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EDITORIAL

It is a nice feeling to complete a project well and The Erasmian and Diocesan Times is no different. The Erasmian Team has made great strides forward in their ability to showcase the great talent on offer in our school. This year we opted to decorate the front and back cover with art by our own Leah Merriman (front cover) and Wolf Chung (back cover) in order to highlight the skills of our pupils. Later, you will surely read about some of our fantastic international sporting stars, budding artists, scientists, and orators that give our school the colour and life it is known for. One of the great things about being part of the Erasmian Team is learning about all the wonderful events the pupils get up to throughout the school year. Whether it be our sporting achievements, proclivity for the arts, or our activist spirit, The High School offers something for everyone. It really is humbling seeing just how talented High School pupils are, and I hope that their brightest qualities shine through in this year's Erasmian.

This of course would all be impossible without the guiding hand of Ms Beamish, whose midmorning meetings were made bearable by her generous supply of chocolate and croissants. Mr Walker must also be thanked for his role in getting the sports photos and captain's reports to us quickly, without which we would have had a real nightmare on our hands! Another huge thanks goes out to

the pupils, whose contributions are the lifeblood of the Erasmian. Last but not least is this year's Erasmian Committee: Shona Carey, Isabelle Carter, James Cole, Sofi Grant, Eva Kenna, Hannah Kerr, Siofra O'Brien, Aiden Perdue. If you can forgive the narcissism in thanking yourself!

As many previous Erasmian Teams have no doubt discovered, working on the Erasmian is both a pleasure and a burden. Thankfully this year, due to the advent of online organisation, we were able to lessen that burden by streamlining the process considerably. I might even be mad enough to say that it was quite enjoyable seeing sports reports fly in from pupils across all years and watching as the number of pages kept growing and growing (even if we had to chase some people down). Such a fun time would not have been possible without the expert teamwork of this year's Erasmian Team. I can say without a doubt that we have had a blast doing it and I encourage everyone to sign up. A word of advice to next year, however: keep track of those Newsletters! If it wasn't for Ms Burrowes' eagle eye we would have missed many of our pupils' incredible achievements. That being said, I wish next year's team all the best of luck with next year's Erasmian.

James Cole

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This is my third year as editor of The Erasmian and Diocesan Times. The biggest thing that strikes me as I co-ordinate all the news items and pictures is how we continue to get busier and busier at school. We continue to pack even more incredible experiences into what was an already full calendar (I would also like to thank the snow gods for giving us a breather this year!) Whilst the unassuming person may think that schools just do the same thing year in year out this, quite simply, is untrue. It is one thing to achieve success once, but it is quite another to do it consistently. Our pupils continue to operate at high levels of achievement, consistently. This is not purely centered around results, but in everything they turn their hand to. I have seen an award winning Lego robot, pupils who push themselves to achieve in sport, those who are happy to sleep out all night for charity, and even taking on new experiences such as skiing.

I am amazed by the leaps and bounds of our pupils, but this goes in hand with their teachers, their parents and our school community. I am also indebted to Ms Burrowes who ensures – thanks to her wonderful newsletters that I miss, hopefully, nothing.

Ms Beamish



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2017-18

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

National Developments

The national agenda for the post-primary education sector in 2016-17 was dominated by the effects of industrial action, protracted negotiations regarding the introduction of Junior Cycle reform, and ongoing debate regarding a series of legislative and policy initiatives. The impact of these developments resulted in significant challenges for the sector during this period. The retention of Richard Bruton as Minister for Education and Skills following the General Election in 2016 will have further implications for those concerned with education in Ireland. His commitment to making the Irish education system "the best in Europe by 2026" is laudable. However, this ambitious objective is unlikely to be achieved without a sustained effort by the current Government to compensate for the cumulative impact of underfunding in the period leading up to 2016.

The prevailing situation was investigated by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which established that spending on Irish students fell during the recession and was lower than most developed countries in 2016. The Education at a Glance 2016 report examined education systems throughout the world. It found that in Ireland expenditure per student in primary, secondary, and post-secondary non-tertiary education systems decreased by 7 per cent between 2008 and 2013 while across the OECD expenditure per student had increased by an average of 8 per cent over the same period. A sequence of negative consequences for the education system in Ireland has been evident. Teachers who entered the profession after 2010 continue to be remunerated on different pay scales to existing colleagues even though they have the same duties and responsibilities. Ireland has had a far higher proportion of temporary teaching positions at second-level compared to the OECD average in the same period. The Joint Managerial Body (JMB) reported that Ireland had a higher ratio of students to teaching staff at secondary level than the European average in 2016. The willingness of Government to invest in order to reverse these trends will be monitored with considerable interest

In addition to this range of challenges, the recent history of industrial unrest in the post-primary sector has resulted in a series of adverse outcomes for those concerned with restoring the primacy of teaching and learning in our schools. The formal adoption of the Haddington Road Agreement (HRA) proposals following extensive negotiations resulted in revised pay structures as well as new arrangements for substitution and supervision cover which were intended by all parties to operate until 2016. In May 2015 the impending expiry of the HRA resulted in negotiations to conclude a further Public Service Stability Agreement 2013-2018 (also known as the Lansdowne Road Agreement). The Government also published new legislation to give effect to the provisions of the Lansdowne Road Agreement (LRA) which was intended to begin the process of reversing pay and pension cuts introduced for staff working in the public service. However, refusal to accept the terms of the LRA by those who remained in dispute with the DES over pay and conditions raised the spectre of further industrial action. The inevitable consequence was further disruption to the core activity of teaching and learning in secondary schools affected by strike action across the country in 2016-17.

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

In particular, the issue of the role of religion in school admissions was the subject of broad discussion and public consultation in 2017. The legislative proposals were criticized due to concerns that if enacted they would radically undermine the legal protections that

support the provision of faith-based education by religious minorities in Ireland. Church of Ireland leaders were concerned that there should be no interference with the rights of schools to prioritize entry for students from their faith tradition. The Minister said from the start of the process that protecting the position of minority religious families, whose position he agrees is uniquely threatened by any changes in this area, is a major priority for him. The Church of Ireland General Synod Board of Education welcomed the recognition by the Minister of specific concerns raised by minority faith communities. However, it is clear that significant legal and constitutional issues will need to be resolved ahead of any permanent protection being offered to the admissions policies of minority faith schools in Ireland.

The ongoing recovery in public finance was reflected in Budget 2017 which was announced as the start of a major programme of reinvestment in Irish education. The DES budget increased by €458 million (5.1%) compared to the allocation for 2016. A total of 2515 additional posts in primary and post-primary schools were funded in 2017 including 900 additional resource teachers and 115 additional Special Needs Assistants. The remaining 1500 posts are additional mainstream teaching posts. However, there was no change in the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) in Budget 2017. A glaring discrepancy exists between schools in the so-called Free Scheme (19:1) and fee-charging schools (23:1) which remains to be addressed in future. The policy direction and funding model adopted by the current Minister builds on those established by his predecessors in office. In particular, the evidence suggests a clear determination to use funding secured in Budget 2017 to implement the terms of the Lansdowne Road Agreement across the post-primary sector. The gross cost of the HRA, LRA, and the PSSA 2018-2020 in the education and training sector in 2018 will be €236 million. It is clear that it will be necessary to sustain and apply this level of funding if the full range of reforms to the post-primary education sector desired by the current Government are to be achieved in 2017-18.

School Developments

The Inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning



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

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

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

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

tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Pupils are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Pupils in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career-related computer programs such as Qualifax. Pupils are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is organised for Forms 3, 5, and 6. Form 6 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day, as well as selecting other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 pupils there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The Guidance Counsellors are available to parents and pupils for career and psychological advice by prior appointment.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have the oldest and 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 Dr Duncan Cole and Mr Arthur Barlow for their dedication during terms of office as President.

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union actively encourages all past pupils to keep in touch with one another via the HS&D PPU website at www.hsdppu.com. The High 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.

Staff

We are fortunate in having the services of an excellent staff who are committed to providing the highest standards of academic and pastoral care for all pupils attending The High School. We welcome the appointment of Mr P H McCaughey to the position of acting Deputy Principal for the academic year 2017-18.

It has been a pleasure to welcome Ms Hearne back to The High School in a full-time capacity. We thank Ms Packham, Ms Bennett, Ms Hilliard, Mr Sheehan, and Ms Waugh for their excellent service and wish them all the best for the future. We welcome the following new staff to The High School - Mr Deane (History/Religious Education); Ms Garland (Resource); Ms Kilpatrick (Resource); Ms Lee (Music); Ms Love (Religious Education/English); Mr Mak (Geography/Economics); Ms Murphy (Art); Mr O'Sullivan (Technological Subjects); and Ms Scott (Science/Biology) - and wish them every success in their respective appointments. Ms Galligan, Ms Toolan, Mr Kinsella, Ms Rellis, Ms Goulding, Mr Carolan, and Mr Keegan are on career break.

Mrs J Sadlier was appointed to the position of School Secretary at The High School in 2000 where she worked as Principal's Secretary and Office Manager

with distinction through to her retirement in 2017. A calm, capable, and efficient approach to the multiplicity of challenges associated with this demanding role was complemented by extensive levels of insight, tact, and diplomacy throughout. The wisdom she acquired through previous experience was evident in the kind, caring, and empathetic approach Jeanne brought to her interactions with the wide range of individuals – whether governors, staff, parents, prospective parents, pupils, past pupils, or colleagues – with whom she came into daily contact. We wish her every contentment and fulfilment in what we trust will be a long and happy retirement.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2016-17 was 689.

In the Leaving Certificate 2017 examination, 113 pupils presented 805 papers in 25 subjects. 605 papers were taken at higher level and H5 or better was obtained in 90% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. This was an excellent level of performance which bears strong comparison with previous records at The High School.

In the Junior Certificate 2017 examination, 109 pupils presented 1057 papers where different levels are available and 109 papers at common level (CSPE). 872 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 71% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.8% of all papers. These statistics represent a good level of performance.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our e-newsletter, on the school website (www.highschoolublin.com), and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication designed by Mr Phelan, produced by the pupils of Form 5, and co-ordinated by Ms Beamish in 2016-17. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with the extra-curricular programme for providing a wide range of enriching opportunities for those attending The High School. It is always a great pleasure to congratulate the pupils on their involvement and success in a variety of different activities.



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Mr L MiddletonSPHE: **Mr P McCaughey**Science: **Dr C Whitford****Information and Communication Technologies Team****Mr R J Davies****Mr L McBride** (overall co-ordinator;

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Mr I Wilkinson (supervision of facilities and staff support)**Ms M Burrowes** (HSD website and e-newsletter)**Sports**Sports Co-ordinator: **Mr R Walker**

Adventure Sports Co-ordinator:

Ms R McDonnell

Girls' Games Administration:

Ms S JonesAthletics: **Mr P Irwin, Ms S****Hutchinson Edgar,****Mr R Giles, Ms N Fallon**Badminton: **Ms A Rugg**Basketball: **Ms S Jones, Ms V Love,****Mr J Boylan**Canoeing: **Ms R McDonnell**Cricket: **Mr A Malin, Mr R Walker,****Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr B McNamara,****Mr R Giles**Cross country: **Ms S Hutchinson****Edgar, Ms N Fallon**Hillwalking: **Ms A Horan,****Ms R McDonnell, Mr B McNamara,****Ms B Duggan, Ms M Smith, Mr C****Rankin**Hockey: **Ms S Jones, Dr S Brusey,****Ms S Gray, Ms A Rugg, Mr P****Fitzpatrick, Mr J Hosking**Rock climbing: **Ms R McDonnell**Rugby: **Mr A Malin, Mr L McBride,****Mr B McNamara, Mr R Sullivan,****Mr S Tevlin, Mr R Walker**Swimming: **Ms S Jones**Table-tennis: **Ms S Jones**Tennis: **Mr R Sullivan, Ms S Jones,****Mr S McDonnell***Additional part-time staff are employed in other sports***Other****Responsibilities**

Administrative Assistant to the Deputy

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

Assembly Co-ordinator:

Ms S Hutchinson Edgar

CAO/UCAS applications:

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

Communications Co-ordinator:

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

Erasmian and Diocesan Times:

Ms E Beamish

European Youth Parliament:

Mrs J Wilson

European Studies Information

Exchanges: **Mr P Irwin**

Examination Organisation:

Mr I Wilkinson, Ms M HearneFilm Club: **Ms R Lyons**Green Schools Group: **Mr K Barry**Guidance Counsellors: **Ms R****McDonnell, Ms A Whelan**Induction of New Staff: **Ms P Bergin**Literacy Co-ordinator: **Ms R Missen**Lockers: **Ms G Fitzgerald**Lost Property: **Ms S Quinn**Mental Health Coordinator: **Mr P****McCaughey**Model United Nations: **Mrs J Wilson**Numeracy Link: **Mr I Wilkinson**Orchestra: **Ms S Lee**Photographic Club: **Ms K Rogers**

Photography of School Activities,

Publicity: **Mr C Rankin**President's Award: **Mr D Miller,****Mr B McNamara, Ms R Missen**Prize System: **Ms D Thorp, Mr R****Hilliard**Punctuality: **Ms L Packham**

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Science Club/Young Scientist:

Dr S Brusey

Support for Learning Co-ordinator:

Ms M BrowneStaff Services: **Ms A Stevenson**State Examinations: **Mr P Prendergast**Stationery: **Ms E Roulet**STEM Lego Club: **Mr S Deane, Mr A****O'Sullivan**Study Skills Seminar: **Ms R McDonnell,****Ms A Whelan**

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Co-ordinator: **Ms E Beamish**Timetable: **Mr R Davies**

Transition Year Co-ordinator:

Mr P IrwinTrophies: **Mr R Walker**

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FRONT ROW: LISA ROCHE, ALANA CRIPPS, DEBBIE ODUNTAN, VARVARA CHERNYSHENKO, KATIE O'BRIEN, EVA VALENTINE



5TH YEAR

LINE 1: DYLAN KEOGH, ELIAS DEMPSY, JAMES CAMPION, HARRY O'DONNELL, ALEX ASPIL, NIALL MCDONNELL, CALUM ADAIR, ODHRAN DIXON, ETHAN GERNON, OISIN HEALY, RORY BROWNE, TIMOTHY SWEENEY, HENRY HINDS, JAMES BOYD, PAUL GLEESON, NIALL LYNCH

LINE 2: ASIER KELLY, ZAK BOWKER, DAVE SAMSON, OSCAR TRUMPY, ROBERT BEARDSLY, SEAN ÓG BARNES, GEORGIO BASILE, EVAN MILLER, LUAN ROGERS, FINN CONNOLLY, ALISTAIR EMPEY, MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, CORMAC DEMPSEY, ROBERT WHYTE, SOL WYNNE, MATTHEW THOMPSON

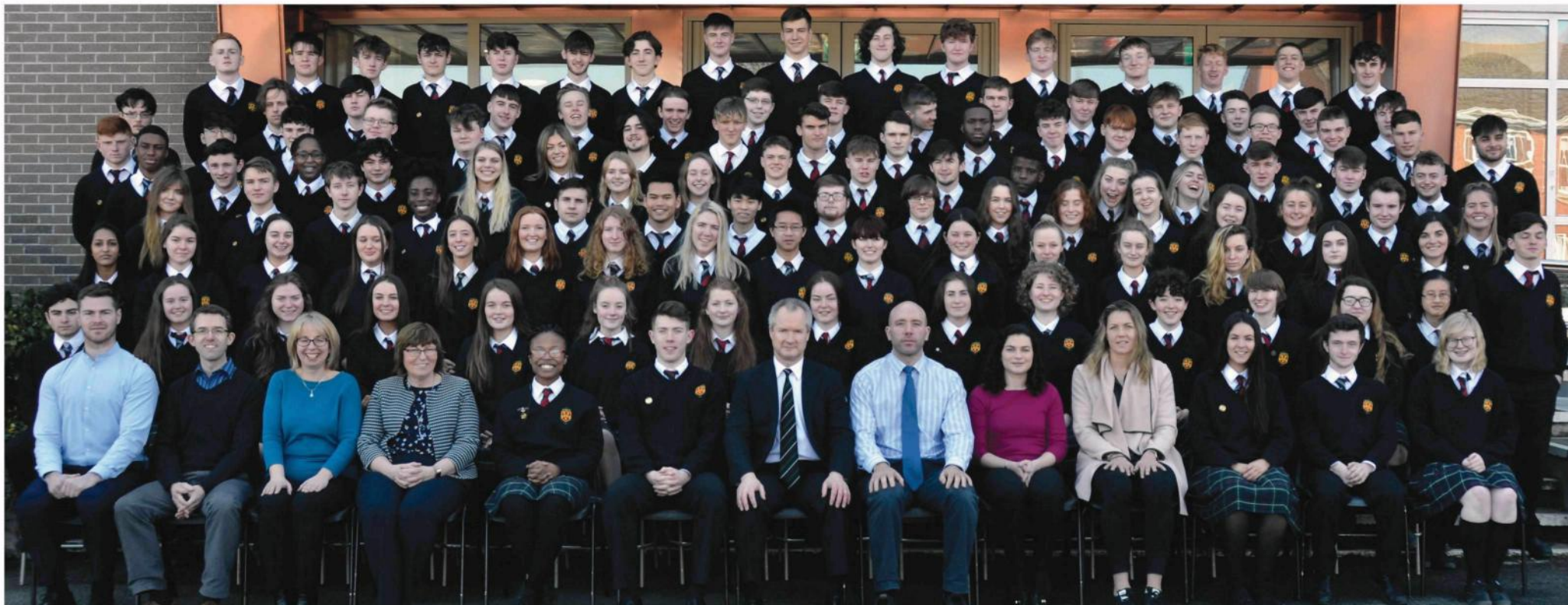
LINE 3: HUGH O'DONNELL, OISIN COTTER, MILO DIXON, DAVID HOGAN, BEN CRIPPS, CONOR FAGAN, JAMES COMAN, SAM DALY, CORMAC DEE-BROWNE, TOM WEBB, DANIEL ADEOLA, SEAN MAGUIRE, MATTHEW BROWN GARCIA, JACK HEALY, DANIEL RUFLI, FERDIA DARRAGH, ANA CAROLINA GUIDO DE OLIVEIRA, ERIN FETHERSTON, MICHAEL GUY, FINN O'SULLIVAN, EVA KENNY, DAISY O'TOOLE, ORIANNA DAVEY, HANNAH VANCE CRONIN, AMY DUNNE, ÁINE RYAN, SUSAN ISAKARU, DYLAN ROYCROFT, NAOISE MAY, KATIE MOORE

LINE 4: JAMES COLE, FIACH CONNOLLY, AILEEN NAGLE, SHONA CAREY, LAURA MOTYER, ANGEL OKAH, EVA KENNA, AXEL CULLEN, ANDREW CANNING, SCOTT GILANDERS, AIDEN PERDUE, WILSON KO, THOMAS MCCAUSLAND, HARRY BYRNE, SOFI GRANT, SHANE DAMBAZA

LINE 5: SEAN UKAGBA, ANNA MCKIM, CAITRIONA BRENNAN, MOLLY SHERIDAN, ERICA MACARI, SHAUNA POWER, AMY SCOLLARD, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH, SIOFRA O'BRIEN, RACHEL DONOVAN, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, TESSA LONG, CAITLIN NICKLES, GRACE PARK, ERIC FELL

LINE 6: CALLUM O'DWYER, MATHEW SOARES, ELISA GUO, ASHLEY MAKOMBE, VERONICA KIARIE, MOLLY O'SHEA, HANNAH KERR, MEGAN RANCE, ANNA PHELAN, GEORGINA SCANLON, ANNA KEOGH, REBECCA O'FARELL, NAOMI ADEYANYU

LINE 7: WOLF CHUNG, EMMA SAVOLDI, MS WALKER, MS BURROWES, MR MILLER, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR, MR FORREST, MR GRIFFIN, MS BEAMISH, MS FITZGERALD, ISABELLE CARTER, LEAH MERRIMAN, CLARA BELL



6TH YEAR

LINE 1: DARRAGH O'REILLY, HARIS WEBSTER, DANIEL FAGAN, HARRY BYRNE, HARRY WALSH, BEN CHALONER, ALEX O'REGAN, JAMIE TOPPING, LORIS NIKOLOV, MORGAN KANE O'BRIEN, EMMETT MCDONAGH FOX, ADAM O'ROURKE, ALEXANDER CHAMBERS, PETER LYNCH, SPENCER PEACE, JAMES SHAW

LINE 2: JUDE LYSAGHT, PATRICK BARNES, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, JAKE PILLOW, WILLIAM ANDERSON, OLIVER O'TOOLE, AURYN MAHON, SAMUEL COSGROVE, CIAN HOBAN, KYLE BUTLER, KEALAN QUINN, PATRICK GANNON, HARRY MOLONEY, ADAM KEALY, WILLIAM COSGRAVE

LINE 3: STEPHEN LANDY, TONY PARK, MAX O'DONNELL, JASON MCGRATH, GERARD COLMAN, ALISON JONES, PETER O'LEARY, EDWARD MEREDITH, JAKE RICHARDSON, MARTIN KELLY, ROSS SAMSON, LUKE DIGGINS, JASON MULLEN, MATTHEW WALLACE, JAMES METOUDI, JAMES KINSELLA, MATTHEW BARLOW, JAMIE KAPDAN

LINE 4: JAMIE UKAGBA, JAMES CARTER, SIOBHAN CHINENYANGA, GIANLUCA LYONS, LARAGH HARRIS-BOON, CAOIMHE BARRY-CORR, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, ALEXANDER FLYNN, CALUM GILLIS, ZAK COGHLAN, SHAUN DAMBAZA, CAROLINE RYAN, JAIME KNOX-MACLEOD, OISIN O'CONBHUI, MARLEY DEMPSEY, ADAM BYRNE

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LINE 7: MICHAEL GUASTALLA, ERICA BOWEN, RACHEL WEBSTER, ELLA BYRNE, GRACE CAMPBELL, SADHBH ROHU, ELLEN RAFFERTY, CIARA SHAW, KEISHA O'BRIEN, MILLY COUGHLAN, AVERY ANGLE, KITTY DIGNAM, ALICE BURLEIGH, HOLLY GREENE

LINE 8: MR TEVLIN, MR WILKINSON, MS REILLY, DR WHITFORD, MUNACHI ANELE, DYLAN WALSH, MR FORREST, MR HILLIARD, MS HARKIN, MS DEACON, SOPHIE RYAN, NATHAN SHAW, ELLA SQUIRE

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PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

PRIZE DAY SPEECH

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

25 OCTOBER 2017

Mr Empey, Ms Bishop, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, past and current pupils of The High School. The annual Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution is an important occasion in the life of the school. It provides us with an event which allows us to reflect on key aspects of our vision, ethos, mission, and values. It permits an opportunity to acknowledge the commitment and dedication demonstrated by all members of the school community to the life of The High School. Therefore, I should like to begin by offering my congratulations to prize winners on their success; to acknowledge the efforts of members of staff who work tirelessly to encourage pupils to fulfil their potential; to thank parents and guardians for supporting the efforts of their children; and express my sincere appreciation for the practical support and advice offered by the governors. The order of proceedings and range of prizes awarded this evening are printed in the accompanying booklet which remains part of the official school record in perpetuity. Separately, I have reviewed a range of local and national developments in education in the Principal's Report which you are welcome to read at your convenience.

