left the score 5-3. There was great pressure on us at the end, but we held on and won. This meant that we went on to play Blackrock, in the quarterfinals in Donnybrook.

On the 28th February we stepped out in Donnybrook against Blackrock College. They were an exceptional team, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Blackrock were so fast and skilful they scored four tries in the first half. In the second half we picked up our game but Blackrock were too strong for us. The score was 41-0 in injury time. However we picked up a consolation try when Rob Smyth's determined run brought him over the line which left the final score 41-5. Blackrock went on to win the Junior Cup.

Well done to the whole team for their commitment and dedication, also to Ross Condrón who scored the most tries 27 in all.

I would also like to thank Mr. Gill, Brendan McConnell and Paul Kirwan for their commitment all season. We would also like to thank Mr. Condrón for sponsoring the jerseys.

-Rob Smyth (Capt.)

J.C.T. 'B'



Back Row (L-R): Mr. T. Gill, James Tuomey, Ben Leonard-Kane, Declan McGonagle, Paul Webster, David Lee, Pat Anglim.

Middle Row (L-R): Stephen Duggan, Andrew Grimason, Ralph Prendergast, Eoin Tippins, Christopher Somerville, Daniel O'Byrne, Daryl Hoy.

Seated: Bryan Hannon, Aidan Field.

This year's J.C.T. B never had a regular squad so it was hard for us to train and form as a team. However we did put together some good victories. Before Christmas we beat Wesley College, Gonzaga and C.B.C. Monkstown.

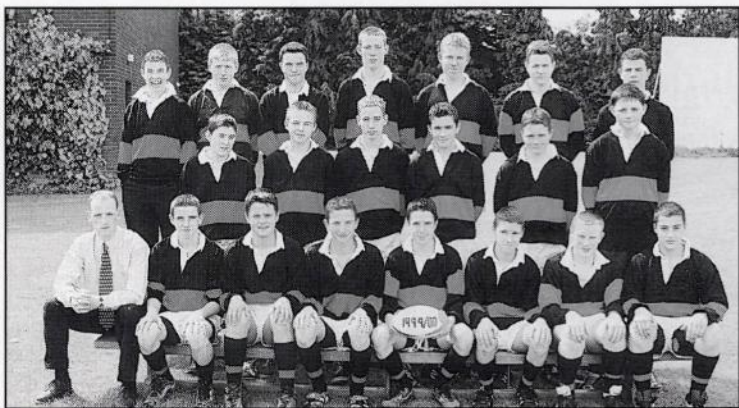
After Christmas we lost players to the Cup squad and other teams but we still beat Gonzaga very convincingly and we drew with Wesley.

We could not have succeeded without the help of Niall O'Shea, Andrew Grimason, James Tuomey, Steven Duggan, Alan McCarthy and Kealan Kelly, our full back.

I would also like to thank Mr. Gill and all the other coaches who helped us this year.

-Eoin Tippins (Capt.)

Under 14 'A'



Back Row (L-R): B. Hannan, N. O'Meara, G. Sheridan, C. Harding, D. Lee, R. Sherwood, N. Smith,

Middle Row (L-R): C. Somerville, M. Olanhan, O. Wardell, S. Prunty, M. D'Arcy, A. Lett.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. J. Dolan, J. McDermott, B. Leonard-Kane, S. Duggan, S. Rooney, M. O'Seireadain, J. McDonald.

The A's had a great season this year. After losing some key players to the JCT, we got off to a great start, beating Wesley 31-20 and showing great depth in the subs and B team, with players coming to fill the places left by the JCT players.

After beating Wesley we travelled to Blackrock and won 46-5, with two tries each for Ben Leonard-Kane and Steven Duggan. We went into our next match against C.U.S. too confident and lost 17-12 in a disappointing performance. We got ourselves together and in our next match we beat Newpark 26-12. We then faced Kilkenny at home and in a tough match we lost 13-6. After the defeat to Kilkenny we travelled to Clongowes where we came back from a 15-21 scoreline to win the match 24-21. We then faced an excellent King's Hospital side and lost 7-27. After losing to K.H. we faced a tough match against St. Andrews who had put us out of the League last year. After conceding an early try the team showed great determination to come back and win 22-5.

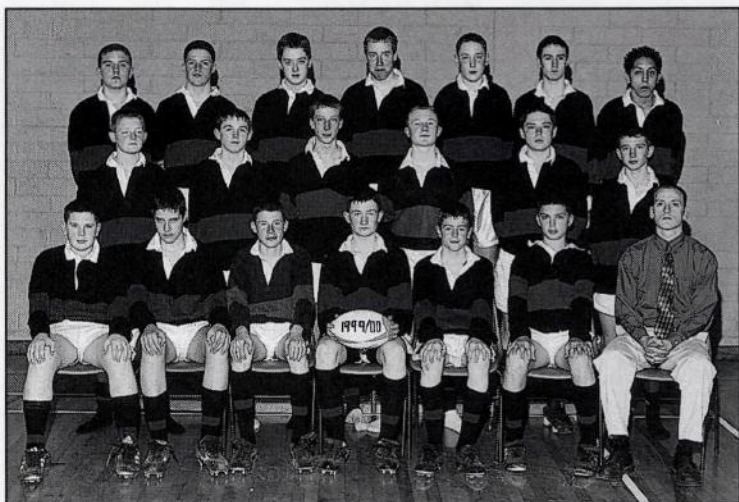
After the Christmas break we came out confident and we were unbeaten until the end of the season. In some excellent performances we beat Gonzaga, Castleknock, Wesley and Templeogue. We also drew with Roscrea in a tough game in which we came back from 0-12 to draw 12-12. With help from an excellent performance from Matthew D'arcy.

We went into the Wesley Blitz with confidence. We were drawn in a group with Wesley, Mary's and St. Michael's. After losing 5-7 to Wesley we went up against Mary's and in an excellent fast rucking game, which suited us, we won 10-0 against a very strong side. To qualify for the final we now had to beat St. Michael's and score three tries against them. No. 8 David Lee put in a great performance and scored a deserved hat trick. In the final we faced the winners of the other group - Clongowes. After already playing three matches we were all tired and showed great determination to win. With an excellent performance from the whole team we won 31-7.

The whole team would like to thank Mr. Dolan, Hugh Hogan, Ian McKee and Andy Smith for their excellent coaching throughout the year.

-Steven Duggan (Capt.)

Under 14 'B'



Back Row (L-R): R. Begley, D. O'Rourke, S. O'Connor, D. Murphy, C. Mc Auliffe, G. Cooley, C. Lawson.

Middle Row (L-R): S. Jones, P. Mullan, K. Hill, M. O'Seareadain, P. Burns, P. Hannigan.

Front Row (L-R): R. Bannigan, C. Daly, E. Leavy, A. Meaney, M. Lew, B. Canton.

The under 14 B team got off to a great start with a win over Columba's. Columba's dominated the first half and managed to get two tries. In the second half the team really came together with Chris Harding and Graham Cooley scoring our tries. The final score was 17-10.

We lost some key players to the A team like Chris Harding and Neil Smith. This was a big loss to our team and we lost most of our matches. In our next match against Columba's we managed to get a great victory winning 34-7. A few stars started to show, like Macdara O'Seireadain and Andrew Lett.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Dolan, Mr. Walker, Hugh Hogan, Ian McKee and Adam Slade.

-Andrew Meaney (Capt.)

Under 13 'A'



Back Row (L-R): Shane Murphy, Simon Marconi, Niall McDarby, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Patrick Earls, David Flower, Cillian Suiter, Mark Gallagher, Mr. Fennell.

Middle Row (L-R): Alan Thompson, Jonathan Somerville, Cein Sookram, Philip Duffy (Capt.), Andrew Lui, Ross Traynor, James Anglim.

Front Row (L-R): Brendan Phelan, Steven Walsh, Graham Kinlan, Barry Daly.

The U 13 A's rugby season kicked off to a bad start, losing to Wesley 40-0. It was a long awaited match but unfortunately we didn't perform on the day. Most of our team were new to the game, and finding it a little hard to play full rugby.

Our next big game was against Terenure. We were all hoping to win this match but one of our key players got a knock to his head and had to be taken off.

Later in the year we beat Terenure, in quite a tough match. The end result was 24-7 to High School.

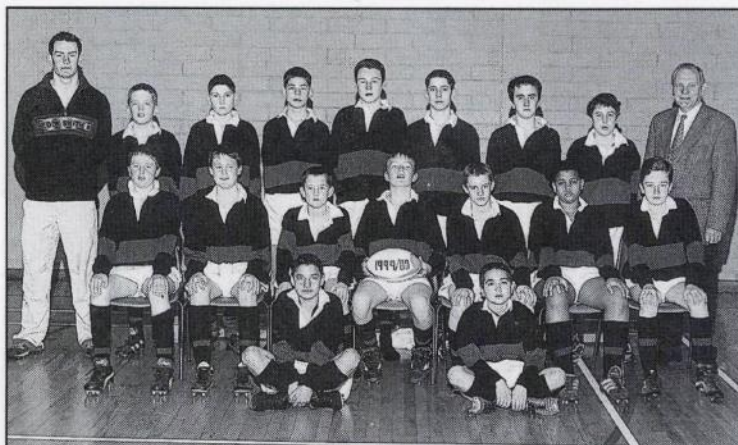
Next we had a trip to Kilkenny, which went quite well, but we lost 24-5. Coming up to Christmas we played Gonzaga. Gonzaga put an excellent performance, beating us 50-0.

After Christmas we picked up a little, beating St. Paul's and C.U.S., but we lost to Gonzaga again 25-7.

We are hoping to do better next year, when we all have a little more experience. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mr. Walker and especially Johnny Fennell, Ross Wynne and Shane Murphy.

-Philip Duffy (Capt.)

Under 13 'B'



Back Row (L-R): Shane Murphy, Glen Sheridan, Mark Gallagher, William Mitchell, Paul McGonagle, David Flower, Stephen Lane, Scott McNeill, Mr. Fennell.

Middle Row (L-R): Joseph Silke, Simon Marconi, Jonathan Somerville, Brendan Phelan (Capt.), Barry Daly, Michael Okonji, Ian Jackson.

Seated: Cein Sookram, Andrew Lui.

The rugby season kicked off to a good start for the Under 13 B's. Most of the team had not played rugby before. In our first match we played Terenure and won 31-24. In the first term we won three matches in a row. We beat Wesley 20-10 and also Sandford 34-10. We were served well by all players, who were playing great. When we came back after Christmas, our first match was against C.U.S. in which excellent play by the whole team helped us to win 34-19. Unfortunately we also lost a few matches. We beat Templeogue in our last game of the season in a 7-a-side match 85-74. Simon Marconi, Alan Loane, Brendan Phelan, Barry Daly, David Kelly, James Hanlon and Ciaran Hale served us well, all scoring in that match. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Fennell, Shane Murphy, Ross Wynne and Ross McNally for their guidance and teaching.

-Brendan Phelan (Capt.)

Under 13 C's



Back Row (L-R): Shane Murphy, Conor Dixon, Jeffrey Warren, Robert Wilson, Paul McGonagle, Augustine Nwosu, Michael Rath, Mr. R. Fennell.

Middle Row (L-R): Even Barry, Glen Sheridan, Scott Hanan, Karl Kelly (Capt.), Barry Daly, Nicholas Gordon, Ian Jackson.

Front Row (L-R): Scott McNeill, Jonathan Quinlan, Daniel King, Gregor McGuckin.

Despite the fact that the majority of this age group were beginners to the game of rugby, they quickly developed into quite a good unit. After the initial work in "grids" the squad gradually progressed to the full game and blended into a team capable of taking on any of the other schools.

The statistics show a good return for the season. They played twelve, won ten and lost two (narrowly). I would have liked to have had twenty or more games but unfortunately most schools only field A and B XV at this age group. The matches were always sporting and keenly contested with some fine wins and the two defeats were by a narrow margin. On going to press this team is one of the three teams in the running for the Turner Cup (Rugby Team of the Year).

I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our past pupils J. Fennell, S. Murphy and R. Wynne for their willing, skilful and enthusiastic help during the year.

Lads, many thanks for the enjoyment I have received from this season and I look forward to watching your progress as you move up the school in the years ahead.

-R.H. Fennell

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Girls' Hockey

1st XI



Back Row (L-R): Roisin Cox, Ruth Draper, Emily Holmes, Natalie May, Sarah Keogh, Adele Camier, Rebecca O'Reilly, Miss D. Sixsmith.

Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Hickey, Lora Dolan, Kara Cramp, Debbie Walker, Brenda McParland, Jane Harley, Kate Mahon, Rachel McSharry.

Seated (L-R): Kelly Baird, Maeve Willoughby.

This season was so eventful, unpredictable and enjoyable, and there's so much I could say I don't know where to start! We had such a laugh together, both on and off the pitch. As a team, consisting of eight of last year's team and an ever-increasing number of new players, we really gelled as friends so we always had fun despite the games' outcome. It was obvious from the start that we had the potential to do well, as the team had good individual talent. However, it took us a while to develop a team game due to an extraordinary amount of illnesses and injuries, robbing us of Emily (carrying on as goalkeeper from last year), Kate (our new and athletic centre-forward), Lora (as speedy and versatile as ever), Brenda (vice-captain and omnipresent centre-back) and others at different points in the season and Jane (a wonderful defender) for the entire second half of the season. The rest of the original squad must be mentioned and was as follows: Kelly (encouraging, enthusiastic and good mid), Kara (aggressive but controlled! Athletic mid, then wing), Rebecca (mid,

also extremely skilful and consistent), Jenny (determined, aggressive forward), Adele (crazy but a firm sweeper), Ros (our sweet-aholic talented, and hugely improved defender) and Ruth (returned as the skilful, fast and dependable defender she always was). We borrowed Natalie and Rachel permanently from the Juniors and both were vital members of the team. Lyndsey Clarke began with us, proving a good player, but left us at Christmas due to the very time-consuming commute from Maynooth.

