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Editorial

In Irish Society today there is much emphasis on having an educated workforce to meet the demand of our booming economy. Parents now see providing a good education for their children as an investment to secure their future. Many parents pour a significant amount of their earnings into their child's education. The ever increasing demands of workload and deadlines, massive technological change and the globalisation of the business world have made employment in the 21st century very unpredictable. No one can say anymore that they have a job for life. To have a successful career, students are encouraged to keep on learning, take more courses and acquire new skills. This is not a bad way of thinking. However, it does place immense psychological pressure on young people to perform well academically in school. Education itself has become a health issue. Witness the tragic increase in suicides among young men in Ireland.

Different students react in different ways to this pressure. Some, who are not suited to academic study, see only hopelessness. This can cause many talented individuals to give up on school and drop out with no qualifications. According to government statistics the numbers of students taking the Leaving Certificate exam has fallen to it's lowest point for 20 years. Steps have to be taken to ensure these students don't fall through the cracks. Diploma and FÁS courses need be promoted to show that there is an alternative to grinding hours of study.

The flipside of this coin is the student who is totally single minded in his or her approach to school. They can only see exams and points and any activity that does not further this goal is often ignored. The motivation to study all day, every day, can come from pressure exerted by parents but more often than not, the stress comes from the student's own need to be the best, above all else. They will ignore social events and activities, withdrawing from their friends to devote more time to a strict regime of study. This type of behaviour may help someone achieve high points in exams but it is hardly the way to prepare a young person to cope with the world outside school. They may be unprepared for the freedom of college life, which can overwhelm them and destroy all the hard work they did in secondary school. Businesses no longer base their decision to hire someone solely on their qualifications. They look at your hobbies and interests and your overall demeanour at the interview to gauge how you relate to other people. This is important to companies who realise that an employee who cannot communicate with their colleagues is a liability. They can affect the atmos-

phere in the workplace and bring the work rates of others down. Exams are all about individual success but to really succeed in any job, teamwork is the key. For example, scientists have just recently completed mapping the human genome. This was a huge task and it wasn't accomplished by one man, but by many scientists, each doing his own part that contributed to the success of the overall project. The day of the loner genius changing the world is practically dead.

A more balanced approach to education is required if one is to get the necessary skills to deal with problems that arise in the real world. I think that The High School is a great example of a school that recognises that each student is an individual, but also provides a wide range of socially oriented extra curricular activities. Parents have the most important role to play, by encouraging their children to have an outlet, a social activity that fosters co-operation, friendship and is something that the person enjoys. Sport is an ideal example of such an activity, but it is by no means the only way to socialise with people. Playing music, getting involved in debating societies, choir, drama and charity events are all excellent ways to interact and develop good communication skills.

So no matter what kind of student you are, you are sure to get something rewarding out of extra-curricular activities, be it to develop yourself and your personality, start friendships that can last a lifetime, relieve stress or simply to have fun. Although it won't give you lessons in exam technique, it will teach you lessons that are important for life.

-Robert Vard, 5th

Production Team 2000/2001

The *Erasmian & Diocesan Times* is produced entirely by 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.

Robert Vard acted as editor-in-chief this year. He showed himself to be a very effective editor and an excellent organiser, who was prepared to put in the long hours well into the summer holidays.

Sean ó hEigearthaigh acted as main assistant editor. His high level of commitment, patience and reliability were invaluable for the successful completion of the magazine. He also performed the laborious but necessary task of checking the spelling of names in class photographs.

Besides writing some of the school record articles, **Holly Simmons** typed a large part of the magazine. Her dedication to this task left other members of the team to concentrate on other areas. **Ria Czerniak** researched and wrote articles for the school record and special features, as did **Suzanne McEndoo** and **Jane Hilliard**. **Caroline Byrne** scanned the class and sports team photos into the computer. **Rebecca Massey** helped with typing and organising of class photos, as well as writing other articles. To-

gether **Jane**, **Caroline** and **Rebecca** also searched through the archives for photographs, deciding which ones would go into the yearbook. Acting as joint sports editors, **Robbie Burns** and **Natalie May** compiled and typed the Sports Reports. **Ruth Manley**, with the help of **Linda Nevin**, also conducted several interviews. The cover was designed by **Rachel Senior**.

In spite of the many disruptions during the school year the team worked very well together and on their behalf I would like to thank the following: **Rachel**, **Helen**, **Deborah**, **Alan**, **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 co-ordinator)

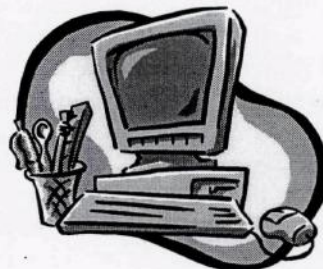


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Special Features

Des Ryan - History Medal Winner

Last year over 7,000 students sat the Leaving Cert History exam. Of all those students examined, High School's Des Ryan was deemed to have turned in the best History paper in Ireland. He was awarded the Year 2000 Deirdre Clancy Medal for History by the History Teachers Association Ireland. This medal is awarded to the author of the best Leaving Certificate paper in History in Ireland, as decided by the Department of Education. Des also accomplished the remarkable feat of obtaining 600 points in the Leaving Cert and received the Tom Clarke Scholarship from the Government. Des and his twin brother, Ray, are currently studying Law at Trinity College.

How are you finding the Law course in Trinity?

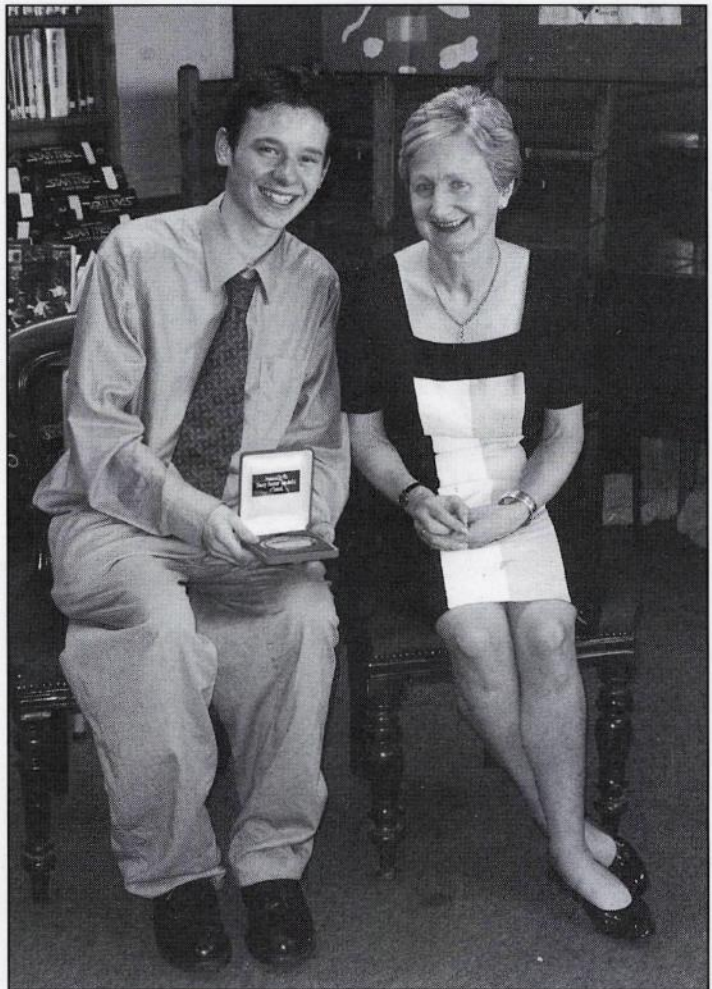
It's very challenging, but interesting. You have to spend a lot of time in the Law Library researching old cases and legal precedents. Writing skills are essential if you want to do well in this field of study. The ability to critically analyse documents and texts is very important. I think that History is a perfect subject for those interested in Law as it gives you skills that are really useful for the course. History also gives you a good understanding of Irish politics. This helps you to get a better insight into the Constitution of Ireland which is very valuable to students of Law.

What would you have done instead of Law?

I had initially chosen Music & Literature as my college degree course but found it not to my liking. Meanwhile, my brother, Ray, was doing Law in Trinity and he was very happy with the course. This influenced me to switch to Law.

Did you and your brother study together for the Leaving and was there ever any rivalry between you?

We didn't study together that often, only when we panicked! We have different methods of studying so most of the time we managed on our own. There was never any rivalry between me and Ray, but there was a healthy amount of academic competitiveness.



Des Ryan with his History teacher, Miss Graham.

What was your first reaction when you heard you had won the History Medal of Ireland?

I was shocked and very surprised. I had just been focusing on getting an A1 and it hadn't occurred to me that I might win the History Medal. My History teacher Miss Graham mentioned something about it in the months before the exam but I never harboured any serious hope of winning it. I am honoured that I was chosen for such a prestigious award.

What are the major differences between secondary school and college?

In secondary school there is always someone over your shoulder cajoling you to have your work presented on time and making sure that it is the best work you can do. In college it is up to the individual. No one is around to make sure you are pushing yourself to excel.

Has anyone been a role model for you?

I would have to say that all my teachers in High School have contributed to my educational development and success in different but equally valuable ways. Without their guidance and support it would have been extremely difficult to get where I am today.

Do you have any hobbies? What do you do to relax?

I like to play the piano. I'm getting my diploma for the piano soon but I haven't been practising enough recently. I enjoy reading, especially 19th century fiction by authors such as Jane Austen.

Do you admire any famous person from history?

I don't want to say anyone who might later be disgraced, but I do admire Tom Clarke, one of the leaders of the 1916 rising, for his courage and determination in standing up for what he believed in. This is why I am very proud that of the seven Easter scholarships that can be awarded, I received the Tom Clarke scholarship.

Why do you think that such a low percentage of students take honours level History for the Leaving?

There is a huge amount of misguided media reporting on how difficult History is. Yes, you do need to put time and effort into the subject. But, if you are prepared to work, History can become both rewarding and interesting. There are changes being made to the layout of the exam paper so this might make it more appealing to a larger number of students. Perhaps the Department of Education should consider modernising the History course to include the 1970s and '80s.

What attributes are needed for the successful study of the Leaving Cert History course?

To attain a good mark in History you need to have to have the motivation to go out and do research as an individual student. Your teacher can recommend what you should read, but you have to do the work yourself. You have to be tenacious in your pursuit of the facts and the truth. That is what gets you points in the Leaving Cert.

And finally, what advice would you give to students doing the Leaving Cert this year?

Don't pay any attention to the media hype or negative pressure. Pressure can be a good thing, as it can motivate you to do your best, but you cannot let it override you. My advice is to not think of failure, to focus on your goal and believe without doubt that you can achieve it.

-Robert Vard, 5th

Nicholas Nash - Computer Wizard!



I never thought computers would have a place in the future. I always assumed that they would all break down on January 1st, 2000 and then we would go back to a more carefree, Bill Gates-free time. However, I'm a fool and so it seems I was wrong. Computers are still here, more omnipresent than ever, and so is Bill Gates.

Luckily not all of High School's students are like me; some of them have the sense to go and find out how to use and program computers, and none are better at it than Nicholas Nash.

Nicholas's summer plans involve jetting over to Finland to represent Ireland in the International Infomatics Olympiad, having come first in Ireland in the national stages of the competition, organised by Dublin City University. In the national finals, Nicholas sat a five-hour exam and achieved a terrifying 100%, beating the rest of Ireland's finest.

Nicholas, who first became interested in computer programming at age 12, is completely self-taught. His first success came when he got a bronze medal last year, in the same Olympiad he won this year. When asked what he likes most about programming, he waxes lyrical about the creativity involved, and says, "It's fun to build up a program from scratch, and to see how it grows as you add to it, leaving you with an end product that is always useful in some way, and that is entirely your own work." He is one of a very small number of people who can really make a computer do work for him and get a result with a minimum of hassle (while the rest of us argue and swear at Microsoft Word for stubbornly doing what we *don't* want it to do for no apparent reason).

Nicholas plans to follow up on his success by studying Computer Science in college, to use and add to his already formidable skills. He has words of encouragement for would-be programmers: "It's much easier than you think, but you have to stick at it. It's well worth it in the long run."

-Seán ó hÉigearthaigh, 5th

Cuan O'Seireadain - National Youth Orchestra

Cuan O'Seireadain, currently studying for his Leaving Cert exams, has quietly been a member of the High School Orchestra for a number of years. However, his musical talent goes much further. He has been a member of the Dublin Youth Orchestra and this year was successful in gaining a place in the National Youth Orchestra of Ireland.

When did you start learning the French horn?

I started learning the French horn when I was about nine in the Rathfarnham Concert Band. When I was 11, I switched to the Royal Irish Academy of Music, which is where I study now with Victor Malirsh.

Are you in many orchestras?

I've played with both National Youth Orchestras, the Ulster Youth Orchestra, Dublin Youth Orchestras, the Hibernian Chamber Orchestra, various orchestras in the Academy, Camerata Ireland, the Dublin City Chamber Orchestra, various 'one off' orchestras formed on tours and of course the High School Orchestra! Apart from that I've also played with various wind ensembles, wind quartets, brass quartets and horn quartets... there's plenty of orchestras and groups to play with if you have the time!

Has your music brought you to many interesting places?

Well it's brought me all over Ireland and of course there have been some tours abroad. I've been to Scotland, England and Denmark, but the best tour was with the National Youth Orchestra last summer when we played in Berlin, in Hanover at the EXPO 2000 and in the wonderful Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.

What has been your most memorable musical experience?

A tough one. There are several. I've always enjoyed Mahler, and I've particularly enjoyed the three of his symphonies I've played: No.1 in Birmingham's Symphony Hall in 1998, No.2 with the National Youth Orchestra at the Waterfront in Belfast in 1999 and No.4 with the J's (NYO Under 18's) last summer - a really challenging but immensely satisfying 1st horn part. But the best of all was getting to



Cuan backstage at the National Concert Hall.

play Richard Strauss's Alpine Symphony with the NYO under the legendary Albert Rosen in 1995. I was only 13 and barely able to play my part - but it was a magical piece and with such a good conductor! A wonderful experience.

Do you plan to continue with music as a career?

Well I'll certainly play music for the rest of my life. But, in reality, the opportunities in Ireland for horn players, both in terms of education and of job prospects are fairly poor. A definite commitment to music as a career would mean moving abroad, probably permanently - I'm not sure if that's what I want, but we'll see.

Any advice for prospective horn players?

Practise hard, compete, perform, audition for the Youth Orchestras! Getting in will really give you something to work for. You won't enjoy your music unless you reach a reasonable standard - there's no way to achieve that without practice. But once you begin to achieve results on the instrument (after 12 - 18 months) the rewards are unquestionable - there is no activity you can derive as much satisfaction out of as much as music. Go for it!

-Jane Hilliard, 5th

Melaton - Musical Success Story

It was after going to one of Melaton's gigs that I realised how essential it was that this article be written, that the band's incredible modesty should no longer prevent every High School student from being aware of their recent success.

Melaton, consisting of Luke Slott (vocals, bouzouki and trumpet), Johnny Black (guitar), Andy Brennan (guitar), Declan Garvey (bass) and Antony Mooney (drums) recently won the Heineken Green Energy Band Challenge. The prize included thousands of pounds worth of equipment and recording time.

I caught up with Johnny Black, the only member still in the school, to ask him about the history and hopes of Melaton, undoubtedly the most successful band High School has ever seen!



Johnny Black



Luke Slott - Lead Singer

How did the band get together?

We've been together since the end of first year but we've been friends for years. Me and Andy already played the guitar and Declan and Anthony took up instruments so we could form a band. For the first year and a half, Andy was the singer, before we decided to get someone else. I knew Luke from Art class for the Junior Cert and when he heard we were looking for a new singer, he auditioned and just fit in.

Where were your first gigs? How did you get where you are today?

Our first gig was in the Marley School Youth Club in the summer of 1996. Our first real gig was in The Magic Carpet in Cornelscourt, supporting The Bleu, which was the first of many gigs supporting them. We've also taken part in a number of Battle of the Bands (with mixed results) and many of The High School shows. Our most memorable gig was definitely when we went to The Lobby in Cork; the audience consisted of the barman's sister and the owner of the venue. Soon after that, we started recording demos with the bass player from The Bleu and the recording expert, Shane Cullen. He's helped us a lot during the last two years. About six months ago we did a gig in The Isaac Butt, where we met one of our managers, ex-bass player of The Power of Dreams, Mick Lennox. He introduced us to our second manager, Paul McGlue. They've both done lots of great things for us over the last six months including showcases for record companies RCA, V2, Virgin and Sony.

Did you always want to be a musician?

When I was about 11 or 12, I started getting into music. I remember that I started playing the guitar because I was watching a Nirvana video and wanted to be able to play their songs. I never really thought about getting famous, I just always wanted to play music.

So what's next?

We're trying to secure a record contract right now and we're going to use next year as a development stage. If everything goes to plan we'll have recorded our first album by this time next year. We've been invited to do a gig in Amsterdam with The Frames and Relish, in October!

There is no doubt in my mind that Melaton will have all the success they deserve. We wish them all the best in the future!

-Ria Czerniak, 5th

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Christmas in Nepal

We departed from Dublin Airport on the 14th December 2000. The team consisted of ten young people and two leaders from C.C.R. Our six-hour flight to Doha was just half way to Nepal. There we rested and got something to eat in preparation for the four-hour flight to Katmandu.

On arrival we stayed at the United Missionary Nepal hostel. The city was crowded and congested yet beautiful. We stayed in Katmandu for three days to recover from the time change and also to shop and see sights. In the country of Nepal, you are either extremely rich or extremely poor; there is no middle class. We departed Katmandu and headed to Ampippal, our destination, where we would be staying for two weeks to work in the hospital. The people who we were staying with were the Rodgers. They were friends of the two leaders Karen and Howard.

It was a four-hour bus journey to the summit of the mountain and from there it was a four-hour walk to the hospital and hostel. The view of the mountains on the way was absolutely breathtaking – walking through 20° C heat and seeing snow the top of the mountains beside you! There was no road to the hospital, the only route was by a dirt track.

Our challenge for the two weeks was to work in the hospital, painting and restoring it. We did learn some of the language and got to know some of the members of the staff. The doctors had come from different parts of England and Scotland on missionary work.

Our diet consisted of rice, lentils and tea with powered milk. In the mornings we would be up at 7 a.m., start work at 8 a.m. with a break for a half an hour at around 10 a.m. and finish at 4 p.m.

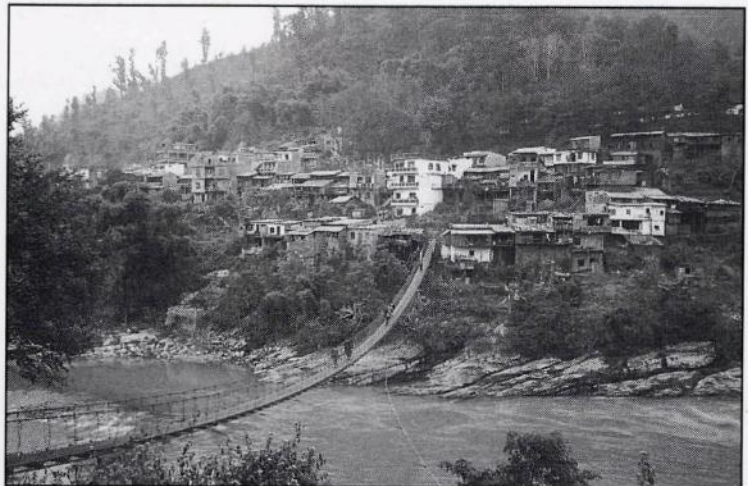
The team worked hard together painting the rooms and looking after the children at the crèche.

In no time Christmas Day arrived! We had proper food, chicken and potatoes which tasted very good. We all missed our families, especially as we were so far away from home at Christmas. A few days later it was time to say goodbye and start our



The group from Rathgar Youth Club that travelled to Nepal.

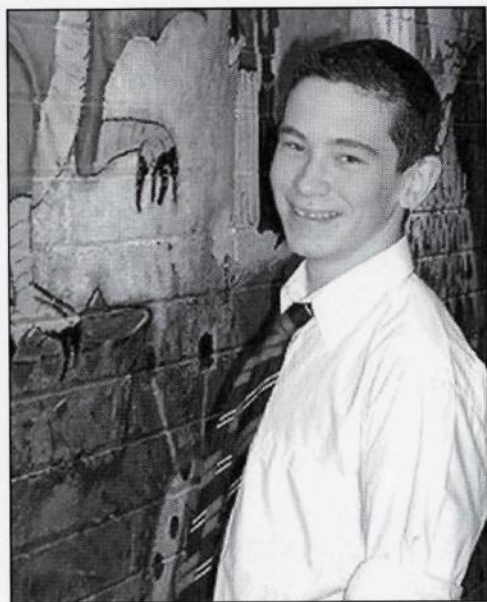
journey back to Ireland. We took the same route home again, the four-hour walk down the mountain and the long bus trip to Poakra where we had a relaxing time and ate out before the remainder of our journey home. The place was buzzing with tourists and natives. We spent two days there and travelled by bus to Katmandu.



We got delayed for two hours at the airport due to fog. We got back on track with a flight to Doha. After a brief stay there we flew on to London. We missed our flight home but we got another one an hour later and arrived home to a great welcome from our parents. I really enjoyed this trip and it was an experience I will never forget. It taught me the value of helping others and how lucky I am.

-Donald Gray, 5th

Simon Jewell - A Star of Stage & Screen



Simon Jewell

Simon Jewell has been student of Ann Kavanagh's drama school for over 11 years and appeared in many of her stage productions. Simon has also had numerous other film and stage roles. His film credits to date include *The Boy from Mercury*, *The Boxer* starring Daniel Day Lewis, Disney's remake of *Oliver Twist* with Richard Dreyfuss and *Saltwater* starring Brendan Gleeson. He has also appeared on television, including an episode of *Ballykissangel*. He recently won the Meriel Grant perpetual award for verse speaking at the Feis Maitiú.

How did you get into drama and acting? Did anyone in your family have acting experience?

My mum was a talented actress and won a young amateur acting award. She gave it up to teach drama. When I was about five she brought me to one of her classes. A year later I went to the Ann Kavanagh drama school.

What attracted you to drama and what made you keep at it?

I hated it at first! I thought drama was boring and wanted to quit but my mum refused to let me give up and encouraged me to keep doing it. After a while I began to get the hang of it and was really glad that I had stuck with it.

What was your first acting role?

I was about ten years old and played one of the evil brothers in The Young People's Theatre Group production of *Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat* at the Guinness Theatre.

Have you met anyone famous?

I've met Daniel Day Lewis on the set of *The Boxer*. Most film stars don't have time to talk to extras but I had a conversation with him and he is a really friendly, down-to-earth guy.

Of the acting roles you have had to date, which one have you enjoyed the most?

Probably my most recent role, where I played Charlie in Alan Stanford's modern retelling of *Oliver Twist*. Charlie was the Artful Dodger of the play and was a great part to play.

Do you get nervous before a performance?

(Laughing) Oh definitely! Especially on the opening night of a production! After a few performances though, you get used to the role and begin to get more comfortable with the character you are portraying.

Who is the best actor you have ever worked with?

I'd have to say Stephen Brennan. He was my father in *The Wake*, which we performed at the Edinburgh Theatre Festival, and he played the part of Fagin in *Oliver Twist*. We have a really good understanding of each other and work well together.

What actor would you most like to work with?

Hmmm..... probably Sharon Stone.

Do you have an Equity card?

You have to be 18 to get an Equity acting card. You also have to have had at least seven acting credits and two full Equity members to sponsor your application. I've already got my sponsors lined up!

You have had many roles in both theatre and film. Which type of acting do you find more enjoyable?

I much prefer stage acting. Although the money isn't as good you get much better treatment as a lead in a stage production than as a minor player in a film. I also think the stage requires more skill and a steadier nerve than film. You can mess up a hundred times in a film and the audience will never know. You don't have that luxury in a play.

What qualities do you think are important if you want to be a talented actor?

It depends on whether it's film or theatre. Continuity is very important for film as a scene is often filmed many times from different angles. You definitely need a presence on stage to be good at theatre acting. I've seen many actors who have such presence on a stage but that presence doesn't cross over to the screen.

And finally, how do you see your acting career progressing in the future? Do you want to pursue it professionally?

It's hard to say. It would be my dream to become a successful actor but I know how tough it is. I've met many talented

actors in theatre who have had to go on the dole due to lack of scripts. What every actor needs to become famous is a breakthrough role but not many actors get this chance. Whatever happens I will still do drama because it's what I love to do.

-Robert Vard, 5th

Philip Lyons - Biker Extreme!

Could you explain the rules of motorcycle trials?

Motorcycle trials are a test of the rider's skill and endurance. You have to ride a section of terrain marked by flags without putting your feet on the ground. A section is full of obstacles such as rocks, tree roots or thick mud. You lose a mark every time that you put your foot down. You are also penalised if you fall off or miss a set of flags. In any one trial you would ride three to four laps of about eight to fifteen sections.

How did you get into the sport?

I first became interested in the sport when my older brother got his first bike. After hassling my father for a long time he eventually gave in and bought me a bike in September 1999. I competed in my first trials competition at Halloween of that year.

What has been your biggest achievement so far?

At the moment I'm leading the U17 B championship. This is my first full year in trials as I was injured for most of the '99 season. This season is going well though, as I have finished first in every round so far.

How expensive is it to get involved?

The bike is most expensive thing of course, with new bikes costing about £3,500, but you can get a perfectly good secondhand one for about £1,500. It may seem expensive but it has a special aluminium frame, low geared engine and finely tuned suspension. A pair of boots costs about £120 and for safety a decent helmet is about £50.

Are you into any other sports?

Not really. I don't have time for other competitive sports.



Philip Lyons

How much practice do you need to become successful?

It's easy to get the hang of, but if you want to be really good you have to work very hard. It's an easy sport to learn but it can be difficult to master.

Do you plan to take the sport any further?

It would be my dream to compete in the professional circuit, but only the top 15 in the world make any money. It would be a great achievement but it's a very tough road.

-Robert Vard 5th

David Mc Neill - Table Tennis Champion

David McNeill (5th Year) is an experienced table tennis player who currently ranks at Number 14 in Men's Table Tennis and Number 4 in the Men's Under 17 age group in Ireland. I caught up with him to find more about his recent success.

How did you get into table tennis?

I got interested through my parents, who used to own a table tennis club. My Mum plays on the Irish Women's over 40 team. I started playing when I was ten.

How often do you practise?

About three times a week for two and a half hours. I also do a lot of running - you have to be a lot more fit than you'd think.

What has been your biggest achievement?

I played in France in the World Schools Championship in which Ireland came tenth. Last year I played in Denmark in an international tournament, which was great. During the last two summers I went to Sweden, training with the former Number 1 coach in the world.



David McNeill(left) receiving his Championship Trophy.

What are the best things about table tennis?

It has given me the chance to travel and see other countries and their cultures. I have also met a lot of really nice people through it.

So what's next for you?

In June, I am going to Belgium to play for Ireland in the Hasselt International Youth Cup.

David is obviously both talented and hard working, with a bright sporting future ahead of him. We wish him the best of luck in the future at whatever he goes on to do!

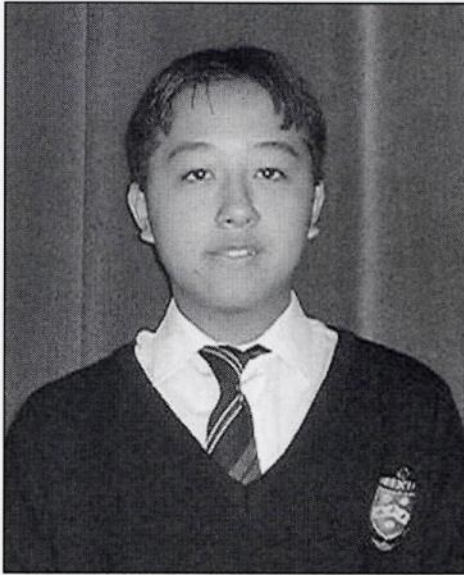
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Kevin Lim

Kevin Lim, currently in fifth year, was the winner of an international computer games competition. As part of his prize he was flown to Alabama in the United States to take part in a five-day astronaut training camp in the NASA space academy. He tells us about his trip:

I started my journey on the 17th February. I needed to get three planes to my destination, Huntsville, Alabama in the U.S. I signed into camp and the next day I got my room, my team and my position. My team name was "Gagarin" and surprisingly enough there were nine girls and seven boys on my team. The three positions available were "Payload Specialists", "Mission Specialist" and "Pilot". My position was Pilot. On the first day there wasn't much hands-on activity, just a lot of briefings and class time. We did get a tour of the whole camp, which was huge. There were full-scale rockets, including the *Saturn V*, a real shuttle complete with the SRBs (Solid Rocket Boosters) and the ET (External Tank). There was also a museum displaying the history of space exploration and a lot of other real displays, including the actual *Apollo 16* capsule. At the end of each day, I returned to my room

(occupied by me and six other boys) for lights out at 11.30 p.m. Mornings started at 6.30 a.m. with breakfast in the canteen.