The High School has enjoyed a long and well-established reputation for excellence in education since its establishment in 1870. This tradition seeks to combine the best of the old with a real appetite for innovation in order to meet the multiplicity of challenges associated with preparing pupils for life in an increasingly turbulent and unpredictable world. In this respect, we are fortunate that the range of opportunities offered to pupils thanks to the commitment and dedication of governors, staff, and parents alike provides an ideal environment for all those attending The High School to attain the highest levels of achievement commensurate with their ability. We are equally fortunate to have inherited an ethos and accompanying set of values which support this enterprise and remain

strikingly fit for purpose in the twenty-first century. In summary, The High School seeks to educate its pupils based on inclusive and progressive ideals within our established academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular programmes. It is worth reflecting on how this model offers us an opportunity to implement a vision of excellence in education for all pupils entrusted to our care.

Firstly, our academic record is a key strength of The High School. We seek to prioritize the core activity of teaching and learning to provide a first-class education in a school where there is no academic selection on entry and mixed-ability teaching throughout. We continue to maintain a clear focus on developing the full potential of every pupil entrusted to our care by striving to achieve the highest standards of academic excellence commensurate with their abilities. We are all too aware of the pressures imposed by a high-stakes terminal examination which determines access to third level education. Nevertheless, we can be justifiably proud of a record of achievement in public examinations which has allowed an average of 100% of Sixth Form pupils to progress to third-level education since 2012. Our academic record suggests that the vast majority of pupils at The High School are fulfilling their potential and in many instances exceeding expectations on all fronts.

Secondly, our pastoral care is a key strength of The High School. The development of positive and supportive relationships between staff and pupils is significant feature of daily life at the school. We have a strong commitment to the welfare of the children entrusted to our care. Our experience tells us that if young people feel happy and secure they will fulfil their potential. We have a well-qualified and highly-experienced team of pastoral specialists who advise and support pupils throughout their time at the school. We are continuing to explore ways to expand and enhance this pastoral provision, for example, by introducing the Friends for Life programme - the only system of its kind which is fully accredited by the World Health Organization.

Thirdly, our extracurricular programme is a key strength of The High School. The variety of opportunities open to pupils in this area of the school is outstanding. We support a substantial number of active and successful clubs and societies

which provide access to a wide range of sports and activities. We are particularly keen to encourage the highest levels of participation – ideally a sport and one other activity - among the pupils. We share in the joy of competitive success at all levels and age grades whether at local, regional, national, or international level. The recent selection of 13 of our pupils to represent Ireland in 7 different sports is one example of this diversity and plurality in action at international level.

It should be emphasized without fear or favour that the pupils and past pupils who are gathered here have demonstrated outstanding commitment and determination in order to succeed in their respective fields. I should like to offer my warmest congratulations to those who have been awarded prizes and recognize above all their dedication to achieving and maintaining the highest standards throughout their time at The High School. I am delighted that we have an opportunity to celebrate your achievements this evening. You have every reason to be proud of your many and varied accomplishments. The role played by parents and guardians in promoting and supporting the education of their children in order to achieve these positive outcomes is also greatly appreciated. We do understand the variety of challenges to which all families are subjected. You should be assured that the school is most grateful for the consistent support and encouragement it receives from the parent body in general and the Parents' Association in particular. It is equally 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 management team and teaching staff who are ably and effectively supported by the ancillary, catering, and administrative staff on a daily basis. Finally, I am most grateful for the practical support and sound advice offered by the governors at The High School whose specialized expertise is provided voluntarily throughout.

In conclusion, a core purpose of any education system is to create the widest possible range of opportunities for young people to fulfil their potential. Therefore, it is vitally important that we remain true to our liberal and progressive values by fostering a positive and ambitious approach to educating the pupils entrusted to our care. The pursuit of

excellence in education for all those attending The High School both now and in the future will not be advanced by excessive caution or complacency. We must continue to look to the future and lead from the front if we are to fulfil our mission to encourage young people to take their place in wider society as responsible, informed, thinking, and tolerant human beings. I believe that the evidence presented by our gathering this evening suggests that we can have every confidence that this generation of pupils of The High School will continue to do so.

Thank you very much indeed for your attention. I hope you enjoy the rest of the evening.

REMARKS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING,

ARABELLA BISHOP

GUEST SPEAKER

25 OCTOBER 2017

It's been a while since I have been in a gym, so thank you for inviting me to speak this evening.

Coincidentally, The High School and my job have connected recently. Sotheby's sold the Yeats, The Family Collection in September this year and I know both WB and Jack attended here. The sale itself made me reflect on the 18 years I have worked for Sotheby's and the seven years previously at Bonhams. My colleagues and I spent a good deal of time going through the collection in the Yeats family home in Dalkey. It had belonged to Senator Michael Yeats, son of WB and it was his children, none of them living in Ireland, who decided to sell and give others the opportunity to enjoy this incredible historical collection. At one stage I opened a cupboard and moments later I was holding WB Yeats' hairbrushes in my hands. It was a cold and wet February day (nothing new there) and I remember turning to my colleague Charlie saying 'our job rocks!' I have never dreaded going to work. As Confucius said 'Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life'.

I was lucky, I knew from the age of 16 that I wanted to go into the art world as I totally loved art, sculpture and art history at that stage. Fast forward a few years, armed with an A level and a degree in History of Art from Trinity I was faced



with a crossroads – what area of the art market did I most want to gravitate towards? Was it to be the academic side, conservation, art business, work in a gallery or auction house? I knew it was the fast paced, every changing, variety of an auction house I would love.

Having just graduated I remember going to Bonham's in London for an interview. I was told I should come back Monday for a two week trial as a porter. A porter is someone responsible for physically handling all the works coming into the auction house for sale. Flexing my muscles I duly arrived on the Monday knowing my future career depended on the next two weeks. There wasn't a table or cabinet that I didn't move, a coffee I didn't make, a Hoover I didn't grab and I spent many late nights offering to help cataloguers with their work. Perhaps having played lacrosse for the West of England Lacrosse team at school had helped with my determination and stamina!

Success! At the end of the two weeks, I was given a contract as a porter. A job I think many of my family and friends questioned as they hardly thought I had the physique to move a Queen Anne desk. Also I was rather shocked, having dropped and broken a Chinese lamp in front of the Chairman during my first week. Luckily it was a later 19th century copy!

I loved it, there were 3-4 auctions a week that we were involved in from selling toys, paintings, jewellery, wine, rock and pop, etc. Six months later I was offered the job as a specific picture porter, which meant I was responsible for all the weekly painting sales, hanging, the view, stacking, wrapping pictures and this was to be my world for the next six months

until I was offered a position as a picture cataloguer in the 19th Century English and Continental painting dept. I had got to where I had really wanted in one year through hard work and perseverance.

I spent the next six years cataloguing over 200 pictures a week and trained as an auctioneer. A moment I would never forget was my first auction. Nick Bonham, a renowned auctioneer, trained me and by trained I mean we practiced twice in a fake auction setting and then suddenly mid live auction, whilst I was commission clerking for him, he passed over to me. No warning, nothing – but the best way to start – I just jumped up on the rostrum and off I went. Apparently during one lot my increment went up from £800 to £1,000 – (it should have been a 10% jump) however same said chairman (who I had broken the Chinese in front of) was standing at the back of the auction commented that 'he liked my style' clearly recognising the auction house was making even more money!

Seven years at Bonham's and I was approached by Sotheby's to run the office in Dublin. I wanted to come home, (having grown up in Galway) and an offer from one of the best auction houses in the world. I jumped at the chance and here I am 18 years later having been involved with sales such as Yeats, The Jefferson Smurfit Collection, David Bowie sale last year, and selling the most expensive Irish painting at auction in 2001 by Sir William Orpen close to £2m stg. I have seen the highs and lows of the Irish art market, but also been involved with selling some amazing record breaking items from Jewels, wine, furniture, paintings, Chinese, cars etc. It has been fun and I love it.

Other memorable moments over the last few years include arriving to see a client as the last rites were being read, they thought I was the doctor. Having to ask a VIP client if they had a tractor as I ended up in a ditch having driven down what I thought was their back drive, clearly not.

So what would I tell my 16 year old self now, with my 30 odd years of experience, and the benefit of hindsight? Firstly I would have been probably too engrossed listening to Band Aid and on my large Walkman – (mobile phones were just coming on market in the America for \$4,000).



So the advice ...

1. Don't forget to buy shares in a company called Facebook.
2. Work hard, think outside the box and you will achieve but remember everyone is replaceable.
3. Learn to touch type.
4. Stop talking at people, listen and ask questions, be interested in others (you'll have a much better conversation).
5. Don't stick to just what you know – challenge yourself and tackle the scary stuff too.
6. Enjoy school and university even more – it's true they are the best years of your life.
7. Follow your dreams because if you are passionate you'll succeed.
8. Be willing to start at the bottom and persevere.
9. And finally be appreciative of the sacrifice your parents are making for you ...they could be spending the school fees on nice jewellery and fine wine from Sotheby's!



PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



PRIZES 2016-17

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

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1B **Samuel Walsh,
Michelle Yang**
1D **Andrew Whyte,
Ella Maxwell**
1F **Laura Cole,
Eoin Quinn**
1L **Kayla Kennedy,
Zoe Dunne**
1R **Oscar Maharg Bravo,
Cillian West**

Progress Prizes:

- 1B **Luke Hardy,
Daragh McGrath**
1D **Ruth Stewart,
Daniel Scholtes**
1F **Harry Doran,
Nathan McLoughlin**
1L **Derek Ukagba, Finn Reilly**
1R **Noam Biron, Eileen Curran**

ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

2017-18

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship:

Daimee Ng

Zion Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Oscar Hannon Smyth

Kildare Place National School

Charlotte Egan

Notre Dame Junior School

Andrew Farrelly

Sandford Parish National School

David Odekunle

Lucan Educate Together National School

Matteo Sanvito

Harolds Cross National School

Music Scholarship:

Ena Ó Foghlú

Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School

Simone Giunta

Holy Family National School



Form 2

Class Prizes:

2GR **Mary-Rose Burke,
Hugh Stafford Langan**
2RL **Ciaran Adair,
Leanne O'Brien**
2RW **Eimear Quinn,
Rachel Low**
2S **Éile Ní Chonbhuí,
Joshua Rance**
2W **Isobel Bowen,
John Kennedy**

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

2GR **Annie Sun,
Nathaniel Kaye Mellor**
2RL **David Wilson,
Amy Stevens**
2RW **Ellen Sweeney,
Stepan Letsko**
2S **Naomi Sebastian,
Chloe Loh**
2W **Bevin Dixon,
Sebastian Stroie**



Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best overall in Form 3):
Siobhan Trimmer

Art – Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Anna Lyons

Business Studies – SS Evans Prize:
Harry Lynch

Classical Studies:
Alexandra Yang

Civic, Social & Political Education –
Parents' Association Prize:
**Angela Burke, Alison Daly,
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar,
Thomas Kelly, Sadhbh Milton**

English – Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Siobhan Trimmer

French – Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Enya Mak

Geography – Miss Latimer's Prize:
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

German – German Government Prize:
Patrick Tallon

History – Casserley Prize:
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

Home Economics – Dr Maurice
Anderson's Prize:
Siobhan Trimmer

Irish – Jellett Memorial Prize:
Enya Mak

Materials Technology (Wood) – Parents'
Association Prize:
James O'Connor

Mathematics – Dillon Prize:
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

Music – Diocesan School Prize:
Sol Bell-Megaw

Religious Education- Parents'
Association Prize:
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

Science – Dorothy Blakeney Prize:
Frederik Loose

Technical Graphics – Parents'
Association Prize:
Conor Schmidt

Progress Prizes:

3G **Nicole Holland, Éabha Hughes**
3H **Lucy Brennan, Amy Tala**
3R **Evan Jennings, Lisa Roche**
3S **Amy Boyd, Oghenekaro Ootobo**
3W **Thomas Myles,
Ifeoluwa Oduntan**



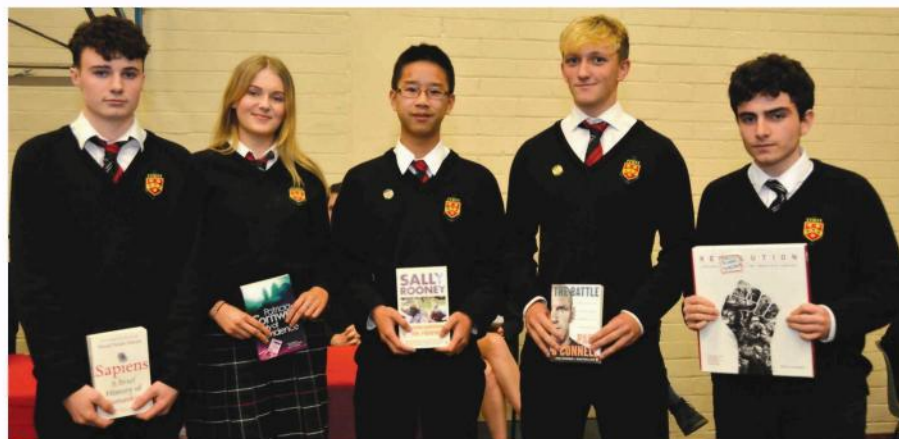
Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):

Dylan Walsh

Class Prizes:

**Elicia Burke, Fields Chung,
Caoimhe Barry Corr, William
Cosgrave, Katarina Cvetkovic,
Michael Guastalla, James Kinsella,
Peter Lynch, Edward Meredith,
Max O'Donnell, Darragh Quinn,
Haris Webster**

**Form 6**

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

High School Exhibition:

(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)

Rachel Ferguson

John Thompson Scholarship:

Eoin Scarlett

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)

Conor Empey

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

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

Aela O'Flynn

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Mark Deering

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Yuliya Mikulchyk

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

Ronan O'Byrne

Accounting

John Burns

Applied Mathematics –

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:

Rachel Ferguson

Art – Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Nicola Merriman

Biology – Miss Jagoe Prize:

Aela O'Flynn

Business – SS Evans Prize:

Natalie Ko

Chemistry – Dr Start's Prize:

Timothy Dolan

Classical Studies – Etheline Brady Prize:

Eoin Scarlett

Construction Studies – Parents'

Association Prize:

Katie Wyse Jackson

Design and Communication Graphics –

Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Timothy Dolan

Economics – Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Jack Iredale

English – Bessie Bury Prize:

Rachel Ferguson

French – McNay Prize:

Aela O'Flynn

Geography – Miss Latimer's Prize:

Alexander Durac

Geology – Ivan King Memorial Prize:

James Anderson

German – German Government Prize:

Rachel Ferguson

History – Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Rachel Ferguson

Home Economics – Dr Maurice
Anderson's Prize:

Natalie Ko

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:

Rachel Ferguson

Mathematics – Foster Memorial Prize:

Conor Empey

Music – Diocesan School Prize:

Mark Deering

Physics:

Rachel Ferguson

Spanish – Ray White Memorial Prize:

Ella Schmidt

Class Prizes: **Elizabeth Boyd,
Rhys Butler, Sinéad Dunne,
Sophie Hayes, Kate O'Shea, Milo
O'Sullivan, Lauren Styles**

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

Sophie Hayes

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

Past Pupils' Union Debating Medal:

Grace Gageby

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

James Kinsella

(for contribution to the Choir and Drama
productions)

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Fields Chung and Joy Sherwood

(for their roles as Green School
Ambassadors)



Past Pupils' Union Awards

Head Boy:

Ronan O'Byrne

Head Girl:

Aela O'Flynn

Jean Scott Trophy:

Mark Deering

Old Boys' Cup:

Kate O'Shea



LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2018

6D

Olutamilore Adeduntan
Anca Avasilichioaiei
Katie Boland
Saskia Bos
Ben Chaloner
Shaun Dambaza
Alex Flynn
Isabella Gannon
Patrick Gannon
Calum Gillis
Cian Hoban
Rebecca Jones
Samuel Kenny
Sarah Morley
Darragh O'Reilly
Adam O'Rourke
Spencer Peace
Ellen Rafferty
Sadbh Rohu
Ross Samson
Ciara Shaw
Ella Squire
Ruby Stein
Jamie Ukagba
Kitty Walsh Dignam

6H

Sittha Bailey
Patrick Barnes
Siobhán Chinenyanga
Grace Gageby
Holly Greene
Obi James-Geary
Alex Kinch
Oliver O'Toole

6R

Evan Bailey
Anna Bismilla
Catherine Boyd
Grace Campbell
James Carter
Laura Clinch
Zak Coghlan
Ella Connolly
Olivia Cunningham
Marley Dempsey
Jake Farrell
Laura Galvin
Laragh Harris-Boon
Alison Jones
Jamie Kapdan
Boyuan Lu
Gianluca Lyons
Emmett McDonagh Fox
Jason McGrath
Órla O'Byrne
Peter O'Leary
Tony Park
Zack Rafter
Caroline Ryan
Sophie Ryan Forrest

Caoimhe Shanley-Mee
James Shaw
Kerry-Anne Timmins
William Anderson

6T

Matthew Barlow
Alice Burleigh
Adam Byrne
Harry Byrne
Fields Chung
William Cosgrave
Daniel Fagan
Morgan Kane O'Brien
Miriam Kelly
Jaime Knox MacLeod
Jude Lysaght
Isobel Mahon
Zara Naughton
Max O'Donnell
Darragh Quinn
Nathan Shaw

6TV

Avery Angle
Erica Bowen
Alexander Chambers
Andrew Cloughley
Milly Coghlan
Gerard Colman
Katarina Cvetkovic
Luke Diggins
Michael Guastalla
Oscar Higgins
Stephen Landy
Peter Lynch
Auryn Mahon
Edward Meredith

James Metoudi
Kate Morgan Lawson
Jason Mullen
Oisín Ó Conbhuí
Keisha O'Brien
Saidhbhe O'Brien
Jake Pillow
Kealan Quinn
Jake Richardson
Dylan Walsh
Haris Webster

6W

Munachi Anele
Caoimhe Barry Corr
Elicia Burke
Kyle Butler
Ella Byrne
Sam Cosgrove
Éanna Curran
Fiachra de hOra
Kaarunya Gurusamy
Adam Kealy
Martin Kelly
Jacob Kennedy
James Kinsella
Malika Kola-Cahill
Adam Lalor
Alexander Lin
Harry Moloney
Loris Nikolov
Alex O'Regan
Ellen Ridgeway
Jamie Topping
Matthew Wallace
Harry Walsh
Rachel Webster



JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2018

3GR

Michael Asu-Bisong
Georgina Byrne
Juliette Christle
Robert Cloughley
Hannah Dillon
Isaak Foley
Sarah Heeran
Kane Hennessy
Nathaniel Kaye Mellor
Jordan Laing
Stephen Lalor
Catherine Lenehan
Samuel Mawhinney
Stephanie Olaniyan
Adam Sharpe
Lara Smith
Hugh Stafford Langan
Isabella Stuart
Annie Sun
Alex Walsh Malone

3RL

Ciaran Adair
Oisín Brennan
Rachel Browning
Daniel Fiala Li
Fareedah Hafis-Omotayo
Hannah Kennedy
Layla Kenny
Jake King
Eva Layte
Senan MacKeogh
Conor Moore
Leanne O'Brien
Calistus Omoikhudu
Louis O'Sullivan
Sam Redmond
Eve Sisson
Oisín Stapleton Doyle
Amy Stevens

Clara Wilson
David Wilson

3RW

Daniel Awode
Orla Bagnall
Brian Carter
Alannah Childs
Matthew Donovan
Zac Dorfman
Amelia Durac
Max Hauxwell
Niall Healy
Stepan Letsko
Rachel Low
Fergus McDonagh Fox
Ben Mitchell
Dylan Murphy
Louis O'Leary
Eimear Quinn
Brianna Schindler
Rachel Simms
Ewan Squire
Ellen Sweeney
Aoife Tallon

