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HSD Habitat for
Humanity team

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Trip – Italy rocks
but doesn't roll!

Montgomery Science
Awards – from Aliens
to Axolotls

Séamus Heaney's
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remembered

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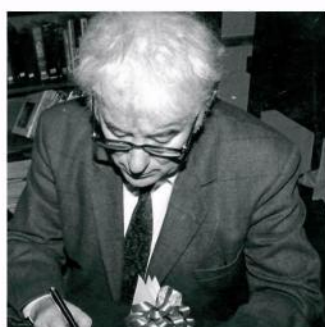
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Welcome, readers, to the Erasmian and Diocesan Times 2013-14!

The day in October when the Erasmian is released to the school at large is a moment everyone looks forward to – whether with the apprehension of seeing if that photograph they took of you at Sports Day was published, or trying to get your whole class to sign the back page! However, after a couple of years, we started to appreciate the amount of work and group effort that went into it, as well as the decorated covers and impressive artwork throughout. So when the time came in Form 5 to sign up for this year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times, we joined immediately. It was a great chance to work with other people in the year and create something collectively. We had some difficulties with some absentees and a large workload, but the fact that you're reading this proves we made it!

We have arranged the year's events into the three respective terms, with a summary of each. Of course, we have the usual dreaded class photos, some teacher interviews and annual awards. In addition to

this, we have some different articles – an interview with the Irish film director Lenny Abrahamson, reviews of the latest films, books and blogs, and a memorial to the great poet Séamus Heaney. We have an unusual theme this year – it's an odd mix of all our creative inputs.

Despite the challenges of this publication, we stuck with it until the end and it was worth it! We lost some people along the way, but we got a lot of valuable assistance from staff and other pupils.

On behalf of the Erasmian committee, we would like to thank Ms Galligan for putting up with us throughout the project. For those of you reading who may consider doing the Erasmian when your turn comes, take it from us - it is an enjoyable, creative experience that you will find rewarding.

...Just remember to show up!

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Acknowledgements

Welcome to the 2013-14 Erasmian and Diocesan Times! Yet again I have had the privilege of working with another group of dedicated Form 5 pupils who have given up many lunch times throughout the year and, more recently, a considerable amount of their summer holidays to compile, caption, write and proof read the many articles in this production.

The Erasmian team consisted of Eva Kelly, Ruth Ferguson, Roberta McCune, Louise Dukes, Megan O'Byrne, Maya Devine, Elizabeth Gageby, Susanna Wyse Jackson, Hayley Blair and Ellen Mullooly. Many other pupils and teachers contributed to this year's Erasmian. In particular we would like to thank Emily Ní Riain, Emma Watts, Isabelle Geraghty, Tony Zheng, Séamas MacLochlainn and Laura Dunne for their contributions.

We apologize in advance for any omissions or mistakes we have made. We have tried to proof-read it to the best of our ability, but some mistakes are inevitable. Please accept our sincere apologies if your name has been mis-spelt or your picture or article has been omitted.

There are many people who have contributed to this year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times. In particular we would like to thank Alan Phelan for designing the publication and for putting up with too many delays and mistakes. Yet again Alan has surpassed himself with his creative flair to produce this stunning edition that is sure to delight all its readers. Thank you to the Principal, Mr Forrest for another opportunity to work on this production. Thanks to all the staff and teachers who submitted reports, pictures and articles and encouraged their pupils to submit their work. Thank you to Ms Killane and Mr Carolan for your photographic contributions. Thank you to everyone who agreed to be interviewed! Thanks to those pupils who contributed artwork, poetry and written pieces, and team captains who submitted reports on their sporting year. And to the office staff - Jeanne, Debbie, Penny and Jackie - thank you for your invaluable help and knowledge.

Finally, thanks to you, the reader, for taking the time to peruse our work. We hope you enjoy it!

Ms Galligan and all the team

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2012-13

Mr G A Forrest, MA, QTS

National Developments

It has become commonplace to describe the experience of working in the education sector in recent years as an ongoing struggle to absorb the impact of declining investment, the withdrawal of support services, and the deprivation of management functions. The simultaneous introduction of significant and substantial reform in the shape of the Literacy and Numeracy strategy, a radically revised Junior Cycle curriculum, and the introduction of the School Self Evaluation programme has compounded the range of difficulties which will be faced by every post-primary school in the country between now and 2020.



The High School has always been prepared to embrace change and champion progressive initiatives as part of its determined pursuit of excellence in education since this institution was established in 1870. However, it is equally clear that the capacity of our school (alongside others operating in the voluntary sector) to implement the agenda outlined by the Government has already been compromised by the systematic withdrawal of vital support, notably an effective moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts, a reduction in Special Education Needs hours, and the imposition of a terminal date for the allocation of substitution cover. The moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts - that is Assistant Principals and Special Duties Teachers - has been slightly alleviated, but no

provision was made for the replacement of Special Duties Teachers so that when one of those posts becomes vacant due to promotion, career break, or the teacher leaving the school a replacement is not permitted.

A further increase in the pupil-teacher ratio as part of Budget 2013 is but one of many high-profile examples of how Government policy has deliberately placed The High School (along with other voluntary schools in the sector) in an increasingly difficult financial position. The most immediate consequence of this policy has been that the school has been forced to replace state funding with private funding from fee income (to the direct and indirect cost of parents and pupils alike) in order to compensate for reduced levels of State investment across the post-primary education sector in 2012-13. It is reasonable to question whether such an approach on the part of any Government is likely to be sustainable or productive in the short to medium term.

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The appointment of Ruairi Quinn as Minister for Education and Skills resulted in a flurry of activity which the Government has presented as an ambitious programme for reform. We have already witnessed the publication of new initiatives to boost literacy and numeracy standards have been launched in an effort to boost academic performance in our schools. The introduction of School Self Evaluation is intended to embed regular, meaningful, and effective self-evaluation processes will improve the quality of teaching, learning, and assessment across the sector. We have welcomed initiatives to tackle bullying and cyber-bullying in our schools. However, the reforming zeal of the Minister also includes controversial proposals to extend greater State control to admissions procedures and employment practices which voluntary secondary schools are monitoring with real concern. In addition, the Minister announced in October 2012 the phasing out of the current Junior Certificate over the next eight years to be replaced by a school-based model of continuous assessment. He described his plan as 'the most radical shake-up of the junior cycle programme since the ending of the Inter Cert in 1991' and claimed the scrapping of the Junior Certificate examinations would help the 'bottom half' of pupils.

In theory the majority of principals surveyed by the National Association of Principals and Deputy Principals (NAPD) favour Junior Cycle reform. The initiative can be summarised as follows. A wide range of subjects and short courses assessed by a combination of coursework

and examinations (set by the State Examinations Commission but marked by teachers) will mean that pupils will no longer sit a formal State examination at the end of their third year in secondary school. The revised syllabuses drawn up by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) will be applied on a phased basis from 2014 with the first cohort of pupils assessed in 2017. In addition to these changes standardised tests in numeracy and English reading will be introduced in second year from 2014; similar tests in science will be introduced in 2016. It is envisaged that the results of these tests will provide valuable information for teachers and parents alike. The Minister and others have outlined the perceived benefits of Junior Cycle reform in considerable detail. If it is intended that schools and teachers should increasingly adopt a range of creative methodologies to promote critical thinking and independent learning among pupils then reform would represent a welcome and necessary development in Irish education. However, the Government has only committed €10 million to fund proposed changes in the Junior Cycle to date – whether the resources to complete the implementation of the programme will exist in the future due to budgetary constraints within the Department of Education and Skills (DES) remains open to question.

In practice the NAPD survey revealed 'significant unease and confusion' among principals about the implementation of Junior Cycle reform and a reasonable expectation that more resources are needed to ensure that it succeeds. In addition, there are legitimate concerns among parents and teachers that the status of different school assessments and certification may not carry equal

weight. In the first instance the Joint Managerial Body (JMB), which represents management in more than half of second-level schools, including The High School, has made representations to Government stating that we need more training, ongoing access to experts in the change process, and an extra weekly allocation of 10 teaching hours – almost half a full-time job – to free up staff to prepare for the proposed changes. In the second instance unions representing teachers in secondary schools have balloted and embarked on industrial action to highlight discontent with the process to date. The proposal to introduce school-based assessment within the revised Junior Cycle has caused the greatest controversy. It remains to be seen whether the Minister will respond to either approach by amending or adapting the programme of reform.

In conclusion, it is clear that it will not be possible to achieve the full extent of reform to the post-primary education sector desired by the current Government without providing additional resources to support the activities of secondary schools across the country. The range of cuts imposed in Budget 2013 militates against this goal. The situation is likely to remain unchanged in the near future as the DES seeks further savings in its budget totalling up to €138 million in 2014. In the meantime The High School will continue to manage its resources to deliver the core provision of teaching and learning (supplemented by an extensive co-curricular programme) to the highest standards as we pursue the goal of excellence in education for all pupils entrusted to our care.

School Developments

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

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

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

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GLUCK PERFORMANCE - DANCE OF BLESSED SPIRITS

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Pupils are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Pupils in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career-related computer programs such as Qualifax. Pupils are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is organised for Form 5. Form 6 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellors are available to parents and pupils for career and psychological advice by prior appointment.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have one of the most active associations of any school in the country. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, 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, 3, 5 and 6, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and sub-committees. This work brings the parents, pupils, and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their hard work and in particular to Mr Ronan Doyle for his dedication during his term of office as President.

The school is most grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued support. Although much of this work is unseen it is greatly appreciated by all concerned. An online network exists on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them.

Staff

Ms A Ní Chonchubhair retired and Ms D Levis resigned from her teaching position to pursue her career in Australia with effect from August 2012. We thank them for their excellent service over many years and wish them all the best for the future.

Ms Ní Chonchubhair was appointed as a teacher of Irish at The High School in 2001. A native speaker of the language with a wide knowledge of its literature and folklore, she had an excellent command of written and spoken Irish. She was appointed a Special Duties Teacher with responsibility for co-ordinating the School Council in 2005-06 and served as co-ordinator of pupil stationery supplies from 2007 to 2013.

We have welcomed the following staff – Ms Condell, Resource and PE/ Games; Ms Fleming, French; Ms Garnett, Home Economics and Science; Ms Gray,

Geography; Mr Hanan, History and English; Ms Hilliard, English; Ms Horgan, Irish, and Mr O'Brien, English and History. It has been a pleasure to welcome Ms Hearne and Ms Missen back to The High School in a full-time capacity. Ms C Reilly, Ms N Boyce, Ms Walker, and Dr Budd remain on career break; Ms V Carson and Ms Waugh are on parental leave; Ms Toolan is on carer's leave and Mrs Wilson is on maternity leave.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2012-2013 was 794.

In the Leaving Certificate 2013 examination, 123 pupils presented 861 papers in 25 subjects. 663 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 84% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.2% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 64%. These statistics represent a very good level of performance.

In the Junior Certificate 2013 examination, 142 pupils presented 1156 papers where different levels are available and 142 papers at common level (CSPE). 1047 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 88% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 0.8% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 79%. This was an exceptional level of performance which equalled and exceeded previous records at The High School.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com, and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the pupils of Form 5 coordinated in 2012-13 by Ms B Galligan. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school. It is always a pleasure to congratulate the pupils on their involvement and success in such a wide variety of different activities.

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2013-14

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Year Head: Mr A Malin

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Ms C Goulding

Form 5

Year Head: Mr T Gill

Form Teachers: Ms G Fitzgerald,
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Ms C Walker (Ms E Hilliard), Mr D Miller,
Mr B Kinsella

Form 6

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Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr B McNamara,

Mr R Giles

Tennis: Ms S Jones, Mr S McDonnell,

Mr C Flynn, Ms J Waugh,

Mr M Critchley

Badminton: Mr C Flynn, Mr L Carolan

Athletics: Mr P Irwin, Mrs S

Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr T Gill, Mr R Giles,

Ms N Fallon

Basketball: Mr M Critchley, Mr J Boylan,

Mr L Carolan, Mr A Malin

Canoeing: Mr C Cryan, Mr L Carolan,

Ms J Wilson

Cross country: Mr P Irwin,

Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

Hillwalking: Mr C Cryan, Mr C Flynn,

Ms C Rellis, Mr B McNamara

Rock climbing: Mr C Cryan,

Mr C Flynn

Swimming: Mr A Malin

Table-tennis: Mr L Carolan

*Additional part-time staff are
employed in many sports*

Other Responsibilities

Administrative Assistant to the

Deputy Principal: Mr I Wilkinson

Art Portfolio Club: Ms H Killane

Assembly Co-ordinator:

Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

CAO/UCAS applications: Ms R McDonnell

Chess Club: Mr Griffin (Mr Doyle)

Choir: Ms B Bourke

Christian Union: Mr I Wilkinson,

Mr L Carolan

Debating: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

(Senior), Ms E Hilliard (Junior)

Detention System: Mr J O'Brien

Drama: Ms B Galligan, Ms M Browne

Enterprise Education: Mr P Fitzpatrick

Erasmian & Diocesan Times:

Ms B Galligan

European Youth Parliament: Ms C Rellis

European Studies Information Exchanges:

Mr P Irwin

Examination Organisation:

Mr I Wilkinson, Mr B McNamara

Film Club: Ms R Lyons

Green Schools Group: Mrs S Hutchinson-
Edgar, Ms R Missen

Guidance Counsellors: Ms R McDonnell,

Mr K Clarke

Induction of New Staff: Ms P Bergin

Literacy Co-ordinator: Ms R Missen

Lockers: Ms G Fitzgerald

Lost Property: Ms S Quinn

Model United Nations: Ms C Rellis

Numeracy Co-ordinator: Mr I Wilkinson

Orchestra: Ms M White

Photographic Club: Ms H Killane

Photography of School Activities,

Publicity: Ms H Killane

President's Award: Mr D Miller,

Mr B McNamara

Prize System: Ms D Thorp

Punctuality: Ms C McCartney

Scholarship Examinations:

Ms A Stevenson

School Council: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

Science Club/Young Scientist:

Dr C Whitford

Support for Learning Co-ordinator:

Mrs V Humphreys

Staff Services: Ms A Stevenson

State Examinations: Mr P Prendergast

Stationery: Ms E Roullet

Study Skills Seminar: Ms R McDonnell,
Mr K Clarke

Timetable: Mr R Davies

Transition Year Co-ordinator: Mr P Irwin

Trophies: Mr R Walker

**1F**

BACK ROW: MILES DIXON, KATIE MOORE, DAISY O'TOOLE, ELIAS DEMPSEY, MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, HARRY O'DONNELL, JAMES BOYD, HANNAH FLYNN.

MIDDLE ROW: FINN CONNOLLY, WILSON KO, ISABELLE CARTER, SEÁN MAGUIRE, RIAN MOODLIAR WALSH, AMY DUNNE, JACK HEALY, SHONA CAREY.

FRONT ROW: THOMAS MCCAUSLAND, MOLLY SHERIDAN, SOPHIA GILMER, MIA COMERFORD MCKENNA, CONOR FAGAN, CLARA BELL.

**1J**

BACK ROW: SCOTT GILLANDERS, DYLAN KEOGH, HOLLY PERDUE, ERIN FETHERSTON, NAOISE MAY, HANNAH VANCE CRONIN, ZAK BOWKER.

MIDDLE ROW: ANDREW CANNIG, ADITYA GATT, THOMAS WEBB, CORMAC DEMPSEY-LERCHUNDI, ETHAN GERNON, EVAN MILLER, ALISTAIR EMPEY, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH.

FRONT ROW: ÁINE RYAN, ADAM VAUGHAN, DYLAN ROYCROFT, GEORGINA SCANLON, BENJAMIN CRIPPS, FINN O'SULLIVAN.

ABSENT: MATTHEW BROWNE GARCIA.



1RL

BACK ROW: SOL WYNNE, NIAL LYNCH, RORY BROWNE, EVA KENNA, JAMES CAMPION, AILEEN NAGLE.

MIDDLE ROW: TESSA LONG, LAURA MOYTER, OISÍN HEALY, HUGH O'DONNELL, LUAN ROGERS, TIMOTHY SWEENEY.

FRONT ROW: HARRY BYRNE, JAMES COLE, DENNY STUPAKOV, SAM DALY, LEAH MERRIMAN, ESTHER ODEKUNLE.



1RN

BACK ROW: HENRY HINDS, ROBERT WHYTE, ALEX ASPIL, MATTHEW THOMPSON, CHRISTIAN PIERCE, CATHAL TUOHY, CALUM ADAIR.

MIDDLE ROW: ASIER KELLY, ANNA PHELAN, ASHLEY MAKOMBE, ERICA MACARI, SÍOFRA O'BRIEN, ESMÉ WALLER, ANNA MCKIM, JAMES COMAN.

FRONT ROW: FERDIA DARRAGH, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, SHAUNA POWER, DANIEL RUFLI, MEGAN HUDDLESTON, RACHEL DONOVAN, ERIC FELLE.

**1W**

BACK ROW: MEGAN RAUCE, ORIANNA DAVEY, SOFI GRANT, SEÁN ÓG BARNES, NIALL MCDONNELL, OISÍN COTTER VANQUEZ, ELLEN TREACY-MCGEE.

MIDDLE ROW: AMY SCOLLARD, CALLUM O'DYWER, CORMAC DEE BROWN, AIMEE O'SHEA, ROBERT BEARDSLEY, ANNA KEOGH CORBALLY, CAITLIN NICKELS.

FRONT ROW: WOLF CHUNG, FIACH CONNOLLY, SHANE DAMBAZA, CATRÍONA BRENNAN, MOLLY O'SHEA, AXEL CULLEN.

**2C**

BACK ROW: CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE, MATTHEW BARLOW, EUAN LEITH, WILLIAM COSGRAVE, MORGAN KANE-O'BRIEN, DYLAN WALSH, SAM COSGRAVE, ANNA BISMILLA.

MIDDLE ROW: MATTHEW WALLACE, SARAH MORLEY, MAX O'DONNELL, SHAUN DAMBAZA, ADAM LAWLOR, CAROLINE RYAN, ALEX O'REGAN, OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, ELICIA BURKE.

FRONT ROW: HOLLY GREENE, LUKE SHERWOOD, OSCAR HIGGINS, ELLEN RAFFERTY, ZARA NAUGHTON, ORLA O'BYRNE, GIANLUCA LYONS, EVAN BAILEY.



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BACK ROW: KATARINA CVETKOVIC, JASON MCGRATH, ANCA AVASILICHIOAIEI, KATIE BOLAND, JAMIE SHAW, SIOBHAN CHINENYANGA, HARIS WEBSTER, SAM KENNY, TAMI ADEDUNTAN.

MIDDLE ROW: JULIA VATALEVA, NIKOLAI LEAKE, DAISY RYAN, ADAM BYRNE, LUKE DIGGINS, CIAN HOBIN, HARRY BYRNE, KERRY-ANNE TIMMINS, CAOIMHE BARRY-CORR, CIARA SHAW, SASKIA BOS.

FRONT ROW: JACOB KENNEDY, KEISHA O'BRIEN, ISOBEL MAHON, STEPHEN LANDY, BEN DOYLE, LAURA GALVIN, JAKE FARRELL, GRACE CAMPBELL, SAIRSE KENNEDY.



2R

BACK ROW: ELIZABETH HALLISSEY, EMMETT MCDONAGH-FOX, PATRICK GANNON, JAKE RICHARDSON, LORIS NIKOLOV, HARRY WALSH, JACK PILLOW, ALISON JONES.

MIDDLE ROW: SADBH ROHU, RUBY STEIN, EMER CONNOLLY, GERARD COLEMAN, JAIME KNOX MCLEOD, LAURA CLINCH, LUCY COLMAN-BLACK, ALEX KINCH.

FRONT ROW: MICHAEL GUASTELLA, KATE MORGAN LAWSON, KITTY WALSH DIGNAM, ELLA SQUIRE, ADAM LEAHY, ALICE BURLEIGH, NATHAN SHAW.

ABSENT: JAMES CARTER, ISABELLA GILMER, SOPHIE RYAN-FORREST, ÉANNA CURRAN.

**2T**

BACK ROW: ELLEN RIDGEWAY, BEN CHALONER, DARRAGH O'REILLY, ALEXANDER CHAMBERS, PETER LYNCH, COËN OLOFSSON, JAMES METOUDI, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY.

MIDDLE ROW: ISABELLA GILMER, AOIFE LYNCH, ODHRÁN SAULNIER, ALEXANDER LIN, DANIEL FAGAN, SITTHA BAILEY, JAMIE TOPPING, PETER O'LEARY, ZACK RAFTER, REBECCA JONES, AURYN MAHON.

FRONT ROW: OISÍN Ó CONBHUI, RACHEL WEBSTER, WILLIAM ANDERSON, MALIKA KOLA-CAHILL, ELLA BYRNE, ANNA SAMSONOVA, MIRIAM KELLY, ELLA CONNOLLY, KAARUNYA GURUSAMY.

**2W**

BACK ROW: TARA O'CONNOR, JAMIE KAPDAN, FIACHRA DE HORA, JUDE LYSAGHT, PATRICK BARNES, JAMES KINSELLA, CALLUM GILLIS, EDWARD MEREDITH, ADAM O'ROURKE.

MIDDLE ROW: MILLY COUGHLAN, MARTIN KELLY, CATHERINE BOYD, ISABELLA GANNON, MELINA O'MEARA, GRACE GAGEBY, KYLE BUTLER, JASON MULLEN, HARRY MOLONEY, ALEX FLYNN.

FRONT ROW: ERICA BOWEN, SOPHIE-ANN CHISHOLM, DARRAGH QUINN, TOM MURRAY, ZAK COUGHLAN, FIELDS CHUNG, ALANNAH BARRY-CULLEN, MUNACHI ANELE.

ABSENT: AVERY ANGLE.



3B

BACK ROW: ELLIOT WRIGHT, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY, COLM COWLARD-JOYCE, JACK IREDALE, SEAMUS BRACKEN, ROBERT CLAVIN, EOIN SCARLETT, CONOR EMPEY.

MIDDLE ROW: HARRY MCDONNELL, CAMILLE CHRISTLE, MELANIE O'DONOVAN, MAELY LIM, KYLA O'DWYER, JACK MCKENNA, AOIFE MCBRIDE, EMMA FETHERSTON, LAUREN STYLES, KATIE WYSE JACKSON.

FRONT ROW: TRINA BOVENIZER, SAOIRSE KEAVENY, HARRY CRIPPS, DANIEL CURRAN, SAM DUFFY, ELLIOT MILOFSKY, EVA EARNER RYAN, ANNIE BRENNAN.



3MC

BACK ROW: LAUREN FITZPATRICK-KIELY, DAVID DUNLEAVY, BEN HARRINGTON, NATHAN MAWHINNEY, OLIVER MC LUSKIE, ANDREW BRENNAN, NAOISE LAW.

MIDDLE ROW: GRAINNE DOWLING, LIAM DOWLING, LIONEL DEVERELL, MEGAN O'DONNELL, MARK TOBIN, JACK LYONS, JAMIE GLESSON-DUNNE, EMMA TAYLOR.

FRONT ROW: RUBY KEATING LEVINS, ELLEN TUCKER, SORCHA NÍ NÉILL, RHIANNAYOUNG, SOPHIE KEATING, DEBORAH DEEGAN, DAVID O'BRIEN.

ABSENT: DEAN LOPONGO, CONORTISDALL, AMY BOWKER.



3C

BACK ROW: RONALDO PERSECHINI, MILO O'SULLIVAN, JACK O'GORMAN, DAVID DONNELLY, RONAN O'BYRNE, RYAN BAIRD, HARRY KING, PHILIP MOYTER.

MIDDLE ROW: ELLEN JACKSON, PADDY O'REILLY, ADAM RUFLI, TIM DOLAN, RHYS BUTLER, ROSS MACWILLIAM, JAMES DOOLEY, ULTAN MAGUIRE, KATIE WEAVER, KELLY COMERFORD.

FRONT ROW: GEMMA BOVENIZER, ELIZABETH BOYD, KEVIN FLAHERTY, SHANE KELLY, SOPHIE HAYES, NICOLA MERRIMAN, KATE O'SHEA, FIONNUALA MULLEN.



3R

BACK ROW: SEAN BORTOLOZZO, LUKE WALKER, MICHAEL GOLDEN, JACK LAYCOCK, SAM KILLEEN, TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR, SINÉAD DUNNE, DYLAN STURDY.

MIDDLE ROW: BEN QUIREY, ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, CONNOR ISOM, ALEXANDER DURAC, JEREMY COTTER-VAZQUEZ, LISA COSGRAVE, MEGAN O'BRIEN, CONOR O'RIÁIN, BOBBY HACKETT, SARAH MULLOOLY, AISHA TUOHY.

FRONT ROW: NATALIE KO, CATHERINE HARRIS, JOSHUA ROSNEY, BEN MOHAN, ABIGAIL NOLAN, ELLA SCHMIDT, DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, JOE PRENDERGAST, REBECCA FOX.



3W

BACK ROW: SHANE O'REILLY, EMILY SMARTT, SEÁN BABADE, JOHN BURNS, RORY O'CONNOR, JAMES ACHESON, MARK SMYTH, TOM MOLONY, AELA O'FLYNN.

MIDDLE ROW: EOIN FLYNN, RACHEL FERGUSON, JESSICA SMITH, SAM WRIGHT, EOIN LYNCH, MICHAEL SHEEHAN, CRAIG WHELAN, MARK DEERING, WILLOW BREEN, TIMMY CHEUNG, YULIYA MIKULCHYK.

FRONT ROW: GEORGIA GRANT, CIA MCELVEEN-WALSH, JOE BYRNE, MATT SISSON, ANGELA TANG, MEGAN MULLETT, MIA JENNINGS, JOY SHERWOOD, AIDAN LEE.



4GL

BACK ROW: ALEXANDER KENNY, JASON COSGROVE, JAKE FOLEY, ETHAN JONES, CONNOR SULLIVAN, SAM RAYNER, MARK DEACON, DANIEL KNOCKER.

MIDDLE ROW: HAYLEY WARD MCKENNA, JACK WHELAN, RITCHIE BURBRIDGE, ROBERT HALLISSEY, DAMI BABADE, SAM MOLONEY, TAILTE MAY, CHRISTINA LYNN, AISLING O'NEILL.

FRONT ROW: JENNIFER CODY, MICHAELA RYNNE, MEGAN DOYLE, AITANA BYRNE PAREDES, ALISON MOONEY, EVA GANNON.

**4F**

BACK ROW: ANDREW PALMER, CIAN LARKIN WOULFE, ROBBIE KELLEHER, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, BEN TREACY MC GEE, DAVID EGAN, ZOE MANNING, OISÍN MC EVOY.

MIDDLE ROW: AMY LOGAN, ALEX FELLE, ALISON BEVERLAND, EMMA TRACEY, SEAN HEALY, DAVID BROWNE, ADAM SHAW, CIAN DEVINE PRENDERGAST, AARON HUNT, EVAN COOPER, DANIELS KURILOVS.

FRONT ROW: HANNAH MOLONY, AMYROSE FORDER, SOPHIE HARRISON, ORLA PERDUE, ILONA ADAMS, AOIFE CLOUGHLEY, CIARA FAUGHAN, MAX BEVAN.

**4HE**

BACK ROW: KOLEMAN ANGLE, LUKE KEHOE-ROCHE, TRISTAN REYNOLDS, STEPHEN GREENE, WILL FUREY, STEPHEN WANN, WILLIAM LE BAS.

MIDDLE ROW: LINDSAY BAKER-KERRIGAN, BRIAN REILLY, CONOR DUFFY, JACK BURLEIGH, JOE KIELY-FOX, DANIEL MURPHY, JOHN DOHERTY, CONOR EVANS.

FRONT ROW: KIRSTY LEITH, LYNN DUKE, CATHERINE NEENAN, LAURA MCBEAN, MOLLY WHELAN, KIRSTY MEIJER, CLARA DEVINE, AMY BYRNE.



4K

BACK ROW: JACKSON BARRY, PHILLIP BRADISH, BEN SCANLON, STEPHEN BOYLE, SEÁN KENNELLY, EOIN FAUST, CONOR RYAN, CHARLIE O'CONNOR.

MIDDLE ROW: ANNA FLEMING, EMMA DOOLEY, KATE O'ROURKE, CATHAL RYAN, CIAN MCCAUSLAND, MAX CLARKE, JACK SCOLLARD, DAVID GREEN, MATTHEW TANNAM ELGIE, KALYAN KOLA-CAHILL, JESS MILLER.

FRONT ROW: PAIGE LEAVY, MARIA HUNSTON, AOIBHIN O'RAW, AMAIA DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, SÉANA BRADY, MEGAN CLINCH, AOIFE KERNAN, CLODAGH CURRAN, ORLAITH GREHAN.



4M

BACK ROW: LOUIS HUGGARD, FERDIA O'CONNELL, STEPHEN ARDILL, JONATHAN CHAMBERS, NEBOJSA CVETKOVIC, MATTHEW PEARSON, RALPH LEE, OISÍN GAVIGAN.

MIDDLE ROW: EMMA CANNING, SIBÉAL DEVILLY, TOM FARRELLY, CIAN WARREN, RORY DUFFY, IFEDAYO AKINSULI, DANNY REILLY, RAYMOND TANG, KATHERINE LANDY, KATIE O'CONNER.

FRONT ROW: KATE HUNTER HANLEY, ABBY GREENE, ABBIE SHERIDAN, ISABEL GARLAND, BILLY IIAND, ALANNAH O'REILLY, HANNAH BURKE, LUCY HEALY.

ABSENT: CHARLIE KERR.



5TH YEAR

8TH ROW: DAVID BRUSEY, PETER MULLEN, JAMES TWAMLEY, PATRICK MCBEAN, TOM HARRIS, KIAN WILSON, RÓNÁN DOWNING CULLEN, RÓNÁN WEBER, WILLIAM O'CARROLL, MARK DALY, DANIEL ENGLISH, DARAGH MCDONNELL, FELIM KELLY, JACK KILLEEN, EOIN FEELY, ADAM LUNNON-COLLERY, DAVID ASPIL.

7TH ROW: ANTHONY ZHENG, JOSHUA HOGG, BYRON CUNNINGHAM, JAKOB O'DONNELL, FINN MASON, FIONN MCCARTHY PURCELL, DAVID PHELAN, ANDREW JONES, HUGH HACKETT, COLIN JACKSON, LUKE O'BRIEN, SHANE RICHARDSON, JOHNJOE IRWIN, CIARÁN HARRISON, NEIL DUNNE, DYLAN LEWIS, KILLIAN ELWOOD.

6TH ROW: EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, DARRAGH BUTLER, EVAN BURROWES, JONAH CLEGG, VICTOR BELL, STEPHEN CROSBY, LIAM WEITZ, SCOTT WALLACE, ALESSANDRO MACARI, ROBERT CLARKE, MARK PERHAM, ERIC KEENAN, SÉAMAS MACLOCHLAINN, EOGHAN O'BYRNE, ANDREW COURTNEY, EDWARD BERGMAN.

5TH ROW: EMMA WATTS, THOMAS MCNULTY, MARCELLA NIKOLOVA, TARA BARNES, BEATRICE DOYLE, ELLEN O'GORMAN, KYLE CAMPBELL, JAMES MACKEN, OISÍN MOODLIAR WALSH, PHILIP EMO, LUKE MURPHY, AISLING WHELAN, EVA MARTIN, LUCY BARLOW, GRIFFIN GILLANDERS, BETHANY THOMPSON, RUTH FERGUSON.

4TH ROW: ALEX BUTLER, CHLOE MANAHAN, AMANDA KO, MEGAN O'BYRNE, LAOISE BROPHY, EMMA O'MALLEY, SOFÍA TRÁPAGA GALLAGHER, REBECCA SHAW, GRACE O'MARCAIGH, ELEANOR CONHEADY, ÁINE HUGHES, LEAH TUOHY, ISABELLE GERAGHTY, SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON, HAYLEY BLAIR, CHARLOTTE KING.

3RD ROW: EMMA MCNEILLY, JESSICA NEVILLE, ROBERTA MCCUNE, LOUISE DUKES, SHANNON YOUNG, DEARBHLA MORONEY, NADINE BURKE, SAOIRSE O'DONOGHUE, MAYA DEVINE, JESSICA SMITH, SAOIRSE O'MAHONY, ELLEN MULLOOLY, EVA KELLY, ROISÍN CORMAC-O'HORA, RACHEL DELANEY, KATE SQUIRE, AILISH LONG.

2ND ROW: EMILY NÍ RIAIN, HANEEFA CARRIM, ORLAGH KEARNEY, ALICE DE FORGE, LAURA POWER, CAOILAINN FITZPATRICK, CLAIRE AUSTEN, JASMINE PICKETT, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, ELIZABETH GAGEBY, LAURA DUNNE, ALLYN LEE, BEGUM PAMUK.

1ST ROW: MR KINSELLA, MS BURROWES, MR MILLER, MR DAVIES, MR FORREST, MR GILL, MS FITZGERALD, MS HILLIARD, MS MISSEN.

ABSENT-ZACHARY BREEN, ELLIOT CHAMBERS, ROBERT DEEGAN, RICHARD GANNON, HARRY GRIFFIN, LUCY HOLDEN, ROBERT JONES, RACHAEL KAYE MELLOR, AISLING O' KELLY, CONOR PRENDERGAST, WESLEY WRIGHT.



6TH YEAR

BACK ROW: ANDREW MANNING, ROSS DOOLEY, MARK RYAN, LUKE BARRY, ROBERT MCLOUGHLIN, JAMIE LAYCOCK, SEÁN KEARY, ROBERT BEVERLAND, OISÍN FAUST, PAUL HARRIS, FIONN MACMANUS, SHANE HARRINGTON, JACK WALSH, RICHARD BISMILLA, LUKE BANNISTER, JOHN KEHOE-ROCHE.

SECOND ROW: RYAN EVANS, JUSTIN BRADISH, CAGATAY PAMUK, DANIEL MCBRIDE, GAVIN MURPHY, ROBERT DUNLEAVY, JACK SHERIDAN, KARL KINCH, DANNY MCAVINUE, SAM KEATING, CRAIG KENNEDY, TIM JONES, LORCAN DALY, JOE DONNELLY, DAVEN CASEY, ALEX LODOLA, SAM BROWN.

THIRD ROW: JAMIE MORRIS, KEN EDGEWORTH, DONAL NAYLOR, HUGH SWEETNAM, JOHN DEERING, ANDREW HOWELL, ZEPHAN KAVANAGH, FEARGAL KAVANAGH, CONOR CHRISTODOULIDES, PETER CAMPBELL, ANDREW BURKE, JOHN MURPHY, JACK BYRNE, DYLAN QUIRKE, DAVID HOWARD, TIM BROWNING, ROSS CONNOLLY.

FOURTH ROW: SARAH MULHERE, LAURA HEATON, GRACE O'DONNELL, CAROLINE LAHIFF, EVA BARRETT, MIKE DOLAN, EMMA WEBSTER, LARA BUTLER, MATTHEW DRENNAN, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, LAUREN JACKSON, AMY BYRNE, CIARA FEELY, CIAN TOBIN, PATRICK ADYE CURRAN, JACK TAYLOR, TIM NEENAN, SAMIRA AYEVA.

FIFTH ROW: RUTH CONNELL, EMMA MURPHY, JULIE O'BRIEN, STEPHANIE JOHNSON, LEAH STAFFORD, SARAH CARSON, CLODAGH MCGINLEY, ROBERTA STITT, NAOISE FARRELL, NATHANAEL O'LEARY, SEÁN SHANLEY-MEE, DARREN SNODGRASS, ANDREW RYAN, DARAGH HIGGINS, LAUREN HUDSON, GRÁINNE JORDAN, MARK DELANEY.