The League began early this year, at the end of September, and, we must admit, with a bad performance. Out of our six matches we won one, drew two, and lost three, which was pretty disastrous. It wasn't until the Cup began in January that we actually began to play consistently well together. We faced Notre Dame in the first round and beat them 1-0. We were blessed with good draws and went on to knock Gerard's (1-0) and Santa Sabina (2-0) out of the Cup.

The semifinal has to be the most exciting match of the season – it ended excitingly anyway! We went out confident that with a good game we could beat out opponents, Loreto Dalkey. However, despite being the better side we ended up delivering a rather slow, choppy game. As always, we were fortunate to have such a skilful goalkeeper, Natalie. The game's ending made up for it all! After extreme tension and nervousness, 4-3 in flicks was our ticket into the finals. We're still in shock that we got that far!

The final itself proved to be exactly what we all secretly expected – a small trouncing. Loreto Bray displayed incredible talent; we weren't ashamed to lose. To make the finals was really special for us all and we had a blast along the way, with celebrations and dinners after every game!

Being stranded in Holyhead must be mentioned – it added character to our year. It was an hilarious night, being penniless after Chester, trying to while away 13 extra hours in the rainy, empty Holyhead. It was a good thing we all get on so well.

Thanks so much to Miss Sixsmith who was very good to us, extremely pa-

tient and encouraging. She was so dedicated to us throughout the year despite her own hockey career and our abundance of other commitments. It was inspiring to have a coach who is herself so good at hockey. Thank you also to the other coaches, who were all very supportive, especially Ms. Ritchie. By the season's end we had acquired a few talented subs, namely Sarah Keogh, Maeve Willoughby and Rebecca Fisher who helped us out during the year. The support was so encouraging and added hugely to our enjoyment.

The fact that it was such a successful year for sports in our school in general made it all the more meaningful. It was a memorable season. I am grateful to have ended my hockey days at High School having been part of a team with such talent and personality.

-Debbie Walker (Capt.)

2nd XI



Back Row (L-R): Genevieve King, Karen Prunty, Sheena Cadoo, Sarah Keogh, Julie Nixon, Sarah Brusey, Jenny Woolhead.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. A. McKay, Gillian Carty, Carol Moss, Ellie Fry, Jenny Collins, Sarah Fisher, Sarah Lysaght.

The 2nd XI got off to a promising start this year with a 0:0 draw against Wesley's 2nd XI in our first match. Throughout the season our wins outnumbered our losses and we played some very impressive hockey. Particular achievements were League wins against Mount Temple 1st XI (4-0) and Holy Child Killiney 1st XI (1-0).

Unfortunately, our hopes of entering the League quarterfinal were destroyed by a 2-3 defeat against Wesley. However, it was a very enjoyable season and I will certainly miss playing with the team next year. Thank you very much to all of the team and our "super-subs" for such a great year, and of course to Mr. McKay for putting up with us.

-Ellie Fry (Capt.)

3rd XI



Back Row (L-R): Gillian Carty, Vicky Glover, Sarah-Jane Pardoe, Rebecca Horan, Jenny Woolhead, Mr. A. McKay.
Front Row (L-R): Simona Murtagh, Amy Hamilton, Hazel Bird, Susan Wilkinson (Capt.), Sarah Fisher, Andrea Jenkinson, Sarah McMurray.

The 3rd XI had a very enjoyable season of hockey this year with a squad of dedicated and enthusiastic players. Despite our hard work and determination we did not manage to qualify in our section of the League but we made up for it during our whole season winning a large majority of matches. Our enthusiasm was clear every Monday and Saturday when we all turned out to training and matches full of confidence and ready for any ball that came at us.

On behalf of the whole team and myself I would like to thank Mr. McKay for his time and encouragement throughout the year. I would also like to say thank you to all our parents who provided us with their support and our taxi services to our matches throughout the year. Last but not least, I want to say a big thank you to the team for all their hard work and for giving me such a great laugh. Well done girls and best of luck next year!

Susan Wilkinson (Capt.)

Junior A



Back Row (L-R): S. Cairns, S. Walsh, N. Hall, A. O'Donohue, R. Nicholson, R. McSharry, M. Willoughby.
Front Row (L-R): C. Ritchie, A. McDarby, F. Collins, H. Simmons, J. Nason, R. Fisher, N. May.

This year was a very successful year one for the Junior A's. We all worked hard throughout the season and all got on really well with one another. Our hard work was well rewarded when we

managed to reach the quarterfinals of our League. We were drawn against Alexandra College and were unfortunate to lose 2-1 in the replay after two very tough matches. The team fought hard throughout both matches but Alex came back with a second goal in the last five minutes of the game. We also had some very good wins and gave the likes of Muckross, Wesley and Kilkenny College a big shock. Our goalkeeper Natalie May was picked for the U-16 Leinster team and Rachel McSharry had many call-backs. We hope to go on tour later this year and be as successful there as we have been throughout the year. I would like to thank the team for their efforts and on behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mr. McKay for the countless amount of matches he refereed for us. Most of all though, we would like to thank Ms. Ritchie for all the hard work and time she put into the team and for the faith she had in us.

-Holly Simmons (Capt.)

Junior B

This year was a competitive one for the Junior B's. The standard of play involved in our League was high. Every Thursday after school all of our committed team members showed up for training even through the dark and dismal months.

In the League we had some very good matches including Loreto Dalkey, Bray and Mount Anville which were all nerve wracking games. Unfortunately, despite all our hard efforts, we did not qualify any further in the League. We all enjoyed the year and hope hockey will always be this much fun.

We would like to thank Miss Quinn for putting time into coaching us. I would also like to thank the team for being so enthusiastic and putting so much effort into our games.

-Vicky Wright (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): Zara White, Deborah Keogh, Caroline Daly, Fiona Keller, Aoife O'Donohoe, Rebecca Nicholson, Miss S. Quinn.

Front Row (L-R): Carolyn Goulden, Donna Lui, Rhiannon Gleeson, Vicky Wright, Ciara Fahy, Susan Walsh, Pamela Pimiento.

Junior C



Back Row (L-R): Leah Burke, Nuala Sheehy, Heidi Walsh, Aislinn O'Toole, Grace Tallon.

Front Row (L-R): Tania Hashmi, Andrea Burgess, Sarah Lowe, Donna Lui, Alison McHugo, Fiona Condron, Miss C. Ritchie.



Drawing - Chris Lawson, 2nd

The Junior C's had a good season this year. We lost some games but learned from our mistakes and thanks to our coach Ms. Ritchie we finished the season having won many matches, including King's Hospital, Wesley and Our Lady's.

Our team was full of well-motivated and enthusiastic girls and win, lose or draw we always came out smiling. We'd like to thank Ms. Ritchie for all the time she dedicated to us throughout the year.

-Triona Curran (Capt.)

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Back Row (L-R): Anna Stewart, Margot Kenny, Andrea Vard, Ros Campbell, Zoe Allott, Alice Keogh, Mrs. G. Mellon.
Front Row (L-R): Kate Ashe-Leonard, Karis Brauer, Sophie Hart, Orla Walsh (Capt.), Lyndsay Watson, Aoibhin McGreal, Gillian McMurray.
Seated: Ciara Nugent, Jenny Kearns.

Gillian Mellon made this year's Minor A's a great team. It was a benefit that some of us had Minor League experience from last year which helped us to get such a good start to the season. We had our ups and downs but as the year progressed we consistently got better. Our record shows that we were unbeaten by any minor team in either the League or any friendly matches throughout the whole season.

The large turnout at training sessions really helped in improving our stamina during the matches. Some of our toughest matches were at the beginning of the League. Rathdown would have been one of the hardest. At half-time the score was nil all, but our coach sent us back out all fired up to eventually win the match 3-0.

None of us will ever forget the match against our main rival Wesley College. Even though we were, I felt, the stronger team we couldn't produce a score first time. The match went scoreless into extra time and it wasn't until the third half that we scored. Our defence then built up a strong barrier and Wesley never equalised.

We went through smoothly enough into the semifinals beating Loreto Foxrock 3-0 though the semifinal itself was not as easy.

I am sure that many people believed it was the end for High School at 2-0 down after the first quarter of the semifinal but the team built up a great determination and got a goal back. Fired up again by our coach, we continued scoring after half-time and took the lead 3-2. Loreto Dalkey then scored an equalizer, just on full time. Extra time produced no goals so it went to flicks. Penalty flicks are a scary time for all. We were glad that we were so well practised. We won 2-1. That match was generally believed to be the most frightening.

The final was like a lot of our League section matches. It was 0-0 at half-time, and then our coach spoke to us. In the second half we went out a more positive and determined team. Two goals were scored but it wasn't easy. Mount Anville were camped in the circle right to the end. It was a fantastic game and when it was all over, we knew our season had been a great success. This was largely due to our wonderful coach Gillian Mellon.

-Orla Walsh (Capt.)

Minor B



Back Row (L to R): Jenny Stafford, Grace Nelson, Gen Boyle, Danielle Donnelly, Margot Kenny, Anna Stewart, Saoirse Ryan.

Front Row (L to R): Mrs. D. Walker, Sharon Johnson, Julie McRann, Ruth Connell, Freya Oatway, Zoe Allott, Denise Lui.

We hit the pitches with a positive attitude after winning the Plate in first year. After playing a few matches I got to know everybody on the team better. We were winning all of our matches so far, and were enjoying them immensely. This was when we all became closer as a team.

Best coach, best friend – Debbie Walker made this happen. She got to know each and every one of us in depth. We got through all of our matches winning every single one until we came to our quarter final, against Alex.

Warmed up and ready to go, Jennie Stafford in front of me, Danielle Donnelly, Grace Nelson and Zoë Allott on my right, Sharon Johnson, Margaux Kenny and Anna Stewart on my left. Defending were Saoirse Ryan and Genevieve Boyle. Debbie was at the sideline biting her nails with anxiety. Denise Lui and Freya Oatway were ready to shout and cheer for us.

This was the scene at our quarterfinal. The pitch's circles both being used, the play resembling a ping-pong game. Near half-time Alex scored. When the whistle went for half-time, we huddled round Debbie for a pep talk. In the second half we fought hard to defend their hard shots. We failed to get a goal. Alex proved to be the better team that day.

-Ruth Connell (Capt.)

Minor C



Back Row (L-R): Joanne Burke, Sarah Hennessy, Niamh Hammond, Zoe McGeeney, Judy Czerniak-Lebov, Jessica Bell-Fahy, Freya Oatway.

*Front Row (L-R): Eilish Smyth, Aideen Blackwood, Denise Lui, Rebecca Rolfe, Nadine Grunitz, Aimee O'Byrne, Mrs. G. Mellon.
Seated (L-R): Ciara Fitzgerald, Mary Dowds, Sarah Reynolds, Gillian Rath.*

We had a very large squad this year due to huge interest. The team consisted of Niamh Sheehan, Rebecca Rolfe (Capt.), Denise Lui, Amy O'Byrne, Ciara Fitzgerald, Eilish Smyth, Jessica Bell-Fahy, Aideen Blackwood, Freya Oatway, Shelley McGeeney, Judy Czerniak-Lebov, Sarah Hennessy, Tonya O'Keefe, Sarah Reynolds, Joanna Burke, Nadine Grunitz, Mary Dowds and Gillian Rath. We had quite good luck in our League this year. We got to the last match in the first round, where we played Alexandra College. It was a very exciting and nerve-wracking match, but unfortunately Alex scored. It ended up 1-0 to Alex. Our whole team would like to thank Ms. Mellon, Ms. Sixsmith and Ms. Debbie Walker, for all their support and training throughout the year.

-Rebecca Rolfe (Capt.)

1st Year 'A'



*Back Row (L-R): V. Collins, R. Murray, M. McSharry, C. Murphy,
S. Gilbert, I. Baker.*

*Front Row (L-R): L. Whitaker, K. Hamilton, C. Fry, K. Elliot,
K. Douglas, C. O'Toole, A. Hughes.*

The 1st year A's had a great year, getting to the quarterfinals in both the first year League and the Minor C League. We were very unlucky in our Minor C quarterfinal. We had a nail-biting game with Wesley College going to extra time but we were unlucky to lose 2-1. All our players put in 100% effort all year round and it was a great start to playing for High School. We intend on developing our skills during the summer and being fully prepared for next season. We wouldn't have got as far as we did if it wasn't for our enthusiastic coaches Mrs. Mellon and Debbie Walker.

-Julie McRann (Capt.)

1st Year 'B'

It was only our first year playing as a team and the first year for some playing hockey so we were a little inexperienced. We played some brilliant 'friendly' matches coming up to Christmas and after. We won most of our 'friendly' matches, our best must have been 6-0 just before Christmas. Unfortunately we didn't do so well in the League. We lost all of our first few matches so we were automatically knocked out. Thanks to Ms. Sixsmith and Debbie for coaching us through the year.

-Michelle Gunn O'Connor (Capt.)