3S

Emily Dam
Robin Davey
John Luka Doherty
Emily Fitzgerald
Ethan Flynn
Samuel Hurley
Simone Iannacone
Armstrong Lawal
Chloe Loh
Saul Lysaght
Ian Mayrs
Éle Ní Chonbhuí
Kyle O'Dwyer

Joshua Ogunkayode
Anna O'Shea
Alison Peace
Joshua Rance
Naomi Sebastine
Seán Slator Nelson
Thea Walsh Malone
Tom Wang
Ben Whelan

3W

Isobel Bowen
Bevin Dixon
Cate Dooley
Scott Dunne
Michael Holland
Daniel Hudson
John Kennedy
Yehonatan Levy
Billy Ly
Georgina McCarthy
Mia McCullough
Jessica McDermott
Thomasin McKenna
Aimée Merriman
Boaz Ninan
Sammy Nyambura
Joshua Roycroft
Charlie Silke
Aviv Sivak
Sebastian Stroie
Roger Sun
Abigail Sykes



ART



FORM 1



DEPARTMENTS

FORM 2



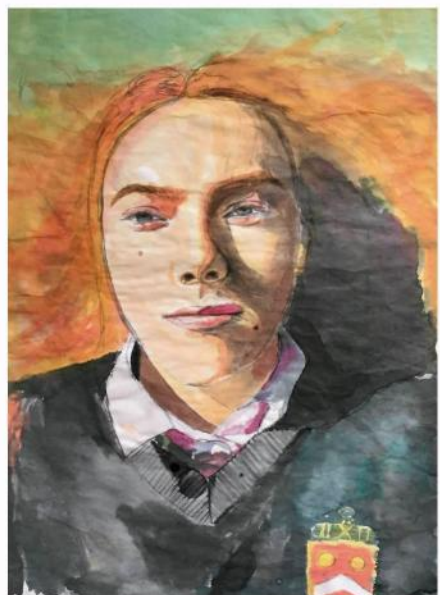
FORM 3

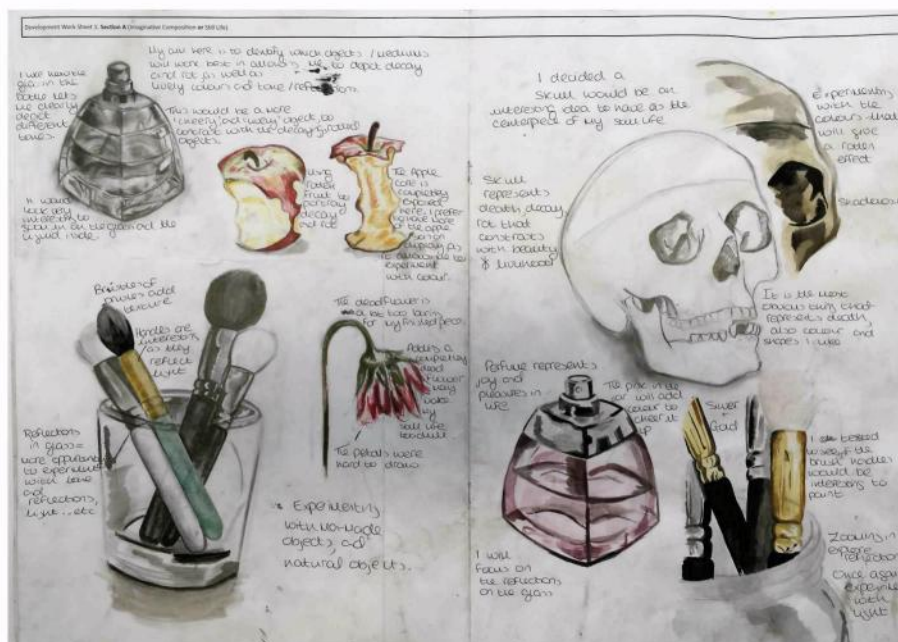


FORM 5



FORM 4





BUSINESS STUDIES

UCD BUSINESS AWARDS

Myself and three other High School pupils attended a business studies day out in UCD. It was organised for all pupils in Ireland who achieved an A grade in their Junior Certificate last year. We arrived in the UCD Business Centre and were each given a bag with various items in it such as a phone case and a pen, for example. We also received a certificate acknowledging our success in the subject and attendance of the event.

We were given two talks while we were there. The first one was about studying in UCD and the courses available to students there and the kinds of things that people our age might end up doing later in life. Our second talk was about managing people and how technology developments have affected business around the world. Both talks were really interesting and brought up new ideas and options we had not considered much.

Overall, the trip was a great experience and I learnt a lot from it. Lastly, I'd like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for organizing and bringing us on the trip.

Harry Lynch

FORM 1 BUSINESS OUTING

We visited a local bank in Rathgar on the 4 December as part of our Business Studies class. A bank employee spoke to us about various types of loans. They showed us the safe where they kept all the money. We also met the tellers and even got to count some money behind the counter. We were given a goodie bag and treats before we left. It was a great tour of our local bank as we learned a lot about how the bank functions and I would recommend it to future Business classes.

Tara Carey



CAREER GUIDANCE

We in the Guidance Department support all our pupils throughout their six years with us, by providing educational, career guidance and general counselling.

Our formal support begins in Transition Year when all pupils have a meeting with one of the Guidance Counsellors to assist them with their subject choices.

Form 5 pupils have careers class once a week following a particular guidance programme. Our Form 5 pupils engaged in all the various Guidance activities this year including a visit to the UCD campus and then a series of presentations from various visiting colleges notably Trinity College Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Institute of Art Design and Technology, National University of Ireland Maynooth, Dublin Business School, and EUNICAS which is the agency for application to study in Europe.

The vast majority of our Form 5 pupils also availed of the experience to have a 'mock interview' in a potential area of interest. We are extremely grateful to Vanessa Connolly, Deputy Principal, for all her trojan work in organising the mock interviews this year. This experience is enormously beneficial for all our pupils.

The Guidance Department has been having a typically busy year with 127 Form 6 pupils being assisted with their research and exploration of their decisions and all their various college applications. While the vast majority of our pupils choose to study in Ireland we are seeing an increasing trend in people applying to various European colleges and broadening their options and choices. In order to also assist parents we also held a CAO and EUNICAS information evening for all interested Form 6 parents in November.

We would like to wish all our Form 6 pupils of 2017/2018 every success as they transition to the next stage of their journey.

**Ms Mc Donnell
and Ms Whelan**

UCD TOUR

On the 25 April 2018, Form 5 were brought to UCD for a lecture and a tour of the campus. We learned lots about the courses available, societies in the community, work placement opportunities and how it is possible to

tailor your course to focus on the things you are most interested in studying.

The tour of the campus was eye-opening. There are so many different buildings and facilities, you truly wouldn't ever have to leave! With over 30,000 pupils, it would be easy to imagine getting lost in the crowd however the students ambassadors assured us that everyone settles in quickly enough.

The tour of UCD was a great eye-opener and beneficial for all of us. I think we will all use what we learnt in the upcoming months. Thank you to Ms McDonnell, Ms Whelan and Ms Connolly who all made this trip possible.

Shona Carey

MOCK INTERVIEWS

On the 17 April, Form 5 pupils participated in mock interviews organised by the guidance department. The interview consisted of a series of questions with a parent volunteer who worked in that pupil's career area of interest. In the weeks leading up to the interviews, pupils prepared CVs and personal statements so the interview would be as close to a real college course interview as possible. Waiting in the library before being called down to their interviewers you could see the variation of anticipation across the pupils. Once seated across the table from a smiling parent however, everyone's nerves seemed to really fade.

The interview provided a valuable opportunity for the pupils to talk about themselves and their strengths as individuals, a difficult skill to master. The interviewers also provided helpful assistance in regards to what should and shouldn't be included in a CV and personal statement. By all accounts, it was the feedback at the end that was of greatest benefit to the pupils. The sense of achievement afterwards was immense and a joy to witness. Later on in the evening pupils and teachers had a chance to mingle allowing for more feedback and self-evaluation.

It was a very worthwhile experience and much useful knowledge was gained. A big thank you is owed to the guidance department for putting the evening together so well that the pupil and interviewer were well matched.

Katie Moore

CSPE

CONCERN FAST 2017

On the 23 November 2017 3GR and 3W took part in the Concern 24hr fast to raise money for Concern. It was harder than we thought it would be. For the fast, you could give up anything such as sweets, your phone or food for 24hrs. We decided that we would all go without food. It was extremely eye-opening. Having access to food is something we take for granted, and I learnt this the hard way. Halfway through the school day I felt extremely weak and I felt completely horrible by the end of the day, which made me think if this is how I feel after only 12 hours without food, how do hundreds of thousands go without a basic life source every day? Not only did it make us more aware of the problems going on in the world, we also raised over a thousand euro for Concern. Overall, it was an eye-opening experience.

Juliette Christle

BAKE SALE 2017

Our Form took part in organizing a bake sale with our teacher Ms Hutchinson Edgar. We did this to raise money for the charity Concern. Concern helps countries that have been through war and natural disasters like Syria. I really enjoyed working with my form to make this bake sale happen. Especially, since it was helping families and children to be able to start providing for themselves. We made all sorts of cakes, cupcakes, cookies and more. It means a lot to know that whoever bought anything from our bake sale was helping so many more. We also learnt so much more about the charity itself. We learnt about people who have had their rights and human dignity taken away from them. It also made me realise how truly lucky I am to have a good education, a warm house with water, food and a bed to sleep in. The main thing I took away from this bake sale is not to take for granted my life and to always give back when I can.

Alex Malone



SLEEP IN

On 21 December pupils from Form 3 supervised by their teachers spent the night in The Reynolds Hall to raise awareness of, and funds for, Focus Ireland. The night began with a poetry reading and a screening of videos which dealt with the issue of homelessness. This was followed by a discussion. When it was time to sleep we lay down on the judo mats. In the morning we cleaned up the hall and had some cereal for breakfast. It was a tiring but interesting experience. We learnt a lot of new things and had fun at the same time. We know that being homeless is a lot worse than what we experienced that night but now we have a better understanding of the issues. In conclusion we are grateful to The High School and to Focus Ireland for giving us this opportunity to raise awareness of the problem of homelessness in our society. We raised a total of €2,000 in sponsorship which was subsequently donated to support the work of Focus Ireland.



CLASSICAL STUDIES

JUNIOR CYCLE AND TRANSITION YEAR SPARTA PARTY

The 2017/2018 year has been a busy one for The High School Junior Cycle and Transition Year Classical Studies classes. Our Form 1 pupils went to Hades and back again, delving into Greek and Roman mythology, history, architecture and much, much more along the way. One of the stand-out memories is surely their recreation of the Battle of Cannae (216 BC). Fought between the Roman Army and the Carthaginians, this battle proved to be a key turning point in the Second Punic War. This time however, it was fought with cardboard shields in the battle-weary terrain of the Reynolds Hall.

The Form 2 pupils attacked their studies with the same vigour the Greeks must have used to besiege Priam's walled city of Troy. They studied Homer's Iliad and read a Roman Comedic play, The Swaggering Soldier. They also explored the town of Pompeii in antiquity, and thought about how the devastating eruption of Mt Vesuvius paradoxically gave us life through destruction; the preservation of a Roman town. In the process, they made their own Fiorelli plaster casts, and presented Pompeii projects. We had not one, but two Vesuvius models complete with vinegar and baking soda eruptions.

Our Form 3 pupils worked extremely hard, revising and tackling new topics such as the Life and Times of Julius Caesar. A key date in the Classics calendar is always 15 March, for this was the infamous day of Caesar's assassination— not in the Forum though, thanks Shakespeare! This year, the date was commemorated by all Junior Cycle classes with an Ides of March Roman Feast. The pupils each brought in items of food, cutlery etc. to contribute to the festivities, as well as their own togas for the black tie dress code of sorts.

Our Transition Year pupils experienced life as ancient Spartans for their six-week Classical Studies module. They learned of the Agoge education system, and the Phalanx infantry formation. They learned of Spartan weaponry and equipment, and about the lives of Spartan women and men. They even learned of the ingredients required for the special delicacy of Spartan black blood soup, although admittedly, they

did not experience this one first hand. At the end of the module, each form class presented practical projects in groups. There were Laconian cakes aplenty, and enough cardboard and paper Hoplon shields to fill an armory! The pupils certainly embraced the brief for these projects, and constructed them together, like true Spartans.

All in all, a productive year for our young classicists.

Mr Milofsky

TRANSITION YEAR PRACTICAL PROJECTS

As part of their Form 4 rotating History module, each Transition Year form group have the chance to travel back in time to the Classical World and experience life in the ancient Greek city state, or polis, of Sparta.

Six weeks, is of course, not enough time to truly explore the life and times of the Spartans in great detail, but we certainly give it a go – a feat I'd imagine the Spartans themselves would approve of!

We learn of Spartan Education and Warfare; the trials and tribulations of Spartan daily life, and the stomach churning ingredients of Spartan food. We decipher our fates with Oracles, and strategise over Spartan battle formations. Most significantly, we present projects at the end of each group's module.

The pupils must produce practical projects. No PowerPoints allowed—they must make something! From painstakingly designed Spartan cakes, to intricate and detailed Spartan weapons and entertaining Spartan movies, the pupils must make something to represent their experience with any aspect of their Classical History module. It is undoubtedly safe to say that Spartans were doers. They changed the entire landscape of Ancient Greek Warfare, and if it were not for their pyrrhic victory at the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC, one could argue the infamous doctrine of Greek Freedom through philosophical thought and action may not have come into existence. It is therefore only just, I think, for our Transition Year Classicists to produce projects of action as well.

Mr Milofsky



CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

Construction Studies enjoyed another great year through 2017-2018. The pupils rose to the challenge of illustrating all they have learnt and applying it in their capstone projects. Many pupils this year chose to demonstrate their knowledge of the curriculum by scale models of current building techniques however, some stayed with the traditional design and make pieces. Form 6 were active throughout the year and many sacrificed their time after school to give full commitment to the course. By the end of April their relief finishing their portfolio and project was met with the rapidly approaching practical examination, a four hour intensive craftsmanship challenge which contributed to twenty five per cent of their final grade. The pupils made great strides this year and will tackle the examination with the best preparation they could have hoped for.

Mr O'Sullivan



ENGLISH

"People who love literature have at least part of their minds immune from indoctrination. If you read, you can learn to think for yourself".

Doris Lessing

The English Department at The High School had a busy year. Our State Examination results in 2017 were very well received and we congratulate all pupils on their achievements. This was the first time that the Junior Cycle English course was assessed, and the results were very encouraging, however the number of pupils achieving top grades has been significantly reduced, countrywide. This examination will take time to bed into the school, along with all the new Junior Cycle subjects coming on stream.

In October our Leaving Certificate pupils attended a production of King Lear in the Mill Theatre, Dundrum to see a production of William Shakespeare's King Lear. All students enjoyed the trip and benefitted from seeing a production of one of the key Leaving Certificate texts acted out in a local theatre.

In March we celebrated World Book day and the students in Form 1 had a visit from Ger Siggins, sports journalist; writer (children's fiction) and editor (Times Ireland, Irish Independent 1916 series) who spoke about his writing and his published books, 'The Rugby Spirit' series. It was a very informative visit and one that many students enjoyed.

A number of students entered various literary competitions and performed readings at "An Evening of Reflection". Some of our students availed of the opportunity to perform on stage in the Form 5 production of "Ghost - The

Musical" and the Junior Play production of "The Almost Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel". A number of senior students also performed, with great success, in the 30th Anniversary of the St Andrew's College One Act Play Competition. Meanwhile, former pupil Paige Leavy has recently returned from a college term studying drama in Chicago, a wonderful opportunity for a talented acting student.

Perhaps the most far reaching event of this year and going forward was the upgrade of the Library facility. The Library has been transformed into a bright and modern room, but books and literature remain at its core. The work promoting the HSD Library by Mr Ronnie Wallace and especially Mrs Valerie King will be remembered, and the newly refurbished library is a continuation of the time, effort and work they completed over the years.

On a final note, one of the new aspects of the new Junior Cycle English is the Classroom Based Assessment of the pupils completing an oral assessment task in second year. This task could include delivery of a monologue, an interview, a presentation, a recitation and so forth. The pupils really engaged with this task and the feedback at the Subject Learning and Review Meeting was very positive and informative. Hopefully we will continue to produce more poets and presenters in the future and in the words of John F Kennedy; "If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him... We must never forget that art is not a form of propaganda; it is a form of truth."

Mr Miller

GEOGRAPHY

2017-18 was a very successful year for The High School Geography Department with great trips, excellent exam results and many new teaching techniques in the classrooms. The Department continued to pursue our aim of equipping pupils with the skills and knowledge required to take on the challenges posed by global issues facing our planet today. Key topics of study this year included how to manage the Earth's Natural Resources, exploring the reasons for Economic Inequality and debating solutions to Urban Problems

Fieldwork research made up a key part of the course for many pupils. Form 6 visited Shankill Beach, Co. Dublin to complete their Leaving Certificate project. This year's project focused on investigating a landform found at the coast, and our pupils selected to study how a cliff is formed. The pupils investigated the processes of coastal erosion and glacial deposition. This gave the pupils an opportunity to apply what they had been learning in the classroom to real life, and to develop important research skills which will benefit their future studies. Feedback from our Leaving Cert pupils always highlights the importance of Fieldwork as it helps them recognize the relevance of the subject, helps them develop their understanding and develops beneficial skills such as teamwork and communication.

The Geography Department at The High School know how lucky we are to have the River Dodder beside the school grounds and the Form 5 classes have spent time monitoring river erosion and deposition and studying the human impact of flooding. The school grounds offer us many interesting rock and soil samples and, to support the development of research skills & critical thinking in our pupils, we try to bring learning outside the classroom as much as weather will allow!

Meanwhile, Form 3 classes have been studying Urbanisation and the problems that can be associated with unplanned urban growth. Pupils have been conducting fieldwork research in the Rathgar area, firstly by mapping land use function around the school and in Rathgar village, and secondly, by conducting traffic counts to assess the problem of traffic congestion as Dublin continues to grow rapidly.



Form 1 have been studying Economic Activity in Ireland and, as part of their studies into farming, visited Causey Farm in Co Meath. This fun day out helped everyone understand the inputs, processes and outputs involved in running a farm. The trip involved a tour of the farm with Matt, the official farmer, bread making and bog jumping! Everyone had a great day and now understand what work happens from season to season on a mixed farm. Proposed trips for next year include a fieldwork project in Dublin Docklands, visits to the Poolbeg Incinerator and a workshop at Irish Aid. Well done to all our great Geography pupils on your many successes this year and your continued enthusiasm and hard work!

Ms Wilson

FIELD TRIPS

Form 6 Geography classes went on a field trip to Shankill Beach. All pupils doing Leaving Certificate Geography must study coastal erosion and produce a booklet on their findings. This is worth 20 percent of the overall marks. Our classes decided to look at erosion of the cliff on Shankill Beach. When we arrived at the beach we tested our hypotheses by measuring the height and frequency of the waves and the composition of the cliff. It was worthwhile to see coastal erosion first hand and to spend the day out of doors.

Miriam Kelly

Form 1 went on a Geography field trip to Causey Farm, Co Meath. We went to the farm on two buses (my friend and I really wanted to go on the double decker bus, but unfortunately all the seats were taken). When we arrived, we split into groups and mine headed straight for the farm tour. This included getting stuck in a cow pen, saying hello to a massive pig, and milking a friendly cow. Then we made some tasty bread and had our lunch. After that, we went to the bog in a jam-packed, open-backed tractor. No one could move a muscle! The bog jumping was hilarious and great fun. We all got stuck at least once! Afterwards, we changed into clean clothes, collected our homemade bread, and headed back to school. I had an amazing time and I wish we could go again next year.

Leah McGrath



GEOLOGY

Form 5 Geology class was treated this year to a talk by Dr Bill Schindler, an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. As both an experimental archaeologist and primitive technologist his research and teaching revolve around a comprehensive understanding of prehistoric technologies including lithic (stone tool) technologies, prehistoric ceramic technologies, projectile technologies, hunting, foraging, hide working, fibre technologies and all aspects of prehistoric food acquisition, processing, storage, and consumption. Some of you might recognise his name from the National Geographic show "The Great Human Race" in which Dr Schindler demonstrates how prehistoric man survived around the world. Dr Schindler opened the talk with an explosive practical demonstration, showing us how people from the Paleolithic made tools out of stone. He had a lot to teach us about the different types of rocks, their practical uses as tools, as well as the way in which tool use has shaped the evolution of human beings over time. We had the great opportunity to examine rare rock types used by these ancient humans, and reconstructions of artefacts that they left behind. Afterwards Dr. Schindler was happy to answer our many questions on the topic. We all had a great time and learned much from his discussion.

James Cole

HOME ECONOMICS





NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Ms Bergin and Ms Garnett brought all senior Home Economics pupils to the National Ploughing Championships. It was a great day out as there was so much to see and do. With cooking shows, sheep shearing, rides and great food, there was plenty of variety to interest everyone. The event managers and stall owners were very inclusive and made it a priority to involve and interest all audiences. There were lots of big names exhibiting products and taking part in demonstrations such as author and celebrated chef, Rachel Allen. All in all, it was a fantastic day out!