SIXTH ROW: LAURA DOWLING, ZOE REICHENTAL, LAOISE DARRAGH, SUZANNE GRAY, HEATHER BALDWIN, CHLOE DOYLE, KYRIE BAKER-KERRIGAN, ZOE ACHESON, JENNIFER MCAULEY-DOHERTY, GRÁINNE O'REILLY, AILBHE CARNEY, JESSICA COOPER, MEGAN BYRNE, ZOE SMART, AMY MAC WILLIAM, DANIEL HOLDER, SAOIRSE FORDE-MORRIN, ÁINE KENNA.

SEVENTH ROW: EMER BRENNAN, MAEBH BRENNAN, EMMA BUTLER, ANN-MARIE FINN, CHLOE BEVAN, JEONGUN KIM, ROBIN HAYDEN, SARAH FOX, ANNIE KEANE, JULIENNE STEWART, CATHERINE FLEMING, GRACE MCCARTHY, KATIE MAGUIRE, RUBY MCLAUGHLIN-CALLAN.

FRONT ROW: MR O WARDELL, MS C MCCARTNEY, MR R HILLIARD, NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE, LAURA RANKIN, MR R J DAVIES, MR G A FORREST, RUPERT ADAMS, JOHN SWANWICK, MR I WILKINSON, MS D THORP, MR L CAROLAN, DR C WHITFORD.

1ST TERM DEAR DIARY

This was an exciting and jam-packed term at HSD!

On 18th September, pupils from Form 6 attended the Higher Options Conference at the Royal Dublin Society.

Terenure College MUN was held on Saturday 28th September, and 31 pupils from The High School attended. Eva Barrett (6WR), Richard Bismilla, Emma Butler (both 6TH), Mike Dolan and Nathanael O'Leary (both 6WL) were named "Distinguished Delegates".

On Thursday 3rd October, The Jane Austen Society of Ireland (founded by our own Ms Burrowes) was launched at Farmleigh, Phoenix Park. It was a very enjoyable evening.

The Annual Prize Day was held on the 23rd October. Professor Samuel Coulter-Smith (Master of The Rotunda Hospital) gave an interesting address to everyone there.

Mr Kinsella's Form 4 English class went to see "Waiting for Godot" in The Gaiety on Sunday 6th October.

The 30th Anniversary Simon Community Fun Run was held in the Phoenix Park on Saturday 12th October. As always, there was excellent representation from The High School!

Ilona Adams (4F), Nebojsa Cvetkovic (4M), Daniels Kurilovs (4F), William Le Bas (4HE) and Katie O'Connor (4M) were chosen to participate in the IBCC based on their



performances in Maths in the Junior Certificate.

National Poetry Day was held in the Library on October 3rd.

During half term, the Senior 1 girls' hockey team went on a trip to Belgium.

The Form 5 production of "It's a Wonderful Life" was staged on the 21st-23rd November. It was a great success.

The Green Schools Committee held an Energy Awareness Week during the week of 15th-22nd November. There were poetry, essay and art competitions and "Think Green" light bulbs appeared around the school.

The HSD orchestra won the Kilcoole Music Festival 50th anniversary cup. This was an excellent achievement!

The High School did well in the East Leinster Cross Country Championships. Among the many performances of note were those by Jack Scollard (4K),

Roseanne McCullough (1J) and Georgina Scanlon (1J).

28 pupils from The High School attended the Rathdown MUN: Mike Dolan (6WL), Robin Hayden (6TH), Nathanael O'Leary (6WL) and Chloë Manahan (5GF) were awarded the title of Distinguished Delegate.

Alan Gibbons, an English author of children's books, came to HSD to speak to Form 1 pupils.

On Saturday 1st December, there was a Form 5 Biology Trip to London, where they visited the Natural History Museum, amongst other places.

The Transition Years ran the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal at the The High School under the supervision of Mr Barry. They succeeded in collecting many gift-filled shoeboxes to send to needy children abroad.

The annual food collection of non-perishable food was organised by Mrs Humphries at Christmas. This was to support the excellent work of The Salvation Army.

A basketball free shot competition was held at lunchtime in aid of the Irish Red Cross Philippines Appeal. €166 was raised. In addition, Form 1 MTW pupils made and sold wooden cooking spatulas to raised €150 for the UNICEF Ireland Philippines Appeal.

The Christmas Annual Art Competition was held by the Library Committee. There were many very good entries.

The annual Transition Year Helen Kane Memorial Challenge was held in December. Pupils had the option of climbing a mountain or jumping in the freezing Forty Foot to raise funds for some very worthy charities!

As you can see, dear diary, it was an exciting term here at HSD. Long may it continue!

Ruth Ferguson (5RM)

It was late August when my mother told me that I had to go into The High School for a meeting with Mr Forrest to do a Prefect interview. Not realising myself and Laura were the only ones to have received this call, I scared quite a few of my fellow Prefects by saying we all had to do one. Needless to say, when I actually went to the meeting, I had quite a shock. I had never thought I would become Head Boy and immediately thought they must have just chosen the first name on the list, but I accepted the position with great pride.

Before we did anything else, the Prefects had to attend a training course which was very beneficial and helped to build up our effectiveness as a team. Then came the Form 1 pupils' first day. We split them into small groups and each group was given a Prefect for the year. I feel this helped to ease the new pupils into secondary school life and gave them someone to talk to if any problems arose.

HEAD BOY

Laura and I, along with our fantastic deputies John and Niamh, had to create two rotas for the year, one for the Prefect duties and one for cleaning duties. We have a wonderful and cooperative year, so this went very well with very few hiccups along the way.

Prize giving was our first major event of the year, where every Prefect did their part, directing traffic or ushering the guests. Laura and I had to entertain the Board of Governors in the staff room and I quickly realised how little I knew about the outside world, as I had to try and deflect a million questions on my opinion on all manner of current affairs. Other than this, the night went without a hitch, thanks to the expert organising skills of Ms Thorpe and the help from the Prefect team and the rest of the staff.



Next up was the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at Zion Church. It was a bit scary to have to do a reading in front of everyone but the excellent music and delicious food afterwards made it all worthwhile. Once again, our Prefect team pulled together to make it a very smooth and successful night.

It got a bit manic towards the end of the year. All heads were stuck in books and the panic of the looming Leaving Certificate began to set in. However, we managed to keep it together till the end, and had a wonderful year altogether. Graduation night was fantastic, with great music and speeches throughout. It was nerve racking having to stand in front of my whole year and talk about our six years together, but I really enjoyed it in the end.

It's a bit hard to believe we're actually finished at The High School now, after six years together. I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to spend them with though. I'd like to thank Mr Forrest, Mr Davies and Dr Whitford for their continuous support throughout the year. I'd also like to thank my deputies, the prefect team and the whole of Form 6 for a wonderful six years together, and the rest of the staff for helping us through our time at The High School.

Rupert Adams (6WL)



It was a great honour for me to be appointed Head Girl of such a lovely year group. The Class of 2014 has been a part of this amazing community at The High School for six years. It has been a time of enormous change, development and opportunity for each of us. Rather than summarise this past year's events, I would like to share some thoughts on what has made The High School memorable and special over my time in the school.

Teachers. We have been so lucky to have been taught by such a truly wonderful group of teachers. They are the most patient, inspiring, and dedicated people I know. Their wisdom and understanding has left us with valuable lessons that extend far beyond the walls of any classroom or exam hall. It has been a pleasure working with them and I think the relationship of mutual respect that we all have for one another is something that we have valued greatly.

Hockey. Hockey has been a huge part of my life at the school. I've been lucky enough to play right the way through my time here and have celebrated many victories with my team mates. But no matter where your strengths and talents lie, whether it be in academics, sport, art, music, or debating, there is something here for everyone. The High School has encouraged us to develop our individual gifts, talents and passions.

Energy. From the moment you step foot in the school you can feel positive vibes! The infectious enthusiasm and commitment of the staff and pupils here is quite amazing and it tends to put a smile on your face no matter what kind of a day you're having. There is little success where there is little laughter and thanks to my good-humoured classmates. There has definitely been no shortage of that.

Homely. I've always felt at home, safe and comfortable here. Like any extended family we care for, support, and encourage one another in moments of celebration, disappointment, sadness, and joy. I am lucky to have been in such an accepting and thoughtful year group.

Individuality. One hundred and twenty five unique people who have brought our own personality, ideas and talents together to create a beautiful mosaic. It would not have been the same if a single one of us had been missing.

Guidance. Growing from a child to a young adult is not easy. It is a time of difficulty and uncertainty, and many of us have been in need of guidance and help at some point along the way. Whether this has been from the Guidance Department, or from other staff members, or even just talking to your friends, there has always been someone around more than willing to help.

Habitat. My trip with Habitat for Humanity to Nepal in Transition Year was an experience for personal development and adventure that I will never forget. Apart from the building work the moments that stand out are meeting the locals and Paddy reciting Cáca Milis with such passion that he had the Nepalese convinced it was a tragic love poem!

Socialising has been an important aspect both in school and out. We love a good party, and there have been many!

Community. There are so many people who contribute to the daily life of this school. The excellent work done by the Student Council and the Green Schools Committee, the supervisors, the office, the grounds and canteen staff. Everyone always works with such energy and good humour. The school would simply fall apart without you.

Hiccoughs. Of course, not everything has always gone according to plan, and things have not always been easy. There have inevitably been some moments of panic, doubt and frustration. We can now all laugh at the frantic last minute preparations for the Form 5 play for example. Or when we lost a few ranging poles to the sea on Shankill beach.

Opportunities. We have been privileged to have had so many opportunities presented to us here. There have been trips, an action packed Transition Year, our spectacular production of Dracula, the Erasmian and Diocesan Times, to name but a few.

Orwell Park. It may seem strange that I mention this road but this was part of my journey to and from school every day and navigating potholes on a bike certainly woke me up before class. Every day for six years we have all taken different routes



HEAD GIRL

to get to school. Now we have come to a crossroads. Whatever path we choose will take us to new and exciting places, but no doubt our paths will continue to cross and intersect in the years ahead.

Leaving. It is difficult to say goodbye to a place that has been so important to all of us. But we leave with fond memories, good friends, and great potential.

So there it is. The High School. (Congratulations to anyone who spotted the acronym!)

I have had the privilege of working with a brilliant Prefect team and I would like to especially Rupert, John and Niamh who all put in a huge amount of work to make sure that the year ran smoothly.

Thank you also to Mr Forrest, Mr Davies and Dr Whitford, for their support and guidance throughout the year.

Best wishes too to my successor! I hope she enjoys the position as much as I have.

Laura Rankin (6MC)



PREFECTS 2013-14

BACK ROW: JOHN SWANWICK (DEPUTY HEAD BOY), SEÁN KEARY, ROBERT MCLOUGHLIN, CRAIG KENNEDY, HUGH SWEETNAM, JUSTIN BRADISH, MIKE DOLAN, RUPERT ADAMS (HEAD BOY), GAVIN MURPHY, NAOISE FARRELL.

MIDDLE ROW: SARAH CARSON, JOHN DEERING, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE (DEPUTY HEAD GIRL), PATRICK ADYE CURRAN, CIARA FEELY, ANDREW BURKE, ROBIN HADYN, EMMA MURPHY, LAUREN JACKSON, LAUREN HUDSON.

FRONT ROW: MAEBH BRENNAN, EMER BRENNAN, EMMA BUTLER, ANN-MARIE FINN, LAURA DOWLING, SAMIRA AYEVA, LAURA RANKIN (HEAD GIRL), JACK TAYLOR, CIAN TOBIN, NATHANAEL O'LEARY.

ABSENT: DANIEL HOLDER.

MS FLEMING

**Interviewed by
Maya Devine (5GF)
and Hayley Blair (5RM)**

Where did you go to school?

The King's Hospital

Do you have a hidden talent?

It's not really a hidden talent but I'm good at Zumba.

Have you ever been in detention?

No... but I did mitch last class once; it was a Saturday!

If your life was made into a Hollywood movie, who would you want to be your romantic other?

Matt Damon

What would we find in your fridge right now?

Greek yoghurt, peppers, milk, and some really good orange juice!

If you were a food, what would you be and why?

I'd be a strawberry... because everyone's happy when they eat them because it's summer and sunny!

What was the best concert/festival you've ever been to?

Oxygen, I saw Bloc Party and they were the best band I've seen.

What was your favourite or most memorable school trip?

One year our whole year was supposed to go to Phoenix Park Visitors Centre, but there wasn't enough room on the buses, so our class had to stay in school!

What superpower would you most like to have?

Speed up time.

What has made you laugh most while teaching?

My Form 1 pupils asking if I was French.

What is the meaning of life?

Smile and be happy!

If you could repeat your school years, would you work harder or be more rebellious?

More rebellious, definitely!

Name two things on your bucket list.

Go to Goa in India and learn Spanish.

Quick-fire Round

Ireland or France?

Ireland

The Eiffel Tower or L'Arc du Triumph?

Eiffel Tower

Disneyland or Shopping?

Shopping

Snails or Frogs legs?

Frogs legs.

NEW STAFF INTERVIEWS

MS GARNETT

Interviewed by Emma Watts (5EH)
Suzanna Wyse Jackson (5RM),
and Anthony Zheng (5GF)

Where are you from?
I'm from Killarney, Co Kerry.
What's the worst thing you did at college?
Oh! Skipping lectures.
If you were a food which food would you be?
Hmm... Eggs, because they're very versatile.
What is a random fact about yourself?
I volunteered in Kenya for a month.
What is your favourite thing about The High School?
The friendly staff!
What is your favourite colour and why?
I think blue is my favourite colour but I don't know why. It
always has been.
What's your guilty food pleasure?
Indian takeaway.
What is your boldest childhood moment?
I was a very good child!

Do you have any hidden talents?
I play piano, I did my Grade Eight.
What's your most embarrassing
moment?
I was in a play and completely
blanked my lines on stage.
What was your favourite subject in
school?
Home Economics and Art
What's your party trick?
I always make cupcakes; does that
count?
What was your childhood dream job?
Probably a food critic or something. I
love food!
Any last words?
Just that I'm excited for the year
ahead!

MR HANAN

Interviewed by Laura Dunne (5RM)
and Megan O'Byrne (5RM)

What secondary school did you go to?
I went to school here at The High School.
What subject(s) do you teach?
I teach English and History.
Do have any hobbies?
I like rugby, hiking and cycling.
What was your first impression of The High
School and its pupils? Are you enjoying teaching
here?
So far so good, I really like teaching here. The
pupils are as nice as I remember.
Favourite year to teach?
I teach Form 1 and 2, I won't pick a favourite.
Do you have any embarrassing moments you'd
like to share?
When I was in college I had my legs waxed for St
Vincent de Paul. It was extremely painful!
What got you interested in teaching and your
subjects?
I've always enjoyed learning both English and
History, since I was in school.
As you teach English what is your favourite novel,
play, and poet to teach?
*At this point we were interrupted by Mr Rankin
giving us his two cents:*
'No comment'

My favourite novel is *Remains of The Day*; Sylvia Plath
would be my favourite poet. *Othello* is my favourite
play.
What is your favourite historical era? If you could live
during any point in time which one would it be?
I'd have to go with the 60's. It was an exciting time all
over the world.
Who is your favourite fictional character from any
book?
I like Severus Snape from Harry Potter.
Would he be your teaching idol?
No, I just think he's a good character.

Okay now we shall have our...

QUICK FIRE ROUND

Red or Blue: Blue
Rock or Pop: Pop
English or History: History
Cats or Dogs: Dogs
Winter or Summer: Winter
Watch the movie or Read the book: Read the book
80's movies or 90's pop music: 90's music

Finally, what is your opinion on dragons? Love 'em or
hate 'em?
Um... I like them? I wouldn't hang around with them.

MS HILLIARD
Interviewed by Emma Watts (5EH)
Suzanna Wyse Jackson (5RM),
and Anthony Zheng (5GF)

What is your first impressions of the school?

The first thing I noticed is that the rapport between pupils and teachers is great. Everyone seems very happy to be back in school.

What is the funniest moment so far in your career?

The wasp in the classroom and capturing it in my glasses case.

What school did you go to?

I was here at The High School then Trinity and UCD.

What is your favourite subject apart from English?

Probably History or French.

What was your boldest childhood moment?

Don't think I have one to be honest. I was a very good child.

What is your favourite pastime?

Oh, reading of course!

What is the weirdest food you like to eat?

I like Philadelphia and honey on Ryvita.

Do you have any bad habits?

I am sure I do! You tell me! These are hard questions. Can't think of any at the moment.

Tell us a random fact about yourself?

I never dyed my hair.

Are you a cat or a dog person? Why?

Dog, definitely. I hate cats!

What is the most daring thing you did in college?

I took a year out and went to Australia.

Did you ever get detention and why?

I did once, I drew a flower on my Maths book AFTER I had already completed the work! But I got it appealed so I didn't get the detention after all.

Are you related to Mr Hilliard?

No, I'm not. Who would be older if we were? (*We felt it was best to keep quiet*) Well, we were in the same

Form at school. His dad was my Form teacher.

Why is Form 5 your best ever?

I never said... but isn't it obvious?

MR O'BRIEN
Interviewed by Ruth Ferguson (5RM)
and Eva Kelly (5RM)

What were you like at school?

Quiet, distracted, and a large fan of drama. I did most of the plays I could get my hands on.

What has been your most embarrassing moment so far at HSD?

Spilling coffee on my shoes 10 minutes ago.

They're expensive shoes and I made a scene of myself.

Where would you most like to live, and why?

Seattle in Washington. It has a very similar climate to here with less rain. Great music, nice people, close to Canada (*What's the attraction there?...*)

Who in the world would you most like to meet? (dead or alive)

David Foster Wallace. He was an author in the '90s, a fascinating man.

What's your motto/advice for pupils?

Try at all times to be interested in your subject, no matter what it is. Interest will get you through most things.

Who is your favourite female teacher?

Ms Burrowes.

If you could have a superpower what would it be?

Flying - most other superpowers can be taken care of.

Know any good jokes?

I find the duck's opinion of me is very much influenced by whether I have bread. (**Confused, sympathetic, half-hearted laughter**)

What's your favourite book?

Libra by Don Delillo.

What are your favourite songs?

Alive - Pearl Jam.

Riders on the Storm - The Doors.

Pass the Peas - Maceo

If you were an animal, what would you be and why?

A sloth, because they're one of the most ancient creatures on the face of the Earth and they haven't changed at all in millions of years. Also they sleep a lot.

What three things would you bring to the moon, one being a High School teacher?

A year's supply of oxygen.

A book called *Infinite Jest* and Mr McBride - he's quite handy with his technology, that could be useful, and I just saw him over there.

Have you enjoyed our interview?

Yes. We'll go with yes. (*Why so unsure?!*) It was interesting. I didn't know some of that stuff about myself.

Quick-Fire Round:

English or History? English

Football or Rugby? Rugby

Sunshine or Snow? Sunshine

Cactuses or Cacti? Cacti

Pop or Classical? Pop

Red with blue dots or Blue with red dots?

Blue with red dots!

PRIZE DAY SPEECH 2013

I'd like to begin (as is customary) by offering my congratulations to all prize winners on their success, to acknowledge the efforts of teachers who have encouraged pupils to fulfil their potential, and to thank parents and guardians for supporting the efforts of their children here at The High School. The means of preserving these standards given the range of difficulties facing the school at the moment and how these challenges will be managed in the future are outlined in my report in the Prize Day booklet.

The focus on excellence in education that has characterized The High School since its establishment in 1870 has never been limited to or narrowly defined by any single criterion of success. In fact, it is clear that the range of talents and abilities demonstrated by generations of pupils has always been recognized and rewarded with reference to a wide diversity of curricular and extra-curricular activities. A cursory glance at a Prize Day booklet of any era will reveal the existence of long-standing awards for academic, musical, artistic, and sporting achievement along with a clear emphasis on the importance of

promoting social awareness as well as the recognition of dutiful service to the institution. This striking combination of ideals remains central to our values at The High School today.

We are fortunate that the range of curricular and extra-curricular opportunities offered through the committed and dedicated efforts of staff, governors, and parents provides the perfect environment for high levels of achievement by all those attending The High School. It will come as no surprise to learn that the vast majority of pupils are fulfilling their potential or exceeding expectations on a daily basis and this success is recognized and rewarded at all times and at all levels. However, we regard the prizes awarded this evening as an important and distinctive accolade – a clear recognition by the school of the highest levels of achievement. The pupils who meet and maintain these standards have demonstrated outstanding commitment and determination in order to succeed in their respective fields. In this respect I would like to congratulate those pupils

who have been awarded prizes this evening and recognize their dedication to achieving and maintaining the highest standards throughout their time at The High School. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

We are particularly fortunate in enjoying a long tradition of academic success at the school which has been sustained by a collaborative and co-operative approach to teaching and learning which is shared equally between pupils and staff from day to day and from year to year. The training, experience, and judgement of my colleagues on the teaching staff underpins a clear understanding that identifying and nurturing the multiple intelligences of the children entrusted to our care is central to our educational mission. It is clear to me that it would be virtually impossible to achieve the positive outcomes we are celebrating this evening were it not for the professional excellence of the teaching staff who are ably supported in their activities by the ancillary, catering, and administrative staff. I am equally grateful for the practical support and advice offered by the governors at The High School whose specialized expertise is provided on a voluntary basis. I am delighted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication demonstrated by all members of the school community to the life of The High School this evening.

We are all aware that having lost its economic sovereignty this country has gone through an unprecedented period of economic and financial turmoil over the past five years. The extraordinary range of pressures experienced by the current generation of parents and pupils in adapting to these changed circumstances has had a significant impact on individuals and families. I am in regular contact with parents who are experiencing difficulties so I am acutely aware of the sacrifices made by all those who have chosen to educate their children here at The High School. In this context the role played by parents and guardians in promoting and supporting the education of their children in order to achieve positive outcomes has become an increasingly important and onerous one. You should be assured that the school is most grateful for the support and encouragement it receives from the parent body under these circumstances. I am delighted that we have an opportunity to celebrate the

achievements of your children this evening and I hope that you can enjoy this proud moment of shared success.

However, I am sure that you are equally aware that the withdrawal of State funding threatens this unique provision. The Government has increased the pupil-teacher ratio in fee-charging schools to 23:1; in state-funded schools the comparable ratio is 19:1. This means that The High School will be required to spend an additional €640,000 per annum employing privately-paid teachers in order to maintain its current academic curriculum. It is possible that the pupil-teacher ratio in fee-charging schools will increase in Budget 2015. This will inevitably result in a combination of fee increases for parents and a further reduction in key services for pupils at The High School. I am sure you understand the impact that further cutbacks would have on hard-pressed families living in our communities. Therefore, I should be grateful if you would continue to make the case to your public representatives for a freeze on any further increase to the pupil-teacher ratio in Budget 2015 and the restoration of all other elements of State funding to The High School as soon as possible.

Mr G A Forrest, MA, QTS

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ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS, 2013-14

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Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship:
Andrew Canning
Rathfarnham Parish National School

School Scholarships:
James Cole
Rathfarnham Parish National School
Calum Adair
Rathgar Junior School
Katherine Moore
St Pius X Girls National School
Luan Rogers
Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School
Holly Perdue
Rathfarnham Parish National School

Music Scholarship:
Robert Whyte
St Catherine's National School
Naoise Hardiman May
Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School



HOLLY PERDUE, LUAN RODGERS,
KATHERINE MOORE, CALUM ADAIR,
JAMES COLE

Prizes 222

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FORM 2 PRIZE WINNERS

Form 1

Class Prizes:

1C Dylan Walsh, William Cosgrave
1P Daisy Ryan, Isobel Mahon
1R Michael Guastalla, Ella Squire
1T Rebecca Jones, Peter Lynch
1W Edward Meredith, James Kinsella

Progress Prizes:

1C Gianluca Lyons, Sarah Morley
1P Siobhan Chinenyanga, Ben Doyle
1R Gerard Colman, Katherine Walsh Dignam
1T James Metoudi, Ellen Ridgeway
1W Adam O'Rourke, Erica Bowen

Form 2

Class Prizes:

2B Camille Christle, Melanie O'Donovan
2C Philip Motyer, Elizabeth Boyd
2MC Sorchá Ní Neill, Emma Taylor
2R Natalie Ko, Abigail Nolan
2W Rachel Ferguson, Aela O'Flynn

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

2B Sian Bolger, Jack McKenna
2C Adam Ruffi, Fionnuala Mullen
2MC Nathan Mawhinney, Lionel Deverell
2R Rebeca Fox, Ben Quirey
2W Timmy Cheung, Michael Sheehan



GERARD COLMAN, BEN DOYLE, SIOBHÁN CHINENYANGA, SARAH MORLEY, GIANLUCA LYONS

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize

(best overall in Form 3):

Clodagh Curran

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Emma Canning

Business Studies - SS Evans Prize:

John Doherty

Classical Studies:

Cian Devine Prendergast

Civic, Social & Political Education -

Parents' Association Prize:

Amyrose Forder, Jennifer Cody,

Jonathan Chambers, Alannah O'Reilly,

Megan Doyle

English - Emily Latimer Memorial

Prize:

Ilona Adams

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Clara Devine

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

John Doherty

German - German Government Prize:

Ilona Adams

History - Casserley Prize:

Clodagh Curran

Home Economics -

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Michaela Rynne

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

William Le Bas

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

William Le Bas

Materials Technology (Wood) -

Parents' Association Prize:

Adam Shaw

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Aisling O'Neill

Religious Education -

Parents' Association Prize:

Ciara Faughnan

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Emma Canning

Technical Graphics -

Parents' Association Prize:

Jack Burleigh

Progress Prizes:

3F Ellen Downey, Charlie O'Connor

3G Evan Cooper, Abbie Sheridan

3J Stephen Greene, Zoe Manning

3RE Alison Beverland, Cathal Ryan

3RN David Egan, Eva Gannon



SORCHA NÍ NEILL, ELIZABETH BOYD, PHILIP MOTYER, MELAINE O'DONOVAN, CAMILLE CHRISTLE



CLODAGH CURRAN



CIAN DEVINE PRENDERGAST



SEÁN SHANLEY-MEE



MICHAEL DOLAN

FORM 3
PRIZE WINNERS



JEONGUN KIM, LAUREN HUDSON, ANN-MARIE FINN, OISÍN FAUST



VIOLINISTS IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA



EMMA FEATHERSTON



THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR



MEGAN DOYLE, ALANNAH O'REILLY, JENNIFER CODY, AMYROSE FORDER



RUTH FERGUSON



ABBIE SHERIDAN, EVAN COOPER, CHARLIE O'CONNOR, ELLEN DOWNEY



PAUL HARRIS



PATRICK O'HARE, NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE, EMMA BUTLER, CIARA FEELY, LAURA DOWLING

FORM 5
PRIZE WINNERS



Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):

Seán Shanley-Mee

Class Prizes: Oisín Faust, Ann-Marie Finn, Lauren Hudson, Jeongun Kim, Laura Dowling, Ciara Feely, Emma Butler, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Patrick O'Hare

Montgomery Awards

Biology

Joint 1st – Jeongun Kim

Joint 1st – Seán Keary

2nd – Donal Naylor

Physics

1st – Richard Bismilla

2nd – Patrick O'Hare

Chemistry

1st – Robin Hayden

Form 6

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

The High School Exhibition:

(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)

Amy O'Regan

John Thompson Scholarship:

John Walsh

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)

Lia McCann

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

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

Lili Nolan

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Alex Liddicoat

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Lucy Burns

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at third level)

Laura Byrne

Accounting:

Patrick Devine Prendergast

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley

Memorial Prize:

John Hackett

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Zoe Shields

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:

Amy O'Regan

Business - S.S. Evans Prize:

Siobhan McManus

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:

Amy O'Regan

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:

Lili Nolan

Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:

Ben Sherwood

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Patrick Devine Prendergast

English - Bessie Bury Prize:

Andrew Shaw

French - McNay Prize:

Zoe Shields

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Megan Quirey

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

John Walsh

German - German Government Prize:

Siobhan McManus

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Evie McCullough

Home Economics - Dr Maurice

Anderson's Prize:

Amy O'Regan

Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize:

Patrick Devine Prendergast

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:
Lili Nolan
Music - Diocesan School Prize:
Aisling Reilly
Physics:
Sam Treacy McGee
Spanish - Ray White Memorial Prize:
Maria Teresa Colón-Berlinger
Design and Communication Graphics –
Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Lia McCann
Class Prizes: Gavin Rothwell, Aisling
O'Reilly, John Savage, Lorcan O'Byrne,
Ciara Dowling, Isaac Dempsey, Oisín
Keenan, Andrew Mooney



LIA MCCANN

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:
(Prefect who has made the most
helpful contribution to school life)
Gillian Chapman
PPU Debating Medal:
Mike Dolan
McDonnell Prize for the Arts:
Paul Harris for his involvement in
Senior and Junior plays



LILI NOLAN

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Ruth Ferguson – for her dedication
and relentless efforts for the Green
Schools Committee which resulted in
The High School being awarded its
first Green Flag

Past Pupils' Union Awards

The following awards are made to
those pupils who are considered to
have made the best contribution
to the school. In the case of the
Head Boy and Head Girl the award is
automatic and in the case of the other
two awards the Deputy Head Boy and
Deputy Head Girl are nominated in the
first instance.



GAVIN ROTHWELL, WAYNE SHERIDAN PPU PRESIDENT 2013-14, EVIE MCCULLOUGH

Head Boy: Lorcan O'Byrne

Head Girl: Lia McCann

Old Boys' Cup: Gavin Rothwell

Jean Scott Trophy: Evie McCullough



ROBIN HAYDEN AND FATHER



LAURA DOWLING AND FAMILY

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2013

Ardill, Raymond
 Baldwin, Ellen
 Barlow, Kate
 Barrett, Ann
 Barrett, Katherine
 Beverland, Richard
 Bishop, Wesley
 Bradish, Florence
 Brohoon, Alex
 Burns, Lucy
 Burrowes, Luke
 Butler, Cathal
 Butler, Cian
 Buttanshaw, Sara
 Byrne, Laura
 Byrne, Ryan
 Campbell, Aaron
 Campbell, Gavin
 Cardiff-Free, Ryan
 Carragher, Mark
 Cassidy, Caoimhe
 Chambers, Rupert
 Chapman, Gillian
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TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS 2012-2013

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze (Form 4)

Barlow, Lucy
Bell, Victor
Blair, Hayley
Brophy, Laoise
Butler, Alex
Carragher, Alannah
Carrim, Haneefa
Conheady, Ellie
Cormac-O'Hora, Roisín
Courtney, Andrew
Crosby, Stephen
Deegan, Robert
Devine, Maya
Dolan, Michael
Dowling Cullen, Rónán
Dukes, Louise
Dunne, Laura
Emo, Philip
Ferguson, Ruth
Gageby, Elizabeth
Geraghty, Isabelle
Irwin, Johnjoe
Jones, Robert
Jones, Andrew
Kelly, Eva
Killeen, Jack
Lee, Allyn
Long, Ailish
MacLochlainn, Seámas
Manahan, Chloe
Martin, Eva
McCarthy Purcell, Fionn
McClafferty, Evie

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze (Form 4)

McCullough, Ellen
Milofsky, Cian
Moroney, Dearbhla
Mullooly, Ellen
Nikolova, Marcella
O'Brien, Luke
O'Byrne, Megan
O'Gorman, Ellen
O'Kelly, Aisling
O'Mahony, Saoirse
Perham, Mark
Power, Laura
Richardson, Shane
Squire, Kate
Thompson, Bethany
Tuohy, Leah
Wallace, Scott
Watts, Emma
Weber, Ronan
Weitz, Liam
Wyse Jackson, Susanna
Young, Shannon

Gaisce-President's Award

Silver (Form 6)

Gentile, Morwenna
Lia McCann

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze (Forms 5 and 6)

Campbell, Peter
O'Raw, Sorchá
Jones, Tim

Habitat for Humanity

Emer Brennan
Haneefa Carrim
Abigail Donnelly
Rónán Dowling Cullen
Sarah Fox
Hugh Hackett
Ciaran Harrison
Lucy Holden
Johnjoe Irwin
Adam Lunnon-Collery
Amy MacWilliam
Robert McLoughlin
Gavin Murphy
John Murphy
Nathanael O'Leary
Luke O'Brien

Andrew McKay Memorial

Business Award

Alannah Carragher
Andrew Courtney
Jack Killeen
Mark Perham
Leah Tuohy

Young Entrepreneurs

Hayley Blair
Zachary Breen
Evan Burrowes
Darragh Butler
Alannah Carragher
Andrew Courtney
Eoin Feely
Ciarán Harrison
Rachael Kaye Mellor
Jack Killeen
Ailish Long
Alessandro Macari
Evie McClafferty
Ellen McCullough
Cian Milofsky
Oisín Moodliar Walsh
Peter Mullen
Emily Ní Riain
Jake O'Donnell
Mark Perham
Leah Tuohy

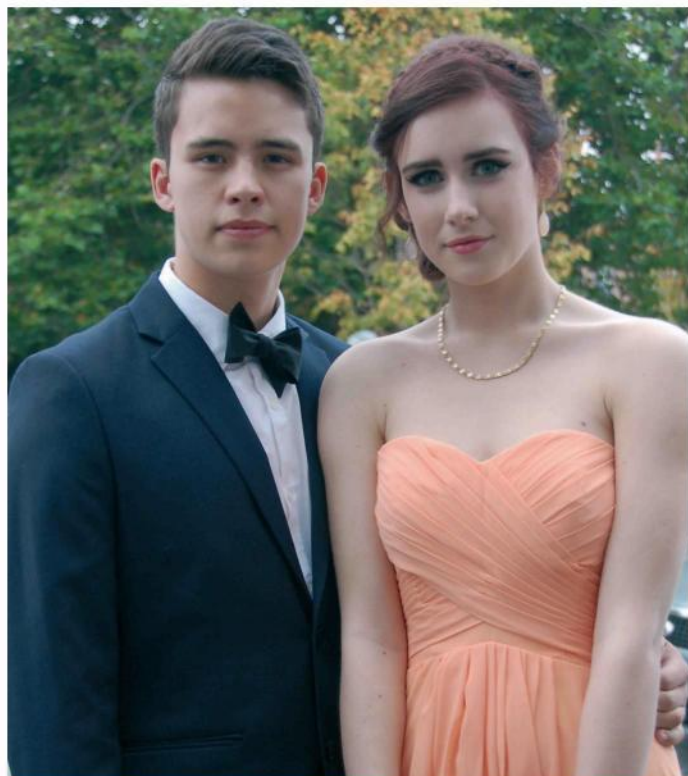
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David Aspil
Eddie Bergman
Darragh Butler
Elliot Chambers
Byron Cunningham
Rónán Dowling Cullen
Killian Elwood
Philip Emo
Richard Gannon
Hugh Hackett
Joshua Hogg
Lucy Holden
Felim Kelly
Adam Lunnon-Collery
Finn Mason
Oisín Moodliar Walsh
Billy O'Carroll
Mark Perham
Bethany Thompson
James Twamley
Scott Wallace
Kian Wilson

Debutants



DEAN KILROY AND ELLEN BALDWIN



ING-MAR LIM AND HANNAH FOLEY



CIAN PAWLE-BATES, MARIANNE MCCLAFFERTY, AND DAYNA CLEGG



DEAN KILROY, EVIE MCCULLOUGH, CAOIMHE NEVILLE, AND PADRAIG MCDONAGH FOX



PAVEL NIKERYASOV AND STEFFI JOHNSON



JENNIFER LONG, FLORENCE BRADISH, SAM TREACY-MCGEE AND MARIANNE MCCLAFFERTY

Simon Fun Run



THE HIGH SCHOOL NAMED "SCHOOL OF THE YEAR" BY THE SIMON COMMUNITY

The High School has been awarded the Simon Community "School of the Year" Perpetual Trophy for the third consecutive year by raising the largest sum of any school in Ireland for the charity in 2011, 2012, and 2013. We should like to congratulate all those who participated in fundraising events and thank everyone who contributed to supporting this most deserving cause.



IN SEPTEMBER WE HAD THE
PLEASURE OF HEARING
FROM TWO SPEAKERS
FROM THE SIMON
COMMUNITY AT ASSEMBLY.