The second day had a lot of activities. Highlights were the construction of a Mars rover and actually driving it around in virtual reality. There was also the UAT (Underwater Astronaut Trainer), which allows you to go scuba diving to 30ft to complete a series of tasks such as launching a satellite. During the week, there were a lot of things to do and also a lot of briefings. There was the "Area 51" course which is a team activity where you have to solve a series of physical puzzles within a time limit, but the main activities of the week were the three one-hour missions and the EDM (Extended Duration Mission) which lasted six hours! The missions were held in simulations similar to the ones real astronauts use. During the first one-hour mission, I was commander of the shuttle *Enterprise* which means I was lead pilot. There were enough buttons and switches in the flight deck to make you dizzy!! For the second mission, I was Flight Operator in the ISS (International Space Station) and for the third mission I was Flight Director in the MOCR (Mission Operations Control Room) which meant that I was in charge of the mission. During the EDM, I was "Capcom" in MOCR, who is the only person who can talk to the shuttle. During that mission, there were several problems in the shuttle such as "SRB separation failure" or "increase in cabin temperatures". These problems had to be solved by the people in the MOCR and then I would tell the shuttle the solutions.

On the last day, we got to go to the Marshall Space Flight Centre, which is a couple of miles down the road. Here we got to see the actual test sites of some of the previous rockets launched and even the construction of the American part of the ISS. When we got back, we got to go on some of the rides in the yard, including the "G-accelerator", which is a round room where you stand against the wall and it spins around really fast and lets you feel 4G's of force. There was also the "Space-shot" which blasts you 200ft into the air and lets you free fall down to the ground during which time you experience about three seconds of weightlessness. In the afternoon, there was a graduation ceremony where we received our certificates and space wings.

Overall the trip was an amazing experience, a lot of fun and I got to make a lot of new, somewhat strange, American friends. I'd recommend the trip to anyone who has any interest in space exploration. You can find more information at www.spacecamp.com.

- Kevin Lim, 5th

Mr J. Hickey

A question that is often put to past pupils of High School is: which favourite teachers do they remember from their days in HSD? One name that rarely fails to crop up is the unconventional Mr Hickey. One of High School's most familiar faces, Mr John Hickey has spearheaded such ventures as the school timetables and stationery, while still having time to teach Maths and Chemistry in his secluded haunt at the deepest, darkest end of High School, room C1. He treats his students with the same respect that they show him, and is alone in all the teachers I've ever known in that, as long as I have been in his class, he has never had to raise his voice or give punishments in order to keep control of the classroom. A steady stream of A's from his Leaving Cert classes each year is proof that his "rule by reason" approach to teaching is appreciated by his students.

When did you first decide to become a teacher?

When I was in second year of secondary school. I was very fortunate to have a teacher named Brother Guilfoyle for Irish and Latin. His dedication and commitment to the job, and the obvious satisfaction it gave him, convinced me that teaching was a really worthwhile way to spend your life. Prior to his having us, the highest mark ever achieved by a pupil of the school in the Intermediate Certificate Latin Exam was 364 out of 400. His catchphrase was "If you get a mark for every day of the year, then you'll beat the record." And the nice thing is, we did!

How did you come to be working in High School?

During the final year of my degree in Belfield, I saw an advertisement from The High School looking for a diploma student to do some teaching hours. The idea of working in a Protestant school was a little rebellious and so I applied.

What is your earliest recollection of The High School?

I was mistaken for a student and questioned by Mr O'Kane for being in the staffroom. But I should also say that on that first day I met a perfect gentleman named Mr Fred Gardner. I still remember his outstretched hand and the words "Gardner here, welcome to High School".



Mr Hickey with his 6th form Applied Maths class on the last day of term.

Though I was many years his junior, Fred treated me as an equal and was always on hand to lend assistance whenever I needed it.

What was the best advice you got as a student teacher?

The best advice was given to us in a lecture by Miss Susan Parkes. She told us that when dealing with students we should "ignore a great deal". She is a super teacher herself so I knew at the time that it had to be good advice. And it was!

And have you any advice for High School students?

To them I would say try to be happy at what you are doing. Be positive rather than negative and don't under any circumstances fall into the trap of becoming a self-made victim and spend your time feeling put upon and blaming others for your predicament. Don't be carrying bad baggage around with you all your life. Let the bad stuff go.

Have you enjoyed working in High School?

Enormously.

What is it about the school that appeals to you?

There are so many things I like, but one thing in particular is the way we value every single pupil. You don't have to be a member of the first eleven, or the first fifteen or do higher level Maths, or play in the orchestra or be in the school play etc. in order to be valued and feel a sense of belonging. Whoever you are, there is space for you to be yourself in High School. I really like that. I also like the friendliness. As a shy person that means a great deal to me.

What changes have you noticed in the school over the years?

Well, the students have hardly changed at all. They remain friendly, co-operative, biddable and eager to learn. But as for the parents! They have changed beyond recognition. When I came to High School they all seemed to be old, responsible, sensible and set in their ways and reminded me of my own parents. But now they seem to be so young, I can scarcely believe they have children in secondary school.

Did you have a role model as a youngster?

This will sound really naff, but I had enormous admiration for Gay Byrne. You see, the role of the broadcaster is not unlike that of the teacher and when Gay Byrne was at the height of his powers, he was streets ahead of all the other radio and television presenters. More than anything else, it was his professionalism that I admired. He was always so well prepared and his delivery was really polished.

Is there anyone you greatly admire today?

Yes, Mary Robinson. With her legal mind, she could be working in the U.K. or the USA and making pots of money, but instead of that she devotes her formidable intellect and energy to causes she believes in and drives herself really hard in the process.

In the Prize Distribution booklet the letters ALCM appear after your name. What do the letters stand for?

Well. You see I love music, but took up the piano too late in life to be ever much good at it. However, I did all the grades and after I completed the eighth, my teacher and I searched around for the easiest diploma available and we hit on this one. The letters stand for Associate of the London College of Music.

What was the best day of your life?

I have had so many good days, it's hard to say, but now that you ask it was probably the day I was told I had passed the practical part of my music diploma. You see I just couldn't believe it.

Do you enjoy working in the stationery shop?

I love it. If I hadn't been a teacher I think I'd have spent my life working in the retail trade.

Have you any regrets?

Oh yes. Like Frank Sinatra "I have a few, but then again, too few to mention".

Have you a favourite prayer?

Yes.

"Oh to God the gift to gi' us

To see ourselves as others see us."

Oh, and may the next thirty years be as good as the last.

And a final comment?

Things are seldom what they seem!

-Suzanne McEndoo & Sean ó hEigéartaigh, 5th

New Teachers

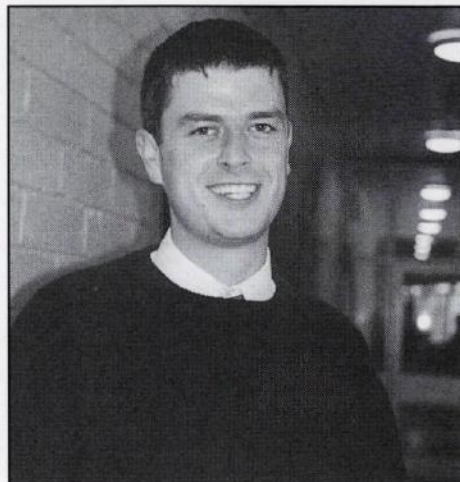
Mr Moore

Mr Moore attended The High School for one year as a pupil in the now disbanded upper sixth. He says that the school has changed a lot since he was here as a pupil. Mr Moore is a married man and met his now wife when he was only 14 years old. His favourite food is seafood. His most embarrassing moment would have taken him too long to recount but said that since he came to High School his most embarrassing moment was nearly killing Mr Gill by knocking him down with his moped! Mr Moore says that if he had not become a teacher he would like to have been a physiotherapist.



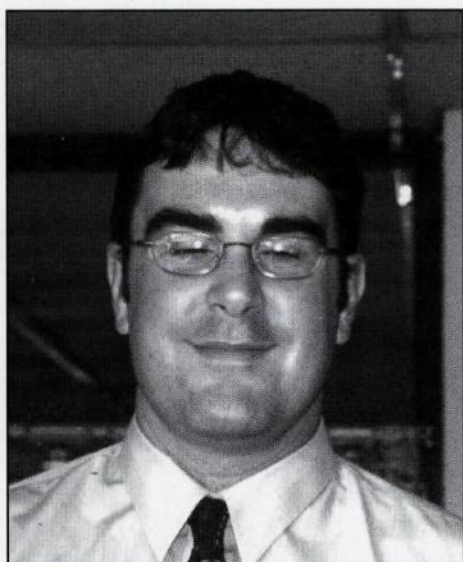
Mr McNamara

Mr McNamara otherwise known as "Baz" was born in Limerick. His proudest moment was when he graduated and his most embarrassing moment was two days he spent lost in Paris. The thing that he likes most about High School is the fact that he finishes teaching at 11.55 a.m. on Wednesdays. His pet hate is the blackboard in C13. His hobbies are music, socializing and sport. His favourite meal consists of fish and chips and Guinness. Other than sunny Ireland he would like to live in Barbados or the Cayman Islands. If he were stranded on a desert island, the three things he would bring would be Joey from *Dawson's Creek*, Dave (his best friend) and Meg Ryan (for Dave). His motto is "live for today" and when asked to describe himself in three words he replied "tall, dark and poor!"



Miss Burrowes

Miss Burrowes was brought up in Dublin and attended D.I.T. for three years doing Communications before moving to St. Pat's to gain qualifications in Geography and English. She then switched to Maynooth College to get a Higher Diploma in Education. She says that becoming a teacher was fate and that she did not choose teaching as a career - it chose her. Her hobbies are singing and songwriting and playing the bass guitar. She also enjoys designing web sites. Her favourite food is Mexican enchiladas and she enjoys Baileys on ice. Her idol is Sting because he is a teacher, an environmentalist, he loves Shakespeare and he plays the bass! Other than Sting and The Police her favourite bands are The Beatles, The Pretenders and most kinds of guitar music. So far she thinks that High School is very busy and very loud but she says that the staff are enthusiastic and down to earth and that the pupils are fun. In ten years time Miss Burrowes sees herself with a job in the BBC researching Jane Austen dramatisations and still playing the guitar.



Mr Clarke

Mr Clarke was born in Dublin in 1975. He attended CUS, Leeson St. He teaches English, Geography, History and Classical Studies. The thing he dislikes most about High School is the fact that his room is on the C floor, he says that he hates stairs and so when asked what he likes most about High School he replied, "the A floor". Mr Clarke will watch or play any sport but his favourite is rugby. He says that his favourite food is anything as long as it comes in a bucket! His friends from the country call him "Chim" because he is from "the big smoke". His girlfriend is called Sheila. He says that his good qualities are that he is generous, kind and understanding while his bad qualities are that he doesn't know when to stop being generous, kind and understanding! The three things that he would take to a desert island are the Brazilian women's volleyball squad, a home brew kit and the Red Hot Chilli Peppers. In ten years time Mr Clarke hopes to be on a golf course.

Mr Giles

Before reading the following paragraphs, I must inform you that Mr Giles was painting walls before I rang him – the fumes may have got to him.

Born deep in the heart of an exotic, far-off land (Lowestoft, Sussex in England), Mr Giles went to school in a place called Christ Hospital, where the spark for his unique sense of fashion was lit. The uniform there made even our own idiosyncratically imaginative and colourful school uniform look drab; they had to wear long yellow stockings, knee britches and a blue woollen robe, contributing to an image not unlike a Fyffe banana.

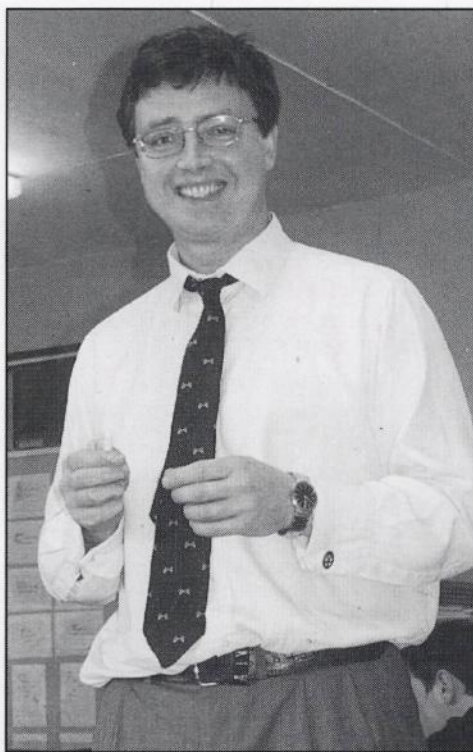
He was cursed (or blessed) with somewhat unimaginative classmates whose best attempts to think of a nickname only resulted in 'Gilo', which is so plain that it hardly even deserves to be mentioned in this high-profile publication. The rest of his ascendance into the world of adulthood is shrouded in the mists of time, until the day when he turned up to teach French and German (and to do a bit of rugby coaching on the side) at High School.

When I asked Mr Giles what he liked most about HSD, there was a long, long pause (I can only assume that there was so much goodness for him to choose from) before he answered, "The views from the C floor are good." In a burst of charity, he added "High School is very tolerant, with many different types of people and activities in the school; I think it produces a very rounded individual."

A very active person, his hobbies include running, jogging, walking, swimming in the sea and reading. Unfortunately he is accident-prone (lacking the luck of the Irish) and has had to cope with injuries earlier this year. His favourite foods are Indian curries and his main gripe where Dublin is concerned is the shortage of good Indian restaurants (unlike England, which is so ashamed of its own food traditions that it imports India's instead – as Mr Giles himself says, Indian Curry is the national English Dish).

His bad habits are few and far between: he tends to forget to fill his car with petrol, which explains his occasional late arrival to High School, and, a true rebel without a cause, he plays Wagner too loudly. Neighbours complain and floors shake to the wicked bass notes of 'Ride of the Valkyries'. Otherwise he is perfection incarnate.

His good qualities are that he remembers to keep his car windows shut when he shouts at other drivers (obviously a man with his road rage firmly in check). His other good quality is mediocrity (no, I never heard anyone call that a good quality before either). He says that mediocrity gets a raw deal and that anyone who is content to be mediocre is truly happy (I refer back to the paint fumes). The more you think about it, the more right he seems though.



He chose to become a teacher so that he could 'say hello to a hundred people a day'. He is happily married, and he and his wife, Anthea, have a baby daughter who was born in July of this year. Looking into the future, he sees himself, in ten year's time, doing a job where he is making a difference and is appreciated. A realist at heart though, Mr Giles recognises that he'll probably still be stuck in HSD.

Three things he'd bring if he was stuck on a desert island would be his wife, Wagner's Ring Cycle (where he could turn it up to full volume without the neighbours giving out) and a large quantity of good wine to help pass the time.

His ambitions for the future are to gain a deeper appreciation of Mozart and Monty Python's *The Holy Grail*, and to hide his collection of early '80s German electronica.

His mottoes are "Go and be a lion" and "Live your own life and die your own death."

-Sean ó hEigearthaigh, 5th

1999/2000 Principal's Report

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

Successive governments have been very active in developing and passing legislation which affects education over the last few years. The most recent example is the Education Welfare Act, passed in 2000, which makes provision for the tracking of the education of each child in the state. When the Act is implemented, schools will be required to maintain more detailed records of absence than in the past and to notify education welfare officers when a certain threshold of absence has been exceeded by an individual pupil. There will also be new procedures in the case of lengthy suspensions or the expulsion of a pupil. We are pleased to note that this school has already implemented many of the proposals in the Act, such as a published code of conduct and a disciplinary appeals procedure.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. The staff will be participating in a special training day concerning school planning and evaluation procedures although again I am pleased to record that this school has in place most of the aspects of the procedures recommended under the terms of the Education Act. We have already developed a mission statement based on a listing of school values, we routinely survey and consult parents and pupils, we have systems in place to ensure parents and staff are represented at all levels of school management, we base our forward planning on the data we gather from our surveys and from representatives, and we review and evaluate our policies on a regular basis. The main difference in the requirements of the procedures of the Department of Education & Science is the formal recording on paper of all of the above. This generates considerable additional work for school management and staff, without necessarily achieving any improvement in the processes of the school. All schools are concerned that the "paper trail" should not take over, as it has in some other countries.

Revised Social, Personal and Health Education courses have now been introduced to Forms 1, 2, 3 and 4, completing the junior cycle and transition year initiative in this area undertaken four years ago. Our Information and Communication Technology equipment and courses have

undergone a complete overhaul and updating this year also. The staff undertook a thorough re-evaluation of the transition year programme at a special training day in November 1999, following surveys of the pupils, parents and staff. Many useful ideas emerged from this exercise, among them the introduction of a comprehensive transition year manual for pupils and the initiation of a transition year induction day. The first such day took place in September at Taney Parish Centre and Airfield and was regarded as very successful. Other ideas are being processed and implemented on an ongoing basis. A school council was re-established during last year after a lapse of some years. The council is elected directly by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings and then meets with the school management and staff representatives in order to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to contribute to school planning and processes.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who 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 compilation of a written homework policy, the new Junior Certificate Religious Education course and the preparation of a draft school plan.

The Grounds and Property Committee has been responsible for initiating the first phase of the Millennium Building Programme of the school. A technical and crafts block is currently under construction in part of the centre square, containing a Construction Studies room, a Technical Drawing room, a Materials Technology (Wood) room and two Home Economics rooms. Phases two and three will consist of the reconstruction of the pavilion and changing rooms and the provision of a Music centre. In addition, the committee has considered many minor matters, including provision of a hockey shelter and outside toilet, major repairs to the concrete structure of the school and the allocation of space released when facilities are transferred to the new buildings.

The Sports Committee has considered the balance of provision of team games and sports in the school, staffing difficulties and the planning of a rugby tour to Canada which took place in August 2000. The tour was an outstanding success, with the boys winning five out of six of their fixtures, including one against a provincial side.

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

Staff

At the end of the summer term, Mr Robert Fennell retired after 43 years of service to the school, probably a record! During this time Mr Fennell taught Mathematics and Geography and acted as Deputy Principal for twelve years. He will be best remembered for his tireless devotion to the coaching of cricket and rugby throughout all that period of time. Mr Fennell has been responsible for inspiring over a thousand young players, many of whom continued to play these games well into their adult lives and some of whom represented their province and country.

Mrs Joan Geoghegan was appointed after competitive interview by the Board of Governors as Deputy Principal. Mrs Geoghegan 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 has taught Biology and Science. Mrs Geoghegan has acted as a Year Head, punctuality co-ordinator, staff safety representative, staff representative on many other committees and is active in the Irish Science Teachers Association. We wish her well in her new responsibilities.

Mrs Ethnea Cummins also retired this summer. Mrs Cummins began teaching Irish at The High School in 1974, hav-

ing previously taught from 1971 at the Diocesan School for Girls which amalgamated with The High School. During her time here she was a Year Head for many years and was also Senior Lady Teacher, responsible for the welfare of girls. She served on many of the school committees with enthusiasm and, in recent years was appointed Assistant Principal in charge of the prize system and monitoring of pupil absence. Mrs Cummins was highly respected by her pupils and colleagues and will be greatly missed.

Mrs Maureen Hare retired as accountant and bookkeeper after very efficient and greatly appreciated service of twelve years.

Mr Maurice Quirke (English), Ms Daphne Sixsmith (Geography and Mathematics), Ms Sandra Hill (Irish and Home Economics) and Ms Emer Lyons (French, German and Irish) also left the teaching staff. Miss Mabel Denniston left the position of School Secretary and Mr Stephen Corrigan left as security man. We have welcomed as new teachers Mr Robert Giles (French and German), Ms Muireann Nic Domhnaill (Irish and Home Economics), Mr Jeremy Clarke (English and History), Mr Simon Moore (Geography and Business), Ms Olivia Harvey (Irish and German) and Ms Michelle Burrowes (English and Geography). We have also welcomed Mrs Jeanne Sadlier as School Secretary, Mrs Helen Kane as receptionist and Mr Thomas Neiland as security man.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2000-2001 is 788. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2000, 125 pupils presented 861 papers in 21 subjects. 542 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 77% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 4.6% of all papers. In the Junior Certificate 131 pupils presented 1177 papers. 824 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 83% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 3% of all papers.

Events and Activities

We were delighted to hear that Des Ryan was awarded the Tom Clarke scholarship, one of the seven Easter Week Scholarships for the best performing Leaving Certificate candidates in the country. Des was the best performing candidate in the Irish, English and Home Economics group of subjects and was the only candidate in the greater Dublin area to be awarded such a scholarship this year. He was taught these subjects by Mrs E. Cummins, Mr I. Blackmore and Ms P. Bergin respectively. We are also pleased to record that Eoin Curran, Oliver Nash and Eric Klotz have been elected as Foundation Scholars by Trinity College. Redmond O'Connell, Rebecca Peare, Michelle McCartney and Ralph Benson were awarded Entrance Exhibitions to Trinity College on the basis of their Leaving Certificate results last year. David Collins and Jennifer Daly were awarded scholarships to UCD this year.

Class 3 DO was the winner of the junior cycle in Ireland section of the Smithkline Beecham "Health Matters" school awards competition with their project "Watch Out - Pets About". They won a cheque for £500 for the science department and were treated to a scientific day out by the company. In addition, five pupils and their teacher, Mrs Dowsett, were taken to London for the presentation at the Science Museum where the project is on display.

As usual, many educational and field trips took place, including a language tour to France, a ski trip to Italy, a visit by

Form 6 to the Higher Options Conference, a Gaisce President's award trip to Kerry, an Irish department trip to the Aran Islands, caving trips to a number of locations, English department trips to drama productions, a rugby trip to Canada, a biology/geography/geology trip to the Burren, and a biology field trip to Ardkill bog. Transition year activities included trips to the National Gallery, the National Museum, Collins Barracks, Bank of Ireland Money Museum, Kilmainham Gaol, an all day environmental day at Glendalough, a Dublin Corporation Road Safety Drama, orienteering outings to Marlay Park, an art outing to the Irish Museum of Modern Art, a photography project with a Japanese school using e-mail, history and geography trips to ENFO, Irish music and culture seminar and visits to the theatre and cinema. 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. A prize winning display on "Dublin - 1000 Years" was mounted this year by Craig Rankin.

The Guidance Department is run by a qualified guidance counsellor. There is a guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 with individual career interviews for pupils in Form 6. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit UCD open day and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. Mr McClure organises a study technique course for Form 5. Form 6 students attend the Higher Op-

tions Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as selecting other college open days of particular interest to individuals. Advice is given to students on college applications. The guidance counsellor is available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

We are pleased to maintain our link with the Centre for Talented Youth in Ireland (based at Dublin City University). At least ten of our pupils qualified to attend a residential course held under the auspices of CTYI, after sitting a Scholastic Aptitude Test. Our team tied for first place in an inter-schools Mathematics competition organised by the Irish Mathematics Teachers Association in which most Dublin schools competed. Unfortunately, in the tie break we were beaten into second place. Drew Prendergast and Suzanne McEndoo were selected for further training for the international Mathematics Olympiad.

The excellent performances of the orchestra and choir during the year were greatly appreciated by those present. At the Inter Schools Music Festival, the orchestra won first prize, Des Ryan was placed first in the over 16 piano competition, Jane Hilliard was first in the over 15 piano accompanist, Leon Fernandez Brennan was first in the orchestral percussion, Cynthia Taylor 2nd in the over 16 wind solo, Kate Higgs second in the Under 16 strings solo, and Ian Thom highly commended in the Under 14 wind competition. The school's musicians also held an evening concert of very high standard this year and many of those who performed at the concert later performed in morning assembly as well.

The Drama Society presented the play "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by William Shakespeare in November to a very high standard. The society also entered "Bedtime Story" in the one act play competition run by St Andrew's College. The play received the best production award, best director, best actress and runner up best actor awards. Junior drama students staged two short plays during May. Transition year pupils also staged an excellent variety show in May while the various rock bands in the school participated in the Battle of the Bands which raised over a thousand pounds for cancer research. Six pupils received school art awards and their paintings and photographs were added to the school art collection.

The Debating Society organised many debates and discussions, at both senior and junior levels. Among the motions were "Has the Millennium been overhyped?", "That this house believes that Irish sports people of this generation are not winners". Past pupils debated with pupils the motion "That this house believes that the IRA has derailed the peace process" in a special debate. Rayne Booth represented Ireland at the European Youth Parliament in Germany, while Cuan Ó Seireadáin was selected from over 200 students to represent Ireland at the next EYP session. Louise McSharry was also chosen as a substitute. A new branch of Amnesty International was founded in the school last year.

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 profits of the Valentine's Day Post were donated to ISANDS. Transition year pupils organised a mammoth collection of Christmas presents for children in Kosovo from this school and from local primary schools under the "Operation Christmas

Child" umbrella. 2L organised a lunch-time concert in aid of the people of East Timor. A food appeal was conducted very successfully for the Simon Community by Form 6 pupils. Collections were also organised for Daffodil Day (cancer research), Guide Dogs for the Blind, Care Bears, Multiple Sclerosis, Samaritans, Focus Ireland and the proceeds of the transition year show and Carol Service were donated to St Luke's Hospital for cancer research and to Concern.

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 training 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. Twenty-nine pupils completed the bronze challenge and one the silver challenge of Gaisce - the President's award. The awards entail recording the pupils' achievement in increasingly difficult challenges of community service, physical skills, personal skills and venture projects.

Sport

The 1st XV rugby team had a very good season, defeating Roscrea in the first round of the cup, against the predictions of punters and press alike. Although defeated in the cup competition by Castleknock, the team continued to progress to the final of the plate competition, defeating Newbridge, Gonzaga and King's Hospital along the way. A very successful tour to western Canada was held for the prospective senior players of the 2000-2001 season, with the squad winning five out of six fixtures. The JCT also had a good season in the league and defeated Castleknock in a replay of the first round of the cup, following a draw in the first match. They went out in the next round to the eventual winners of the cup, Blackrock College. The Under 14 A team won the Wesley Blitz competition after defeating St Mary's, St Michael's and Clongowes. While this report concentrates on the major teams due to pressure of space there were also many other teams at senior, junior, U 14 and U 13 level which had good, enjoyable seasons.

The 1st XI girls' hockey team, after a slow start to the season, spectacularly reached the final of the cup competition after beating Notre Dame, St Gerard's, Santa Sabina and Loreto Dalkey. Although ultimately defeated by an extremely strong Loreto Bray, the team had many reasons to be very proud of their year. The Minor A team won its cup competition with a plucky performance against Mount Anville, although the match they will probably remember best for its tension is the semi-final where they recovered from 2-0 down to a victory on penalty flicks against Loreto Dalkey. Natalie May, from the Junior squad, was selected for the Under 16 Leinster team. In boys' hockey, the 1st XI reached the semi-finals for the first time by defeating Sutton Park and Dundalk, but going out to the All-Ireland champions, Kilkenny College.

In boys' cricket, the Under 13 performed very well, reaching the semi-final of the cup competition, while the JCT were runners-up in their section. Niall McDarby played for the Irish Under 13 schoolboys, Imran Masood played for the Irish Under 19 XI and Gary Black played for the Irish development team. Teams were also fielded at Senior, Junior and Under 14 levels. Girls teams were fielded at Senior, Junior and Under 14 levels.

The cross country runners had a very good season, with the Under 15 girls' team 3rd in Ireland, the Under 15 girls' team 2nd in Leinster and winners of their league, the Under 19 boys' team were bronze medallists in their league while Sharon Johnson and Andrew Coleman won the individual leagues in their age groups.

The senior boys' badminton team reached the semi-final where they drew 3-3 against St Fintan's. They went out, unfortunately, when the points tally favoured the opposition slightly. The junior girls' team reached the quarter finals. Some of the individual players on the tennis teams showed considerable promise, with the girls' junior and minor teams returning the most impressive performances as teams. The senior boys soccer team was virtually undefeated during the year and won an informal league in an exciting final against Belvedere. Basketball teams were fielded at senior boys, junior girls and 2nd form girls levels.

Hillwalkers visited Glendalough, Mullaghcleevaun, Tonelagee, Djouce, Lugnaquilla and Carrauntoohill as well as staging a "Dawn Raid" on Three Rock and some night walks. Caving and rock-climbing were also enjoyed by those who participated. Swimming continued on a weekly basis, with thirteen pupils receiving silver swimming proficiency awards and eight receiving gold awards. Pupils from transition year and other years participated in canoeing, with seven pupils achieving level two kayak proficiency certificates.

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>.

I would like to congratulate the many staff who give up their time to encourage so many enthusiastic pupils in their pursuit of extra-curricular activities. These experiences add greatly to the enrichment of the pupils' educational experience.

Prize Day 2000

The annual Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday 25 October 2000. Mr Frank Sowman, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were presented by Cuan Hanly, fashion designer.