Clara Lee



IRISH

SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE 2018

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge ar siúl timpeall na tíre i rith mí na Márta. Is deis iontach é ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar ár gcultúr agus ar ár dteanga féin. Bhí pobal na hArd Scoile uilig rannpháirteach in imeachtaí Sheachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana. B'iomáí imeachtaí a bhí ar siúl againn i rith na seachtaine agus bhain gach duine spraoi agus sult as an Ghaeilge a chloisteáil go flúirseach sa scoil. Is cinnte go bhfuil an teanga beo beathach anseo san Ard Scoil!

Bhí an t-ádh dearg orainn go raibh an aimsir go breá grianmhar i rith na seachtaine. I measc na n-imeachtaí a bhí ar siúl againn bhí Damhsa Gaelach, Tráth na gCeist, Peil Gaelach, Poc Fada, Amhránaíocht, Ceol Traidisiúnta, Léamh na Filíochta, Comórtas na bPóstaer agus neart cluichí agus imeachtaí spráilúla eile.

Tionól na Maidine Bhailigh na daltaí agus na múinteoirí le chéile ag Tionól na Maidine i rith na seachtaine chun scoth an cheoil a chloisteáil agus chun damhsa beomhar a fheiceáil. Cuireadh tús fuinniúil le gach lá de Sheachtain na Gaeilge sa dóigh seo chun pobal na scoile a spreagadh. Rinne an Príomhoide a óráid go huile is go hiomlán as Gaeilge agus dúradh paidir na maidine as Gaeilge chomh maith. Léadh dán a bhí aistrithe go Gaeilge a scríobh W.B Yeats, a bhí mar iar-dhalta anseo san Ard Scoil.

Thaitin an céilí sa halla go mór leis na daltaí. Thug sé seo deis iontach do na daltaí a mbuanna a chur os comhair phobal na scoile uile. I measc na rincí a rinneadh bhí Ballaí Luimnigh agus Aoibhneas na Bealtaine. Léiríodh an t-ardmheas atá ar chultúr na hÉireann i measc na ndaltaí ag an ócáid thaitneamhach seo.

Bhí deis ag na daltaí (agus ag na múinteoirí!) a gcuid scileanna iománaíochta a chleachtadh le linn an chomórtais 'Poc Fada'. Is í aidhm an chomórtais seo ná cumas na ndaltaí a chothú ach is deis mhaith í freisin chun iad a chur ar an eolas faoin stair a bhaineann leis an bPoc Fada trí bhéaloideas na hÉireann i mbealach taitneamhach.

Dhear na daltaí póstaerí iontacha do Chomórtas na bPóstaer. Bronnadh duaiseanna ar na buaiteoirí agus crochadh timpeall na scoile iad na póstaerí chun gach duine a spreagadh Gaeilge a labhairt. Is léir go bhfuil ár

gcultúr le feiceáil i measc na scoláirí agus tá athbheochan na Gaeilge ag dul ó neart go neart.

IRISH MUSIC

Tháinig John Spillane go dtí An Ard Scoil ar an Aoine seo caite chun ceardleann a déanamh. Chan sé cupla amhrán as Gaeilge agus ceann amháin as Béarla, agus ghlac daltaí as gach bhliain páirt sa cheolchoirm. Nuair a chríochnaigh John, chan cupla daltaí amhráin. Bhí an ócáid ar fheabhas agus bhain gach duine taitneamh as. Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le John Spillane, Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise agus gach dalta a ghlac páirt.

James Kinsella

MATHEMATICS
MATHS TRIP

On Wednesday the 18 October, all of Form 5 went on a Maths trip in celebration of Maths Week 2017. We went to the National Concert Hall to listen to a talk by Dr Aoife Hunt (mathematician and specialist in microsimulation) and Rob Eastaway (internationally renowned populariser of Maths, the very first international speaker for the first Maths Week Ireland in 2006, and giver of chocolate and stuffed dogs). Dr Hunt spoke to us about the maths behind crowd flow and predicting human behaviour, which can be used to make large events safer for all involved. She did a demonstration that our very own Cormac Dempsey got involved in, which from the levels of cheering, we all loved. In this demonstration she showed us how the speed of people can be affected by density, which is used to calculate the flow of people in a set space. It was very interesting, as humans often pride themselves on their unpredictability, and yet codes can simulate, very accurately, how humans would respond under certain conditions.

Rob Eastaway spoke about probability and how it can be used to increase your chances of winning a game. He spoke about the Monty Hall problem and showed us the best strategy (by maths) to use in a Million-Pound Drop scenario. He also showed us how, even though the maths says it's the best strategy, sometimes it doesn't work in real life, which was very interesting as it makes a paradox "You will need maths in your life but sometimes it doesn't work". He did some demonstrations of the various games and scenarios in which you would use what he showed us, and there were some prizes to be won, though no one from High School won, which was disappointing.

All in all, it was a great day, really interesting, and the perfect way to celebrate Maths Week Ireland.

Aiden Perdue



MODERN LANGUAGES EUROPEAN LANGUAGES WEEK

European Languages Week is always recognized and celebrated well at The High School. This a group from the Form 4 Spanish classes spent two weeks learning a flamenco dance, eventually performing it in Assembly. Ms Quilligan put a lot of time and effort into teaching us new dance steps and improving our (admittedly rusty dance skills). It was certainly a challenge to learn an entire new style of dance in such a short time, but we pulled it together in the end and put on a (nearly) perfect performance in Assembly. It was great fun and very interesting to learn a completely different tradition from another country.

Ms Wiggle also ran a packed schedule in the library. She organised quizzes, word searches, a display of European literature and even a screening of the French film 'la Famille B  lier'. I think it is safe to say that European languages week was enjoyed by many and was always a great success.

Isobel O'Donovan

FRENCH TRIP TO IFI

On Wednesday 11 October, all Form 4 French pupils enjoyed an outing to the Irish Film Institute. During our visit we saw "Ma vie de courgette" ("My life as a courgette"). It is an animated movie following a 9 year old boy called Courgette, who has lost his parents and has been sent to a foster home. The movie explores deep issues and the value of friendship and love. On a pass   une bonne journ  e!

**Alexander O'Connor
and Patrick Westphal**



PHYSICAL EDUCATION OUTDOOR PURSUITS

During the second week of school, Form 4 went on a PE outdoor excursion camping trip. We arrived in the morning in our gear and headed off in the bus. The ride was good fun until we were too far out of the city and no longer had reliable data, it was at this point that the trip had really begun. The day started with a hike up a very muddy slope, where we spent more energy picking ourselves up from falling than we did getting up the mountain. We then learnt some survival skills with some men from the army, and the highlight of the trip for lots of people was cooking the dinner on the fire, the vegetarians definitely won on the food front. We spent the night eating too many sweets in our tents and woke up the next morning to have a go on the high ropes. As for the trip back, I can't tell you what happened, as I was asleep.

Chloe Holmes



FORM 2 OUTDOOR TRIP



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TRIP TO MOSQUE



This year Form 2 were brought on a RE trip to Clonskeagh Mosque organized by Ms Hutchinson Edgar. We went to learn all about how Muslims worship God and praise him. Before entering the Mosque, we had to remove our shoes and make sure we were clean. We then went into a room where we received an excellent talk from Mr Zaidi. We learned all about how important prayer is for Muslims and when and where they pray. We also learned about the foundations of their religion. In addition, we got a tour of the library in the mosque and got to see their books of worship. The trip was very beneficial for the Junior Certificate project we had to do and was a great resource for our year.

Laura Cole

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION PROJECT

First I researched the ISS and got some good images of it. Next I gathered items such as cardboard tubes, bottle caps, wire, lollipop sticks, and other bits.

I started to build the frame interlocking the tubes using glue and tape. When I had done this I cut through the tubes, pushing the lollipop sticks through them to represent the solar panels.

I attached a mini astronaut on a piece of fishing line and when everything was in place I sprayed the model silver and left it to dry. I built a support for it out of a bottle so it was easier to see.

Ross Wilgar

SCIENCE

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

On Friday, 12 January, all of Form 1 went to see the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition at the RDS. This was a great opportunity for us to have a look at some of the projects that pupils and schools from around the country have been working on and was a great day out for all of us. The BT Young Scientist Exhibition is a national competition open to all second-level pupils in Ireland. The overall winner this year was Simon Meehan from Coláiste Choilm in County Cork who won the competition for his project on the investigation of how parts of selected plants have antimicrobial effects against bacteria.

The pupils' projects were displayed in the exhibition area. The projects consisted of ideas and innovations across sciences, engineering, technology and mathematics. The projects were very interesting to look at and obviously a lot of hard work had gone into them. If you are interested in entering this competition with a project of your own, for further information, check out the BT Young Scientist and Technology Exhibition website or talk to your science teacher.

There were also lots of interesting shows to go and see at the exhibition, such as 'The Mind-blowing Magic of Science', 'A Journey Through Space and Time', 'Ministry of Science' and many more.

Overall, this was a very enjoyable day out. Thank you to our science teachers who organised the trip so well. It was a great trip and everyone who attended found it very interesting and had a great day.

Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar



SENIOR SCIENCE QUIZ

The science quiz is one of the many quizzes you can enter in Form 6 and having gone to all three I can confidently say it was one of the most comprehensive, engaging and enjoyable quizzes that I had the pleasure of attending. Each team consists of three people, ideally, one Biology pupil, one Physics pupil, and one Chemistry pupil. You don't have to be an genius to win since the questions are more tailored to a general understanding of the respective courses rather than it being a simple memorization test. The quiz itself consisted of numerous rounds, each designed to test the knowledge of each science subject on the Leaving Certificate course, as well as the occasional special round such as naming Nobel Prize winners and a few science based ding-bats. Your score is easily tracked as at the end of each round the announcer reveals the answers to the previous round's questions. But even if you aren't there to win, the science quiz will not be a waste of your time.

Martin Kelly

SCIENCE WEEK

Several events and competitions took place with pupils in all forms being involved. The week began with an exciting demonstration of some fun experiments for Form 1 pupils by Form 3 pupils from Science Club. Later in the week, Form 4 pupils were treated to a thought-provoking talk on future technologies and careers by the NewsTalk radio presenter of the show Future Proof, Jonathan McCrea. Two competitions were held – the challenge for Junior Cycle pupils was to design an infographic with a scientific theme, while for Senior Cycle pupils the quest was for a new product design that would improve our lives. Prizes will be awarded to each year group. On Thursday, three teams of Form 6 Science pupils took part in the ISTA Senior Science Quiz Regional Finals at UCD, competing against local schools for the chance to qualify for the National Finals later in the month at Trinity College Dublin. Throughout the week there were Science competitions and displays in the Library. We were delighted with the levels of participation throughout which resulted in an exciting and fulfilling week for all concerned.

Dr Whitford

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

On Friday all Form 1 pupils went to the Science Exhibition. When we arrived, we were split into pairs and we went off to the Science Exhibition. The exhibition was split into different sections.

I first found the stand with a snake. The snake was alive, about 80cm long, light beige and brown in colour. We were allowed to hold it. It was very soft and smooth, like a dolphin, but you could feel its scales. There was no name written anywhere, but as I checked the internet later I found out it was a copperhead snake. I have never touched a snake before; it was great!

Then we moved to another crowded stand. It was dedicated to insects. There were lots of tiny insects distributed into three microscopes. We all had a chance to look at these tiny species and examine them thoroughly. Some of them were still alive and moved around.

After that I had to stay in a huge queue to play a labyrinth game with a magnet. I almost won but failed to finish. The game was silly, but funny. We then played 'Crack the code'. The idea was to find the correct code among different combinations of numbers. We finally found the correct answer.

Our last stop was near the device known as Van Der Graaf generator. It makes your hair stand on end! The device looked like a big aluminum ball mounted on a pedestal, and you could see its effect in the accompanying image.

There were so many amazing stands to see, but unfortunately, they were all so crowded, I didn't get to see them all. The time passed very quickly. We had time for lunch and after that we returned to school. It was an amazing day!

Milana Yanbukhtina



SCIENCE CLUB

Science is a key subject in a pupil's curricular education and for those who enjoy the subject Science Club is the ideal place. Form 3 Science Club were given the chance to participate in a science quiz on the 9 May. This quiz was hosted by the ISTA (Irish Science Teachers Association) at Belvedere College and was a splendid chance to test one's knowledge of not only Junior Cycle Science but also general knowledge and hot topics. The quiz hosted a total of 47 schools. Each school was allowed to submit multiple teams of three. The High School Dublin submitted two teams.

The quiz possessed many tricky questions which were responded to with surprised faces and puzzled minds. Our teams solved many difficult questions and accumulated a good score. The quiz consisted of 8 rounds and extra questions were provided to resolve ties. Our teams after some success emerged with a final rank of 8th and 13th. Though these scores were not in the top 3 this is still an achievement considering the vast amount of teams present.

Next year, as many years prior, there will be another quiz for the Form 3 for which new additions to Science Club are always accepted. The Science Club is always open to any Junior Cycle members interested in science. Lastly, Special thanks should be given to Dr Brusey for organising this year's Science Club.

Daniel Li



BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP

On 25-26 September, Form 6 Biology classes went to Portrane Beach as part of our ecology field trip. For our Leaving Certificate Biology examination, we must study 'The Ecology of the Rocky Seashore'. As soon as we arrived, everyone went ahead, observing and studying the variety of diverse marine wildlife, from animals to plants and seaweeds. Everyone noted the abundance of organisms and drew sketches and took notes to examine once we returned to The High School. Following a brief ice cream stop in 'Scrumdiddlys' in Portrane, we headed back to school with our findings. The day was very interesting and informative and really brought the subject to life!

Miriam Kelly



LIBRARY

This last year has been a very busy one for The High School Library. The Library underwent a complete refurbishment, closing just before the Christmas holidays and reopening three days after we returned in January.

The newly refurbished Library has proved very popular, with pupils and teachers alike. There are now two different types of study desks – those against the walls and under the windows for enhanced privacy, and 24 portable desks which can be moved into small groupings or a large circle. With study desks now under the windows overlooking the rugby pitch, many pupils avail of the extra light that comes through. The Library also now boasts new, comfortable seats – bright green soft stools to sit on and an armchair to relax and read in the sunshine.

Senator David Norris (HSD 1956-63) officially opened the refurbished Library on Thursday 26 April. Members of the Student Council joined Governors, teachers and representatives from the Parents' Association and the Past Pupils' Union, to celebrate the Library's reopening. Senator Norris entertained his audience with an amusing speech, prior to which he chatted informally with all present. Senator Norris then formally

cut a ribbon strung across the Library door and pronounced the Library open. Refreshments were provided afterwards by the wonderful Canteen staff.

Many activities and events occurred in the Library this last year. These include; Science Week, Space Week, European Day of Languages, Book Speed Dating, Junior Debating, Maths Week, Pi Day, Shakespeare's Birthday, a Mock Election for CSPE, World Book Day, International Womens' Day, Seachtain Na Gaeilge and The High School Library Readathon.

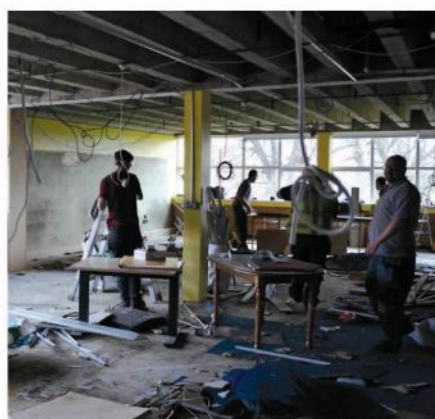
This year, the Library has introduced Board Game Friday, in the Junior lunch break. This has proved to be very popular, with Form 1, 2, and 3 playing Scrabble, Articulate, Snakes and Ladders and Scrabble as Gaeilge, to name a few.

The Library hosted two speakers this

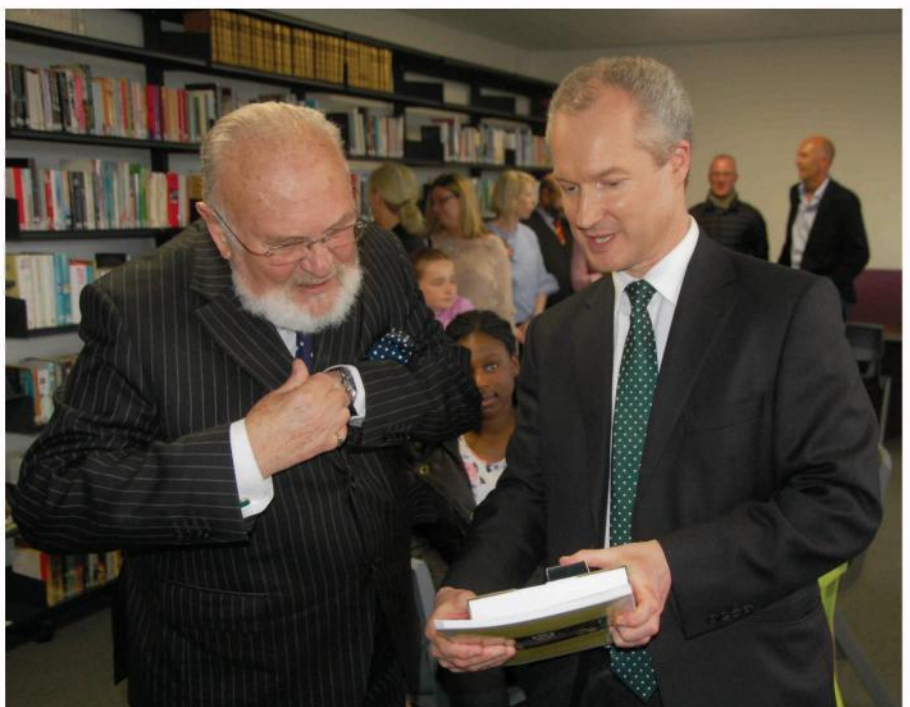
year. Gerard Siggins, Irish author, spoke to the whole of Form 1 about his books, The Rugby Series, as well as about writing in general. Dr Bill Schindler, a High School parent, talked to two different groups of pupils. He is an experimental archaeologist and primitive technologist, from Maryland, USA. He talked about archaeology and recovering artifacts with Form 1-3 Classical Studies pupils and followed this with a talk to Form 5 Geology pupils about stone tools, flinting and other primitive technologies. We had a live flint making demonstration! The High School would like to extend a large thank you to our two speakers.

We look forward to September 2018, and the commencement of a full school year in our newly refurbished Library.

Ms Wiggle



REFURBISHED LIBRARY OPENING





WELLREAD AWARD



THE ARTS



SENIOR PLAY

This year the Form 5 play was an adaption of the renowned Broadway musical, 'Ghost' that others may recognise from the 90s film of the same name that starred Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore. The story follows a young couple, Sam Wheat (Naoise May) and Molly Jensen (Amy Scollard), who are deeply in love and have a strong friendship with Carl Bruner (Luan Rogers), a colleague of Sam's, who comes around to their apartment regularly. They are living in complete bliss until suddenly Sam is killed one evening walking home by a street thug called Willie Lopez (Jack Healy).

Thankfully, Sam is still able to communicate with Molly through an eccentric and amusing psychic named Oda Mae Brown (Katie Moore) who adds some well needed comic relief to the tragic love story. Sam discovers that it was his best friend, Carl, who set up his murder and it is a race against time to warn Molly of the danger she is in. A play filled with betrayal, loss, love and hope is concluded with a final scene that is bittersweet and moving where the couple get to say a final goodbye.

This musical would be ambitious for any drama company to undertake, much less a group of Form 5 but this cast, crew and director (Mr Milofsky), took it on with enthusiasm and determination. Rehearsals were filled with many laughs and fun moments, some were long and strenuous but crucially so because without these, we never could have managed to pull off such amazing performances.

The stage managers (Shona Carey and Isabelle Carter) and backstage crew did a phenomenal job behind the scenes creating the set and keeping the show on schedule with seamless transitions between scenes on the nights.

This show had many challenging group songs, solos and dances that were perfected over time and added a professionalism to the show. Beautiful live music was supplied by Daniel Adeola and Naoise May which gave further intensity and emotion to the shows performances.

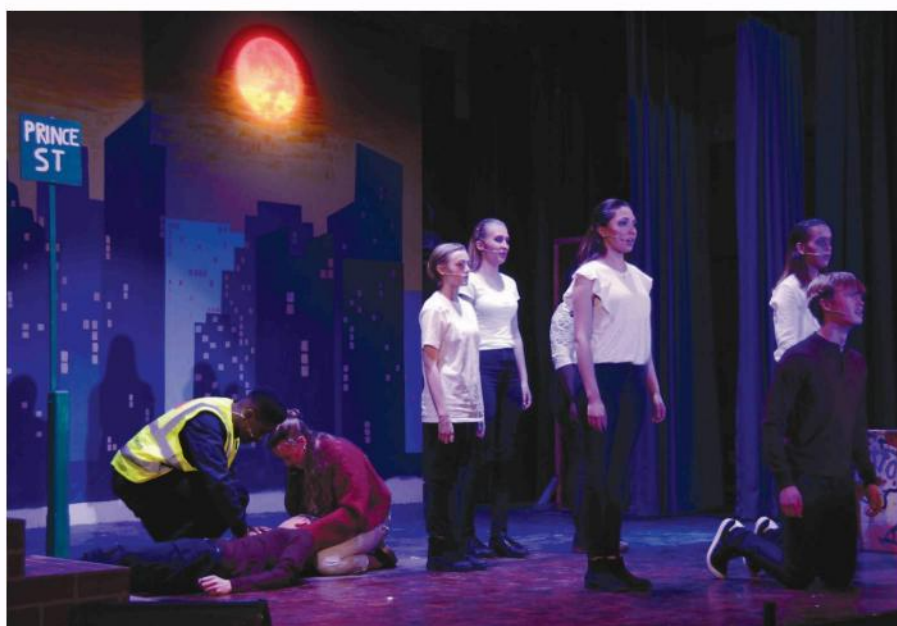
The end result was a huge success with standing ovations every night and wonderful praise from members of the audience. None of it would have been

possible without everybody's contribution and dedication but especially a fantastic and patient director who was always positive and energetic and his assistance from past pupils, David Brusey and Paige Leavy.