FIRST KAYAKING EXPERIENCE OF THE YEAR



ELLEN TRACEY-MC GEE (1W)
AND ANNA SAMSONOVA (2T)



ANNA PHELAN (1RN)



WOLF CHUNG (1W)

LEINSTER HOCKEY- AILISH LONG (5RM), SAOIRSE
O'DONOHUE (5EH) AND EMMA CANNING (4M)



The High School Celebrates International Representative Success

The High School has enjoyed significant success in international sport recently. Rachel Delany (5GF) was selected to represent the Ireland U17 Girls' Cricket team which played against Scotland in Dublin during the summer. The Cricket Ireland team won the series 4-0 with Rachel featuring among the list of most valuable players. Emma Murphy (6TH) was selected for the Ireland U19 Sevens Womens' Rugby Squad which competed in an international tournament in Sheffield for the first time earlier this month. Her team beat Wales Dragons 'B' 29-0, England North 28-5, and Scotland 28-12 to finish in fourth place overall. Finally, Jack Walsh (6MC) represented Ireland in the U18 boys' Golf Home International series which was played at Forest Pines Golf Club in Lincolnshire. He played his part in securing the first victory for an Ireland team since 2010 by winning singles matches against opponents from Scotland and Wales as well as competing in a victorious fourball match for Ireland against Wales.

Congratulations to all of these pupils on their competitive success!

European Language Week

The annual European Language Week began in The High School on Thursday 26th September. Foreign language performances took place in assembly, and competitions were available in the library. Over the week classes visited the library, where they watched the French film *Neuilly sa Mère* and took part in the many activities the Library Committee had provided. Overall it was a very enjoyable and educational week and we would like to thank Mrs King and the Library Committee for their great effort.

La Semaine des Langues Européennes, qui a lieu toutes les années, a commencé à HSD jeudi le 26 septembre. Nous avons tous assisté à des représentations en plusieurs langues étrangères à l'assemblée, et à des concours dans la bibliothèque. Pendant la semaine des classes ont visité la bibliothèque où elles ont regardé le film *Neuilly sa Mère* et participé à plusieurs activités qui ont été organisés par le Comité. La semaine qui était très éducative, nous a fait beaucoup de plaisir, et nous voudrions remercier Madame King et le Comité de la bibliothèque de leurs grands efforts.

Roberta McCune (5GF)

JOUTES ORATOIRES À L'ALLIANCE FRANÇAISE 2013/2014 (French Debating)

Cette année, une équipe de The High School a eu l'occasion de participer aux joutes oratoires, un concours de débat en français qui a eu lieu à L'Alliance Française. Quatre élèves en terminale (Mike Dolan - capitaine, Robin Hayden, Jack Taylor et Cian Tobin) ont fait face au défi et ont très bien réussi. C'était une réussite qui a beaucoup dépassé les espoirs du professeur. Le concours était une très bonne expérience pour tout le monde y compris Chloë Manahan et Patrick McBean qui ont remplacé Jack et Cian pour la demi-finale, juste avant les examens blancs.

Il fallait beaucoup de préparation et de pratique avant chaque débat bien sûr. On a reçu la thèse pour chaque débat seulement trois ou quatre semaines en avance. Il était parfois difficile de considérer les thèses à fond, puisqu'il fallait surtout considérer en français; ce qui n'était pas toujours facile pour nous!

Ces thèmes ont compris des sujets d'une importance primordiale pour nous, les jeunes; tels que <<La télé-réalité nuit à nos valeurs>>, <<La publicité fait plus de bien que de mal>>, et <<Le système scolaire ne répond plus à nos besoins>>. Comme vous pouvez imaginer notre niveau de français, surtout en compréhension auditive s'est beaucoup amélioré au cours du concours. En fin de compte on a réussi à parler assez couramment en français. Pour combler la réussite trois élèves du The High School ont gagné le prix pour le/la meilleur orateur/oratrice. Les élèves qui remportent ce prix auraient dû faire preuve d'un très très bon niveau de français aussi bien que savoir très bien comment répondre aux interpellations.

On aimerait remercier notre professeur, Mme Horan, qui nous a préparés en nous inspirant à chaque étape.

Mike Dolan (6WL)

CHLOE MANAHAN (5GF) QUI PREND
LE PRIX DU MEILLEUR ORATEUR DE LA
PART DE PATRICK MCBEAN



MIKE DOLAN (6WL): MEILLEUR ORATEUR



ROBIN HAYDEN (6TH): MEILLEURE ORATRICE



LAUNCH OF THE JANE AUSTEN SOCIETY OF IRELAND

The Jane Austen Society of Ireland was launched in the beautiful surroundings of Farmleigh in the Phoenix Park on Thursday 3rd October. This event also celebrated the bicentenary of Austen's most famous novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. The new society's founder and president, our own Ms Burrowes, gave the welcome address, after which the main event of the evening took place: a talk by Dr Sophia Hillan on the subject of her recent book, *Mary, Lou and Cass: Jane Austen's nieces in Ireland*.

Some contemporary music was performed after the interval: Aisling O'Neill (4GL) sang a song from the period *a capella*. Jack Taylor, Seán Keary (both 6TH) and John Kehoe-Roche (6WL) played in a string trio. Saoirse Forde-Morrin (6CA) read an extract from one of Austen's letters to her sister.

Also present from The High School were Ruth Ferguson (5RM) and Rachel Ferguson (3W) and their parents. They are relatives of Jane Austen herself. Some people even dressed up in costumes suitable for the Austen period! A great night was had by all thanks to Ms Burrowes' dedication and enthusiasm in founding The Jane Austen Society of Ireland and in organising the event. More information about the society and its activities can be found at www.janeaustensocietyofireland.com.

WHY NOT START WITH...

"Pride and Prejudice"

This timeless tale of hope and love tells the story of Elizabeth Bennet, a spirited and charming young lady, who lives with her four sisters, her reserved and somewhat odd but nevertheless amusing father, and a mother whose greatest wish is to see her five daughters married as soon as possible. The kindly Mr Bingley makes his appearance in a nearby manor, much to the excitement of the female Bennets! He quickly earns a reputation as a cheerful and amiable young man, but the general opinion of his companion, Mr Darcy, is not so favourable. While relations between Mr Bingley and Jane, the eldest Bennet daughter, become warmer, the relationship between the elusive Mr Darcy and Elizabeth is fraught. Revelations and unexpected developments continue to accost the reader as the story unfolds. But as the book draws to a close, will love prevail over pride and prejudice?

Ruth Ferguson (5RM) and Rachel Ferguson (3W)



AISLING O'NEILL (4GL), SAOIRSE FORDE-MORRIN (6CA)



MR AND MRS FERGUSON WITH THEIR DAUGHTERS RUTH AND RACHEL



MS BURROWES, SOPHIA HILLAN AND CELIA KEENAN



Why Read Jane Austen?

"I DO NOT WANT PEOPLE TO BE VERY AGREEABLE, AS IT SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF LIKING THEM A GREAT DEAL"

- JANE AUSTEN

- 1) You will be able to broaden your vocabulary and sound distinguished ("thither", "indecorous", "vexation", "prodigiously").
- 2) Learn what real men are like (the mysterious Mr Darcy, the charming Mr Willoughby).
- 3) They are actually very funny! (*Sense and Sensibility*, *Northanger Abbey*).
- 4) Become wise.
- 5) You will have Ms Burrowes' (founder of The Jane Austen Society of Ireland) admiration and approval.
- 6) People will be impressed ("What's that you're reading?" "Oh, just Austen"...).
- 7) You'll enjoy it!

GUESS THE BOOK

- 1) "The distance is nothing when one has a motive."
- 2) "The person, be it gentlemen or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel must be intolerable stupid."
- 3) "I may have lost my heart, but not my self-control."
- 4) "It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife."
- 5) "It is not time or opportunity that is to determine intimacy; - it is disposition alone."
- 6) "I hate to hear you talk about all women as if they were fine ladies instead of rational creatures. None of us want to be in calm waters all our lives."
- 7) "Life seems but a quick succession of busy nothings."
- 8) "Facts are such horrid things!"



ILLUSTRATIONS BY RACHEL FERGUSON

ANSWERS:

- 1) "Pride and Prejudice"
- 2) "Northanger Abbey"
- 3) "Emma"
- 4) "Pride and Prejudice"
- 5) "Sense and Sensibility"
- 6) "Persuasion"
- 7) "Mansfield Park"
- 8) "Lady Susan"

MUN



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

BACK ROW: ROBIN HAYDEN, JESSICA COOPER, HAYLEY BLAIR, CHLOE MANAHAN, EMMA WATTS, MEGAN O'BYRNE, AMANDA KO, ALLYN LEE, BEGUM PAMUK.

MIDDLE ROW: NATHANAEL O'LEARY, DONAL NAYLOR, EDDIE BERGMAN, NEIL DUNNE, RICHARD BISMILLA, MIKE DOLAN, LOREAN DALY, WILLIAM LES BAS.

FRONT ROW: SOFIA TRÁPAGA GALLAGHER, MUNACHI ANELE, EMMA BUTLER, ISABELLE GERAGHTY, EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, LEAH TUOHY, ELLEN MULLOOLY, EMILY NÍ RIAN.

On the morning of 19th October 2013, Ms Rellis, Mr Keegan and fifteen pupils set off to Croydon in England to participate in the Royal Russell School International Model United Nations Conference. The conference lasted for four days and was a fantastic experience for everybody involved.

On arrival we were all brought to our dormitories. We were lucky enough to have a whole floor to ourselves on campus which really added to our experience, as well as giving us all a slight lie-in every morning which was much appreciated! With our pupils in delegations from Myanmar, Croatia and South Africa, The High School was superbly represented in both individual committees and in the general assembly. It wasn't all hard work though; the evenings were spent at discos and singing competitions which were excellent opportunities to socialise and relax after a long day's work.

We made lots of new friends and got to meet up with old ones too, from both Ireland and many other countries. Although it was the final MUN conference for some of those who attended, the rest of us were very excited to hopefully attend RRSIMUN 2014 and make even more memories. It was a totally unforgettable weekend and everybody who went was so grateful to Ms Rellis and Mr Keegan for sacrificing their time and bringing us out there.

Chloe Manahan (5GF)

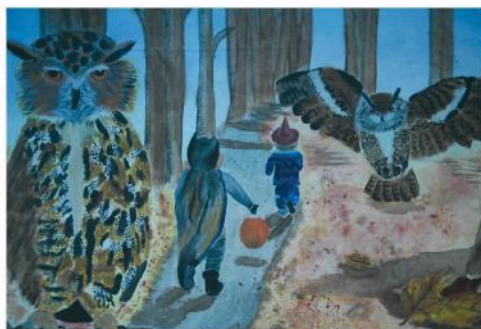
RADMUN

Rathdown Model United Nations Conference, on 15th and 16th November 2013, was a great success for the twenty-eight delegates from The High School, representing the United States of America, Yemen, Brazil, Sweden and Djibouti, as well as two chairpersons. A number of interesting topics were debated, from terrorism in Yemen to the role of Israel in the conflict in the Gaza region. The conference concluded with Mike Dolan (6WL), Robin Hayden (6TH), and Nathanael O'Leary (6WL) representing the USA and Chloe Manahan (5GF) representing Yemen being awarded Distinguished Delegate awards. The delegation of the United States of America was also awarded an Outstanding Delegation awards. These awards are only given to three out of the forty-six delegations. The delegation of the United States consisted of ambassador Mike Dolan (6WL), Grace O'Donnell (6MC), Nathanael O'Leary (6WL), Jeongun Kim (6WL), Richard Bismilla (6TH) and Robin Hayden (6TH). We should like to thank Mr Keegan and Ms Rellis for all their hard work helping us at this conference.

Robin Hayden (6TH)

Hallowe'en at The High School

"TRICK OR TREAT" PAINTING BY AMY
CONNOLLY (3C)



"FIREWORKS" BATIK
BY ELLEN JACKSON (3C)



FORM 1 ART PUPILS CARVED PUMPKINS FOR HALLOWE'EN.

HANNAH VANCE CRONIN (1J), LAURA MOTYER (1RL), SCOTT GILLANDERS (1J), ÁINE RYAN (1J), JAMES CAMPION (1RL)



FORM 1 HAVE COMPLETED THEIR FIRST ART PROJECT JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN.



HALLOWEEN BAKING IN
HOME ECONOMICS

HSD WAR STORIES PROJECT

POSTCARD THAT LEO SENT TO HIS FIANCE



One of the most exciting parts of The High School War Stories Project so far has been tracking down living relatives of those whose names are listed on The High School War Memorial. Luckily for us, William Le Bas (4HE) is a relative of Private Leo Le Bas, who died in the war when he was just twenty years old. His two other brothers, Albert and Samuel, also fought, but only Samuel survived. The Le Bas family gave us a great deal of information, including wonderful copies of a Christmas postcard that Leo wrote to his fiancé from the Front. Unfortunately, he was dead before Christmas came. His fiancé had kept the postcard in her possession until she died, where upon her family returned it to the Le Bas family. Learning about the personal details of this young man's last days really brought Leo to life for us.

It was wonderful too to meet with a living relative of Lieutenant Louis Baron who died in 1916. Anne Restan visited the school and brought with her a treasure trove of material that her father, the late Supreme Court Judge Henry Barron, had spent many years collating. We were able to see photos of Louis and his family, and even discovered Louis's Victory medal hidden at the bottom of a box of souvenirs.

So far, we have been able to track down relatives as far afield as England and Australia. But the search continues.



LEO LE BAS AND HIS FIANCE

This is an ongoing project, and information on our website is being continually edited and updated, so please take some time to drop by and take a look.

Our gratitude to the families of all those who have been in touch cannot be overstated - we are greatly in their debt. If you think that you are, or know of someone who is, connected with any of the men listed on The High School Great War Memorial, please get in touch with me through the HSD War Stories website, or by the phone, or post at The High School. You will find an alphabetized list of all those who died on our website: www.hsdwarstories.com

Have a look today - you never know who you may find! We look forward to hearing from you.

Ms Burrowes
HSD War Stories Project



LOUIS BARRON



CONOR FAGAN (1F)



LOUIS BARRON'S
VICTORY MEDAL



REMEMBRANCE DAY

You may have noticed the plaques in the foyer, beside the stained glass window, listing all the past pupils of The High School who died in World War I. Ms Burrowes' Form 4 English class have spent the last few months looking into the involvement of these former pupils in the Great War. This is because it is the centenary of the start of the war. We hope our project brings these names to life, and shows the individuality of all the soldiers who fought in the war.

Our class wanted to portray the soldiers and their lives through visual means. This includes drawing portraits of them from photographs we have and using a map which depicts their final resting places. We filmed a reading of one of their letters because we found it quite moving. We each got two or three soldiers to research and this proved quite successful in gathering information.

Many of these soldiers would have known each other and been friends. We also discovered that many of the soldiers died in Gallipoli, Turkey during a terrible battle. This would have meant that they could have been fighting side by side.

We believe sixty-nine past pupils lost their lives fighting in World War I, as well as many who died later from their injuries.

Aoife Kernan (4K)

London Biology Trip 2013

On Saturday 1st December a small group of Form 5 Biology pupils and two teachers set off on an early flight from Dublin Airport to London Gatwick, most half asleep and all very excited. On landing we quickly headed to the train station to catch a train to Victoria Station and from there caught the Tube to the Natural History Museum. We eventually arrived at the museum in one piece, after a slight mishap of getting the correct train in the wrong direction and then losing some stragglers along the way (it's survival of the fittest in biology)! The Natural History Museum has an enormous collection of artifacts and specimens (over 70 million) covering life on earth. We visited the Cocoon Experience, an exhibition showing the museum's collection of insects and plants as well as containing interactive videos that showed specimen preparation and interviews with scientists and natural historians. We had lunch in the museum's restaurant before setting off for the rest of our escape.

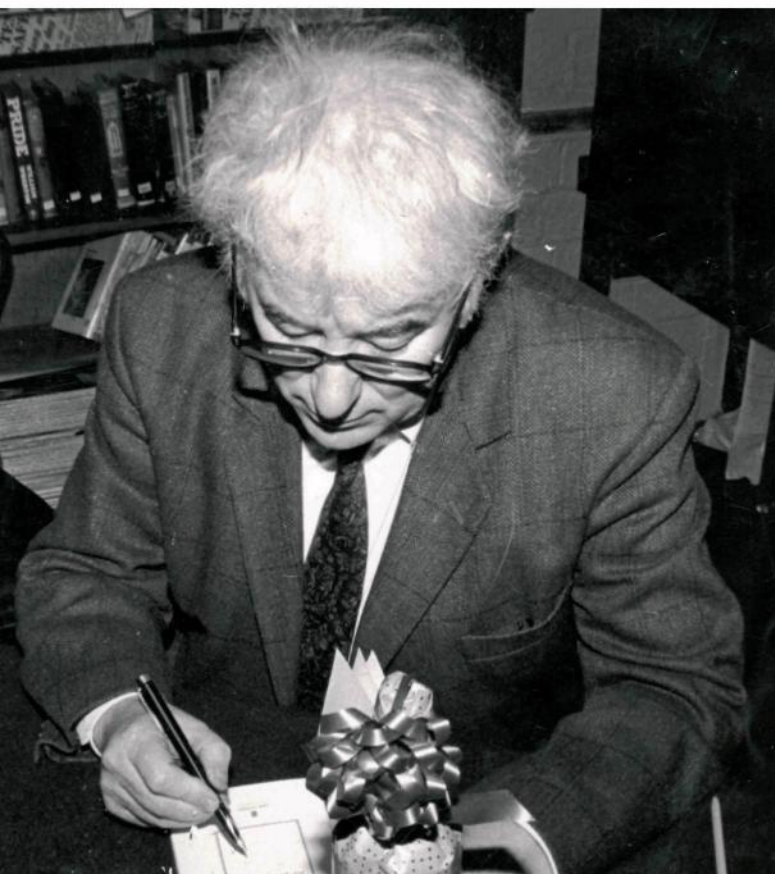
We left the museum to go on a walking tour of Central London. We started from Piccadilly Circus Tube Station and walked to Buckingham Palace. Then we continued on to St James' Park, taking in the beautiful scenery around us. We visited the Horse Guards, where many amusing photos were taken and proceeded to walk through Westminster and Whitehall. After stopping to gaze up at The London Eye across the River Thames and to hear Big Ben ringing we walked to our final stop, Trafalgar Square. Along the way there was an unintended adventure for most of the group, who got lost. However, thanks to the help of a sympathetic police woman, we were all reunited eventually. We took a quick photo on Nelson's Column before heading back to the Museum.

We spent the rest of the day walking through the many exhibits the museum has to offer and exploring the building. We got a chance to go to the Attenborough Theatre. There we watched an interactive documentary presented by David Attenborough himself. It was a great experience and really tested our knowledge. The Museum has a wide variety of specimens on display, ranging from dinosaurs fossils to insects, mammals to aquatic life. After the museum we headed back to Victoria Station and onto the airport. We arrived back in Dublin around 11.00 pm, tired and very much ready to sleep but nevertheless in high spirits. On behalf of the Form 5 group we would like to thank Mr Gill and Mr McBride for organising and bringing us on this wonderful trip. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and it was extremely worthwhile!

Laura Dunne (5RM) and Louise Dukes (5RM)



THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, LONDON



PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE
SÉAMUS HEANEY VISIT TO
THE HIGH SCHOOL IN 1993

Séamus Heaney

We were delighted to welcome Séamus Heaney to The High School in 1993 when he talked to pupils and gave a poetry reading in the library.

This was the period before his poetry began to appear on the syllabus and he made an instant impact as a man of extraordinary integrity, learning and humility. One of Heaney's characteristics as a poet was his clarity and economy of expression. His poems always manage to convey a set of sentiments precisely without the need for further exploration. It is one of the reasons why so many people return to his poetry again and again. There is something in every one of his poems that causes the reader or listener to pause and see things afresh.

Heaney's reading in the library that day exemplified this. He read about half a dozen poems in that measured, almost languid tone, with soft Ulster vowels adding extra cadence. *Digging*, *Mid-Term Break*, *The Tollund Man*; he read the well known and added a few less well known from the collection he was working on at the time. The pupils who went to hear him were understandably mesmerised. Some of them told me that they went out afterwards to acquire a volume of his poetry to relive the experience in perpetuity. What a privilege it was to have him visit our library at The High School.

Mrs King - Librarian

Following the death of the great Irish poet, Séamus Heaney, last August, Ms Burrowes' Form 4 English class decided to undertake a project as a way of paying tribute to him. It was Ms Burrowes' vision that we would create a piece of artwork which portrayed the themes of some of Heaney's poems and would remain in the school to remind us of him.

Firstly, we spent a few weeks researching Séamus Heaney's life and work, and we each did a small project of our own on some of his poems. This really helped to get us thinking about what we might like to include in the larger class project. The class was split into six groups, and each group came up with a theme for their contribution. The themes varied from nature, family, home, memory and classical studies to the darker themes of violence and death.

We then started on the artwork for the memorial. With the help of Mr Cryan we constructed a three-panelled screen with a different theme on each side of the three panels. We used a technique called decoupage to decorate the panels, which involved using a lot of glue and varnish to build up the different layers of pictures and poems. We were very lucky to have a number of talented artists in the class which, combined with everyone's creativity, Ms Burrowes' invaluable guidance and vision, and a lot of hard work, made for an end result which we are all very proud of.

On Tuesday 6th May we presented our project to Ms Fitzgerald's English class in The High School Library. Ms King and Ms Burrowes spoke a few words about Séamus Heaney and members of the class also explained the ideas and inspiration behind each panel. We should like to thank Ms Burrowes, Mr Cryan, Ms Galligan, Ms King and everyone involved for all their help in creating a fitting tribute to the great Séamus Heaney.

Clodagh Curran (4K)

A VALEDICTION TO SÉAMUS HEANEY

In the empty classroom,
The dust specks settle.

Ink dries, paper stains.

The great poet comes before us.
His carefully chosen nouns chiming out

Sense and wisdom.
Speaking in the weighted nuance of the everyday,
With truth unblinking.

Lost boy, watching child,
They of the measled shins and dipping knives
Old man with papery skin
The wife, the child, the kite.
These wisping ghosts take to the air.
They climb the walls,
Casting shadows so long
That nothing else remains.

But the tense has changed.

And as the last bell rings out,
It is safe to leave, unseen.

Knowing as the door closes,
What rises up within.

Up.

Up.

Passing

Changing

Everlasting.

Ms Burrowes



Christmas Shoebox Appeal

The Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an Irish charity which provides gifts to Third World children at Christmas. It has been running since the late 1990s and this year around 220,000 shoeboxes were sent to over 10 different locations around the world.

During 2013, The High School once again took part in the Team Hope Christmas shoe box appeal. A record number of Form 4 pupils participated in the project along with the hard-working Mr Barry, who has seen first-hand what hope and joy a toy-filled shoe-box can bring when he was part of the team who delivered the gifts in the past.

Form 4 put in a hard shift and all their efforts paid off when The High School sent off these little boxes of joy to the warehouse. The pupils got to see the logistics behind the whole operation up close on a visit to the depot. Two pupils, Jack Scollard and Amy Logan even got to appear in *The Irish Times* to promote this worthy appeal.

We are very privileged living in a first-world country, receiving a sack full of presents each year, so I would strongly urge you next year to give a little to someone who doesn't have a lot.

Eva Kelly (5RM)



FORM 4 ROCK/POP SHOW

JUNIOR ART PRIZE WINNERS 2014



ANNA MAYS (4HE)



CLARA DEVINE (4HE)



ALANNAH O'REILLY (4M)

The Rock/Pop Show was a really wonderful experience for everyone involved this year. We had a very small class, so we all got to work together on the music. Everyone had fun choosing their songs for the show and getting ready, even though our constant talking drove Ms Bourke mad. Despite the panic of having a member missing on the day of the show everything went great. We were all nervous, but we encouraged each other backstage before we performed. All in all there were a few funny mistakes, such as the false start of the show. But at the end of it we are grateful to Ms Bourke for teaching us, the Form 5 guys for helping with sound, our lovely MCs Paige Leavy and Tailte May, and to Dami Babade for making everyone laugh and cheer when he played his trumpet.

Lynn Duke (4HE) and Ilona Adams (4F)



BRIAN REILLY



DAMI BABADE



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FORM 5 PLAY

This year's Form 5 play was a highly entertaining adaptation of the classic Frank Capra film 'It's a Wonderful Life'. Set in America during the 1930's, the play tells the tale of George Bailey, played by Johnjoe Irwin (5RM), an aspiring architect who dreams of fame and fortune. It was an energetic and credible performance ably supported by Ellen O'Gorman (5BK) as Mary Hatch. Every good piece of theatre needs its villain and Robert Clarke (5EH) certainly didn't disappoint, giving a powerful and compelling performance as the notorious Mr Potter.

The story is told from the points of view of the Superintendent of Angels, played by Orlagh Kearney (5GF) and Clarence, played by Seamas MacLochlainn (5GF), an eccentric and enthusiastic trainee angel whose job it is to prevent George's suicide when his plans go awry. Throughout the show, other memorable performances included those of Violet Bick played by Caoilainn Fitzpatrick (5DM) and Uncle Billy played by Tom Harris (5EH), along with a highly entertaining portrayal of Martini by Neil Dunne (5GF) that left the audience in stitches. There were many other heart-warming performances by the actors, dancers and singers who put in an excellent performance after months of rehearsals. The story ends with George's realisation that life is truly worth living and a hearty rendition of Auld Lang Syne put us all in a suitably festive mood.

Congratulations to the production team who spent months preparing, constructing, and painting the sets as well as building and sourcing props. The backstage crew did a great job of keeping the rapidly changing scenes moving seamlessly throughout the show. None of this would have been at all possible without the wonderful support and guidance of Ms Browne and Mr O'Brien (direction), Ms Galligan (production), and Ms Lyons (choreography). A big thank you to the entire cast and crew for their commitment, enthusiasm, and valuable input into making the Form 5 play such an incredibly rewarding experience for all concerned.

Susanna Wyse Jackson (5RM)



2ND TERM

DEAR DIARY

Spring term was relatively quiet compared to the first hectic term! The annual Transition Year cultural trip took place in January. The whole year went to Cultra on the train for a great day out!

A stressful two weeks was had by the Form 3 and 6 pupils as they coped with the pressure of their mocks, knowing that at the end of the examinations a midterm break was waiting for them.

March commenced with Form 4 going on their second round of work experience, this time for two weeks whilst the Form 5 went to UCD for a campus visit.

**Ruth Ferguson (SRM)
and Eva Kelly (SRM)**

Why I'm not on Facebook

The day after St Patrick's Day, I walked into school only to be told by Sarah how much she liked my facepaint and green outfit that I was wearing the day before. Flattering as this was, it was also a little disturbing, as I hadn't seen Sarah on St Patrick's Day. In fact, she wasn't the only person to make such a comment that day, and that isn't the only experience I have had of that kind.

People communicate in a number of different ways, including face-to-face speech, gestures, and eye contact. Today, however, there is a whole new form of communication – wireless communication. People



text each other on mobile phones, talk on Skype, tweet on Twitter, send photographs on Snapchat and, of course, message each other on Facebook. Because of this, information spreads at a much faster rate than it did 50, or even 20 years ago. The world moves much more quickly and it is possible to communicate instantly with people thousands of miles away. While this has obvious advantages, in my opinion it also has considerable disadvantages.

I am among a minority of teenagers in that I am not on any social media sites. While there are some drawbacks to this – such as missing out on hearing about some things that are going on, I do not regret my decision. I believe the advantages of not being on social media sites far outweigh the disadvantages.

Many young people post personal information online without thinking twice about it. This information can never be permanently deleted and could potentially be accessed by complete strangers. Everybody knows this, but no one seems to realise

how important it is to consider the possible future impact of their actions now. What you post online in two seconds today can affect what people think about you in years to come – employers, relatives, friends, and who knows, maybe even a potential husband or wife!

Think about the amount of time you spend on social media. It is easy to waste far more time than you mean to and this really adds up. If you were to spend the time you spend on Facebook playing music, playing sport or studying, think about how much you'd excel in these areas as a result! I have heard people who spend a lot of time on Facebook saying how they wished they weren't on it because of the amount of time they waste. It really is an addiction. Furthermore, if they were to try to delete their account, would it even be possible?

My friend Jo has a badge which says "Facebook friends aren't real friends", and I think this is very true. You may have 400 "friends" on Facebook but how many of them do you talk to or meet up with in real life? The number of friends you have often seems more like a status symbol than anything else.

Sadly, cyber-bullying is common on some sites, such as Askfm.com. Often people take advantage of social media to post hurtful comments about others, sometimes anonymously. As a result, some young people have even taken their own lives. Do you really want to be a part of something that facilitates events such as these? We get smoke detectors in case of fires, wear a seatbelt in case the car crashes, yet we go on social media sites without considering the consequences of our actions. You may think that one person doesn't make a difference, but it's all the single people added together that does. In the words of Margaret Mead – "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Ruth Ferguson (SRM)



FORM 5 AND 6 PUPILS GATHER IN THE FOYER OF THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND



SHANNON YOUNG, LOUISE DUKES, BOBBY MCCUNE, DANIEL HOLDER AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY



RUBY MCLAUGHLIN-CALLAN TAKING NOTES AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Gallery Trip

On 20th March 2014, Form 5 and 6 pupils spent their day visiting the Hugh Lane and National galleries. As an essay question on a gallery trip is present on the art appreciation section of the art history course, the visit was very valuable for our study.

We met at the Hugh Lane Gallery at 10 am and began with a guided tour of its exhibitions. We learned much about the Irish-born painter Francis Bacon, and had the chance to see his studio, which has been moved and reassembled from its original location in London. After this we were given some history on Hugh Lane himself, an art appreciator and collector who supplied many of the gallery's paintings, as well as the background of the beautiful Georgian building in which the gallery is situated. Pupils were then allowed to explore the gallery on their own for some time, taking notes and answering question sheets, and saw the works of many artists including Harry Clarke and Renoir. We had the time to relax and appreciate the artwork on display and took sketches of different pieces.

After lunch we made our way to the National Gallery of Ireland, which we toured at our own leisure. The gallery contained a fascinating range of works with many celebrated artists, such as Jack B Yeats, Picasso and Caravaggio. At 3.30 pm we took several group photos and made our way home after a very enjoyable day.

We would like to thank Ms Killane and Ms Galligan who organised this valuable and educational trip.

Roberta McCune (5GF)

SEACHTAIN NA GAELGE

Tá Seachtain na Gaeilge á cheiliúradh againn anseo sa scoil arís i mbliana. Ag an am seo gach bliain, is breá linn an tábhacht agus an saibhreas a bhaineann le cultúr agus teanga na tíre a cheiliúradh.

I mbliana, beidh seans ag na daltaí agus na múinteoirí ceol, amhráin, rince agus cluichí na nGael a fheiceáil. Beidh comórtas 'Tráth na gCeist' ar siúl. Beidh céilithe ar siúl sa halla agus beidh comórtas 'An Puc Fada' agus cluiche peile ar siúl freisin. Anuas air sin, beidh fógraí agus postaeir dheasa atá déanta ag na daltaí ar fud na scoile. Cloisfear ceol agus amhráin Ghaeilge ag an Tionól armaidin. Beidh rince den scoth le feiceáil freisin.

Má tá cupla focal Gaeilge agat – labhair í!

We celebrated 'Seachtain na Gaeilge' here in the school again this year. At this time each year we love to celebrate the importance and the wealth of the culture and language of the country.

The pupils and the teachers saw music, songs, dancing and Irish games. There was a competition called 'Tráth na gCeist' taking place. There was a céilí in the hall, a competition 'An Puc Fada' and Gaelic football going on too. As well as this there were lovely notices and posters made by the pupils themselves all over the school. Irish music and songs were performed in assembly in the mornings. There was excellent dancing to be seen too.

If you have a couple of words of Irish-speak it!

Translation by Ruth Ferguson (5RM)



CEILI DANCING IN THE REYNOLDS HALL

LIBRARY

JOHN CONNOLLY VISITS HSD



On 4th March the bestselling author John Connolly gave an inspiring talk in the Library to Form 5 pupils as part of World Book Day. Not only did Mr Connolly talk to us about his work, he also gave us an insight into his unusual journey to becoming a writer.

Originally from Dublin, Mr Connolly attended Trinity College, Dublin where he studied English and then went to study journalism at Dublin City University. He then spent five years working as a freelance journalist for *The Irish Times*. Before arriving at his chosen career Mr Connolly worked as a barman, a local government official, a waiter, and a dogsbody at Harrods department store in London. Mr Connolly now has his own radio show on RTÉ 2XM. In addition, his new book *Conquest* - volume 1 of a new series entitled *The Chronicles of the Invaders* - has recently been published.

This was a wonderful opportunity to meet and listen to a hugely successful author. We should like to thank the Library and the English Department for organising this event.

Orlagh Kearney (5GF)

NATIONAL POETRY DAY

On 3rd October 2013, the annual National Poetry Day took place at The High School. As usual the Library had an excellent selection of poetry displays and quizzes, as well as class visits, poetry recitals and the school poetry competition, all focused on the theme of water. There were many applicants and superb poems, and after much consideration a group of winners was selected.

Form 1: Calum Adair (1RN), Shona Carey (1F), Fiach Connolly (1W), Alistair Empey (1J), and Laura Montyer (1RL).

Form 2: Ella Byrne (2T), James Kinsella (2W), and Dylan Walsh (2C).

Form 3: Elizabeth Boyd (3C), Mark Deering (3W), and Emma Taylor (3MC).

Form 4: Stephen Greene (4HE), and Charlie O'Connor (4K).

Form 5: Daniel English (5BK) and Bobby McCune (5GF).

Form 6: Conor Christodoulides (6MC).

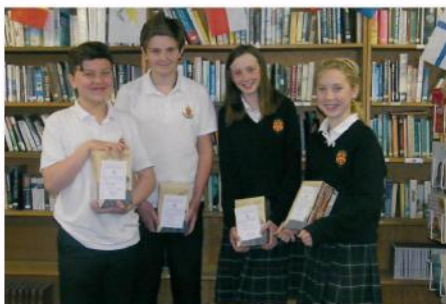
Congratulations to the winners and thank you to those who got involved. We give our thanks to Mrs King and the Library committee for their contribution to a fantastic day.



CREATIVE WRITING AT THE LIBRARY



THE LIBRARY CELEBRATES POETRY DAY



FORM 1 PRIZE WINNERS

HSD BOOK CLUB

Any time I'm asked a question involving one book, I instantly feel that cloying indecisiveness that is my love for a seemingly endless list of books. So being asked to write a blog post about the one book I would bring to a desert island is torment! After much deliberation between *The Golden Treasury* left to me recently by my grandmother, and a tatty volume of

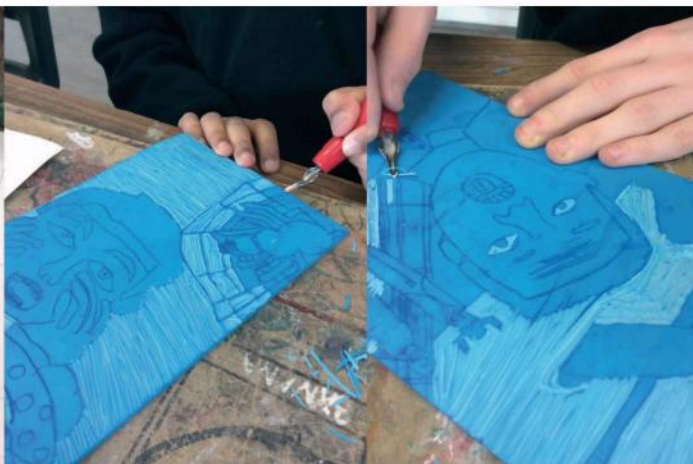
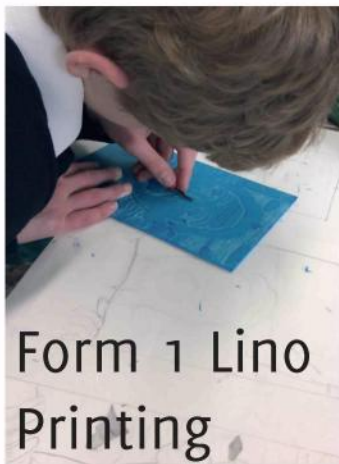
Keats, I've decided to go with Keats, as I've fallen totally in love with its decrepit charm.