Prizes 1999-2000

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1.1 Ronan Kenny, Alice Mooney
- 1.2 John Aslanis, Katie Hamilton
- 1.3 Michael Sexton, Isabel Baker
- 1.4 Peter May, Liam Reidy
- 1.5 Tariq Mesallati, Al Grogan

Progress Prizes:

- 1.1 James Hanlon, Niall McDarby
- 1.2 Karen Douglas, Brett Lawless
- 1.3 Ashling Hughes, Karl Kelly
- 1.4 Richard Fallon, Andrew Lui
- 1.5 Augustine Nwosu, Steven Nelson

Form 2

Class Prizes:

- 2G Mary Dowds, Cathy Jones
- 2R Aideen Blackwood, Martha McDermott
- 2L Genevieve Boyle, Lyndsey Watson
- 2WK Padraic Smith, Steven Duggan
- 2WS Denise Lui, Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

- 2G Ciara Nugent, Clíodhna Noone
- 2R Thomas Gillespie, Robert Sherwood
- 2L Alice Keogh, Lisa Marshall
- 2WK Joanna Corbett, Julie-Anne Tector
- 2WS Ross Holder, Evan McAuley

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):
Ralph Prendergast

Brook Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):
Jennifer Day

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Fiona Keller

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:
Jennifer Kane

Civic, Social & Political Education -

Parents' Association Prize: Claire Murphy
English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Feargal Kenny

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Shalini Columb

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Jennifer Day

German - German Government Prize: Ralph Prendergast

History - Casserley Prize: Kealan Kelly

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: Sarah Tobin

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize: Méabh Cryan

Mathematics - Dillon Prize: Paul Webster

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:
Sam Abraham

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Grace Tallon

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize: Ralph Prendergast

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize: Méabh Cryan

Progress Prizes:

- 3DO April Kavanagh, Jennifer Hanan
- 3DA Deborah Keogh, Zoey Quinn
- 3G Jamie Bonney, Ciara Farrell
- 3S Nicola Sutton, Stuart O'Meara
- 3RD Rajiv Bose, Suzanne Cairns

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Edel Smith

Class Prizes: Nathan Breen, Mary Bridgeman, Robert Carnegie,
Timothy Czerniak, Victoria Glover, Kathryn Laing, James Maher,
Vicki McKenna, Drew Prendergast, Mark Smyth

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 TCD) Desmond Ryan

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters TCD)

Cynthia Taylor

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

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

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil) Lindsey Clarke

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) David Collins

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)

Karl Fahy

Accounting: David Collins

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Eva McGuire

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Rayne Booth

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize: Lindsey Clarke

Business - S.S. Evans Prize: Raymond Ryan

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize: Jennifer Daly
 Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize: David Kirkpatrick
 Construction Studies -
 Parents' Association Prize: Gregor Timlin
 Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize: David Collins
 English - Bessie Bury Prize: Desmond Ryan
 French - McNay Prize: Desmond Ryan
 Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Simon Alkin
 Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Emma Allott
 German - German Government Prize: Lindsey Clarke
 History - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Desmond Ryan
 Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: Desmond Ryan
 Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize: Desmond Ryan
 Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize: Fergus Boydell
 Music - Diocesan School Prize: Desmond Ryan
 Physics: Darragh Curran
 Spanish: Jennifer Mayne
 Technical Drawing -
 Miss Mitchell's Prize: Nicholas Lyons
 Class Prizes: Eleanor Fry, Caroline Gray, Sam Glacken, Andreyka Kelly, Aoife McDermott, Julie Nixon, Clare O'Connor, Benjamin McNally, O'Donnell, Jack Quilligan, Deborah Walker

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life) Jennifer Rath
 P.P.U. Debating Medal: Stephanie Taylor
 McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Shirley Beattie

Foundation Day Initiative Awards

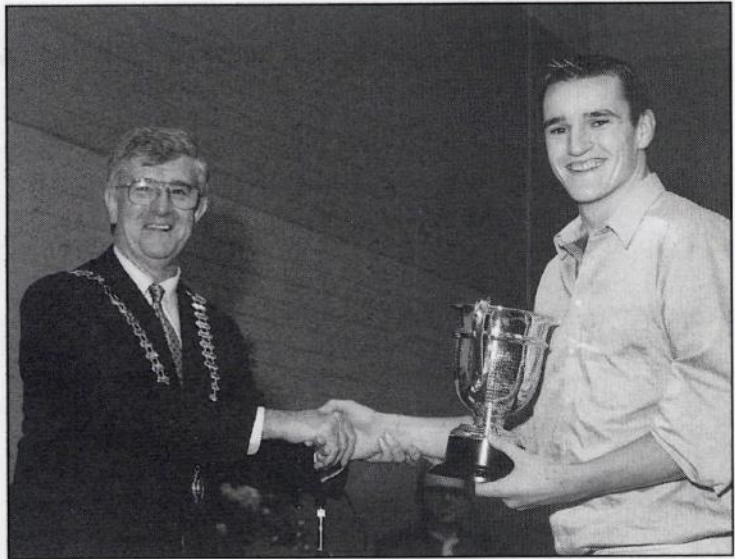
Andrew Laughlin - awarded for his work in setting up the Student Council

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

Jean Scott Trophy: Deborah Walker
 Old Boys' Cup: Jonathan Ellis

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.



Jonathan Ellis receiving the Old Boys' Cup from Bruce Lyster, Joint President of the Past Pupils' Union.

School Entrance Scholarships 2000

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Christopher Blair Rathfarnham Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Úna Ní Éigeartaigh	Scoil Naithí
Holly Warren	Whitechurch National School
Frank Moriarty	St Pius Xth National School
Katie Smith	Kildare Place School
Michael Willoughby	Rathfarnham Parish National School

Music Scholarships:

Fergus Keane	St Joseph's Boys National School
Aisling Bridgeman	Presentation Convent, Terenure



Christopher Blair receiving his prize.

Leaving Certificate 2000

Simon Alkin	Nicole Dowley	Mark Hill	Neill Mc Ilwaine	Andrew Reid
Emma Allott	Ian Dowling	David Kavanagh	Sarah Mc Murray	JJ Rolfe
Suzanne Anglim	Ruth Draper	Eoin Kearney	Richard Mc Neill	Desmond Ryan
Shirley Beattie	David Duggan	Andrea Kelly	Brenda Mc Parland	Raymond Ryan
Eoin Bell	Lesley Eager	Suzanne Kenealy	Stuart Mellon	Daniel Scales
Gary Black	Jonathan Ellis	Ian Kinsella	Keith Moore	Carol Shaw
David Blackmore	Karl Fahy	David Kirkpatrick	Shane Moore-Lewy	Russell Simmons
Rayne Booth	Mark Fennell	Andrew Laughlin	Shane Morton	Graeme Singleton
Fergus Boydell	John Fernandez Morton	Sophia Lawless	Carol Moss	Jennifer Smith
Joseph Burke	Rhys	Peter Laycock	Dominic Mullan	Stephen Smith
Mark Burke	Fitzgerald-McAllister	William Lett	James Murphy	Clare Swift
Mark Butterly	Darren Fitzpatrick	Ian Logan	Simona Murtagh	Vicki Tadros
David Campbell	Julien Fraser	Andrew Lowry	Andrew Nevin	Cynthia Taylor
Luke	Andrew Fry	Katherine Lowry	Julie Nixon	Stephanie Taylor
Campbell-Crawford	Eleanor Fry	Nicholas Lyons	Alison Nolan	Gregor Timlin
Gavin Carroll	Eoin Garrigan	Meadhbh Lysaght	Conor O'Brien	Keith Tobin
Lindsey Clarke	Ross Glacken	Charles Mac Garry	Clare O'Connor	Deborah Walker
Jeffrey Cole	Sam Glacken	Russell Maidment	Ben	Susan Walton
Andrew Coleman	Rory Gleeson	Samuel Marshall	McNally O'Donnell	Jane Wardrop
David Collins	Caroline Gray	Imran Masood	Joseph O'Duffy	Sharon Weekes
Lana Condrón	Oliver Gray	Jennifer Mayne	Sean O'Meara	Allan Whyte
Kara Cramp	Justin Hall	Jonathan Mc Clean	Donal O'Shea	Susan Wilkinson
Darragh Curran	Daniel Hanlon	Aoife Mc Dermott	Jack Olohan	Kate Williams
Shane Cusack	Luach Hardiman	Gail Mc Endoo	Soraya Pillay	Kiran Woolhead
Jennifer Daly	Jane Harley	Philip Mc Gouran	Jack Quilligan	
Laura Dempsey	Shane Hartung	Eva Mc Guire	Jennifer Rath	

Junior Certificate 2000

Sam Abraham	Rachel Denieffe	Daryl Hoy	Eoin Monaghan	Sudhakar Rao
Martin Anglim	Lewis Doyle	Andrew Hui	Aoife Moore-Lewy	Brian Sargeant
Rachel Bates	Louisa Earls	Jennifer Kane	Paul Morrissey	Nuala Sheehy
Jamie Bonney	Ciara Fahey	April Kavanagh	Claire Murphy	Jack Smith
Rajiv Bose	Ciara Farrell	Karl Kavanagh	Gavin Murphy	Robert Smyth
James Brennan	Alex Feldman	Stephen Keegan	Simon Murray	Christopher Somerville
Laurence Brooke	Brian	Fiona Keller	Narika Negi	Nicola Sutton
Matthew Browne	Fernandez -Morton	Kealan Kelly	Konrad Nicholson	Grace Tallon
Andrea Burgess	Aidan Field	Ruth Kelly	Rebecca Nicholson	Robert Thackaberry
Leah Burke	Rebecca Fisher	Thomas Kennedy	Daniel O'Byrne	David Thompson
Holly Burke Naughton	Keith Flower	Edward Kenny	Joseph O'Callaghan	Eoin Tippins
Suzanne Cairns	Clair Foster	Feargal Kenny	Ruairi O'Connell	Sarah Tobin
Anthony Camilleri	Benjamin Frazer	Deborah Keogh	Aoife O'Donohoe	Fiona Traynor
Brook	David Garvey	Jonah King	Daire O'Driscoll	James Tuomey
Campbell-Crawford	Rhiannon Gleeson	Elaine Laing	Stuart O'Meara	Elaine Victory
Eamon Cassidy	Carolyn Goulden	Wai Chung Lam	Dearbhaile O'Neill	Heidi Walsh
Thomas Cassidy	Andrew Grimason	Sarah Lowe	Eoghan O'Reilly	Sarah Walsh
Sarah Cobban	Scott Halliday	Donna Lui	Ian O'Shea	Susan Walsh
Shalini Columb	Jennifer Hanan	Eoghan Maginn	Niall O'Shea	Sean Ward
Fiona Condren	Tania Hashmi	Stuart Maguire	Aislinn O'Toole	Paul Webster
Ross Condron	Karl Heeney	Wesley Mahon	Richard Owens	Zara White
Eilis Coughlan	Simon Heffernan	Alan Mc Carthy	Matthew	Gavin Whyte
Méabh Cryan	Lara Hickey	Declan Mc Gonagle	Parkinson -Bennett	Amy Wilkinson
Caitriona Curran	Kate Higgs	Luke Mc Guire	Shivan Pillay	Maeve Willoughby
Caroline Daly	David Holmes	Alison Mc Hugo	Pamela Pimiento	Vicky Wright
Jennifer Day	Robert Horne	Glenn Mc Neill	Ralph Prendergast	Kerrie Wynne
Richard Dempsey	Simon Houston	Rachel Mc Sharry	Zoey Quinn	David Young

School Trophy Winners 1999-2000

Athletics

Belgrave

200 Metres - Senior Girls

Simona Murtagh

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys

Jonathan Ellis

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys

Steven Duggan

Benjamin Leonard-Kane

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys

Steven Duggan

Mathers

Points - Junior Girls

Miriam McSharry

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys

Kiran Woolhead

Pakenham Hamilton

High Jump - Junior Girls

Lyndsey Watson

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys

Harry Feldman

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys

Karl Fahy

Staff

Points - Intermediate Girls

Sharon Johnson

Taylor

100 Metres - Senior Boys

Kiran Woolhead

Taylor

Points - Senior Girls

Sarah Brusey

Jennifer Woolhead

Travers

High Jump - Senior Boys

Luach Hardiman

Walker

1500 Metres - Senior Boys

Jonathan Ellis

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys

Jonathan Ellis

Whyte

Field Events - Boys

Tennyson Egar

Badminton

Evans

Mixed

Andrea Burgess

Andrew Reid

Factor

Junior Boys

Nicholas Gordon

Hennessy

Senior Boys-

Andrew Reid

Junior Girls-

Isabel Baker

Senior Girls-

Fiona Collins

Tennis

Harcourt

Junior Boys

Matthew Leahy

Sealy

Senior Boys

Conor McCartney

Jagoe

Junior Girls

Julie McRann

Smith

Senior Girls

Holly Simmons

Canoeing

Broad

Form 1

Jeffrey Warren

Canoeist of the Year

Clíodhna Noone

Junior Liffey

Méabh Cryan

Rugby

de Vere Shortt

Jonathan Ellis

Evans

Place and Drop

Philip De Barra

Turner

Most Deserving Team

Jonathan Ellis (Capt.)

Hockey

Neville Davin

Senior Boys

Stuart Mellon

Diocesan

Minor Girls

Sophie O'Hare

Jean Scott

Junior Girls

Natalie May

Jean Scott

Senior Girls

Deborah Walker

Cricket

Davies

Second Eleven - Boys

Jack Dooley

de Vere Shortt

Best Batting - Boys

Robert Carnegie

Hanly

Best Fielder - Boys

John Kelly

Jacobson

All-rounder - Senior Boys

Gary Black

Table Tennis

Evans

Graeme Singleton

Transition Year Awards

Young Entrepreneurs

Scheme

Adam Argue

Killian Barry

Alan Browne

Ian Cairns

Graham Carey

Justin Dawson

Emmet Doherty

Alan Duggan

Daragh Hogan

Simon Jewell

Clive Lew

Conor McCartney

Jamie MacNamara

Edward O'Hare

Michael Staines

Robert Tierney

Anthony Walsh

Canoeing

Level 2 Kayak

Proficiency Certificate

Alan Metcalfe

Rory Draper

Proficiency Swimming

Awards

Gold Award

Noel Geraghty

Donald Gray

Brian Mellon

Silver Award

Jennifer Brusey

Emma Cobban

Breffi Sexton

Gaisce-President's

Award

Annette Boles

Natalie Brandsma

Caroline Byrne

Emma Cobban

Gavin Coleman

Fiona Collins

Ria Czerniak-Lebov

Cathal D'Arcy

Stephen Donovan

Colm Dowds

Rory Draper

Alistair Elliman

Eamon Garrigan

Victoria Gray

Donald Gray

Adam Leahy

Clive Lew

Conor McCartney

Sean McGinley

Eoghan McIlwaine

Brian Mellon

Alan Metcalfe

Jennifer Nason

Linda Nevin

Alex O'Connell

Breffi Sexton

Michael Staines

Mark Traynor

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Cricket - Boys David Blackmore
Cricket - Girls Rebecca Horan
Tennis - Boys Daniel Hanlon
Tennis - Girls Holly Simmons
Athletics - Boys David Collins
Athletics - Girls Caroline Byrne
Basketball - Boys John Hyland
Badminton - Hon. Secretary David Collins
Hockey - Boys Stuart Mellon
Hockey - Girls Deborah Walker
Rugby Jonathan Ellis
Soccer Ian Kinsella

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Head Boy: James Maher

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Sheena Cadoo, Adele Camier, Gillian Carty, Roisin Cox,
Timothy Czerniak, Steven Day, Neil Dover,
Aimee Ferguson, Victoria Glover, Amy Hamilton,
Paul Hannaford, Emily Holmes, Genevieve King,
Kathryn Laing, Mark McCartney, Cuan Ó Seireadáin,
Niall O'Byrne, Ben Okonji, Gillian Patterson,
Dermot Power, Drew Prendergast, Karen Prunty,
Andrew Rankin, Roslyn Reddy, Gemma Reeves-Erskine,
Edel Smith, Richard Somerville.

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Form 4: Ian O'Shea, Kerrie Wynne, April Kavanagh,
Rajiv Bose, Paul Webster
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Mrs. C. McCartney, Mrs. L. Pearce, Miss P. Saville.

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Form Teachers Mr. T. Gill,
Mr. R. Giles, Mlle. E. Roullet,
Mr. R. Walker, Miss A. Wilson.

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. McMullen
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Mr. C. Cryan, Mr. A. MaKay, Mr. R. McMullen,
Mr. P. Prendergast, Ms. S. Quinn.

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Year Head Mr. R. Miller
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Mr. J. Clarke, Mr. L. McClure, Mr. D. Miller,
Mr. R. Miller, Mrs. M. Milne.

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Mr. J. Clarke (2nd XV)
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Mr. S. Moore (Under 14 coach)
Mr. T. Gill (Under 13 coach)

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Mrs. G. Mellon
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Miss C. Ritchie (1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI & Junior C coach)
Miss S. Quinn (Junior B coach)
Mrs. I. Wilkinson (Minor B coach)

Hockey (Boys)

Mr. D. Miller (in charge, Senior coach)
Mr. I. Wilkinson (1st year coach)

Cricket (Boys)

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

Cricket (Girls)

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Art portfolio development club
Miss A. Corrigan
Choir Mr. M. Wisener
Co-operation North cross-border exchanges Mr. P. Irwin
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
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Trophies Mr. J. Hickey

The Class of '99

John Anglim: Studying Accountancy while working with *Gorman Associates*.

Donal Barrett: Studying Business at IT, Tallaght.

Nigel Bass: Second year studying Accounting and Finance at DCU.

Andrew Bent: Concessions manager of *Envy*, Liffey Valley.

Thomas Blackwell: Second year Science and Geography at TCD.

Edward Boles: Animation, Ballyfermot

Rebecca Borland: Studying Business and Languages (French and German) at NCI.

Colin Brandsma: First year Engineering, TCD.

Paul Bridges: Working as Computer Technician at *Xilinx*, City West.

Paul Bright: Second year plumbing apprenticeship with FAS.

Niamh Burke – Kennedy: Studying History and English at UCD. Travelling to Bilbao, Spain next year as part of the *Erasmus* project to study History through Spanish.

Fiona Campbell: Currently working as a restaurant manager, hoping to travel next year.

Ian Carey: Working this year and returning to study business at Portobello College next year.

Robert Collins: First year Veterinary Medicine at UCD.

Claire Cox: Applied Languages (French and Spanish), DCU.

Niall Crampton : Second Year Business Studies Degree at DIT Aungier St.

Hazel Dawson: Second Year studying Sociology and Information Studies at UCD.

Andrew Day: Science, TCD.

Antonio DeGregorio: B.A. Drama at the Welsh College of Music & Drama, Cardiff.

Declan Donoghue: Left the Oxford Air Training School in February, 2001 to begin a conversion course with Aer Lingus onto a passenger jet. Should be flying passengers by summer 2001.

John Dorney: History and Politics, UCD.

Sara Dover: Completed a Diploma in Office Technology and intends to travel abroad before returning to Ireland for a permanent job or a business course.

Daniel Downey: Working in the sales department of Spectrum Print Management and studying print management and technology at DIT Bolton Street as a night course.

Mark Duggan: Working for Slattery Jermyn, motor insurance brokers.

Daniel Dunne: Currently serving a full-time two-year church mission in Tahiti, French Polynesia, Daniel hopes to study law when he returns to Ireland in 2002.

Jennifer Eames : Second year Science at TCD.

Susan Earley : Working as an Electronic Technician in the European Headquarters of Viking Components, an American based Memory Module Manufacturer.

Robert Edmonds: Currently working with a security firm.

Yvonne Elliot: Studying Sports and Recreation Management at Inchicore.

Lloyd Ferguson : Second year Science at UCD.

Benoit Ferre-Cullen : Second year Civil Engineering, UCD.

Trevor Fisher : Second year Business at IT, Tallaght.

Louise Foley: Studying Applied Sports Science at the University of Glamorgan, South Wales.

David Foster: Studying English and Sociology at UCD.

Lydia Foster: Studying Applied Languages (French and Spanish) at DCU. Hoping to spend next year in Barcelona.

Mark Francis: Repeating Leaving Cert at Ringsend College.

Peter Freyne: Currently working for *First Ireland* Insurance Brokers.

Frederick Gilmore: Second Year studying Mathematical Science at DCU.

Sarah Gray: Studying B.E.S.S. at TCD.

Susan Gray: Second year of Nursing Studies at TCD although most of her time is spent at Tallaght Hospital.

Terence Gunning: Studying Mathematical Sciences at DCU.

Jonathan Hall: Restaurant work at present hoping to attend college next year.

Steven Hanan: Second year studying Economics and Mathematical Studies at UCD.

Wallis Handelman: Studying Social Science at UCD after taking a year off to work and travel in Australia.

Ronan Heeney: Computer Department, Peats.

Robert Hilliard: Working as a trainee actuary for Hibernian.

Hugh Hogan: Economics and Geography at TCD.

Nicolas Holmes: Second year Engineering at TCD.

Rodert Holmes: Actuary Studies DCU.

Richard Hourie: Studying Animal Care at St. Thomas', Bray.

Rachel Keeley: Costume Wardrobe & Makeup, Inchicore UEC.

Niamh Kelly: Philosophy and Politics, UCD.

Helen Keogh: Currently working as an au pair in Paris.

Ross Killen: Software Systems NCI.

Laura Kirwan: Sales assistant, Damascus, Temple Bar.

Philip Loane: Senior Freshman at TCD studying Maths and Economics.

Robert Mac Namara: Second Year studying Finance at NUI Maynooth.

Gary Mahon: Accountancy and Finance, DCU.

Brian Marconi: Journalism and Media Communications, Griffith College.

Tanya Masters: Music College

Michelle McCartney: Psychology, TCD.

Mark McCullough: Arts, UCD.

Joy McDonnell: Supervisor, Oasis fashion store.

Kirsty McFarland: Studying Biology and Geography as part of Science at TCD.

Saoirse Milotte: First year Arts, UCD.

Eric Mullane: Computer Engineering, DIT, Bolton Street.

Shane Murphy: Science UCD

Stephen Murphy: Economics and Sociology, UCD.

Deborah Nevin: Business and French, IT, Tallaght.

Shona Nolan: Second Year History, TCD

Sharon O'Byrne: Maths, TCD.

Lindsey O'Callaghan: Studying Business Administration at IT, Tallaght.

Redmond O'Connell: Second year Psychology, TCD

Ronan O'Laoire: Economics and Political Science, TCD, hoping to go to Paris as part of the *Erasmus* project next year

Eleanor O'Neill: Second year Engineering at TCD.

Maria Olarte: Psychology, Brunell, London.

Andrew Patterson: Assistant manager, Person to Person mobile phones.

Stephanie Patterson: Second year Arts at UCD studying Spanish and Sociology. Stephanie hopes to go to Seville next year as part of the *Erasmus* project.

Rebecca Peare: Theoretical Physics TCD.

Michelle Prunty: Business and Languages (Spanish and French) DIT.

David Redmond : Currently in second year studying jazz at the Newpark Music Centre, David was recently awarded a scholarship to further his studies at Berkley, California.

Robert Reid : Now living in Sunderland, Robert is working with Littlewoods.

Eoghan Rice: Second year studying Politics and Economics at UCD. Also working for *The Sunday Tribune* as a news reporter.

Rachel Robinson: Currently studying Music Education at TCD and DIT, Rachel has recently set up her own music school in Blessington.

Robert Ryan: Having completed a two year course at DIT Mountjoy Square, Robert is now working as a trainee manager in Superquinn.

Andrew Shaw: Mechanical Engineering, DIT, Bolton Street.

Mark Shaw: Stock Control Manager with Tibbet and Britton.

William Sheehy: Studying to become a chef at Cathal Bruagh Street.

Michael Slott: Music Technology Diploma at Stow College, Glasgow progressing to a degree course at Paisley College.

Simon Smith: Studying computer software at NCI.

Audrey Smyth: Fully qualified beauty therapist working in Coogin Bergins beauty salon on Wicklow Street full time. Come June 2001 will be going to Australia to work for a year in relation to beauty therapy.

Ciara Stafford: Business and Marketing, Portobello College.

Neil Stanley: Working in Australia.

Nicola Strong: Completed second year of a four year hairdressing apprenticeship with Reds at the Shelbourne on the Green.

Lynsey Stuart: Second year science at TCD, studying Chemistry and Biology.

Eoin Supple: Eoin has left Engineering at TCD to do a B.A. in music performance.

Emma Sweeney: Receptionist with Price Waterhouse Coopers, Georges Quay.

Peter Synnott: Crash repairs with Synnott Motors.

Geoffrey Thom: Medical Engineering, DCU.

Helen Tippins: After 14 months in the south of France Helen returned to Ireland in September 2000 to begin studying French, Spanish and Sociology at UCD.

Louise Watson: Second year studying Natural Sciences at TCD. Hoping to do Microbiology next year.



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The Library Report 2001

Many people forget that libraries are much more than simple book repositories. They function as research centres, multimedia outlets, study areas and, indeed, social forums. Here the High School library proves no exception. I have seen the library grow from being a modest collection of books and periodicals to the excellent set of resources that it is today. Our large collection enables us to introduce vital works of literature to pupils as well as equipping them with the research tools needed for university. Indeed, familiarity with the basics of finding one's desired information is an invaluable boost when commencing an undergraduate degree. High School pupils are at a distinct advantage in this regard thanks to the library.

As librarian I am keen to encourage readers not to forget classical literature. While one could be forgiven for thinking that the world of books has been usurped by Harry Potter, it has not been completely sidelined by the enigmatic young wizard. The excitement a pupil experiences on first reading the classics is matched by the pleasure a librarian has in being able to introduce them. While the library naturally has a huge stock of contemporary literature, it is often necessary to remind ourselves of the great works that inspired it.



With this in mind, both the library and the English teachers have had great success with regular poetry competitions. This year 3rd and 4th formers were charged with compiling individual anthologies based around specific themes. The results were extremely encouraging. All participants put a great deal of thought into their selections and were diligent in their use of traditional, contemporary, popular and obscure verses. Such exercises prove that the appreciation of poetry is far from being dead or outdated and should serve as a lesson to those publishing houses that have recently abandoned their poetry lists.

The library is also keen to encourage pupils to read upon entering the school. We award a special prize, restricted to the 1st form, for the individual who has shown most promise. This year the traditional 'Complete Works of Shakespeare' went to Christopher Blair of 1S.

-Mrs V. King (Librarian)

The Library Committee Report

The Library Committee is a group of students who assist Mrs King in the library. Throughout the year it runs book displays, book reviews, puts up information on the "Country of the Moment" and runs the ever-popular "Word of the Week" competition. At Christmas the students decorate the library and help organise the Christmas Art competition (this year's theme: Christmas around the World). Also held at Christmas is the "Feed the Pig" fundraiser for the Cottage Home for Little Children, which raised £100 this year, and another fundraiser on Daffodil Day collected £173.

The Committee also celebrates World Book Day and Shakespeare's Birthday, a memorable event this year, including a large and delicious birthday cake, films of Shakespeare's plays, quizzes and a display on Shakespeare and poetry.

Altogether it was a great year, and on behalf of everyone on the Committee, I would like to thank Mrs King for all her time and help.

-Christopher Blair, 1st



Orchestra

Unfortunately for this year's High School Orchestra, the Inter Schools Music Festival was cancelled due to the Foot and Mouth crisis. We had been practising very hard for the contest and it was a big disappointment not to compete. Despite the fact we had lost a few valuable members from last year, I believe we had a real chance of winning the competition.

There were other concerts that the Orchestra performed this year, including the annual prizegiving and the carol service at Zion church. In May we held a music concert which was a great success. A number of soloists showcased their skill, while the Orchestra showed its talent by playing as a whole.

On behalf of the entire Orchestra I would like to thank Mr Wisener for all the time and effort he put into conducting us. It must have been tough at times!

-Jane Hilliard, 5th



The Choir

This year, the choir performed at our annual prize giving. We sang a selection of songs from the popular musical 'Les Miserables', which went down well with the packed out gym! We also sang at the annual carol service in Zion church. It was great to hear some more male voices in the

choir this year as it allowed us to sing more challenging carols in four part harmony.

Thanks must go to Mr Wisener for dedicating his time to us throughout the year. The choir practices once or twice a week for part of the lunch break. Anyone who can sing is very welcome!

-Jane Hilliard, 5th



1W and 1S Time Capsule

A High School rugby football jersey, a mobile phone, CDs.....these are just some of the items which represent teenage life in the new millennium. These items, along with the first *Irish Times* of the Year 2000, coins and The High School yearbook, were all placed in a time capsule organised by classes 1W and 1S.

The idea came from Mr Ryan, our History teacher and Miss Graham, who teaches 1S. Mr Dolan, one of the Wood-work teachers, made the capsule itself.

On Thursday 21 December 2000 the capsule and keys were presented to the Administrator, Mr Davis, to be placed in the rafters of the new technical and crafts block, there to stay for the next two decades.

A hockey ball with the school crest, a handwritten scroll and *The Book of the Century* were also included. Finally, a bottle of the very best malt whiskey, kindly donated by Mr Richard Burrowes of Irish Distillers, was added to the contents. This vital ingredient was organised by Miss Graham and we can only hope that Mr Ryan actually put the whiskey in the capsule!

-Kellie O'Flynn, 1st



Mr Ryan with some of the pupils who prepared the Time Capsule.