*Back Row (L-R): C. Fitzgerald, S. Coughlin, A. Bass, O. Tevlin,
S. Meehan, I. Baker, A. McCormick.*

*Front Row (L-R): N. Hogan, E. Glynn, C. Murphy,
M. Gunn-O'Connor, K. Douglas, A. Blakely, M. Milotte.*

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Back Row (L-R): Alan Duggan, Robert Carneige, Jamie McNamara, Mark McMullan, David Duggan, Richard Somerville, Donald Gray.

Middle Row (L-R): Mr. D. Miller, Jim Grimason, John Kelly, Jack Quilligan, Brian Mellon, Philip DeBarra, Ross Glacken.

Front Row (L-R): Mark Burke, Glenn McNeill, Gavin Whyte, Stuart Mellon (Capt.), Drew Prendergast, Ralph Prendergast, Davy Holmes.

This season was a great improvement on last season's performance! We started off in the League in good style, beating Drogheda 7-0. Our next game was against last season's League winners, Sutton Park. We knew that we had to beat them in order to have a good chance to win the League. We lost, but we were not too disappointed as we played extremely well together and this gave us the drive to win our forthcoming four League games on the trot. This gave us a good chance of winning the League as we were now only one point behind Sutton.

Then came the Cup game; it was against Sutton Park. We were very much up for the game as we had lost to them in the last three meetings. Richie Somerville gave us the lead with a classic goal in the 10th minute. Sutton came back with two goals which put them in the lead. With only five minutes remaining on the clock I thought that it was over. We received a hit-in outside the circle and Brian Mellon deflected the ball into the back of the net. This was arguably the best goal of the season. The game went into extra time and the match still couldn't be settled, so it went to flicks. With Mark Burke's excellent handling skills in goals and David Duggan getting the last flick we won the game. The next game was against Dundalk. It was not as strenuous and we won comfortably 2-0.

We were now in the semifinals, the first ever High School boys' senior hockey team to do so. We faced the all-Ireland champions Kilkenny. We lost, but we played well and with lots of enthusiasm.

After the Cup run we never really got motivated to finish off the League properly, as we lost our last League game. Our top goal scorer of the season was John Kelly.

All in all we had a good season, and seeing as this is my last year in The High School, I would like to thank Mr. D. Miller for his time and effort and all the work he has done for me and for the hockey team. I would like to wish all the lads good luck for next year's season and I would also like to thank all the supporters who came to watch our Cup games.

-Stuart Mellon (Capt.)

Junior Boys



Back Row (L-R): Mr. D. Miller, David Thompson, Paul Morrissey, Jamie McNamara, Mark McMullan, Donald Gray, Philip DeBarra, Gavin Whyte.

Front Row (L-R): Glenn McNeill, Andrew Grimason, Davy Holmes, Brian Mellon, Ralph Prendergast, Brian Sargeant, Alan Duggan.

Minor Boys



Back Row (L-R): William Mitchell, Robbie Wynne, Pat Anglim, Sean O'Connor, Chris McAuliffe.

Middle Row (L-R): Stephen Dowling Turner, Stephen Duggan, Niall McDarby, Brian Hannon, Mr. McKay.

Front Row (L-R): Matthew Leahy, Shane Prunty, Cillian Meldon, Ben Canton, Daniel Roantree, Niall O'Connor.

Doing so well last year, getting to the finals of the Cup and getting knocked out by Wesley, we had good reason to be confident going into the start of the season. Although with many players unfortunately leaving, some to go to J.C.T. rugby – Matthew Darcy and Bryan Hannon, the team definitely wasn't as strong as last year's.

After a disappointing start against Columba's we played Newpark. All through the match the chances fell our way, but we were lacking in our finishing skills and we drew 0-0. Just before Christmas we played Wesley, missing a few key players, notably Cillian Meldon (Capt.) who was out for most of the season, and we lost to a very good side.

After the break we played St. Andrew's and went down two goals in the first half, we pulled it back to 2-2 in the second half but unluckily in the last minute Andrew's scored and won 3-2. Our Cup run never really got going when we lost in the second round to Sandford 1-0.

All in all we had a really unlucky season with injuries and players leaving. Hopefully next year, as the J.C.T., we'll do much better. To end I'd like to thank Mr. Miller for organising the matches, Mr. McKay for managing and coaching us, and all the players who put in all the effort throughout the year.

-Shane Prunty (V. Capt.)

Under 13's



Back Row (L-R): Liam Reidy, Conor Dixon, Alan Thompson, William Mitchell, Peter May, Andrew Bannister, Michael Sexton, Scott McNeill

Front Row (L-R): Brian Kelly, Brendan Phelan, Johnny Somerville, Niall McDarby (Capt.), Graham Kinlan, James Anglim, Jeff Warren.

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Boys' Cricket

1st XI 1998/99



1st XI 1998/99

*Back Row (L-R): Jack Dooley, John Kelly, Andrew Fry, David Duggan, James Maher, David Campbell.
Front Row (L-R): Mr. R. Davies, Chris Camelleri, Gary Black, Greg O'Meara, Stuart Mellon, Rob Carnegie, Kara Cramp.*

The S.C.T. had a successful season finishing as runners up in the Cup. The season was notable for the great team spirit, which enabled the team to overcome strong opposition in the qualifying matches.

The first match against King's Hospital ended in a convincing victory of seven wickets. An exceptional performance by the captain and interprovincial Gareth O'Meara of 5 for 19 and 68 not out ensured the comfortable margin.

The next victory against Sandford Park saw The High School's other interprovincial Gary Black come to the fore. His bowling figures of 4 for 6 were the major contribution to dismissing the opponents for a modest 42 runs. High School won by 9 wickets.

The last qualifier required a victory against the much-fancied Wesley College. The accurate bowling of Fred Gilmore who removed the first three Wesley batsmen for six runs laid the foundation for a memorable victory. Fred was ably supported by the off-spin bowling of Dave Blackmore, who finished the job in the field for High School with a season best of 4 for 21. Wesley were all out for a modest 65 runs. High School replied against the strong Wesley attack with 66 for 5. Gareth O'Meara's 35 runs ensured the victory and a place in the final for High School.

The final was against the competition favourites De la Salle, Skerries. The High School bowled well. All the bowlers used, O'Meara 5 for 26, Gilmore 3 for 28 and Black 2 for 30 did well in dismissing De La Salle for 101. High School were in a good position at the interval. Unfortunately, the international bowling attack of the opposition proved too strong for our batsmen and despite a top score by the promising Rob Carnegie, we were dismissed short of the target.

The season was notable for successes on the pitch, the great team effort, the manner of the players on and of the pitch and the progress of some of the players in their personal achievements on the pitch. Our thanks go to Kara Cramp for scoring throughout the season, the kitchen staff and Mr. McMullen for their assistance with the teas and Brendan for preparing the ever-improving wickets.

1st XI 1999/00



1st XI 1999/00

*Back Row (L-R): Alan Duggan, Neil Dover, Mark McMullan, James Maher, Rob Carnegie, George Misstear.
Front Row (L-R): Suzanne Cairns, Brian Mellon, John Kelly, Gary Black, Chris Camelleri, Rory Cramp, Mr. R. Davies.*

This season has been quite disappointing due to the fact that we have lost a couple of key players from last year's Cup final side. Plus the fact that a few sixth years that would have strengthened the side declined the opportunity to play because of some sort of tests they had to do in the summer.

Although we were quite comfortably beaten by Skerries, Wesley and C.U.S., only two of us are not available next year and there is a basis for a good team with the likes of Rory Cramp and a few other good cricketers coming through.

I would like to thank Mr. Davies for his time and effort that he put into the team. I would also like to give a big thank you to our two scorers Suzanne and Jenny.

-Gary Black (Capt.)

2nd XI 1998/99



2nd XI 1998/99

*Back Row (L-R): J. Grimason, N. Dover, N. O'Byrne, D. Foran, T. Bass.
Front Row (L-R): Mr. McMullan, C. Camelleri, A. Fry, J. Maher, J. Dooley, M. McCartney.*

This year's seconds didn't enjoy the best of seasons with losses in the League to C.U.S., Wilson's Hospital and Terenure. Still, we had some good bowling performances from G. Conlon, N. O'Byrne and J. Maher and with bat from T. Bass, M. McCoy and J. Dooley. Also, our fielding was quite strong thanks to J. Grimason, M. McCartney and C. O'Shea to name but a few.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank all the tea ladies, Steve Corrigan for driving us to Wilson's Hospital and Mr. McMullen for an enjoyable season.

-James Maher (Capt.)

2nd XI 1999/00

The second eleven had a mixed season, with wins against Coleraine and arch-rivals Wesley College. We did, however, lose narrowly to King's Hospital and St. Columba's which essentially put us out of League contention. Rising star Philip DeBarra managed an unbeaten 48 runs not out against King's Hospital. Jack Dooley and James Maher essentially finished off a strong Wesley team with a batting partnership of 63, Maher getting an outstanding 29 runs. James Grimason, Mark McCartney and Ronan O'Sullivan increased our tally with consecutive boundaries. Christopher Camelleri lifted the team spirit.

Unfortunately it wasn't enough to progress to the final. A double duck from Dave, one a diamond duck, didn't help the course as we failed to pass the group stages.

I would like to thank Mr. McMullen for coaching us through the season.

-Jack Dooley (Capt.)

J.C.T. 1998/99

We started the season with two defeats, to Wesley in a friendly and Columba's in the League. A win over C.U.S in the League was a credit to all the team, in tough conditions. From there we beat Gonzaga and hammered St. Andrew's with the help of impressive bowling figures from Rory Cramp and A. Gilmore. We then lost to Belvedere and missed the semi-finals on points difference. I would like to thank all who played and to thank Mr. Walker for his coaching and support.

- Robbie Burns (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): Mr. R. Walker, Cathal D'Arcy, David Foran, Alan Duggan, Rory Cramp.

Front Row (L-R): Brian Mellon, Eoin McNally, Philip DeBarra, Robbie Burns, David Thompson, Noel Geraghty.

J.C.T. 1999/00

With the addition of some new first and second years we were confident that we could get our first win ever. But we couldn't. However I noticed a great improvement in our performances.

We lost our first match to C.U.S and our second to St. Columba's as Malahide pulled out of the League so unfortunately we didn't get too many games.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Walker for coaching us this year.

-David Thompson (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): Matthew D'Arcy, Gavin Whyte, Brook Campbell-Crawford, Laurence Brook, Glen McNeill.

Front Row (L-R): Paul Morrissey, Ross Johnson, Ben Leonard-Kane, David Thompson, Niall McDarby, Brian Hannon, Mr. R. Walker.

Under 14 1998/99

Last year's cricket team didn't enjoy much success. We went to training twice a week with Mr. Fennell but we couldn't win any matches. Next year with the aid of the 1st and 2nd years we hope we can win a match.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Fennell for all his work.

-David Thompson (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): C Somerville, P. Burns, D. O'Byrne, P. Morrissey, A. Feldman, L. Brook, A. Grimson.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. Fennell, B. Leonard-Kane, B. Campbell-Crawford, D. Thompson (Capt.), R. Smyth, W. Mahon, B. Hannon.



Back Row (L-R): M. D'arcy, S. Prunty, S. Duggan, M. Leahy, B. Canton, M. Lew.
Front Row (L-R): R. Wynne, R. Johnson, B. Leonard-Kane, B. Hannon, N. McDarby, C. Harding, Mr. R. Fennell.

Under 14 1999/00

The season started off well with wins against Sandford due to good innings from N. McDarby and B. Hannon. That game was followed up by a good win against C.U.S. and put us into the League feeling very confident, for wins against Belvedere, Wesley, and Columba's who we were paired off against.

-Bryan Hannon (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): Chris Somerville, Shane Prunty, Steven Duggan, Cillian Meldon, Graham Cooley, Bryan Hannon, Mr. Quinn.
Front Row (L-R): Robert Wynne, Mark Lew, Peter Burns, Matthew D'arcy, Ben Leonard-Kane.

Under 13 1998/99

We got off to a bad start with High School losing all but one of our matches against C.U.S. which we won by just two runs. Mark Lew was in great form, catching everything. Robbie Wynne was a great asset batting and bowling.

I would like to thank Mr. Quinn for all his hard work.

-Niall McDarby (Capt.)



Back Row (L-R): Johnny Quinlan, Glen Sheridan, Barry Daly, David Kelly, Johnny Somerville, Graham Kinlan.
Front Row (L-R): Andrew Bannister, Nicholas Gordon, James Hanlon, Alan Thompson, Ross Johnson, Andrew Lui, Mr. Quinn.

Under 13 1999/00

The under 13s had a great season this year. We were lucky, having three experienced players on the team already. We have played four matches so far, two 'friendly' matches, which we lost, and two Cup matches, which we won. The first match was against St. Joseph's, Rush, which we won by 8 wickets. The second match was against Aravon in Bray. We bowled them out for 54 runs so we won quite easily. We are now into the semifinals of the Cup.

I would like to thank Mr. Quinn for coaching us all year and I would also like to thank my team-mates.

-Niall MacDarby (Capt.)