The book came to me last year. Imagine the bustling streets of the town of Gorey, in Wexford, where I sometimes go to shop with my family. There's a small café there, called 'The Book Café', if I'm remembering that right, with the kind of atmosphere that makes me want to play chess (though I'm awful) and drink hot chocolate. Go through to the back of the café and you'll find shelves and shelves of second hand books. In short, a reader's heaven! It was here that I found a bookcase devoted to poetry, and hiding unassumingly between some larger, sterner-looking volumes was my Keats volume, and I say 'my' with great pride and satisfaction.

By then, the book had seen its fair share of wear and tear, the pages are browned and the denim-y cover is a little stringy along the spine, but, to me, that's all part of the charm. It cost €5 which I'm mentioning because it adds to my happiness around having snatched it up. I must now have read *Ode to a Nightingale* a thousand times, so I'll close by quoting my favourite lines:

*'O for a beaker full of the warm South,
Full of the true, the blushful Hippocrene,
With beaded bubbles winking at the brim,
And purple-stained mouth;
That I might drink, and leave the world unseen,
And with thee fade away into the forest dim'*

Ilona Adams (4F) www.hsdbookclub.blogspot.ie



Form 1 Lino Printing

BOOK REVIEWS

DIVERGENT

Having received *Divergent* as a Christmas present I was eager to read it after all the hype surrounding it. I knew the film was coming out in the Spring so I got reading straight away so that I would have the book finished by the time the movie was out.

It's fair to say I was pleasantly surprised. I had heard it compared to *The Hunger Games*, which I had already read and enjoyed, but I thought it would be hard to live up to after *The Hunger Games* worldwide success. Comparisons aside, although slightly stereotypical in some places, *Divergent* had some great ideas of its own.

I was particularly struck by Veronica Roth's factions idea where on their sixteenth birthday each teenager would choose a lifestyle in which they spend the rest of their life. There were five factions: Abnegation (selflessness), Erudite (intelligence), Dauntless (bravery), Amity (peace) and Candor (honesty). While the majority of youths tend to stay in the faction in which they were born, the title character, Tris shocks us straight away by not conforming to the rules and being unsure about which faction to choose.

As the story progresses we see the cruel truth of Tris' world. The story captivates and is almost impossible to put down.

Once you finish the first book, *Divergent*, I'm sure you'll be rushing out to get the sequel as I was. I would recommend this book to anyone who likes adventure and futuristic-style novels. I give this book a big 9 out of 10.

Eva Kelly (5RM)

THE FAULT IN OUR STARS

The Fault in Our Stars is a gripping teenage novel from the acclaimed author John Green. I read this novel after a recommendation from a friend. Much to my disappointment it was on loan in all my nearby public libraries but luckily after a few days I managed to get hold of a copy and was eager to get reading.

Having loved many of his previous books like *Paper Towns* and *Looking for Alaska*, I had high expectations. Whilst a good read, it was not, in my opinion as gripping and thrilling as his other novels. In a way John Green has been a victim of his own success. Had I not read his other two books, I would probably be praising it to high heaven.

Set in the modern day the story follows Hazel Grace, a teen with terminal cancer, whose life changes for the better when she meets Augustus "Gus" another teen who had previously had the same illness. This sad tale follows Hazel Grace's last few months on earth and despite being clichéd in certain places it still succeeds in leaving you feeling a bit melancholy at the end.

Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone who is a fan of romantic style books, though be warned it gets depressing at times! I would give this book 7 out of 10.

Eva Kelly (5RM)



TESSA LONG (1RL)

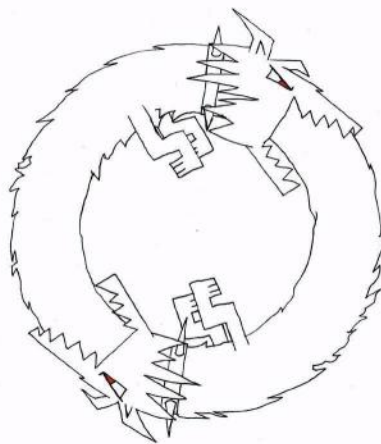


LAURA MOTYER (1RL)



ESTHER ODEKUNLE (1RL)

CANIS CANEM EDIT



'Come in here, dear boy, have a seat. Be wary of temporary repose; for it is anarchy they want, not peace.'

These were the first words Michael heard upon his entry to the office of eminent Mr Manning - banker, landowner, and in the words of the great Baelin, pitiful scum. Michael sat down on a cushioned chair and observed the breadth of the room. It was musty, with a thin layer of dust that covered all but the couch and the liquor cupboard. Cumbersome curtains obscured the windows and the light, as well as the violent scene outside, from which the sounds of revolution could be heard - explosions, shots, and the ageless sounds of public uproar.

Manning sat across from the boy at his desk, and instantly his judgment began. Young; pale, with dark hair; unfitted suit of poor quality. Possibly a spy. Had to be careful.

'What's your name, boy?' he asked.

'My name is Michael Vetsky,' was the reply. Right. Overly formal tone, cliché name. Undoubtedly one of Baelin's dogs.

Manning clapped his hands together and sat down. He nodded at the boy's polite refusal, when he was offered a drink, and creating as natural a sense of relaxedness as he could, he leaned back on his leather chair and began.

'Do not waste my time, then. What is this information you have that will aid the great men and women of our State, in their battle against the savages of Baelinism?' His words dripped with embellished patriotism-but Vetsky didn't flinch.

'I know everything one could ever need to know about Baelin and his sheep,' he began. 'I was once a follower, but now I've come to my senses. I will fight for the well being of our country; for my people, and for God.'

This child claims to be enlightened, Manning thought. Throwing in religion is always convincing too. But he could read him like a book.

Manning paused to examine him, and with calm demeanor, said,

'Tell me about yourself then, Michael. In these days there's no sense of familiarity among people. Everyone clutches guns in a darkness of their own creation.' His ramblings began to confuse the visitor. Perfect.

'I am from the Kurr region.' Poor. 'I attend Stratsberg Community School.' Crawling with revolutionaries. 'Every morning I wake and ask myself what I can do for myself and my country, and every morning, I think of our great State.' Liar. A relatively decent one too.

But before Manning could make his reply, Michael, quietly cringing at his own words, returned the question: 'I would be honoured to learn about you, my good sir.'

This almost threw him off course, but Manning retained his civility, and said, 'What is there to know? My honesty brings the truth to the people. I am loyal and hardworking and I do what must be done - for the good of all.' He drank from his glass.

Michael knelt forward and asked, 'What do you think about the war?'

'It is not a war!' came the fiery response. But composure was regained, and he continued, 'It is terrorism, by fools who wish for more than they can chew. To demand dangerous changes to the status quo, which must be preserved. This you know.' He felt the soft leather of his chair as his mind recalled rehearsed material.

At the words 'status quo' Michael placed his hand in his pocket, and felt the cold surface of metal. But as he did so he looked again at the man in front of him, so fleshy and unhealthy looking; despite his greed and hollow words, he was, indeed, human, not a grotesque monster like some other Baelinists had assured, who threw sharpened darts at his photograph.

Upon the table in front of him Michael saw a frame, and although he could not see its image, he saw the black bow tied around it. At the sight of this, his heart sank. Still he asked,

'Tell me about your family.'

'That will be enough.' Manning said suddenly, rising from his seat. His eyes were now clouded, and the threatening smirk had disappeared. This boy was not easy - he was not like the indoctrinated youths of the dogfight.

'My good sir, please, I did not mean to upset you,' Michael retorted, startled at this change. It was too soon. 'Please, sit down. I apologise. Tell me about the entry requirements for State naval defence.'

This general request calmed Manning, who mindlessly ran through memorized information, which Michael heard, but did not listen to. As

Manning's back was turned, rooting through stacks of papers, Michael, by complete serendipity, laid his eyes upon a document folder under the desk - within his grasp. He traced its lettering, and when the words BAE LIN REPORT came into his head after some difficulty, his heart jumped.

In one quick movement the folder was in his briefcase that he had placed on his lap - his prop. Now it was a vital tool. He would not kill this man, as he was sent out to do; the document was more valuable. More so than revenge. No - Baelin was now at an advantage, and a sad old man was given another day to live.

Manning absent-mindedly gave Michael the recruitment forms, and after traditional formalities were exchanged, they shook hands and parted. Manning knelt back in his chair, while Michael went to the door, smiling. He was pleased with his choice.

Whether in war or in peace, we are still human, were the last words that passed through Michael's mind as he exited the office of lonely Mr Manning. But in an instant they ceased to exist, as the light was shut from his eyes, and a deafening shot consumed his last moments and the distant world around him. His lifeless body was flung against the door, and behind him sat Manning, gun in hand.

In his other he held the framed photo of his deceased family, and his thumb traced the figure of his son, whole smile was now gone; lost, like Michael's. 'You were hardly his age, my son,' said he, and he was moved to tears. 'You have escaped hell.'

As he turned the silver barrel on himself, the sound of the crowd outside drained away. Familiar faces consumed his vision, and the last thing he felt was black silk.

For a small moment in time, the noise ceased on Armene Street, as all eyes turned towards the office of eminent Mr Manning. The second gunshot in less than five minutes had startled them. But it soon passed, and in the streets, man fought man, and dog ate dog. Because for them, it was the natural order of things; it was all that they knew, and they knew only what they had been told.

But in that flurry of violence, as blood and lead flew, it was impossible to tell the two beasts apart.

Written and Illustrated by Roberta McCune (5GF)



MATHS

HSD WIN ALL-IRELAND MATHEMATICS CHAMPIONSHIP

The High School has been recognized as the IMTA All-Ireland national champions in Mathematics for the second consecutive year. The final which was held at NUI Galway on Saturday 8th March was once again a very tight affair - a battle of mathematical minds between the thirteen winners and runners-up of the regional competitions across the country. The questions are based loosely on the Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics syllabus with enormous time pressure in each round adding to the challenge. We should like to offer our warmest congratulations to members of the HSD team who were once again awarded the George Boole trophy in recognition of the outstanding achievement of an outright victory in the competition.

IAMTA APPLIED MATHEMATICS QUIZ SUCCESS

There is yet more success to report on from the busy world of mathematical table quizzes! In March it was the turn of Applied Mathematics. The High School was placed 2nd and 3rd in the IAMTA Applied Maths Quiz held at Gonzaga College on the evening of Wednesday 19th March; both teams qualified for the national final of the competition held in Portlaoise on Saturday 22nd March.

HSD entering two teams was in fact due to an administrative error beyond our control (an ironic one given the nature of the contest) as we turned up with one player too many! Given that both teams competed with two players instead of three meant that qualification for the national final was a significant achievement in its own right.

The competition consists of a combination of Applied Maths questions based on the Leaving Certificate course and "logic" questions with strict time pressure applied in each round. The highlight of the Dublin competition was undoubtedly Richard Bismilla's (6TH) astonishing speed and accuracy to win the third place play-off for his team-getting the correct answer in literally two seconds flat!

Unfortunately despite our best efforts, we fell 3 and 4 points short of first place in the national final. However, team members Richard Bismilla (6TH), Oisín Faust (6WR), Jeongun Kim, and Sean Shanley-Mee (both 6WL) should all be proud of their achievements in this very challenging competition.

PI DAY

On 14th March Form 1 classes taught by Ms Goulding, Mr Hilliard, and Ms Rellis gathered at the Library to celebrate Pi Day. Pupils took part in competitions and ate delicious pies with the Pi (π) symbol on it. We give our thanks to Mr Gill and Mrs King for organising the event. March 14th is used to celebrate Pi because the first three numbers of Pi are 3.14. Pi Day is not just a chance to celebrate pies; it is a chance to celebrate the number that is 3.14159. This number was a mathematical constant used to answer the greatest mathematical question: 'What is the area of a circle?' Pi is written as the Greek letter for P.

Mr Hilliard

Interview with Oisín Faust

Stacked with multiple mathematical questions advised to us by Ms Thorpe, we headed to the Form 6 common room in search of the maths legend Oisín Faust who was more than willing to answer a few questions for us.

How are you today?

I'm very well, thanks.

We hear you're good at maths, would you agree with this statement?

Ehh, yeah I'm quite good.

What's your proudest achievement?

Well, in terms of maths I have represented Ireland at the International Maths Olympiad twice and I'll be doing it again this summer and I won the Irish Maths Olympiad last year.

That's very impressive! We understand you go abroad for these competitions.

Yeah! At the end of Form 4 during the summer I went to Argentina and last year to Colombia and this year to South Africa. It's all expenses paid for two weeks.

Oh wow, we should get better at maths! How did you get so good at maths? Do you practise? Could it be genetic?

Well, I've noticed, most people who are good at maths enjoy doing it so because of that they'll practise. I suppose it's a mix of how good you are naturally and how much you work at it. It's not just one reason.

Do you like the new Project Maths course?

In some ways it's good because you have to be more creative. In other ways it's not so good because they've taken a lot of interesting things off the course and added things that aren't that interesting.

Who's your most influential teacher? **cough** we've been talking to Ms Thorpe **cough**

Emm... Ms Thorpe?

That's the right answer. What are your plans for next year?

Well, I'm going to study maths either in Trinity or UCD. I've also applied to Cambridge University so we'll see how that goes.

Very nice. Do you have any other hobbies?

I play sports. Well, I used to play rugby but I don't really do that anymore, so reading I guess.

Can you count cards?

No, I don't think fast enough.

Have you any plans to be on University Challenge?

Laughs I'll give it a shot.

Quick-fire Round

X or Y? X

Favourite number? 7

Maths or Physics? Maths

Robots or Unicorns? Robots

Congratulations to Oisín Faust who was admitted to read Mathematics at Christ's College, Cambridge in 2014-15.

**Interview by Maya Devine (5GF)
and Ellen Mullooly (5EH)**



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

SORLEY MCCAUGHEY GIVES A TALK TO PUPILS AS PART OF CHRISTIAN AID WEEK.

CHRISTIAN UNION

The Christian Union met once a week at Thursday lunchtimes, both at senior and junior lunches. We also had a breakfast once every two weeks, with a delicious array of French pastries, as well as hot chocolate, being served. We even had pancakes hot off the pan the day after Shrove Tuesday!

Tom Tate, the youth worker at Dún Laoghaire Presbyterian Church came to speak to us one week, which was an interesting and enjoyable experience. We would like to thank Mr Carolan and Mr Wilkinson for running the CU this year.

Ruth Ferguson (5RM)



LOLLIPOP OESOPHAGEAL CANCER FUND

THE LIBRARY-RUN LOLLIPOP DAY WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS THIS YEAR, WITH €524 RAISED FOR THE OESOPHAGEAL CANCER FUND

HSD HIGHLIGHTED AT YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

Congratulations to Form 6 and Form 4 pupils whose project entitled "An examination of paraben levels in counterfeit cosmetics versus authentic cosmetics and a research of their effects" was one of 550 selected for this year's BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition held at the Royal Dublin Society recently.

The project was funded by the Royal Society of Chemistry and carried out in collaboration with the Dublin Institute of Technology. The High School entry was featured by *The Irish Times* in a short article entitled "Five things we liked": highlights from the Young Scientist Exhibition January 10th 2014.

AN EXAMINATION OF PARABEN LEVELS IN COUNTERFEIT COSMETICS

Ann-Marie Finn (6WL), Jeongun Kim (6WL) and Abigail Greene (4M) from The High School compared counterfeit and authentic cosmetics and found that the former tended to contain parabens, cheap preservatives which some scientists believe are linked to cancer.

FORM 5 MOCK INTERVIEWS

On 11th March Form 5 pupils participated in mock interviews for a range of college courses we were interested in. In preparation we compiled a *Curriculum Vitae* and a Personal Statement outlining why we had chosen our courses and giving information about ourselves.

We gathered at 7.30 pm in the library looking very business-like and professional. We nervously awaited our turn as Mr Clarke took photographs. Interviews took place in a wide range of courses from Psychology and Veterinary Medicine to Event Management and Drama. The process was very useful as it gave us an opportunity to see what a real interview would be like.

We would like to thank the Parents' Association for providing such a great experience and to our careers teachers for helping us to prepare for the event.

Roisin Cormac-O'Hora (5GF)

Montgomery Science Competition

The annual Montgomery Science Competition is a platform for Form 5 pupils to showcase their knowledge and love of Science. This year it was held on 14th February (so romantic). There are three categories in the competition- Biology, Physics and Chemistry. All pupils are encouraged to enter a project about any scientific topic they want. This year there was over 30 fantastic entries which ranged from dimensions to jellyfish. The projects had to be presented to the rest of the year and a panel of teachers. The panel got to then see how well we knew our subject by asking us questions. I think I speak for everyone when I say that it's quite nerve-racking being quizzed by your teacher in front of a room full of your peers. However, it was also incredibly fun talking about something you love and enjoy and learning new things from other peoples' presentations. The standard of the projects was unbelievably high and it was a very close completion. Hopefully all the winners will spend their prize money well! From my experience of the competition, I would really recommend giving it a shot, even if you don't win it's still very rewarding.

The winners of the competition:

Biology:

First Prize (shared):

Amanda Ko (5EH) – Human Memory

Louise Dukes (5RM) – Venomous animals and how we can benefit from them

Second Prize (shared):

Neil Dunne (5GF) – Making Superheroes – Cross Species Genetic Engineering

Lucy Holden (5EH) – Genetically Engineered Food- Good or Bad?

Evie MacClafferty (5GF) – Are jellyfish the cure to a broken heart?

Susanna Wyse Jackson (5RM) – Overuse of household disinfectants

Chemistry:

First Prize (shared):

Patrick McBean (5RM) – Super-Hydrophobic Coatings

Oisín Moodliar Walsh (5BK) – Cancer at a molecular level

Runner-up Prize:

Jonah Clegg (5GF) – Natural Gas Extraction by Hydraulic Fracturing

Physics:

First Prize:

Eddie Bergman (5DM) – Dimensions

Second Prize:

Dearbhla Moroney (5GF) – Electricity pylons and the implications for human health

Louise Dukes (5RM)



MOCK INTERVIEWS

PUPILS IN THE LIBRARY FOR THEIR INTERVIEWS

The Reinvent Fashion Competition was held at Griffith College on 25th March 2014. Both Heather Baldwin's and my outfits were handmade. Mine was made from bubble wrap and old denim jean legs and Heather's was made from cushion covers. There were about 30 entries. We all did a photo shoot followed by a catwalk. Heather and I both got certificates of excellence.

Naoise Farrell (6HI)



HEATHER BALDWIN (6MC), NIAMH HEBBLETHWAITE (6WR), ABIGAIL DONNELLY (6MC) AND NAOISE FARRELL (6HI)

REINVENT FASHION COMPETITION



Form 5 and 6 Geography & Geology Trip to Italy

Last Easter, Geography and Geology pupils from Form 5 and 6 went to Italy to see different geographical and historical sites first hand. There was a lot of excitement amongst the yawns at Dublin Airport at 4.30 am, when the awaited departure day finally arrived. We had packed schedules for each day which involved travelling to many places around the country because there was a lot to see! We flew into Rome and spent the first day there on a walking tour of the city. The Colosseum, the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain were but a few of the sites we got to visit that day. Although our energy was definitely lacking by the end of the tour, getting to see these main attractions was a great experience.

We then travelled to Naples where we would be visiting many locations related to our geography and geology courses. We climbed Mount Vesuvius, an active volcano, and afterwards visited sites showing the destructive aftermath of its eruption in 79 AD. The town of Pompeii was covered by the volcano's ash and Herculaneum was covered by the volcano's lava. It was very interesting to see how well parts of these towns were preserved by the ash and lava. We also got the chance to visit Solfatara, which is a magma chamber that still emits vast amounts of steam, and an olive grove, showing us an example of one of the south of Italy's primary economic activities.

The lovely weather and great food was a fabulous addition to our trip and I'm sure I can speak for everyone who was there when I say that visiting these amazing sites was both enjoyable and beneficial. A massive thank you to Mr Rankin, Ms Fallon, Ms Gray and Mr Sullivan who organised and accompanied us on the trip.

Maya Devine (5GF)



SOLFATARA



HERCULANEUM



THE COLOSSEUM



WCDMUN

Wesley College Model United Nations, held on 28th February and 1st March, was hugely successful for the thirty delegates from The High School, representing the Russian Federation, Germany, Guatemala and Yemen. Nathanael O'Leary (6WL) was also chairing. A number of interesting topics were discussed, ranging from the conflict in the Central African Republic to the rights of prisoners of conscience. All delegates were actively involved in debate in committees. This year, the emergency topic was the (fictional) hacking of the United Nations website by the group Anonymous, and a video recorded by the RTÉ newsroom introduced the world crisis. As the conference took place while the Crimean situation was unfolding, many Russian Federation delegates were also required to face questioning on the topic during committee.

General Assembly was particularly exciting as a resolution proposing to recommend removing the Security Council veto of the P5 nations was debated, and this topic was of course very close to heart for the Russian Federation. Richard Bismilla (6TH) gave a passionate and thought-provoking speech defending these controversial veto powers that was met by a standing ovation from all the P5 nations. When the resolution failed to pass due to the number of abstentions, a motion to divide the house was carried and, much to the delight of the Russian Federation, the resolution narrowly failed.

The conference was hugely successful for our delegations, with Eddie Bergman (5DM) and Richard Bismilla (6TH) being awarded Commended Delegate awards and Evie McClafferty (5GF) and Robin Hayden (6TH) being awarded Highly Commended Delegate awards. The delegation of the Russian Federation, led by their ambassador Grace O'Donnell (6MC) was also awarded a prize for excellence in General Assembly.

We should all like to thank Ms Rellis for organizing this fantastic trip which was a huge success for all involved.

Robin Hayden (6TH)



TREVI FOUNTAIN



THE CRATER OF MOUNT VESUVIUS

INTERVIEW WITH

LENNY ABRAHAMSON

BY EMMA WATTS (5EH)

1. When did you go to The High School? What was it like?

I started in High School in the old Junior School at 8 years old in September 1973 (if I've got my calculations right). Junior school was pretty good. There was a very characterful and warm head teacher called Miss Blakeney who set the tone. For the 70's it was a progressive place. When I joined the school it had only the year before we amalgamated with the Diocesan school for girls and only one or two girls had joined - so it was still a very male environment. Senior school was less fun. It was streamed from 1st to 4th year and I was put in the B stream. I think the two tier structure is very damaging to kids in the lower stream - and perhaps isn't that healthy for the kids in the upper stream either. I enjoyed 5th and 6th years a lot, though. I kind of came into my own socially and academically and had some really great teachers. Oh, and your current headmaster was in my class (and your deputy headmaster was in the year below me). I could tell some stories, but of course I won't!

2. Where did you go to college and what did you study there?

I went to TCD where I started with Theoretical Physics then changed to Philosophy which I really loved. I went on to begin a post-grad Philosophy degree in Stanford University in the States but I'd already started messing around with film and couldn't shake my fascination with it. In the end I left academia and started to focus on film making instead.

3. What is it like having your job?

It's not like any one thing and maybe that's one of the reasons I like it. Sometimes it's very solitary; just being at my desk thinking about the projects I'm working on, reading scripts, working on them, writing (which can be a very lonely business). At other times it's much more active and intimately engaged with other people. When I'm casting or looking for locations or travelling to meet people who may want to put money into one of my films it's very busy. When it comes to shooting a film all other parts of my life have to go on hold. Typically during the shooting phase I would work around 16 hours a day - sometimes 6 days a week (and with a good chunk of preparation to be done on the 7th). It is also very highly pressured with constant deadlines and problems which need to be

solved immediately. When you shoot a film there is rarely an opportunity to go back and fix something that's wrong. The rhythm isn't like writing where it is possible to revise and adjust your work as you go; you get one go at a scene and then you must make the most of what you've got, warts and all, when you get to the editing stage. There is very little glamour in the job, despite how the media likes to portray it. Film festivals can be fun, but if I'm showing a film there I am usually intensely stressed!

4. What did you want to be when growing up?

I wanted to be a scientist or a writer. The idea of being a film maker didn't come to me until my mid-to-late teens. I think it was not a career that was on the radar in Ireland in the 70s and early 80s.

5. Who is the most famous person you have worked with?

I worked with lots of people when I was making commercials - I even directed Brian O'Driscoll for an *Irish Times* commercial when he had just broken through into the Ireland team. Probably the most famous actor I've worked with is Michael Fassbender. He is in my new film, *Frank*, which will be in cinemas here in May.



6. Any funny memories from The High School?

I remember laughing a lot in Irish class, that kind of laughing that happens when you know you're not supposed to. It's hard to match that in later life. I think some of the best laughs I had were in school. I also remember a teacher's false-teeth shooting out across the room when she was belting out a song at the piano. I think it was a rather stuffy hymn she was singing, which made it even better.

7. How did you get to where you are now?

All the usual stuff. Luck, hard work, persistence (it has taken a long time) and a bit of talent. I made a short film when I had just left Trinity which did well here and also abroad. That's probably what convinced me I might be able to do this strange job. And I just kept plugging away at it. I made commercials and then met the writer, Mark O'Halloran, and we formed a great partnership which led to two films *Adam & Paul* and *Garage* which earned me a reputation.

8. Do you think there is a good chance of getting into the film industry at the moment?

Yes, I do. The film and TV industry is one of not too many which has done alright through the recession. There is a lot of filming happening and plenty of openings in all sorts of roles - creative, organisational, craft, administrative.

9. Where is the coolest place you have filmed?

That's a tough one. I've filmed in the middle of the African plains with a family of giraffe hovering nearby as if interested in what these strange people were doing. I've filmed on the tops of mountains and in beautiful old Eastern European cities. Recently, on *Frank* I filmed in the new New Mexico desert on a Native American reservation. It was stunningly beautiful with massive cobalt-blue skies and intense red rocks. It might be the coolest place I've shot. It was easy; everywhere we pointed the camera made for an amazing image.

10. What is the best thing about your job?

There are two aspects I really like. The first is the very early stage when everything is up for grabs and I can do really creative thinking without having to worry about budget or schedule or what mood the actors are in. That phase, where an idea is forming, is very exciting. The other aspect I love is the contact and close collaboration with so many different people doing radically different jobs. One moment I'm talking to someone about the mechanics of how to move the camera through a shot, the next I'm discussing the psychology of character with an actor.

11. Do you get to go to many celebrity parties? Have you met anyone massive?

I remember drifting around a party at a film festival in America and, not taking care where I was going, I stood on someone's toe. I looked around to see George Lucas chatting to Harrison Ford. My childhood fascination with *Star Wars* came flooding back and I could only stammer an apology.

12. Are there any down sides to your job?

When you release a film you have to be prepared for a grand public judgement by critics and audiences, and that is very exposing. I also have to travel a lot and because I have young kids that can be hard. The longest I've gone without seeing my family is a month, and for a small child that's a long time.

13. Did anyone ever say you wouldn't make it?

Thankfully, no. My parents were very supportive, even though, thinking back now, it must have been a bit of a worry for them when I chucked in a 'proper' career for something as precarious as film making.

14. What advice would you give to someone looking to get into the film industry?

Film school is a good option, though I didn't go that route myself. It provides a space to experiment, meet others with the same passion and discover what job, if any, in the film industry you are drawn to. My advice to anyone who wants to be a director is to just start doing it. Push yourself to make films of the highest quality you can manage. Don't just mess around with your camera, try hard to make something at the very edge of what you are capable of. When I started, equipment was really expensive and hard to get hold of, but now the technology is everywhere and there's no excuse.

15. What has been your biggest difficulty in your career so far?

At the beginning it took me a while to get motoring. I think I was afraid to fail and so kept putting off the moment when I would have to test my ambition against my ability. At this stage in my career I find myself trying to balance my own artistic ambitions with the reality of a market driven by celebrity and an industry largely intolerant of material which is challenging to its audience.

16. Do you ever regret having fame?

I don't think I do have fame, at least in the sense that well known actors have it. My name is more recognised than my face which means I rarely have people come up to me when I'm out and about. I do have to be careful what I say, though, particularly on social media. If I let off steam with a barbed tweet I'm likely to have it quoted back to me or have a journalist call me up to elaborate.

17. What is the funniest thing to happen in your career?

That I have one!

18. What made you want to go into film?

A very basic love of cinema and the realisation, in my late teens, that film could express ideas, capture lives, create atmospheres in a different way to any other medium.

19. Any last comments you would like to add?

I think that covers it!



FILMS REVIEWS

THE WIND RISES (2013) HAYAO MIYAZAKI

The Wind Rises is the last Studio Ghibli film to be written and directed by Hayao Miyazaki, the legendary father-figure of Japanese animation. His last creation was a perfect farewell to his life-long career alongside Isao Takahata, crafting artistic films that have amazed generations of viewers.

The Wind Rises is a fictionalised biography of Jiro Horikoshi, a Japanese aeronautical engineer. As a child he dreamed of flying planes, but when his impaired sight prevented him from doing this he turned to engineering, taking the engineer Caproni as an influence for his work. The plot follows his adult life, as he begins designing planes during the grim conflicts of World War II, and cherishes his own relationships within the setting of several historical events.

The Wind Rises has very human qualities. It is a touching tale about a man following his dreams, encountering his own tragedies and creating his own happiness. It appeals to many emotions and senses – it has humorous, tragic, and moving moments, in addition to beautiful music and visuals. Providing an inspiring insight into a single human life, and dealing with war time morals, this film is an intriguing watch that will have a permanent place in the memories of film lovers.

As a foreign language film, I would suggest watching a subtitled version if possible; English dubs are available as well.

Roberta McCune (5GH)

FRANK (2014) LENNY ABRAHAMSON

Frank is the latest film by Irish director Lenny Abrahamson, whose previous work includes *Garage* and *What Richard Did*. *Frank* follows Jon, an aspiring but uninspired musician whose luck begins to change when he joins the eccentric band Soronprfb (pronunciation unknown) as a keyboard player.

Headed by the enigmatic Frank, who wears a papier-mâché head reminiscent of that of Frank Longbottom, Soronprfb are a practically unknown band that perform odd experiments with sound. The film follows the band's excursion to Ireland, where they spend several months 'being inspired' before finally recording an album. Throughout this process Jon records their eccentric activities and unique forms of band bonding, uploading them to social networking sites and securing some popularity online. This eventually guarantees the band a concert in the *South by Southwest Festival* in the United States, but this causes a rift in the band which ultimately tears it apart.

Frank is a witty comedy containing off the wall characters – the most obvious being Frank, in addition to the possibly homicidal theremin player Clara. However, its downfall is its pacing – while the beginning is entertaining and balanced, the ending feels too rushed and inconclusive. But if this is forgiven, *Frank* will provide a refreshing and humorous viewing that will especially entertain music lovers.

Roberta McCune (5GH)



DALLAS BUYERS CLUB (2013) JEAN-MARC VALLÉE

Written by Craig Borten and Melisa Wallack, *Dallas Buyers Club* is based on the true story of Ron Woodroof, who was diagnosed with HIV during the AIDS epidemic of the mid 1980's – which was then assumed to be a gay-only disease. The film follows his acceptance of his illness, and his turning to illegal means to provide life-saving drugs to other AIDS patients.

Dallas Buyers Club depicts a struggle that is timeless and still meaningful to viewers today. Facing opposition from the Food and Drug Association (FDA), who had ruthless control over the access AIDS patients had to medication, Woodroof's resilience is tested as he puts his own life in danger in order to obtain illegal but life-saving drugs for not only himself but his customers, most of whom are homosexual. His establishing of the Dallas Buyers Club allows him to provide these valuable medicines to people he would have previously shunned. Over time he becomes humbled due to his life-changing illness, in contrast with his previous wild and prejudiced lifestyle, and begins to develop valuable friendships - including that with Rayon, a transgender woman also suffering with the illness, and Dr Eve Saks, who begins to question the FDA's authenticity.

Dallas Buyers Club deals with a topic that has been depicted previously many times – the effects and sorrows of a life changing illness – but it does not fall into the cliché of the bleak, hopeless depiction. Instead it provides a refreshing look into one of the most difficult epidemics of modern times, revealing not only the prejudices that were common but also the corruption and oppression that was present under organisations such as the FDA. Woodroof's development does not take over the plot nor make it overly sentimental; the film is a well rounded and beautifully balanced, containing humour, tragedy, anger and disturbing displays of cruelty. Both uplifting and captivating, with a brilliant cast, *Dallas Buyers Club* is a timeless film, depicting an event that has some harrowing similarities to events in healthcare today.

Roberta McCune (5GH)



FROZEN (2014) CHRIS BUCK, JENNIFER LEE

Frozen is the 53rd animated feature in the Walt Disney Animated Classics series and the currently the fifth highest grossing film of all time. This gorgeous film has earned a total of \$1,259,104,377 world-wide. It has become somewhat of a phenomenon; you can't step outside without hearing someone belting out *Let It Go* or humming *Do you want to build a snowman?*

The story follows our young heroine, Princess Anna, and her distant relationship with her sister, soon to be Queen Elsa. Little does Anna know that Elsa is hiding the secret icy powers she possesses, in fear that someday she will lose control of them. Elsa's fears are realised on the day of her coronation, causing her to retreat to the mountains, leaving the kingdom trapped in an internal winter. Anna takes it upon herself to go after her and make things right, enlisting the help of Kristoff, the rugged mountain man, his reindeer, Sven, and a talking snowman called Olaf.

The art of the movie was greatly praised for its stunning scenery and characters. The animation was done using 3D graphics mixed with a hand-drawn style. To get a feel for the film, the artists travelled to Norway to observe traditional life there. The experience they gained shines through in the fabulous costumes and the beautiful landscapes seen in *Frozen*. Both the animation itself and the concept art are breathtaking.

The music of *Frozen* played a huge part in its success. The most well-known song is, of course, *Let It Go* which is sung by Elsa as she leaves her old life behind. Idina Menzel performs the power ballad beautifully. It easily beat off the competition and took the Oscar for 'Best Original Song'. *Frozen's* soundtrack had audiences singing along in cinemas all over the world.

The film's amazing graphics, catchy songs and endearing characters have stolen the hearts of people throughout the globe in a way that no other Disney film has in a long time.

Louise Dukes (5RM)

3RD TERM DEAR DIARY

This year's summer term was once again jam packed with fun-filled activities and days out. Form 4 were lucky enough to get to go over to Snowdonia as part of their Gaisce whilst Form 2 went off on the annual PE trip to the adventure centre at Avon Rí.

The Green School's clean-up was held on Wednesday 7th May. All the volunteers put in a hard shift and as a result the grounds are now spotless. Junior Drama put on a fantastic adaption of *The Witches* by Roald Dahl and a great night was had by all.

Sporting success was achieved at the Leinster Athletics with lots of gold and bronze medals won by The High School's many athletes. Everybody was out in force once again for the yearly Sports Day, where one and all had a superb time made even better by the Form 6 double win over the teachers in the tug of war.

Music also took centre stage this term. The Music Department's summer concert featured many talented pupils and the show was a major success. More musical talent was on show during the Form 4 Rock/Pop Show.

Eva Kelly (5RM)



FORM 5 ECOLOGY TRIP

The Form 5 Biology pupils went on their annual Ecology Trip on 8th and 9th May to study a rocky seashore habitat. We took the bus to Sandycove with our sweep nets in tow and immediately got to work. Everyone drew sketch maps of the area and then we began to investigate the organisms there. The day was spent documenting the animal and plant life in the habitat. After a hard day's work by the seashore, we all went to Teddy's and got 99s (which totally aren't 99c!).