Senior Debating

This year's senior debating team had both an enjoyable and pretty successful season. The team, consisting of, Ria Czerniak (captain) Seán O'hÉigearthaigh, Judy Czerniak and Fintan Murphy took part in the Concern debating competition, with topics ranging from the actions of multinationals, to globalisation and its effect on Africa. After losing our first debate to Muckcross, we were even more determined than ever. We went on to beat Donohie's and ended up losing 2:1 to Sandford Park, (something which we considered an achievement, as they were previously undefeated) preventing us from going through to the next round.

I'd like to congratulate the team on their hard work and dedication. I'd also like to thank Mr D. Miller for all his help! Lastly I'd like to encourage anyone interested in taking part in next year's debates to contact either Mr Miller or myself.

-Ria Czerniak, 5th

Junior Debating

Though at the beginning of the year a large group of first years joined the junior debating society, they all faded away and we were left with just our original group plus one additional second year. We were all disappointed to see Miss Hutchinson leave last year, though Miss Harvey was an adequate replacement. She too has abandoned us now and we are wondering who will be "blessed" with us next year!

-Zoe McNair, 2nd

Valentine's Post

This year £100 was raised for ISANDS (Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society). As Valentine's Day was during the mock exams and 4th year work experience, this was an achievement.

At each Junior and Senior break and lunch, cards, stamps and roses were sold at a stall outside the Reynolds Hall.

On Wednesday the 14th of February the red box was brought to the library for sorting. Then the cards were distributed to each class. By the end of the day everyone had their presents.

One 1st year girl received a big surprise when a big hamper was delivered to her while she was in class.

I'd like to thank Olwyn Horgan, Fiona Briggs, Ria Czerniak, Mrs King, Miss Graham and everyone else who helped out..

-Mallaidh Milotte, 2nd

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a greater success this year and I would like to thank all the fourth year girls who helped out: Sarah Walsh, Pamela Pimiento, Rhiannon Gleeson, Fiona Condren, Ciara Fahy, Triona Byrne, Rachel Bates, Kate Higgs and Caroline Day.

This year we collected 960 boxes and £2,500. These boxes were brought over to countries like Kosova and Armenia for the needy children. I would also like to thank all the primary schools who contributed to this event. On behalf of the whole group we would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Toomey, Mrs Geoghegan, Tommy, the office staff and last but not least we would like to say a huge thank you to John Howie who was the organiser of this project.

-Linda Nevin, 5th



Simon Community Food Collection

Each year at Christmas time the pupils of The High School make a collection of food items for the Simon Community. Mr McClure generously allowed his room to be used as a drop-off point for non-perishable items such as tea, coffee, sugar, tins, soups, biscuits etc. Many thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff who contributed so much to the school Christmas appeal for the homeless. This is a very worthwhile charitable cause that aided many disadvantaged families over the holiday period. The food items

collected have been left down to the Simon Community and they helped to provide meals for the homeless over Christmas and the New Year. Particular thanks must go to Justin Dawson, Karl Caswell, Gillian Patterson and Rebecca Horan for all their hard work and dedication.

-Sinead Gallagher, 5th

3G Soccer Tournament

Civic, Social and Political Education was examined at Junior Certificate level for the first time last year. The exam is taken at common level and 60% of the marks are awarded for a report on an action project. Each student must carry out an action project either individually or as part of a group. The action undertaken must be appropriate to one of the main themes of the C.S.P.E. course. This year 3G decided to do a group project concentrating on the issue of homelessness. Some of the activities carried out by the members of 3G included researching the extent of homelessness in Ireland and organising for a representative from Focus Ireland (a charity dealing with homelessness in Ireland) to address the class. They wrote a play which was performed in assembly to highlight some of the issues of homelessness and to publicise a fundraising soccer tournament in aid of Focus Ireland. They also organised sponsorship, a trophy and other prizes. The soccer tournament was originally due to take place before Christmas but due to various factors, including pitch availability, bad weather, foot and mouth disease etc., the tournament did not commence until after Easter. Ten teams, each representing one form in second and third year took part. Each team was required to have at least two boys and two girls among their squad of 10. The tournament took place on consecutive Fridays after school and lasted for six weeks. I know all involved will agree it was a great success, raising a total of £330 for homeless people in Ireland! 3G came very close to winning but were narrowly beaten by 3L, who were presented with the 3G Charity Cup. Thanks to all the teams who participated!



The victorious 3L

On top of all this planning, persuading and co-operation, we managed to organise a raffle (also in aid of Focus Ireland) and held it in Friday assembly. Congratulations to Lyndsey Watson who won the Grand Prize Phillips CD player!

We would like to thank all the teachers who helped, Mr Duffy for allowing us use of the grit pitch and all the Rathgar shops for their generous donations to provide prizes for the tournament and raffle winners. Thanks also to Phillips Ireland who donated the CD player!

And, of course, a big farewell to Saoirse Ryan who leaves the school this year, ex 3G member Tom Gillespie, who leaves for King's Hospital, Karis Brauer who leaves for Germany and last but not least, 3G's famous form teacher, Mr T. Gill! Good luck to all of you!

-Jason Brooke, 3G



EYP - National Level

This year's team, consisting of Ria Czerniak, Seán ó hÉigearthaigh, Fintan Murphy, Judy Czerniak and Cathal D'Arcy, took part in the regional selection conference in Terenure College. We arrived on the Friday evening, most of us totally unaware of what the coming weekend would bring. We started with teambuilding, where we met our committees and spent the evening falling from window ledges, passing fruit in the most obscure way possible and rolling around with other delegates (which I can't deny I enjoyed).

We arrived back early on Saturday morning, three members of our team still suffering from exhaustion after the previous night's after-conference activities.

After the opening ceremony we began to work on our resolutions. (Each committee was given a topic to write up a resolution to, during the weekend.) We worked all day and later we enjoyed karaoke and a disco, where Ria and a certain gorgeous delegate from Cork sang "Baby One More Time". By the end of the night the gossip magazine, so efficiently put together by the journos, came out full of dodgy quotes and photos.

The following morning we had GA (General Assembly) where each committee put forward its resolution to be argued and voted on, with three of our team members elected to give speeches on behalf of their committees.

When the weekend was over we all said goodbye to our newly made friends, having enjoyed a weekend none of us are likely to forget. We wish next year's team all the best and hope they too enjoy the EYP experience!

-Ria Czerniak-Lebov, 5th

International EYP - Stockholm 2001

A misty afternoon at Dublin Airport. The Irish delegation, all ten of us with butterflies in our stomachs, waiting in eager anticipation to board the Aer Lingus flight that would take us to Stockholm; to Sweden; to the 36th Session of the European Youth Parliament.....

Landing in the late evening at Arlanda International Airport, we were briefly immersed in the chilly Scandinavian weather before being loaded onto a bus with the Dutch and the Turkish delegates and whisked to Sanga-Saby, a conference centre about 20km west of Stockholm, where we were to spend the next 48 hours teambuilding with our fellow delegates.

We had a very early start the next morning. After all the national delegates had introduced each other, we re-divided into committees and started our "teambuilding". We spent the day at this and gradually all cultural barriers crumbled and fell away. By noon we were all friends.

The day was rounded off by a wonderful meal and a disco at which we danced the night away (although there were some grumbles from the Norwegians and indeed the Irish!)

Another early start the following morning. Teambuilding presentations: each committee had to compose, rehearse and stage a 5 minute sketch with only 30 minutes to prepare.... The results were invariably sidesplitting, frequently graphic, even gory!

Such a lovely place; such a freezing place!!! We wrapped it all up with a stirring version of John Lennon's "Imagine".



Cuan O'Seireadain & Louise McSharry

Another delicious meal preceeded our shuttle to Stockholm; our accommodation for the rest of the week was to be the beautiful Aft Chapman hostel on the island of Skeppsholmen, right opposite the Royal Palace and the Riksdag (National Parliament). We were based in the heart of this very serene city, deservedly known as "The Venice of the North". Anyone who has been to Stockholm will know this title to be perfectly justified.

-Cuan O' Seireadain, 6th

HSD Student Council Report

This has been a year of monumental change for The High School. First and foremost, the alterations to the school buildings and the construction of new ones. Secondly, established rules, codes and policies have been given an essential assessment and overhaul so that they can be more effective in addressing the issues affecting today's students. It is a credit to the board of governors as well as The High School's administration that they have ensured that the council of students were informed and consulted about all of these matters.

When you take nearly 800 highly opinionated young people, it is nearly impossible to get them to form a single united voice on all the issues. Naturally they all have many valid and practical suggestions to make the school a more valid and comfortable place. In order to make these voices heard, the Student Council was established. Pupils nominate themselves for election to their classmates. Four council members are elected from each year. They then elect a year head to represent them at meetings with the administration twice a year. The regular Student Council meets several times a year to discuss and present the topics of the administration meetings.

This year I was elected to represent my fifth year Irish class and went on to be elected my year representative. Possessing a keen interest in politics, I was eager to see An Dáil High School in action. We all immediately decided that we really wanted results out of the council this year. We were all aware that the council must be the midpoint between staff and pupil opinions. Each must receive an equal hearing and a certain amount of leeway must be given.

We also decided that many of the council's schemes must apply to the long term so that future councils can carry on the policies begun by their predecessors. This year a new plan of anti-smoking action has begun which will hopefully continue for some time to come. Also a survey of the girls concerning their uniforms was conducted. As a result of this survey, a change in school policy was made and beginning in September 2001, girls will have the choice of wearing trousers or the High School skirt.

I was glad to see the mature response the students of the class had towards the council. Their suggestions were highly positive and well thought out. I endeavoured to make regular reports and they responded to these with a responsible attitude. They were eager to have the council discuss a wide variety of matters ranging from catering to sports facilities to the new sixth form common room.



*Emily Holmes, Mrs. Geoghegan (Deputy Principal),
Mr Eoin Ryan T.D., Mr P. Irwin (ASTI Steward).*

It has been a turbulent year for student/teacher relations but out of this conflict came some good. Several excellent actions were taken by the council, eager to express its stance against student strikes and the loss of more class time. We wanted to clearly express the opinion of the council in an enlightened fashion as opposed to a more drastic and ultimately less effective alternative. Firstly, a letter expressing our concern was sent to both parties. We then met with the student council of Stratford College to discuss further action. This culminated with the invitation of Eoin Ryan T.D. to the school to be presented with the results of a petition before a full school assembly. The ASTI's standpoint was equally well represented by school steward Mr P. Irwin, who also addressed those assembled. These actions were greeted with high praise from all concerned.

Overall I have enjoyed my time on the student council and felt especially privileged to be one of the first students to see the architect's plans for the new school. I truly appreciate the difficulty and complexity the school administration faces in keeping it running as efficiently as it does. To all prospective councillors, I urge you to nominate yourselves next year for it is exceedingly rewarding. I would like to thank the administrative staff for their time and Miss Quinn for her hard work. I speak for all when I praise Emily Holmes, Gillian Patterson and Gemma Reeves for their tireless and original efforts. Above all, I would like to thank my classmates for it has been an honour to represent them.

-Edward O' Hare, 5th

Young Scientist

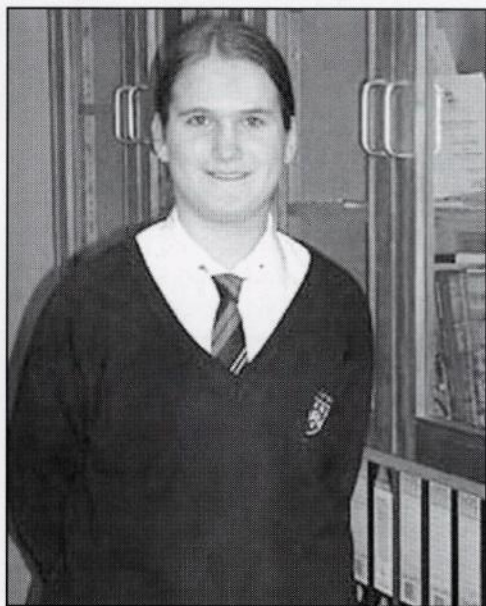
On January 9, David French, De La Salle, Ronan Swan, De La Salle, and I all went to the RDS for the first day of the Esat Young Scientist Exhibition. Our project for the exhibition was called I.R.A.S. (Intelligent Radio Alarm System). The basic idea behind the project is that it would work like a normal alarm system in detecting a robbery or intrusion. But once a robbery is detected a radio signal is transmitted from your alarm to your neighbour's alarm to inform them of the intrusion. By doing this your neighbour can then alert the Gardai or investigate the problem themselves.

The whole event was a great success and in the end we came third in the intermediate technology section. This would never have been possible without the help and support of a few people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Duffy and Mr Toomey for their support and encouragement, the families of the all the project members, and the teachers at De La Salle College. Special thanks to my father who loaned us the equipment we needed for our project.

-Rajiv Bose, 4th



Irish Mathematical Olympiad



A regular sight in UCD on a Saturday is a group of "unique" (read "Crazy") teenagers bravely giving up their mornings to attend lectures organised as part of the training for the Irish Mathematical Olympiad. The Irish M.O. is an annual competi-

tion held all over the country to seek out the top maths students in the country. The top six are chosen to represent Ireland in the International Mathematical Olympiad. Both Paul Webster and I were selected to continue training after the Dublin qualifier round. We are currently awaiting the results of the national competition.

Training consists of lectures on subjects such as inequalities, number theory, geometry and functions, to name just a few. The idea is to equip us with the tools needed to solve (very hard) problems.

For example, given 13 integers, prove that the difference of at least two of them must be divisible by 12.

Proof: Divide each integer by 12. Then the remainders are in the list, 0, 1, 2, ..., 11. Since there are 13 integers and 12 remainders, then at least 2 of the 13 integers have the same remainder when divided by 12. Subtract one of these from the other, and hey presto, you get a number divisible by 12.

I think everyone who has ever taken part in a competition like this will agree that it is a lot of fun, and I, personally, hope to return next year.

-Suzanne McEndoo, 5th

Little Shop of Horrors

Planning for the fifth-year play commenced in the last few months of fourth year, when a committee was elected to choose which play we would put on.

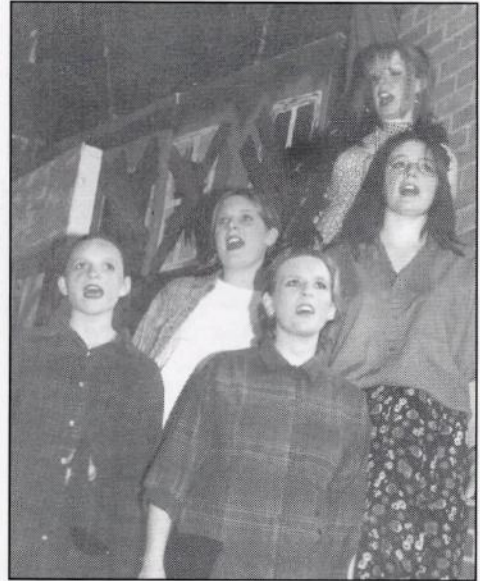
A modern adaptation of Shakespeare was considered, and there was the suggestion of *The Rocky Horror Show*. A suitable compromise was found in *Little Shop of Horrors*.

For the first three months of the school year, a large number of fifth-year students put their social lives aside to work on the play. *Little Shop* is a very serious play that addresses many serious issues such as a sadistic dentist, man-eating plant and large groups of girls who appear every few minutes to sing.

Auditions were very straightforward, except for finding that voice "not unlike God", and choosing someone to play Mrs Luce from the large number of boys who auditioned. Stephen McGarry was chosen for Mrs Luce based on his experience!!

We had a very talented cast with Greg Ellman, Caroline Byrne, Oscar Horton and Paul Fitzsimons in leading roles, and Ruth Manley, Jessica Oatway and Aisling Milne as the Ronnettes. A very good job was done by Rebecca Massey, Fintan Murphy and Ria Czerniak who played the plant. I think Stephen McGarry and Sean ó hÉigartaigh also deserve a mention for their very realistic portrayal of Winos! We did finally find our voice "not unlike God" in Mr Hickey. Well done to all the other cast members and chorus.

There were many other students involved in other aspects of the production, the sound crew, the lighting crew, the set design and set construction, makeup and costume, flower makers, puppet makers, ticket sellers, front of house, teas, props, and back-stage crew (who were not supposed to be seen!!!!)



And of course the show wouldn't have been half as good without the amazingly talented band comprising Jane Hilliard (piano), Alan Metcalfe (rhythm guitar), Jamie McNamara (bass guitar), Scott Halliday (drums) and Keith Begley (lead guitar).

As for me, what did I do? As far as I can remember, not a lot. But the show was a great success, we had fun and maybe we learned something, and that's what's important.

-Suzanne McEndoo, 5th



Bittersweet Me

The St. Andrew's one act play festival took place from the 13th to the 15th of February. Eight schools competed in the play competition itself. High School was second last to perform, on Wednesday the 15th. The name of our play was *Bittersweet Me*, written and directed by Gregg Ellman, 5th and David Jones, 6th.

Bittersweet Me is set in a classroom, in a typical school. A crime is perpetrated, and the authorities attempt to find out who did it before the rest of the school go wild. Each character is grossly exaggerated and assumes a stereotype within the class environment. The play is, in short, an exaggerated portrayal of the average school life and uses stereotypes to distance itself, making it both satirical and almost surreal. The students are simply students at first, all dressed in the same drab uniform and trudging into the classroom without much enthusiasm for another day of learning. But as the play progresses we get to know each one better and better with clever use of a homework assignment - "Me, Myself and I". This enables the audience to understand something about each character. Several soliloquies help to set the characters and the scenes. The kids are relatively friendly until it gets to the stage where fingers are being pointed in every direction, and finally the classroom descends into chaos, as does the office. The play came in the top 11 shortlisted plays for the whole of Ireland and was compared to *Blackboard Jungle* and *Dead Poets Society*.

There were 13 actors in *Bittersweet Me*. Alan Metcalfe played the young and slightly embittered Mr Thornton, stealing the show with his sarcastic and poignant performance as a school teacher who, despite appearances, cares deeply about the children under his care every day. He made a deep impression upon the judges, winning an Award of Merit for acting ability, and the audience simply loved him! Alright Alan!

Paul Fitzsimons played Graham, the class joker. He added an air of lightness to some of the more serious points in the play with his spontaneous and light-hearted character. Although sometimes, especially in rehearsals, this very spontaneity made him a bit dangerous to work with!

Eoghan Maginn was the class "nerd" Oliver, always excelling in whatever academic exercise Mr Thornton may throw at him - in contrast to much of the rest of the class. He seemed quite satisfied, aspiring to medicine and "curing all the world's illnesses" but is ambition and ability enough to make him happy? He seems to wearily accept the taunts and bullying of the rest of the class but one has to wonder how lonely he must feel being so isolated in a room full of his peers.

Holly Burke-Naughton was the hockey playing, popular Michelle, who smokes and is generally a peer pressure wimp. Her boyfriend Luke, played by Jamie MacNamara, is the captain of the rugby team, academically acceptable, and an all round nice guy. They're the stereotypical happy, boring teenage couple, to be found in any hallway of any school. The only fly in their ointment is Tiffany, rich, spoilt, bratty and sluttish, beautifully portrayed by Sinead Gallagher; who is madly in lust with Luke. She does her best to get between the couple and under Michelle's skin, and manages to do a pretty good job of it I might add...

Catherine Miller was Andrea, an overt out of the closet lesbian who is unafraid of showing her sexuality and who she really is. She is artistic but more than a little pretentious, though brave and quite a strong person, willing to fight for her rights despite obvious opposition and closed-mindedness. Her "Me, Myself and I" shows this to perfection. Much of what she says and her opinions are nothing but rambling, unstructured sentences strung together in a way designed to be "thought provoking" as Mr Thornton puts it. Catherine's don't care, won't try, laid back attitude captured Andrea's essence and insecurities perfectly.

David O'Connell played Tony, the usual messer of the class, (the one the teachers always round up when something goes wrong) mostly because he's the one that has done it but even so won't ever admit it, even to himself. He always seems to be in trouble, be it because he's late for class; hasn't done his homework or because he's been caught smoking, and yet he doesn't stop trying the teacher. He makes an admirable attempt of bluffing his way through his speech in the beginning but sadly gets caught by a shrewd Mr Thornton. Tony makes life a living hell for David, Tim Czerniak's character. David is a lazy anarchist. He has views but is either too quiet or too shy to express them so he keeps them quiet until he is provoked to express them. Tim held us all spellbound as his character seemingly made a 180 degree turn and astounded us all.

Saoirse was the out and out reject of the group. The class dunce, she has a tendency to fade into the background in a drug induced haze. On the rare occasions where she expresses her view she is often shot down. We see some of her pain and the problems she faces that cause her to turn to drugs during her speech but more during her soliloquy. Saoirse was played by Shalini Columb.

Aprile Kavanagh played Rebecca, a repressed lesbian who turns to bullying to alleviate the pressure of not knowing herself or if she knows, not liking it. She picks on anyone she perceives



The Cast and Crew of Bittersweet Me

as weaker than herself, especially Oliver, or "Point Dexter" as she fondly calls him. She has a special aversion to Andrea, perhaps out of jealousy that she can accept her sexuality while Rebecca herself has such trouble? Aprile was amusing as the obnoxious, rude, insulting Rebecca. Despite her annoyingness, Aprile makes us feel rather sorry for Rebecca, who obviously feels life is futile.

Ms Johnson and Mrs Holloran, aka Ria Czerniak-Lebov and Lara Hickey, made a great team as the principal and vice-principal. Their "good cop bad cop" routine as they interrogated the pupils was excellent and their brisk, efficient, no-nonsense manner meant they worked as a well oiled unit. No director could have asked for a better pair of actresses to do their job.

When the night itself came, nerves were on edge, everyone was hugging and chattering backstage. We all crowded into a tiny room in St. Andrew's to make ourselves up and prepare last minute bits and pieces. Some of us were quite amused by the level of enthusiasm at which some of the guys received the stage makeup! Before we could believe it the hum of the au-

dience arriving in the auditorium began to sound outside and we began to panic. Shouts of "face powder, someone" were rampant, and exclamations such as, "what's my first cue", and two minutes before the curtains opened, "wait where's the bathroom?" served to give both directors at least a couple of near miss heart attacks! Thankfully we all got onstage on time, in the right place. Though we were horribly nervous beforehand, once the lights went up and the first words were spoken everyone relaxed and got into character. Apart from a few very minor slip-ups gracefully bluffed away by practised actors, the whole thing went off without a hitch. The audience was left frozen at the end and completely under the spell of the suspense and drama that had unfolded in under an hour. The actors left the stage, the curtains closed and everyone immediately breathed a collective sigh of relief behind the scenes. It was over!

The one act play is a tremendous experience for both new and relatively seasoned actors. We all enjoyed it hugely and several fast friendships have been formed as a result of it. I would certainly recommend it to anyone with an interest in the theatre and it makes a wonderful practice run for fourth years interested in the fifth-year school play.

On behalf of the cast, I would like to thank Louisa Earls, our stage manager, and Dave Jones and Gregg Ellman, for everything they did and all the time they devoted. On behalf of everyone involved I would like to thank Mrs Milne for all her help and the hours she devoted to attending each rehearsal.

-Shalini Columb, 4th

Junior Drama



This year's junior drama put on an exceptional play in memory of Queen Victoria titled *While Victoria Lay Sleeping*. This consisted of an adaptation of *Jane Eyre* and *Great Expectations*. Great fun

was had by all, during rehearsals and on the night. A line of talented actors ranging from first year through to third year put on a superb performance.

This year's drama was organised by our director and sets manager Miss Burrowes, who kept us on the straight and narrow. Hours of organisation went into the play; from costumes to the set, from sound to lighting. Everyone, including the actors and the audience, enjoyed the night.

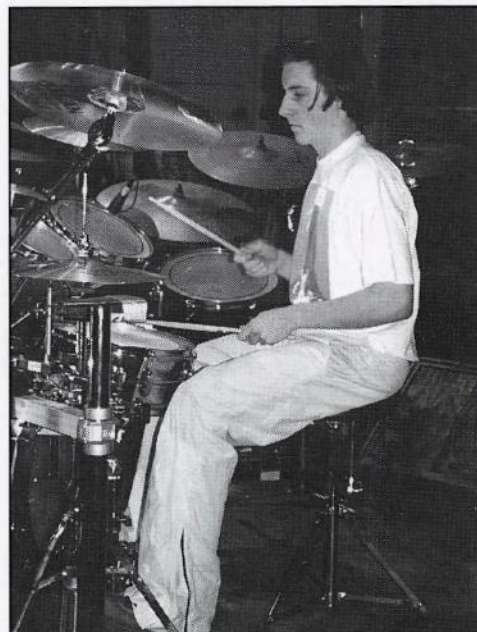
I'd like to thank Sarge for helping us as well as the lighting and sound crews. We can't end this without a special thank you to Miss Burrowes for all the hours she put into the play! I wish all the young actors well in the future.

-Julie-Ann Tector, 3rd

Duff Gardens Music Show

At 8 p.m. on March 15th the Reynolds Hall was taken over by a crowd of around 250 students. They had gathered for the show, which promised to be the best The High School had seen. The crowd managed to create their own mini mosh pit at the front of the hall as the curtain swung back to reveal the Super Freaks who managed to really hype the crowd just in time for Veto Caul. Veto Caul are, James Murphy, on vocals and bass, Gavin Carrol on guitar, Simon Alkin also on guitar and Robert Anton on drums. Veto Caul were followed by our very own Mr Blackmore on his ukulele with his oversized tie and windscreens glasses. That was a tough act to top and an absolutely outstanding follow up performer was needed: Enter Resident Pedestrian! Resident Pedestrian are Tim Czerniak on vocals and guitar, Brian Cash on guitar, Xenya Ostrovskaya on keyboards, Phil Duigan on bass and Niall Woods on drums. Resident Pedestrian played a five song set which they finished off with a brilliant song they wrote themselves called "Batman" - how original! Resident Pedestrian were followed by the very talented Jenny Kane with Alan Metcalfe on guitar!

As the night progressed, we were introduced to the Vagabonds: Gordon Anton on guitar, Scott Halliday on drums, Jamie Mac Namara on bass and vocals and Jack Olanahan on vocals gave an absolutely brilliant performance and left the audience in a mild state of hysteria for Alan Metcalfe [again] and the amazing vocals of Caroline Byrne. After that the audience became completely mystified by a pair of strange beings with spiked hair



Robert Anton

continuously spinning in circles. Although probably the most comic moment of the evening, god only knows what it was all about!

As the night drew to an end, excitement in the audience grew as we were all introduced to Melaton. Luke Slott on vocals and the bouzouki, Jonathon Black on the guitar and vocals, Andrew Brennan also on guitar and vocals, Declan Garvey, bass and vocals and Anthony Mooney on drums left the crowd on an absolute high and brought the night to a close with an absolute bang.

The success of the show was not only down to the performers but to the organisers. The show was organised by Gordon Anton, James Maher and David Fry. Stephen Dodd was the lighting technician for the night, equipment hire was all down to Jonathon Black while Andrew Rankin designed the programmes. Gemma Reeves and Kate Mahon acted as public relations representatives for the event and Nathan Breen took care of the all important accounts! The show managed to raise a whopping £1,300 for St. Luke's cancer research, thanks to a superb line up of top acts and an absolutely fantastic production team.

-Holly Simmons, 5th



Tim Czerniak



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Dancing in the Street

The rock/pop show organised and performed by the talented fourth years was a total success.

Not only did we shock and surprise teachers, parents and our fellow peers but we also surprised ourselves.

The show came about quite smoothly. We had two great teachers to help us through it.

We all came up with different ideas, which blended together nicely. There were several disagreements over certain "costumes" but at the end of the day we came to find a solution, which would please everyone!!!

We feel that the development of the show also helped us improve our relationship with other people. We got to see sides of others that we had never seen before.

Rivalries also surfaced between fellow students, which made us realise that a little competition is needed in order to have higher expectations.