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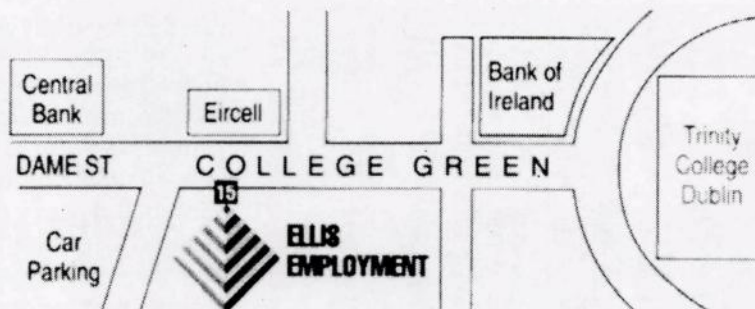
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Girls' Cricket

1st XI 1998/99



1st XI 1998/99

Back Row (L-R): R. Cox, R. McSharry, D. Walker, R. Horan, A. Camier, A. Hamilton, S. Walsh, Mrs. G. Mellon.

Front Row (L-R): K. Cramp, S. Cairns, E. Fry, S. Kenealy, J. Rath, R. Rolfe, J. Hickey.

Seated (L-R): M. Lysaght, C. Swift.

The 1st XI Senior Girls had a disappointing season. After reaching the finals the previous year from a loss of no matches we were promoted to the 1st Division where we struggled.

Our first League match went according to plan after defeating the opposition and all gaining a suntan but things soon deteriorated and we lost all our remaining matches.

Debbie Walker's performance in our final match against Wilson's Hospital was the highlight of our season. She batted superbly and scored her personal best of 32 not out, and hit a huge six over all our heads as we stood on the side line. Congratulations must also go to Becca Rolfe (2nd year) who took an amazing catch which none of us will ever forget.

Although we didn't do very well, we all enjoyed ourselves and had a good laugh. On behalf of the team and especially all of the 6th years, I'd like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her coaching over the last six years. I would also like to wish the High School cricket teams all the best in the future.

-Suzanne Kenealy (Capt.)

1st XI 1999/00



1st XI 1999/00

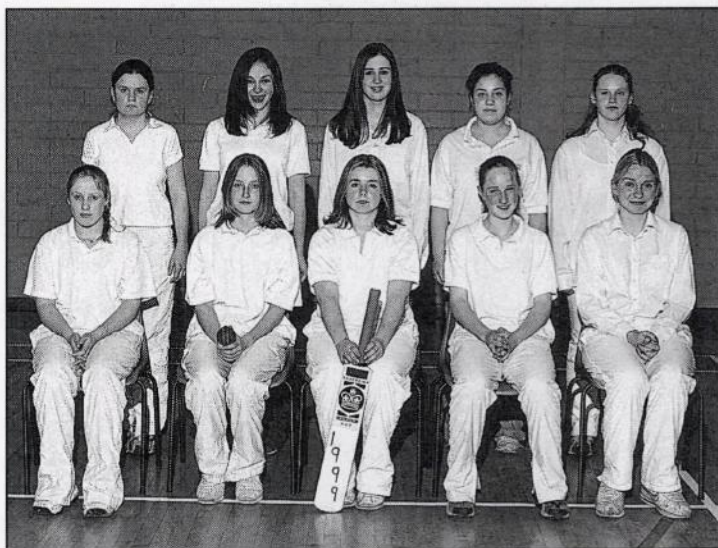
Back Row (L-R): J. Hickey, D. Walker, A. Hamilton, S. Walsh, R. McSharry, R. Rolfe.

Front Row (L-R): S. Cairns, K. Cramp, E. Fry, R. Horan, S. Kenealy, J. Rath, Miss D. Sixsmith.

During this year's cricket season we only had the opportunity to play a few matches, due to the short summer term, but the team still displayed hope and determination right through to the final League matches. Our first match was against Balbriggan. Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to borrow some 2nd and 3rd years who played eagerly and in great spirits but unfortunately we lost the match. Shortly after this match we secured a great victory – it was won at home against St. Columba's. Suzanne Kenealy, Kara Cramp and Debbie Walker batted brilliantly. Overall this year's team was both friendly and experienced. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Miss Sixsmith for organising our matches and being very encouraging.

-Rebecca Horan (Capt.)

Junior XI 1998/99



Junior XI 1998/99

Back Row (L-R): Ciara Fahy, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Heidi Walsh, Narika Negi, Kerrie Wynne.

Front Row (L-R): Zara Whyte, Suzanne Cairns, Aoife McDarby, Rachel McSharry, Natalie May.

The girls J.C.T. cricket team had a mixed season, winning about half our matches overall. We started off with a not very experienced team but then we got lucky and two Leinster players joined our team and we started winning our matches against teams like Alex and Mount Anville, ending the season with a respectable number of wins. Thanks to our coach, Mrs. Mellon who organised and umpired all our matches and Debbie Walker who gave lifts.

-Aoife McDarby (Capt.)

Junior XI 1999/00



Junior XI 1999/00

Back Row (L-R): Ciara Fahey, Aoife O'Donoghue, Ros Campbell, Rachel McSharry, Sarah Walsh

Front Row (L-R): G. Mellon, Leah Burke, Suzanne Cairns, Kerri Wynne, Holly Naughton, Sara Lowe

This year's junior cricket team was very good. It consisted of beginners and people who knew the sport well. We had good bowlers, excellent batters and a very good outfield.

Since the term was short we had a lot to do in training. Our first match was against Wesley in the cup. Unfortunately we lost but we put up a good fight and only lost by a few runs. This put us into the Plate where we were to face Rathdown. They were good but we were better. We also faced other excellent schools and did well.

We had a good year and really enjoyed it. The team would like to thank the people who scored for our matches and gave lifts. We also want to thank Mrs. Mellon who put up with a lot and trained us well.

-Suzanne Cairns (Capt.)

Minor XI 1999/00



*Back Row (L-R): G. Mellon, Julie McRann, Kim Elliott, Miriam McSharry, Gillian McMurray, Ciara Nugent, Lucy Whitaker.
Front Row (L-R): Sophie Hare, Aideen Blackwood, Lyndsay Watson, Ros Campbell, Zoe Allott, Rebecca Rolfe, Orla Walsh.*

Although this year's cricket season seemed short, we had a most enjoyable one. Our 1st round Cup match was played at Y.M.C.A against St. Andrews. We had a convincing win, with excellent bowling from Lyndsey Watson and Rebecca Rolfe.

We had an exciting second round match against Mt. Anville. They scored 90 runs. We got off to a good start but, unfortunately, we lost by a few wickets. Ros Campbell hit the ball so hard that it resulted in 'Bruise of the Year' Award for Ms. Mellon.

The team would like to say a huge thanks to Ms. Mellon for her excellent coaching this season. We wouldn't have got as far as we did if it wasn't for her enthusiastic coaching.

-Roz Campbell (Capt.)

First Year XI 1998/99



*Back Row (L-R): A. Blackwood, A. Keogh, G. Boyle, Z. Allot, R. Campbell, D. Donnelly, G. McMurray, F. Oatway.
Front Row (L-R): Of. Walsh, K. Ashe-Leonard, R. Rolfe, L. Watson, L. Duggan, S. O'Hare, A. McGreal, Miss D. Sixsmith.*

The 1st year cricket team did quite well last year considering that most of the players were new to the game. We had great fun, especially during a match against Alex which we narrowly lost by a few runs. We didn't have many matches but the few that we played were enjoyed by all.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Ms. Mellon and Ms. Sixsmith who coached us throughout the year and helped us improve our skills.

-Lyndsey Watson (Capt.)

First Year XI 1999/00

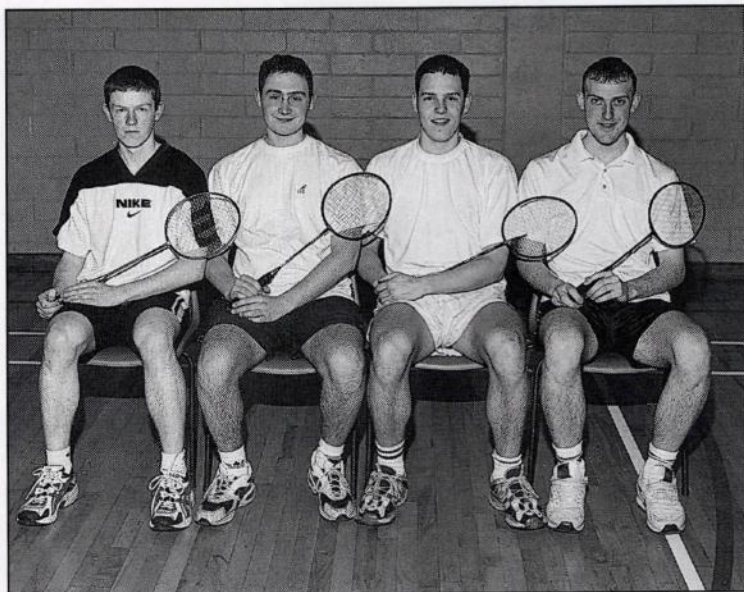


Back Row (L-R): Vicki Collins, Julie McRann, Rachel Browne, Claudine Murphy, Stephanie Coughlin, Kim Elliot, Ms. D. Sixsmith.

Front Row (L-R): Karen Douglas, Michelle Gunn-O'Connor, Miriam Mc Sharry, Lucy Whitaker, Katie Hamilton, Ciara O'Toole, Claire Fry

Badminton

Senior Boys Badminton – League Semi-finalists



David Collins, Simon Alkin, David Duggan, Andrew Reid.

At the beginning of the season our team, made up of David Collins, Andrew Reid, Simon Alkin and David Duggan, were all full of high hopes for the coming season. We had had a very successful previous year culminating in a quarterfinal defeat at the hands of Gormanstown, the eventual winners of the League. When the draw was made for our group of six teams, we knew that we would have our work cut out for us to try and surpass the previous year. We had drawn Gormanstown as well as Terenure who we knew would both field strong teams, and only two teams would qualify from the group. Of the other three teams we felt we could handle Wesley, though we didn't know much about Ballymun or Sandford Park.

Our first match was against Ballymun on the 13th October, but it proved to be the travel arrangements that would be the most awkward part of this easy 6-0 victory. The next group match was to be a more difficult game, but again we emerged victorious with a 4-2 victory over Sandford Park. By this stage our confidence was sky high, but this was given a dent with a disappointing 2-4 loss to Terenure. We managed to pick ourselves up for our next match against Wesley. We put ourselves back in the running to qualify, with a superb 6-0 win. This now meant that everything hinged on the potentially most tricky match in the group, against Gormanstown. Gormanstown were already assured of winning the group, having won 23 out of 24 points compared to our own 18 at this stage, but we still knew that with a good result we could leapfrog Terenure into 2nd place, and thus qualify for the semifinals. The team didn't disappoint and managed to gain a 3-3 draw, though we were unlucky not to snatch victory as David Duggan lost right at the climax of his singles match, following a great comeback.

At this stage we didn't know for certain whether this result would enable us to overtake Terenure. But in January we were informed that our results had been enough to qualify and earn a semifinal match against St. Fintan's.

This match took place at Whitehall Road on the 17th January and proved to be a very tightly fought affair. It eventually ended in a 3-3 draw. There could be no replays and the totals of the points won in the six matches were then added up. Unfortunately we had a slightly lower score and narrowly missed out on a place in the final against Gormanstown. As it turned out Gormanstown were defeated by St. Fintan's.

Although we were disappointed not to have won the competition, we were pleased with another successful season. While this success was testament to the hard work and commitment the players had shown in the past year. Finally congratulations are due to Mr. Sheridan for organising all the matches and training us throughout the year.

-David Collins (Capt.)

Junior Boys



*Ben Canton, Matthew Leahy,
Ben Leonard-Kane, Bryan Hannon.*

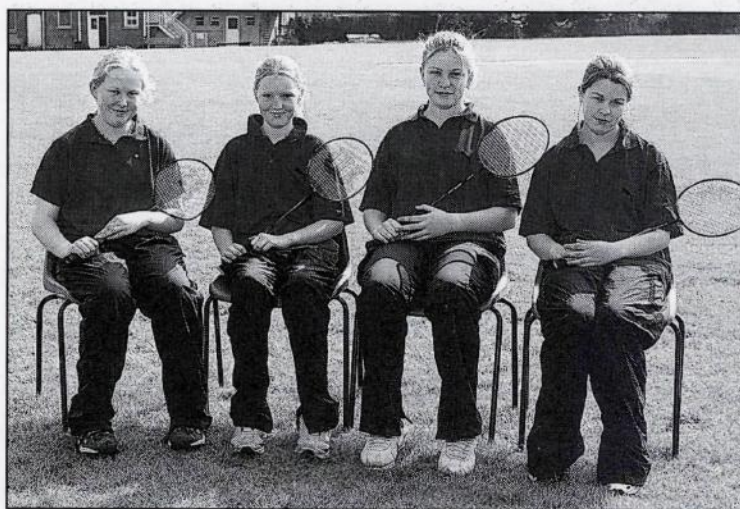
Under 14 Boys

Overall we had a very good year getting to the quarterfinals, unfortunately losing out to Terenure College. We had a very strong team this year of Nicholas Gordon (Capt.), Philip Duffy, Johnny Somerville and Liam Reidy, assisted by Graham Kinlan. On the way to the quarter-finals we played against Holy Child (Teams B and C), Wesley College, St. Andrew's and Clonkeen College. Our biggest win this season was against Wesley College, beating them 6-0.

Congratulations to all who took part in the matches this year and big thanks must go to our coach, Laura Higgins, for all her training and help throughout the year, and to Miss Wilson for organising the matches.

-Nicholas Gordon (Capt.)

Under 14 Girls



Isabel Baker, Averil Blakely, Rebecca Murray, Kerrie Williamson.