Louise Dukes (5RM)



LOUISE DUKES

HSD OXBRIDGE SUCCESS

Congratulations to pupils at The High School who were invited to attend interviews as part of the admissions process administered by the variety of constituent colleges which make up the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

The pupils concerned - namely, Oisín Faust (6WR – Mathematics – Christ's College, Cambridge), Saoirse Forde-Morrin (6CA – English – Murray Edwards College, Cambridge), Robin Hayden (6TH – Art History – Christ Church, Oxford), and Jeongun Kim (6WL - Natural Sciences – St John's College, Cambridge); applied for admission through the UCAS system in September. All candidates were required to submit a detailed personal statement (as well as examples of their academic work in some instances) before being selected to attend rigorous one-to-one interviews conducted by highly-qualified subject specialists within the individual colleges. The candidates were prepared for this challenging

experience by participating in a series of mock interviews at The High School.

In particular, we should like to offer our warmest congratulations to Oisín Faust (6WR) who received a conditional offer to read Mathematics as an undergraduate at Christ's College, Cambridge. It is a significant honour to be selected for this stage of the process and we wish him every success as he enters the highly competitive race for the small number of places on offer to read Mathematics at Cambridge in 2014-15.

Ms McDonnell and Mr Clarke

Ecology Trip



^ CAOILAINN FITZPATRICK, SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON, BEATRICE DOYLE, SHANNON YOUNG, EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, AISLING O'KELLY, AISLING WHELAN, AINE HUGHES

< MEGAN O'BYRNE



PROJECT ON ACIDS

Scifest

In May this year Form 2 pupils from The High School took part in SciFest. This is a festival that was introduced in 2011 where secondary pupils host their own in-house SciFest science fair. The result was lots of interesting projects based on a range of studies which sought to answer questions such as "How slippery is a banana peel?", "Does your arm length affect how far you throw?", "How does music affect your mood?", "Do video games improve your hand-eye coordination?", "Are low fat foods actually good for you?" and "Is there a link between asthma and dandruff?". Other projects studied such topics as social media, acids, afterimages, energy drinks and tooth decay.



EXPLAINING THEIR PROJECT TO ONE OF THE JUDGES



DEIRDRE MCCLEAN WITH JAKE FARRELL AND SAMUEL KENNY



MELINA O'MEARA AND MILLY COGHLAN EXPLAINING THEIR PROJECT TO A JUDGE

ART PORTFOLIO INTERVIEWS

(SJ) STEPHANIE JOHNSON (6TH)

(EB) EMER BRENNAN (6WL)

(RMC) RUBY MC LAUGHLIN CALLAN (6MC)

INTERVIEWED BY (SWJ) SUSANNA WYSE JACKSON (5RM)
AND (IG) ISABELLE GERAGHTY (5RM)



JULIE O'BRIEN (6CA)



RUBY MC LAUGHLIN CALLAN (6MC)

At lunchtime, we lured the three unsuspecting art pupils to a quiet corner for interrogation. While we assured them that we'd be reasonably pleasant, they still seemed on edge and nervous...

1. Which college have you been accepted to?

RMC: IADT

EB: IADT

SJ: IADT and NCAD

2. And which course?

RMC: Animation.

EB: Visual Communications and Digital Arts.

SJ: The like, general one, you know, for NCAD.

3. One word to describe your portfolio?

EB: Carrots

SJ: Fish

RMC: Wolves

SWJ: Ok, not quite as creative as we were hoping..

SJ: Oh! You're meant to say, like words. Oh, emm.. Creative.

IG: **sarcastically** Ooohh...

4. Have you always been interested in art?

SJ: Yep.

5. How would you describe your style?

EB: Like, style? Or drawing style?

SWJ: Either, for example, Abstract?

SJ: Oh, I thought it was like the way we dress, I'm sort of like half neo-hipster.

RMC: Kind of like I just rolled out of bed.

SJ: Intellectual boho-chic.

IG: Ahem, yes. Also art style?

pause for thinking

EB: What is an art style?

SJ: Yeah, what is an art style?

IG: Like, graphic, abstract?

SWJ: I don't really know, I was kinda hoping you'd answer that for me. Whoops.

interview falls into shambles

SWJ: OK, never mind, boho chic is fine.

we regain control of the proceedings

6. What is your favourite medium?

EB: Can I say mixed media?

SWJ: Yep.

EB: Because I like that the best – I did a big mixed media project and it was my favourite one.

RMC: Pencil, watercolour and oil pastel.

SJ: Yeah, I like mixed too, like anything, honestly anything.



RUBY MC LAUGHLIN CALLAN (6MC)

7. Where do you see yourselves in 10 years time?

RMC: Married to a millionaire

SJ: Married to.. yeah.

silence

SWJ: In terms of your art career, perhaps...?

All: Oh. Ok.

EB: Oh God.

SJ: We're so inspiring.

SWJ: Well that's just great. Moving on..

8. Who is your favourite artist?

EB: David Hockney.

SJ: Can it be like a designer, like a fashion designer?

IG: Yep.

SJ: Philip Treacy

IG: He does the hats!

RMC: Adam Hughes, he's a comic book artist.

9. Do you have any advice for Form 5 starting their portfolios?

EB: Start right away.

RMC: Well it's difficult for the NCAD one..

SJ: Yeah, for NCAD, understand the brief, like, really understand it – it's so... You could spend about four months actually understanding what you're meant to do and like, I didn't even understand what I was meant to do until I actually did it and I was like, woah I didn't do that right so.

EB: Yeah.

RMC: For others you can just start straight away.



STEPHANIE JOHNSTON (6TH)



KYRIE BAKER KERRIGAN (6CA)

STEPHANIE JOHNSTON (6TH) NOTEBOOK PAGES

SWJ: Ok, we have a **quick fire round!**

Acrylic or watercolour?

RMC: Watercolour.

EB: Acrylic.

SJ: Watercolour.

EB: Oh God, I'm so awkward!

2B or 4B?

EB: 2B

SJ: 2B

RMC: I just use whatever pencil I have..

IG: 2B? Really?

looks horrified by these evidently alarming answers

Ms Galligan or Ms Killane?

uproar

General conclusion is that everyone thinks both are utterly marvellous.

Picasso or Monet?

RMC: Monet

SJ: Monet

EB: Picasso

SWJ: Favourite mural around the school?

SJ: The ones we did.

RMC: That didn't get hung up.

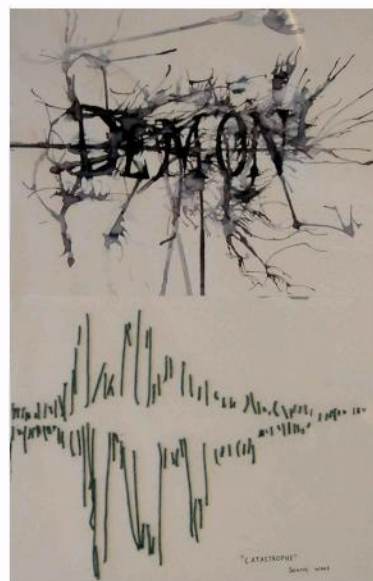
SJ: I took mine home, and I lost it and I dunno –

IG: How do you lose a mural?!

SJ: It was like this big **stretches out arms** I dunno where it is, I found it like a few months ago. I like the cartoon one though.

EB: Oh yeah! I like the cartoon one, but I can't look at Shrek the same way anymore.

SJ: Shrek is love, Shrek is life.



JULIE O'BRIEN (6CA)

IG: Would you rather go into Fine Art or Design?

RMC: Design.

EB: Design.

SJ: Wait, what is Fine Art?

IG: Fine Art is like Sculpture.

SJ: Ohhhh...

IG: I dunno, jewellery making.

SJ: Oh, actually that would be fun. Yeah, yeah Fine Art. No! No, Design.

As the interview draws to a close, we asked the girls for any final comments.

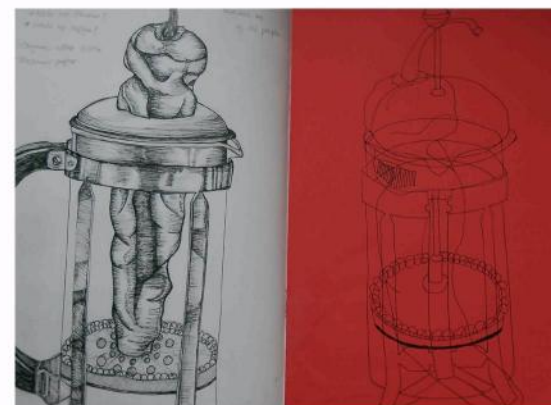
EB: Just draw lots and lots and lots and lots.

RMC: Yeah, for the animation one especially, just draw all the time.

SJ: Let your imagination explore its fullest potential.. **looks majestically into the distance** Does that make sense?

We confirm that it does, kind of..

RMC: Just have fun with art!



RUBY MC LAUGHLIN CALLAN (6MC)



CONGRATULATIONS TO AVERY ANGLE (2W) WHOSE DRAWINGS WERE CHOSEN FROM THOUSANDS IN HER CATEGORY TO BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE IN THE TEXACO CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION



PORTFOLIO RESULTS 2014

Congratulations to the Form 6 pupils who, based on their Art Portfolios, have been accepted onto undergraduate programmes in colleges of Art & Design, including:

Julie O'Brien (6CA)

– The National College of Art & Design, Crawford College of Art & Design, Limerick College of Art & Design and Ballyfermot College of Further Education.

Stephanie Johnston (6TH)

– The National College of Art & Design.

Emer Brennan (6WL)

– DIT BA Degree Visual Communications

Ruby McLoughlin Callan (6MC)

– Animation at IADT

Congratulations are also due to the following pupils who have been accepted on FETAC Level 5 Courses in Art & Design, Fashion and Photography at Stillorgan, Sallynoggin and Ballyfermot Colleges of Further Education: **Kyrie Baker Kerrigan** (6CA), **Emer Brennan** (6WL), **Sarah Fox** (6WR), **Chloe Bevan** (6HI) and **Naoise Farrell** (6HI).

Ms Killane

GOOD MORNING VIETNAM

On Friday 11th March, as most pupils and teachers were celebrating the start of their Easter break, five teachers and sixteen pupils were meeting up in Dublin's T2 to travel to Vietnam for twelve days of house building. After a year of fundraising we were all set and eager to get on our plane, last waves were sent towards parents as we went up the escalator to departures. After our first plane journey we arrived in Abu Dhabi at three in the morning and finally boarded our plane to Vietnam. Vietnam is a country in the far South East of Asia just below China. In Vietnam there is in excess of 90 million people making it the 13th most populated country on the planet. Sadly in Vietnam more than 50% of families live in unsafe housing, and 70% of the population are at huge risk in the case of a natural disaster. Since 2001 Habitat for Humanity has built approximately 90 homes each year in Vietnam and renovates a further 1,500. On our arrival in Vietnam, Habitat for Humanity had approximately served 11,400 Vietnamese Families and we were all eager and ready to make this number 11,402.

We arrived in Vietnam's largest city Ho Chi Minh City at around six on the Saturday Evening. We were immediately hit by the heat and humidity even though the sun had set. We got on our bus and were greeted by the feeling of familiar cold breathable air. Many of us were shocked by the chaos outside as we watched the sea of mopeds swarming around our coach, often whole families on the one moped. We were brushed up on our Vietnamese knowledge by our guide on the bus, she explained that there were 9 million motorbikes on the roads of just Ho Chi Minh City, that's more than twice the amount of people on our whole island. After our arrival we checked into the hotel for our one night

in the city, then we all headed out for dinner. After placing our orders we were left a bit confused after our food arrived raw and our table was turned on (which looked like an average table but was actually a barbeque). We were left a bit surprised and wondered if this was the norm in Vietnam but we enjoyed our DIY meals regardless.

After an unsatisfactory sleep for myself, we were up bright and early to get on a two hour coach destined for My Tho where we would be building the two houses. Upon our arrival at the accommodation for the week, we met our Habitat for Humanity coordinators, Xuan (pronounced Swan) and Kevin (pronounced Big Kev). We had a welcome lunch and we soon found ourselves on a boat to Unicorn Island. Sadly there weren't any unicorns on Unicorn Island but we did see snakes and did have a very cool canoe ride down a rainforest like river, so that made up for it. After dinner we tucked into bed quite early all being exhausted from the days of travelling and hoping to be rejuvenated for our first days work the next morning.

We woke up for our first day of work at 6:30 am and threw on our temporarily crystal clean Habitat for Humanity t-shirts for breakfast. For building, the group split into two teams every morning, each hoping to have most of a house completed by the following Saturday. On our bus, it was twenty minutes or so to the first site where Team 1 got off, led by Mr Hilliard, Ms Jones and Mr Sheehan. Team 2 had another five minutes on the bus to their site led by Ms Thorp and Mr Malin. After arrival on site we got to meet the family we would be building for and we had our first daily team meeting with Big Kev, setting out our objectives and tasks for the day.

On our arrival most of the foundations had been done and the first layer of each wall had been laid out. After only twenty or so minutes it was apparent this was going to be gruelling sweaty



work, walls began to be built and foundations that hadn't yet been filled were now completed. Our week's work consisted of brick laying, transporting bricks around the site, and cementing the floor. Building was tough, especially in the 36-40 degrees heat every day. It was strenuous but satisfying work seeing the walls gaining height with every day and everyone was very proud of their own particular walls. Many heated discussions were had over the week about who had the straightest and best looking wall, but it was obviously myself and Jon's wall which was the best with Ms Thorp's a close second. On both sites we got on great with all the local builders and families, and we tried our best to speak a bit of Vietnamese when we could. Mr Malin even tried his best to get the locals to say his much beloved catchphrase "Boom Time" and had it translated into Vietnamese as "no gia" (no ya). The Vietnamese builders were always extremely helpful and made sure our work was up to scratch. The love and warmth we felt from the family on site was immense. The day I was sick on site the mother of the family treated me like I was her own son. She made a hot drink for my infected throat and washed the blood from my face and hands after I had a bad nosebleed. It was a surreal moment being so far from home but being treated as if at home. I will never forget her and how well she looked over me and the rest of the team during the week.

It was impossible to believe when the last day on site came, everyone put in more than 110% as we tried to do as much for the families as we could

possibly do. Both sites were built more than was expected at the start of the week and we were all extremely proud of the difference from just six days ago. The house now had more than just its skeleton, all the walls were full height and just waiting for the windows, all the roof tiles had been painted and ready to put on and the floor had been levelled and cemented. After our last bit of work we presented two framed pictures of ourselves at the houses to the families and two large Irish flags we had all signed. It was emotional leaving both sites for the last time and saying goodbye to the families and builders who we had bonded with so well. Last photos and goodbyes were done and it was back onto the bus home from work for the last time.

We left My Tho the next morning and braced ourselves for a long journey to the Cu Chi tunnels with our tour guide Tao. Tao was great craic and would always make sure to wake us all up during a nice sleep to tell us a few jokes or riddles. The trip to the tunnels was really interesting and enjoyed by all, especially by those who were courageous enough to follow Tao through the narrow dark tunnels. We learnt a lot and were very impressed by the intelligence of the Vietnamese soldiers who had planned every last detail of how to live in the tunnels. Tao was very eager to scare us by telling us if we wandered off we would walk on a landmine, but he was joking, I think, and thankfully no one did. After the tunnels we got back on the bus and headed to our accommodation by the beach where we relaxed and took a deserved break for the last two days. Here we enjoyed many



very competitive games of volleyball. Before the games we were all very excited to see Mr Malin in action as he talked about himself as if he was once a volleyball Olympic champion. It was safe to say Mr Sheehan's team easily won by aiming all their shots at Mr Malin.

Once again we were back on a bus this time heading back to the airport, it was very sad finally leaving Vietnam as it was such a great place for all of us. We all left Vietnam with great memories and friendships which we will cherish and remember forever. The twelve days we spent in Vietnam were some of the most memorable and enjoyable of my life and we all left with the satisfaction of having changed the lives of two deserving families. I would like to say thanks on behalf of the whole team to everyone who helped make this trip possible, all the people who did a few hours bag-packing or donated or helped - thank you. And of course a big 'Cam on' (thank you) to the teachers Ms Thorp, Mr Hilliard, Ms Jones, Mr Sheehan and Mr Malin who were always great fun and gave us this amazing opportunity; without them none of it could have been possible.

Jake O'Donnell (5M)



HUMAN RIGHTS

I was always told that life isn't fair, but until I reached secondary school I never fully believed it to be true. When children are little, their parents tell them that you should always be fair and to treat everyone equally, and so when we were young we did so, but why then, when we grow up do we stop following that saying? When and why do we change? As we grow up we develop feelings of greed, jealousy, vanity and such, causing us to change our opinion on treating everyone equally.

What is special about humans is our humanity. As humans we can think and articulate thoughts, we also have a sense of right and wrong by means of our conscience. Nobody should have the right to own another person or to force them to work under threat or punishment. Equal does not mean that we are all the same. Each of us is different in our own way, but we also have the common qualities that make us all human. So each of us should be treated with respect and dignity and treat others in the same way. "Do unto others as you would have others do to you." No person should be discriminated against for their sexual and reproductive lives, race, religion or anything else people decide to demarcate about. Everybody has the right to protection from all forms of violence caused by reason of their basic human rights.

Instead of fighting and hating each other, we should be making peace. If two different people were to bleed, you would find the same red blood would flow out of both humans. Underneath it all we are just a mass of 206 bones that make up the basic human skeleton. What gives us the right to discriminate between one another? What gives someone the right to choose the time of someone's death? What makes us feel like we have more power over individuals? Why do we need to know everyone's business and details about their private lives? Why do we switch the channel when a television advert comes on detailing the pain and hardship others go through?... Guilt?

As I look around I see a flawed humanity. The ignorance of most makes me want to make a difference in people's lives. To see a change, sooner rather than later. The right to be who we are destined to be belongs to everyone, not just people who are favoured or socially acceptable. Because we may be different on the outside, but we are all human.

Nothing else should define us.

Emily Ní Riain (SDM)



The Universal Declaration of Human Rights states, in brief, that:

- All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.
- Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in the Universal Declaration without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.
- No one shall be held in slavery or servitude.
- All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.



THE WITCHES BY ROALD DAHL



JUNIOR PLAY

On 13th May, Form 1 and 2 pupils gave a performance of Roald Dahl's *The Witches* adapted for the stage by David Wood. The play centres on a boy who is turned into a mouse by a secret society of witches and must prevent the rest of the children of England from suffering the same fate. Thomas Garland (1W) was a strong lead, carrying the action and keeping the audience entertained. Katie Moore (1F) provided fantastic support as his grandmother and her quick ad-libs covered up more than one shaky moment. Amy Scollard (1W) gave a wonderfully dramatic performance as the Grand High Witch, antagonist of the play, while Jack Healy (1F) entertained the audience as the bumbling Bruno. Countless others rounded out the accomplished cast all of whom performed well and contributed to a superb show.

The play was directed by Ms Browne and produced by Ms Galligan who were ably supported by a team of Form 5 pupils who helped backstage and with sound. Mr Rankin and Mr Gill were in charge of lighting and sound, respectively, whilst Ms Stevenson handled catering. Although there were some hairy moments during rehearsals I should like to congratulate all the actors on coming through and giving a great show on the day. I wept when most of my carefully arranged sound effects utterly failed to play but fantastic performances by the cast more than made up for it. If the Junior Play is anywhere near the same standard next year, I would strongly recommend buying a ticket and attending the performance.

Séamas MacLochlainn (5GF)



TEACHER WORD SEARCH

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BURROWES
FLYNN
GILL
MISSEN

RELLIS
WILKINSON
DAVIES
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Senior Debating

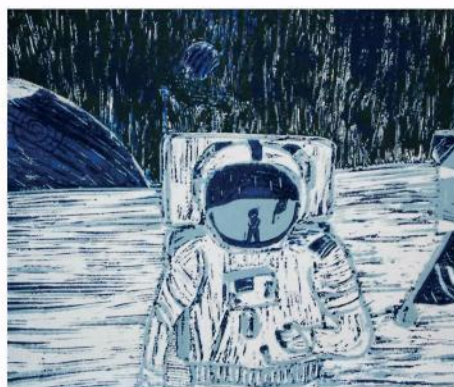
This year the Senior Debating team took part in the Concern Debates. This entailed four rounds of debating against teams from other schools around Dublin. We debated topics that are of great concern in today's society. We won our debate against Loreto Foxrock, opposing the topic "Are GM foods necessary to end world hunger?"

Megan O'Byrne and I also got the chance to attend a work shop for the Leinster Denny Debates. This took place in UCD in November 2013. At the event we were given tips on debating conduct from pupils who have debated on an international level. Those hosting also gave us a taste of the level of debate needed at that level by having a mock debate.

At the end of the year we had our debating competition within the school. This involved several different debating motions from 'Lord of the Rings vs Harry Potter' to 'Schools are an outdated form of education'. After many tough weeks of debating Megan O'Byrne (5RM) was awarded first place by our panel of Form 6 judges.

On behalf of those who take part in debating, I would like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, who has been organising the Senior Debating club this year. She has taken time out of her lunchtimes and after school in helping us prepare for debates and attending them for support.

Laura Dunne (5RM)



LINO PRINT BY ULTAN DOHERTY O'BRIEN (3C)

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ART PROJECTS



REBECCA FOX (3R) AND SIAN BOLGER (3B)

CERAMIC SCULPTURE
BY NICOLA MERRIMAN (3C)



TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR (3R)



CERAMIC SCULPTURE
BY PHILIP MOTYER (3C)

HOME ECONOMICS



< JASMINE PICKETT (5DM) MAKING PASTRY



< AISLING O'KELLY (5GF) AND RUTH FERGUSON (5RM)

TRANSITION YEAR PUPILS MAKING SOUP >



FORM 5 PUPILS ENJOY A COOKING DEMONSTRATION GIVEN BY BORD BIA EXPERT >



< FORM 1 PUPILS ENJOYING THE SCONES THEY HAVE BAKED





JUNIOR CERTIFICATE CRAFT PROJECTS >
ABOVE RIGHT: FORM 1 HOME
ECONOMICS CLASS PROUDLY DISPLAY
THEIR COMPLETED CUSHIONS

BELOW: TRINA BOVENIZER (3B) AND
ELLA SCHMIDT (3R) WORKING ON THEIR
JUNIOR CERTIFICATE CRAFT PROJECT



<THE HIGH SCHOOL HOME
ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT OPENED
UP THEIR KITCHEN FOR PUPILS
OF ZION NATIONAL SCHOOL TO
GIVE THEM A TASTE OF LIFE IN
SECONDARY SCHOOL.

RECIPES

HEALTHY(ISH)

CHERRY CHOCOLATE GRANOLA BARS

These bars are fairly healthy, yet are also very tasty! They are simple and quick to make. You can take out or add in different ingredients - for example, if you don't like almonds, why not add in walnuts instead? Add in more honey if you'd like them squishier, and less if you'd like them more firm. If you don't have chocolate chips, just put some chocolate into a plastic bag and either bash it with a rolling pin or jump on it (make sure the bag is closed!).

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup Rice Krispies
- ½ cup glacé cherries, halved
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- ½ cup pumpkin seeds (pepitas)
- ½ cup dessicated coconut
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ cup honey
- ¼ cup melted butter
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180°C/Gas Mark 4.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the oats, Rice Krispies, cherries, chocolate, almonds, pumpkin seeds, coconut, cinnamon and ginger.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the honey, olive oil, butter and vanilla essence.
4. Using a large metal spoon or your finger, fold the wet ingredients into the dry. The mixture will be very thick.
5. Line a large rectangular baking dish with greaseproof paper or grease it. (Just pour some oil into the tin and spread it around using kitchen paper).
6. Add the mixture, and press it down firmly using the back of a spoon so the surface is even.
7. Bake for 25 to 20 minutes, until golden but still soft. Allow to cool, then slice into bars. Eat!

Makes 8-12 bars

Ruth Ferguson (5RM)



LEMON DRIZZLE MUFFINS

What's needed?

Paper cases
Muffin baking tray

Ingredients:

1 lemon
350g (12oz) self-raising flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
150g (6oz) soft margarine
150g (6oz) castor sugar
4 eggs
150g demerara sugar (for topping)
Juice and zest of one lemon (for topping)

Method

1. Place the paper cases in the baking tray.
2. Grind the zest of a lemon using a grater. Cut the lemon in half and squeeze juice into a bowl (this will be used for the topping).
3. Sift the flour and baking powder into a bowl. Add margarine, sugar, eggs and grated lemon rind into the bowl and mix everything together.
4. Spoon the mixture into paper cases and bake for 12-15 mins until golden brown.
5. While the buns are cooking make the topping by putting Demerara sugar in the bowl with the lemon juice and mix.
6. Place the muffins on a wire rack and while they are still warm, spoon some of the topping over each one. Allow to cool.

Enjoy!

Eva Kelly (5RM)



A CHERRY CAKE SCULPTURE BY ELLIOT MILOFSKY (3B)

VEGAN TURKISH GOZLEME RECIPE

Ingredients:

- 8g sachet instant dried yeast
- pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon caster sugar
- 385g plain flour
- 80ml olive oil

Method

1. Combine 300ml warm water, yeast, salt and sugar in a jug. Stir with a fork. Cover. Stand in a warm, sunny place for 5 minutes or until bubbles form on the surface.
2. Sift flour into a large bowl. Add yeast mixture and 2 tablespoons oil. Mix to form a soft dough.
3. Turn dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead for 5 minutes or until elastic.
4. Cut dough into four pieces. Place on a greased baking tray. Cover with a clean tea towel. Stand in a warm, sunny place for 20 minutes or until dough doubles in size.
5. Roll each piece of dough into a 35cm x 45cm rectangle.
6. Top with filling (suggestions below).
7. Fold dough over to enclose filling. Press edges together to seal.
8. Brush one side of each gozleme with 2 teaspoons oil. Fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until base is golden. Brush uncooked side with remaining oil. Turn over and fry for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden and crisp.
9. Cut gozleme into quarters.

Spinach Filling

200g feta cheese, crumbled (optional)
100g chopped spinach
1 small onion, chopped and sautéed
1 tbsp olive oil
1 pinch crushed pepper
Salt and pepper

Potato Filling

1 yellow potato, boiled, peeled, mashed
1 small onion, chopped and sautéed
1 1/2 tbsp olive oil
1 pinch crushed pepper
Salt and pepper

Roasted Eggplant Filling

1 medium sized eggplant, roasted, peeled, drained
1 tbsp olive oil
1 pinch crushed pepper
Salt and pepper

Serves 4

Elizabeth Gageley (5GF) and Ellen Mullooly (5EH)



MR CRYAN

RETIREMENT INTERVIEW

WITH ROBERTA MC CUNE (5GH) AND LOUISE DUKES (5RM)

Q.1: How long have you been teaching?

36 years - a very long time.

Q.2: Where did you go to school?

I went to school in Newbridge College in Kildare, and then I did my Leaving Certificate in the vocational school in Galway. So I'm mixed.

Q.3 What crafts and subjects did you learn in the vocational school?

Woodwork, metalwork, drawing and art.

Q.3: What are your plans for your retirement?

Well, I'm hoping to do a bit of travelling, that's the first thing. I've a daughter in Australia so I'm going to go and visit her, and I'd like to go to the Galápagos Islands as well - I've a plan to go there next summer maybe. After that, I'd like to see other parts of the world that I haven't seen - South America and so on.

Q.4: What was your favourite year to teach?

I was thinking about this... Form 6 I think, because you can see how people have developed over the years. I enjoy 1st years as well because they're coming in all enthusiastic, but you sort of see the finished product, if you like, in Form 6, and people are also maturing at that stage; they're getting serious about their work, which makes life easy as well.

Q.5: What will you miss the most about The High School?

Well, can it be a few things? I'll certainly miss the pupils, because there's a great relationship between the pupils and teachers at The High School and I'll miss that. When teaching is going well, it's very satisfying. And of course, I'll miss my colleagues.

Q.6: What is your best memory of The High School?

That's a tricky one. I certainly have great memories of some of the hill walking trips away to Connemara - I remember a great one, where we set off to climb two of the 12 Bens, and we ended up doing a horseshoe of six of them in one day. That wasn't just Transition Year - at that time we used to bring pupils from all years, so there were some Form 1, up to Form 6, and we did this massive walk and ended up walking until 7 o'clock at night. Brilliant day on the mountains. I enjoyed moving into this new building also, when it was new, and that was a big step for the technical subjects.

Q.7: Do you prefer teaching Construction Studies/DCG/ Woodwork?

I think Woodwork, but I enjoy DCG as well and I tend to teach the DCG Leaving Certificate classes so I get to see them for that. But probably my own love is woodwork.

Q.8: What do you like the most about The High School?

I think the good relationship between pupils and teachers. Teaching works best when it's a collaborative thing - where you're working with people, and the pupils want to learn, and you want to teach. When you get that collaboration going, then that's the bit that really works, and that's one of the things that's present in High School a lot of the time, so that's good.

Q.9: Do you have any advice for pupils?

Use time wisely, because time is one thing you can't make. And listen to advice - don't always necessarily take it - but certainly listen to it. It's certainly good to hear what people say. And sometimes you have to have your own dream, and follow your own dream - that's what I would say. And don't be knocked off course by setbacks - sometimes you have to dig deep to get where you want to be.

Q.10: Have you made any pieces of furniture, that you are proud of?

Yes I have alright. I won a few awards in the RDS Craft Competition, but I've made things for friends and family and there are some pieces I would be proud of.

Q.11: If you could be an animal, what would you be?

Probably have to say a dog there because I like dogs. The friendly mutt... a Springer Spaniel.

Q. 12 What is your favourite food?

Roast lamb. Well actually, my family would say cornflakes.... that, or crab.

Any last comments?

Let me see now... not really - I've enjoyed my career at HSD and it has been a very satisfying place to work over the years. I'm looking forward to retirement though! I hope to do a bit of travelling - also a bit more wood working, getting back to some of the craft things that I enjoy doing, I'll have a bit of time for that as well. And reading.

GREEN SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

This year has been a very busy and successful year as the Green Schools Committee have been working to make The High School a greener and more sustainable place.

When we met in September we decided that our ambition was to earn The High School's second green flag, the Energy flag. This is awarded after the Committee analyses the schools consumption levels, creates an action plan, puts the plan into action and shows that the school can maintain the level of eco-friendliness over a prolonged period of time.

We held an Energy Awareness week so we could show the pupils and teachers what we planned to do. We put up posters and signs around the school and made announcements in Junior and Senior Assembly.

We had an Art, Poetry and Creative Writing competition from which we received some amazing entries. We published tips in the Newsletter and on the Green Schools noticeboard on how to save energy at home and at school.

We distributed surveys to pupils and teachers, to test their knowledge on energy and the results were all portrayed in pie and bar charts, which are also on the noticeboard.

We ventured to the basement to take bi-monthly meter readings and conducted an appliance audit of all the classrooms.

As well as campaigning for our new flag, we also had to maintain standards for the old one. We monitored the indoor and outdoor green bins; the Transition Year pupils continue to collect recycling on a weekly basis and Green tips are circulated to the school community through the Newsletter.

The noticeboard is full of interesting diagrams, statistics, photographs and helpful tips.

We are very pleased by all we have achieved this year and urge any pupils who are interested to come to a meeting and try it out.

Thank you very much to Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Ms Missen, Mr Keegan, Mr Barry and all of the other dedicated members of the Green Schools Committee, past and present.



HEATHER BALDWIN (6MC)



SARAH FOX (6WR)

LEAVING CERTIFICATE PUPPETS



EMER BRENNAN (6WL)



JOHN DEERING

Inspirational Past Pupils

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

As you all know we have had many famous past pupils, such as WB Yeats, Alan Shatter and Leopold Bloom, but there have been many more recent past pupils that have succeeded in their chosen career.

One such pupil is Annalise Murphy, now a successful sailor, who is ranked second in the world and unfortunately just missed out on a medal in the 2012 Olympics, coming in fourth. She won gold in the 2013 European Sailing Championship and was nominated for the 2013 RTÉ Sports Person of the Year.

Another great sports star is Alison Meeke, who I'm sure many of you know who often helps out with hockey training. She is an Irish international player, who can play midfield or defence. In May of this year Alison helped the Irish woman's hockey team to reach the semi-final of the Champions Challenge Tournament.

So continue to work and achieve your goals and you never know, sometime in the future someone could be writing about you!

Eva Kelly (5RM)

Transition Year Cultural Trip to Italy



On Friday 2nd May, a group of sixty seven excited Transition Year pupils and seven teachers assembled in Terminal 1 of Dublin Airport. We boarded our plane and landed in Milan Bergamo at 11 pm local time. After a long bus journey we finally arrived at our hotel, Park Hotel Jolanda, overlooking Lake Garda. Everyone was exhausted and headed straight to bed, as we had a long couple of days ahead of us.

The next morning we woke up bright and early to the beautiful view of Lake Garda. We departed for our day trip and took a vaporetto cruise to Venice. After a spot of lunch we made our way to St Mark's Square for a walking tour. We were told about the history of Venice and St Mark's Basilica, guided through the backstreets of Venice and shown various canals, bridges and gondolas. The tour was really interesting and we were all sad to leave Venice. We then made our way to our evening activity, bowling, which was great fun, and later returned to the hotel for a traditional Italian meal.

The following morning we took the coach to Verona and went on a walking tour. We saw lots of beautiful sites including the famous Arena and Juliet's House. Verona is a beautiful city and we really enjoyed our time there. That afternoon was the much anticipated trip to Gardaland. Nobody was more excited than Mr Barry and Mr Rankin, our very own roller coaster experts. Three hours later we boarded the bus back to the hotel for evening activities including swimming and a very entertaining table quiz.

The next day we were all very sad to be heading home to Dublin but we still had time for some last minute activities.

Firstly, we went on the Monte Baldo cable car which had stunning views over Lake Garda. We then went on a boat cruise across Lake Garda which gave everyone a chance to enjoy the lovely weather and sunbathe out on deck. After lunch we made our way to the airport for our flight home. We were all tired by the end of it but we really enjoyed our weekend away. We should like to thank Ms White for organising the trip and Mr Keegan, Mr Carolan, Ms Fallon, Mr Barry, Mr Rankin and Ms Wilson for making the trip possible and being such great fun.

**Clodagh Curran (4K)
and Sophie Harrison (4F)**



FIELDS CHUNG (2W)



MELINA O'MEARA (2W)

Form 2 Lino Prints



SAOIRSE KENNEDY (2P)



MONA ANELE (2W)

Orchestra

With one of the largest ensembles in recent years, The High School Orchestra commenced their programme in earnest at the beginning of the term. We were delighted to have the assistance of Ms Horgan who helped us with the preparation of music and the organisation of the orchestra this year.

Our first school engagement was the Parents Evening and Prize Distribution in October where we performed a Beatles Medley for the audience arranged by past pupil and past Orchestra member Mr Adam Higgs.

Our first competition was the Kilcoole Music Festival in Kilcoole, Co Wicklow, a competition which we had not entered before. We were delighted when we won the Kilcoole Music Festival 50th Anniversary Cup in the Orchestra Competition and received very favourable comments from the adjudicator.

Weekly rehearsals continued for the next school event in December, the Carol Service where the Orchestra played a selection of carols.

The next competition was the Wesley Feis in early March where two ensembles from The High School entered, the Chamber Orchestra and the full Orchestra. Both Orchestras performed excellently and, against very stiff competition, received two highly commended certificates. We were especially pleased when the Chamber Orchestra received second place in a competition that we had entered for the first time.

The Feis Ceoil competition was a short time later where the Orchestra performed at the RDS Concert Hall in a national competition against school orchestras from all over the country. The Orchestra played very well despite being the smallest ensemble in the competition.