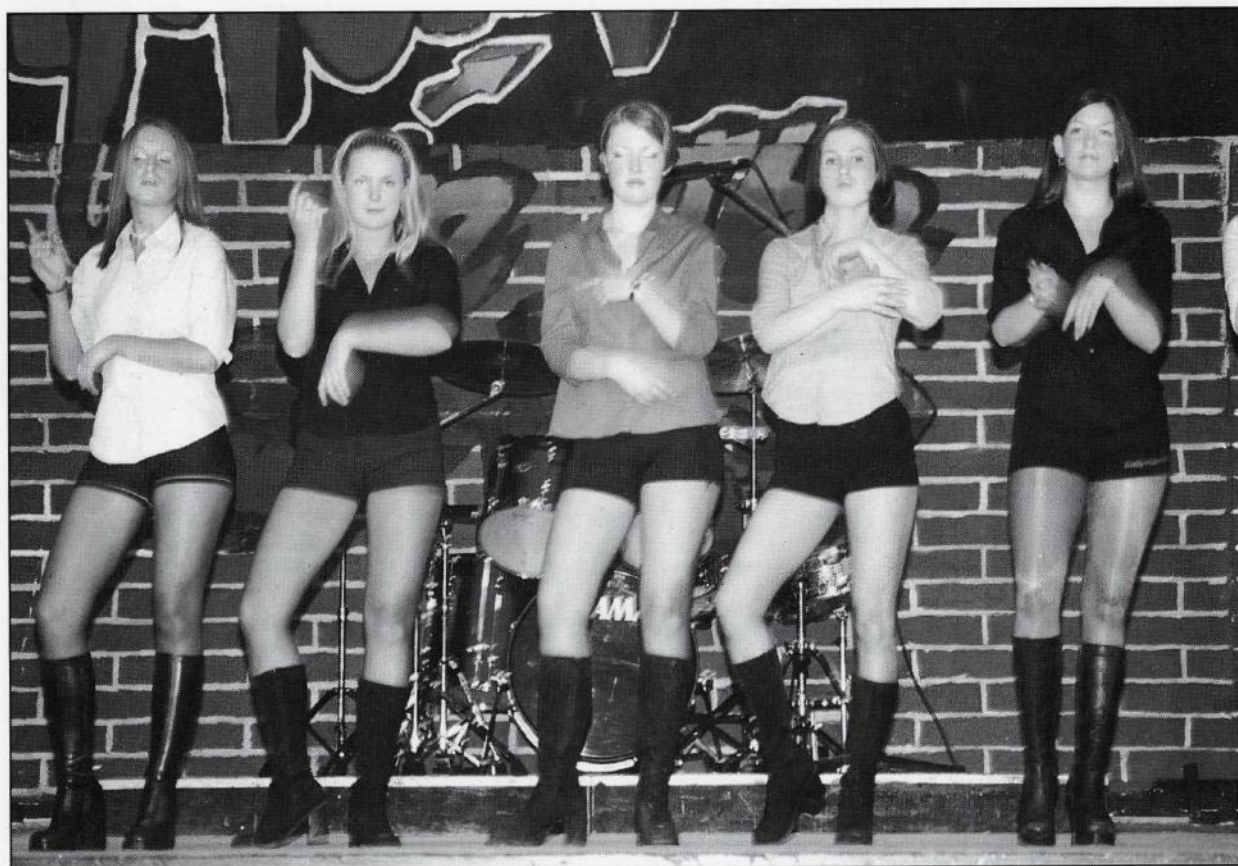


Matthew Browne, Stephen Keegen & Simon Murray

During the last two days before the show stress levels were high. We had a few glitches here and there in the hours before the show and to be honest Fortes chipper never had so much business!! It was all worth it.

We feel proud of what we have achieved, the feeling of accomplishment is priceless. In memory of Steve Harris.

-Pamela Pimiento, 4T



Carolione Daly, Nuala Sheehy, Fiona Keller, Heidi Walsh & Pamela Pimiento

Highstock 2001

The second TY rock/pop show of the year was Highstock, and the event turned out to be a roaring success. The hosts for the night were Shalini Columb and Eoghan Maginn. It takes a lot of calm and focus to stand up in front of a large crowd and talk but they performed brilliantly.



David Thompson

The night was kickstarted by "Thriller". Next up was Claire Murphy entertaining us with the song "Piano Man". "Killing Me Softly" by the Fugees drew a great response from the crowd, who provided a fantastic atmosphere for the show. Gloria Gaynor's "I Will Survive", by the band with Lara Hickey on lead vocals, also went down well with the audience. The band then played "Foxy", much to the delight of the onlooking crowd.

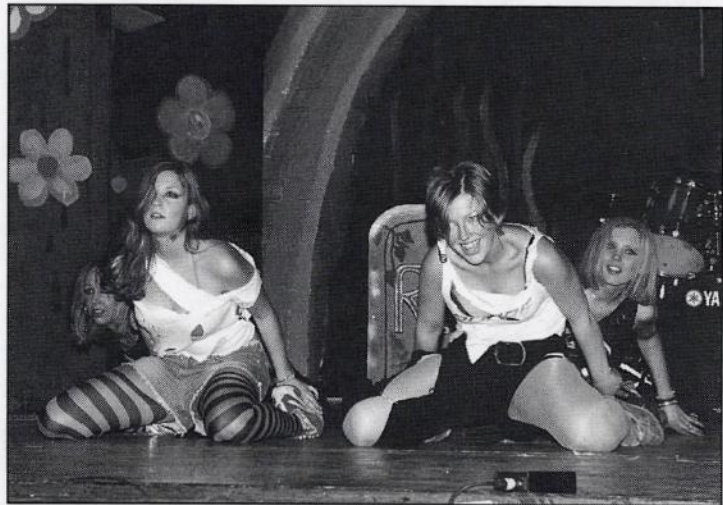


Miss Bourke & Mlle. Roulet



Jennifer Day

Then we were treated to a showcase of vocal talent starting with Holly Naughton's rendition of the classic "Walk On By" followed by Lara Hickey's outstanding performance of Desiree's "Kissing You", "Fever" and "The Shoop, Shoop, Song". There was some great dancing to hits from TLC, Madonna, Sugababes and A1. Jamie Hughes was up next, with impressive singing and piano playing of the songs "Iris" by the Goo Goo Dolls and "This Year's Love" by David Gray. Other memorable performances were Grace Tallon with Sting's "Fields of Gold", Luke Maguire singing "Hallelujah" and Jenny Kane and Ciara Fahey's duet of the Eurovision hit "In Your Eyes".



Pamela Pimiento, Fiona Keller & Fiona Traynor

By far the best act of the show though, was the all singing all dancing finale, where the entire cast performed Westlife's version of "Uptown Girl"! And what a display from a very sexy looking Jonah King! It was a great night that was enjoyed by everyone who went. Well done to all the cast and crew involved.

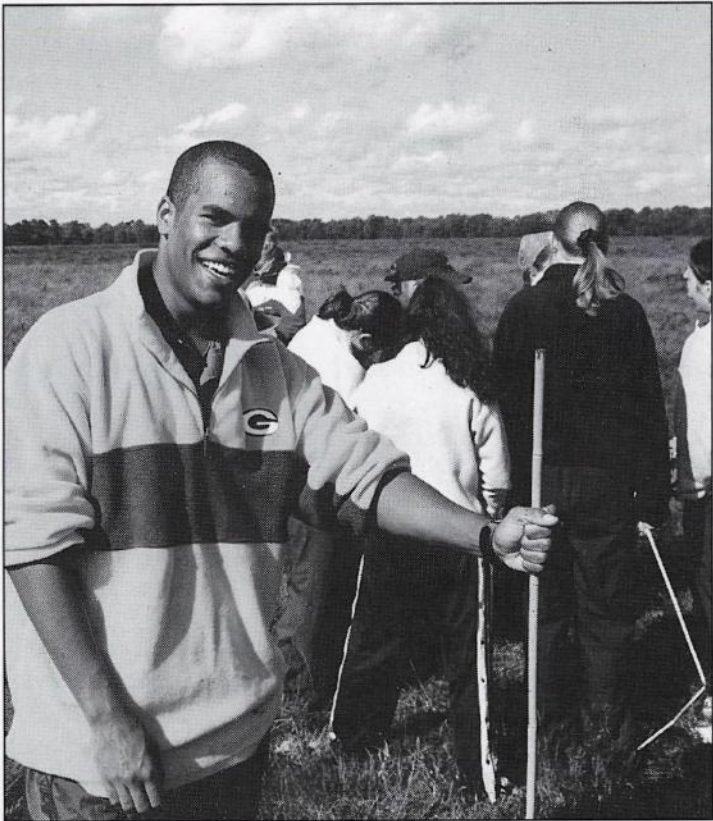
-Rebecca Massey, 5th

6th Year Biology Field Trip

On Tuesday 19th September 2000 all sixth year Biology students filed onto coaches heading for Ardkill Bog. When we arrived we were welcomed by a very distinct "farm smell" (which some in the year are quite used to!). The weather was good that day which made the trip even more enjoyable. After splitting into groups and gathering equipment we headed across the fields towards the bog. We were then told what to do and what to look for. Those who were clever enough to wear wellies were very lucky as those without had very wet feet by the end of the day. We carried out experiments and soon recorded our results although some seemed more interested in playing with the frogs and getting extremely wet and mucky! Back at the farm we were greeted with delicious homemade scones and jam, which were enjoyed by everyone. All in all, it was a really great day.

We would like to thank Mrs Geoghegan, Mrs Dowsett and Mr Gill for organising the trip for us.

-Kate Mahon, 6th



Ben Okonji



Crossing one of the wetter parts of Ardkill Bog

Barcelona 2001

On the 7th and 8th April two groups of 50 students and nine teachers departed from Dublin Airport on route to Catalonia. With a brief stop at London Heathrow, we finally arrived at 5 p.m. in sunny Barcelona. From there it was a one-hour bus journey to the seaside resort of Calella, north of Barcelona.

After settling into our hotel we had dinner, which consisted of a buffet of various fish and meat along with salads. That evening we went downtown with the teachers for some bowling and crazy golf.

The next day we had an early start as we had to travel to the Monastery of Montserrat, high up in the mountains above Barcelona. En route we passed through some beautiful Catalan villages and saw the various forms of agriculture practised. The monastery itself is carved into the hillside 1000m above sea level and is famous for the "Black Virgin", carved for St. Peter by St. Luke himself, and the boy's choir. After lunch some of us took the funicular railway to the very top of the mountain itself. Here we took photos of the breathtaking views of Catalonia. That evening we relaxed beside the swimming pool at the hotel or braved the cold Mediterranean for a swim.



Day 3 was the fun day. A trip to Port Aventura, the biggest theme park in Europe. It took us an hour and a half to drive to Tarragona, but we didn't mind as all were anticipating the day ahead. The park is divided into five themes based upon different locations in the world: the Mediterranean, Polynesia, Mexico, China and the Wild West. Each area had shops, restaurants and of course rides based on the region they represented. China had the



Nou Camp, Barcelona.

Dragon Khan, the biggest rollercoaster in the world, while Polynesia had the Tutuki, a water splash in which everybody got thoroughly soaked. It was a magnificent day and everybody was completely shattered by the time we arrived back in Calella.

Day 4, it was into Barcelona itself. We had a local guide to tell us everything about this magnificent city. On the way we drove along the spectacular Mediterranean coastline and viewed the coastal towns, which teem with tourists during the summer months. In Barcelona we visited the unfinished cathedral of Antoni Gaudi, the Templo Expiatorio de la Sagrada Familia. This amazing cathedral was started in 1882 but because of Gaudi's sudden death in 1926, it was never completed. Now the City of Barcelona is trying to complete the job and hopes to finish it by 2025. Next stop was the famous Nou Camp Stadium, home of Barcelona F.C. and venue of the 1982 World Cup Final. We toured the stadium and the museum, and even saw the team training on the outside training pitch. After lunch at the Nou Camp it was off to the Olympic Stadium, and the hill of Montjuich. This hill gives outstanding views of Barcelona and its massive port. The last stop of the day was at the famous Ramblas, Barcelona's Temple Bar, but on a far grander scale. Here we saw all different sorts of performance artists, such as knife swallowers, people painted completely with gold paint and numerous buskers. That evening we had our daily swim in the hotel and went out after dinner for a walk around the town to catch up on last minute shopping and experience the atmosphere of this lovely resort.

The last day we all said goodbye to our newly made friends at the hotel, and boarded the bus for our lunchtime flight home via Heathrow. We would like to thank all the teachers who gave up their time in organising this wonderful trip and everything they did for us while in Spain: Mr Wright, Mr Swan, Mr Giles, Miss O'Sullivan, Mrs Pearce, Miss Harvey, Miss Graham, Miss Wilson and Mrs Davin. A special thanks to them all.

-Johnny Somerville & Niall McDarby, 2nd

Ski Trip to Finland

At 10.30 a.m. on the 17th of April last Dublin Airport was taken over by a crowd of 69 High School students all bound for Isosyote, Finland. After a three-hour delay in Dublin we eventually arrived in Isosyote after two long flights and a two-hour bus journey. We all finally made it in to our cabins at around 2.30 the following morning. Isosyote is a purpose-built ski resort with a hotel surrounded by log cabins situated at the top of the slopes. At the bottom of the slopes there are a small number of bars and restaurants, a ski hire shop, a ski school and a shop!

We were all still very sleepy at 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning except for one person who was unfortunate enough to have to get up at the unearthly hour of 7.30 a.m. to meet her bag arriving from Dublin. After a long trek down the slopes we were all kitted out with skis and ski poles or snowboards. We were split into our ski/snowboard classes according to our standards. We had four hours of lessons per day with a break for lunch in one of the local restaurants and a bit of free skiing for those of us who felt up to it.

Our evening entertainment, after our nightly helping of chips, consisted of a table quiz, a swim night and a disco. There were six people in each cabin, which were fully equipped with kitchenettes and an all important sauna!

After what can only be described as a comic week of falling, snowballing, snowburying, and hilarious falls off ski lifts (only for spectators I might add) 2.30 a.m. on Saturday night came and for some so too did an end to an absolutely amazing holiday. The fourth and sixth years all piled on to their buses leaving us fifth years with Mr Miller (with his charming passport photograph) and Mr Dolan in Isosyote to catch our flight the following morning.

It was a long slog home beginning with a two-hour bus journey to Oulu, a flight from Oulu to Helsinki, another flight from Helsinki to Stockholm and then on to Dublin. The majority of the group arrived in Dublin at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday morning while us late arrivals arrived in at 10

p.m. The fabulous success of the trip was all thanks to the teachers, Mr Davies, Mr Dolan, Miss Ritchie, Mr Miller, Mr Quinn and Miss Parle, who was also due to go on the trip but was unfortunate enough to injure her ankle before the trip and was unable to come. Most of all though it was all down to Miss Quinn who organised the trip and put up with our every moan concerning accommodation, flights and god knows what else!



I suppose part of us all was glad to be home but deep down we all longed to be sitting in our saunas in our cosy little cabins high up in the mountains in Isosyote, Finland.

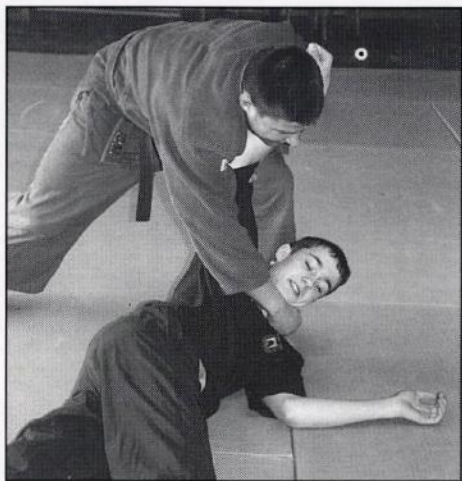
-Holly Simmons, 5th



Philip Lyons, Emma Flanagan & Sian Barber

An Gaisce

We had over 35 transition year pupils participating in this year's president's award. The award consisted of a physical task and community involvement of an hour a week over a period of 15 weeks. We also had to do a personal skills task for an hour a week over 27 weeks. The main event of Gaisce was the venture task. Most participants were involved in the school hillwalks which were two day walks in the winter term and a night walk.



Eoin Tippins demonstrating a perfect fall



The group that walked from Howth to Bull Island

We were supposed to go to Kerry to climb Carrantouhill but couldn't due to the foot and mouth disease. We could not complete the award without the final venture so we walked from Howth to Bull Island instead. Every pupil really enjoyed this challenge and was delighted to have the opportunity to achieve this award. We would like to thank Mr Swan, Mr Blackmore and Mr Cryan, who set aside their time and effort for our benefit.

-Sarah Walsh & Ciara Farrell, 4th



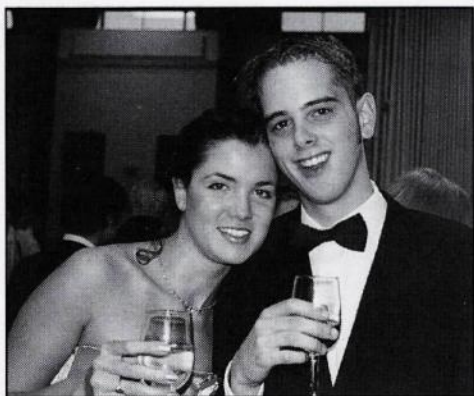
The view from Howth Head

Debs 2000 Review

Thursday 5th October 2000 and the wait was finally over.....dresses had been bought, tuxedos hired, partners chosen and it was time for the Debs 2000 to get underway!!

And what a night it was!! Debutantes and their dates, along with parents packed the Reynolds Hall from 6.30 p.m. Emotions were running high, not just in anticipation of the fun that lay ahead but also in remembrance of the lives which we've all left behind.

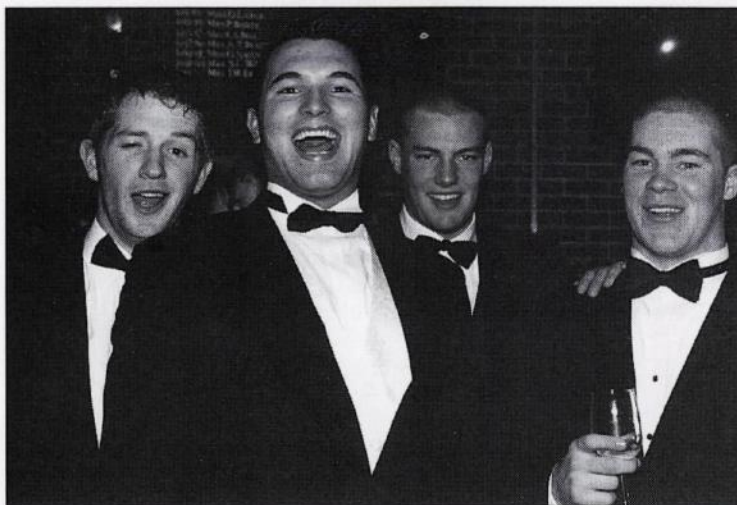
Soon enough it was time to leave the old school and Mr Blackmore's camera behind and head for our final destination. HSD carpark hadn't seen the likes of it before - a veritable fleet of limos exited through the gates and began the journey, with the obligatory Debs coach bringing up the rear.



Sophia Lawless & David Kirkpatrick

At the Killiney Court Hotel, the party just got better! HSD's most recent graduates boogied, sang and partied the night away. Memorable moments included:

- Fergus-who was in his blue period!
- Jane- who made a valiant effort to manage both a pair of crutches and a Debs dress at the same time!
- Singo- well...eh....not so much Singo I suppose, but his lady friend - life and soul of the party?? Understatement of the year!
- Ben- well, no one's quite sure what exactly Ben got up to but well...I think we've already said enough about that one!



David Campbell, Julien Fraser, Mark McCullough & Alan Dunne

To everyone's delight, Mr & Mrs McMullen were our guests of honour at the dinner and as usual they were among the first on the dance floor! By the way, any strange behaviour in B4 on Friday 6th October can be quickly put down to exhaustion.

Shortly after the meal, HSD's very own Brat Pack arrived! And it just wouldn't have been the same without them..... Thanks a million to Miss O'Sullivan, Miss Bourke, Mlle. Roulett and Mr Walker for taking the time to call in!

The party went on into the wee small hours when most people headed into town for breakfast in Bewley's.

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Debs 2000 such a special night!

-Jenni Daly (Head Girl 1999/00)



Vicky Glover, Rebecca Horan, Karen Prunty, Aisling Hale, Aoife Meldon & Amy Hamilton.

The Retirement of Mrs Ethnea Cummins

When Ethnea Cummins joined the staff of the Diocesan School for Girls in September 1971, she had already completed a successful period in the civil service. It was her desire to work with young people that would ensure that Mrs Cummins would remain in the profession until she decided to retire in the summer of 2000.

Mrs Cummins began her career teaching Irish and French. When the Diocesan amalgamated with The High School in 1974 she continued to inspire pupils, preparing them for both the Junior Certificate and the Leaving Certificate with great competence and efficiency. No doubt she will be remembered by generations of students as an encouraging teacher with a great grá for her subjects.

During these years Ethnea showed much interest in pastoral care and acted as both Form Teacher and Year Head to various year groups. Believing it important to keep up to date, she gave generously of her time as she took courses and attended seminars on counselling and various aspects of pastoral care. It was in this area of work that she found fulfilment as she took responsibility for overseeing the academic progress and pastoral needs of a whole year group. In many cases this required skill and time, and involved communication with colleagues and parents. She worked quietly and conscientiously, cajoling and encouraging. Many (both pupils and colleagues) found her a good counsellor and first-class confidante when problems arose.



During the last ten years she acted as Senior Lady Teacher, again looking after the needs of the pupils and compiling the list for Prize Distribution.

Ethnea will be remembered with much affection by both pupils and staff. As she takes a new direction in life, we wish her all the best.

—P. Graham

The Parents' Association

The 57th Annual General meeting of the High School Parents' Association was held in October, and the committee for 2000/2001 was Des Johnson (President), Susan Boyle (Secretary), Derek Hanan (Treasurer), Ruth Dover, Richelle Duggan, Roger Keller, Ann Mahon, Brian McSharry, Tadhg O'Connell, Anne O'Connor and Trevor Wynne. The Principal attended the meeting and was available to answer questions on school policy and development. We are most grateful to Mr Duffy for his attendance and participation at our AGM.

The Parents' Association has representatives on all subcommittees in the school. Des Johnson and Derek Hanan attended Board of Management meetings and Derek Hanan, Ruth Dover, Ann Mahon and Trevor Wynne represent the Parents on Finance, Education, Grounds and Property and Sports subcommittees.

The full committee met with Mr Duffy and the chairman of the Board, Mr Frank Sowman and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr Stan Mason. We value the opportunity to exchange ideas and information with the Principal and Board of Governors and thank them for their continuing interest in the Association.

The effects of the ongoing ASTI action were given much attention and consideration. The committee actively lobbied both sides of the dispute on several occasions and participated in meetings arranged by umbrella groups representing parents of schools in the local area and at national level. It is hoped that a satisfactory solution can be found before the beginning of the next school year.

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 and 5 this year, the form 2 meeting was arranged but cancelled at late notice because of the ASTI dispute. A great deal of work goes into the organisation and efficient running of these meetings and I wish to thank Ruth Dover, Susan Boyle, Richelle Duggan and Ann Mahon for their time and hard work in this regard.

A Mock Interview evening was organised by Tadhg O'Connell for fifth form students in early April, with the help of Guidance Counsellor, Ms Thelma Jones. Candidates were required to prepare a job application form and CV and then attend a 20-minute interview. The evening was a great success and my thanks go to Tadhg and all of the interviewers for freely giving of their time for this worthwhile learning experience.

The committee, represented by Roger Keller helped parents of sixth form to organise a party on the last day of sixth year. Following a graduation ceremony in the school the evening continued in Landsdowne Tennis Club until the early hours. Another party will be held for the third year on the night of the Junior Certificate results.

The association hosted a lecture on the subject of "Substance Abuse" by Des Corrigan of the Pharmacy Department in TCD. There were over 100 in attendance to hear a most interesting and informative talk. My thanks go to Susan Boyle for organising the lecture and to Richelle Duggan for chairing the meeting.

The Staff-Parents cricket match was held at the end of the summer term. Eric Rankin managed to assemble a remarkable group of highly tuned athletes and some others to represent the parents. In an exciting conclusion the teachers scrambled a victory off the last ball. Anne O'Connor organised an excellent tea which was consumed before play commenced.

Finally, I wish to record my appreciation for the time and effort given by each member of the committee throughout a difficult year.

-Des Johnson (President)



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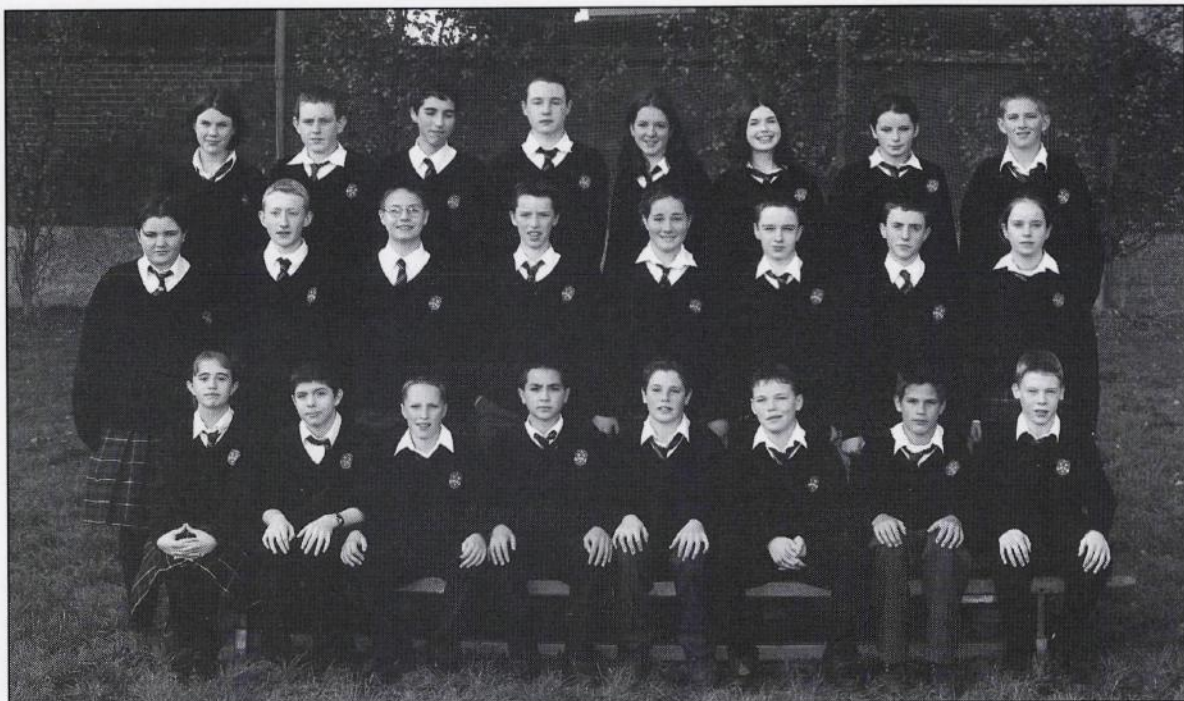
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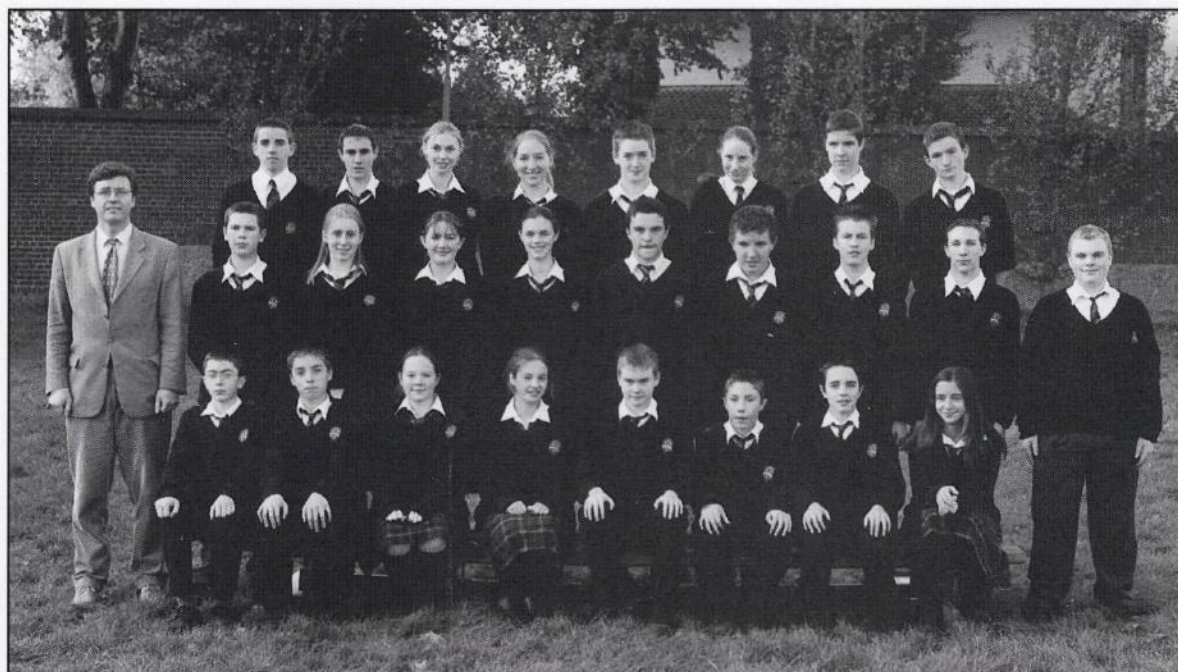
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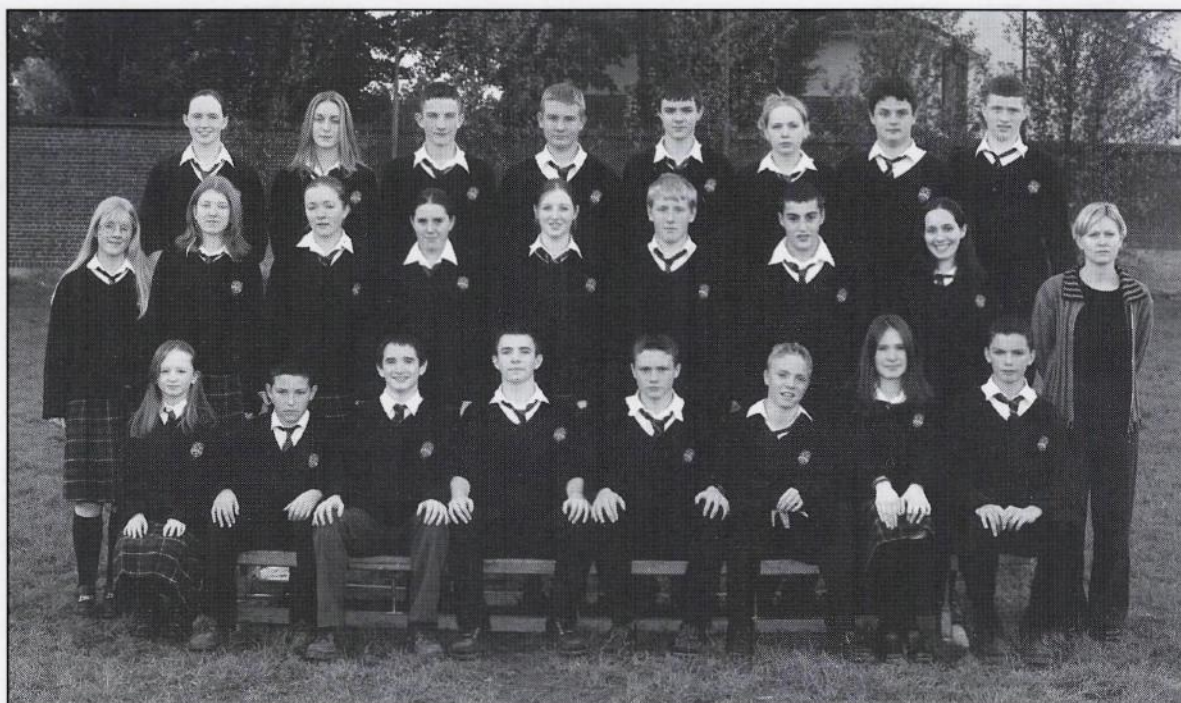
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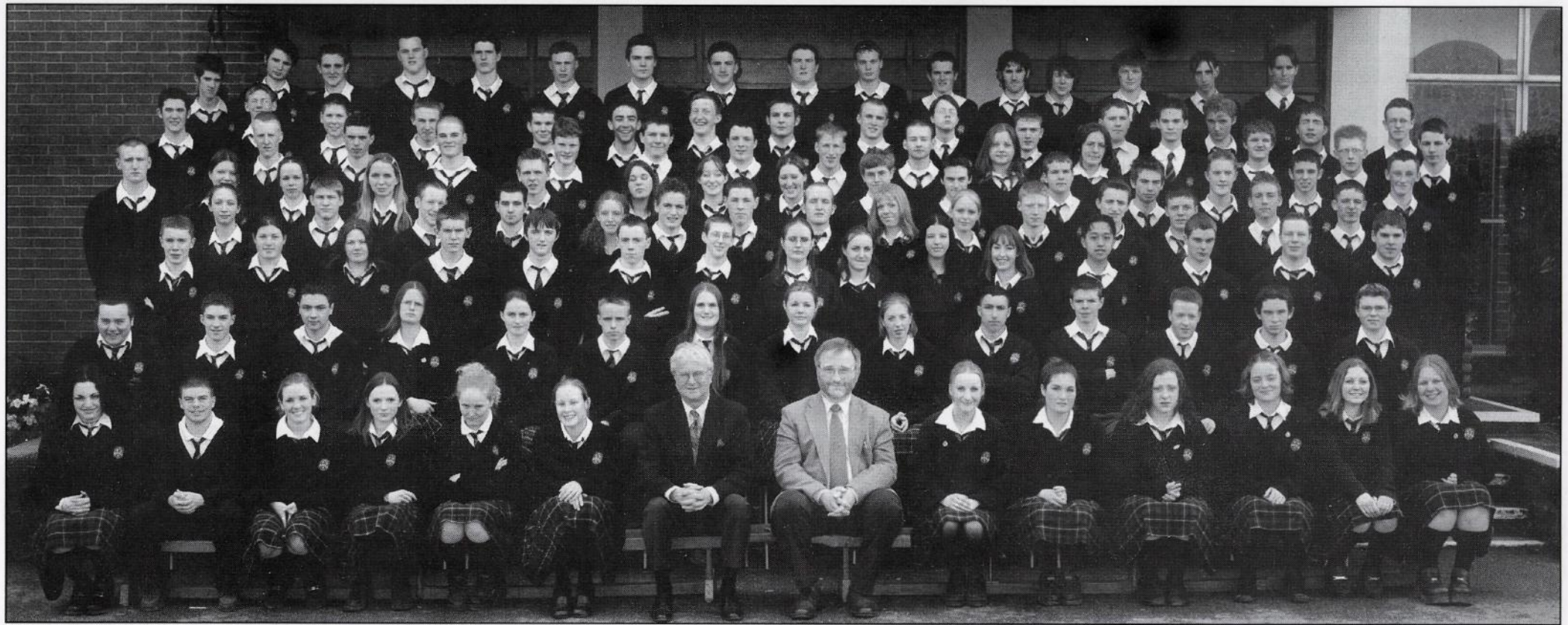