A special thanks goes out to the lights and mic people, the companies who sponsored our production, Mr Rankin for his fabulous photography and pupils who helped out on the night with refreshments and selling tickets.

Stunning designs for the posters and jumpers were also contributed by pupils such as Erin Fetherston, Leah Merriman, Wolf Chung and Caitriona Brennan. All in all, this production was filled with a committed cast and crew that put on amazing shows every night and was a thoroughly enjoyable experience that I hope everyone will remember.

Amy Scollard





JUNIOR PLAY

On Thursday 15 March 2018 in the Reynolds Hall, a group of pupils from Forms 1 and 2 performed 'The (Almost) Totally True Story of Hansel and Gretel'. The play was performed in two acts, with a 15 minute interval between them, and it proved to be extremely entertaining for the audience and also great fun for all the actors and backstage crew too, soliciting many laughs. The first half of the play mainly focused on the traditional story of Hansel (Sam McLuskie) and Gretel (Lottie Egan), as told by Streptococcus, a fairy godmother (Laura Cole), with the main parts played by two supposedly innocent children from the audience.

However, in the second half, Inspector Wombat (Cillian West), Sergeant Ringworm (Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar) and Police Cadet Fellows (Jessica Needham), who had already interrupted the play looking for two dangerous child criminals, burst in and claim that the two children from the audience are the real Hansel and Gretel, and that they are the true criminals. They then proceed to tell the audience the true story about what Hansel and Gretel have really been up to, which turns out to include the devious duo telling the Big Bad Wolf (Naomi Wilson) where Little Red Riding Hood's (Ciara Boyd) Granny lives, convincing Goldilocks (Millie Poskitt) to go into the house of the Three Bears (Hannah Hearne, Coco O'Donnell and Ruth Dillon), and smashing Prince Charming's (Ethan Jones) glass slipper. In the end, Hansel and Gretel are taken away by the police officers and everyone lives 'Happily Ever After', for now at least.

Other memorable performances from the night included Snow White (Emily Brennan), Brunhilda, the wicked step-mother (Sarah Doyle), the Magic Mirror (Daimee Ng), Hansel and Gretel's parents (Ryan Boyd and Robyn Hamilton), Marta, their step-mother (Ella Maxwell), Amanita, the witch who owns the candy-house (Ailbhe Smith), the Three Little Pigs (Suki Bailey, Kim Dunne and Leah McGrath), Jackie (Sophie Scollard), Blossom, a cow (Ena Ó Foghlú), Flitsy (Ellen Needham) and the King and Queen (Tristan Comerford and Elodie Ryan).

Although the play was only on for one night, preparation had begun months beforehand. First there were auditions, then weeks of rehearsal. Unfortunately, snow in early march caused two rehearsals to be cancelled, but the cast

decided to continue anyway. Another very important part of the preparation was painting the backdrop; a massive thank you to the backstage crew who were involved with that. We cannot forget to give a huge thank you to Mr Brusey and of course Ms Browne for the gigantic amount of effort they put into making the junior play a reality. Without them it is obvious the play would never have been possible. Thanks are also due to Mr Rankin on lights and Ms Stevenson and the catering staff for their indomitable efforts to ensure the audience was fed and watered at the interval. Finally, enormous thanks to the Transition Year pupils who assisted us on the night.

A new event this year was a series of musical performances at the interval. Laura Cole, Ailbhe Smith, Cillian West, Daimee Ng, and Leah McGrath performed three different pieces for us. The audience seemed to receive this well and we hope musical interludes will become a regular feature at the play.

We think that everyone who was involved in the play will agree it was a fantastic and enjoyable production and we would encourage the incoming Form 1 pupils to join up next year.

**Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar
and Cillian West**



ONE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL FROM PAGE TO STAGE AND ONE ACT AGAIN!

As has become recent tradition, this year The High School again decided to take part in the St Andrew's College One Act Drama Festival. The competition has consistently proven to provide a fantastic opportunity for Transition year and Form 5 pupils to devise, rehearse and perform a piece together. This year marked the first time in which our entry, Every Action, was entirely conceptualised and written by the pupils on a 'Page to Stage' basis. We began the process of brainstorming ideas in early December 2017, and had a finalised script ready by the middle of January 2018. Then, we started the rehearsal process.

Every Action' is based on Isaac Newton's Third Law of Motion, which states, "for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction." The play meant so much to the cast and crew not only

because we came up with its' core concept, but also because the production deals with the problems and pressures faced by young people today. We wanted to make sure we came up an honest and respectful way to present this subject matter on stage.

Before we knew it, it was the 22 March 2018, and the day of our performance. This was The High School's fourth year in a row to enter the competition, made even more special by the fact that St Andrews were celebrating the 30th anniversary of the competition this year. This year's One Act, held over the course of two nights, proved to be especially atmospheric for this very reason.

The play was a huge success, and was extremely well received. In fact, the judge, Ms Anna Walker, was so impressed, she said we should tour the piece around schools in Ireland. We won no less than three trophies and four awards overall, which was more than any other school picked up on the night! Mia Murphy who played the lead female role, was awarded with the trophy for Best Actress. The play itself was awarded with the Runner's Up trophy, and we also won the Adjudicator's Trophy for our piece's original musical score entirely composed by Form 5 pupils (Síofra O'Brien, Orianna Davey, Emma Savoldi, Elias Dempsey and Naoise May). Ms Walker referred to this soundscape as "quite magical, indeed." We also won a special certificate for our production's creativity, truthfulness and honesty of performance. On top of all of that, Luan Rogers was nominated for both Best Actor and Best Rising Star, and Mr Milofsky was nominated for Best Director. What a night!

Although all of these achievements are great, what made the One Act so much more valuable to us as individuals was the strong friendships and close bonds we made along the way. Having the opportunity to construct a piece from pen to performance was an invaluable experience for Transition Years and Form 5 pupils. Drama is about teamwork and camaraderie. All this wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for Mr Milofsky. He directed this play and is the reason Every Action has been so memorable for the audience and the cast. We'd like to say a big thank you to him for all the hard work and effort he put into making this play so remarkable. He truly went above and beyond.

All that's left to be said is that for every action, there really is an equal and opposite reaction. After our 2018 HSD One Act experience, our reaction, is that we will never, ever forget this incredible time we spent together.

Leah Merriman, Caitlin Nickels, and Rebecca O'Farrell



THEATRE TRIPS

LEGALLY BLONDE

As a group, the pupils who are taking part in The One Act Play went to see Legally Blonde the musical in the Bord Gais Energy Theatre.

I was extremely excited to see the musical as I love the movies. I was really curious to see what the songs would be like and to see which parts of the storyline they would be in. The musical itself was what I expected it to be like. It was a very feel-good upbeat kind of play, and it was very like the movie. The play was also very funny, and I particularly liked some of the 'one liners'. At many stages throughout the musical a joke about Ireland was made. They even had a bit of 'Riverdance'. It was funny the first time, but then it started to get old very quickly, I thought it was quite a clever idea though.

The songs in the musical were really good too. They were the type of songs that you just can't get out of your head. One particular song is still stuck in mine. The actors were also incredibly good at singing. In particular, the main characters of Elle and Emmet.

What I liked most about going to the musical was watching how lively the audience were. It really added to the experience. People sometimes shouted out remarks here and there which made the whole audience laugh. It was very enjoyable.

The whole experience was really good, and it was even better to be able to share it all with my friends.

Mia Murphy



HAMILTON: AN AMERICAN MUSICAL

On the 26 February 2018, my family and I went to watch one of the biggest sensations to happen in theatre in the last decade, Hamilton: An American Musical in the Victoria Palace Theatre London. The play which follows the life of first treasury secretary and only immigrant founding father Alexander Hamilton, uses primarily hip-hop and rap as its music, differing from the traditional show tunes you find in modern Broadway and West End shows. And the cast is completely made up of people of colour, the writer and creator Lin Manuel Miranda wanted to show audiences the history of America then, with the people of America now.

The musical which begins with Hamilton arriving in America orphaned and poor from the Caribbean, follows him as he fights in the revolutionary war, his marriage to Elizabeth Schuyler, his career in law and politics, his affair, the death of his son and ultimately his untimely death at the hand of his former friend Aaron Burr.

The ground-breaking musical effortlessly merges history with modern music. The beautiful orchestra sounds even better live than on the soundtrack, the power of the ensemble is indescribable. It was absolutely breath-taking to watch and I was completely absorbed in the story the entire time. The dancing, the music and the acting was impeccable, and I would strongly urge that everyone should go see this play, as there is something for everyone to enjoy.

But ultimately the strongest message this beautiful piece of theatre leaves you with is one of hope. Hope throughout adversity and with hope, hard work, dedication and integrity that you can be whatever it is you want to be.

Ashley Makombe



ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to all The High School pupils who played at the Royal Irish Academy of Music performing groups concert 'Around the World in Eighty Minutes' at the National Concert Hall on Sunday 28 January. Performers from The High School included Robert Whyte, Andrew Whyte, Kerrie Anne Timmins, Nathan Timmins, Clara Lee, Jason Mullen, Amelia Durac, Nathan Hutchinson Edgar, Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar, and Caroline O'Connor.

The groups included Transition Strings, the Intermediate Orchestra, the Symphony Orchestra, Senior and Junior Wind Ensembles, a Recorder Ensemble and the Academy's Junior Choirs. Pieces played included Bach's Allegro from the Brandenburg Concerto No 3, Schubert's Overture to Rosamunde, Tchaikovsky's Finale from Symphony No 5 and Bizet's L'Arlésienne Suite No 2. There was also the Final Countdown, Castle in a Cloud, some Rodgers and Hammerstein, and the Sherman brothers! Well done to all involved.





FEIS CEOIL

Every year young musicians enter the annual Feis Ceoil music festival, competing in many different categories to try and come out on top. This was my sixth year entering so I was well used to how things ran. There are competitions for choirs and orchestras, as well as individual singing and instrumental competitions. There are chamber music for duets, trios and others. There are also more unique competitions such as conducting or composing. What I am trying to say is that there are a lot of competitions!

Being a violinist, I competed in three solo competitions. The first one was the Terry O'Connor Trophy. This was my first year in this particular competition, for 12-17 year olds. Being on the younger end of this age range I received no prize, but it was a fun experience. 22 people performed, so it lasted for 3 and a half hours!

The second competition was Junior Violin C for 11-13 year olds. Everyone had to play the exact same pieces (it must be tough for the judges to listen to the same thing!) The final competition was the St. Cecilia Cup, for 12-17 year olds. Out of 21 performers, 8 performers were to go to the final round, of which I was one. We had to play a 6 minute long recital.

As I was one of the final eight I competed again a few days later. The time limit was now stretched to 15 minutes each! There were also two orchestra competitions, one with my orchestra, YESCO, and one with The High School Orchestra. Both went really well.

Although competing can be nerve-racking and scary for me, the second I step on stage I find it so enjoyable. I love to perform and playing in the Feis Ceoil is an excellent opportunity to have fun!

Daimee Ng



SUMMER CONCERT



CAROL SERVICE

On the cold morning of the 22 December, the whole school gathered in Zion Church to participate in our annual Carol Service. This year we held a non-uniform day and donated the proceeds to Focus Ireland to aid with the homelessness crisis in Ireland. Focus Ireland provide much needed food, emergency shelter, and education about homelessness in Ireland.

The church brimmed with Christmas cheer and school talent as the space was filled with the wonderful sounds of the school orchestra's rendition of "Let it Snow" as well as the school choir singing "Star Carol". The service featured readings from pupils, the Head Boy and Head Girl, Mr Forrest, and the Reverend Stephen Farrell. Well known carols and festive hymns were sung and a lot of fun was had by all.

Laura Cole



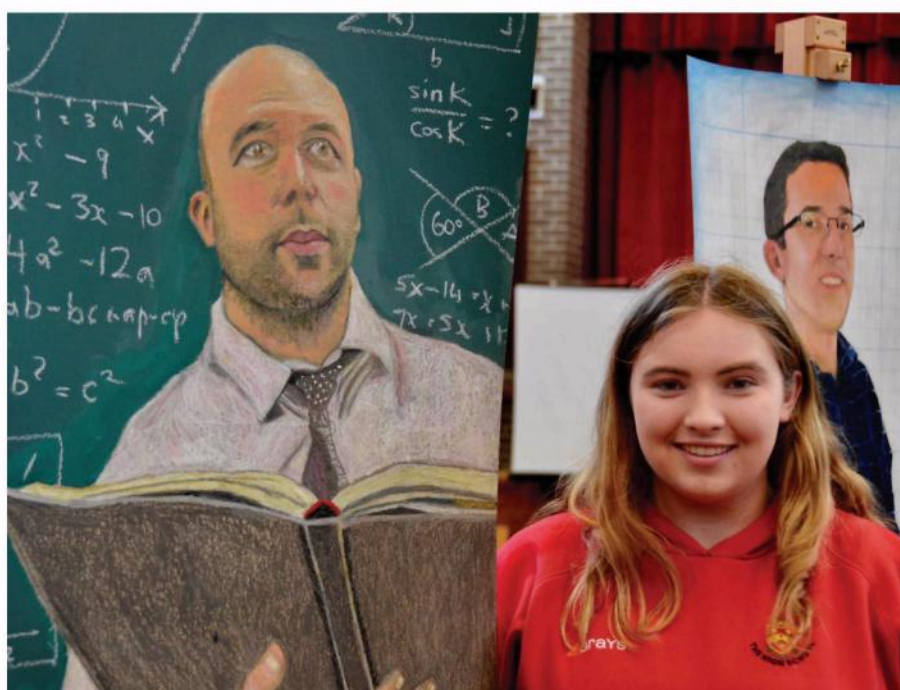
CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY



STAFF PORTRAITS

Art teacher Mr Hanan worked with pupils from Forms 2, 3, 4, and 5 on making large portraits of the teaching staff. An exhibition of the incredible resulting works was mounted in the Reynolds Hall.







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The High School



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

WINTER AND SUMMER SPORTS



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: CLARA WILSON, HANNAH KENNEDY, BRIAN CARTER, IAN MAYRS, SCOTT DUNNE, CILLIAN WEST, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, SINEAD QUINN, LALYA KENNY
MIDDLE ROW: MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON EDGAR, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, HUGO CHALONER, SOPHIE SCOLLARD, ANNELOISE LOOSE, ALEXANDER STEWART, FERGUS KELLY, ISOBEL BOWEN, NATHAN SHAW, MS FALLON, MR IRWIN
FRONT ROW: KENNY ODEKUNLE, BEN PASLEY, BILLY SCHINDLER, SAUL LYSAGHT, REBECCA COLLINS, KATIE COLLINS, MILLIE WEBB, MIA NAUGHTON, TAIWO OGUNDIPE
FLOOR: DAVID ODEKUNLE, JEREMIAH EDUNPETERS, BRIAN CARTER, SEAN WINSLOW, DAVID ABIOYE, CHRISTOPHER DE LAC, NATHAN PRIESTLY



SENIOR ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR, MARTIN HANCZ, CONOR SCHMIDT, CONOR HOPKINS, MR IRWIN
FRONT ROW: JOEY CHONG, FAITH EDUNPETERS, PATRICK TALLON, SEAN UKAGBA, TRISTEN DE BEER



SENIOR BOYS' BADMINTON

MS RUGG, ALEX O'CONNOR, THOMAS KELLY, ADAM KILEEN, JAMIE TOPPING.
ABSENT: SCOTT GILLANDERS



U16A BOYS' BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: IAN MAYRS,
JOSHUA RANCE, JORDAN
BAILEY, SENAN MACKEOGH



U14B BOYS' BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: DAVID LAWLEY,
ROSS WILGAR, LUKE SHANNON,
THOMAS NICKELS



U14A BOYS' BADMINTON

FRONT ROW: ELLIOT SPARKS,
NATHAN PRIESTLY, ADAM REID,
JOHN KELLY



U16B BOYS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: ROSS DEEGAN,
ETHAN WANG
FRONT ROW: CONLETH LAW,
SCOTT WILGAR, LATRELL
PANGANIBAN



U16 GIRLS' BADMINTON

BACK ROW: MS RUGG, MICHELLE
YANG, FAYE LEAVY,
FRONT ROW: SARAH WEBB,
RACHEL LOW, SIOFRA YOUNG



SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: HENRY HINDS, PAUL
GLEESON, MATTHEW THOMPSON,
NIALL LYNCH, JAMES BOYD
FRONT ROW: MICHAEL GUY, SEAN
UKAGBA, MATHEUS SOARES
AJZENBERG, FERDIA DARRAGH



U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: JOSHUA RANCE, LOUIS O'LEARY, CILLIAN WEST, TOMMY MYLES,
FRONT ROW: SAUL LYSAGHT, DANIEL AWODE, JORDAN LAING, STEPAN LETSKO, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX



MINOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: ISRAEL ABUMERE, CIAN ZIGLINSKI, CILLIAN WEST, HARRY DORAN,
FRONT ROW: LEO VAUGHAN, KEHINDE OGUNDIPE, SEAN OMORUYI, TAIWO OGUNDIPE, PRINCE ISIKALU



SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: NAOMI ADEYANJU, SUSAN ISIKALU, TAMI ADEDUNTAN, SADHBH MILTON, ISSIE HAYES
FRONT ROW: ÉABHA HUGHES, SIOBHÁN CHINENYANGA, KATERINA CVETKOVIC, DEBBIE ODUNTAN, ELISA GUO



MINOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: HEATHER COLLINS, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, ARIANNA GORMAN, MICHAELA BURKE, AOIFE CAHILL,
FRONT ROW: MAYA FEIGHERY, WUMI OBI, ISABEL FEENEY, MONA WEBSTER, SARAH DOYLE, FIONA O'BYRNE, ROISIN MURPHY



CADETTE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

FRONT ROW: SARAH DALY, ALEX YANG, ISABEL DUNNE, SOPHIA HARTUNG, ALISON DALY



SENIOR 1ST BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: BOAZ NINAN, ALISTAIR EMPEY, JAMES COMAN, CALUM ADAIR, BEN SHAW, ALEX O'CONNOR, DAVID HOGAN
FRONT ROW: ANDREW CANNING, SOL BELL-MEGAW, JAMIE TOPPING, TRISTEN DE BEER, PATRICK RYAN



SENIOR 2ND BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MAX WRIGHT, EVAN JENNINGS, AIDAN DOYLE, HARRY LYNCH, JOSEPH MURPHY, ALEX O'CONNOR, BEN HOPKIN

FRONT ROW: SAMUEL DUNNE, BEN SHAW, JAMES CODY, SOL BELL-MEGAW, ROSS HOWARD, THOMAS COSTELLO, PATRICK RYAN



JUNIOR BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: DANIEL HUDSON, JORDAN LAING, CONOR MOORE, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX, SAUL LYSAGHT, CIARAN ADAIR, MR SULLIVAN

MIDDLE ROW: LUKE HARDY, SAM WALSH, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY, BOAZ NINAN, MARCUS EMPEY, NIAL HEALY, ISAAK FOLEY

FRONT ROW: BEN PASLEY, SEÁN O'BRIEN



U14A BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ANDREW BROWNE, BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, ROSS MOLLOY, MARCUS EMPEY, SAM WALSH, MR WALKER

FRONT ROW: LUKE HARDY, DARAGH MCGRATH, ROSS MOLLOY, GOWTHAM YELLAPU, SAM COURTNEY, OSCAR LOFTUS, ELI BREEN



U14B BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: LATRELL PANGANIBAN, PADDY PLOCKELMAN, CILLIAN WEST, BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, SAM HODGESS, MATTHEW GILLIS, MR WALKER

FRONT ROW: DARAGH MCGRATH, JOSH HAYES, ROSS MOLLOY, LUKE HARDY, CHRIS CHONG, LOUIS O'NEILL, ELI BREEN



FORM 1 A BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: LUKE FITZPATRICK, OLIVER DAVEY, NICK WRIGHT, ARTHUR FEENEY, THOMAS NICKELS, CHRISTOPHER DE LACY, MR HILLIARD

FRONT ROW: FERGUS KELLY, OSCAR MAGUIRE, BEN PASLEY, SEAN O BRIEN, ALEXANDER STEWART, ALEX LYNCH, MR HILLIARD



FORM 1 A BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: RYAN BOYD, ANDREW DONOVON, LUKE STEVENS, CHARLES BEATTY, JACK O'MALLEY, LUKE SHANNON, HUGO CHALONER, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, MR HILLIARD

FRONT ROW: CALLUM GILMARTIN, EWAN FINLAYSON, ETHAN JONES, THOMAS NICKELS, ANDREW FARRELLY, CIARAN MCCARTHY, OSCAR HANNON SMYTH



SENIOR 1ST GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, NAIA BYRNE-PAREDES, ÉLE NÍ CHONBHUI, ROSIE GILLIS, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, MIA MCCULLOGH, LAURA TUIITE, ANNA LYONS, JENNIFER PILLOW, ORLA BAGNALL
FRONT ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, ISOBEL BOWEN, ORLA PRENDERGAST, TESSA LONG, SHAUNA POWER, KATIE O'BRIEN, ELLA PASLEY, KATIE DUNNE, ZOIEY DUNNE



SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, CAOIMHE MILTON, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, HANNAH KENNEDY, CLARA WILSON, SADHBH WILSON, EVA SISSON
FRONT ROW: DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, SARAH HEERAN, KATIE O'BRIEN, SIOBHAN CHINENYANGA, ISOBEL BOWEN



FORM 1 GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: SUSAN LAWAL, MIRIAM ODUNTAN, FAVOUR KEHINDE, ESTHER OLANIYAN, MOYA QUIGLEY, TARA CAREY, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, RUTH DILLON, EMILY CURRAN, MS DEANE
MIDDLE ROW: ELLA O'FLYNN, FAYE O'ROURKE, AMELIA WEBB, RACHEL ROBINSON, ELODIE RYAN, LEAH MCGRATH, LOTTIE EGAN
FRONT ROW: CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN, ZOE ROBERTSON, REBECCA COLLINS, ZARA HARDY, MIA NAUGHTON



JUNIOR A GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, ÉILE NÍ CHONBHUÍ, BEVIN DIXON, CLARA WILSON, HANNAH KENNEDY, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, SARAH HEERAN, LEANNE O'BRIEN, CATE DOOLY, EIMEAR QUINN

MIDDLE ROW: AMELIA DURAC, BELLA STUART, ISOBEL BOWEN, ORLA BAGNELL, MIA MCCULLOUGH, EVE SISSON, ANNA O'SHEA

FRONT ROW: ELLA PASLEY, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, ELEANA MCGRATH, KATIE DUNNE, ZOE DUNNE



JUNIOR B GIRLS' CRICKET

FRONT ROW: RACHEL GARVEY, EMILY PRYCE, ZOE DUNNE, ELLA PASLEY, KATIE DUNNE, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, ISABELLA DOYLE

BACK ROW: SOPHIE DOYLE, KATY DONNELLY, ELEANA MCGRATH, ISABEL FEENEY, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, SOPHIA LEONARD, KIRSTEN SARGENT



CROSS COUNTRY

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, IAN MAYRS, SCOTT DUNNE, DANIEL FAGAN, MAYA FEIGHERY, DARRAGH QUINN, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR

FRONT ROW: NATHAN HUTCHINSON EDGAR, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON EDGAR, EILEEN CURRAN, NATHAN SHAW, CILLIAN WEST, FINN REILLY, SHANE REID



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH, SÍOFRA O'BRIEN, ANNA LYONS, JENNIFER PILLOW, KATIE MOORE, LAURA MOTYER, ELLEN RIDGEWAY, SASKIA BOS, MIA MCCULLOUGH, MS GRAY

FRONT ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, NAIA BYRNE-PAREDES, SHAUNA POWER, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM, ZARA NAUGHTON, EMMA DONOGHUE, ISOBEL BOWEN, ELÉ NI CONBHUI



SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR QUINN, SHONA CAREY, KATE MORGAN LAWSON, KATIE O'BRIEN, EVA KENNA, ROSIE, GILLIS, ALISON JONES, TESSA LONG, ERICA MACARI

FRONT ROW: MEGAN RANCE, ISOBEL HARRISON, ISOBEL MAHON, CIARA SHAW, ERICA BOWEN, MOLLY SHERIDAN, AMY SCOLLARD



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS RUGG, ELLA BYRNE, LAURA GALVIN, LAURA TUIE, JODIE MCAVINUE, EABHA HUGHES, GRACE CAMPBELL, MUNA ANELE
FRONT ROW: MEGAN RANCE, ORIANNA DAVEY, CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE, RACHEL WEBSTER, ISABELLE CARTER, ENYA MAK, GRAINNE LYNCH



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: BEVIN DIXON, LEANNE O'BRIEN, ORLA PRENDERGAST, ALANNAH CHILDS, MIA MCCOULLOUGH
FRONT ROW: ÉILE NÍ CONBHUI, EVA LAYTE, GEORGINA MCCARTHY, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, ORLA BAGNALL, ISOBEL BOWEN
ABSENT: JENNIFER PILLOW, ALANA CRIPPS



JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: LAYLA KENNY, ALISON PEACE, CIARA WILSON, HANNAH KENNEDY, EIMEAR QUINN, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, CATE DOOLEY, MR QUINN
FRONT ROW: HANNAH DILLON, EVA VALENTINE, AMILY FITZGERALD, ANNA O'SHEA, EVA LAYTE, EVE SISSON, AMELIA DURAC
ABSENT: GIULIA GUASTALLA



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GARLAND, ALISON LANDY, EVE SISSON, ABIGAIL SYKES, LARA SMITH, BELLA STUART, SARAH HEERAN, ELLEN SWEENEY, GEORGINA BYRNE, RACHEL BROWNING

FRONT ROW: HANNAH DILLON, EVA VALENTINE, SARAH WEBB, EMILY FITZGERALD, AMY STEVENS, CATHERINE LENEHAN, AOIFE TALLON



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ROSEMARY SHANKEY, SOPHIE DOYLE, ISABELLA DOYLE, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, KAYLA KENNEDY, SOPHIA LEONARD, KATY DONNELLY

FRONT ROW: ELEANA MCGRATH, ELLA PASLEY, ZOE DUNNE, EMILY PRYCE, KATIE DUNNE, ELLA MAXWELL, ABIGAIL KENNA



MINOR B AND C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS HARKIN, RUTH STEWART, BETH HESLIN, NAOMI WILSON, KELLY-JO WILSON, MAYA FEIGHERY, ISABEL FEENY, RACHEL GARVEY, SIOFRA YOUNG, MICHELLE YANG, CAOIMHE LOWRY

FRONT ROW: PATRICIA ZHANG, EMILY BRENNAN, ROBYN HAMILTON, KIRSTEN SARGENT, LAURA COLE, CIARA BOYD, ELLEN NEEDHA



FORM 1A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR QUINN, ZOSIA MAYRS, RACHEL ROBINSON, REBECCA KITCHEN, ESTHER VANCE CRONIN, SOPHIE SCOLLARD, MIA NAUGHTON, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: MAYA BARBER, LILY GALLAGHER, LOTTIE EGAN, MOYA QUIGLEY, AMELIA WEBB, RUTH DILLON, HANNAH HEARNE,



FORM 1B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, EMILY CURRAN, REBECCA COLLINS, AVA RYAN, ANNELIES LOOSE, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, MAYA BARBER, ELODIE RYAN, MR QUINN
FRONT ROW: EMILY MAGUIRE, LEAH MCGRATH, ZARA HARDY, NIAMH DOHERTY, TARA CAREY, ZOE ROBERTSON, BRONAGH YOUNG



FORM 1C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MR QUINN, SOPHIE PEARSON, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON EDGAR, AMELIA POSKITT, FREYA FETHERSTON, SEREN CUNNINGHAM, BRONAGH YOUNG, FAYE O'ROURKE, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: EMILY MAGUIRE, ELLA O'FLYNN, EMMA WILSON, KATIE COLLINS, JESSICA NEEDHAM, HANNAH MCCARTHY, CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN



SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: TOM MCCAUSLAND, ROSS HOWARD, PETER LYNCH, CALLUM ADAIR, ALEX O'REGAN, HARRY LYNCH, JAKE PILLOW, WILLIAM COSGRAVE, ALISTAIR EMPEY, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: BENJAMIN CRIPPS, MAX WRIGHT, WILLIAM ANDERSON, ALEX FLYNN, ANDREW CANNING, EVAN JENNINGS, JAMES COMAN



JUNIOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: EVAN JENNINGS, CONOR SCHMIDT, JACK BURKE, HARRY LYNCH, ADAM MAGUIRE, BEN SHAW, MAX WRIGHT, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: BEN WHELAN, CIARAN ADAIR, ETHAN FLYNN, ROSS HOWARD, MARCUS EMPEY, SAMUEL DUNNE, JOSEPH MURPHY



MINOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: LEO VAUGHAN, SAM WALSH, ELI BREEN, ANDREW BROWNE, ALEX LYNCH, CILLIAN WEST, SAMUEL BYRNE, JONATHAN LEES, HARRY DORAN, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: JULIAN HAUXWELL, LUKE HARDY, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, MARCUS EMPEY, MATTHEW GILLIS, BEN PASLEY, LOUIS O'NEILL



MINOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: SAMUEL BYRNE, JONATHAN LEES, CHRIS CHONG, CILLIAN WEST, HUGH GERAGHTY, JOSH HAYES, NOAM BIRON, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: SAM COURTNEY, SHANE BURKE, NATHAN MCLOUGHLIN, OSCAR MARTIN, ADAM REID, ROSS DEEGAN, CONLETH LAW



FORM 1 A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: SEÁN O'BRIEN, RYAN WYNNE, DARA FITZPATRICK, ALEXANDER STEWART, ALEX LYNCH, ETHAN JONES, OSCAR MAGUIRE, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, LUKE FITZPATRICK, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: LUKE STEVENS, CHARLES BEATTY, NICK WRIGHT, BEN PASLEY, ARTHUR FEENEY, ALEXANDER DONOVAN, ELLIOT SPARKS



FORM 1 B BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: RYAN BOYD, RYAN BRACKEN, NICK WRIGHT, SAMUEL KENNEDY, FERGUS KELLY, ETHAN JONES, ANDREW DONOVAN, DARA FITZPATRICK, RYAN WYNNE, MR FITZPATRICK
FRONT ROW: JAMIE CHAMBERS, NATHAN PRIESTLEY, LUKE SHANNON, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, ANDREW DONOVAN, HUGO CHALONER



SENIOR 1 SCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: LUAN ROGERS, RORY BROWNE, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, HARRY O'DONNELL, LORIS NIKOLOV, NIAL MCDONNELL, JAMIE SHAW, DARRAGH O'REILLY

MIDDLE ROW: STEPHEN LANDY, ROBERT WHYTE, MATTHEW BARLOW, HARRY WALSH, CIAN HOBAN, FINN CONNOLY, ADAM KEALY, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, MR TEVLIN

FRONT ROW: HUGH O'DONNELL, JAMIE UKAGBA, DYLAN WALSH, MILO DIXON, KYLE BUTLER, EDWARD MEREDITH, KEELAN QUINN, FINN O'SULLIVAN, JACK FARRELLY



SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR TEVLIN, LUAN ROGERS, RORY BROWNE, TIM SWEENEY, NIAL MCDONNELL, ADAM O'ROURKE, LORCAN TWOMEY, JACK FARRELLY, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, TRISTEN DE BEER, OSCAR TRUMPY

FRONT ROW: MILO DIXON, MORGAN PEMBROKE, FINN O'SULLIVAN, FINN CONNOLLY, ANDREW CLOUGHLEY, HUGH O'DONNELL, SOL BELL-MEGAW, ERIC FELLE, BEN HOPKINS



TRANSITION YEAR BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: BEN HOPKINS, BEN SHAW, CONOR SCHMIDT, MILES DIXON, TRISTON DE BEER

MIDDLE ROW: MR MALIN, JAMES CODY, LORCAN TWOMEY, DANIEL WALSH, MARCO LYONS, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, LUAN ROGERS

FRONT ROW: LOUIS CHRISTLE, JAKE HICKEY, SAMUEL DUNNE, JACK FARRELLY, MORGAN PEMBROKE, SOL BELL-MEGAW, JAMES O'CONNOR

ABSENT: DENNIS CHAN, ADAM KILLEEN, AXEL CULLEN



U15 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: TOM GARVEY, ELI BREEN, GOWTHAM YELLAPU, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, MARTIN COSIJN GOMEZ, JONATHAN LEES, DANIEL SCHOLTES, CHARLIE MCNAMARA, TADHG DIXON,

MIDDLE ROW: MR MCBRIDE, DARAGH MCGRATH, PADDY PLOCKELMAN, ANDREW BROWNE, LOUIS DUNNE, DEREK UKAGBA, CHRIS CHONG, MARCUS EMPEY, COLM COONEY, SAM WALSH

FRONT ROW: ROSS MOLLOY, ANDREW WHYTE, ATTHEW GILLIS, JULIAN HAUXWELL, LUKE HARDY, KEHINDE OGUNDIPE, BEN HOWARD



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: JOHN LUKA DOHERTY, BRIAN CARTER, CONOR MOORE, CONOR MOORE, NATHANIEL KAYE MELLOR, MAX HAUXWELL, BEN MITCHELL, JOHN KENNEDY

MIDDLE ROW: MR O'SULLIVAN, JOSHUA ROYCROFT, STEPAN LETSKO, JORDAN LAING, SCOTT DUNNE, SAUL LYSAGHT, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX, SAMUEL MAWHINNEY, JULIAN HAUXWELL, MR SULLIVAN

FRONT ROW: LOUIS O'LEARY, KANE HENNESSY, OISIN STAPLETON DOYLE, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY, LUKE HARDY, STEPHEN LALOR

FLOOR: NIAL HEALY, ROSS MALONEY, BILLY LY, MATTHEW GILLIS



U14A BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: LUKE STEVENS, ARTHUR FEENEY, SAMUEL KENNEDY, ALEXANDER STEWART, FERGUS KELLY, ETHAN JONES
MIDDLE ROW: MR MCNAMARA, SEÁN O'BRIEN, ANDREW DONOVAN, METTEO SANVITO, OSCAR HANNON SMYTH, JACK MCGINN, CHRISTOPHER DE LACY, MR HILLIARD
FRONT ROW: OLIVER DAVEY, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, JACK BARLOW, CHARLES BEATTY, LUKE MURPHY, ANDREW FARRELLY, BEN PASLEY



U14B BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: CIARÁN MCCARTHY, JAMIE CHAMBERS, REUBEN ROSS, SEÁN WINSLOW, GARY MEANEY, JEREMIAH EDUNPETERS, DAVID ODEKUNLE
MIDDLE ROW: MR MCNAMARA, RYAN BOYD, JERRY WANG, ANDREW DONOVAN, OSCAR HANNON-SMYTH, SEÁN O'BRIEN, DANIEL O'LEARY, MR HILLIARD
FRONT ROW: LUKE STEVENS, EWAN FINLAYSON, DAVID LAWLEY, LUKE FITZPATRICK, CALLUM GILMARTIN, ALEX O'HARE, JACK MCGINN



ROWING

DAISY O'TOOLE, AINE RYAN, SAM DALY, SARAH DALY, ALISON DALY



JUNIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MS GARLAND, HANNAH MCCARTHY, EILEEN CURRAN, ELLA MAXWELL, SEAN OMORUYI, AILBHE SMITH, MAYA FEIGHERY, SARAH MORRIS, MS JONES

FRONT ROW: ALEXANDER DONOVAN, FERGUS KELLY, TAIWO OGUNDIPE, KEHINDE OGUNDIPE, LEO VAUGHAN, JOSHUA RANCE, ARCHIE SHERIDAN



U18 BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

JOHN KELLY, OSCAR MAHARG BRAVO, PATRICK WESTPHAL, LATRELL PANGANIBAN, THOMAS NICKELS



U18 GIRLS' TABLE TENNIS

RUTH NINAN, ROSIE GILLIS, DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, ALEX YANG



SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, JENNIFER PILLOW, ANNA LYONS, MS JONES

FRONT ROW: ISOBEL HARRISON, ROSIE GILLIS, GIULIA GUASTALLA, EVA VALENTINE, GRAINNE LYNCH



JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: LAYLA KENNY, GEORGINA BYRNE, RACHEL BROWNING, AOIFE TALLON, MS JONES

FRONT ROW: GEORGINA MCCARTHY, EMILY FITZGERALD, ABIGAIL SKYES, LARA SMITH, AMY STEVENS



MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

FRONT ROW: ELLA PASLEY, ABIGAIL KENNA, MS JONES

BACK ROW: ELODIE RYAN, EMILY PRYCE, ELLA MAXWELL



MINOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: EMILY BRENNAN, MICHELLE YANG, EILEEN CURRAN, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: MAYA FEIGHERY, NAOMI WILSON, ROBYN HAMILTON



MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: HONOR NOLAN, WUMI OBI, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: MAYA BARBER, SOPHIE SCOLLARD, HANNAH HEARNE, EMILY CURRAN



FORM 1 GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: REBECCA COLLINS, ELODIE RYAN, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: MIA NAUGHTON, AMELIA WEBB, ZOSIA MAYRS



SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MCDONNELL, EVAN JENNINGS, HARRY LYNCH, MATTHEW THOMPSON, JAMES BOYD, BENJAMIN CRIPPS
FRONT ROW: RORY BROWNE, JAMES CODY, LUAN ROGERS, LORCAN TWOMEY, PATRICK WESTPHAL



JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MCDONNELL, SAM HODGESS, MATTHEW GILLIS
FRONT ROW: HARRY DORAN, PATRICK WESTPHAL, ADAM REID, SHANE BURKE



MINOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MR MCDONNELL, ALEX LYNCH, CHARLES BEATTY, ARCHIE SHERIDAN
FRONT ROW: JOHN KELLY, CHRISTOPHER DE LACY, BEN PASLEY, RYAN BOYD, LUKE FITZPATRICK

REPORTS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

2018 was a great year for the athletics in The High School. We trained regularly and had a great time doing so. Success was achieved at the East Leinsters by numerous athletes and it looks like the quality of athletes at The High School is only improving. We look forward to another great year in 2019. Well done to everyone involved and thanks is due to our coaches - Ms Fallon and Ms Hutchinson Edgar. Thanks to everyone who made athletics possible for us this year.

Patrick Tallon

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

We would like to thank all the staff that coached us and brought us to the East Leinsters Athletics Championships. We all performed well and together we brought back a handful of medals. We all trained really well during the summer term for the East Leinsters. We picked an event that we were best at and that we enjoyed and hoped that we qualified for the East Leinsters where teams of all of Leinster met. We would like to thank Ms Fallon, Mr Irwin and Ms Hutchinson Edgar for training us for the Leinsters.



EAST LEINSTER ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Monday 30 April and Thursday 3 May, a large number from HSD travelled to the Morton Stadium in Santry to compete in the East Leinster Schools Athletic Championships. The High School had great success at this event winning 19 medals, 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 13 Bronze.

Medals were won across a great variety of events. The U16 4 x 300m team relay won Bronze. The team comprised of Scott Dunne, Kenny Ogundipe, Brian Carter and Daniel Awode together with sub Cillian West who ran in the first heat and the Minor 4 x 100m team comprised of David Aigboboh, Jeremiah Edunpeters, Nathan Priestley and Sean Winslow were placed third.

Julian Hauxwell won a Bronze in the Junior Shotput. Kelly-Jo Wilson won a Silver medal in Junior Javelin. Kenny Ogundipe achieved a second Bronze placing in the Junior 200m Event.

Nathan Priestley also achieved a Gold Medal coming first in the Minor 75m Hurdle Event. Nathan went on to finish third in the Leinster Championships. Sam Kennedy won gold in the Minor Shot Putt.

Patrick Tallon dominated the Intermediate Long Distance event with a double Gold Medal placing, coming first in both the 1,500 and 3,000m events. Two medals each were won by Roseanne McCullough in the 800m and 1500m and Tristan de Beer in the High Jump and Javelin.

Thanks to all the coaches, Ms Fallon, Ms Hutchinson Edgar and Mr Irwin who were instrumental in both training and preparation of the athletes and support and advice on the day. Thank you also to many other members of staff who assisted in the preparations.

It is safe to say that the East Leinsters were enjoyed by all participants from HSD and I hope The High School will see further success at Leinster level and in the competition next year.

Cillian West



SENIOR BOYS' BADMINTON

In January, we celebrated the success of the Under 19 boys badminton team as they won the Dublin League Final. This then saw them progress to the Leinster finals. A power cut and the snow saw these championships delayed, but the team went on to become Leinster champions with wins over Killina, New Ross, Kilkenny College and Sandford Park. They then were through to represent the province in the All Ireland National Schoolboys Championships. This event was held in County Meath. The first match versus Connacht saw the team win 5-1. Next up, Ulster made us fight hard and a 3-3 draw on games saw the boys win on points 142-137. The last match was then a winner-takes-all scenario. Going into the doubles, it was two games all; but our strong pairings ensured 2 convincing wins of 30-16 and 30-22. The team were then All Ireland Champions. We wish to warmly congratulate the squad on their historic success.

Alex O'Connor



U16 A BOYS' BADMINTON

The Junior A's had a tough season this year. We played a few matches, but we only won one match (6-0). We played well in the other matches and did our best unfortunately the odds were not in our favour. I would like to thank on behalf of our team our coaches, Ms Rugg and Ms Williams, for all of the help they've given us throughout the year.

Joshua Rance

U16 B BOYS' BADMINTON

As a Form 2 team playing in the U16's, we had a very enjoyable year, playing against lots of other schools who had players from Form 3 and Transition Year. We had challenging games against Lycée Francais (who got to the final), Blackrock College, Gonzaga College, Sandford College, and Templeogue College. Overall we won 1, lost 2, and drew 2 matches in our section. We all enjoyed the training and matches and look forward to playing next season. Thanks from the team to Ms Rugg, and Ms Williams for all of their excellent coaching throughout the year.

Scott Wilgar



U14 A BOYS' BADMINTON

When I was selected as the captain of the A's Badminton squad I was happy and proud, and looking forward to a great season playing with friends. My high expectations were met and surpassed throughout the season, the feeling of camaraderie and competition is a great one. Not to mention the badminton was well played and good sportsmanship was shown by my teammates and the opposition. Unfortunately, after winning all our matches we lost in the semi-final to Templeogue. It was a tough match, but in the end, they were the better team. The loss has prepared us for the next season and I think we gained valuable experience. It was a great season with plenty of fun and great badminton!