The final school engagement was the traditional Summer Concert in May. The Orchestra performed a selection of pieces for the audience including *Pavanne* by Gabriel Fauré and the finale piece *Don't Stop Believin'* by Journey. The summer concert was tinged with sadness as, for a large group of Form 6 musicians across all families of instruments, it was their final summer concert. We were sad to see them go, but hope to see them playing with us in the future. Ms White announced that the Orchestra has been selected to perform in the 20th Anniversary Concert of the Irish Association of Youth Orchestras festival in the National Concert Hall in February 2015, which is a tremendous honour.

The development of The High School Chamber Orchestra and Chamber groups was a particularly positive initiative adopted by the Orchestra which we hope to expand even further into the future. Many thanks to all involved for all of their hard work and commitment this year. We look forward to a busy year ahead!

Ms White



SPORTS DAY



< JUNIOR GIRLS' SHOTPUT
MR MC CAUGHEY TAKES DOWN DISTANCES FOR THE GIRLS FIELD EVENTS >



< MR GILL HAVING FUN WITH THE STARTING GUN
FORM 1 BOYS COMPETE FOR A GOLD IN LONGJUMP >



MR IRWIN REFEREEING THE PUPIL-TEACHER TUG-OF-WAR >
EMMA MURPHY AND SARAH FOX FIGHTING FOR A WIN IN THE TUG-OF-WAR >>



<< THE FEMALE FACULTY PREPARING FOR THEIR TUG-OF-WAR MATCH WITH FORM 6
< FORM 6 GIRLS IN THE TUG-OF-WAR AGAINST THE TEACHERS. ONE, TWO, THREE, HEAVE!



< JUNIOR BOYS HEAD TO HEAD AS THEY ATTEMPT TO OUTFACE THEIR OPPONENTS

CHARLOTTE KING, RACHAEL KAYE-MELLOR AND ELLEN MCCULLOUGH WATCH THE PUPIL-TEACHER TUG-OF-WAR >



< OISÍN Ó CONBHUI, DYLAN WALSH AND JASON MCGRATH RACE TOWARDS THE FINISH LINE, DETERMINATION IN THEIR EYES

FORM 1 BOYS RACE TO THE FINISH IN THE 100 METRE SPRINT >



<< FORM 6 BOYS FIGHTING HARD TO WIN THE TUG-OF-WAR AGAINST THE TEACHERS

< THE TEACHERS STRUGGLING TO WIN AGAINST THIS YEAR'S UNBEATABLE FORM 6 TUG-OF-WAR TEAM

SPORTS

SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 2012-2013

ATHLETICS

Cornick	400 metres - Senior Boys	Ciaran Maher
Cunningham	Points - Junior Boys	Harry King
Diocesan Staff	Points - Junior Girls	Aela O'Flynn
Hughes	U15 Girls 100 metres	Aela O'Flynn
Hutchinson	800 metres – Senior Girls	Emma Murphy
Magill	100 metres – Junior Boys	Tim Dolan
Mathers	Points - Form 1 Girls	Caoimhe Shanley-Mee
Moore	200 metres – Senior Boys	Sam Treacy-McGee
Packenhams-Hamilton	High Jump – Junior Girls	Megan O'Brien
Parents' Association	100 metres Senior Girls	Amy O'Byrne
Sloan	Long Jump – Senior Boys	Conor Spain
Southam	800 metres – Senior Boys	Jack Scollard
Taylor	100 metres – Senior Boys	Sam Treacy-McGee
Taylor	Points - Senior Girls	Emma Murphy
Travers	High Jump – Senior Boys	Conor Spain
War Memorial	Points - Senior Boys	Conor Spain
Whyte	Senior Boys Field Events	Conor Spain

BADMINTON

Factor	Junior Boys	Jack Lyons
Hennessy	Junior Girls	Aela O'Flynn
Hennessy	Senior Boys	Ken Edgeworth
Hennessy	Senior Girls	Emma Lucas

CANOEING

Broad Cup	Form 1	Melina O'Meara
Canoeist of the Year		Ben McNeilly
Junior Liffey Cup		Liam Phelan

CRICKET

Davies	2nd X1	Ryan Evans
Dawson	Form 2 – Boys	Conor Empey
de Vere Short	Batting	Conor Prendergast
Hanley	Fielding	Andrew Mooney
Junior Girls		Sophie Keating
Senior Girls		Hannah Ridgeway

HOCKEY

Neville Davin	Senior Boys	David Howard
Diocesan	Minor Girls	Mia Jennings
Karen Eppel	Sportsmanship	Lia McCann
Andrew McKay	Junior Boys	Andrew Jones
Jean Scott	Junior Girls	Ailish Long
Jean Scott	Senior Girls	Jennifer Long

RUGBY

Dawson	Form 2	James Anderson
de Vere Short	Player of the Year	Tim Harding
Evans	Place & Drop	Dean Kilroy
Turner	Most Deserving Team:	David J Donnelly (Capt)
	2nd Year A's	

SOCCER

Shield		Eamonn Weitz (Capt)
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SWIMMING

Dodder	Junior	Elizabeth Boyd
Liffey	Senior	John Swanwick
John Philips	Survival	Caroline Ryan



SENIOR SPORTS DAY WINNERS



JUNIOR SPORTS DAY WINNERS

TABLE TENNIS

Evans

Darragh Higgins

TENNIS

Harcourt

Jagoe

Sealy

Smith

White

Junior Boys

Junior Girls

Senior Boys

Senior Girls

Mark Perham

Susanna Wyse Jackson

Adam Lunnon-Collery

Sarah Mulhere

Ryan Baird

SPORTS CAPTAINS 2012-2013

Cricket

Cricket

Tennis

Tennis

Athletics

Athletics

Basketball

Basketball

Hockey

Hockey

Rugby

Boys

Girls

Boys

Girls

Boys

Girls

Girls

Boys

Boys

Girls

Andrew Mooney

Siobhan McManus

John Swanwick

Sarah Mulhere

Sam Treacy-McGee

Siobhan McManus

Abigail Donnelly

Luke Thompson

David Howard

Jennifer Long

Gavin Power

SPORTS TEAM PHOTOS

ATHLETICS



ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: JACK BURLEIGH, MEGAN O'BRIEN, JACK SCOLLARD, RYAN BAIRD, BRIAN REILLY, RUTH FERGUSON, KATHERINE LANDY
FRONT ROW: AELA O'FLYNN, ELLA SCHMIDT, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MIA JENNINGS, CATHERINE HARRIS

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LEINSTER MEDALLISTS

BACK ROW: MS HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, RYAN BAIRD, MEGAN O'BRIEN, MS FALLON
FRONT ROW: CLAUDIA JOHNSTON, ELLA SCHMIDT, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MIA JENNINGS

CROSS COUNTRY



CROSS COUNTRY SENIORS

BACK ROW: MR IRWIN, MS FALLON, BRIAN REILLY, MATTHEW TANNAM ELGIE, WILLIAM LE BAS, DAVID BRUSEY, ILONA ADAMS, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR
FRONT ROW: ALEX FELLE, KATHERINE LANDY, SOPHIE HARRISON, JACK SCOLLARD, CATHERINE NEENAN, LAURA MCBEAN, RUTH FERGUSON



CROSS COUNTRY JUNIORS

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, NATHAN SHAW, FIELDS CHUNG, DARRAGH QUINN, JAMES CARTER, DYLAN WALSH, DAISY RYAN, LUCY COLMAN-BLACK, CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR
FRONT ROW: GRACE GAGEBY, GEORGINA SCANLON, ELLA SCHMIDT, CATHERINE HARRIS, CIA MC ELVEEN-WALSH, ROSANNE MC CULLOUGH, HOLLY PERDUE
ABSENT: EANNA CURRAN

BADMINTON



SENIOR BOYS' BADMINTON
MARK PERHAM, ADAM LUNNON, KEN EDGEWORTH,
DARAGH HIGGINS, MR FLYNN



SENIOR B BOYS' BADMINTON
PATRICK MC BEAN, CHARLIE KERR, MARK DEACON,
ROBERT DEEGAN



JUNIOR A BOYS' BADMINTON
DANIEL CURRAN, COËN OLOFSSON, HARRY CRIPPS, JACK LYONS,
ULTAN MAGUIRE, ELLIOT MILOFSKY
ABSENT: SAM KILLEEN, HARRY KING, HARRY MC DONALD



MINOR A BOYS' BADMINTON
FINN O'SULLIVAN, JAMES BOYD, ELIAS DEMPSEY,
TOM MC CAUSLAND



MINOR B BOYS' BADMINTON
FINN O'SULLIVAN, LUAN RODGERS,
NAOISE MAY, DENNY STUPAKOV,
TIM SWEENEY



MINOR C BOYS' BADMINTON
WOLF CHUNG, SHANE DAMBAZA, SAM DALY, SEAN MAGUIRE, ETHAN GERNON,
CORMAC DEMPSEY, MILO DIXON, TIM SWEENEY, JACK HEALY, MR FLYNN



JUNIOR A GIRLS' BADMINTON
AMY CONNOLLY, AELA O'FLYNN, RUBY KEATING LEVINS,
SOPHIE KEATING



JUNIOR B GIRLS' BADMINTON
DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, SIAN BOLGER, CATHERINE
HARRIS, ELLEN RIDGEWAY
ABSENT: AMY BOLWKER



JUNIOR C GIRLS' BADMINTON
RHIANNA YOUNG, EMMA TAYLOR, GRAINNE DOWLING,
REBECCA JONES, ELLA CONNOLLY, DEARBHLA FORDE-
MORRIN



MINOR A GIRLS' BADMINTON
LUCY COLMAN-BLACK, MIRIAM KELLY, ANNA SAMSONOVA,
ROSEANNE MC CULLOUGH, MR FLYNN



MINOR B GIRLS' BADMINTON
SHAUNA POWER, CAITLIN NICKELS, ELLEN TREACY MC GEE, ÁINE RYAN,
ANNA PHELAN, MEGAN RANCE, RACHEL DONOVAN

BASKETBALL



SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, WILL FUREY, FERGAL KAVANAGH, SHANE HARRINGTON, NEBOJŠA CVETKOVIĆ, BYRON CUNNINGHAM, CIARÁN HARRISON, COLIN JACKSON

FRONT ROW: DARAGH HIGGINS, KEN EDGEWORTH, DANNY MCAVINUE, JAMES TWAMLEY, SHANE RICHARDSON



U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: ANDY PALMER, ROBBIE KELLEHER, RONAN O'BYRNE, CONOR SULLIVAN, BEN TREACY MCGEE, JOE KIELY-FOX, RAYMOND TANG,

FRONT ROW: DAVID EGAN, WILL FUREY (CAPTAIN), NEBOJŠA CVETKOVIĆ, JASON COSGROVE



FORM 2 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: JASON MULLEN, DANIEL FAGAN, SAM COSGROVE, JAMES KINSELLA, EDWARD MEREDITH, KYLE BUTLER, ADAM O'ROURKE, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW: CIAN HOBAN, MATTHEW BARLOW, HARRIS WEBSTER (CAPTAIN), HARRY MALONE, PETER O'LEARY, GIANLUCA LYONS

ABSENT: OISÍN Ó CONBHUÍ, SHAUN DAMBAZA

FORM 1 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: MATT THOMPSON (CAPTAIN),
LUAN ROGERS, HUGH O' DONNELL, TIM SWEENEY,
WILSON KO, DYLAN ROYCROFT, OISÍN HEALY,
MR MALIN

FRONT ROW: TOM WEBB, FINN O' SULLIVAN,
DENNI STUPAKOV, CORMAC DEMPSEY,
FINN CONNOLLY, TOM MCCAUSLAND

ABSENT: ERIC FELLE, ADAM VAUGHAN



SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: RUBY KEATING LEVINS, AISLING O'NEILL,
SIBÉAL DEVILLY, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, ILONA ADAMS,
AMANDA KO, LYNN DUKE

MIDDLE ROW: CAMILLE CHRISTLE, TARA BARNES,
FREYJA ANDRÉSDÓTTIR, ORLA JOHNSON,
LOUISE DUKES, PAIGE LEAVY, MR DAVIDAS

FRONT ROW: JENNIFER CODY, LAOISE BROPHY,
BETHANY THOMPSON, TAILLIE MAY, KATE O'ROURKE



JUNIORS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: KAARUNYA GURUSAMY, MIRIAM KELLY, KATARINA CVETKOVIC, ANCA AVASILICHIOAIEI,
SIOBHÁN CHINENYANGA, TARA O'CONNOR, MELINA O'MEARA, ELLIE BURKE, MR CRITCHLEY

FRONT ROW: SARAH MORLEY, KERRY-ANN TIMMINS, LUCY COLMAN-BLACK, TAMI ADEDUNTAN (CAPTAIN),
ALANNA BARRY CULLEN, ANNA SAMSONOVA, JULIA VATALEVA, MALIKA KOLA-CAHILL



MINOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

ANNA MC KIM, HOLLY PERDUE, ERIN FETHERSTON, GEORGINA SCANLAN (CAPTAIN),
HANNAH FLYNN, MEGAN RANCE, ASHLEY MAKOMBE, MR DADIVAS
ABSENT: MIA COMERFORD MC KENNA



CADETTE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: MR DAVIDAS, GEORGIA GRANT, RUBY KEATING LEVIN, LAUREN STYLES, MEGAN O'DONNELL,
KATARINA CVETKOVIĆ, YULIYA MIKULCHYK, ANGELA TANG
FRONT ROW: AISHA TUOHY, RACHEL FERGUSON, KATIE WYSE-JACKSON, CAMILLE CHRISTLE, SOPHIE KEATING,
MEGAN MILLET, NATALIE KO



GETTING SET UP
FOR THE TEAM
BASKETBALL
PHOTOGRAPHS

**1ST XI BOYS' CRICKET**

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, JAMES TWAMLEY, JAKE O'DONNELL, JUSTIN BRADISH, ROBERT BEVERLAND, RYAN EVANS, COLIN JACKSON

FRONT ROW: ANDY PALMER, CIAN WARREN, OÍSIN MC EVOY, ANDREW MANNING (CAPTAIN), CONOR PRENDERGAST, RONÁN DOWLING CULLEN, JOE PRENDERGAST

**2ND XI BOYS' CRICKET**

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, HUGH HACKETT, JAMES TWAMLEY, JAKE O'DONNELL, KIAN WILSON, COLIN JACKSON

FRONT ROW: CIAN WARREN, OÍSIN MC EVOY, CONOR PRENDERGAST (CAPTAIN), ANDY PALMER, RONÁN DOWLING CULLEN

ABSENT: LUKE KEHOE-ROCHE, DARAGH MC DONNELL



JUNIOR BOYS' CRICKET
BACK ROW: MR MC CAUGHEY, BOBBY HACKETT, ANDREW BRENNAN, JAMES ANDERSON, RONAN O'BYRNE, JACK IREDALE, RYAN BAIRD, MILO O'SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: ADAM RUFLI, SAM DUFFY, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY, JOE PRENDERGAST, CONOR EMPEY, JACK LYONS, MARK TOBIN
ABSENT: HARRY KING



UNDER 14 BOYS' CRICKET
BACK ROW: MR WALKER, EDWARD MEREDITH, DARRAGH O'REILLY, PETER LYNCH, ALEXANDER CHAMBERS, CIAN HOBAN, JAMES METOUDI, JAMIE TOPPING, MR SULLIVAN
MIDDLE ROW: ALEX FLYNN, BEN DOYLE, ZAK COGHLAN, WILL ANDERSON, OISÍN Ó CONBHUI, ALEX O'REGAN, JAKE PILLOW
FRONT ROW: HARRY MOLONY, KYLE BUTLER
ABSENT: SITTHA BAILEY



UNDER 13 BOYS' CRICKET
BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, HARRY BYRNE, LUAN ROGERS, CALLUM ADAIR, ELIAS DEMPSEY, NIAL MCDONNELL, ADAM VAUGHAN, ANDREW CANNING
MIDDLE ROW: FINN O'SULLIVAN, TOM WEBB, JAMES COMAN, ALASTAIR EMPEY, HENRY HINDS, OISÍN HEALY, MILO DIXON
FRONT ROW: ADITYA GATT, HUGH O'DONNELL, ALEX ASPILL, FERDIA DARRAGH

SENIOR 1ST GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR FITZPATRICK, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, ÁINE HUGHES, SAOIRSE O'DONOGHUE, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, CLAUDIA JOHNSTON

FRONT ROW: LAURA POWER, AILISH LONG, RACHEL DELANEY, HANEEFA CARRIM, MIA JENNINGS



SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR KEEGAN, AMY BYRNE, LINDSAY BAKER, JESSICA MILLER, ANNA FLEMING, EMILY SMARTT, WILLOW BREEN, MS CONDELL

FRONT ROW: OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM, AMAIA DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, KIRSTY MEIJER, MOLLY WHELAN, SAOIRSE KENNEDY



JUNIOR GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: SAOIRSE KEAVENY, SARAH MULLOOLY, KYLA O'DWYER, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, MAELY LIM, SOPHIE KEATING, MR MCNAMARA

FRONT ROW: AMY BOWKER, DEARBHLA FORDE-MORRIN, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MIA JENNINGS, JOY SHERWOOD





JUNIOR 2 GIRLS' CRICKET
BACK ROW: ELLA CONNOLLY,
 KAARUNYA GURUSAMY,
 MALIKA KOLA-CAHILL,
 SIOBHAN CHINENYANGA,
 CAOIMHE BARRY-CORR,
 SAIRSE KENNEDY,
 GRACE CONDELL,
 MS CONDELL
FRONT ROW: RUBY STEIN,
 RACHEL WEBSTER,
 OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM
 (CAPTAIN), MIRIAM KELLY,
 HOLLY GREENE



FORM 1 GIRLS' CRICKET
BACK ROW: MR WALKER,
 CIARA BELL, SHAUNA POWER,
 SIOFRA O'BRIEN,
 SOPHIE GRANT, ISABEL
 CARTER, MEGAN RANCE,
 MS CONDELL
FRONT ROW:
 AMY DUNNE, MOLLY O'SHEA,
 SHONA CAREY,
 TESSA LONG (CAPTAIN),
 MOLLY SHERIDAN,
 ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH,
 ANNA KEOGH-CORBALLY
ABSENT: ESME WALKER

EQUESTRIAN



EQUESTRIAN
 DR WHITFORD, NATHANAEL O'LEARY,
 MELAINE O'DONOVAN, LANA COTTER

HOCKEY



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE, HANEEFA CARRIM, AMY BYRNE, JULIENNE STEWART, LUCY BARLOW, GRACE O'MARCAIGH, ELEANOR CONHEADY, SAOIRSE O'DONOGHUE, LAURA RANKIN, MS JONES

FRONT ROW: LAURA POWER, AILISH LONG, SARAH FOX, EMMA MURPHY, MIA JENNINGS, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, EMER BRENNAN

ABSENT: EMMA CANNING



SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE, LAURA RANKIN, ELLEN MCCULLOUGH, AMY MACWILLIAM, EMMA MCNEILLY, GRACE O'MARCAIGH, LAURA POWER

FRONT ROW: ÁINE KENNA, MAEBH BRENNAN, KATE HUNTER HANLEY, ZOE ACHESON, RACHEL DELANEY, HANNAH MOLONY

ABSENT: EVIE MC CLAFFERTY



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW: EVA GANNON,
 LINDSAY BAKER KERRIGAN,
 CHRISTINA LYNN,
 LEAH TUOHY, ZOE
 MANNING, HAYLEY BLAIR,
 AOIFE CLOUGHLEY,
 ABBIE SHERIDAN, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW: SARAH
 MULHERE, JESSICA MILLER,
 EVIE MCCLAFFERTY,
 MOLLY WHELAN,
 AITANA BYRNE PAREDES,
 SHANNON YOUNG,
 AMAIA DEMPSEY
 LERCHUNDI
ABSENT: ISABEL GARLAND,
 CHLOE DOYLE



SENIOR 4 GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW: EVA GANNON,
 ALISON MOONEY,
 AOIFE DOMICAN,
 EMMA DOOLEY,
 SAORSE O'MAHONY,
 AOIFE KERNAN, MS RUGG
FRONT ROW:
 SARAH MULHERE,
 JESSICA MILLER,
 LEAH TUOHY,
 AMAIA DEMPSEY
 LERCHUNDI,
 CATHERINE NEENAN,
 SHANNON YOUNG
ABSENT: ELLEN O'GORMAN



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW:
 CLAUDIA JOHNSTON,
 CAMILLE CHRISTLE,
 MEGAN O'BRIEN,
 MEGAN O'DONNELL,
 SINÉAD DUNNE,
 ELLEN RIDGEWAY,
 SARAH MULLOOLY,
 MS GRAY
FRONT ROW:
 CATHERINE HARRIS,
 LAUREN STYLES,
 RUBY KEATING LEVINS,
 KYLA O'DWYER (CAPTAIN),
 MELANIE O'DONOVAN,
 MIA JENNINGS,
 EMMA CANNING
ABSENT: MICHAELA RYNNE,
 OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM,
 SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN

JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

MS GRAY, HANNAH BURKE,
ALANNAH O'REILLY,
SINEAD DUNNE,
EMILY SMARTT,
WILLOW BREEN,
AISHA TUOHY

FRONT ROW:

ABIGAIL NOLAN,
ELLA SCHMIDT,
LAUREN STYLES,
LISA COSGRAVE,
CATHERINE HARRIS,
EMMA TAYLOR,
ANNIE BRENNAN

ABSENT: KIRSTY MEIJER,
SOPHIE KEATING,
GRÁINNE DOWLING



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

RHIANNA YOUNG,
EVA EARNER RYAN,
CATHERINE HARRIS,
EMMA FETHERSTON,
NICOLA MERRIMAN,
ELIZABETH BOYD,
MS GOULDING

FRONT ROW:

ABIGAIL NOLAN,
TRINA BOVENIZER,
JOY SHERWOOD,
GEMMA BOVENIZER
(CAPTAIN),

SOPHIE HAYES,
REBECCA FOX,
JESSICA SMITH

ABSENT: SORCHA NÍ NÉILL



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

MS CONDELL,
SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN,
CLAUDIA JOHNSTON,
SASKIA BOS,
ELLEN RIDGEWAY,
DAISY RYAN,
ALISON JONES,
CIARA SHAW,
ROSANNE MCCOLLOUGH,
ZARA NAUGHTON,
MR O'DONOGHUE

FRONT ROW:

ELICIA BURKE,
ELLEN RAFFERTY,
OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM,
JAIME KNOX MAC LEOD,
ERICA BOWEN,
SAOIRSE KENNEDY,
ANNA KEOGH CORBALLY





MINOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW: MS CONDELL,
 ELLEN RAFFERTY,
 RACHEL WEBSTER,
 ALISON JONES,
 LAURA CLINCH,
 ISABELLA GILMER,
 SADBH ROHU,
 GRACE CAMPBELL,
 MR O'DONOGHUE
FRONT ROW:
 CAROLINE RYAN,
 KATE MORGAN LAWSON,
 MUNACHI ANELE,
 DAISY RYAN (CAPTAIN),
 ELLA SQUIRE,
 ELLA CONNOLLY,
 CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE



MINOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW: MS CONDELL,
 RACHEL WEBSTER,
 REBECCA JONES,
 AOIFE LYNCH,
 CAROLINE RYAN,
 ISABELLA GILMER,
 ELICIA BURKE
FRONT ROW:
 KATHERINE WALSH
 DIGNAM, ALICE BURLEIGH,
 AVERY ANGLE,
 KATE MORGAN LAWSON,
 ELLA CONNOLLY,
 MILLY COGHAN,
 RUBY STEIN
ABSENT: ELLA BYRNE



FORM 1A GIRLS' HOCKEY
BACK ROW:
 MOLLY SHERIDAN,
 LAURA MOTYER,
 AMY SCOLLARD,
 ROSEANNE MC CULLOUGH,
 ANNA KEOGH CORBALLY
FRONT ROW:
 MEGAN RANCE,
 ESME WALLER,
 TESSA LONG,
 SÍOFRA O'BRIEN,
 SHAUNA POWER, MS JONES

FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ÁINE RYAN,
AILEEN NAGLE, EVA KENNA,
AMY DUNNE, MS CONDELL
FRONT ROW: CLARA BELL,
RACHEL DONOVAN,
ERICA MACARI, KATIE MOORE,
SHONA CAREY, NAIA BYRNE
PAREDES



FORM 1 C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: SOPHIA GILMER,
ORAINNA DAVEY,
DAISY O'TOOLE,
HANNAH VANCE-CRONIN,
AIMEE O'SHEA, ANNA PHELAN,
MS CONDELL
FRONT ROW: LEAH MERRIMAN,
CATELYN NICHOLS,
ELLEN TREACY-MCGEE,
ISABELLE CARTER,
HANNAH KERR, MOLLY O'SHEA





SENIOR 1 BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

DARAGH BUTLER,
COLIN JACKSON,
DAVID PHELAN,
HUGH HACKETT,
ROSS MCWILLIAM,
SCOTT WALLACE,
DANIELS KURILOVS

MIDDLE ROW:

MR FITZPATRICK,
CIAN WILSON,
BILLY O'CARROLL,
JACK KILLEEN,
JAKE O'DONNELL,
BOBBY HACKETT

FRONT ROW:

EVAN BURROWES,
MARK PERHAM,
DAVID HOWARD,
TOM MCNULTY,
FELIM KELLY,
CONOR EMPEY



SENIOR 2 BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

PATRICK ADYE CURRAN,
DYLAN QUIRKE,
ANDREW HOWEL,
JAKE O'DONNELL,
BILLY O'CARROLL,
ZACK BREEN, KARL KINCH,
ROSS CONNOLLY,
DAVID HOWARD

FRONT ROW:

JAMIE MORRIS,
TIM BROWNING,
ROBERT DEEGAN,
JAMIE LAYCOCK,
DAVID PHELAN,
MARK PERHAM,
MR WILKINSON



JUNIOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:

ROSS MCWILLIAM,
JOHN DOHERTY,
PETER LYNCH,
NAOISE LAW,
JACK BURLEIGH,
ULTAN MAGUIRE,
DANIELS KURILOVS,
ROBERT MC LAUGHLIN,
MR KEEGAN

MIDDLE ROW:

BRIAN REILLY,
JACK IREDALE,
JAMES ANDERSON,
CONOR EMPEY,
TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR,
RYAN BAIRD,
ANDREW BRENNAN

FRONT ROW:

ALEX FLYNN,
WILLIAM ANDERSON,
ALEXANDER O'REGAN
ABSENT: PHILLIP MOTYER

JUNIOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: BILLY ILAND,
DANIEL BROWNE,
NAOISE LAW,
STEPHEN DOYLE,
JOHN DOHERTY,
JOE PRENDERGAST,
MR MILLER

MIDDLE ROW:
BRIAN REILLY,
CATHAL RYAN,
SAM MOLONEY,
DANIELS KURILOVS
(CAPTAIN),
ULTAN O'BRIEN,
JACKSON BARRY,
JACK BURLEIGH

ABSENT:
CHARLIE O'CONNOR



MINOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR FITZPATRICK, HARRY BYRNE, ASIER KELLY, JAMES COMAN, CALUM ADAIR, JAMES METOUDI,
JAMIE TOPPING, ALEX O'REGAN, MAX O'DONNELL, ALISTAIR EMPEY, MR KEEGAN

MIDDLE ROW: ZACK RAFTER, WILLIAM COSGRAVE, JAKE PILLOW, PETER LYNCH (CAPTAIN), WILL ANDERSON,
CIAN HOBIN, ALEX FLYNN

FORM 1 BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW:
MR FITZPATRICK,
TOM MCCAUSLAND,
ZAK BOWKER,
SCOTT GILLANDERS,
CALUM ADAIR,
CORMAC DEE-BROWN,
ALISTAIR EMPEY,
JAMES COMAN,
HARRY BROWN

MIDDLE ROW: BEN CRIPPS,
JAMES CAMPION,
JAMES COLE,
ANDREW CANNING,
THOMAS WEBB,
ELIAS DEMPSEY,
ASIER KELLY

ABSENT:
RÍAN MOODLIAR WALSH,
ADAM VAUGHAN,
SEÁN MAGUIRE



ORIENTEERING



SENIOR ORIENTEERING

BACK ROW: MR IRWIN, MS BROWNE, JAMES MACKEN, LOUIS HUGGARD, WESLEY WRIGHT, DAVID BRUSEY, PHILLIP BRADISH, BYRON CUNNINGHAM, STEPHEN WANN, MATHEW TANNAM ELGIE, MR KELLETT
FRONT ROW: AOIFE DOMICAN, BILLY ILAND, JACK SCOLLARD, ANDREW COURTNEY, ALEX FELLE, JESSICA MILLER

RUGBY



SCT RUGBY SQUAD

BACK ROW: JONATHAN CHAMBERS, JOHN KEHOE-ROCHE, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, ELLIOT CHAMBERS, DARAGH MC DONNELL, SEÁN KEARY, DAVID ASPIL, LUKE BANNISTER
MIDDLE ROW: MR MALIN, FERDIA O'CONNELL, JUSTIN BRADISH, CRAIG KENNEDY, RUPERT ADAMS, ROBERT DUNLEAVY, PATRICK ADYE CURRAN, JACK BYRNE, JACK KILLEEN, MR SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: JACK TAYLOR, MARK DELANEY, ANDREW MANNING, ROBERT BEVERLAND, LUKE O'BRIEN, RÓNÁN DOWLING CULLEN, OISÍN GAVIGAN
(2ND) FRONT ROW: LEE TUCKER, CIAN MC CAUSLAND, JOHN MURPHY, LOUIS HUGGARD



SCT 1ST BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: JOHN KEHOE-ROCHE, MATTHEW RIDGEWAY, ELLIOT CHAMBERS, JONATHAN CHAMBERS, DARRAGH MC DONNELL, DAVID ASPIL, LUKE BANNISTER

MIDDLE ROW: CIAN MC CAUSLAND, JUSTIN BRADISH, CRAIG KENNEDY, RUPERT ADAMS, ROBERT DUNLEAVY, JACK BYRNE, JOHN MURPHY

FRONT ROW: LEE TUCKER, MARK DELANEY, ANDREW MANNING, ROBERT BEVERLAND, LUKE O'BRIEN, RÓNÁN DOWLING CULLEN, LOUIS HUGGARD



SENIOR 2ND BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: FERDIA O'CONNELL, STEPHEN GREENE, ELLIOT CHAMBERS, OISÍN FAUST, JONATHAN CHAMBERS, JOSHUA HOGG, EOIN FAUST, DAMI BABADE

MIDDLE ROW: MR DOYLE, CIAN MC CAUSLAND, CHARLIE KERR, STEPHEN ARDILL, JACK KILLEEN, GAVIN MURPHY, JOHNJOE IRWIN, OISÍN GAVIGAN, MR SULLIVAN, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW: STEPHEN CROSBY, JAMES MACKEN, MATTHEW DRENNAN, DANIEL HOLDER (CAPTAIN), LEE TUCKER, LOUIS HUGGARD, JAKE FOLEY

(2ND) FRONT ROW: VICTOR BELL, EDDIE BERGMAN



JCT A BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR MC NAMARA, MATTHEW BARLOW, EOIN SCARLET, JOHNNY BURNS, RONAN O'BYRNE, RYAN BYRNE, SAM KILLEEN, JACK IREDALE, JAMES ANDERSON, TIMOTHY KAYE MELLOR, ELLIOT WRIGHT, TOM MOLONEY, MR KINSELLA

MIDDLE ROW: MARK DEERING, ANDREW BRENNAN, CRAIG WHELAN, ROSS MACWILLIAM, DAVID JAMES DONNELLY (CAPTAIN), RHYS BUTLER, TIM NOLAN, MILO O' SULLIVAN, MARK TOBIN

FRONT ROW: ALEX O' REGAN, SITTHA BAILEY, ADAM RUFLI, ALEXANDER DURAC

ABSENT: JACK O' GORMAN



JCT B BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR MC NAMARA, PADDY O'REILLY, MATTHEW BARLOW, COLIN COWLARD JOYCE, OLIVER MC LUSKIE, DAVID DONNELLY, ELLIOT WRIGHT, ULTAN DOHERTY, EDWARD MEREDITH, JACK LYONS, MR KINSELLA

FRONT ROW: MARK DEERING, ANDREW BRENNAN, CRAIG WHELAN, EOIN SCARLET, ALEXANDER DURAC, ADAM RUFLI, MILO O'SULLIVAN, MARK TOBIN, JOHN BURNS



COBRAS BOYS RUGBY

BACK ROW: JAMIE LAYCOCK, FIONN MACMANUS, SEÁN KEARY, KARL KINCH, JOHN KEHOE-ROCHE, LUKE BANNISTER

MIDDLE ROW: MR DOYLE, CIAN TOBIN, TIM JONES, PATRICK ADYE CURRAN, DYLAN QUIRKE, JACK BYRNE, JOHNJOE IRWIN

FRONT ROW: JACK TAYLOR, TIM BROWNING, JOHN MURPHY, JAMIE MORRIS (CAPTAIN), ROBERT STITT, JUSTIN BRADISH, MATTHEW DRENNAN



FORM 2 A BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, MR MC BRIDE, EDWARD MEREDITH, JAKE RICHARDSON, DYLAN WALSH, DARAGH O'REILLY, LORIS NIKOLOV, HARRY WALSH, JAMES KINSELLA, CALLUM GILLIS, CIAN HOBAN, OISÍN Ó CONBHUÍ, MR MC CAUGHEY

MIDDLE ROW: WILL ANDERSON, MATTHEW WALLACE, ALEX O' REGAN, ALEXANDER CHAMBERS, SITTHA BAILEY (CAPTAIN), KYLE BUTLER, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, JAMES MCGRATH, MATTHEW BARLOW

FRONT ROW: LUKE DIGGINS, STEPHEN LANDY



FORM 2 B BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR WALKER, SHANE DAMBAZA, GIAN LUCA LYONS, PETER LYNCH, LORIS NIKOLOV, DARAGH O'REILLY, JAMES KINSELLA, JAMIE TOPPING, ELIAN LEITH, ADAM O'ROURKE, OISÍN Ó CONBHUÍ, MICHAEL GUASTALLA, MR MC CAUGHEY

MIDDLE ROW: PETER O'LEARY, BEN CHALONER, LUKE DIGGINS, JAKE PILLOW, CIAN HOBAN, OLIVER O'TOOLE, ADAM VAUGHAN, JASON MULLEN, STEPHEN LANDY

FRONT ROW: ADAM KEALY, ALEX FLYNN, NATHAN SHAW, JAMES CARTER, HARIS WEBSTER, EVAN BAILEY



FORM 1A BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR SHEEHAN, LUAN RODGERS, NIALL MCDONNELL, ALEX ASPIL, HARRY O'DONNELL, MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, RORY BROWNE, SEÁN ÓG BARNES, ROBERT WHYTE, ZAK BOWKER, MR HILLIARD

MIDDLE ROW: FINN CONNOLLY, EVAN MILLER, JAMES COMAN, FINN O' SULLIVAN, CORMAC DEMPSEY-LERCHUNDI, DYLAN KEOGH, OISÍN COTTER-VAZQUEZ, DANIEL RUFLI, SCOTT GILLANDERS

FRONT ROW: ANDREW CANNING, AXEL CULLEN



FORM 1B BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR GILL, DENNI STUPAKOV, ROBERT BEARDSLEY, OISÍN HEALY, HUGH O'DONNELL, CATHAL TUOHY, MILO DIXON, ALISTAIR EMPEY, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, FERDIA DARRAGH, WOLF CHEUNG, MR WARDELL

MIDDLE ROW: FINN CONNOLLY, ETHAN GERNON, JAMES COMAN, HENRY HINDS, TIMOTHY SWEENEY, DYLAN ROYCROFT, HARRY BYRNE, ERIC FELLE, EVAN MILLER

FRONT ROW: SHANE DUMBABA, THOMAS WEBB

ABSENT: ADAM VAUGHAN, ADITYA GATT, ASIER KELLY



7S GIRLS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR SULLIVAN, LAURA POWER, AMY MACWILLIAM, EMMA O'MALLEY, ORLA JOHNSTON, RUTH FERGUSON, SARAH CARSON, JENNIFER MC AULEY-DOHERTY, AISLING O'KELLY

MIDDLE ROW: LAURA RANKIN, KATE HUNTER-HANLEY, ABIGAIL DONNELLY, EMMA MURPHY, MEGAN O'BRIEN, RUBY KEATING LEVINS, MAEBH BRENNAN

FRONT ROW: EMER BRENNAN, ÁINE KENNA, SARAH FOX, ELIZABETH GAGEBY

SWIMMING



SENIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, JACK SCOLLARD, KOLEMAN ANGLE, EOIN FAUST, PHILIP BRADISH, JOHN SWANWICK, DONAL NAYLOR

FRONT ROW: AITANA BYRNE PAREDES, ISABEL GARLAND, AMAIA DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, MEGAN DOYLE, KATHERINE LANDY, MS JONES



JUNIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, ROSEANNE MC CULLOUGH, ISABELLE CARTER, RUBY STEIN, DAISY O'TOOLE, ERIN FETHERSTON, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, ANCA AVASILICHIOAEI, EVA KENNA, LAURA LYNCH, MALIKA KOLA-CAHILL, KATE MORGAN LAWSON

MIDDLE ROW: SEUMAS BRACKEN, RACHEL DONOVAN, CAROLINE RYAN, RACHEL WEBSTER, ELLEN RAFFERTY, AVERY ANGLE, MIRIAM KELLY, GRACE CAMPBELL, MS JONES

FRONT ROW: SHAUNA POWER, CORMAC DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, SEÁN MAGUIRE, TOM MC CAUSLAND, THOMAS GARLAND, ÁINE RYAN

ABSENT: ADAM VAUGHAN, ELIAS DEMPSEY

TABLE TENNIS



SENIOR TABLE TENNIS

MR CAROLAN, EVAN COOPER, PHILIP EMO, DARAGH HIGGINS, COLM COWLARD JOYCE, MR BOWE



JUNIOR TABLE TENNIS

MR CAROLAN, ERIC FELLE, DENNY STUPAKOV, NIAL LYNCH, ASIER KELLY, MR BOWE

TENNIS



SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

MR SULLIVAN, TIM NEENAN, KEN EDGEWORTH, JUSTIN BRADISH, ADAM LUNNON, JOHN SWANWICK (CAPTAIN), SHANE RICHARDSON, MARK PERHAM, ANDREW RYAN, MR MC DONNELL



SENIOR 2NDS BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: DANIEL BROWNE, RYAN BAIRD, NEBOJSA CVETKOVIC, EVAN COOPER, DANIELS KURILOVS
FRONT ROW: MR MC DONNELL, MARK DEACON, CHARLIE KERR, PHILLIP EMO, ULTAN MAGUIRE

JUNIOR 1ST BOYS' TENNIS

*BACK ROW: ALEX O'REGAN, JAKE PILLOW, EVAN COOPER, DANIELS KURILOVS
FRONT ROW: MR MC DONNELL, PETER LYNCH, RYAN BAIRD, ADAM RUFLI, ULTAN MAGUIRE (CAPTAIN)
ABSENT: HARRY CRIPPS*



JUNIOR B BOYS' TENNIS

*BACK ROW: JEREMY COTTER, EOIN SCARLETT, ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN, MR MC DONNELL
FRONT ROW: MICHAEL GUASTALLA, ULTAN MAGUIRE (CAPTAIN), DARRAGH QUINN
ABSENT: PATRICK GANNON*



MINOR A BOYS' TENNIS

*BACK ROW: MR MC DONNELL, BEN CRIPPS, DANIEL RUFLI, SEÁN MAGUIRE, FINN O'SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: JAMES CAMPION, ADAM VAUGHAN (CAPTAIN), RORY BROWNE
ABSENT: JAMES BOYD*



MINOR B BOYS' TENNIS

*BACK ROW: HARRY BYRNE, CORMAC DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, CATHAL TUOHY, ELLE FELLE, MR MC DONNELL
FRONT ROW: DENNY STUPAKOV, RORY BROWNE, LUAN ROGERS
ABSENT: FINN CONNOLLY*



SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS
MS JONES, PAIGE LEAVY,
EVIE MCCLAFFERTY, KATE HUNTER-
HANLEY, EVA KELLY, RACHEL DELANEY,
EMMA MCNEILLY



JUNIOR A GIRLS' TENNIS
MS JONES, RUBY KEATING LEVINS,
AELA O'FLYNN, SIAN BOLGER,
MEGAN O'BRIEN, JULIA VATALEVA,
ANNA SAMSONOVA



JUNIOR B GIRLS' TENNIS
MS JONES, AMY CONNOLLY, SARAH
MULLOOLY, KYLA O'DWYER (CAPTAIN),
SINEAD DUNNE, ELIZABETH BOYD



MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ELLEN RAFFERTY, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, KATIE MOORE, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: ÁINE RYAN, CAROLINE RYAN, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH



MINOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ELLA BYRNE, REBECCA JONES, ELLA CONNOLLY
FRONT ROW: ELLIE BOURKE (CAPTAIN), MIRIAM KELLY, MS JONES



MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: AILEEN NAGLE, SOFI GRANT, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: LAURA MOTYER, EVA KENNA, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES (CAPTAIN), AIMEE O'SHEA

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MINOR A GIRLS' BADMINTON

The Minor A team crowned a great season winning the Dublin title and finishing second in Leinster.