The Under 14 Girls played well and got quite far in the League. Our Lady's, Presentation and Wesley were some of the teams we played. We won three of our matches and lost one. We reached the quarterfinals where we were unfortunately defeated, but we had a great laugh and enjoyed the season. Many thanks to our coach, Laura and Ms. Wilson.

-Kerrie Williamson(Capt.)



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Boys' Tennis



Senior Boys

Back Row: David McNeill, Justin Hall, Robert Anton.

Front Row: Mr. McClure, Mark McCartney, Gordon Anton, Philip DeBarra, Matt Leahy,

Tennis continued to be a popular option during games periods and there was a record entry for the school junior tournament. Matt Leahy beat Marc Judge in the final of the Junior Tournament and Conor McCartney won the Senior Boys beating David Young in three sets.

The Senior team was younger than usual and while they didn't come through from their section of the League they will have benefited from playing against better players. A 3-2 away win at Clongowes was probably the best result of the season. Daniel Hanlon was an efficient and helpful captain of the team and he played well against more experienced opponents. Justin Hall, Mark and Conor McCartney all did well while Robert and Gordon Anton formed a useful doubles playing.

On the Junior Team Matt Leahy won an excellent game against his Belvedere opponent and he is clearly a promising player. Ben Leonard-Kane and Conor McCartney also performed well with Conor captaining the team.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped us with transport arrangements during the term particularly Mrs. Hanlon. Their help was much appreciated.

-Les McClure



Junior Boys

Back Row: David Thompson, Chris Lawson

Front Row: Matt Leahy, Ben Canton, Mr. McClure

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Girls' Tennis



Senior Girls 1998/99

*Back Row: Fiona Collins, Carrie Gray, Holly Simmons.
Front Row: Miss C. Ritchie, Debbie Walker,
Lora Dolan, Kelly Baird.*



Minor Girls 1998/99

*Back Row (L-R): Freya Oatway, Orla Walsh, Sarah Lowe,
Jessica Bell-Fahy, Donna Lui, Sarah Reynolds.
Front Row (L-R): Miss C. Ritchie, Kate Ashe-Leonard,
Alice Keogh, Sarah Walsh, Lyndsey Watson.*



Junior Girls 1998/99

*Back Row (L-R): Sarah Fisher, Rebecca O'Reilly
Front Row (L-R): Aoife McDarby, Holly Simmons,
Fiona Collins, Miss C. Ritchie.*



Minor Girls 1999/00

*Back Row (L-R): Isabel Baker, Sarah Meehan,
Miss C. Ritchie.
Front Row (L-R): Lyndsey Watson, Kate Ashe-Leonard,
Alice Keogh, Orla Walsh.*



Junior Girls 1999/00

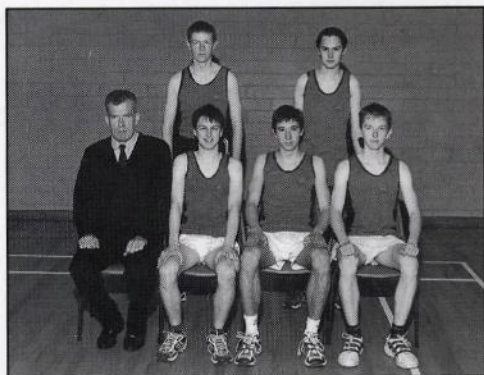
*Back Row (L-R): Julie McRann, Donna Lui.
Front Row (L-R): Miss C. Ritchie, Sarah Lowe,
Sarah Walsh, Andrea Burgess.*



Minor B Girls 1999/00

*Back Row (L-R): Jessica Bell-Fahy, Margaux Kenny,
Saoirse Ryan.
Front Row (L-R): Ruth Connell, Grace Nelson,
Sarah Reynolds, Miss C. Ritchie.*

Cross Country Running

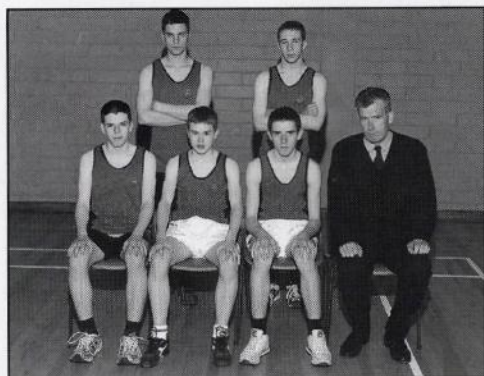


Senior Boys

*Back Row (L-R): David Collins,
Gavin Coleman.*

*Front Row (L-R): Mr. J. Toomey,
Andrew Coleman, Karl Fahy, Eoin Kearney.*

The first action of the season was on the 21st of September with the High School form one and two cross country championships. These races proved to be very competitive affairs, which augured well for the rest of the season. In the 1st year boys' race Ross Johnson took Gold, Cein Sookram Silver and Brendan Phelan and Al Grogan took the Bronze medals. In the girls' 1st year race Vicki Collins came first, Miriam McSharry second and Michelle O'Donohoe and Susan Murphy tied for third place. The form two girls medals went to Karis Brauer, Sharon Johnson and Nadine Grunitz, while John McDermott won the Gold and Daniel Roantree the Silver in the boys' equivalent.



Junior Boys

Back Row (L-R): Colm Dowds, Ben Senior.

*Front Row (L-R): Sean O'hEigeartaigh,
Daniel Roantree, John McDermott,
Mr. J. Toomey.*

There was no time to bask in the glory of their achievements for these athletes however, as no sooner had they collected their medals than they were off to commence a very busy League season.

The programme of races included some four boys and five boys races, which included teams from all over Leinster. At these races High School had a number of notable individual performances while there were particularly strong showings from within the Junior girls' and Senior boys' teams.

The girls Junior team took first place in their League with Sharon Johnson spearheading their challenge taking the Bronze medal individually. This achievement was all the more remarkable as she also won the Gold medal in the Minor League where she had to run two races back to back on each day of competition to achieve this. Alongside Sharon's achievements there were other strong performances from within the team and in particular Karis Brauer whose win in the last race was very important for the teams overall victory.

The League was also to prove very successful for the boys Senior team. This time High School won the Bronze medals with strong performances from Karl Fahy, Eoin Kearney, Gavin Coleman and in particular Andrew Coleman, who took the overall individual Senior title.

Following the League success, High School then competed in the annual Christmas relay at St. Columba's. This race was comprised of four one-mile legs up and down a steep hill. To make matters even worse there was a stream running across the course at one point which had to be traversed. This didn't deter our runners though as they continued with the good form they had shown in the League, and once again took home medals. The Junior girls team of S. Johnson, K. Ashe-Leonard, N. Grunitz and K. Brauer finished in first place. The boys senior team of K. Fahy, A. Coleman, G. Coleman and E. Kearney did well to finish in third place, the race was a good bit shorter than the three mile races they were used to running individually in the League.

The next big event on the running calendar was the East Leinster Championships and in preparation for those, a friendly race was held at High School against St. Columba's. At this, the Senior boys easily won their race while the Junior girls team was just beaten by the St. Columba's Senior team. Thus, with these encouraging performances over 40 athletes competed in the East Leinster Championships held at Phoenix Park on the 3rd of February.

The Senior boys ran well in the championships but just missed out on qualification which was a disappointing finish to what had been a very successful season. The race was of a very high standard and there was a particularly strong performance from Karl Fahy who finished first of the High School runners. The girls Junior team continued their run of success and took their Bronze medals and a place in the Leinster Final at the Curragh, where the star of their team was Sharon Johnson who won the Silver medal in the individual race. This is the 2nd consecutive year that this team has qualified for the Leinster Final, they were very unlucky not to have done so at the East Leinster Championships as the 1st three teams were only separated by 3 points.

The Leinster Finals were held at the end of February at the Curragh. As usual, the ground was very soggy and muddy, but this proved no obstacle to the High School runners as they equalled their previous year's performance and won Silver medals. This achievement was all the more significant as they became the first High School girls running team to qualify for a national final at any age group. Within the team there was a particularly strong performance from Sharon Johnson who finished just outside the medal position in fourth place. This earned her a place on the Leinster team in the nationals which were to take place in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford on the 11th March.

In the national finals, the Junior girls team produced another terrific performance and managed to come joint third on 81 points with St. Mary's. Leinster came second place in the Interprovincial team event behind Ulster. These results were a great achievement for the team, and just reward for all the hard work in training the girls had done earlier in the season.

Overall, this was a great year for the High School runners, there was a very high standard reached by all athletes. I would like to congratulate all the runners who participated in training

for races throughout the year. Particular mention has to go to Richard Scott and Darren Addie of form five who successfully completed the Dublin City marathon earlier this year.

In concluding this report, I would like to thank, on behalf of all the runners, the work done by all the various members of staff involved in running in the school; Ms. Hutchinson and Mrs. Mellon both contributed in taking the girls training sessions and races, Mr. Toomey trained with the boys and Mr. Irwin conducted and oversaw the organisation of running throughout the year. Without their invaluable work and effort we would not have achieved such success this year.

-David Collins(Capt.)

Junior Girls

All Ireland Cross Country Championships Dungarvin, March 2000 U-15 Girls



Back Row (L to R) : Mr. P. Irwin, Sophie O'Hare, Anna Stewart, Nadine Grunitz, Jessica Fahy, Orla Walsh, Ms. Hutchinson.

Front Row (L to R): Karis Brauer, Sharon Johnson, Kate Ashe-Leonard, Aoibhean McGreal.

It was Friday, just after junior lunch when we all clambered into the van. After making sure everyone was present we were on our way to Waterford. For a bit of background information I will let you know that we - the High School's own cross-country girls team were on our way to the All Ireland's. After a long journey, with only one stop, we arrived at the hotel we were

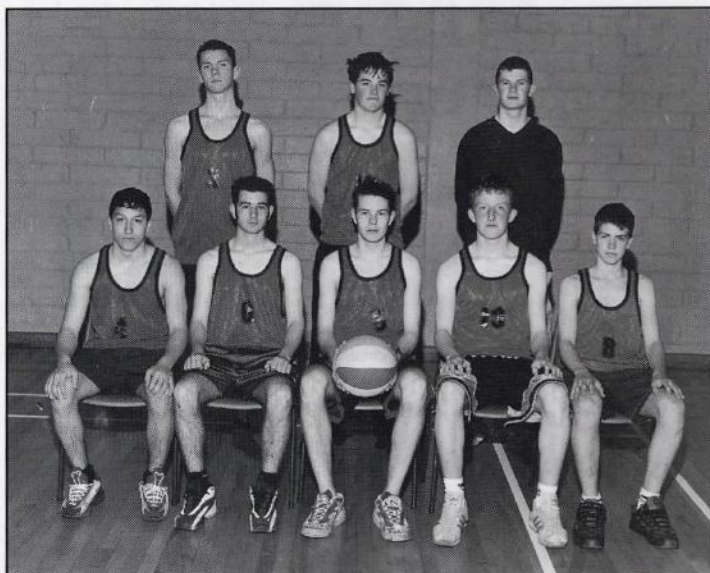
staying at. It was beautifully situated by the sea. We dumped our bags in our rooms and went down to the beach for a quick run. When we came back up we had a short swim in the pool before a very satisfying dinner. We went to our rooms and talked for a while and then settled down for a good night's sleep (Well, most of us did). The next day dawned a warm, sunny day. We were all very nervous but not too nervous to eat a substantial breakfast! The tension while waiting for our race to be called was unbearable but finally the moment arrived. This was the longest race we had done yet and the hardest competition wise. Would we survive? Yes. With Sharon coming fifteenth, Anna coming twenty-seventh and Karis coming thirty-sixth we came joint third overall. We had had a wonderful time and we brought wonderful memories home.

A special thank you to Mr. Irwin and Ms. Mellon for bringing us down and to Steve for bringing us to all our races. I would also like to thank the team for sticking together through the year and participating in races even when you didn't feel like it, it has been a wonderful experience running with you all.

-Karis Brauer, 2nd

Basketball

Senior Boys



*Back Row (L-R): Eoghan McDermott, Jonathan Walker,
Barry Hyland (Coach)*

*Front Row (L-R): Daniel Sheridan, Donal Lawlor, John Hyland,
Ian Kearns, Laurence Brooke.*

It was an interesting year for the under 19's basketball team. After a comedy of errors, Barry Hyland, coach extraordinaire, assembled a solid team of quality players, captained by the ever-inspiring John Hyland.

In an unfortunate turn of events we missed out on entering any Leagues this year, and had to settle for a number of friendly matches. Exact numbers have slipped my mind but certainly victory prevailed in a number of them.

Special thanks to Barry for giving up so much of his time, especially Saturday mornings. Hopefully next year, if we get to the League, we will be a force to be reckoned with.

-Eoghan McDermott, 5th

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Jonathan Walker, Stephen Kohlmann,
Barry Hyland.*

*Front Row (L-R): Jamie Bonney,
David Garvey, Ian Cairns, Donal Lawlor,
Ian O'Shea.*

U 14 Boys



Back Row (L-R): S. Dowling-Turner, C. Lawson, R. Byrne, R. Stratton, A. Brennan, T. Mills.
Front Row (L-R): R. Brannigan, P. Burns, S. Rooney, S. Jones, S. Power.

Junior Girls



Back Row (L-R): Jennifer Kane, Maeve Cryan, Nicola Sutton, Jenny Hannon.
Front Row (L-R): Jennifer Day, Sarah Lowe, Andrea Burgess, Donna Lui, Vicky Wright.