Elliott Sparks

U14 B BOYS' BADMINTON

We had a great year with mixed results. We started our matches after Christmas and played against De La Salle, St Mary's College, Oatlands College, and St Aidan's.

The results from our matches were 1 draw, 2 losses, and 1 excellent win. Congratulations to Oatlands College who won the division.

We trained hard on Tuesdays and really enjoyed our badminton season. Overall it was great fun, and we hope for better results next year. Our thanks go to Ms Rugg and Ms Williams for their coaching and support.

Ross Wilgar



U16 BADMINTON GIRLS

This is the first year since I've been at The High School where we have had a Junior Girls Team. We practiced on Thursday afternoons with training from our coaches Ms Rugg and Ms Williams. Our team is comprised of Michelle, Alex, Patricia and I with Faye and Ruth as substitutes. All the girls played brilliantly and improved so much during the term. I am really proud of their effort and commitment to the team. We made it to the Quarter Finals for the U16 league. We are so thankful towards our coaches for getting us that far. I'm sure next years badminton will be even better!

Rachel Low

SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

After a tough few weeks of pre-season training, the senior team entered the first game of the 2017 campaign with high expectations. They faced up against a talented Rathcoole team. The home team certainly showed that all the work that was completed in the leading weeks had paid off. At the end of the first quarter The High School held a six-point lead with the momentum given off by Niall Lynch's thunderous dunk. Rathcoole were able to battle back in the second quarter tying the game heading into half time despite numerous threes reined in by James Boyd and Matheus Soares Ajzenberg. Unfortunately, Rathcoole were able to clinch the win in the closing moments resulting in a close but competitive loss for the team.

Next up was a prospering Naas team, coming off defeat the team was hungry to make up for unfinished business. After winning the tip The High School began the game with an electric first quarter. Sean Ukagba led a scoring run after a few smooth moves lead a clear lane

to the basket for a finger roll lay-up. Paul Gleeson proved to be a tenacious rebounder hauling in the season's first double double. The success from behind the arc continued for The High School tallying a season high 17 shots made from down town. At the end of the game an impartial spectator commented that The High School was one the "most promising teams in the country" while picking them as a suitor for next seasons National Cup competition.

Unfortunately, due to adverse weather conditions the team's third game of the campaign was postponed till after the mid-term break. However, despite the lack of morale this would end up being a blessing in disguise for the team. We arrived at Adamstown Community Centre and ended up with a 16-0 run to close the first half. The momentum continued into the second half as Henry Hinds showcased his skills which aided him during the U17 development squad trip that travelled to Balbriggan last summer.

The last fixture of the season was a date with Castleknock, who are current champions in the National Cup competition. Ferdia Darragh started the game with 3 pull up three pointers to give a needed advantage early on. In the absence of players, Sean Ukagba stepped up to the plate and showcased his incredible hustle and determination. James Boyd made it seem as if there was lid on the basket tallying 12 blocks, a career high. Henry Hinds finished with a perfect game making all six of his attempts. Niall Lynch also had the hot hand on the day making 90% of his attempts from the field.

Following the success during the season, two teams were entered in the Nationwide 3 versus 3 tournament which was an opportunity for scouts to select the team traveling to Serbia to represent the country. The two teams both had huge success in this tournament, playing at a highly competitive level against some of the country's best talent. One of the teams placed third in the group stages while the other placed fourth giving them each a spot in the quarter finals. Team one, featuring a new addition, Michael Guy, battled hard but ended up being beaten by the team that went on to win the competition. Team two, however, were able to win the quarter final in overtime with a buzzer beater dunk made by Matt Thompson that left the opposition with no chance

of coming back. Team two, placed third in the country overall which we credit to all the hard work which the team continually put in throughout the season.

Of course, it remains to thank coach mr Boylan for all the effort put in throughout the season and Mr Walker for organizing events for the team. Also Mr Deane and Mr Mak for their assistance in the development of the group going forward.

Matt Thompson

U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

Throughout our season, the under 16's basketball team has excelled in achievement and effort. Our chemistry between members was unlike any other team we faced. Our skills have also improved dramatically since the start of the season. This combination allowed us to win multiple games. The commitment shown across the team was out of this world, seeing everyone at every training session. In the season our coach Mr Boylan helped us extraordinarily with his encouragement and kindness towards us.

Jordan Laing

MINOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

The team this year has been excellent. We haven't won many matches but our enthusiasm is brilliant. The team has always been in high spirits. We have gone from strength to strength throughout the year and become more committed as a team. We learned a lot and had a lot of fun this year. We would like to thank our coach Mr Boylan for his patience and enthusiasm towards us always.

Sean Omoruyi

SENIOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This season was a disappointing one for the Senior Girls. With a difficult start to the season losing to Rathdown School, we struggled in the following two matches which resulted in an early end to the season.

However, we saw great performances from some of our Form 5 players, notably Naomi Adeyanju and Susan Isikalu. The other team members, Siobhan Chinenyanga, Kerry-Anne Timmins and Anca Avaslichioaiei played some great matches and Tami Adeduntan had a terrific season. We have improved a lot over the course of the year and we have definitely learned to work better as a team.

I would like to thank the team for all of their hard work and dedication and on behalf of the team, I would like to say a big thanks to our coach, Mr Boylan, for all of the time and effort that he put into coaching us this year. I've really enjoyed playing basketball in the school over the past six years and it only remains for me to wish the Senior Girls the best of luck for the next season.

Katerina Cvetkovic

CADETTE GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This year in basketball we had lots of fun. We didn't have the most successful season, but we played our best. We had a great time bonding at training sessions and while we didn't play many matches, we enjoyed every minute. I'm excited to play again next year.

Sophia Hartung

MINOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL

We all played very well this year. We had a lot of matches, so it gave us a great opportunity to play and improve. We may not have been too successful in the outcome of our matches, but all the girls on the team put in amazing effort and had lots of fun.

Mona Webster and Sarah Doyle

SENIOR 1ST BOYS' CRICKET

It was another successful year for the team despite getting off to a tough start with defeats to Sandford Park School and CUS. This meant that the team were into the plate competition. We met Skerries in the semi-final where we came out the victors. In the final we played Belvedere College to try and reclaim the plate. We batted first posting a score of 130. Belvedere were up next, but we bowled them out for 94. As a result, we retained the plate for the second year. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Malin for all his help this year.

Jamie Topping



SENIOR 2ND BOYS' CRICKET

We got off to a great start beating St Andrew's College by five wickets with excellent batting from Harry Lynch. We followed it up with wins against Gonzaga College and Clongowes Wood College, finishing the season unbeaten. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin for coaching us throughout the season.

Sol Bell-Megaw

JUNIOR BOYS' CRICKET

We had a great season this year. Our first match was against St Columba's College, we batted first and we got 100 with Sean and Boaz batting. They lasted the full twenty overs.

After this we played Wesley College, St Joseph's, and Blackrock College. We batted and fielded well but we couldn't reach their standards.

This year we had a couple of players from Form 1 and 2 to help us out. I would like to thank Mr Sullivan, Mr Malin, Mr Walker, and Mr Empey for this great season we had.

Boaz Ninan Samu

U14A BOYS' CRICKET

We had a decent season this year. Sadly, we lost most of the games we played, due to no one having past cricket experience. But we improved well and look forward to next season and will hopefully do well.

Gowtham Yellap

U14B BOYS' CRICKET

The B team this year had a lot of success. We played two games and won both. We beat Drimnagh Castle comfortably, though the game was consistently stopped due to rain. In our match against Woodbrook, we played very well with Sam Walsh hitting a six and Daragh Sullivan hitting fours consistently.

Luke Hardy

FORM 1 A BOYS' CRICKET

We had a good start to this year's cricket season. We did better than expected with a win in our first game with only a few experienced players. We played a game where Ben Pasley scored 49 runs and took 7 wickets. I would like to thank Mr Hilliard and other coaches for their help this season.

Seán O'Brien



SENIOR 1ST GIRLS' CRICKET

This year we saw a developing team take to the stage. Although we didn't have the best luck with our results, we all grew as a team and we reached the semi-final against St Andrew's College. Our star against Mount Temple, without a doubt, was Ellen Ridgeway, hitting 75 runs.

We want to say thank you to Orla Prendergast and Laura Tuite for umpiring and coaching, Mr Malin for organising fixtures, and our biggest fan (and coach) Ms Gray.

Tessa Long

SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' CRICKET

The Senior 2 Girls had a great season of cricket this year. We would like to thank Ms Gray for coaching us and also Mr Malin, who organised our fixtures. I would also like to thank Laura and Orla for helping us throughout the season.

Katie O'Brien



JUNIOR A GIRLS' CRICKET

We started the season well with an impressive win against Wesley College. Unfortunately as the season progressed the team faced tough opponents of St Andrew's College and The King's Hospital. We played well but those teams came out on top. I feel as the season went on our team improved and bonded over the cricket and we know what to improve on for next year. Big thanks to all the coaches who helped us out this season especially Ms Gray who made it very enjoyable. I'm looking forward to the next cricket season which might bring us more success.

Orla Bagnall

JUNIOR B GIRLS' CRICKET

Our 2018 summer season was a great success. We eased our way to the league final beating Mount Anville and St Columba's College. I would like to thank our coaches Mr Malin, Ms Gray, Conor Prendergast, Conor Empey, and Joe Prendergast for giving up their time to coach us.

We are really looking forward to next year's season!

Ella Pasley

FORM 1 GIRLS' CRICKET

The cricket season has gone very well. Our whole team has had so much fun playing our matches. Our coaches were so much help. We have learned many skills for the future.

Favour Kehinde

CROSS COUNTRY

It was another good year for the Cross Country Team at The High School. We met every Monday for training throughout the Autumn, Winter and Spring, regardless of the weather (though Ophelia and heavy snow did cancel a few sessions!) The group that met regularly was made up of pupils from Form 1 to 6 and as well as increasing our stamina, speed and fitness we bonded really well. We completed dozens of 2.2. runs, core work, hill sprints and fun races. People found their times improve and their endurance was strengthened. A lot of the group joined in with the Simon Fun Run and participated in other local races in their spare time. As a team we entered the East Leinster Athletic Championships in Avondale, Co Wicklow. Some of our star performers included Patrick Tallon and Roseanne McCullough who were placed 5th and 4th thereby qualifying for the Leinster Championships. They both displayed fine front-running performances and went on to participate in the Leinster Championships in Santry Demesne. We said farewell to some of our most committed participants in running over the past six years as Eanna Curran, James Kinsella, James Carter, Grace Gageby, Darragh Quinn, Fields Chung, Harry Byrne and Nathan Shaw graduated from school. We wish them the very best in their future studies and hope they keep up their running in college and look forward to seeing them at the Dublin Simon Fun Run in October!! For anyone interested in running at any level The High School Cross Country team is always happy to take new members at any time during the year.

Scott Dunne

SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year's Senior 1 team undoubtedly put in an enormous amount of effort and pride into the season. The enthusiasm and excitement for the season ahead kicked off at the very start of September; there was no doubt that every girl who had played on the previous year's team had big boots to fill. Everyone stepped up and put a lot of thought into how we would want the rest of the season to pan out, including the new amazing younger players who were chosen for the team.

From attending the pre-season and diving head first into intense training we soon began to gel as a team and understand how to play with each other as a squad. We started out our league campaign as our new team when we played St Gerard's School in our first league match. The nerves at this point of our campaign where high seeing as it was the very start and as the effort everyone put into being at training and waking up early on Saturday mornings for friendlies was about to be tested. Sure enough our efforts had well paid off as we fought till the last minute to win the game 1-0 with a impressive goal from one of our Form 3, Orla Prendergast, proving that every girl, from any year on our team was a force to be reckoned with! Our hard work and perseverance didn't stop there as we went on to beat other great teams such as The King's Hospital and Holy Child, Killiney.

Having come fourth in our league section was a great honour as we were up there with three other great teams who had previously won or done well in the league in their particular section and it was nice to know that if you work hard it will pay off! We all celebrated in our usual way once hearing the news and then got back into game mode having the Semi Final of the Claudia Tierney fast approaching. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day and we lost against a very strong



squad, Newbridge who on the day were the better team.

Throughout our highs and lows, one thing remained the same; we lost as a team and won as a team. The support from Ms Gray who is a role model to the girls on our team and to the rest of the hockey players at The High School, showed us that it didn't matter if we won or lost it was the memories and friendships we made along the way. She taught us great life skills alongside the sport we all love so much. There is one word that comes to mind whenever I will look back and think of Ms Gray, and that is "believe". Ms Gray, Ms Meeke, along with Ms Rugg taught us to reach for the stars and told us never to doubt each other or ourselves. Those wise words are what kept us going throughout our season and made the journey all the more enjoyable!

I would like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Rugg for organising all our matches and supporting us, not only with hockey but with any other problems we might have had; Mr Howard, for all the time he dedicated to us and skills he thought us over the years; Ms Meeke, for putting a huge effort and commitment into our team whilst also being someone we could confide in. Also, to Paddy who would drive us to and from matches having to listen to 16 hyperactive screaming girls sing and chant! Finally, to Ms Gray for being an amazing coach and teaching us all our skills and understanding of the sport. I'm sure when we all go on to continue hockey or any sport in our lives it will be hard to find a coach with such interest and dedication towards her players like Ms Gray.

And to wrap this all up, I would like to say as captain of the Senior XI that it has been an honour to spend my last year

with everyone on this team and for some even the past three years. The amount of time and energy you all put into the season, the highs and lows that we as a team were able to get over, and you all taught me that even though we didn't come out of this year with a cup or plate to show our time and dedication, that it really is not about what you win, it's all about who you're with whatever the outcome is! The losses can't take away from the friendships we have made and only made them stronger. I wish everyone on the upcoming Senior XI the best of luck and there's not a doubt that the girls I know I'll be leaving behind will do an amazing job.

Olivia Cunningham



SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

Although the Senior 2's was a new team composed of different years, the moment we stepped on the pitch we pulled together as a unit, progressing with each game. Through sheer dedication and determination, we improved massively throughout the season.

I would like to thank each one of the girls for their continuous commitment and for making my final year of hockey so enjoyable. I wish them all the best for the next season.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the team we would like to give a huge thanks to Mr Quinn. We are so grateful for the time and hard work he put in and we hope we made him proud.

Ciara Shaw



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

It has been a great season for the Senior 3's team. Our dedication and effort played a huge part in our overall success. It was a great honour when I was given the important role of captain and I knew for my last year I wanted it to be memorable.

Our league started off with numerous cancellations of matches due to cold wintery mornings but that did not interfere with our work ethic. Our hard work in training on Thursdays and mid-terms resulted in us reaching the quarter final of the league. Unfortunately, when the day came, it was only one goal in the second half that resulted in Newbridge reaching the semifinal. Although the team was heartbroken, we were all so proud of one another and it was an unbelievable achievement to make it so far in our division.

Our success would not have been achievable if it were not for Ms Rugg. She was the one motivating us each and every day even when we felt like we were not capable of it. Her positivity and belief drove us to success. I would like to thank Ms Rugg for believing in us so much and always bringing such a supportive and encouraging atmosphere to matches and training.

Finally, I would like to thank the girls for making my last year an unforgettable experience. I have made lifelong friendships thanks to them. Playing hockey for six years has been incredible and I am so grateful my last year was so much fun and left me with lifelong memories. It has been such an honour to be the captain of such an outstanding team.

Rachel Webster



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

Many of the had never played with each other before this year so we started off the season with some friendlies to get used to playing with each other before diving into the Junior league. We started with matches against St Andrew's College, Muckross Park College and Wesley College and really felt ourselves growing as a team. We then competed in the cup and South Dublin league where we played twice in a week against The King's Hospital.

Despite our misfortunes in the competitions it was a thoroughly enjoyable season and I really felt that the team bonded, improved and grew together. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Meeke for giving us amazing coaching and support throughout the season.

Isabel O'Donovan

JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Junior B hockey team started off our season well by beating Kilkenny College 2-0. Not only did this match help our team realise our ability to perform well against a tough side, it helped our team made up of Form 3 and 4 girls to bond. We played many matches with different outcomes this season against many great teams Although we didn't do as well in the league as we hoped to there was still a great sense of team spirit in all of our matches and trainings. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Quinn for putting in so much time and effort into our team and for helping us to improve with every training session and match.

Anna O'Shea

JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

It has been an eventful year with many ups and downs. We started off the season with a draw 1-1 to Kilkenny College. Unfortunately, we had many cancelled matches due to the weather which was very frustrating. We had a great team spirit throughout the year and we are glad we had Ms Garland as our coach. There have been huge improvements with each player and that showed in training and the matches. It was a really fun year and we ended the season with a win!

Emily Fitzgerald and Amy Stevens



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

2017 was a very enjoyable and exciting year for all the girls involved on the Minor A team. We have all improved on an individual basis and grown together as a team. While the results might not have gone our way, the matches were keenly contested and played in a competitive spirit. Some of the matches were very close with a number finishing in 1 versus 1's, an experience that certainly tested all our nerves. Everyone on the team thoroughly enjoyed the season, with the tour to Rotterdam topping it all off. We would like to give a huge thank you to all the coaches, and in particular Ms Meeke, who were generous in both their time and advice on a constant basis. It was greatly appreciated. We were all very sad with the ending of the season. We are all looking forward to next year with great anticipation and excitement.

Emily Pryce



MINOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This season has had its ups and downs. We all have enjoyed the season, we might not have done the best, but we worked hard and well as a team. We went on a hockey trip to Rotterdam. The trip was a great bonding experience. The team would like to thank Ms Harkin and Mia for taking the time to help us to improve our skills and team work. We all can't wait for what next year has to offer us.

Kirsten Sargent

MINOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

We had a successful season this year with quite a few wins and draws. The whole team was committed and ready whenever matches came up. The team also showed great commitment to training, even on Fridays! We learnt so many new skills. A huge thank you to all of the coaches for organizing the matches and for all of their hard work. I can't wait for another brilliant season next year!

Ciara Boyd



ROTTERDAM TRIP FOR MINOR GIRLS' HOCKEY

Over the Easter holidays a group of Minor Girls went on a hockey tour to Rotterdam. On this trip the players had a great opportunity to further their hockey knowledge by watching professional hockey matches in the European Hockey League, where we got to see High School hockey coach, Mr Hosking, in action. We had an opportunity to play not just against local junior teams but also the Three Rock Rovers junior team, which was a great experience.

Rotterdam is an amazing city, with an exceptionally high standard of hockey facilities. It was surreal to be on the stands with supporters from all the participating clubs. It was a truly amazing atmosphere. The city itself was beautiful - a balance of modern and traditional architecture. Holland's flat landscape allows you to see for miles from the seat of a coach.

Although our trip was only a few days long, it was an amazing experience. It brought us all closer as hockey players and gave us a chance to see great hockey players in action right in front of us. I don't think it will leave any of our minds soon.

Abigail Kenna



FORM 1A GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year the Form 1A hockey team competed in both the league and the cup. Our training began straight away at the beginning of September. We started our league campaign well with a 2-1 win over Newpark Comprehensive School. However, after losing games to Alexander College and Muckross Park College we failed to qualify for the semi-finals. Our focus then turned to the cup where we would face Loreto Beaufort in the first round. Unfortunately, they proved too strong for us and the score line ended 2-0 in their favour. Although we didn't progress in either the league or cup, we enjoyed the season. A highlight was the trip to Cork where we beat Bandon Grammar School, with a brilliant goal from Lottie Egan. Other brilliant performances this season include those from Coco O'Donnell and Ruth Dillon. Overall, I think the team played very well throughout the season and we are looking forward to next years minor team. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank our coaches Ms Gray and Ms Meeke for all their hard work this season as well as Ms Jones, Ms Rugg, Ms Deane and Mr Quinn.

Moya Quigley and Mia Naughton



FORM 1B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This is my first year in The High School. I have been surrounded by sports and hockey all my life so I was really looking forward to playing hockey at The High School.

During the hockey season we had training three times a week after school and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and during double games on a Friday. You might think that is a lot of hockey, but we enjoyed every second of every session, even if it was in the pouring rain and harsh winds.

The teams were picked about one month into the season, we were all so eager to see what team we were on. I was thrilled to be picked for the 'B' team and I was so happy to see all of my friends and great hockey players on the same team. I was so thrilled and honoured when Ms Gray asked me if I would like to be Captain. Although we unfortunately didn't make it to the semi-finals of our league, we had great fun and played some great matches.

The highlight of our hockey season was our overnight trip to Clonakilty, Co Cork where we played two great matches on the way up and made some great memories. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of our coaches for the great advice and all of the time and effort that you have put in to make our first hockey season in The High School one we will never forget. We cannot wait to start a new season in September.

Niamh Doherty

FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year I was chosen to be captain for the C team. I had never played hockey before I joined The High School. Over the term we all worked really hard and learned loads of new skills. Everyone really enjoyed playing together and we became much closer over the hockey season.

In March we all went down to Cork for an overnight trip to reward all of our hard work. We played Cork Harlequins and Bandon Grammar School. We went swimming and to the cinema, which we really enjoyed. In the morning, we headed over to the ziplines. After the trip, we had become really close and bonded with people we didn't know too well. Everyone had a great time.

We all trained hard and did our best in all of our matches. On behalf of the C team I would like to thank all of our coaches for coaching us and organizing all of our matches.