Following impressive wins in the first three matches we beat local rivals Presentation Terenure 6-0 in the quarter finals and sailed through to the final defeating St Joseph's Cluny – also 6-0 in the semis. The Minor As claimed the Dublin title following a hard fought 4-2 victory over Mount Sackville in Whitehall Badminton Club in the final.

As the Dublin champions we represented the county in the Leinster Finals. Despite winning 11 out of 12 games in the Leinster Finals the Minor As were pipped to the crown by St Vincents, Dundalk. However the team did not return empty handed, securing the runner up spot. All the team - Roseanne McCullough, Anna Samsonova, Lucy Colman-Black and Miriam Kelly would like to thank Mr Flynn and Sian for helping to train us and allow us to enjoy our great season.

Miriam Kelly (2T)
Captain



PAST PUPILS SUPPORTING HSD

SENIOR FIRST BOYS' CRICKET

We began our campaign against a formidable King's Hospital side away from home. After a successful coin toss we chose to bat first, and despite valiant batting efforts from Conor Prendergast and Oisín McEvoy, we achieved a low team tally. It was clear that a miracle was needed for The High School to start the season with a win. After an inspirational team talk between innings, we somehow turned it around. After 5 wickets from Andrew Palmer on his Senior 1st debut, things were looking good. The High School needed one more wicket to win the match, and it came from none other than Justin Bradish. After already taking a catch earlier in the match, Justin Bradish hit the stumps directly for a run out to earn The High School the win.

We went into the next match full of confidence against Castleknock at home. After good fielding from The High School through Ryan Evans, and Jake O'Donnell giving stability to the innings with the bat, unfortunately we were narrowly beaten. But it did not matter as we advanced into the quarter finals of the cup.

We came up against St Andrew's in the cup. After losing the toss, things were looking bleak. St Andrew's had a solid innings with the bat, and even after Andrew Manning's unbelievable batting display and Robert Beverland not getting a duck, we were beaten. Our cup run was over.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mr Malin for coaching us over the season.

Andrew Manning (6TH)
Captain

SENIOR SECOND BOYS' CRICKET

The Senior Seconds Cricket XI had a mixed season winning one of our two league games. In the first game against Castleknock College we conceded too many runs in spite of a spirited display in the field. Despite useful contributions from Oisín McEvoy, Rónán Dowling Cullen and Jake O'Donnell we never threatened to chase the target.

In the second game against the much fancied St Columba's Second XI tidy bowling spells from stand-in skipper James Twamley and Luke Kehoe Roche helped restrict our opponents to a modest score. A robust half century from Hugh Hackett and some sturdy blows from Colin Jackson saw us home with relative ease.

I would like to thank Mr Malin for his time and effort in organising and umpiring the matches and Mr McCaughey for assisting with the umpiring.

Conor Prendergast (5DM)
Captain
Joe Prendergast (3R)

U14 BOYS' CRICKET

This year's U14 cricket team had a good knock, although we only won one of four matches, the other three were very close.

Well done to Zak Coghlan and Sittha Bailey for their batting contributions. Special mention must go to Jamie Topping for an excellent bowling performance throughout the season.

Our standard of fielding was very good with most catches going to hand although one or two were unfortunately missed.

It was a good learning experience for me as captain and I wish to thank all the players for their efforts throughout the season and our coaches Mr Walker and Mr Sullivan for their patience and enthusiasm which helped us develop as a team.

William Anderson (2T)
Captain

U14B BOYS' CRICKET

Overall it was a successful season for the team. The was a positive start to the season with a good win over Malahide Community School followed by a comfortable win against King's Hospital. Jamie Topping taking 4 wickets and two apiece for Alex Chambers, Harry Moloney and myself.

We had now qualified for the semi – final of the competition and had to play Castleknock 'A' side. Unfortunately they were too strong for us on the day and that was the end of competitive matches for this season.

I was delighted with the all – round performances from the boys in the squad and we are all looking forward to next season already.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Walker and Mr Sullivan for their commitment to coaching us this year.

Oisín Ó Conbhuí (2T)
Captain



U13 BOYS CRICKET

This year, cricket in Form 1 has been a very enjoyable experience for everyone, and everybody has improved greatly over the season.

The B team progressed very well in the Cup, and at the time of writing were awaiting a semi-final. Unfortunately, several fixtures for the A team were cancelled, so we didn't get to play many matches. Our most notable game this season was probably the game against Gonzaga, which went right to the last over. Unfortunately we lost by 2 runs, but everyone played very well.

Big thanks to our coach Mr Hilliard, and Mr Hawe, who helped us to be the quality of players that we are now.

Alistair Empey (1J)

FORM 1 GIRLS' CRICKET

Thanks to all the Form 1 girls for coming down to cricket training every Thursday. Even though many of us hadn't played cricket before, it was amazing to see how you improved in matches and in training.

In our first match against Alexandra College, we won well, which was brilliant as for some of the team it was their first ever cricket match. Our second match against Mount Anville didn't go so well but we never let our heads drop and kept trying our hardest.

We made it through into the semi final against Wesley but they were too experienced for us and they won.

We would all like to thank Mr Walker for coaching and putting up with us at training and keeping us going throughout the season. I also wish to thank Ms Condell for helping in our training.

Once again thank you and hopefully see you again playing cricket next year.

Tessa Long (1RL)



HSD EQUESTRIAN

During the past year, the school Equestrian team took part in the Inter-Schools league in Killossery in North Dublin. This runs from October until mid-March and over the course of the year, the team had a set of mixed results in both the individual and team competitions. The competition is quite tough but we managed to win rosettes as a team just before Christmas.

We have a team of four pupils: Nathanael O' Leary, Lana Cotter, Melanie O' Donovan from The High School and Emily McDonagh from Muckross. This year, we are unfortunately losing a valuable member of the team, Nathanael, as he is sitting his Leaving Certificate next month. New members are always welcome and if you are interested, please come and see Dr Whitford or Ms Browne about joining.

Lana Cotter (4HE)





SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior 1 team had a very successful and enjoyable 2014 season, filled with many highs and a few lows. We started the season with a very different team to that of last season; there were plenty of new faces to combine with the experience of the more senior players. With that in mind, it did take some time for us to gel as a team and after a slow start to the season we began to gain some momentum and score more goals. We really began to bond as a squad when we travelled to Belgium during the October mid-term break and competed in a tournament with sides from Britain, Ireland and Belgium. It was great to be able to play some competitive games and have some craic together along the way. Our season really began to kick off when we returned home, ready for action and hungry for glory.

This season really was a squad effort with Ms Jones and Ms Meeke constantly rotating the team throughout each game. The team was composed of a solid backline that was led by our tiny ninja goalie, Emer Brennan; she was a consistent superstar all season and pulled off many incredible saves. Haneefa Carrim and Saoirse O'Donoghue were our awesome centre partnership. Haneefa's speed and gritty determination to win every fifty-fifty tackle, despite her size, was a perfect combination to Saoirse's brilliant skills and pure power. I was securing the left back, while the speedy Amy Byrne tore the right hand side of the park, accelerating past any opposition who dared to cross her path. Laura Rankin and Grace O'Marcaigh were always there to step up and make the crucial tackles when they were needed.

Our mighty midfield consisted of a versatile pack which was led from



the centre Ailish Long; she controlled the game and was forever an ominous threat to the opposition. On the right side of midfield was our illustrious vice-captain Sarah Fox. She ripped opponents to shreds with her silky skills and sheer determination. Eleanor Conheady, Emma Canning and Lucy Barlow were our other versatile midfielders who always made an impact when they came onto the pitch. Lucy, with her gallivanting runs, Emma, with her brilliant transferring of the ball, and Ellie with her brilliant link up play with the forwards.

Moving up the pitch, we were gifted with a group of young and energetic forwards. Our two Form 3 pupils, Mia Jennings and Ruby Keating Levins were terrific all season and made the step up to senior level with ease. Julianne Stewart was always there to sneak in the vital goals when they were most needed. Meg O'Connor and Laura Power completed the dream team, making the crucial runs and running riot in the opposition's circle.

We had a great league campaign which included a personal highlight for pupils from Form 6 on the team, beating Alexandra College 3-2 for the first time ever in the school. We were also victorious against The King's Hospital, St Gerard's School and Loreto, Foxrock. Unfortunately some early slip ups against Rathdown and Muckross, resulted in us finishing third in our group and qualifying to the semi-final of the Claudia Tierney Cup. We ended up playing Loreto Dalkey and beat them by a comprehensive score line of 4-0. This put us through to the final against our arch-rivals Wesley College and we were determined to get revenge from



SENIOR CUP VS LORETO DALKEY

last season and win some silverware for the school. The game was a tight affair, with both sides producing high levels of skill and scoring a goal apiece. The game ended 1-1 and went to silver goal in extra time. With only a minute to go, Saoirse O'Donoghue produced a stunning strike to seal victory and a cup to celebrate.

Our attention then turned to the Senior Cup as we began our campaign by thrashing Mount Temple 8-1. We drew Loreto Foxrock away for the next round and played some great hockey in terrible conditions to win the game 3-0. Up next was the Cup quarter-final against the reigning champions Mount Anville in Goatstown. We conceded an early goal in the first few minutes but thankfully bounced back in the first half through goals from Ailish Long and Ruby Keatings Levins, to put us in the lead going into half-time. The second half was tense to say the least with both teams throwing everything to seal a place in the semi-final. Mount Anville eventually broke down our defence and found an equaliser on the brink of full-time. This resulted in one vs ones, where Emer Brennan was the hero as she made save after save to put us through to play St Andrew's College. We were considered the underdogs against League winners St Andrew's College but this didn't stop us from going to Three Rock and putting on a fine display of hockey. We started the game brilliantly with Ruby Keating Levins again grabbing a crucial early goal. The game remained tight and eventually St Andrew's equalised in the second half to leave the final score at a goal each. Unfortunately extra time could not separate us and we were forced to leave the verdict of the semi-final with one vs ones for the second year in a row. Sarah Fox, Saoirse O'Donoghue and Lucy Barlow all scored to put us into a sudden death shoot out. Emer made some spectacular saves but heartbreakingly it was not enough to put us through to the Senior Cup Final.



SEMI FINAL VS ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE



It was a devastating way to end the season but I am still unbelievably proud of our achievements and couldn't ask for a better group of girls to share it with. I can say without a doubt that we have had our best and possibly worst moments of our time in The High School on the hockey pitch, with the lows making the highs even greater. These are the memories that we'll treasure when we leave the The High School. We've been lucky to have made such amazing friends from different Form groups over the years playing senior hockey and will certainly be there to cheer on next year's team. A huge thank you to Ms Jones and Ms Meeke for all your time, commitment and complete dedication to us all over the last few years. We couldn't have achieved such a brilliant season without you both! I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to captain such a hardworking and enthusiastic group of girls. Best of luck next season, girls!

Emma Murphy (6TH)

SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year, the Senior 2nd XI were a truly optimistic and enthusiastic team. The season began on a high note with many wins in friendly matches. Our first match of the year was against Alexandra College, and after a few minor head injuries and enduring the freezing cold rain, we came out on top with a 2-0 victory.

As the season advanced the team picked up momentum, our training sessions were always a good laugh even when we had to do a lot of fitness, and within a couple of weeks we all had improved considerably thanks to our coach Ms Meeke.

We drew a difficult group in the league including Mount Anville, Alexandra College, St Andrew's College and Muckcross. Despite some losses in the league we played a brilliant match against St Andrew's and it was clear we put up a good fight for that much sought after quarter final spot. It was a nail biting match as both teams were so evenly matched, but ultimately St Andrew's came out on top with a narrow 2-1 victory.

Although we didn't find much success in the league, we thrived in our friendly matches throughout the year. We all found these matches enthralling and much easier to enjoy without the pressure of the league! For our final match of the season we played St

Columba's College in a heated and very spirited clash of two formidable teams. Fortunately, we came out on top of this match with a 3-2 victory. It was well deserved after our year of hard work and dedication and was a brilliant end to a fantastic season!

I would personally like to thank our coach Ms Meeke for all of the hard work and time she put into our team and I hope we made her proud this year. It was an honour and a privilege to be captain of this team for my final year in school, and I'd like to thank my brilliant team for making my job all the more enjoyable. I wish the Senior 2nd XI team the best of luck next year and I hope they enjoy it as much as I have.

Zoe Acheson (6WL)

SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year the Senior 3 Girls Hockey team had a very enjoyable season. We began with some wins against very good teams, but as the year went on our luck began to change. We loved playing with each other during the year and we became very close. We give our thanks to Ms Rugg for coaching us this year.

Molly Whelan (4HE)



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year the Junior As started off by reaching the Quarter Final of the cup, beating St Andrew's and St Killian's. We got a new hockey coach, Ms Gray, who was able to help us each of us improve on our personal skills and to work as a team.

Although we suffered losses we were able to improve from them and gain experience. We had a chance to go to Cork on a hockey trip, which was very fun and a great way to end the season. Everyone enjoyed the excursion.

Kyla O'Dwyer (3B)

JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

Our hockey year started off quite rocky; however, we progressed greatly throughout the year thanks to our coach Ms Gray. We won 2 out of 4 of our league matches; unfortunately, this was not enough for us to continue in the competition. Despite this, our hockey skills have improved massively as did our team as a whole.

Lisa Cosgrave (3R)



MINOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

We started off the season strongly with victories over The King's Hospital and St Columba's College. We did not end the season as well as we had begun it but I think we really developed as a team this year. We would like to thank all of our coaches, Mr O'Donoghue, Ms Bennett, Ms Condell and Ms Jones, for all their hard work. I'd also like to thank all the girls for their dedication.

Daisy Ryan (2P)

FORM 1 A GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Form 1 A Hockey team had an all-around great year. We started off the season well, getting mixed results in our friendly matches. It was strange at first, playing with all new people, but the more we played together, the closer and stronger we got as a team.

We won our first league match against Newbridge College. We then went on to play Santa Sabina, Mount Anville, Our Lady's Terenure and St Gerard's in our league also, remaining unbeaten. This meant we had qualified for the semi-final. We played St Andrew's College in the semi-final. It was a very close and tense match against a formidable team but in the end, we emerged winners with a final score of 3-2. This then led us on to the final.



TRIP TO CORK

In the final, we played Holy Child Killiney. Unfortunately on the day, the weather conditions were terrible with torrential rain and freezing winds. It was an extremely tough game against a strong opposition and sadly, we lost with a final score of 1-3. It was a devastating loss but we were all really proud of each other and ourselves as a team to have made it this far to get to the final of our league. We all really enjoyed the season and had a great time playing with each other.

I'd like to thank Ms Jones, Ms Condell, and Ms Meeke on behalf of the team, for putting so much time and effort into coaching us this year, helping us improve as players, as a team and for making our first year playing hockey here at HSD so much fun.

Síofra O'Brien (1RN)

FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Form 1 B team began their league with a few challenge matches and then the league began! First up was a match against Newbridge which we won 6-2. It was a great way to start the league! After a few more training sessions we beat Santa Sabina and Our Lady's. After a very tough match we lost to Mount Anville 2-1.

Our final match as the brilliant B team was against St Gerard's. It was a great match in which we all played fantastically and won 4-0! We didn't make it to the semi-final but we had a great year, ending with our highlight! A big thanks to the team and Ms Condell who put in so much effort to make our year so enjoyable!

Katie Moore (1F)



SENIOR I BOYS' HOCKEY

The Seniors endured a roller coaster this season. It began with the much-anticipated All-Ireland qualifiers, which took place at the end of September. Work for this began in August, with the team eager to prove themselves at the National level. Unfortunately, injury to key players and some mixed performances on the day, meant the team failed to qualify – losing to Newpark 3-1 and drawing with The King's Hospital.

The disappointment of the qualifiers took time to recover from but led by captain David Howard, the team regrouped and improved in the league campaign, beating Wesley B, Kilkenny College and St Killian's. The showdown in the league against Wesley College was a tense, hard-fought affair. Wesley, who needed the win to reach the semi-final, took a first half lead but The High School fought back bravely, equalizing through a David Howard drag in the second half. The game looked destined to end in a draw, which would have seen The High School and Newpark qualify, at the expense of Wesley. But, in the last minute, Wesley won a fortuitous short

corner, after the ball came back off the post and hit a foot. Wesley converted the chance and so, The High School played St Andrew's, the All-Ireland champions, in the semi-final, which they lost 3-0 in a tight game.

As defending champions of the Senior Trophy, the team entered the competition with optimism. They were drawn against a strong Mt Temple team in the first round. After an excellent first half, the team took a 3-1 lead. Unfortunately, a strong second half by Mt Temple, combined with some exceptional finishing, meant that Mt Temple progressed.

The final game of the year presented the squad with an opportunity to qualify for next year's All Irelands, with a play-off against Sutton Park. In spite of dominating much of the game, and playing extremely well, Sutton kept in the game by taking the few chances with which they were presented, forcing the game to extra-time. After a colossal effort, and losing Hugh Hackett to

injury, the team ran out of steam and, unfortunately, lost the game in extra time.

In spite of a turbulent year, the squad has continued to improve during the season. Next year the large majority of the team will be in Form 6 and will gain a number of skilled younger players, which will allow them to push for All Ireland qualification as well as league and cup silverware.

The only player the team is losing this year is David Howard, who has contributed a huge amount to boy's hockey during his six years at the school. He has helped to drive and improve the standard of hockey in the school, as well as helping to bring silverware last year, in helping the team to win the Senior Trophy in the 2012/13 season. The squad and coaches would like to wish David well in all things, in the coming years after leaving The High School.

Mr Keegan



BOYS SENIOR TROPHY HOCKEY VICTORY

The High School achieved a unique victory in winning the final of the Senior Trophy which was played against Kilkenny College at Three Rock Rovers in March 2013. The Senior 1 boys' team defeated their opponents 1-0 in a close-fought game and secured the Senior Trophy for The High School for the first time in its history. Congratulations to all the players involved with this significant achievement; many thanks to the coaches for their advice and the spectators for their support throughout the campaign.

The High School closed out a hugely impressive year on the schoolboy front just before the Easter break when they won the Leinster Senior Trophy title with a tight 1-0 win over Kilkenny College.

It added to appearances in the Junior and U-14 Cup finals where they finished runners-up to all-conquering St Andrew's. With the girls' side winning the Junior Cup and finishing as Senior Premier league runners-up, it makes for a superb hockey season all round for the The High School.

In the Trophy final, they edged out Kilkenny College in a typically tense affair. The High School started confidently, controlling much of possession with most of their penetration coming from the right side where Andrew Jones found good space and Hugh Hackett's pace caused problems for Kilkenny's defence.

This early pressure led to three short corners. David Howard drag flicked each of them to the left post, where Kilkenny's post man pulled off three excellent saves. A driving run by Jack Killeen, after receiving an aerial from Howard outside the 25, led to another short corner just before half time.

This time, a variation where Felim Kelly spun at the top of the D, left Howard unmarked to flick his shot low and hard, to the left post and home for the crucial lead.

Kilkenny fought back, threatening The High School at each turn, an excellent reverse effort bringing a fine save from Scott Wallace who managed to touch the ball on to the post, with his glove.

In the second half, Kilkenny had more possession and pushed The High School further and further back with sweeper Samuel Grace stepping up to try to force the matter and have a greater influence.

Wallace was forced to make three more expert saves, after sustained pressure. This led to three short corners for Kilkenny. None could bring the equaliser that Kilkenny's pressure and endeavour may have deserved, as The High School defended resolutely.

David Howard (6WL)



SENIOR 2 BOYS' HOCKEY

The Senior 2 squad, made up largely of Form 6 and some Form 5, came in this year keen to enjoy themselves, as many were taking up hockey again after a brief hiatus from the sport. All players enjoyed the games sessions as well as the occasional training sessions. Unfortunately, the team was drawn in a difficult league group, which pitted them against Senior I teams around Leinster. This led to some difficult games but proved a good learning experience for players and showed a great spirit in the team.

The team enjoyed two great victories over the Wesley B team, which were amongst the most enjoyable parts of the year. Congratulations to all players who took part over the course of the year and I hope all players will maintain their interest in hockey, both inside and outside of school.

Mr Keegan

JUNIOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

The Junior A team had a difficult year of transition this season. With only one Form 4 pupil – Brian Reilly – to bolster their squad, the year was always going to be a challenge, facing teams made up predominantly of Form 4 pupils.

It is a testament to the team that they stuck together, maintaining a good team spirit, as well as putting in some very good performances, over the year.

Conor Empey sought to drive the team on, and also continued to work hard to improve his own game. Ross MacWilliam also improved significantly during the year, playing in a variety of positions, including sweeper. He worked tirelessly in every game to help the team. James Anderson, Robert McLaughlin and Alex O'Regan also contributed well during the year.

The squad will be eager for success next year, when the minor squad of last year is reunited, to push for silverware in the Junior league and cup.

Mr Keegan



JUNIOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

The Junior B team was new this year due to the high numbers of Form 3 and 4 pupils who wanted to play. The B team was comprised mainly of Form 4, many having never played hockey before. We started off the season well, beating St Columba's in a friendly. But, unfortunately, there was no Junior B league so we were placed in the A league. We weren't quite up to the Junior A level having never played together before, so we really tried to improve as a team for the Senior 2 league next year. We did however put in many good performances despite such tough opposition, with a particularly close match against The King's Hospital. Having started from scratch, it was easy to see how much we improved as a team. I would like to thank Mr Miller for all the work and time he put into coaching us and organising our matches.

John Doherty (4HE)

MINOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

After the success of the Minor team in 2013, who were runners-up in both the league and cup, this year's Minors had a lot to live up to. And, in spite of a few ups and downs, they did so.

Friendlies against Wesley and St Andrew's College at the start of the year, which ended in disappointing defeats, were a wake up call for the group, as they realised work had to be done during the year to earn some silverware.

A number of comfortable victories in the league against St Columba's College,

Sutton Park and Wesley Bs forged a path to the league semi-final in the new year. But, it was not until February that the team really started to focus, as they approached the business end of the season. With two semi-finals against Wesley College, and an opportunity of silverware in their sights, the team really put in the work.

The hard work paid off, with two semi-final victories, and a place in both finals, for the second year running. The performance against Wesley in the cup semi-final stood out particularly. Undoubtedly, the team's performance of the year ended in a dramatic game 2-1 win, with Jake Pillow scoring the decisive goal with an expertly taken deflection.

Both finals disappointingly ended in losses. The cup game was close, with the return of Peter Lynch from injury a big boost to the squad. But for a few small mistakes and missed opportunities, it could have been a different result.

The minors finished the year by competing in the U-14 All-Ireland tournament. Held in Lisnagarvey, the team competed with the best teams from Ulster, Munster and Leinster for the John Waring Cup. Some disappointing results meant the team finished 5th overall, but they thoroughly enjoyed the day out and will, no doubt, learn from the experience.

Congratulations to the team on an excellent year. They can look forward to next year, where they can continue to push for both the league and cup at Junior level.

Mr Keegan

FORM 1 BOYS' HOCKEY

The U13 team was unbeaten in their league campaign, leading them to the first U13 A league final in many years. The highlight of the group stage was the 3-2 beating of St Andrew's College. In the semi-final, we beat Newpark in a very close game, winning 1-0 with a late goal, from Zak Bowker. We lost the final 2-0 to St Andrew's, with Ben Cripps enjoying an excellent game in goal.

The cup campaign was abruptly cut short after drawing Wesley College in the first round, coming out on the wrong end, and thus ending the season disappointingly.

In spite of this disappointment, we had a great year, enjoying some excellent victories over Sutton Park, St Andrew's and Newpark. Attendance at training was consistently high throughout the year, which allowed the whole squad to improve. Over 30 players took part during the year – some playing for the first time, while others had played in primary school and with a club. The whole group mixed well and progressed together.

We look forward to improving further next year and hopefully winning some silverware, after only narrowly missing out this year.

Mr Keegan



ORIENTEERING

Last year, Form 5 Orienteering took part in an Orienteering competition in Djouce Woods, Co Wicklow. The course was a step-up from the previous year, and was undoubtedly more challenging, due to the size of the course and the terrain. Everyone tried their best, but due to a mixture of injuries and difficulty locating the flags, we finished just outside the medal positions. We would all highly recommend it to anyone wanting to try something different next year!

We would like to thank Mr Kellett for training us, Mr Irwin for arranging the competitions and Ms Browne for accompanying us on the trips.

Andrew Courtney (5RM)



SENIOR 1ST BOYS' RUGBY

We started the season early during the summer with conditioning and skills training with Mr Kinsella and Mr Malin. This really stood to us throughout the year as it gave us a great platform to build on for the season.

We played some warm up games before the league started against Templeogue, Wesley, St Patrick's Navan and Belvedere College. We put in some strong performances in both defence and attack. We had a perfect start to our league campaign winning all our group games with some great results. One of our stand out performances was against De La Salle winning 40-0. Unfortunately we lost in the semi final in a replay against Templeogue both games were hard fought matches with both teams giving everything they could. We felt unlucky about losing the league but we then moved our concentration to the cup.

We got ready for the cup with matches against a Blackrock team which we narrowly lost and a trip to Sligo Grammar who were losing finalists in the Connacht Senior League which we drew after a strong performance from the pack.

We then played Skerries Community College in the first round of the cup and won comfortably with a fantastic performance from the whole squad. We then got a tough second round match against Gonzaga which we lost playing below the high standards that we had set ourselves.



We entered the plate where we beat St Columba's College and then lost to Templeogue College in the semi final again in another very close hard fought match.

We finished the year with matches against two touring sides. The first one from Canada, Richmond RFC we won comfortably but the match was played with a great spirit from both teams. The second team was from South Africa, Somerset College and as expected they were a very big and well conditioned team from 1-23. This was probably one of our best games of the season which we won 17-5. We played some excellent attacking rugby along with a superb defensive effort from all the players and we had the privilege to be refereed by Alan Lewis, an ex-international referee. A great finish to a good season.

Four of this year's senior panel made it through to Leinster Schools training squads over the summer. David Aspil, Daragh McDonnell (U19s), Matthew Ridgeway (U18s) and Jonathan Chambers (U17s).

I would like to thank Mr Malin, Mr Sullivan, and Mr Doyle for coaching us this year and hope next year's team do well.

**Robert Beverland (6WR)
Captain**





SENIOR 2ND BOYS' RUGBY

The Senior Seconds rugby team played very well this season. We began strong, and played consistently well throughout. During the first term, the squad proved to be a force to be reckoned, with as we won every league match. After Christmas the competition stepped-up their effort and we were beaten by a small margin in some games.

It was a pleasure being captain of this team, a position I took over when the previous captain Daniel Holder was injured. One memorable game was a win against St Columba's College, because it was the first league match that we played, and we won by a large margin.

Every team member played very well and showed a positive attitude towards the game. Some players even showed great potential of making next year's Senior Cup Team.

Elliot Chambers (5MB)





JUNIOR A BOYS' RUGBY

It all started during the summer when we began our pre-season training. We did this programme with the help of the Senior Rugby team along with Mr Kinsella and Mr Sullivan.

As the school year began, rugby began to get more serious. We trained to a much higher standard than before and aimed high this season, following our previous success.

The league began at the end of September. Most results didn't go the way we had hoped, but the most memorable match of the season was our victory against CBC Monkstown. With CBC leading 10-5 during the final play of the match, we knew that a miracle was needed. Phase after phase, we began to make good progress towards their try line using our forwards with quick, effective ball. Finally, at their 5 metre line, Rhys Butler (3C) made the call for the backs to try and finish it off. It was decided that with the bigger boot, Tim Dolan (3C) would take the game-deciding conversion. With a lot of pressure, and a poor angle to take the posts, the odds were against him. But as he took the kick, he sent the ball sailing through the posts to claim the victory over CBC: 10-12.

We didn't finish in the Top 4 of the league, so we were put in the Fr Godfrey Cup. This gave us the opportunity to qualify for the Junior Cup if we got into the Fr Godfrey final. Our first draw was against Good Counsel, New Ross, who were from Wexford. Despite the poor weather we won the match 38-0. One week later we were scheduled to play Templeogue College at Terenure RFC.



The first half was close but by full time we won 22-7.

In the semi-final, we were up against St Andrew's College who had beaten us previously in the league. In training, concentration levels went up to ensure we were at our peak.

On match day, we warmed up only to find out that the match would start half an hour later than we expected, which set us back slightly but we stayed focused. Finally the match started and we were put in a defensive position by the opposition. Not long into the match they were awarded a penalty and converted to make the score 3-0.

Eventually we began to pick ourselves up after their try. With a few minutes to go in the first half we were on their 22 metre line. Moments later I stepped up to take the kick and converted, bringing the score to 8-7. At half time our confidence was high. As the end began to near, people became tired and mistakes were being made. Some excellent defending led us to holding the ball up several times. Unfortunately, with just minutes to go the Andrew's conversion made it 15-7. We gave it our all for the final few minutes but it was not meant to be.

On behalf of the squad, I would like to thank our coaches; Tom Meredith, for everything he has done for us this year; Mr Kinsella, for everything he has done for us in the last two years, and to Mr McNamara and Gavin Mullan for everything they have done since we came into the school.

David James Donnelly (3B)



JCT B BOYS' RUGBY

We started the season confidently, having trained at regular intervals throughout the summer. We had become a lot stronger, more focused and organised as a team so we went into the season knowing that we were already at a high standard. We had our first match against Terenure College in terrible conditions. Despite this we ended up winning comfortably, scoring some very impressive team and solo tries including a memorable one from Eoin Scarlett.

We then went on to beat a very tough Clongowes team and after that we won against Belvedere College.

This meant that we were going into the quarter final against St Gerard's. The match took place on a cold day but both teams were up for it. From the outset The High School played an aggressive game and scored two very different tries and converted one. Unfortunately we grew complacent, allowing St Gerard's to get a very easy try. In the second half St Gerard's scored two tries in quick succession. We then threw everything we had at them, coming very close to the try line three times, but St Gerard's defence was very strong and we could not push through. The match finished 17-12 to them and we left knowing that we had given the game our all, but we hadn't been able to put our chances away when we had them.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coaches Mr McNamara, Mr Kinsella, Mr Malin, Tom Meredith and Gavin Mullan for their hard work and effort throughout the season.

The team showed great potential this year and we look forward to next season.

Alex Durac (3R)

U15 BOYS' RUGBY

The U15 rugby team had a great season this year. We trained 2-3 times a week in preparation for our matches. Our coaches Mr Walker, Mr McCaughey and Mr McBride set a high standard for the squad to aspire to from the very start.

It was a tough season and at times we played some outstanding rugby, in particular, matches against Blackrock College and Presentation Cork come to mind. In our last match against Rock, the team performed brilliantly and although we lost the game I was very proud of the way our lads gave 100% effort and commitment.