This year the junior girls' basketball team did splendidly. We won every match we played bar one. The most memorable match was against Mount Temple prior to the Christmas holidays.

Andrea Burgess, our captain, provided us with especially good leadership; she kept her cool at a very tumultuous point in the game, and scored a superb 3 pointer. Nicola Sutton and Sarah Lowe (our brilliant shooters) scored numerous winning points in many games. Meabh Cryan and Vicky Wright defended exceptionally well at all times, while Sarah Cobban and Ruth Kelly were pillars of strength for our whole team.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Davis, the school administrator, and our wonderful coach Matt Walker.

-Andrea Burgess (Capt.).

2nd Year Girls



Back Row (L-R): Louise Duggan, Mandy Lowe, Niamh Sheehan, Anna O'Hare, Jennie Carr, Stacey Douglas, Holly Brennan.
Front Row (L-R): Cathy Jones, Sarah Reynolds, Kiva Murphy, Julie-Anne Tector, Lisa Marshall, Joanna Corbett, Eva Monaghan.

The second year team beat three schools and were beaten by only one point in two other matches to attain a League semi-final place. They played very well, but were beaten by a small margin to be denied a deserved place in the final.

Well done to all.

-Julie-Anne Tector (Capt.)



Drawing - Chris Lawson, 2nd

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Soccer

Senior Boys - League Champions



*Back Row (L-R): Mr. P. Prendergast, Nathan Breen, Ronan O'Sullivan, Andrew Reid, J.J. Rolfe, Justin Hall.
Middle Row (L-R): Drew Prendergast, Dominic Mullan, Robbie Gilbert, Andrew Walsh, Jonathan McClean.
Front Row (L-R): Robert Anton, Rory Gleeson, Gordon Anton, Ian Kinsella, Tristan Lloyd, Sean O'Meara, Julien Fraser.*

This year has again proved to be a very successful one for the football team. There were doubts at the start of the year (because of losing so many players from the previous 6th year) as to whether we could live up to the school's illustrious footballing past.

We began training two weeks into term and it was evident that while we had the ability, our team needed a lot of coaching. Enter Mr. P. - diets were drawn up which along with circuit training four days a week brought us into line in a matter of weeks!

Our first opponents, or should I say victims, were an exciting young B.C.S. team. There was an air of excitement circulating around A8. As we pulled on the famous red and black jerseys memories rushed back of previous teams; probably because they hadn't been washed since '96. Needless to say we won the match convincingly 6-1. Our two front men Tristan Lloyd and Séan O'Meara deserve special mention.

Over the next few weeks the wins kept coming. We defeated St. Columba's College 12-1, Rockbrook 5-3 and Killian's 2-1 which was the highlight of the term. Our solid centre-backs, Andrew Walsh and Dominic Mullen were on form conceding only 5 goals up as far as Christmas. We also played and beat St. Andrew's (4-1) and Castleknock (5-0). Mark Burke was drafted in from the hockey team; starting quite gingerly he gained confidence and put in some solid performances.

After Christmas we began competing, for the first time, in a League. Belvedere College provided tough opposition and we conceded a draw 3-3. (Mr. P. was quick to point out the areas where we were soft, generally around the waist and hips! It was evident that some of the players ate their way through Christmas.)

The 1st XI, including Andrew Walsh, took to the field only to be held to a draw by a strong Castleknock side. Things looked grim after our first defeat of the season against Rockbrook, but with a little perseverance we defeated Castleknock and Rockbrook in arguably the best games of the season. We had reached the final at our first attempt.

The final was played in Cabra against Belvedere. After a tough first half the team settled down and scored two goals, one of which would definitely be a contender for goal of the season. If you see Dominic about, he'll be only too happy to give you the full unabridged account. At the end of this historic season we are League champions and have still to compete in the Prendergast inaugural One-Day Cup. Many thanks go to Mr. P and Mr. Benson.

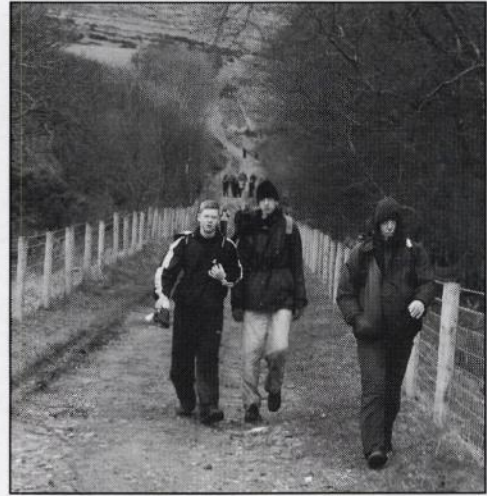
-Robert Anton, 5th



Drawing - Chris Lawson, 2nd

Hillwalking

Hillwalking in mainly participated in by fourth year pupils who choose hillwalking as their part of their adventure project for the Presidents Award – An Gaisce; however, pupils from all years are usually welcome to participate. This year's walks started on 12th of September to Tonlagree in Wicklow. A trip to Carnaderry in Glendalough took place on 17th October. November 14th saw a trip to Mullaghcleevaun in Wicklow followed by a walk to Djouce, once again in Wicklow, on December 5th. After Christmas, pupils were given the choice of two night walks (one of which must be completed as part of the President's Award) followed by a so-called 'preparation walk' for Carrauntoohil to Lugnaquilla – the highest mountain in Leinster on Sunday 6th February. This was followed by a hillwalk on 12th March again to Glendalough which was dedicated to first years. However, only one first year took up the challenge. He describes his experience below:



"When all the people who were going hillwalking were at the carpark in the High School it was an extremely beautiful day. We got to the car park in Glendalough and I realised I was the only first year there among the numerous fourth years. The aim of the hillwalk was to climb the mountain Carnaderry which is 2,296 feet high.

The first part of the climb was very steep but we all got through it and the fourth years even found it difficult after the first phase. The views were so beautiful to look at but when we got near the top of the mountain, the air started to get thin, misty and cold.

Happily, I was the first person up the mountain by which time the air had indeed turned very misty and thin. I had a problem breathing and the thin air made everyone feel slightly dizzy and light headed. We started putting on our jackets, hats and gloves because it was so cold. The further down we descended the more we returned back to feeling at ease. We returned to the bus feeling tired but satisfied and great."

-Conor Dixon, 1st

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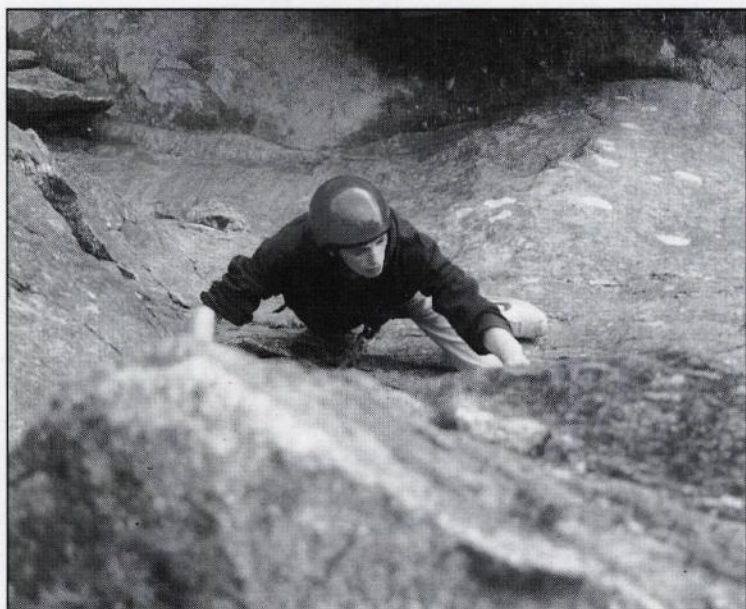
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Rock Climbing

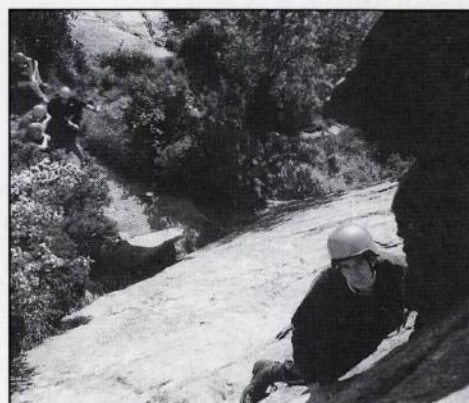


Kevin O'Meara

This year rock climbing has reached a peak (pardon the pun) which is unlikely ever to be achieved again. Never has there been so many expert climbing enthusiasts in the school at one time - no doubt the passion of a few proved infectious. Unfortunately we are saying goodbye to Darragh Curran, Fergus Boydell, Donal O'Shea, Nicholas Lyons, James Murphy and David Kirkpatrick who have all proved their zeal for the sport and most of whom have achieved an amazing degree of experience and skill for people of their age. Hopefully we will still have Conor O'Shea's expertise to inspire a new crop next year.

Ironically circumstances made the opportunities for climbing in Dalkey rather limited this year.

Rock climbing is an exciting and rewarding sport which is growing faster than ever in popularity. The High School provides the opportunity for pupils to experience challenging climbing in a safe and well supervised atmosphere. This level of climbing experience and tuition outside of school would be very costly and more inconvenient to organise so I would encourage any student who has the slightest desire to try out the sport to do so now when they have the chance.



Robert Tierney

Parents should note that the school has all the appropriate safety equipment. When climbing with the school the pupils are taught not only the techniques of climbing but also instructed with regards to personal safety and the safety of those with whom they are climbing.

-I. Blackmore

Canoeing

This year there were a number of people who braved the freezing grey mornings in order to get wet! In form one there are many budding canoeists who, despite the cold and wet seem to be improving with great speed. Well done to Cliodhna Noone who was awarded the Broad Cup which is given to the first year with the best time in the Liffey Descent.

Transition year pupils trained hard last year and the following were awarded with successfully completing their Level 2 Proficiency Certificate: Joanne Flower, Meabh Cryan, Sarah Mooney, Adam McDonnell, Vicki McKenna, Kevin O'Meara, Roslyn Reddy and Richard Somerville. Cliodhna Noone and myself after many attempts managed to pass our level three.

As regards competitions, the school did very well in the Schools Liffey Descent:

Boys U16 - Adam McDonnell - 4th

Boys U15 - Cathal Darcy - 4th

Girls U14 - Meabh Cryan - 3rd

I would like to thank Mr. Swan for all the time and encouragement he has given us. I would also like to thank Mr. D Miller for helping us to perfect the art of capsizing!!!

-Meabh Cryan, 3rd

Swimming

This year swimming was held as always on Tuesday evenings in Terenure College Swimming Pool. First and second years attended lessons from six o'clock under the excellent supervision of Mr. Swan and Mrs. Melon, and third year upwards attended lessons from 6.45 under the supervision of a Terenure College instructor, Mrs. Kelly. In the later session we practised for a total of three awards, the Proficiency award, 2 kilometre swim and the Olympic 2000 award.

The proficiency award proved no problem to most of the swimmers. Sarah Brusey, Eamon Garrigan, Noel Geraghty, Donald Gray, Eoin Kearney, Rachel McSharry, Brian Mellon, Susan Walsh and Vicky Wright all received their gold award. Hazel Bird, Jenny Brusey, Emma Cobban, Sarah Cobban, Carolyn Goulden, Donna Lui, Glen McNeill, Rebecca Nicholson, Serafine O'Connor, Sarah-Jane Pardoe, Breffni Sexton and Gavin Whyte all received their silver award.

The 2 km Swim was a completely different story. We had to undergo a total of 80 lengths in order to complete this award! Emma Allott, Hazel Bird, Jenny Brusey, Sarah Brusey, Niamh Carroll, Emma Cobban, Karl Fahy, Eamon Garrigan, Carolyn Goulden, Noel Geraghty, Caroline Gray, Donald Gray, Eoin Kearney, Donna Lui, Anna McCormack, Aoife McDermott, Rachel McSharry, Sarah Meehan, Brian Mellon, Serafine O'Connor, Sarah-Jane Pardoe, Brian Sargeant, Breffni Sexton and Susan Walsh all received their 2 km award.

The other award we trained for was the Olympic 2000 award, which was brought in this year only, because of this year's Olympic games.

The following students received the Olympic 2000 award; Emma Allott, Hazel Bird, Jenny Brusey, Sarah Brusey, Emma Cobban, Sarah Cobban, Karl Fahy, Eamon Garrigan, Noel Geraghty, Carolyn Goulden, Donald Gray, Eoin Kearney, Donna Lui, Rachel McSharry, Brian Mellon, Serafine O'Connor, Sarah-Jane Pardoe, Brian Sargeant, Breffni Sexton, Susan Walsh and Vicky Wright.

On behalf of every one who attended swimming this year I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr. Swan and Mrs. Mellon for organising the awards and lessons and also to Mrs. Kelly for putting up with the lot of us. Thanks for everything.