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Row 4: Matthew Doogue, Linda Nevin, Lucy Connor, Natalie May, Eoin McNally, Rachel Senior, Emma Flanagan, Breffni Sexton, Howard Thom, Gavin Coleman, Stephen Kohlman, Daragh Hogan, Lochlann Finn, Clive Lew, Sam Dooley.

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Row 8: Ria Czerniak-Lebov, Jeremy Lloyd, Sinead Gallagher, Jennifer Nason, Kim Maguire, Karen Murphy, Mr. McMullen, Mr. Duffy, Emma Cobban, Caoimhe Milotte, Ruth Manley, Holly Simmons, Caroline Byrne, Natalie Brandsma.

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Back Row: Jack Glacken, Bill Gunning, Niall Connell, Mark McMullan, Eoghan McDermott, Stephen Kerr, Christopher Camilleri, Niall O'Byrne, John Mc Dermott, Mark Mc Cartney, Graham Ruddle, Mark Walsh, Harry Feldman, Stephen Flanagan, Ben Okonji.

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Next row: John Kelly, Gordon Anton, Drew Prendergast, Eamonn Mannix, Alex McAuley, David O'Connell, Robert Anton, James Grimason, Genevieve King, Karen Prunty, Sarah Lysaght, Aoife Meldon, Louise McSharry, Amy Hamilton, Alice Dunne.

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Poems

Cherry Blossoms

In fresh springtime they gather,
On the trees,
Like wands of
Sweet pink candyfloss,
Soon gentle breezes
Sweep them from their branches
And form whirlwinds of
Pink petals.

I marvel at their teardrop shape
As I collect them one by one,
Soon I will starch them
And sell them as guitar picks
For a fiver a piece.

-L.B.

Dictatic

The ministronie gone,
Like I did that day!
Inside the raspberry
But I'm going going
Insane.
The choir sing really high.
I gave my life away.

-Em's & Caz

Mimosa

I'm anybody
But I'm nobody.
Does it matter
As I'm somebody.
MIMOSA

-Em's & Caz

Horses Horses Horses

Riding on my Pony
I go for a little jumpy
Riding round the fields I go
They don't have wheels
Cos it's not a car it's
A PONY!!

-F.P.

Failing Exams (the ultimate guide!)

So you've been in class,
All year long,
You think you know it all,
But then things started going wrong,
Until one day you fall.

The nausea's been building up,
Your brain begins to clutter,
Teachers' voices through your brain,
Your tummy starts to flutter.

As that guy walks down the hall,
Easy come distractions,
The last thing on your mind
Are those chemical reactions.

Life goes on and so do we,
Schoolwork starts to suffer,
My mind's a sieve; the info's gone,
What was that pH buffer?

Equations of the circle,
Le Passé Compose,
We learnt it and forget it,
All within a day.

Revision meets its deadline,
The term is at an end,
Sensation of insanity,
We all go round the bend.

From looking out the window,
From staying in your bed,
Head throbbing from the night before,
You should have worked instead.

Cramming just outside the hall,
Exams arrive at last,
For once regretting all the actions,
Committed in the past.

Report card in your mother's hand,
If looks could kill, hers would.
All your fears for once confirmed,
Should have studied while you could.

-Rachel & Ria

Silt

Sifting through mud
Looking for gold
Worship anything that shines

But don't believe all you are told
All that glisters is not gold
(Penicillin came from mould)

The shiny bits are nice, but Life
Is in the bits that surround them
Don't let it slip through your fingers.

-S.

The Father of Isabella

Isabella's father fell off a horse when she was small,
And she thought he was dead.
But he wasn't.
A year later though he died for no apparent reason
Of cancer in his face.
He actually did, you know.
It was very sad - not funny.
Not funny at all.
He knew more about antique lawnmowers
Than anyone else in the lawnmower society.
Isabella's mother was sad. Probably.
And so was Isabella.
She cried because she would never see him again,
And she never did
But she often thought about him
After some time, it became less sad.
Not funny though, it never really became funny.

-Anon

Side View

In the sea
Shall we
How it was
On Air.

Under this
Low tide
Dinner time
How nice
Aftershock
Vanquish.

Everyone
But us
Everytime
Enough.

Not to be
At all
Perfect on
Real gone.

Easily
Forget
Evermore
Could say
That way.

Mummy?

I just can't handle loving him,
As well as liking another.
What will I do oh great advisor?
Are you still listening mother?!

-Sinead

Unassuming

Unassuming, I sit
At my desk.
The work will not
do itself.
Unimportant questions.
I burst the bubble
And realise
No hope. no life. no
Time.
Death is the only exam.

-Alli

Spaceship Earth

I'm at the outer reaches of my galaxy,
Pluto, Neptune can't see me,
I'm long gone, can't you see,
You polluted, abandoned, destroyed me.

You dump all you want in my sea,
And now my fish can't breathe,
Greenhouse effect needs to let off steam,
But McDonalds cut down all my
trees for cattle feed.

I'm in a little raft in the sea,
Shipwrecked and lost for eternity,
I'm spaceship earth and I'm not free,
I've caught the worst disease,

You drop your H-bombs over me,
You kick me when I'm on my knees,
My ozone hole breathes CFC's
From aerosol infected trees that sneeze.

I'm in a life raft on the sea,
Shipwrecked and lost for eternity,
I'm spaceship earth and I'm not free,
I've caught the worst disease.

I've caught the worst disease

The world's caught the worst disease.

-Squigley

Time Up

The sand was soft,
And the sea was wet.
The chips were good,
And the sun was set.

I noticed the bones
Of the seagulls and crows.
The shells getting caught
In the nails of my toes.

No bother, no quibble,
My mind's not at home.
It's thinking of fairies
And the small yellow gnome.

It's time to head back
To the desk and the chair.
My A4 is waiting
It seems so unfair.

Maybe again will I
Sit at the beach
With two bags of chips
And some ketchup for each.

-Alli

War

The war arrives plane by plane,
Advancing slowly, one step at a time,
It dances outside our frail heads alive,
Pushing and pulling, like a skunk in a hive.

Unannounced it creeps past the terrible twos,
Leaping and bouncing upon sprightly shoes.
A wicked grin seen as we descend into doubles
Spiralling from there, a monster makes trouble.

Inserted and injected, into our own souls,
It plays with our being, burning like coals.
It's near the end of the war, our time is nigh.
A new troop is training, ready to lie.

A fortnight begins with a single step,
A step into nothing, and nothing else.
Good hope drowned under a sea of hate,
We sit in our chairs and patiently wait.
The paper which will judge us and maybe give more.
It stands before us, nothing but trees.
"Now you're happy" - Oh please!

-DR

Your Scent

A smell that reminds me of you,
My love who wasn't true,
It brings back so much pain,
It breaks my heart..... again.
It reminds me of those awful days,
It reminds me of your awful ways.
A scent that is musky, piercing and strong,
A scent that lingered for far too long.

..... I could smell it so clearly each
Time that we'd touch.
So why can you tell me, do I
Like it so much?

-Sinead

Untitled

Perched upon her solitary rock
She inhales her kingdom
Surveying the destruction
Caused by her hefty foot.

Centuries gone past
Like a swift winged dove
Meshing together unrecognisable
In tune with her undefined face.

Her love for you remains unrequited
Pebble dash, a flaky rash.

Her soul empty and black
Equalled only by an unquenchable thirst
For more than food - for life.

A personality lost in a sea
Of chastisement
Drowning, struggling, begging for help.

A shotgun blast.

Driven by nothing she continues on
Waiting for the final bomb
Wishing for a life full of fire
Oh how your soul begins to tire

Tentative steps... your end is near
Plastic surgery perhaps my dear.

-Alli

Rugby

Senior Cup Team 2000/2001



SCT Fr. Hampson Cup (Plate Winners)

Back Row (L-R): Robbie Burns, Simon Goldsmith, Tennyson Eager, Adam Leahy, Harry Feldman, Tony O'Brien.

Middle Row (L-R): Trevor Bass, Eoin McNally, Simon Loane, Robert Smyth, David Foran, Ben Okonji, Francis Cooney, Conor Sookram.

Front Row (L-R): Mr. R. Walker, John Kelly, Phillip De Barra, Niall O'Byrne, Steven Day, James Maher, Cathal D'Arcy, Mr. D. Wright.

Sitting: John Collery, Ross Condon.

With the success of the Canada tour behind us, the squad had high hopes for the coming season, but nobody could have predicted what lay ahead of us in one of the longest seasons ever! After two friendlies, the season really began with the first League match against King's Hospital at Danum. The team showed the fighting spirit which was with us in Canada and we won 17-0.

Our next League match was away to Castleknock. Although we scored more tries than our opponents, we lost to their

superior goal-kicking abilities. We then travelled to De la Salle, Churchtown, who were, as usual, tough and physical, but our pace and skill were too much for them and it finished up 22-7. Prior to that match we had also played St. Andrew's twice and recorded two easy victories, 25-12 and 34-0 and had also beaten St. Columba's 25-12.

On the 22nd November, we played in the quarter-final of the League against Gonzaga and with a catalogue of mistakes, unforced errors, two intercept tries and stupid penalties, Gonzaga won 23-11. We had thrown away our chance of progressing in the competition and we were very disappointed. We managed to beat St. Paul's 28-17 and Pres. Bray 48-5 before our annual fixture with our sister school, Sligo Grammar. We gave

away two intercept tries to the home team and looked to be losing until we scored a fantastic team try from inside our own 22 in the last play of the game.

By this time the Cup draw had been made and we were more than happy with a first round draw against Gonzaga. St. Mary's and Belvedere requested fixtures against us and we proved our worth by competing with both teams to the end, losing both games by less than a try. We then lost the run of ourselves and were defeated by Campbell College when we seemed to press all the self-destruct buttons at once. This was our biggest defeat of the season (38-8). We then recorded our biggest victory of the season by defeating St. Joseph's of Galway 60-10. It was then back to Dublin for the Cup.

On the 29th January, we stepped onto the pitch at Lakelands psyched-up and full of confidence. The match went as we expected, tough, fast and very tight. Although we had more chances, we failed to convert and at half time it was 8-8 after a superb individual try from Dave Foran and a penalty from Phil De Barra. In the second half we took the early advantage with another excellent try by John Kelly to give us the lead 15-8. Back came Gonzaga with a penalty and, with only a minute to go, they scored a try but luckily they missed the conversion. One of the best characteristics of this squad was the spirit and desire not to give up and from the restart we pounded hard at their defence and were rewarded with a penalty. It must be said that it wasn't the easiest of kicks but Phil De Barra managed to coolly guide it over to seal a memorable victory, and the party lasted well into the night!

Our second round match was against Castleknock in Belfield. It was not a memorable match. It was very up front and aggressive, as shown in the first few minutes by the injuries that Phil De Barra received to his face. We seemed to lose all control in the game, most noticeably when we had our own ball. The strength of Castleknock's pack rolled them into the next round. It was not a match we will care to remember and we were beaten by over 20 points.

The outbreak of foot and mouth disease seemed to put an end to the season and any Plate prospects. Our last match (or so we thought) was against a Canadian touring team. They were like the teams we had played over there, big and physical, but our pace and technique were to prove far superior and we won 44-3, scoring eight tries along the way.

With that win we thought that the season had come to a premature end, but by the time the foot and mouth restrictions came to an end we had been catapulted into the Plate semi-final. This seemed great but we faced a full strength St. Mary's side who were in tough training for a tour to Japan. We really put everything on the line and we managed to get an early lead. We put up a solid defence for the rest of the half and we scored two great tries in the second half to win 15-0. This put us in the Plate final for the second year in a row and we were very optimistic. Could we go one step further this year?

Before the Plate final we were invited to play a match against Wesley College by Old Wesley Rugby Club in Donnybrook under floodlights. The match flowed from one end to another with both teams playing a very attacking game. The teams were equally matched and a 13-all draw was very appropriate. A big thank you must go out to Old Wesley RFC for hosting the game and giving us dinner afterwards.

Three weeks later we were in Donnybrook again to play the team that we had knocked out in the first round last year, Roscrea, in the Plate final. The heat of the day took its toll on both teams but we both fought hard until the final whistle. The linking of the backs and forwards in the open and the great ball retention by the back row and everyone else lead us to a great victory (39-3). Beating two good rugby playing schools to win the Plate was a credit to the whole squad's effort throughout the year.

This season proved how the standard of rugby in High School is improving. Four members of our Senior squad received U-18 Leinster trials this year, T. Egar, R. Burns, D. Foran and F. Cooney and three members of our Junior squad received U-15 trials.

A big thank you must go out to the support of the whole school during the season; it really does make a huge difference when you have your school cheering you on. This extends to Mr. Duffy, the staff, the board of governors and the hundreds of supporters who came to our matches.

The biggest thank you must go to "Cocky" Wright and Ray Walker for all they did this year. They kept their faith in us right to the end and it must be acknowledged that they give up so much time to train us and to organise matches, and it is well appreciated by the whole squad.

All that is left to say is that it was a pleasure to play with such a skilled squad of players who were always up for a laugh and to wish good luck to next year's seniors.

-Steven Day (Captain)

Second XV



Back Row(L-R): Adam McDonnell, Simon Goldsmith, Adam Leahy, Thomas Eager, Robert Tierney, George Misstear.

Middle Row(L-R): Colm Doyle, Alan Duggan, Mark Kelly, Oscar Horton, Francis Cooney, Ross Condon.

Front Row(L-R): Mr. R. Walker, Simon Loane, Brian Logan, Conor Sookram, Daniel Vard, John Gillen, Mr. J. Clarke.

The senior seconds had quite a rough start to the season. In our first match, we came out on top with tries from Daniel Vard, John Gillen, Robbie Gilbert and Colm Doyle. We played quite well and won 34-32. However, this good form was not to last.

We lost the following three matches against Blackrock, Kilkenny and Castleknock. This was put down to the loss of some of our key players to the SCT squad including Francis Cooney and Cathal D'Arcy and also Sam Dooley due to injury. Things were looking grim for the League in February. We had two friendlies before the League, against Terenure and St. Mary's. We knew that we would have to dig deep to win these matches and we won both! This gave team morale a great boost in time for the League.

In February, the League began. Our first match was against a heavy Kilkenny side and this was played in the lashing

rain, which didn't suit our running style of play. We were on top after the first half with a great try from Robbie Gilbert and an incredibly difficult conversion from the boot of Daniel Vard. We conceded 9 points in the second half to lose the game which ended amid much controversy. Our next League game was against Gonzaga the following Wednesday, and we knew that only a win would suffice. The game was very tight and both teams were level at half time, with John Gillen getting our only try of the half after some great work by Thomas Eager and Daniel Sheridan in the rucks. The second half was extremely tense and even though Gonzaga had huge amounts of possession we dug deep and won 11-5. Essentially, our kicker Daniel Vard was the difference between the teams.

Gonzaga beat Kilkenny so we knew that a win against St. Columba's would see us to the semis as we had an excellent record on the number of tries conceded. Unfortunately, the foot and mouth scare put an end to the League, much to the disappointment of the whole squad. To add to this, our tour to Wales was cancelled which left us gutted.

I would like to thank Mr. Clarke and Mr. Moore for all their efforts. I would also like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Wright for their contributions throughout the season.

-Jack Dooley (Capt.)

J. C. T.



Back Row(L-R): Owen Wardell, Matthew Leahy, Ben Leonard-Kane, David Lee, Chris Harding, Pat Anglim, John McDermott, Bryan Hannon.

Middle Row(L-R): Max Olahan, Shane Prunty, Chris Somerville, Greg Sheridan, Rob Sherwood, Neil Smith, Ben Canton, Karl Hill.

Front Row(L-R): Stephen Rooney, Brian Kelly, Steven Duggan, Matthew D'Arcy (Capt.), Jamie McDonald, James Anglim, Mr. J. Dolan

Our team this year had a very good season. We had always gelled well together since first year and with the help of two very good coaches, I think we did ourselves justice.

The season kicked off well with a good victory over local rivals Gonzaga by 17 points to nil. This win gave us confidence and in our next match we really showed what we could do when we thrashed St. Andrew's 49-0! This was a fantastic result over a team who had beaten us before.

Next came a very tough game against St. Mary's and we came out losers by 30 points to 7. We knew that there was a lot of work to do if we were to be in contention for the Cup.

Our first League match was against King's Hospital. We didn't perform very well but we came out of the match with a point after a 15-all draw and with De la Salle dropping out of the League, we had a showdown with Roscrea. A win was needed to ensure qualification for the next

stage. During the game we had a lot of possession but were unable to convert it into points. Roscrea got a breakaway try and won the match by only two points, 7-5. Our only chance of qualification at this stage was for Roscrea to beat King's Hospital and for us to secure victory by 30 points or more over C.U.S.

We did beat C.U.S. by 42-0 despite missing some key players but Roscrea lost their game against King's Hospital. As a result we did not qualify from our group, which was a great disappointment to the team, as we felt we could have done much better.

After not qualifying for the League finals, our morale needed a lift which we obtained by beating arch-rivals Wesley 33 points to 7, a convincing win. Our next friendly was against Blackrock and although they fielded a mixture of their A and B teams we still won 19-0.

The next match was against Kilkenny and having never beaten them, we were hungry for a win and this showed in our performance. We came out winners by 15 points to 5. We won our last four friendlies and were beginning to play really good rugby.

Our worst game of the season followed with a defeat to Pres. Bray 27-11. After a good start we stepped off the pace and could never really get into the match.

We then lost to League winners C.B.C. in a tight match 29-22, and drew with Templeogue 10-all in our last game before Christmas.

After the seasonal break we travelled up to Campbell College with the Seniors but several of our players were either sick or away on holidays and we lost 34-14 to a better team. They played a fast powerful style of rugby which caught us out.

With only two matches left before the Cup we still had plenty of problems so our training became a lot more intense and we beat both Gonzaga and St. Gerard's. The team finally felt ready for the Cup.

We played St. Patrick's, Navan in our first match. We didn't know what to expect but we won comfortably 21-5 with Stephen Rooney scoring two tries, Mat-

thew D'Arcy scoring a try, a conversion and a penalty and Brian Kelly scoring a penalty.

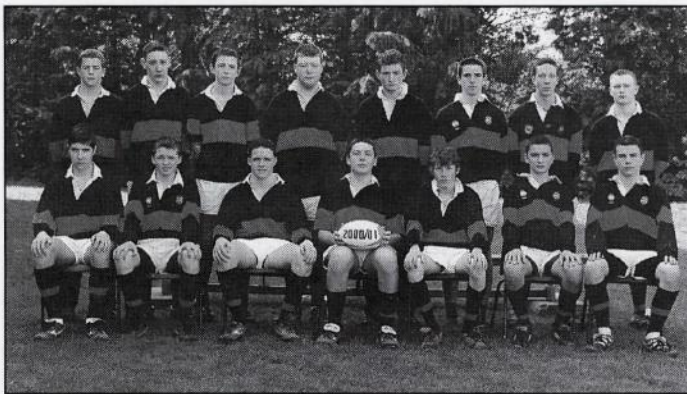
We played C.U.S. in the second round and despite a poor performance we won 17-10, with the help of tries from Ben Leonard-Kane, Chris Harding and Stephen Rooney. We were now into the quarter-final which was to be played at Donnybrook. The match was delayed first due to snow and then due to the foot and mouth disease.

After a delay of over a month we finally played the match and we took an early lead with a Brian Kelly penalty. Terenure scored two tries and a penalty and we got another penalty to go in at half time 22-6 down. To make things worse they scored soon after the restart. We got a great try scored by David Lee to make the score 29-13. We attacked for the next 20 minutes but failed to score and Terenure finished the game with a break away try in injury time to leave the score 34-13.

I would like to thank our coaches Mr Dolan and Hugh Hogan for the huge amount of effort and hard work they put in this year. Finally I would like to thank everyone who came to support us throughout the year.

-Matthew D'Arcy (Capt.)

J.C.T. 'B'



Back Row(L-R): Mark Lew, Chris McCarlith, Paddy Mullins, Barry Walsh, Andrew Meaney, John McDermott, Carl Hill, Macdara O'Sheridan.

Front Row(L-R): Carl Daly, James Anglim, Daniel O'Rourke, Peter Burns (Capt.), Elliot Leavy, Ben Canton, Neil Smyth.

The JCT "B" team got off to a very good start, winning three out of four games. These wins included games against Blackrock and Roscrea. Unfortunately, we seemed unable to raise ourselves for the big games and seemed to lack the desire to work hard in the lesser games.

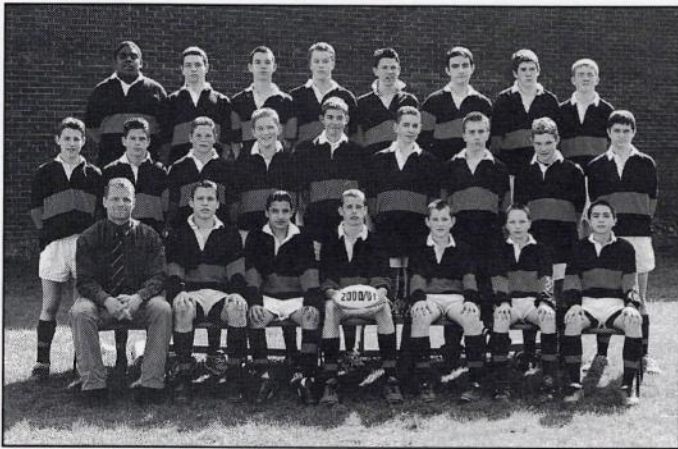
By the time the League came around, we had lost some of our players to the Cup team, including John McDermott and Ben Canton. These two players were in key positions on our team and without them we were not very successful in the League.

We would not have got where we did without our leading try scorer Macdara O'Seireadán, who scored seven tries and Elliot Leavy, who scored six.

I would like to thank Mr. Giles who not only coached the team but also encouraged a much greater turnout of "B" players at training. I would also like to thank Mark McCullough for his advice and training during the season.

-Peter Burns (Capt.)

Under 14 'A'



Front Row(L-R): G. Nwosu, L. Fernandez, A. Loane, C. Condrón, P. Earls, J. Aslanis, E. Long, B. Phelan.

Middle Row(L-R): G. Kinlan, S. Walsh, R. Traynor, A. Thompson, W. Mitchell, D. Flower, S. Lane, R. Traynor, J. Hanlon.

Back Row(L-R): Mr. S. Moore, K. Suiter, C. Sookram, N. McDarby(Capt.), J. Somerville, P. Duffy, A. Lui.

The under 14 A's had a much improved season this year. With more experience and a stronger team we won our first three matches, easily beating Wesley, Templeogue and Newpark. Our match against Terenure proved more difficult, and we lost heavily.

We came back to beat C.U.S., Kilkenny and Wesley for a second time. With a strong fast pack and a quick back line we worked well as a unit. We lost to Gonzaga, Clongowes and Templeogue, which was very disappointing but we ended the season well, beating St. Andrew's and C.U.S. very comfortably.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr. Moore, Mr. Walker, Imran Masood and Ross Wynne for coaching us during this season.

-Niall Mc Darby (Capt.)

Under 14 'B'



The season got off to a good start with early victories over Wesley, St. Columba's and C.U.S. During the rest of the season we had some good results and some not so good results. Even so, the players drew great experience from the season and even gained a new player, Michael Blackwell, who will be valuable in the seasons to come.

The whole team would like to thank Mr. Moore and Imran Masood for their great training sessions, dedication and hard graft this year.

-Glen Sheridan (Capt.)

Back Row(L-R): David Flower, Simon Marconi, William Mitchell, Robert Wilson, Gus Nwosu, Bredan Phelan.

Middle Row(L-R): Scott Hannan, Evan Barry, Gregor McGuckin, Stephen Lane, James Hanlon, Ciaran Hale, Patrick O'Shea.

Front Row(L-R): Mr. S. Moore, Michael Blackwell, Ross Johnson, Glen Sheridan, Johnny Somerville, Philip Duffy, Joseph Scanlon.

Under 13 'A'



Back Row(L-R): Scott Kohlman, Barry Browne, Shane Hennessy, Luke Begley, Ben Duffy, Mark Rooney, Kevin Finnegan, Alex Cole-Pidgeon.