We played a number of competitive league matches with strong wins over Presentation Bray, Wesley College, and CUS but a narrow loss to St Gerard's and a heavy defeat to a talented Gonzaga side meant that we couldn't qualify through to semi-finals.

Five of our squad were invited to train with the JCT panel Alex Chambers, Alex O'Regan, Matthew Barlow, Eddie Meredith and Sittha Bailey. They represented the squad well with Alex O'Regan, Matthew and Sittha selected to play in the JCT Cup matches.

At the end of the season, our coaches took the whole squad on a tour to Cork where we played our first match against Bandon Grammar School on the Friday which we won comfortably. We stayed overnight in a hotel and had a very enjoyable morning surfing on Inchydoney beach before travelling to Cork city to play Presentation Cork. A super match was played but unfortunately we came out on the wrong side of the result. This was a great trip to end the season and everybody enjoyed it very much.

We didn't always get the results we were looking for and were very unlucky in a few games losing only by one score, but overall it was a great season and the team performed well in many of the matches. I would like to thank our tireless coaches for their efforts and commitment to developing us individually and as a team.

Alexander Chambers (2T)
Captain



U14 BOYS' RUGBY

At the start of the year most of the guys weren't able to tackle or pass, some didn't even know the rules. After a few weeks of training there was a real improvement to the team but still we were a bit weak, our first match was a ten aside blitz against Terenure College. With teams being divided evenly with some new players that still didn't know the basics, Terenure exploited our weak spots and scored easy tries. Half way through the games our team started to work together as a team, scoring amazing tries down the wing. In that blitz we won some and we lost some but altogether it was a great performance by the players.

Soon the 15-a-side matches began - We started to concentrate on rucking and tackling even more, and forwards and backs were doing the drills. Our first 15-a-side match was against Newpark; we narrowly won by 2 points, 22-20. It was a great match with a last minute try we were so happy that the first game we played we won. After that, bad results started to come our way, with Roscrea hammering us. After a losing streak of 6 matches we played Wesley. For some reason The High School and Wesley has always had

a huge rivalry. The pressure was on and training was taken more seriously when preparing for the match. The A's won the game 17-12, but unfortunately the B's lost. After that we lost the next few games leading up to Christmas but the B's started to win, beating Gonzaga and CUS.

After Christmas we went on a trip down to Kilkenny College but yet again we fell short by losing both matches. Coming to the end of the season we were getting a lot better, the backs were doing moves and the forwards as well, and we weren't backing off tackles giving away easy tries. In our last four we won three which was a great result we beat Gonzaga, St Columba's (50-17), and best of all we beat Blackrock College 7-5.

It was a great year for first year rugby. Everyone enjoyed it, and I think we have really got to thank the coaches and the past pupils: Mr Hilliard, Mr Sheehan, Mr Gill, Mr Clark, Mr Wardell, Cian Twomey, Dean Kilroy, Gavin Power and Robert Emo.

Cormac Dempsey-Lerchundi (1J)



GIRLS' RUGBY 7S

There was a good turn-out for girls' rugby this year. The opening training sessions concentrated on getting to grips with basic rugby skills. We moved on to the more advanced techniques of tackling, scrums and rucking. All of this training was in preparation for the Girls' Rugby 7s Schools' Tournament, which was held this year at Railway Union. The High School retained the trophy it won last year after a tense and exciting final game with a score of 30-25 against a combined team of St Louis High School and Muckcross College. There were good performances all round, with particular mention going to Elizabeth Gageby, Emma Murphy and Megan O'Brien, each of whom were chosen out of all the players for the Railway Union "Dream Team". We would like to thank Mr Sullivan and Mr McCaughey for their support and encouragement.

Ruth Ferguson (SRM)

RUGBY TRAINING



TABLE TENNIS



Parents' Association

The AGM was held on Monday 30th September 2013. Three new committee members for the year were elected as follows: Anthony Harris (Secretary and Form 6), Duncan Cole (Finance Committee and Form 1), and Peter Lynch (Grounds and Property Committee). The following members remain on the committee, Anna Devlin (Vice President), Arthur Barlow (Education Committee), Finola Connolly (Mock Interview), Mary McDonnell (Treasurer), Martin Ridgeway (Compass), Siobhan Baird (Sports Committee), Thora Mackey (Student Liaison), and Peter Smyth who was appointed President of the Parents' Association and Board representative.

We recorded a big thank you to the parents who retired from the committee having given many years of service to the association and the school; Ronan Doyle (President), Iain Cosgrove (Treasurer and Finance Committee), and Peter Manly (Compass and Form 6).

The Principal Mr Andrew Forrest was in attendance at the AGM.

We passed two changes to the Parents' Association Rules. A new set of objectives for the association were agreed and a new rule to allow rule changes by way of an Extraordinary General Meeting was also agreed. It was agreed that further amendments to the rules will be considered in advance of the next AGM.

Thora Mackey continued her good work supporting the school in the organisation of the Junior Certificate party, the Graduation and the pre-Debs Event. The Graduation ceremony which was on the last day of school for Form 6 was a great success and the Parents' Association organised an event in the 'WEZZ' after the ceremony. It was a great night for all and thank you to Thora Mackey, the teachers and the student representatives. Also a big thanks to all the parents who helped us on the day.

The existing post-Junior Certificate event did not attract any interest from the pupils. Following engagement with the Form 3 pupils we organised a paint ball event for the Junior Certificate Results Day in September. Many thanks to Mary McDonnell and Finola Connolly for the organisation of this new approach

and thank you to Mr McCaughey for organising a poll of the Form 3 to select an event.

We have continued to emphasise communications through a combination of email and social events for parents of each year. Thanks to all the representatives (noted below) for organising these and we hope you all found them of some benefit.

Form 1 Duncan Cole
Form 2 Peter Lynch
Form 3 Finola Connolly, Siobhan Baird
Form 4 Anna Devlin
Form 5 Thora Mackey
Form 6 Anthony Harris

As usual we were involved with organising some events and they included:

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Due to industrial action by ASTI the Parent Teacher Meetings for Forms 2, 3, 5 and 6 were held in the early afternoon. The meetings went well despite the earlier start time. Thanks to the teachers and office staff who work with us to ensure the smooth running of these meetings. A special thank you to Ronan Doyle and Peter Manly who facilitated us by helping out at a number of the meetings.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

Once again we extend a big thank you to all of the parents who took part in the Form 5 Mock Interview process. It was a great day for both the pupils and indeed the interviewers. With over 200 people involved between interviewers, teachers, Parents' Association members and pupils a significant amount of work is involved in organising this event. A big thank you to Finola Connolly Thora Mackey, Mary McDonnell and Siobhan Baird who worked tirelessly to get what is without doubt the Parents' Association's biggest event to a successful conclusion. A special thanks to the Guidance team Ms McDonnell and Mr Clarke who gave us their total support in our efforts and were of critical assistance to the whole event. Thanks also to Chris and the canteen staff for the super meal that was provided.

We are looking at the possibility of organising a careers night (number of nights) for Transition Year to complement the Mock Interviews for Form 5. We are actively progressing the issue with Ms McDonnell and Mr Clarke.

PARENT TALK

We had another good attendance at a talk by Dr Bobby Smyth of TCD. The topic was 'Adolescent Substance Abuse'. It was a engaging, reflective and an awareness raising look at the issues of substance abuse amongst adolescents.

PARENT-TEACHER CRICKET

The Annual Parent Teacher Cricket Match was played on Friday 23rd May. We revamped the match with the addition of a Hog Roast. Over 200 parents braved the rain to enjoy a great night and another parent victory.

A special thanks to Martin Ridgeway for organising the team. The parents' team included some who had played in previous years and the experience was invaluable in achieving our three-in-a row. Next year promises to be a great competition as the parents' team goes for the four in a row. Many thanks to the parents and teachers for taking time out in what was a very enjoyable evening, thanks also to Duncan Cole, Peter Lynch, Thora Mackey, and Siobhan Baird for organising the event, and a special thank you to Anthony Harris for hosting a successful auction for a holiday on Inis Mór.

The Parents' Association continues to serve a very useful purpose as the conduit between the parents and the school. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the dedicated crew of the association for their continued hard work and support throughout the year.

Please keep in touch via any member of the committee, or e-mail hsdparentsassociation@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM which will be held on Monday 29th September 2014 at 8.00 pm.

**Peter Smyth,
President and Chairman**

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION



GUEST SPEAKER JOHNNY BELL,
WAYNE SHERIDAN PRESIDENT,
ROBIN MILLER, RETIRED TEACHER



GRAHAM BLAIR, JAMES GIBSON, WAYNE
SHERIDAN, WILLE AND SALLY CAMPBELL
PAST PUPILS

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 2013/2014

The year started with the **MID-SUMMERS BBQ** which was held in the school on the evening of Wednesday 19th June 2013. It started with a cricket match. A selection of Past Pupils and some school players made up two teams for a match. It was a lovely warm evening and it proved a pleasant way to start the evening both for the players and those watching from the balcony. About 40 people turned up for the barbecue and it proved to be a lovely night as always.

The next event was the **ANNUAL GOLF OUTING** which took place on Thursday 5th September 2013 at the Grange Golf Club and was organised by Brian Priestman. As usual it was a great day with fantastic weather. We had 22 players on the day.

The **OLD BOYS' CUP** was won by Ian Martin. The Bunberry Cup was won by Bruce Lyster and Ivan Little was the Best of the Visitors.

Our **ANNUAL PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ERASMIAN AND DIOCESAN TIMES SCHOOL MAGAZINE** took place in the school on 10th December 2013. It usually takes about three hours to sort, pack and seal the envelopes. It is hard work as lifting boxes of paper will test most of our backs.

The issue that we had this year was the revised cost of postage which would have made posting all of the magazines a very costly affair. The potential cost could have been €4,000.



ALISON HUNT IMMEDIATE
JOINT PAST PRESIDENT
SPEAKING AT THE DINNER

The postage categories have changed and the Erasmians are now in a much more expensive bracket.

We divided up the Erasmians into areas and we each took a group of them and hand delivered them ourselves saving approximately €3,000.

This is an issue that we need to discuss going forward. We will have to hand deliver them in future, as posting the Dublin ones would not make any sense. It is inevitable that they will be posted electronically in the near future but for next year we may still have to look at an alternative solution. Many thanks to all the Committee who took time out to undertake this task.

The **ANNUAL CAROL SINGING** at The Orwell Park Nursing Home took place on 12th December 2013. It was arranged by Ann Tector and attended by a large group. Many thanks to Ann for all her work in organising this event. As usual, there was a good mix of singers and triangle bashers, myself falling into the latter category. My daughter is still captivated by Mr Hilliard's ability to reach the high notes. The nursing home always enjoy the event and write a letter to the committee afterwards to thank them. Tea, coffee and sandwiches are supplied by the nursing home.

The **MENS' DINNER** was held in the school on 25th January 2014 and, as ever, the event was a resounding success. The guest speaker was Johnny Bell. Given the current economic climate a amount of work was put in by John Ellis and Wayne Sheridan and others of the committee. We made a small surplus, which was a success considering the numbers were down. Many thanks to John Ellis for his hard work in this regard.

The **ANNUAL PPU V THE HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** was held on Friday 4th April 2014. Once again we had a day of beautiful sunshine. Fun was had at the Sumo wrestling before the main event. This usually involves two people running at each other wearing Sumo Wrestling suits. It was enjoyed by all the pupils who took part.

We struggled with Past Pupil numbers so instead we had a Past Pupils Mixed versus the School Mixed Hockey match. The general feeling was that this was a way to go as everyone seemed to enjoy it. The men were gentler in the tackle than normal and the ladies were more aggressive.



WAYNE SHERIDAN
PRESIDENT 2013.14



JEFF RYAN, ROS GARRETT
AND ALAN OSBOURNE



BRIAN DUFFY, ANDREW FORREST & ALLAN BROOK

The match ended up as a draw and went to penalties, the Old Boys & Girls winning on the last penalty.

A main course was provided by the school in the Dining Room and most players and spectators came in to enjoy the food. The award for the best school players went to Sarah Fox and Felim Kelly.

The **ANNUAL ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE** for the gift of sport took place in St Ann's Church on Dawson Street on 30th March 2014 and was enjoyed by all who attended. Eamonn Coglean spoke at the service. Once again The High School was very well represented both by the school and the past pupils.

The **PPU FIRST MIXED DINNER** took place last week on Friday 9th May in Old Wesley Rugby Club. We had approx 85 members and guests in attendance. The Guest Speaker was Johnny Bell. It was a great night and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

It was great to see two Past Principals, Allan Brook and Brian Duffy, along with Andrew Forrest at the same table.

Many thanks to Wayne who put in a lot of work in organising the event.

THE COMMITTEE

Just to let you all know that your committee has been working hard on your behalf and to give you a flavour of what we have been doing, in addition to the above events.

Throughout the year we had six formal PPU meetings which are held in the school Board Room. Along with this another six or seven informal meetings would have taken place, for example, the dinner committees both Mens' Dinner and the HSD Past Pupils' Union Annual Dinner.

We are constantly updating our database of members and trying to reach out to non members to encourage them into the union. A lot of effort is being made to get contact details for past

pupils especially email addresses which seriously reduce the cost of postage to the PPU.

We try and organise a number of functions throughout the year for our members. These are well thought out and only go ahead when they are either cost neutral or look like they could make a small profit. The purpose is not necessarily to make a profit, however you can rest assured that we are focussed on ensuring that monies are not lost in the organising of any function.

John Gillis
Hon Secretary

The High School & Diocesan PPU

AGM 13th May 2014

ASU DINNER WITH PAST PPU PRESIDENTS AND
CURRENT PRESIDENT JILL GODSIL

GOLF REPORT

The annual outing took place on 5th September. There were twenty-two players on a beautiful sunny day, including nine guests. The course was in great order after Captain's Prize previous weekend. Four extra friends joined us for very enjoyable dinner in the Grange.

PPU President Wayne Sheridan presented prizes - the new winner of OBU Cup, Ian Martin, had the best score of the day with 36 points. Bruce Lyster won the Bunberry Cup, and Ivan Little Best of the Visitors.

On a sad note, this was one of the last functions that John Ridgeway attended. There was a debate as to where to have the outing this year, Grange are to confirm 4th or 11th September.



ASU OUTING BEECH PARK ON JULY 12TH

There was fantastic weather for a change. Graham Richards had organized nineteen players to represent The High School and Diocesan PPU. Best 4 to count.

The High School and Diocesan PPU won the trophy by 4 points, largely due to super score of 44 from John Mills, backed up by David Priestman (36), Graham Richards (36), Peter DeLacy (34).

As President of ASU, I had the pleasure of presenting the McCaw-Royal Dublin trophy to Graham and the winning team. This year's outing is on July 11th.

Unfortunately we did not manage to put a team in the UIS Outing on 24th April, as the date during Easter holidays did not suit our usual players.

ASU PRESIDENCY

My term of office as ASU President came to an end last September, at the AGM in St Andrew's College.

My thanks to Committee for giving me the honour of being ASU President, a job that my sister Wendy didn't quite get to do for Alexandra.

Johnny Bell from Masonic has now taken over the chain of office.

The year flew by, and I enjoyed the hospitality of our kindred unions, most recently at the Masonic dinner.

The High School and Diocesan PPU table was the biggest at the Past

Presidents dinner at the Royal Irish on June 11th and I am grateful for the support.

This years dinner is on Wednesday 11th June, and it is open to all current and Past Presidents of the ASU schools, and it is always a great night, in a lovely venue. Wayne Sheridan has again agreed to organize our table.

The Sports Service was held on 30th March last in St Anne's, with Senator Eamonn Coughlan as guest speaker, and once again our school was well represented.

Brian Priestman

Obituary

Valerie Jones (1943-2014) served as a governor of The High School for many years. Born in Dublin, she attended the Diocesan School for Girls and later Coláiste Moibhí where she trained as a primary school teacher. She went on to teach in Clondalkin, Rathgar and Ranelagh. In 1977, she married David William Stuart Jones and settled in Knocklyon where they raised two children, Heather and Mark. Valerie later completed an MLitt and a PhD in Education from Trinity College, University of Dublin which was supervised by Susan Parkes. Valerie's book, based on her PhD, *A Gaelic Experiment. The Preparatory System 1926-1961 and Coláiste Moibhí*, was published by Woodfield Press in 2006. It was based on many years of impressive archival research.

Valerie had a gift for teaching and education. From 1984 until 2002 Valerie lectured part-time at the Church of Ireland College of Education and contributed to the training of a generation of primary school teachers and theological college students. Valerie was a very active member of the Church of Ireland and a passionate researcher of its history. She contributed to the Church of Ireland Gazette and the Church Review and was a member of the General Synod. In the 1990s, Valerie was appointed as Diocesan Communications Officer for the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, a role she held for almost ten years until retiring in 2003. She was responsible for managing the press presence at a wide variety of high profile Diocesan events, meeting Bono, Desmond Tutu, Bertie Ahern and Rowan Williams, among others, as part of this role. Valerie was a fluent Irish speaker and a life long promoter of the Irish language, actively supporting Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise. She was also a lifelong worshipper in St Ann's Parish, Dawson Street where she was a member of the vestry. Valerie was a great believer in ecumenism and also in the benefits of a well-rounded, liberal faith based education. Valerie enjoyed a long list of hobbies, in particular badminton and photography. She was deeply attached to both Dublin and Ballinaclash Co Wicklow where her family owned a holiday cottage. She was a gifted historian and was working on her second book when she died. Valerie was a much loved wife, mother and sister and will be sorely missed

Archives

In this year, which commemorates the start of World War 1, many of the Archive activities connected to this historic event.

In 1922 when the War Memorial was unveiled, The Erasmian report of the event noted that "nearly one thousand old boys from The High School joined up for the war". Finding these names became the task. The work gained great momentum with the scanning of the war year issues of The Erasmian, achieved in conjunction with Patrick Lynch from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. A spread sheet was slowly put together of names drawn from various lists and articles in The Erasmian issues as well as cross-referencing with several additional outside sources. There are now 416 entries and it would seem that most sources have been exhausted. The list is a fascinating insight into the war as it notes service rank and includes several notes on careers, injuries and, of course, deaths.

Ms M Burrowes, as noted in her article on page 46 undertook researching the lives of the 69 past pupils. We worked closely on the project and Ms Burrowes enthusiastic research has yielded much information on what were previously just names on a plaque. The www.hsdwarstories.com website is a rich and valuable addition to the history of the school and I would encourage a visit to this great achievement.

Several researchers approached the Archive this year about projects they were working on for their PhD and Masters dissertations in connection to World War 1, specifically recruitment from schools. One particular researcher, Ciaran Priestley, came to the Archive to look up information on Harold Sloan (HSD 1895-99), pictured above. Sloan was killed in action at Comblès, near the Somme on 21 January 1917. He was a celebrated footballer, playing with Bohemians Football Club and played eight times for Ireland and his life is outlined in a fascinating article on the Bohemians website http://bohemianfc.com/?page_id=4457.

The normal business of the Archive also continued with several other research queries and projects during the course of the year. Michael Kavanagh, from NUI Galway who has been a



constant researcher in throughout the year, is beginning work on a book about Galway Grammar School. Another constant correspondent is Margaret Gallery, who has family from Ennis, several of who attended the Ennis Grammar School. Within an ongoing family genealogical project, any references to the school in historic documents are sent to the Archive. This is creating a broader picture of an Erasmus Smith School which we do not hold very much information on.

Research queries into the former English Schools were made regarding schools in Delgany, Kilpipe, Killeshil, Inver, Mount Charles, Cleenish, Rooskey, and Gortin. Estates queries ranged from Drumbane to Limerick and Tipperary former holdings.

HSD pupil visits to the Archive are difficult enough to arrange but as part of the Form 1 introduction to the school visits, from classes are now a regular annual event. To make the visit more interesting an Archive Questionnaire was created to help pupils look more deeply into the contents of the cabinets. Thanks again to all the History teachers for making time in their busy timetables.

I would also like to acknowledge kind donation of school memorabilia from Eric AG Hill (HSD, 1951-59).

Alan Phelan
Archivist

IN MEMORIAM

G. G. DUGGAN AND J. R. DUGGAN
from *The Erasmian*, March 1916 pp47-49

In the Garden of God

I - To GEORGE.

One day I wander'd in God's Garden fair,
The fairest Garden mortal e'er could see,
Where bright-hued flowers fill'd the air
With blended sense of subtle mystery.

Standing entranced within its charm methought
A crimson shadow swept athwart the air;
And, as its blood-red dimness passed, it brought
A murmuring sound of angel-chanted prayer.

Whereat I turn'd to see what meant this sound
Of softly singing waters, and behold!
A silver glistening lakelet, margin-bound
With forms angelic, folding wings of gold.

Then one advancing laid upon the wave
Of life a Spirit-lily, lovingwise.
Responsive to the water's touch, it gave
A sigh, and ope'd its eyes—its tired eyes—

Upon Eternity; and blossom'd to the strain
Which came from thousand throats of nodding flowers,
Graceful-inclining to the breath'd refrain—
The sad, sweet tones of the Eternal Hours.

And to my ears there came the Welcome-song,
Flowing in fullest measure from God's Throne,
"All hail to thee, O valiant soul! and strong
"To fight for cause of freedom, to lay down

"Thy life, so lightly held when foe malign
"Would crucify afresh God's Holy Son;
This wave-encircled bed of Peace be thine—
"This rest of years which selfless love hath won."

C C W DUGGAN



II - To JACK

Joyful, yet sad, I turn aside
From gazing on this vision sweet.
When lo! beside me I espied
A blossom, chastely delicate.

Shadow-begot, its petals white
Opening, discover, as they part,
A jewel sparkling in the light
Of heavenly day—a crimson'd heart.

A heart afire for holy deeds,
A heart for loving sacrifice,
A knightly heart which ne'er death heeds,
And scorns to think impurities.

A heart of bravery which hides
Behind a girl-like downy cheek,
A holy heart wherein abides
The soul of Christ, the Spirit meek.

..It was-the Spirit-form of one
Who died to stem the pow'r of sin,
Giving his youthful strength to run
The race, and as he ran to win.

His happy angel-soul will shine
Eternal-youthful through the years
God-gardener, tend this plant divine,
Bedew its leafage with Thy tears.

C C W DUGGAN

THE DUGGAN BROTHERS

from *The Erasmian* Sept 1915 pp 89-90

The Duggans belonged to a family of five brothers who were all at the school. The eldest, CCW, who is curate of Leeson Park Church, was most anxious to go to the front as an army chaplain. GC is hard at work at the Admiralty in London, and ES is Naval Paymaster on the "Marlborough" in the North Sea Battle Fleet. They have done, and are doing, their duty in the war most loyally. We do not think we can do better than reproduce the appreciation of George and Jack which appeared in the columns of *The Irish Times*:--

"Captain GG Duggan, 5th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers, whose death from wounds received in action at Gallipoli on August 16th, 1915, has recently been announced, was the third son of Mr George Duggan, manager of the Provincial Bank, 5 College Street, Dublin, and belonged

to a family of which Trinity College is justly proud. He was educated at The High School, Dublin, and entered Trinity College in 1904. During his University career he gained several honours and prizes, and graduated in 1908. Captain Duggan, who on leaving college entered the service of the Irish Lights Commissioners, was one of the original members of the Dublin University Contingent of the Officers' Training Corps. He was one of the first NCO's to be appointed, having been promoted corporal in the summer of 1910; and from that time forward he took part in every important operation or ceremony at which the Contingent was present, including the Coronation of His Majesty King George V, which he attended as one of a small body of NCO's and cadets specially selected for exceptional efficiency and smartness. Captain Duggan subsequently received a commission on the unattached list of the Territorial Force for service with the DUOTC. He qualified at the School of Musketry, Hythe, in March, 1914, and was appointed to the command of a platoon in the School of Instruction for Officers of the new Armies established in Trinity College in September of the same year. On the temporary closing of this school, about the middle of the following month, he joined the



To GEORGE

Aye, he is gone with whom I passed long days
On hillside and on heather tracts; we stepped
The long white roads together, in-the blaze
Of gorse-strewn summer, or when autumn slept.

So was our boyhood, brother of mine, we vied
At play in friendly rivalry; we knew
The joy of youth together, and beside
You stood I, when your love was given to you.

Now far away, where the blue waves lisp round
Th'Aegean isles you lie, your manhood's strength
Peacefully sleeping, and no more the sound
Of battle rages; peace is there at length.

But in our hearts is sorrow, tho' you died
Giving your all in the great sacrifice.
For honour's sake, for truth oppressed, denied
Yourself the easy path, won Paradise.

I shall not see you more, and memories
Will make my eyes grow wistful: why weep so
God whispers, Heaven is opened straight for these.
Who strove and died that I might reign below.

G C DUGGAN

5th Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers as lieutenant, and was at once promoted to the command of a company with the rank of temporary captain, October 28th, 1914. Of all Captain Duggan's many distinctions, perhaps the chief were those won in the field of athletics. It is no exaggeration to say that he was one of the finest long distance and cross-country runners that Trinity College has ever possessed, and it would be no light task to compile a list of his many triumphs in the College Park, with the DC Harriers, in inter-University and in international contests. For several years he organised the College Races, and managed the affairs of the Dublin University Athletic Union with conspicuous success. But his greatest work was, undoubtedly, the inauguration of Trinity Week, an enterprise to which he devoted himself heart and soul, and of the original Committee of which he was the foremost member. Captain Duggan was married in 1910, and leaves a widow and two little sons to mourn his loss. To his old comrades neither the College Park nor the Officers' Training Corps will ever again, without his genial and lovable personality, be quite what they were.

"On the same day was announced the death of Captain Duggan's youngest brother, Lieutenant J R Duggan, 5th

To JACK

You have fought your one great fight
In the glory of your youth,
Died for freedom and the right
You have battled for the truth.

To the God who made your frame
So fair, so lithe, so strong,
You- have given it back the same
Without spot, unstained by wrong.

From His treasure-house He gave
Us one jewel, and you kept
A child-like heart, a spirit brave.
And joyous; now our eyes have wept-

Wept for soaring courage gone,
For your blithesome laugh now still,
For a future still unwon,
For a past death cannot kill.

In the lonely star-lit night,
You lie sleeping, far away,
Up the valley comes a light,
Comes a song on winds astray.

'Tis the angels of the slain,
Silver-winged, with silence shod,
Come to bear you home again
To the keeping of your God.

G C DUGGAN

Battalion Royal Irish Regiment, killed in action at Gallipoli on August 6th, 1915. Lieutenant Duggan was also educated at The High School, Dublin, where he won a First Class Scholarship, and entered Trinity College in 1912. There he joined the Medical School, in which his career bade fair to be one of the highest distinction, and, following in his brother's footsteps, he soon became one of the most prominent members of the Officers' Training Corps. On the outbreak of war he decided to relinquish his medical studies for a time and to seek a temporary commission. He was gazetted as second lieutenant to the 5th Battalion Royal Irish Regiment where he at once made his mark. He was the ideal subaltern, full of energy and keenness, and, in the words of his colonel, 'beloved by all ranks.' His place in Trinity College will, like that of his elder brother, be hard to fill."

THESE PAGES REPRODUCE SOME ENTRIES FROM THE ERASMIAN REGARDING THE COMMEMORATIVE POEMS AND ARTICLES OF TWO BROTHERS WHO TRAGICALLY DIED ON THE SAME DAY IN GALLIPOLI- 16TH AUGUST 1915 - SECOND LIEUTENANT JOHN ROSWELL DUGGAN AND CAPTAIN GEORGE GRANT DUGGAN. THE POEMS WERE WRITTEN BY THEIR BROTHERS GEORGE AND CHARLES (WHO ALSO SERVED AS THE SCHOOL CATECHIST). THE ACCOMPANYING ARTICLE GIVES THE FAMILY BACKGROUND AND OUTLINES THEIR SHORT CAREERS AND ACHIEVEMENTS BEFORE THEIR TRAGIC DEATHS.

WATER POETRY

IT COMES GUSHING

Rain comes rushing down in large featureless drops
As clear as the sky and cold as wind it comes gushing
A day earlier the water that once was a part of the body of
oceans communes in the sky where the clouds are present,
it comes gushing.
Water – the bounty of life. All rely on it, all need it
It may take hours for the next shower, it may take years but
when it comes, it comes gushing.

Stephen Greene (4HE)

UNTITLED

A simple drop would drown a city
Or run endlessly, to fill a fruit
With the fresh humour of Spring.
When born from the boulders, their veins are gleaming
With enlightening properties,
Not to embellish the earth, but feed
It as it is,
Where pods perpetually drift
Down the mountainside,
To a long course of nurturing, birthing,
Drying and drowning,
When youth is in full crystal flow.
Whereafter it is too late to harvest heaven's fruit
For the veil is already soaked to the brim.

And in one's last temple of youth
Some blood dries up –
Only to watch, in helplessness,
As the silver pool
Is devoured by the bitter seas.

Roberta McCune (5GF)

RAIN

It dances across the ground.
Making a magical sound.
Trickling down the drain.
Flooding every lane.
I love rain.

Laura Motyer (1RL)

A DROP OF LIFE

Water is something we need every day
But we still continue to waste it away

Imagine a world without water
No birds or clouds in the sky
At the rate we are wasting water
It will run out in the blink of an eye

We live in a world of ignorant tyranny
So we need to understand with absolute clarity
That thousands die from thirst every day
To change this we all have a part to play

The answer to this problem is in sight
But it's not going to change overnight

With so many people without fresh water to drink
On how we use water, we must seriously rethink
Is it really worth that much strife
To turn off the tap to save someone's life?

Shona Carey (1F)

WHEREVER YOU GO

Wherever you go
Always following you everywhere
To keep you alive
Ever helps you
Rain, sea, lake, river.

Wherever you go
Always following you
Tastes of nothing
Even though it is keeping you alive
Ready to flow everywhere and anywhere.

Alistair Empey (1J)

WATER

Water,
life source of all living creatures,
funny it is,
how something essential to life can also take it,
with nothing more than one's submersion,
water,
not contained or limited by our notions of structure,
the cycle continues,
Immortal,
No more is produced no more removed,
water,
sustains life but obeys none of its rules.

Conor Christodoulides (6MC)



THE EVERCHANGING FORCE

Water is everchanging
Rushing around rocks
Plummeting down, a waterfall
Or still as it lies in a loch

The tapping noise on a tin roof
The droplets on your head
When rain comes down
The source is finally fed

Water in the sea and oceans
Deeper than we've ever been
Thousands of fish, marine life
More than we've ever seen

Water is magical, always surprising
Ever so powerful forming our world
We take it for granted
Its strength finally unfurled

Water is our everything
But we must treat it with care
Because when we truly need it
It might not be there

Emma Taylor (3MC)

WATER

Water is something we can't live without
It's there almost always,
except for in drought.

Water has no certain smell nor taste,
It's easy to find, but it's easy to waste.
It works its way into our daily routine.
It helps us stay hydrated,
healthy and clean.

It's in the earth,
It's in the rain.
It quenches thirst,
It helps the brain.

Water is everywhere
that much is true,
A beautiful, sparkling, shiny,
Bright blue.

Elizabeth Boyd (3C)

WATER

To think; just five letters can sum up our existence.
Or even three, in a chemical stance.
But no matter what we call it, it's still our saviour
And it ended up in this world by mere chance.

To think that this beloved liquid is a builder;
A builder of caves and stalagmites,
It also builds tall pines with the help of light,
And redwoods and birches with skins of white.

Water is an element of life and death,
Either boiled or frozen or taken as breath,
Bending variety but defending society
It saves us when fire is a threat.

Depending on where this liquid flows,
It determines the places of cities of fame,
Like Dublin on the Liffey or Rome on the Tiber,
Or even London on Thames.

This liquid is home to more than five trillion fish,
It's on the minds of hundreds for it is water they wish,
Be it in river or lake, ocean or sea,
For life to exist, water is key.

But over it, there is strife and war
Where there is drought, all the more
To acquire it, some may come down to slaughter
All this for the need of water.

Mark Deering (3W)

THE NATURE OF WATER

The loud pattering of liquid droplets
On the great, vast, damp landscape
Covered by the giants of wood and green.
It drips from the large plant plates of palm leaves,
Then is vaporized into the hot, dense air
That falls upon the thick maze of green.

It drops off the unseen cliff, from the flat surface
At the top of the rock face, before crashing
Into the hard surface at the bottom of the fall.
It roars over the edge of the drop and smashes
Onto the stones of what has already fallen over and
Joins the rest of the water as it rides down the road of water.

It flows over the stones and pebbles that is its bed.
It transports small irregular objects light enough to float
That drift with the ripples and constantly moving waves.
It runs at its own pace, like the long distance runner.
The traffic on these highways never stops. The trucks and cars
Move at their own speed even if the river slows or ends.
The water is filled with energy and power as it surges and heaves,
And moves on the motorways as it pleases in the vast open water tank,
The aliens that it breeds venture through
The network of water basins that is marked by man,
With the aim of breeding, feeding, hunting or surviving.
The huge salt bath spreads across the world map.

It falls from our skies like bullets from many guns.
The liquefied droplets crystallize like diamonds
In the light on the heated and lighted months.
The droplets fall from the white and grey fluffy wool in which
They are born into, as small as the bombs
That they become when they explode on impact.

Water forges itself, in many different ways in our world,
But it is truly in nature that it is at its best.

Daniel English (5BK)

REAL LIFE

Painting this deep, barren landscape,
Flowing swiftly through our life.
In a cold stagnant rats' cave;
Without it we won't survive.

Falling freely from our eyes,
And destroying our cities
Drowning all of mankind
And leaking stubborn from our ceilings

But it's beauty we destroy,
With colouring and preservatives;
We mess with its limbs just like a toy,
And meddle with this world that is...

Wash away the make-up blinding our eyes,
Because what's beneath is true beauty, Real Life.

Calum Adair (1RN)



SWAN BATIK BY SOPHIE HAYES (3C)

THE DROP

It started with a tiny drop to make a river
On a mighty mountain, a single sliver.
Dancing, diving and ducking with grace,
Before it hits a mountain face.
It runs and runs, down the slope
It joins another to help it cope.
They join a stream, rounding a bend
Millions of droplets with help to lend.
This is when it gathers speed
And our little droplet follows the lead
Rapidly racing round the curve
Trying carefully not to swerve
Off the path of life they follow
But there they are still quite shallow.
Our dancing droplet from the start
Is a raging river, playing its part.
The river now widens out
Starting to bellow, scream and shout
It crashes out a waterfall
Beautiful to view, there to all.
Then it goes into the Atlantic sea
Reminding us that water is key.
It is a necessity to all forms of life
And helps Mankind and co. to strive.

James Kinsella (2W)

POETRY

VERTIGO

The sunsets, leading to new beginnings
There's no darkness, just another day
A cluster of them meshed up together
Like the stars in the night
We glow as bright as we want

Fallen dreams, dizzy heights
Sometimes the vertigo can get to you
Just take a breath
And don't look down

We go incognito
Pretending to be who we're not
Cause when we look in the mirror
We throw it to the ground

Careful to not get cut by the sharp edges
They could be fatal
And when it's the time to leave the bird's nest
Be ready to take your flight
Your next stop in life.

Conor Ryan (4K)



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ROLL OF HONOUR SUVLA, 1915

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These are not lifeless words just writ upon
A passing leaf which, with the day, is gone;
With tender care and thoughts of love we rear
Tiny memorials of the circling year.

Nine years we fashioned them; nine crosses lie
Upon the unknown graves, and still we ply
Our handiwork. Not from the darkened earth,
But from the dawn the dreams that give them birth.

They come, not as wan ghosts, but like the flight
Of guarding angels, when the day grows bright.
Rose-red and gold their wings, and in their eyes
Star-glimmer of some unseen Paradise;

Or like some flower that, blossoming for a day.
At twilight-going sheds its leaves, and they
Are garnered in Love's home, where fragrant lies
The odour of the past year's memories.

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