-Sarah Brusey, 4th



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Sports Day Results 28th April 1999



David Collins, Andrew Coleman & Philip DeBarra



Simona Murtagh & Jenny Woolhead competing in the Senior Girls 200m



Conor Dixon competing in the High Jump

100m

U/14 GIRLS

1 st Miriam McSharry	15.91
2 nd Clare Fry	16.25
3 rd Michelle O'Donoghue	17.01

U/14 BOYS

1 st Niall McDarby	14.09
2 nd Leon Fernandez	14.39
3 rd Owen Wardell	14.56

U/15 GIRLS

1 st Andrea Vard	14.27
2 nd Vicky Wright	15.05
3 rd Sharon Johnson	15.26

U/15 BOYS

(Magill Cup)	
1 st Stephen Duggan	12.85
2 nd Matthew Darcy	13.08
3 rd John McDermott	13.61

U/17 GIRLS

1 st Orla Welsh	15.28
2 nd Vicky Wright	15.54
3 rd Holly Naughton	17.50

U/17 BOYS

1 st David Foran	12.61
2 nd Philip deBarra	12.88
3 rd Mark Kelly	13.17

SEN. GIRLS

1 st Andrea Vard	13.90
2 nd Jenny Woolhead	15.27
3 rd Sarah Brusey	15.45

SEN. BOYS

(Taylor Cup)	
1 st Ciaran Woolhead	11.89
2 nd Adam McDonnell	12.34
3 rd Luach Hardiman	12.60

200m

SEN. GIRLS

(Belgrave Cup)	
1 st Simona Murtagh	30.95
2 nd Jenny Woolhead	31.00
3 rd Genevieve King	32.61

SEN. BOYS

(Moore Cup)	
1 st Ciaran Woolhead	24.99
2 nd Luach Hardiman	25.64
3 rd Adam McDonnell	26.37

U/17 BOYS

1 st Francis Cooney	27.38
2 nd David Foran	27.68
3 rd Mark Kelly	28.04

400m

SEN. BOYS

(Cornick Cup)	
1 st Johnny Ellis	58.02
2 nd Luach Hardiman	1:15
3 rd Adam McDonnell	1:41

500m

U/14 GIRLS

1 st Sharon Johnson	1:39
2 nd Nadine Grunitz	1:44
3 rd Miriam McSharry	1:46

U/15 BOYS

1 st Owen Wardell	1:30
2 nd Niall McDarby	1:36
3 rd David Flower	1:37

800m

SEN. GIRLS

1 st Simone Murtagh	3:21
2 nd Ruth Draper	3:22
3 rd Orla Walsh	3:32

SEN. BOYS

(Southam Cup)	
1 st Karl Fahy	2:21
2 nd Johnny Ellis	2:23
3 rd David Collins	2:26

1000m

U/14 GIRLS

1 st Sharon Johnson	3:41
2 nd Vicki Collins	4:13
3 rd Michelle Gunn-O'Connor	4:20

U/14 BOYS

1 st Will Mitchell	3:45
2 nd Alan Loane	3:45
3 rd Cein Sookram	3:53

U/15 GIRLS

1st Sharon Johnson
3:54
2nd Anna Stewart
4:03
3rd Nadine Grunitz
4:12

U/15 BOYS

1st Elliott Leahy
3:23
2nd Matthew Darcy
3:29
3rd Neale O'Connor
4:01

U/17 BOYS

1st Gavin Coleman
3:21
2nd Mark Kelly
3:29
3rd Sean O'Hegarty
3:31

1500m**SEN. BOYS****(Walker Cup)**

1st Johnny Ellis
5:18.00
2nd Karl Fahy 5:21.00
3rd Andy Coleman
5:21.30

Relay**1st YR. GIRLS**

1st 1-2 1:23.59
2nd 1-1 1:23.88
3rd 1-5 1:26.00

1st YR. BOYS

1st 1-2 1:15.46
2nd 1-1 1:15.79
3rd 1-5 1:19.48

2nd YR. GIRLS

1st 2G 1:20.00
2nd 2WK 1:23.00
3rd 2L 1:24.00

2nd YR. BOYS

1st 2R 1:11.20
2nd 2G 1:12.49
3rd 2WK 1:12.80

Long Jump**U/14 BOYS**

1st Niall McDarby
4.07m
2nd Philip Duffy
4.05m
3rd Steven Walsh
4.02m

U/14 GIRLS

1st Michelle O'Donoghue
3.27m
2nd Sharon Johnson
3.12m
3rd Iain Webster
3.12m

U/15 BOYS

1st Ben Leonard Kane
4.88m
2nd Stephen Duggan
4.42m
3rd Matthew Darcy
4.27m

U/15 GIRLS

1st Andrea Vard
4.00m
2nd Lyndsey Watson
3.50m
3rd Nadine Grunitz
3.29m

U/17 BOYS

1st Iain O'Connor
4.86m
2nd Philip deBarra
4.44m
3rd Mark Kelly
4.21m

SEN. BOYS**(Sloan Cup)**

1st Iain O'Connor
4.86m
2nd Philip deBarra
4.44m
3rd Mark Kelly
4.21m

SEN. GIRLS

1st Andrea Vard
4.00m
2nd Ellis Fry
3.88m
3rd Sarah Brusey
3.59m

Shot**U/14 BOYS**

1st William Mitchell
8.20m
2nd Barry Daly
7.26m
3rd Ercus Long
6.52m

U/15 BOYS

1st Matthew Leahy
9.72m
2nd Christopher Harding
9.31m
3rd Ben Leonard Kane
9.20m

U/15 GIRLS

1st Roz Campbell
31.50m
2nd Gillian McMurray
28.50m
3rd Lindsey Watson
25.40m

U/17 BOYS

1st Tennyson Egar
10.38m
2nd David Foran
9.20m
3rd Iain O'Connor
9.20m

SEN. GIRLS

1st Sarah Brusey
8.03m
2nd Jenny Woolhead
7.51m
3rd Debbie Walker
7.41m

SEN. BOYS

1st Tennyson Egar
9.95m
2nd Harry Feldman
9.70m
3rd Adam McDonnell
9.63m

High Jump**U/14 BOYS**

(New school record)
1st Niall McDarby
1.50m
2nd Owen Wardell
1.45m
3rd Patrick Earls
1.35m

U/14 GIRLS

1st Miriam McSharry
1.10m
2nd Pamela Webster
3rd Michelle O'Donoghue

U/15 BOYS

1st Ben Leonard Kane
1.50m
2nd Steven Duggan
1.45m
3rd Mathew Darcy
1.35m

U/15 GIRLS**(Packenham Cup)**

1st Lyndsey Watson
1.20m
2nd Sharon Johnson
1.15m
3rd Anna Stuart
1.15m

SEN. BOYS**(Travers Cup)**

1st Luach Hardiman
2nd Karl Fahy
3rd Adam Leahy

Javelin**SEN. BOYS**

1st Oliver Gray
30.40m
2nd Robbie Burns
27.65m
3rd Adam McDonnell
25.40m

Discus**SEN. BOYS**

1st Tennyson Egar
27.90m
2nd Mark Walsh
26.20m
3rd Adam McDonnell
23.10m

Cunningham Cup

Mark Kelly

Whyte Cup

Ross McNally

War Memorial Cup

Karl Fahy/
David Collins

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Past Pupils

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

Support for our Past Pupils' Union remains strong if somewhat spasmodic. Whilst members' response to some Committee initiatives is disappointing it is clear as we meet with brother and sister unions through the year that we are seen as strong and vibrant. The culture and ethos of our school(s) is envied and the esprit de coeur that exists among us past pupils is something special. That may not be always actively expressed but can be tapped into in various ways.

The information age we live in brings with it new opportunities for worldwide contact through the Internet. For our new generation members this opens up all kinds of possibilities, and visiting the school website, where the PPU has an embryonic presence, is a wonderful way to stay up to date. We recommend a visit to you – get online.



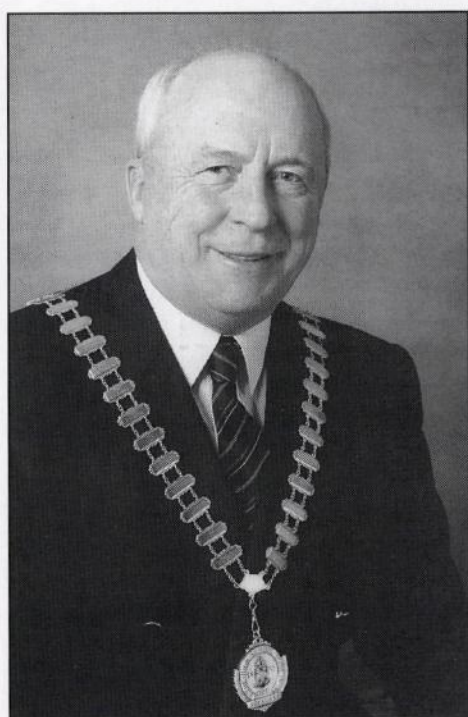
Marina Pearson presenting the Rosebowl to Wallis Handelman

In an effort to understand what might stimulate the interest of the younger members of the union we had a "think tank" BBQ during the year attended by the under 30s, and that was worthwhile.

The Millennium year saw many unions hosting special dinners for the occasion. Our dinners are always special and this year was no exception.

The Old Boys' Dinner was, as usual, held on the third Saturday in January and was voted a success. A full house again, good speakers, great fellowship and organised to perfection by Mr. Booker, Mr. Sheridan and Mr. McDonough, who deserve our great thanks. This event is also a showcase for the school as our large contingent takes away with them a continued image of a private school as described so well to us by Brian Duffy. Old Boy Denis O'Brien's humorous description on how to turn expulsion into a fortune was well worth hearing.

Reflecting its continued popularity as a venue, the Ladies' Dinner was again held in the Royal St. George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire, on Friday, 31st March. We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker Kathleen O'Connor, the first Director of Pastoral Care at the new Tallaght Hospital. Kathleen was very informative and entertaining and easily held the attention of a large audience whose ages ranged from 20+ to 80+. We are always delighted to have our "regulars" with us but were particularly pleased to learn that the "20+s" enjoyed themselves so well that they too are looking forward to next year's Dinner.



Howard Kilroy

Our picture of Marina at the prizegiving, presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl to Wallis Handelman captures the importance of the occasion where the talent of our young boys and girls is so impressive. The Old Boys' Cup went to Ross McNally.

All voluntary organisations survive on the effort of a handful of dedicated workers who manage to find time to make things happen. In expressing our thanks on this occasion to Wayne Sheridan, our Secretary, and Carole Barden, our membership Secretary for the past four years,

we are conscious that they are hanging up their boots after 13 and 14 years of service, respectively, on the committee. They do great work and will be difficult to follow. Our thanks also to Trevor Lloyd who minds the cash.

The school is very supportive of the Union and we thank all of the staff again for caring.

We now move on and the incoming presidents Bruce Lyster and Valerie Duncan (nee Coughlan) who both have our support and best wishes for a happy and successful year of office.

-Marina Pearson
(Joint President PPU,1999-2000)

Secretary's Report 1999/2000

I present my last report as Secretary of the Past Pupils' Union and on behalf of the Committee, wish to express our disappointment with the lack of support members are giving to the functions arranged on THEIR behalf. As stated before, it is our aim to organise events with a wide appeal to all and hosted in the last year:

-A fundraising Table Quiz on behalf of the DSPCA

-An informative evening as to the benefits of reflexology and other alternative forms of treatment

-A gardening slide show and presentation

-The Annual Ladies' and Men's Dinners together with the London Dinner on the eve of the England/Ireland rugby match

(Unfortunately, an evening for 'younger' members, aimed at those who left the school within the past 10/15 years did not have the required support to take place).

In reality, the Programme of Events did not appeal to all members and the Committee welcomes suggestions on the type of functions that should be held. REMEMBER this is your Union and we require the full support of ALL members at ALL times.

At the Men's Dinner in January, the retirement of Bob Fennell (a teacher for over 40 years) was marked with a presentation from the Committee as a token for all his work over the years. We wish him many happy years of retirement.

I conclude my report by thanking both Marina Pearson and Howard Kilroy for an excellent years service as joint presidents of the Past Pupils' Union and to the Committee for their hard work.

-Wayne Sheridan
Hon. Secretary

The friends I left behind me

When I was young and twelve years old,
When men were men or so I'm told.
I started at a well known school,
To learn to act less like a fool.
and now in all these after years,
In memory still and salty tears.
I think about my school boy friends,
Of Masters, sums, and inky pens.

One chap, -I can't recall his name,
You know - the one running fame.
Where 'ere he went we sang a song,
"Here comes the winner-young King Lang".
Again there was a master too,
A bloke we knew as "fu man Chu".
Whose greeting -Parlez Vous Francais,
Sent someone to the Head each day.
Then there's "Mister Boosie's room,
In silence similar to a tomb.

A class with rapt attention sat,
Learning how to bowl and bat.
Ah yes! Those were the good old days,
When school meant work and japing gay.
With "Sammy" shouting - hey you there,
And "Charlie" with his keys and hat.
And then there was that great old guy,
"Frosty" to the youngest
But to the oldest boys when caught,
Sergeant Nelson was a sport
May I say a word to you?
The present boys - and this means you.
Forget not ever where you be
The old school - days of H.S.D.
The red and black, with blue and gold.
Bind us to common fold.
And in the next world, when you die
You're sure to find the old school Tie.

-Ellis John Barker.