Middle Row(L-R): Shane Sargeant, Davy Kelleher, Sammy Sherwood, Simon Coyne(Capt.), Nathan Barber, Sean O'Gorman.

Front Row(L-R): Michael Willoughby, Ben Satchwell.

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was the best of times because we were all introduced to the fantastic game of rugby. We learned the laws and the skills of the game and gradually learned to work together (although it still needs a lot of work). It helped us to socialise with first years that weren't in our class.

It was the worst of times because nearly all our games were cancelled due to either bad weather or the foot and mouth disease. The stress of training all the time got to some people (especially as we were up against all the elements). Furthermore we had to get used to getting up early on Saturday mornings, which was new to some people.

For our first match against C.U.S. everyone was feeling uneasy, including the other team. It was our first time playing a 15-a-side game on a full-size pitch. The final score was 15-15 thanks to some superb kicking from Ben Duffy.

After this a lot of our games were cancelled and a lot of teams seemed to be getting more match practice. This put us in the losing seat for a while. However, confidence was raised by the enthusiastic approach on the pitch from Alex Cole-Pidgeon and often, just when we seemed to lose hope, Mark Rooney popped up for one of his fantastic tries with help from the fast feet of Barry Browne. These efforts seemed to spark up our games.

During the season we had two matches against touring sides, one from England and the other from Scotland. While we did not get to see the English team after the match, we put the Scottish team up for the night. We all got on well with the lads and, who knows, maybe we'll be able to play against them again some day.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Gill and all the other coaches for giving up their time and introducing us to this fantastic game.

-Simon Coyne (Capt.)

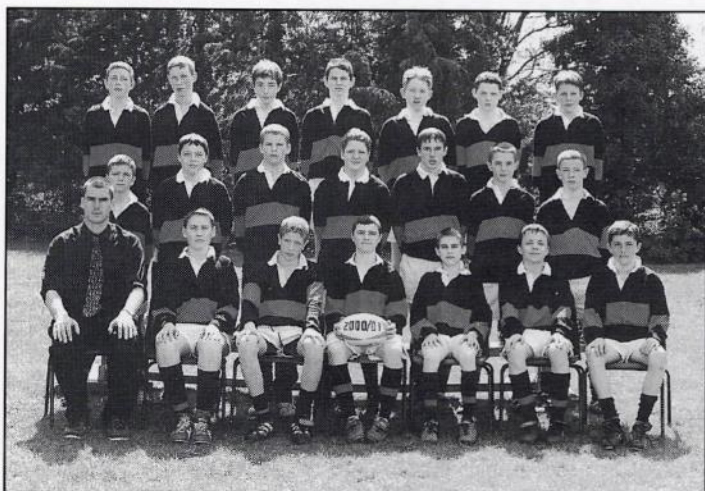
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Under 13 'B'



We had a bit of a rough start to the rugby season. Most of the players had never played rugby before. Eventually we all got the hang of it. We learned how to communicate with each other and we stopped dropping the ball! It was a tough year for us but we got better as the year went on. We would like to thank our coaches - Mr Gill, Shane Murphy and Scott Wynne.

-Peter Jackson (Capt.)

*Back Row(L-R): Ronan Keller, Luke McSharry, Robert Hunter, Eddie Flaherty, Harry Fitzgerald, Niall Milton, Dylan Murphy.
Middle Row(L-R): Rory O'Connor, Aidan Hunt, Stefan Slattery, Danny Erskine, Manus Cronin, Joe Scanlon, Paddy O'Shea.
Front Row: (L-R): Mr. T. Gill, Karl Browne, Gerard Prunty, Peter Jackson(Capt.), Robin Leavy, Nicky Wynne, Conor Hyland.*

Under 13 'C'



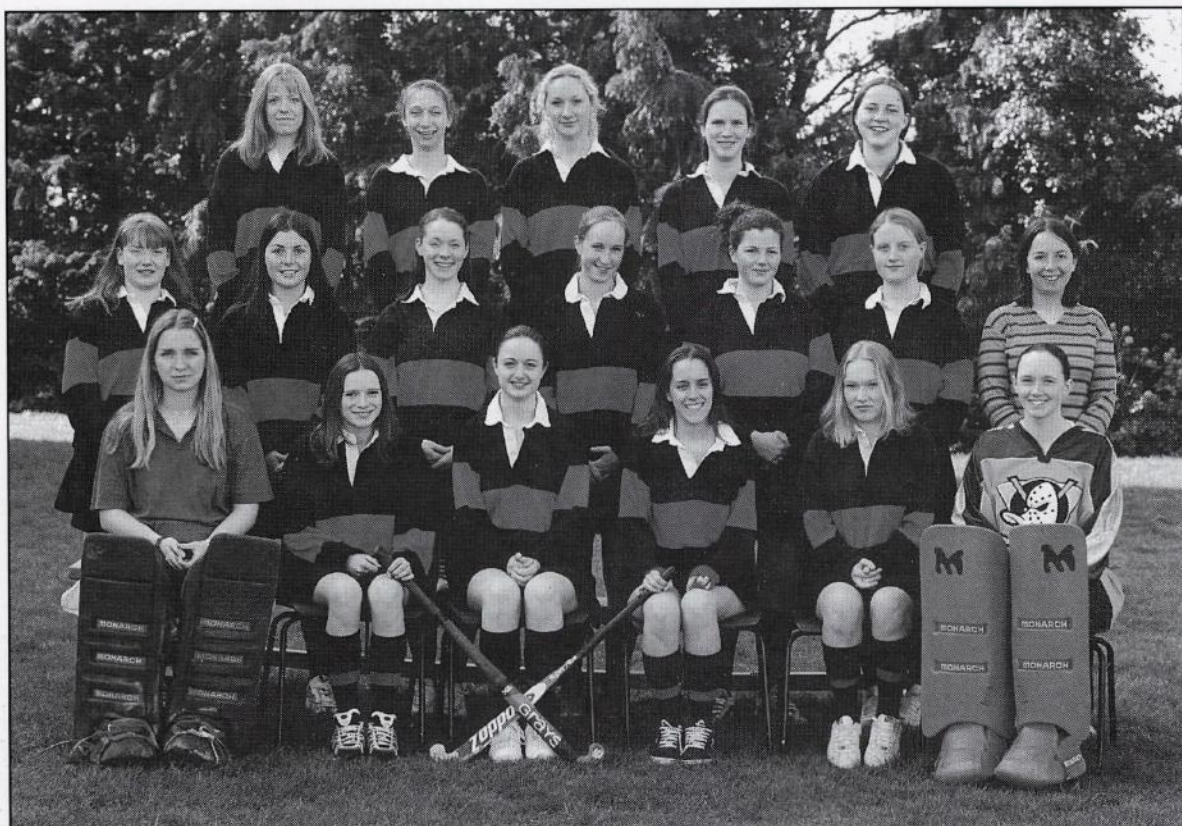
"Postponed", "cancelled", "re-fixed". These were among many words that the team were disappointed to see on the noticeboard during our season with the "Killer C's". It was hard to get match experience when so many games were called off, but the team was dedicated and improved their performance with every game. Although we didn't win any matches, we went out every time and gave our best against opposition that was almost always bigger and more experienced than us. I hope next season the weather will permit us to play more games, and that we will go on to the rugby pitch and win!

-Manus Cronin (Capt.)

*Back Row(L-R): Derek Denby, Jordan Ralph, Ciaran O'Callaghan, Robert Hunt, Luke McSharry, Nicholas Glacken, Daryl Winslow.
Middle Row(L-R): Chris Blair, John Kirkpatrick, Manus Cronin, Jamie O'Neill, Georgi Hill, Bevan Carr.
Front Row(L-R): Robin Leavy, Joshua Plunkett*

Girls' Hockey

1st XI



*Back Row(L-R): Fiona Collins, Natasha Hall, Sarah Keogh, Sarah Brusey, Ros Campbell.
Middle Row (L-R): Jennifer Hickey, Orla Walsh, Jennifer Collins, Rachel McSharry, Sarah Walsh,
Rebecca O'Reilly, Miss C. Ritchie.
Front Row(L-R): Natalie May, Jenni Nason, Adele Camier, Kate Mahon, Gillian McMurray.*

The season can be best described as eventful, challenging and enjoyable. Looking back to the September days when we were planning the team for the season ahead, little did we know what lay ahead for us. We had nine players who had experience of first team hockey from the previous year and this was the basis of our squad for the year.

During the season we changed several positions due to injury and the quest to find the right team blend. While this may have been disruptive, it did give players the opportunity to play in other positions. To look at the squad in more depth, we can start with the back line. Natalie May in goal (a pillar of strength), Sarah Walsh (a strong defender with huge potential),

Natasha Hall (fast, fit and fearless), Maeve Willoughby (admirable and aggressive), Roisin Cox (dependable and determined), Sarah Brusey (never gave up and always gave her best), Fiona Collins (a great striker with loads of willpower), Jen Collins (very apologetic but knows her game), Rebecca O'Reilly (versatile with twirls of talent), Rachel Mc Sharry (skilful and a real hockey future ahead), Sarah Keogh (speedy and a dependable scorer), Jenny Nason (crazy and energetic), Kate Mahon (reliable and an asset to the team), Jennifer Hickey (aggressive forward), Ros Campbell (positive and unbeatable), Orla Walsh (fearless and courageous) and lastly Gillian Mc Murray (star of the future).

Our first League match was in early October when we met a strong Mount Anville and lost narrowly. We played five League games in which we won one, drew one and lost three. Some of the defeats were unlucky; we were better than the scores suggested, as we did not give up at any stage.

The Leinster Senior Cup campaign started in late January with a by into the second round. Our first Cup match was against St. Gerard's at home. The game itself ended scoreless despite constant pressure from the High School attack. The defence remained strong with a sound performance from Gillian in goal. The replay was held a week later in Three Rock Rovers with a well deserved 2-0 victory and fine goals from Rachel and Ros. This was a good team performance and gave us confidence for our next game in the quarter-finals.

Loreto Beaufort proved a very difficult encounter as they were a very strong side and were having a

very successful year. We lost this match but not without all of the team giving their best.

The season did have its memorable moments and sealed many friendships. It can be said that we had lots of fun along the way. I would especially like to thank Miss Ritchie for her dedication and support throughout the year. Without her we would not have achieved the success that we did. I also appreciate the help that Mr Miller gave us in the latter part of the season. Thanks also goes to our other coaches, teachers, parents and friends who came to our matches and provided us with encouraging support.

Finally, I would like to give my thanks to all the players and subs for their hard work and dedication which made this an enjoyable season both on and off the pitch. I would like to wish the incoming captain and High School hockey the best of luck in the year ahead.

-Adele Camier (Capt.)

2nd XI



Back Row(L-R): Jenni Nason, Karen Prunty, Rebecca Nicholson, Aoife O'Donoghue, Fiona Collins, Sarah-Jane Pardoe, Sarah Brusey, Aoife McDarby.

Front Row(L-R): Miss C. Ritche, Holly Simmons, Sarah Fisher, Sarah Lysaght, Carolyn Goulden, Donna Lui, Tanya Hashmi.

Overall, we had a very enjoyable season. The team worked well together from the very start and we had a great team spirit. We developed a good mid-field and quite a

strong defence. Sarah Fisher scored many hat tricks during the season. Although we didn't win all our games we thoroughly enjoyed each match. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr McKay and Miss Ritchie for their support and coaching this year.

-Sarah Brusey (Capt.)

3rd XI



Back Row(L-R): Donna Lui, Nadine Grunitz, Rebecca Nicholson, Fiona Condren, Triona Curran, Sarah Lowe, Rebecca Rolfe.

Front Row(L-R): Miss C. Ritchie, Sarah Fisher, Andrea Jenkinson, Sarah-Jane Pardoe (Capt.), Carolyn Goulden, Denise Lui, Tania Hashmi.

Junior A



Back Row(L-R): Aoibhin McGreal, Ciara Nugent, Julie McRann, Ros Campbell, Alice Keogh, Orla Walsh, Sophie O'Hare.

Front Row(L-R): Gillian McMurray, Karis Brauer, Kate Ashe-Leolard, Maeve Willoughby (Capt.) Suzanne Cairns, Lyndsey Watson, Mrs Mellon.

Junior B



Back Row(L-R): Grace Nelson, Jenny Stafford, Anna Stewart, Margaux Kenny, Vicky Wright, Saoirse Ryan, Zara White, Catherine Hilliard.

Front Row(L-R): Miss Quinn, Jenny Kearns, Rebecca Fisher, Ruth Connell (Capt.), Ciara Fahey, Susan Walsh, Sharon Johnson.

This year's team was comprised of third and fourth years. At the beginning we didn't mix well but after a few training sessions we started to work together as a team. Although some of our matches reminded me of golf tournaments, we were fit and ready to attempt winning the League.

We had tough games through the year but qualified for the quarter-finals. The quarter-finals took place during the Junior Cert mock exams but nonetheless all of our dedicated team showed up for our hectic training sessions. We played Mt. Anville who were a very tough team and we were unfortunate to lose. It was fun training with Miss Quinn and we would all like to thank her for putting up with us and not giving up on us. Maybe next year the Junior B's will win the League.

-Ruth Connell (Capt.)

Junior C1



Back Row(L-R): Aideen Blackwood, Sarah Cobban, Nicole Sutton, Danielle Donnelly, Zoe Allot, Fiona Keller.

Front Row(L-R): Miss Ritchie, Rhiannon Gleeson, Andrea Burgess, Deborah Keogh (Capt.), Freya Oatway, Ruth Kelly.

The Junior C's had a good season this year. We lost our first match of the season against Alexandra College but we learned from our mistakes and won most of our matches against St. Gerard's, Notre Dame, Our Lady's, and Alexandra College who we beat 3-0. Everyone was really enthusiastic and willing to play whatever the weather. We would like to thank Miss Ritchie and Rachel Reid for spending so much time coaching us.

-Debbie Keogh (Capt.)

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Junior C2



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Front Row(L-R): J. Bell-Fahy, A. O'Byrne, D. Lui, R. Rolfe (Capt.), J. Burke, M. Dowds, Miss C. Ritchie*

Minor A



*Back Row(L-R): Mrs G. Mellon, Holly Warren, Vicky Collins, Kim Elliott, Saoirse Gilbert, Ciara O'Toole.
Front Row(L-R): Nicky Daly, Christine Boyle, Julie McRann, Averil Blakely, Katie Hamilton, Ashling Hughes.*

The Minor A's had another great year. The highlight of the season was getting to the quarter-final of the League to play against Beaufort and we were extremely unfortunate to lose. The match had gone into extra time as the score stood at 2-2. Beaufort's winning goal was scored in the second half of extra time. It was very disappointing to lose like that. Due to the encouragement and training provided by Mrs Mellon, the team worked hard, enthusiastically and consistently. We have definitely progressed since last year in our individual skills and in our performance as a team. Hopefully next year we can go all the way.

-Julie McRann (Capt.)

Minor B



*Back Row(L-R): Kate Blackwell, Sarah O'Callaghan, Alison Bass, Sarah Mehan, Isabelle Baker, Lauren Dwyer.
Front Row(L-R): Mr Wilkinson, Karen Douglas, Claudine Murphy, Claire Fry (Capt.), Michelle Gunn-O'Connor, Pamela Webster, Michelle O'Donoghue.*

The Minor B's started off this season on the wrong foot, but once we got ourselves sorted out we were unbeatable. We won all of our League matches which meant we came top of our section. This was a huge achievement for us all. We were drawn against Muckcross in the quarter-finals. Unfortunately, Muckcross scored in the first half and despite having most of the possession, we were unable to score that vital goal. We were defeated but each player had given 110% effort. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson, Mrs Mellon and Mr D. Miller for their encouragement and great coaching.

-Claire Fry (Capt.)

Minor C



Back Row(L-R): Mrs G. Mellon, Rachel Ellman, Niamh Carroll, Orla Tevlin, Samantha Meredith, Fiona Briggs, Niamh Hogan. Front Row(L-R): Emily Glynn, Lauren Dwyer, Barbara Dooley, Jane Goldsmith (Capt.) Mallaidh Milotte, Anna McCormick, Aoife Green.

This year's C team had a very good season. We won nearly all of our friendly matches but were unfortunately knocked out of our League just before the quarter-finals by Alexandra College. This year everybody was enthusiastic and determined to succeed. All of our matches had very close results and nobody gave up until the final whistle. All in all I think it was a very good season for us and I hope we can do even better next year.

On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for organising our matches and for her encouragement, Brian Mellon and Simon Goldsmith for attempting to coach us, and all the parents especially Robert Carroll for supporting our matches and for all the lifts to our away matches, especially from Lynda Goldsmith. I would also like to thank the team for voting me captain and for being so enthusiastic.

-Jane Goldsmith (Capt.)

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First Year A



Back Row(L-R): Mrs Mellon, Nikki Daly, Amy Munoz, Katie Smith, Nicki Gregory, Holly Warren, Ruth Jones.

Front Row(L-R): Jenny Keane, Catherine Alexander, Grace Nugent, Christine Boyle, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard-Kane, Amy Coughlan.

The 2000/01 First Year A girls' hockey team has had a great season. We played a lot of matches and we didn't lose a single one! We have improved greatly over the year, thanks to the coaching of Stuart Mellon and Mrs Mellon. Some of the players' skills progressed so much

that they were moved up! Unfortunately we didn't get to play our League matches as we had hoped due to the restrictions from the foot and mouth crisis.

As the captain of the team I would like say that we are all very proud of what the team has achieved this year, and we hope to do as well next year!

-Christine Boyle (Capt.)

First Year B



Back Row(L-R): Rebecca Tadros, Alex Wilson, Karen Sutton, Ailbhe Donnellan, Elizabeth Donnelly, Amy Kenealy.

Middle Row(L-R): Mrs G. Mellon, Lorna O'Rourke, Suzanne Burke, Jill Harding, Rachel McCoy, Sinead Frizelle, Ashling Bridgeman, Nadia Carrim.

Front Row(L-R): Una Ní Éigeartaigh, Emma Laing, Freda O'Donell, Aishling Barry(Capt.), Aoife Green, Chloe Stacy, Amy Coughlan.

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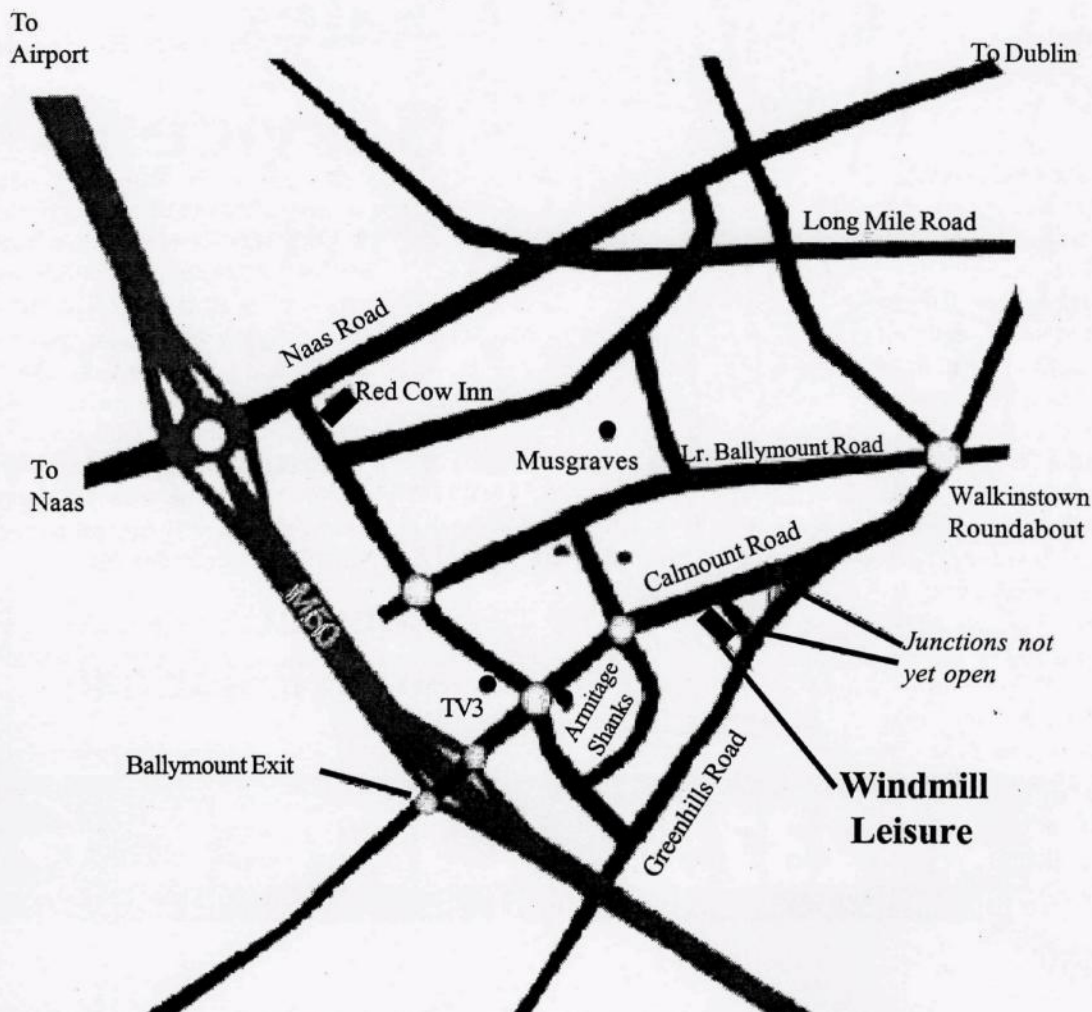
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Boys' Hockey

1st XI



Back Row(L-R): Glenn McNeill, Davy Holmes, Brian Mellon, Andreas Gilmore, Jamie McNamara, Donald Gray, Jim Grimason.

Front Row(L-R): Clive Lew, Ralph Prendergast, Cillian Meldon, Mark McMullen (Capt.), Drew Prendergast, Richie Somerville, Mr D. Miller.

Seated: Andrew Grimason, Brian Sargeant.

With last year's SCT squad getting to the semi-finals of the Cup, we knew there were high expectations of this year's team. We started the League well with a hard fought 1-0 away victory over King's Hospital. In our next match we came from behind against St. Killian's thanks to a brilliant John Kelly hat trick. To win in this style was a real boost for the team's confidence. We then had a fast and furious 2-2 draw with arch-rivals Wesley College. This result was probably fair as both teams had put in a supreme effort. Our next League match was probably our best performance of the season. We went up against Wilson's Hospital and took them apart, hammering them 5-0. Everyone on the team had a great game, but none better than Brian Mellon, who scored a hat trick. Brian was also our top scorer for the season on eight goals.

Then came the Cup match. We were drawn against St. Columba's and we felt we had a good chance of making it to the next round. Unfortunately, on the day we played our worst hockey of the year and lost 5-1. This was a really big disappointment and spirits were low. We weren't annoyed that we had lost, we were annoyed because we were capable of performing much better than we did. Despite this, we picked ourselves up and prepared to win the League. Unfortunately, the foot and mouth crisis now took hold and caused the cancellation of the rest of the League games. At the time the League was suspended, we were joint top with Wesley on 11 points each. This was yet another blow to the team as we were determined to make up for our early Cup exit by taking the League title away from Wesley.

On behalf of the squad I would like to thank Mr D. Miller for his level of commitment and dedication to the team and also for the quality training and coaching he provided.

-Mark McMullen (Capt.)

J. C. T.



Back Row(L-R): Glenn McNeill, Davy Holmes, Niall McDarby, Ben Canton, Cillian Meldon, Chris McAuliffe, Steven Duggan, Neil O'Connor.

Front Row(L-R): Mr D. Miller, Andrew Grimason, William Mitchell, Ralph Prendergast (Capt.), Shane Prunty, Brian Sargeant, Johnny Somerville.

Under 14's



Back Row(L-R): Ronan Keller, Peter May, Luke McSharry, Jeff Warren, Michael Sexton, Liam Reidy.

Front Row(L-R): Ross Johnson, Michael Blackwell, William Mitchell, Niall McDarby (Capt.), Johnny Somerville, Scott McNeill, Mr D. Miller.

Seated: Michael Willoughby, Shane Sargeant.

Under 13's



Back Row(L-R): Scott O'Malley, Peter Jackson, Ronan Keller, Karl Brown, Christopher Stewart, Johnny Somerville.

Front Row(L-R): Darragh Walsh, Christopher Blair, Shane Sargeant, Luke McSharry (Capt.), Michael Willoughby, Neil Barrett, Mr I. Wilkinson.

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Boys' Cricket

1st XI



*Back Row(L-R): Alan Duggan, Clive Lew, Ian Cairns, Sam Dooley, Brian Mellon.
Front Row(L-R): Mr McMullen, Robbie Burns, Craig Watson, Andreas Gilmore, Rory Cramp, Peter Burns.*

This was a uniquely unusual year for cricket in High School. We were unable to have any matches above under-14 level at Danum. Reconstruction work on the pavillion considerably reduced the size of the outfield on one side.

The school was represented in the Seconds League playing away against St. Columba's, an exciting victory, and to Wilson's Hospital and Clongowes 1st XI. We also played an enjoyable friendly against Wesley College.

The team consisted of members of fifth form and was excellently captained by Andreas Gilmore. There were some excellent performances from among others Brian Mellon and Rory Cramp. In addition, our annual away fixture with Sanford against Coleraine Inst. could not take place due to foot and mouth disease.

We look forward to a more normal season in 2002.

-R. McMullen (Coach)

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Back Row(L-R): Ross Johnson, Steven Walsh, Alan Thompson, Andrew Meaney, Chris Harding, Donal Curran, Mr R. Walker.

Middle Row(L-R): Simon Jones, Mark Lew, Niall McDarby, Peter Burns (Capt.), Ben Leonard-Kane, Bryan Hannon.

Front Row(L-R): Philip Duffy, Johnny Somerville.

After winning our first game against Wilson's Hospital comfortably, we were aware that the next game would be tougher but stayed focused and beat St. Joseph's by 8 wickets. We knew then that a win over Terenure would put us in the final. We then went on to play Terenure in what we thought would be a testing game. We won comfortably by over 100 runs. The next game against St. Mary's was the most challenging of our League matches. However we won because of Mark Lew's great fielding (let's not mention his little duck).

We were faced by Belvedere in the final. The match was played in Wesley and we knew that we had a daunting task if we were to win, but we had no idea they would be as good as they were. They put on a fine batting display and got 220 runs for no wickets. We batted well but their bowlers, as good as their batters, made sure of their victory. We ended up losing by 100 runs but with a great batting performance from Niall McDarby (as always). I would like to thank Mr Walker for coaching us this year and the scorers who gave up their time and kept the book.

-Peter Burns (Capt.)

Under 14



Back Row(L-R): Jonathan Quinlan, Brendan Phelan, Simon Marconi, Patrick Earls, Andrew Loane, Alan Thompson, Barry Daly.

Middle Row(L-R): Mr R Davies, Ross Johnson, Niall McDarby, Stephen Walsh(Capt), William Mitchell, Glenn Sheridan, Mr J. Clarke.

Front Row(L-R): Michael Blackwell, Graham Kinlan, Johnny Somerville, Philip Duffy.

Under 13



Back Row(L-R): A. Hunt, K. Finnegan, G. Prunty, R. Hunter, S. Slattery, N. Milton, R. O'Connor.

Front Row(L-R): D. Kelleher, B. Duffy, B. Satchwell, J. Somerville(Capt), B. Browne, Mr B. Quinn.

Girls' Cricket

1st XI



Back Row(L-R): Rebecca Rolfe, Julie McRann, Miriam McSharry, Sara Lowe, Suzanne Cairns, Kim Elliott, Aileen Blackwood.

Front Row(L-R): Lyndsey Watson, Katherine Hilliard, Rachel McSharry, Lucy Whittaker, Claudine Murphy.

The Senior Girls this year consisted of mostly junior players, but that didn't disadvantage us in any way; in fact we got to the semi-final. In the semi-final we played Alexandra College and unfortunately lost, but it was great to get that far!

Lucy's excellent bowling helped greatly and our diving competitions to see who could get the most grass stains was won by Miriam!

Aileen's bowling saved us many a time, and the fielding was great. Thanks for your wicket keeping Claire!

Thanks to all the junior players that subbed up and to Suzanne who scored for us. Thanks must also go to Mrs Mellon for putting up with us and for the lifts (we know you didn't notice Claire in the back seat - don't pretend you did!)

We all had really good fun.

-Rachel McSharry (Capt.)



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Junior Girls



Back Row(L-R): Mrs Mellon, Holly Warren, Lyndsey Watson, Ros Campbell, Ciara Nugent, Sophie O'Hare, Nicky Daly.

Front Row(L-R): Aideen Blackwood, Rebecca Rolfe, Suzanne Cairns, Julie McRann, Catherine Hilliard, Amy Kenealy.

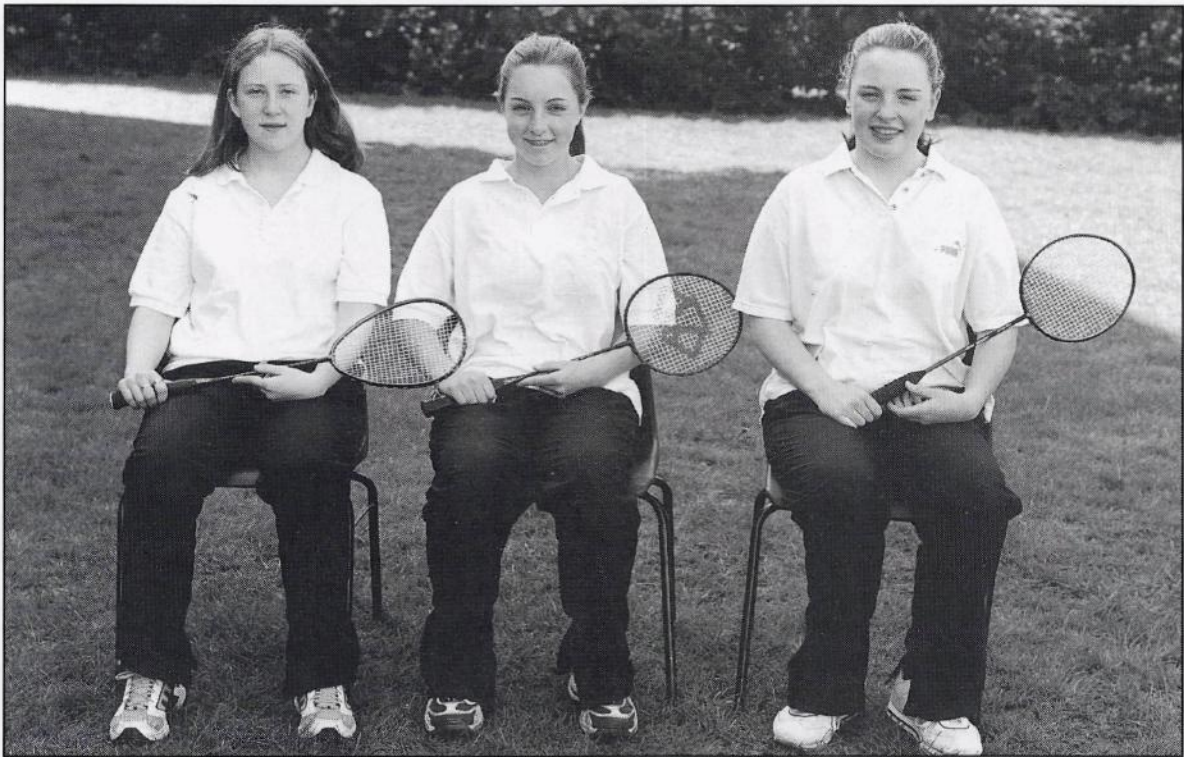
Minor Girls



Back Row(L-R): Nadia Carrim, Emma Louis, Catherine Alexander, Nicole Gregory, Ruth Jones, Nikky Daly.

Front Row(L-R): Ashling Barry, Megan Leonard-Kane, Amy Kenealy, Holly Warren, Grace Nugent, Mrs. Mellon.

Badminton



Under 14 A Girls

(L-R): Laura-Anne Stewart, Holly Warren, Lauren Dwyer.



Under 14 B Girls

Back Row(L-R): Emma Laing, Freda O'Donnell.

*Front Row (L-R): Jenny Weekes, Amy Ward,
Miss Harvey.*



Under 14 Boys

Back Row(L-R): Peter Jackson, Liam Reidy.

*Front Row (L-R): Jordan Ralph,
Nicholas Gordon Miss Harvey.*

Tennis

Senior Boys



*Back Row(L-R): Scott McNeill, Ben Canton, Adam Leahy, David McNeill.
Front Row(L-R): Sean O'Gorman, Conor McCartney, Gordon Anton, Mr McClure.*

It was a mixed year for the senior boys' tennis team. We started the season brilliantly by hammering Stratford College 4 matches to 1. This helped focus the players and improve team morale.

Unfortunately our next two matches weren't so easy, as we lost to both Gormanstown and Terenure. However, there is hope for the future. Matthew Leahy from third year proved to be an excellent addition to the senior squad. He won every match he played in and hopefully will lead the senior team to better luck next year.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr McClure for giving up his time to coach us throughout the season.

-Gordon Anton, 6th

Senior Girls



*Back Row(L-R): Holly Simmons, Sarah Lowe, Kelly Baird.
Front Row(L-R): Miss Ritchie, Sarah Walsh, Fiona Collins(Capt.), Andrea Burgess.*

Junior Girls



*Back Row(L-R): Alice Keogh, Genevieve Boyle.
Front Row(L-R): Miss C. Ritchie, Kate Ashe-Leonard, Carla Fitzgerald, Mandy Lowe.*

Athletics



Junior Girls

Back Row(L-R): Holly Warren, Kellie O'Flynn, Anna Stewart, Sharon Johnson.

Front Row(L-R): Amy Coughlan, Nadine Grunitz, Mr Toomey.



Minor Boys

Back Row(L-R): Daniel Coughlan, Phelim O'Reilly, Conor Hyland.

Front Row(L-R): Liam Reidy, Andrew Pollack, Fionn Fitzpatrick.

Cross Country Running

The season opened with the traditional form one cross country championships in September. These races proved to be strongly contested, which was very promising for the season ahead. In the first year boys' race Rory O'Connor took Gold, Fionn Fitzpatrick, Silver and Kevin Finnegan, Bronze. In the first year girls' race, Holly Warren won, Kellie O'Flynn came second and Amy Coughlan got third place.

Not long after this, our League season started. The schedule for the cross country season included five races held in different locations with teams competing from lots of different schools across Leinster. High School had several strong performances from many individuals in the Junior Girls and Senior Boys sections.

In the Girls League there were notable performances from Sharon Johnson who was very well placed in the Junior races. Claire Fry also put in good performances for the school. Nadine Grunitz ran well at the intermediate level and Holly Warren competed strongly in the minor races.

The Senior Boys also had a successful year with Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh running well throughout the season and Gavin Coleman and Colm Dowds also being placed well. Paul Morrissey, Barry Milton, Eamon Garrigan and Eoin McIlwaine all put in solid performances too. Fionn Fitzpatrick was High School's leading runner in the Junior section.

After the League, we had the Christmas relay which entailed four 1 mile legs up and down a steep hill at St. Columba's. It was a testing course but with a fine team effort we all finished comfortably.

The foot and mouth epidemic was to have a considerable effect on the season and many races had to be called off or postponed as a result. Thankfully, the East Leinster Championships eventually went ahead at St. Benildus. The race was of a high standard and everyone finished in the top 35 – it all seems very promising for next season.

Athletics

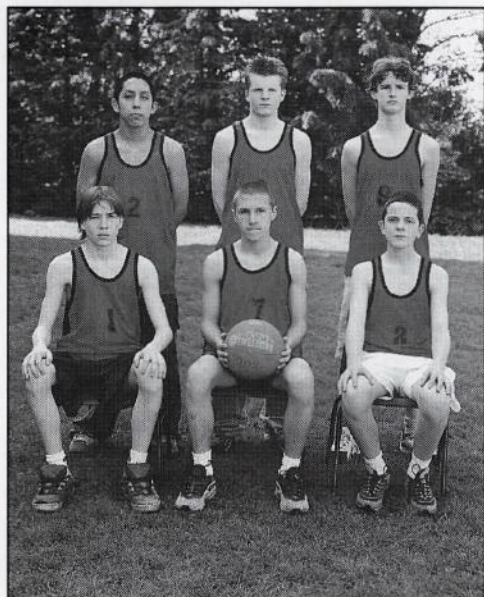
At the East Leinster Championships the girls' relay team came third and Ros Campbell won Gold in the Junior shot. In the boys' section, Owen Wardell won Silver in the intermediate mile. All of the above went on to the Leinster Finals where Ros Campbell produced another terrific performance to achieve a second Gold medal in the Junior shot which was the final stage of the competition in her age category.

Finally, on behalf of all the runners, I would like to thank the staff members involved in athletics for all the work they put in: Mr Irwin who co-ordinated and oversaw the organisation of running and Mr Toomey for the training and encouragement throughout the year.

-Gavin Coleman, 5th

Basketball

Junior Boys



*Back Row(L-R): Chris Lawson,
Rob Stratton, Adam Brennan.
Front Row(L-R): Stephen Power,
Stephen Rooney, Ronan Lonergan.*

We took to the courts in our shabby uniforms to take on a well trained, well kitted out Oatlands team. Unfortunately we were missing several key players so despite the best efforts of Rob "powerhouse" Stratton and Rob "powerhose" Byrne we lost our first match by 20 points. Our next game was away against St. Andrew's. It was a brilliant match, with both teams battling point for point. The game was decided by a great last minute play which saw Stephen Powers hit a 3 pointer to secure us the victory.

We then travelled to St. Bridget's, where we could only field a six-man squad. Adam Brennan, even with his hair in his eyes, hit some great outside shots. Our determination showed through and we eventually outran St. Bridget's. We were helped by the fact that St. Bridget's home support was drowned out by our travelling girls' team. Notable cheerleaders were Lisa Marshall and Holly Brennan.

In our final League game at home against St. Andrew's spirits were high and it showed on the court. Stephen Powers hit numerous 3 pointers while Chris Lawson dazzled his opposite number with excellent ball handling and some great turnaround moves. I didn't disgrace myself either, scoring 21 points in our 69-42 win. We narrowly missed out on a play-off spot but we will see you in the N.B.A. next year!

-Stephen Rooney (Capt.)

Junior Girls



*Back Row(L-R): Lisa Marshall,
Anna O'Hare, Jenny Carr, Holly Brennan.
Front Row(L-R): Sarah Reynolds,
Louise Duggan, Julianne Tector,
Joanna Corbett, Mandy Lowe.*

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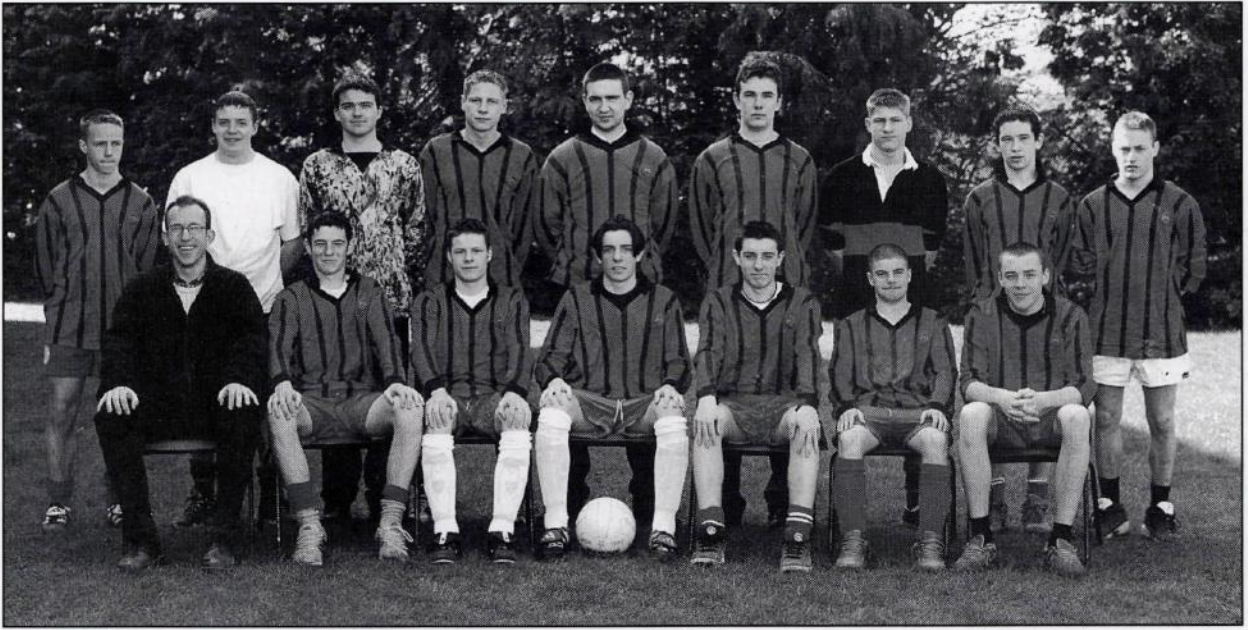
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Front Row(L-R): Mr Prendergast, Clive Lew, Tristan Lloyd, Gordon Anton, Robert Anton, Jeremy Lloyd, Michael Staines.

With the loss of our most influential players, we started this season knowing only a stroke of pure genius could save us from the same fate our rugby team has had to endure for the past thirty years.

But wait, stepping out of his muddy No.15 jersey and into the prestigious No.11 came a godsend who went by the name of Ronaldo Sullivano, drafted in from Brazil, sorry, no, Templeogue College. He came and made his home on the pitch (but then Sarge told him to pitch his tent somewhere else).

With a unique blend of pace, skill and pure brute strength the team seemed to have gelled together nicely since September. With a mix of rising stars and a few more experienced players in Andy Walsh, Tristan Lloyd and the Anton twins, it appeared evident that we were ready to take on the might of the Inter Toto Cup.

The team was captained by a reformed Ranton who commanded no respect on or off the pitch. Nonetheless, many was the time that he led his team down past the back gates with the goals on their shoulders onto the hallowed turf (sorry, gravel) of the floodlit stadium.

Many a team was beaten and many a knee was cut down there, but with the flamboyance of Nathan in goal, the dancing skills of the Antons in defence and the looks of Jeweller up front, it was plain to see we had quality oozing from our squad.

As Cup holders we were automatically favourites to retain it, but with the suspension of Steve Hannon and the loss of Steve Day to the rugby boys, we drafted in "the Chief" and Staines.

To get back to the dizzying heights of the Prendergast Cup final, we knew that only a superb Cup run would do. With the League's leading goal scorer, Jer Lloyd, and the world's strangest keeper, Donald Gray, we believed that we could bring the Cup back to Rathgar.

So, there we were, in the semi-finals of the Cup in Rockbrook. As Mr. P. and a few disease-ridden sheep looked on Rockbrook were awarded a penalty. The match was no classic and even though we played quite well we lost our Cup. Despite this it was agreed by everyone that it had been a good season and a great laugh.

I would like to thank Mr. Prendergast for putting up with us and bringing us training during all those winter nights when he didn't have to. Also thanks to Tommy who drove us to our numerous away games. I'm sure this season will be one the sixth years will never forget.

-Ronan O'Sullivan, 6th

Caving

There was a caving trip held for sixth-year students during the weekend of the 13th October. Sixteen students and four leaders headed off to the Burren area of West Clare. Two excursions to the bowels of the earth were undertaken; one on the Saturday and one on the Sunday.

The first one was down Pollnagollum pothole, the longest cave system in Ireland (15km of passageways). We descended the 80 foot pothole by climbing down the south face. At the bottom the entrance to the cave was through a low crawl into the 15-foot-high Gunman's Passage. The first main obstacle encountered was the chimney down into Shaft's Gallery. A chimney is where one has to wedge one's body between each side of the passageway and drop, in this case 20 ft. From here on, the going was relatively easy, passing the 25-foot-high main waterfall, into Westrop Chamber. It is in this area that the original inscriptions of the first explorers remain in chalk on the walls - dated 7/10/1880. Mr Hilliard's are also there - April 1973. We continued on until the main junction area, but here it was noticed that the water levels were beginning to rise, so a hasty retreat was made. The reason for the rise was obvious when we reached the surface: we were drenched by the steady drizzle of Atlantic rain.

On the Sunday we went down Pol an Ionain, where one of the biggest free-hanging stalactites in the world is. Unfortunately to get to see this wonder, one has to crawl in a cave passage for the most part only 1½-foot high and 2-foot wide, over sharp rocks for over an hour. However, the effort was well worthwhile, as to see this white ghost of a stalactite hanging 28 feet down into a chamber that would make the Reynolds Hall look small, was truly magnificent.

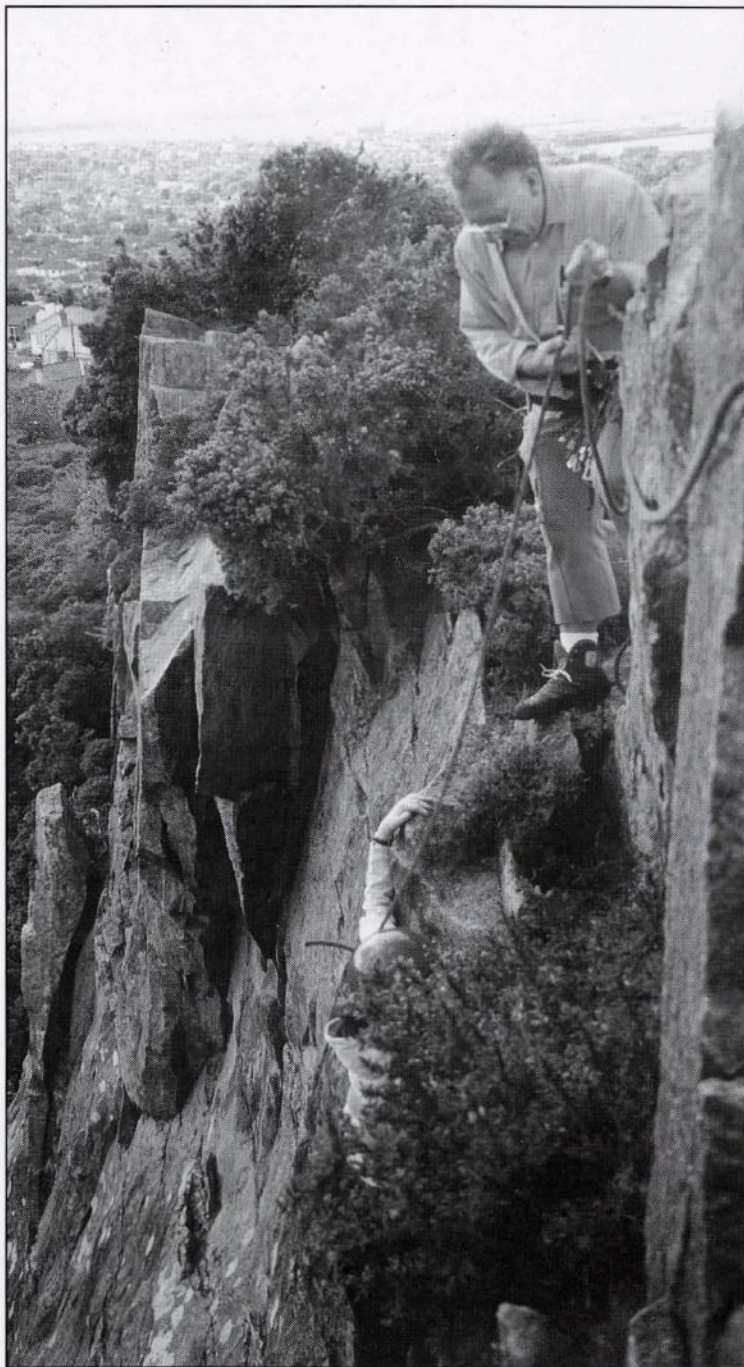
On behalf of the party I would like to thank Mr. Wright, Martin Oakes, Brian King and Wallis Handelman for a brilliant weekend.

-Trevor Bass 6th

Rock Climbing

This turned out to be a very short season due to the foot & mouth crisis. Fortunately for us it was not cut even shorter by unsuitable weather. About 20 pupils were introduced to the sport in the magnificently set location of Dalkey quarry. Our thanks go to Darragh Curran, Donal O'Shea and Conor O'Shea for giving their time and effort in spreading the gospel of rock.

-Mr Blackmore



Mr Blackmore in action at Dalkey quarry

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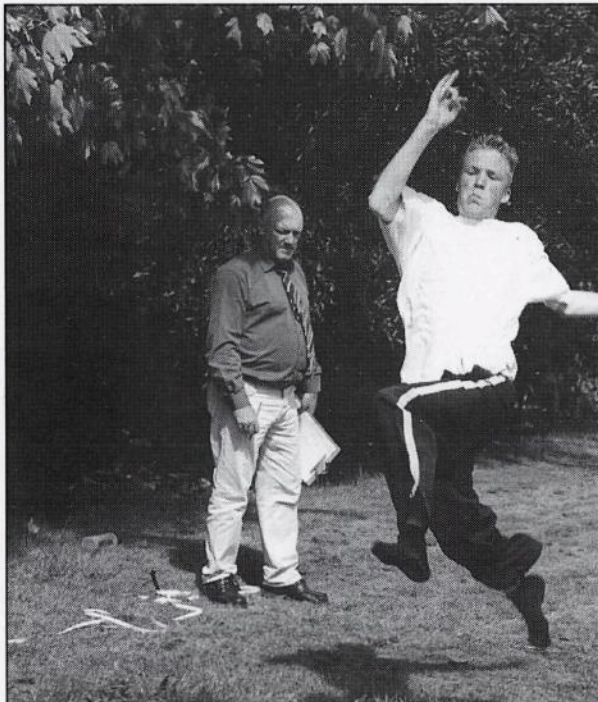
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Eddie Flaherty, Mark Rooney and Peter Jackson in the boys U-14 100m

100m

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Manus Cronin
- 2nd Shane Sargeant
- 3rd Edward Flaherty

U/15 GIRLS

- 1st Miriam McSharry
- 2nd Julie McRann
- 3rd Stephanie Coughlin

U/15 BOYS

(Magill Cup)

- 1st Leon Fernandez-Brennan
- 2nd Graham Kinlan
- 3rd Patrick Earls

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Natasha Hall
- 3rd Rachel McSharry

SENIOR BOYS

(Taylor Cup)

- 1st Thomas Eager
- 2nd David Foran
- 3rd Alex Feldman

200m

SENIOR GIRLS

(Belgrave Cup)

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Rachel McSharry
- 3rd Katie Smith

SENIOR BOYS

(Moore Cup)

- 1st Robbie Burns
- 2nd David Foran
- 3rd Brian Mellon

400m

SENIOR BOYS

(Cornick Cup)

- 1st Mark Kelly
- 2nd Simon Loane
- 3rd Eoin McNally

500m

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Holly Warren
- 2nd Katherine Alexander
- 3rd Amy Coughlan

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Patrick O'Shea
- 2nd Fionn Fitzpatrick
- 3rd Manus Cronin

U/15 GIRLS

- 1st Miriam McSharry
- 2nd Ruth Borland
- 3rd Claudine Murphy

U/15 BOYS

- 1st William Mitchell
- 2nd Jeff Warren
- 3rd Alan Loane

SENIOR BOYS

(Southam Cup)

- 1st Sean O'hEigartaigh
- 2nd Robbie Burns
- 3rd Gavin Coleman

1000m

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Holly Warren
- 2nd Amy Coughlin
- 3rd Una O'hEigartaigh

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Patrick O'Shea
- 2nd Manus Cronin
- 3rd Tim Harris

U/15 BOYS

- 1st Brendan Phelan
- 2nd Owen Wardell
- 3rd Niall McDarby

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Sharon Johnson
- 2nd Karis Brauer
- 3rd Natasha Hall

1500m

SENIOR BOYS

(Walker Cup)

- 1st Owen Wardell
- 2nd Simon Loane
- 3rd Sean O'hEigartaigh

Long Jump

SENIOR BOYS

(Sloan Cup)

- 1st Jack Smith
- 2nd Ben Leonard-Kane
- 3rd Brian Mellon

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Rachel McSharry
- 3rd Jenny Kane

Shot

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Ros Campbell
- 2nd Sarah Brussey
- 3rd Sinead Gallagher

SENIOR BOYS

- 1st Tennyson Egar
- 2nd David Foran
- 3rd Francis Cooney

High Jump

SENIOR BOYS

(Travers Cup)

- 1st Ben Leonard-Kane
- 2nd Brooke Campbell-Crawford

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Jenny Kane
- 3rd Rachel McSharry

Javelin

SENIOR BOYS

- 1st Alan Duggan
- 2nd Robbie Burns
- 3rd Tennyson Egar

SENIOR GIRLS

- 1st Ros Campbell
- 2nd Fiona Collins
- 3rd Sarah Brussey

Overall Points

Whyte Cup

Tennyson Egar

War Memorial Cup

Robbie Burns

Diocesan Cup

Ros Campbell

Taylor Cup

Karis Brauer



Robert Tierney competing in the senior boys high jump.



Karis Brauer, winner of the senior girls long jump and the Taylor Cup (overall points).

Past Pupils

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union Presidents' Letter

The Past Pupils' Union enjoyed another successful year thanks to the efforts of the committee and members who organised various events. However, looking into the future, it is vital that we have the support of all past pupils, and not just the committed familiar faces we see year after year!

Our first event was the function in the school to mark the retirement of Mr Bob Fennell after many years distinguished service in the classroom and on the sportsfield. This was a most pleasant evening and a wonderful tribute to Bob.

Another enjoyable evening in the school was the prize distribution in October when the Jean Scott memorial Rose Bowl and the Old Boys' Cup were presented to Debbie Walker and Jonathan Ellis, respectively.

We attended other schools' PPU dinners and social evenings where we enjoyed excellent hospitality and the Association of Schools Unions annual dinner when Bryan Wilkinson, an old boy of the school, took over as President.

The annual Old Boys' Dinner was held on 27th January and was attended by 290 members and guests. It was a wonderful evening with entertainment and excellent speeches from David Rowell and Noel Hoffman.

The ladies' dinner took place on 27th April in the Royal St. George Yacht Club. Our guest speaker was Rev. Katharine Poulton who told us about her chaplaincy work in Mountjoy Prison and the Mater and Temple Street hospitals. It was wonderful to have over 90 present, including past pupils from Canada, Norway and Austria, and once again the club looked after us very well indeed.



Valerie Duncan and Bruce Lyster

A wide range of events took place during the year and we are sure that when you examine your programme for next year you will find something of interest. The school web site contains full details and contact names and email addresses, so if you are not currently a member, don't hesitate to check the details.

Special thanks are due to our excellent committee and especially to Richard Graves who has taken on the role of Secretary from Wayne Sheridan. We would also like to thank the school for the facilities afforded to us for our meetings.

We wish Hilary Armstrong and Albert Rance every success for their year in office and look forward to an interesting programme of events for the coming year.

-Bruce Lyster & Valerie Duncan (Joint Presidents)

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union

Secretary's Report 2000/2001

The 2000/2001 Committee again offered a wide variety of activities to members of the Past Pupils' Union. The continuing Annual events were:

- The golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club.
- The men's dinner in the school.
- The ladies' dinner in the Royal St. George Yacht Club.
- Carol singing in the Orwell Nursing Home.

Unfortunately the annual cricket match could not be held but it is hoped that this fixture will be resumed next year or the year after.

In addition to the annual events we arranged:

- Wine tasting at Edward Dillon & Co., Mountjoy Square.
- A talk by John Lonergan, Governor of Mountjoy Prison.
- A food evening in the Home Economics room.
- A gardening evening.

The fund raising event was a Dinner Dance and Auction. This was a very good evening and IRE2,800 was raised, of which IRE2,000 was given to the school to buy rugby gear for the 1st XV and IRE800 went to the Friends of St. Luke's.

All of the events were very successful and very enjoyable and I would like to say a very big *thank you* to those who took the time and trouble to organise them - well done! It would be preferable if there were more people attending the events, other than the ever popular dinners, so do try to spread the word that they are well worth going to.

Last year the *Erasmian & Diocesan Times* was published in the autumn so that it could incorporate reports on the summer term activities. Unfortunately this meant that at the time the magazine became available from the printers the school was not in a position to assist us in its distribution as it usually does. The resulting delay in getting the magazine to members was unfortunate and we apologise for this.

At the moment the school web site incorporates a PPU section with some general information including a calendar of events. It is planned to develop the web site further to improve communications with members.

Through the generosity of a member of the PPU we have a new laptop computer. The information on the old Apple computer has been transferred over and we now look forward to easier management of the membership records.

I would like to conclude my report by thanking both Valerie Duncan and Bruce Lyster for the excellent way in which they served as Joint Presidents and the committee for their enthusiastic support during the year. I would also like to say a special word of thanks to Wayne Sheridan for his generous help during my first year of office.

-Richard Graves(Honorary Secretary)

Death Notices

Bradbury, Alan Lawrence David (1962-71), June 28, 1999, Dublin.

Callaghan, Rev. W. Sydney (1936-1944), February 23, 2001, Belfast.

Carey, Very Reverend James Maurice George (1936-45), April 20, 2001, Dublin.

Clarke, Ceasán (1988-92), June 17, 2000, Rathfarnham.

Duggan, Rev. John (Jack) Coote (1928-36), July 20, 2000.

Herman, Ian (1989-92), November 14, 2000, Dublin.

Reid, Alan (1983-88), April 3, 2001, Templeogue.

Rodway, Norman (1938-46), March 13, 2001, Oxfordshire and formerly of Dublin.

Smyth, James William (1933-39), August 28, 1999, Little Island, Cork.

Styles, Glen Robert (1968-76), May 20, 2001, Dublin.

Styles, Mark Andrew (1968-77), May 20, 2001, Dublin.

Travers (née Borton), Meriel (1976-82), June 29, 2000.

Winder, Dian Eamonn (1977-87), May 22, 1999, Dublin.