David Taylor, 'Athlete Extraordinaire'

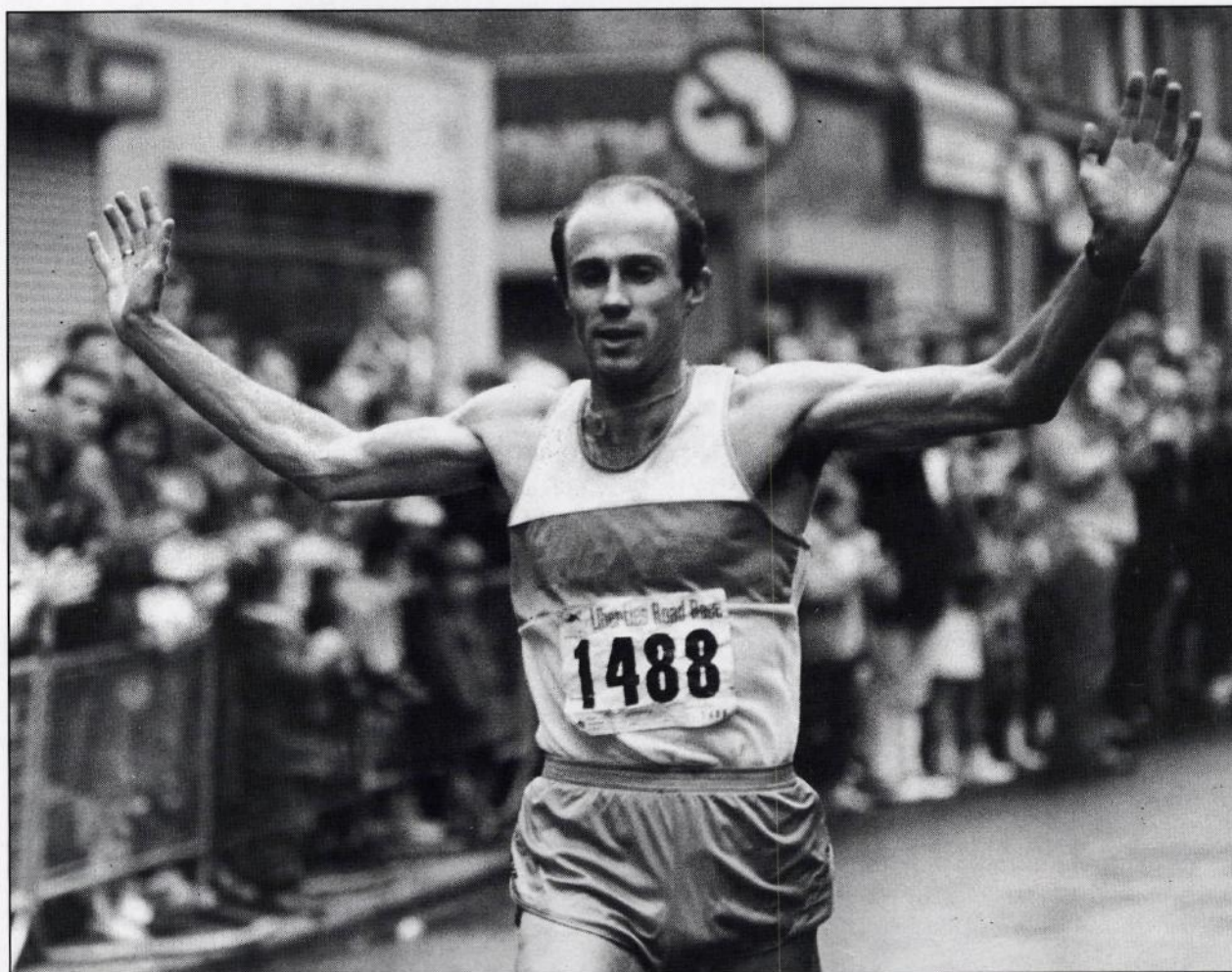
David Taylor attended the High School from 1972 to 1977 and greatly enjoyed his time here. John Toomey developed his interest in running and was the one who suggested that he should start. Even though he has had great success in his running career and enjoyed it greatly, soccer is still his favourite sport and he supports Man. Utd. At first his running was only a form of training for his interest in soccer. He remembers fondly his old teachers - Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Hickey, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Hilliard, Mr. O'Connor and of course Mr. Toomey, whom he says was a great inspiration.

When he left school he got more involved in running but also wanted to play soccer and train and to see how good he could really be. He joined Dundrum A.C and his coach there (Eddie MacDonnagh) told him that if he trained properly he could win. Within a ten-month period of him taking his training properly his break came when he was competing in the National 1500m Junior title and was ap-

proached by a man called John MacDonald who was the head coach at Arkansas University in America. He was offered a scholarship to Arkansas; he was only eighteen at the time. However, he was reluctant to go to America at first because he felt very settled here. He was earning £29 per week and felt that this was too good to give up and that he would be doing this for at least a couple more years. John MacDonald visited David's parents in their home to discuss this scholarship; they too were reluctant at first but said that they would support him in whatever he wanted to do. They signed the forms and contracts and a couple of weeks later he headed off for America.

On his arrival in Arkansas he was struck by the intense heat there and found it very difficult to train. At times he felt like giving up but knew that if he wanted to succeed he would have to endure it. He gives the advice that "if you want to succeed you have to take a bit of pain."

The University of Arkansas is a top athletic school in America and has a huge sports programme. He was greatly impressed by the facilities there. There was an American football stadium, a baseball stadium, a swimming pool, an outdoor and indoor running track and tennis courts too - the list goes on and on! However, the university was not only excellent for sports, it was an excellent engineering and business school also.





In total David spent eight years in America. He spent four years in college where he competed in places such as Chicago, Dallas, New York, Oklahoma, Arizona, Texas and many more. All of the expenses were paid by the college! He spent another four years in Santiago, Chicago, where he worked for the Sub-4 running clothes company. He was also part of the Sub-4 Club which was only open to those who had ran a sub-4 minute mile.

While he was in college he not only had to train a lot but also had to keep up with his studies or else he might have lost his scholarship. He proved that he was capable of both when he graduated with a degree in Marketing.

His training in Arkansas was intense. In the winter season he would train twice a day and do three days of weight training per week. He would also do a 20-mile run on a Sunday! In the summer sea-

son he took part in relays and his team in Arkansas was the world best indoors for distance medley.

When asked if he agreed with the American Scholarship competition he said that he agrees with it 100%. However he says that for running the facilities aren't that important as you don't need that many and believes that training here would be just as good. But, he recognises that the level of competition is far greater in America and to go there would be beneficial to your running.

In 1986 when he returned to Ireland he worked as advisor to the Minister for Sport for 18 months and regards sport as an equal to academic subjects and says that it builds great character and social skill.

He still runs three to four days every week for five to six miles. He has been running for 22 years and is truly a great athlete. He has achieved so much and is an outstanding sportsman.

His achievements are numerous – he has won the under 18's Junior 1500m championships, he is three times winner of the Senior 1500m championships, twice winner of the 5000m championships, three times winner of the Irish senior cross-country championships. He has competed in both national and international races and the World and European championships. In 1982 he won the British I.A.C cross-country championships in Crystal Palace. In 1985 he was the Morton Mile winner and is the only man ever to have won both the cross-country championships and the 1500m championships in the same year. His best time is 3.54 minutes, which is the fourth fastest time ever by an Irishman!

-Kathryn Laing and Ingrid Ward, 5th

Denis O'Brien – Money, Who Cares?

One Thursday afternoon after being graciously chauffeured to the bank of the Grand Canal we were lead past the 98FM offices and ushered into Mr. O'Brien's impressive office. Being almost a quarter-billionaire obviously doesn't matter to him as family pictures fill the office in between trophies of various descriptions. Having attended High School from 1970-1976 Denis quickly proceeded to praise the "camaraderie" and "friendships" he made at the school as the main contributing factors as to why he used to "jump out of bed, get on the bike and race there every morning". In fact it's easy to say that it didn't take very long to realise that Denis couldn't have enjoyed his school years any more.

Mr. McMullen, Mr. Fennell and Mr. O'Connor are mentioned as teachers still in the school that he remembers. He also described Mr. Blackmore as "passionate" and as having "a marvellous sense of humour". He particularly enjoyed the rugby aspect of the school with Mr. Fennell and Mr. Cole. He played on the Junior Cup Team in '73 and on the SCT Team in '75 which is why he currently sponsors the SCT Team.

At this stage you might be forgiven to think that Denis's school years were all sunshine and glory but you'd be wrong. Between October and December of '75 he was suspended from school and 'temporarily' expelled (references to the latter were tactfully dodged), as for his suspension, let's just say never drive your mothers Renault car on the school's cricket crease with eight people. So did this affect him later on in life? "Eh, no it didn't, because I never told anyone," but in all seriousness he admits that he was just "silly and stupid in what I did".

Luckily enough for Denis in '73 he was part of the first co-educational class after merging with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, something that he adjusted to very quickly. "I thought I'd end up in the South of France on a beach in the company of lots of lovely women". However, he ended up repeating the Leaving Cert a year later and watching his first business fail miserably. Denis went on to UCD after his Leaving Cert to do Arts and History of Politics followed by an MBA ('80-'82) in Boston College after receiving a scholarship.

Deciding not to go straight into the tough world of business, Denis stated that his first loathful job was in a bank where, being the kind-hearted man that he is, he insisted on his inability to "reclaim money from people that had hit hard times". He then moved on to being a personal assistant in Guinness PS Ltd, an aircraft company, and to being a salesman in the States selling horsecare products. At the same time as his shopping channel "Ten years ahead of its time" he set-up 98FM, a successful thriving radio station, only to eventually buy all the other investors out. Then in 1991 came Esat - the company that made Denis O'Brien a household name.

Starting the company without a licence made the early stages of the business "horrendously difficult". Finally in 1994 Esat really took off after a venture capitalist put in 10 million pounds to secure a licence. Denis, being a devoted family man, owes much of his success to his much-praised father. "Every night he used to give me a second private education in business." Even today his father works practically side by side with his son.



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As for the future Denis plans to invade into some more monopolies such as the electricity monopoly by setting up "Epower" to rival ESB while also investing in Irish technology companies. Despite recently becoming a first time father (50% of his time is now spent at home) Denis still finds time to chair the organising board for the Special Olympic games in 2003 (this is his number one priority at the moment) with the aim of raising £22 million and attracting several thousand athletes from around 100 countries. As for David Taylor, comments were made on "a new shiny company car" and "he thought he looked really cool", so whilst shaking hands with him, he grabbed the keys from the ignition throwing them across the road, just for the fun of it we presume.

So has all this money changed his life since Telecom bought Esat in January? Well apart from the "obvious creature comforts", no! "I meet the same people, I do the same things with the same friends". So obviously if there's anything that we learnt in meeting Mr. O'Brien it's that one, money ain't important and two, if you're the type of person who's been suspended and likely to be forced into a repeat of the Leaving Cert, well what can we say but there's hope for you yet!

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Deaths

Boothman, Robert Ernest (Bob) (1925-1932), February 17, 2000, Kiltipper.

Boyd, Frederick Ennis (1929-1937), March 19, 2000, Sandymount.

Bradbury, Alan Lawrence David (1962-71), June 28, 1999, Dublin.

Bradbury, Herbert Arthur (1931-36), April 24, 2000, Dublin.

Chillingworth, Robert James (Robin) (1928-35), March 16, 2000, Howth.

Evans, Doris, December 27, 1999, Dublin. (Former head of Junior School??)

Free, William J.D. (Bill) (1944-49), July 1, 1999, Dublin.

McGoldrick, Lt. Col. James Clifford (Cliff) (1929-33), December 29, 1999, Dublin.

Montgomery, Edward Joseph (1913-23), May 7, 1999, Dublin.

Pope, Ronald W. (1945-48), July 21, 1999.

Priestman, Gerry (1933-38), March 18, 2000.

Tobias, Rev. Edwin (1926-34), August 29, 1999, Tullamore.

Deaths which have occurred during the last year include;

Evans, Doris (Member of the Junior School Staff 1943-45), December 29, 1999, Dublin.

Good, Ena (Diocesan & High School Staff member 1962-1975), June 4, 1999, Dublin.

Ena Good- An Appreciation

On the 12th April 1912 two major happenings occurred. One involved loss and sorrow, the sinking of the Titanic. The second brought great gain and happiness, the birth of Ena Good, who grew up to be first and foremost a devout Christian and a very fine friend and colleague.

Ena, who died on the 4th June 1999 was on the staff of The High School during the school year 1974-75, the first year of the amalgamation with Diocesan. She retired in 1975. A native of Limerick, she attended Villiers School and later Wesley College. She graduated from Trinity College in 1934 with a moderatorship in Irish and French and began her teaching career in Rochelle, Cork. The history of Rochelle recalls "Miss E. Good brought with her the first enthusiasm for the Gaeilge. Fired by this, groups of us went off to Béal Átha an Ghaorthaigh..... Later larger groups attended Coláiste na Mumhan."

After some years in Cork Ena came to Dublin and taught Irish for many years in Masonic Girls School, Adelaide Road. There she taught French and Irish and at a time of great change in language teaching she was responsible for introducing the Voix et Images de France method of teaching French into the school.

Tá Ena, múinteoir Gaeilge agus Fraincise imithe uainn. D'imigh sí uainn go ciúin, séimh. Is fíor le rá gur chaith sí furmhór a cuid ama sa Scoil Dheoiseach agus san Árd-Scoil ag múineadh na Gaeilge. Bhí eolas forleathan aici ar an dteanga, ní hamháin sin bhí grá aici di, grá a d'fhás as an tuiscint a bhí aici ar luach agus tábhacht na Gaeilge i saol muintir na hÉireann.



Bhíodh sí réidh agus toilteanach i gcónaí eolas nó cabhair nó comhairle a thabhairt dá comhghleacaithe aon am. Is méala mór a bás dúinn go léir.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam dílis.

-J.W. & E.C.