Katie Collins



SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

This was a season of mixed emotions for the Senior 1 Boys. The season started strongly as we beat St Andrew's College and Wesley College in pre-season friendlies. Confidence was high going into the All Ireland Competition where we managed to reach the semi-finals for the first time in the history of the school. The boys put in a good performance but we were narrowly beaten 2-1 by St Andrew's College. A strong league and cup campaign put us in all three Leinster finals for the first time in the school's history. A penalty shootout defeat to St Andrew's College in the cup and a league final defeat to Wesley College was disappointing but it was good to finish the season by beating Newpark Comprehensive School to retain the Senior Trophy. Overall we enjoyed a very successful year but did not end up with as much silverware as we would have hoped. We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for the work he put in with us this season and over the last six years.

Alex Flynn





JUNIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

Our Junior team had a lot to live up to after last year's success and we knew we had to put in a lot of work. We had a great season this year, winning the Junior Cup and League for the second year running. We beat The King's Hospital, Sutton Park College, St Andrew's College and drew with Wesley College in our league group. We had a shaky start against Newpark Comprehensive School in the league semi-final, but we found our stride and won comfortably 7-2. We then played St Andrew's in the league final and after another rocky start we won 4-1. We beat St Columba's College and Sandford Park School in the cup and played The King's Hospital in the semi-final. It was a game with plenty of chances, but we couldn't find the back of the net. It was a last-minute winner from Harry Lynch that got us our cup final spot. We played against St Andrew's in the final at Three Rock Rovers. It was a tight game and was 1-1 for quite a while. The winning goal was a great finish scored by Joe Murphy after the ball was hit into the circle by Evan Jennings. Overall, it was a great season and I would like to thank the team, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Hosking for all the work they put in this year.

Ross Howard





JUNIOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

This season the Junior B team played extremely well finishing second in our league, winning twice and drawing twice. In those winning games there were great goals from Matthew Donovan, Ciaran Adair and Joshua Ogunkayode and good saves from the keeper Aidan Doyle. Overall, a great season for the team.

Daniel Hudson



MINOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

The Minor Hockey team had a good year making it to both semi-finals in the cup and league, playing St Andrew's College in both and unfortunately losing both. We came to an unfortunate 3-0 loss in the league semi-final midway through the year in St Andrew's. The next time we played was in the cup semi where we were losing 3-0 by the end of the first half but managed to win the second half 2-1. Unfortunately, this meant we lost 4-2. The team, however, still remains hopeful for a fruitful next season.

Marcus Empey



MINOR B BOYS' HOCKEY

We enjoyed a good year of hockey, starting off the year winning 6-0 against Wesley College. Our next game was a 3-1 win over St Andrew's College. It was looking good for us to get into the league final. We just needed to win or draw the next three games. We got a win in our next game as Newpark Comprehensive School forfeited. Unfortunately, we lost to Dundalk Grammar School in a narrow 0-1 defeat. We won our semi-final against Kilkenny College 4-0. We had a thrilling final against The King's Hospital, which we narrowly lost 2-1 in a really close game. I would like to thank Mr Hosking and the rest of the coaches. We can't wait to come back next year!

Oscar Martin

FORM 1 A BOYS HOCKEY

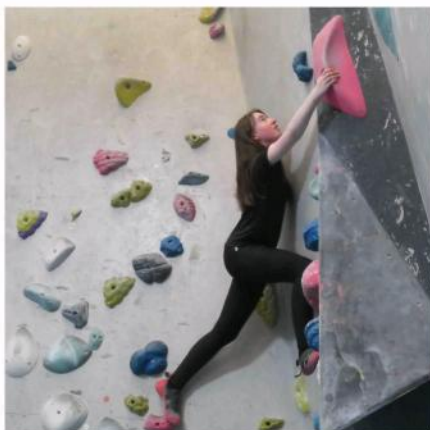
Our first league match was home to The King's Hospital. This was the first time a lot of our players had played a proper match. Our next match was against Wesley College who had beaten The King's Hospital 2-1. We drew this match 3-3 giving us a lot more confidence going into the following games. We won the rest of our league matches and won the Under 13 'B' League. We were so delighted with our performances. We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick, Conor Empey and Mr Hosking for the great season!

Ben Pasley

FORM 1 B BOYS HOCKEY

This year the Form 1 hockey boys' team was coached by Mr Hosking and Conor Empey. Our most memorable match was against Dundalk Grammar School where we had a long bus journey to and from the match. The score was 0-0, but we played some of our best hockey of the year. We really enjoyed our training this year and can't wait for next year. I would like to say thank you to Jody and Conor for coaching us. We would also like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for organising our matches.

Archie Sheridan



ROCK CLIMBING

This year, during the summer term, some pupils from The High School went to Sandyford after school on a Wednesday and went to The Wall. Before we went, my friend Luke and I would get some chips. Then everyone going would get on the mini bus and head to Sandyford. It was about a twenty minute drive from the school to The Wall. When we got there we would get a pair of climbing shoes and start climbing. This type of rock climbing is actually called bouldering because you don't have a harness, you don't climb as high and there are colour coded courses. We did this for five weeks and it was really fun. I would like to thank all the teachers involved in organizing this because it is my favourite after-school activity.

Jordan Brislane

ROWING

Over this year, we have raced in various events hosted around the country as well as overseas. To start the racing season off right we entered a Head of the River in Carrick-on-Shannon. A head of the river is slightly different in the way that you're not racing side by side with your competitors, more so that they let off one boat at a time, fastest going first. Then after writing up all the crews that raced they get the overall winners of a category and award their efforts with a pennant. Down at Carrick-on-Shannon, we entered doubles for the first race. We mixed up the crews for this race. The results of this race was Alison and her partner placing first, winning a pennant and Sarah and her partner placing third behind the Enniskillen Royal Grammar School a few hundredths of a second slower. For the next HOR, we had entered our eight in the J16 8+. Although we put plans in place weeks ahead of this race, we ended up changing our crew last minute due to an injury suffered by the stroke in the race prior to this. It was last minute critical thinking by our coach placing Sarah into stroke position of the eight. This ended up being successful as nearing the end Sarah was leading the boat to victory. A victory that on the score sheet that had placed us a whole 30 seconds ahead of the second place crew. From this great achievement we went home with two pennants. We ended up being the front cover of the Afloat magazine. The cheering and the pleasure from the victories of this race gave us a head start into the rowing season.

It wasn't until the February of the next year that we got to race again. Due to cancellations from the bad weather we had finally got to race the HOR on the River Erne in Fermanagh, the home territory of our greatest competitors. We needed to show a good face at this race. We had entered our eight to go up against the competition. However even the best laid plans couldn't predict the difficulties we faced during the race. Although we had got off to a great start we were unable to keep up with Enniskillen Royal Grammar School's pace. By the end we had worn out during the 6 kilometres. We gasped for air at the finish and as quickly as the score sheet was up we knew we hadn't done enough to get past the opposition. We had placed second out of five eights behind Enniskillen. We accepted the feat and decided to improve from here until the start of the regatta season.

The weeks went soaring past as the regatta season finally rolled around at the start of April. This time we were prepared, we were ready for what the weekend threw at us. Neptune regatta started the weekend of racing on the Friday. For this regatta we entered the J16 8+, J16 4X+. Both entries led in success. In the J16 8+ we raced up against our Enniskillen opposition, winning with 3 boat lengths of a lead in the semi-finals. Sarah was in stroke position of the eight and Alison was in position 5. For the finals we went side by side with Fermoy Rowing Club. This ended up being another win of 5 boat lengths. For the quad, we had many races before we got into the final. We raced against Fermoy Rowing Club, Enniskillen Royal Grammar School A crew and leading into a tight final against an old competition of ours, Carlow Rowing Club. It was impossible to tell who was leading for the first 750m until finally our quad made a swift move and pulled away from Carlow hastily. We went home with ear to ear grins. It was a tough day of racing with even tougher competitors.

On the Sunday it was Commercial Regatta, our home regatta. This was a big reason to do well that day not adding it was our home river as well. To start we entered Alison in a J16 1x and J16 4x+. Sarah was entered in J18 8+, J16 2x and J16 8+. Other High School rowers had entered in, Sam entered the club 4-, Aine entered into a J18 2x and daisy entered the same category but raced in separate boats. Each of those were tight, side by side races but in the end they were well rowed. It was a long day especially under the sweltering heat. Daisy finished her double with a win. While Sam and Aine had gotten within the reaches of a medal they both placed high on the list of competitors. Alison won her J16 1x with a very close finish against her competitor, although she finished with a length over her competitor. In the J16 4X+ Alison raced against the likes of Colaiste Iognaid in Galway, Coleraine Grammar School and to finish in the final against Neptune Rowing Club. Sarah placed second in the J18 8+ behind Colaiste Iognaid Rowing Club. Then placed first in her final against Neptune Rowing Club and Athlone Rowing Club in the final. Finally to finish off the day Sarah placed second in the J16 8+ with a defeat by Coleraine Grammar School.

Throughout we have faced many race cancellations such as Skibbereen Regatta,

Lough Rynn Regatta and Metropolitan Regatta. This has undeterred us and we've kept training for the next regatta. For Limerick Regatta, Sarah and Alison raced in the J18 4X- and the J16 8+ categories. We came third in the J18 4X- against the clubs of Clonmel Rowing Club and Castleconnel Rowing Club. In the eights race we placed first out of 8 eights. Beating Saint Michaels Rowing club, Colaiste Iognaid and Fermoy Rowing Club.

Next was schools regatta the following day. We had entered the J16 2x, J18 2x, U23 4- and U23 2-. The results of this regatta was the J16 2x of Sarah and Alison came third out of 19 other well matched doubles, although getting the fastest time in the heats there was difficulties in the final leading to third place. In the J18 2x Aine and Daisy placed an impressive second out of 14 doubles. It was a hard race in the humidity of that day but it was well earned. The U23 4- of Sarah, Alison, Daisy and Aine had a fierce race against the competitors although could only get us to eighth place. The U23- came 10th in their race however had their were difficulties during that day due to the busyness of that day.

The most recent regatta was Ghent regatta over in Belgium on the Ghent Watersportbaan. Sarah and Alison went over on the Friday to Belgium with an early 6am flight. Arrived in Ghent for the afternoon. The racing facilities were impressive. It really gave us a clear picture of the Europeans rowing. There was tough competition out on by many of the clubs although you could really see which clubs training had paid off at the finish line. On the Saturday we had entered a J18 4X- and J18 8+. The J18 8+ was the first race of the day at 2pm. Though we had arrived early for other races, we were left sitting in the high 20s of Ghent. As we sat under the beaming sun it became apparent the sun had a draining effect so we ended up sitting the rest of the day in the shade. For the eight we raced up against KRSG the home rowing club and Carlow Rowing Club. At the start it was very nerve wracking as you tried to figure out which club was which with a language barrier and if it wasn't bad enough as the coaches of the European clubs gawking at you trying to suss out whether you were serious competition or not. We started the race with traffic lights that were red before letting off a beep and went green to show the race

had started a change from normal Irish regattas. By the 500m mark we had a boat length and a half of clear water. The KRSG crew lost their confidence as one of the rowers lost control of their oar and the stroke of the boat slapping the water angrily in disbelief. Coming up to the last 250m there was one final push but the distance between us and them had fallen to 4 lengths of clear water. Passing the finish line as we triumphantly try to catch our breath and congratulate the other crews. For the J18 quad event we ended up placing third in our heat due to the exhaustion of the day although we would not let this affect the next day of racing. On the Sunday we raced in the J16 4X-. Sarah raced in the J16 2x and Alison raced her J16 1x. The day started off with the doubles and the sculls. I raced with my partner in the double sculls events against 40 other crews. Although we had serious competition against the Viking's Rowing Club and with their Tour de France supporting them on the bank they were left in disbelief as we held off their efforts to overtake us coming first in our heat. Overall I placed eighth out of forty other boats. Alison had tough competition and was left in second place off the start however after persevering she ended up catching on first place and pulling away from her by the 1000m mark. She came 7th out of 50 crews entered in the event. For the final race there was nerves running rapid as the coaches made final preparations on the boats. At the start we ended up side by side with old competitors of ours, Carlow Rowing Club. With a few awkward stares from both boats we lined up straight in our lane and gripped onto the oars. They pulled away from us at the start but it wasn't long before we caught up on them and had passed them. It was almost like the other competition fell away and it was just a race between us and them. Breathing heavy we still had 750m left of this race. We put the heads down giving it our last push coming up towards the line. We had come first in our heat finishing ahead of Carlow. When we looked at the score sheet we were disappointed as we placed 4th overall out of 20 quads. It was a great weekend overall with memories, medals and sunburns to remind us of Ghent we had to come back to Ireland. Even though our flight was delayed it didn't dampen our spirits after the successful weekend giving us a taste of European rowing.

Sarah Daly

SENIOR 1 BOYS' RUGBY

We started off the year like we have done for the past 3 or 4 years by doing the pre-season at the end of June. After majority of the team being part of last year's success, you could feel a bit of confidence in the air as we did our strength and conditioning.

This confidence showed as we played our first league game against last year's rivals Wilson's Hospital. We won, and we had man of the match performances by everyone. After this our hopes for the year rose. However, it was a sign of the tough year ahead for the team. As in the next game under tough conditions we had our first injury from Loris Nikolov, our captain, of all people! This is where I had to step in and take over as captain for the team. At first, I was nervous as I didn't know if I was right for the job and my first game as captain didn't help as we suffered a loss. However, the team was then more determined to prove themselves as we had a huge victory over De La Salle. Tough games were to follow as we had to play a strong team from Newpark Comprehensive School, who unfortunately, we had a narrow loss to. As the games got tougher our injury got bigger from key players such as Luke Diggins, Edward Meredith, Jamie Shaw, Morgan Kane O'Brien, Jason McGrath, and Sittha Bailey. However, this gave players a chance to step up and prove themselves which they easily did, as we pulled together as a team to overcome Mount Temple Comprehensive School to reach the semi-finals of the league.



We were up against Newpark Comprehensive School who we previously lost to by a point, so this time we wanted the win more than ever. It was a great defensive effort by the whole team unfortunately they had the luck that day to win. Although it was heartbreaking for Form 6 as six years of league matches were officially over, the season was a long way to be finished and everyone on the team was aware of that. So we trained harder and pushed ourselves during the Christmas holidays as we had the first round of the Vinnie Murray to play. We had Mount Temple Comprehensive School in the first and from playing them before we knew it would be a tough game. Our hard work paid off as we built up a 12-point lead from tries by Jamie Ukagba and Matthew Barlow. However, Mount Temple Comprehensive School weren't giving up easily as they got 12 points of their own. Both team's defences stood strong causing the match to go into a replay.

This game was to be played a few days later so we had little time to prepare. But that didn't stop us, as from the

start we showed our dominance in both attacking and defending, to get a score line of 22-10 which included tries from Harry O'Donnell and two from Stephen Landy. The Friday of the same week we had to play The King's Hospital which we found out on the morning of that day. The game started off close with them scoring the first try. However, we responded straight away with a try from Harry O'Donnell. The fatigue of playing three games showed in that match which unfortunately allowed them to pull away during the game. But we never gave up and we got two tries as a reward from Luan Rogers and Cormac Dempsey.

That was an end to a long, tough, and emotional season. I want to finish off by thanking every member of the coaching staff that has helped us for the past 6 years I've enjoyed them more than anything so thank you very much. Also huge thanks to every player that played this year and every supporter that came to our games your support was very much appreciated. I also want to wish next year's team the best of luck and make sure you enjoy every moment.

Kyle Butler

SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

The High School Senior Seconds Rugby team has had a very successful year boasting a few impressive achievements such as a 21-5 win against Blackcock College, a 12-7 win against Gonzaga College and a 14-14 draw against Cistercian College Roscrea. Our success was well fought for and deserved but having amazing coaches such as Mr Tevlin and Darragh McDonnell helped tremendously. Thanks to our hard work, our coaches support, and our star flanker Dylan Roycroft we were able to do well.

Cormac Dee Brown



TRANSITION YEAR BOYS' RUGBY

This year the Transition Year rugby team got off to a bad start against St Mary's College losing 24-17 in a warm up game. However, we only had 13 players and they had nearly two teams. We then played Terenure College A's in another warm up game this time winning comfortably 28-12. We began to get more confident and went and beat a very strong Wesley College 28-12. This gave us a lot of confidence going into the League. Our first League game being against CUS, a team that had knocked us out of the Fr Godfrey Cup the year prior, was one that we wanted to win badly. However, the game just happened to be during Storm Ophelia making it very hard to be able to play leading into a loss 27-20. We then played Presentation Bray losing 38-12. Things were looking down, but we then had our second game against CUS and this time we managed to come away with a win 17-15. We brought the hype from this game into our second game against Presentation Bray this time drawing 38-38. We then had a long wait over the Christmas break anxious to get back out onto the pitch to play them again. When we came back we were more prepared than we had ever been and beat them 22-17. This win led us into the semi-final against Wesley College. We knew this game was going to be tough as they wanted to extract revenge for their earlier defeat. However, we dug deep, and we beat them 17-12 in a very close game. We found out some time later that we would be playing St Mary's College in the final and we were all as excited as we were nervous. The game was a long gruelling battle and we spent most of the game taking the pressure rather than applying it. We scored three tries in the first half from Luan Rogers, Marco Lyons, and Adam Killeen (all converted by Adam Killeen). We had a comfortable lead but as the game went on the team's discipline faded and we ended up getting four yellow cards in the last 15 minutes resulting in St Mary's College scoring two tries, which they did not convert. We managed to stay focused and won the game 21-15, therefore, resulting in us winning the league.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin and all the coaches for helping us throughout the year. I would also like to thank all of Form 5 that played for us throughout the season.

Jack Farrell



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

This year of Junior Cup rugby has been a very tough season with more downs than ups. We had an especially tough league finishing at the bottom of the table. We were matched with our rivals in the Fr Godfrey Cup and suffered an unfortunate defeat. We were then knocked out of the Plate and went into another league. We made it to the semi-final and suffered a 20-19 defeat against Belvedere College. Despite the hardships I am proud of how the boys stuck together as a team even when we were at our worst. Although this has been a poor season for us, I am looking forward to what the team can bring in Transition Year.

Robert Cloughley



FORM 2 BOYS' RUGBY

This year the Form 2 rugby team played very well and had good and bad moments. We played a few games before Christmas which were competitive but after Christmas our work really started. We started training and having Friday gym sessions with Darragh McDonnell and we started playing some really good rugby teams. Our most competitive and exciting match was versus Cistercian College Roscrea. We knew we'd have to come all guns blazing and by half-time we were up by over 20 points through great rucking and good line speed. We had another good first ten minutes but we became tired letting in two tries but we got our second wind and finished the game comfortably. This season was great with lots of improvement. On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mr McBride, Ross and Darragh McDonnell for the early morning gym sessions.

Luke Hardy



FORM 1 A BOYS' RUGBY

We started off not knowing each other and not being able to pass or tackle. We began playing blitz's against schools such as Gonzaga College, Newpark Comprehensive School and Temple Carrig School. We were improving every training session and in November we started playing full-pitch matches. We got better every game and began to play together more as a team towards the end of the season. There were a few games that we lost, but we never gave up, and we always finished strongly. For example, when we played Willow Park we were well behind in the first half but didn't let them in in the second. Our best match of the season was against CBC Monkstown.

There were huge improvements in our tackling, scrummaging, line outs and passing. We finished off our season with an amazing rugby trip to Cork. It was brilliant fun. Thanks to Mr Hilliard, Mr MacNamara, Mr Griffin and Mr Malin who helped coach us throughout the season, the coaching and the tour were great. We're all looking forward to next season.

Charlie Beatty

FORM 1 B BOYS' RUGBY

We had a mixed season this year. We won a few and lost a few. The best part was going on tour to Cork. We only lost our game by a try, but we had brilliant fun. I'd like to thank all the coaches and everyone who helped and supported us this year.

Sean O'Brien



SWIMMING

Swimming is not only a great way to get active but also a fun way to spend time with your friends, and meet new people from outside your year. This year everyone really enjoyed the training sessions and working towards the Habitat for Humanity swim, where we had to swim either a kilometre or a mile to raise money for the school Habitat trip during Easter. Training was sometimes tough, but it was very rewarding to be able to complete the Habitat swim at the end of the term! We had loads of fun during our classes, practicing dives and getting to make up new dives, learning new strokes, and having relay and ring-fetching competitions. Swimming is a really enjoyable activity and we strongly urge everyone to give it a go! Junior and Senior swimming takes place every Tuesday evening during the school terms in Terenure College, and new people are always welcome!

**Maya Feigherty
and Eileen Curran**

U18 BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis team enjoyed a good season this year. We competed in the U18's League which had some difficult opponents for us. Nevertheless, we achieved some wins and are happy with our results. This was only possible thanks to our brilliant coaching by John every Monday after school. Overall it was a very good season.

Patrick Westphal

SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

This was an excellent season of tennis for all the chaps involved. With the help of Mr Swanwick and Mr McDonnell we defeated Carlow Community College. It was a taut affair, but with Mr Swanwick's leadership and encouragement we overcame our opponents. Despite our victory we were defeated by Wesley College. After that morale crumbled, and the titans of High School stooped to the misery of defeat. However, Benjamin Cripps emerged from the shadows of retirement, and battled to victory.

Luan Rogers

JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

The Junior Tennis Boys' team enjoyed a short yet exciting season. We achieved a few wins but also some losses. We had excellent singles players and strong teams for the doubles. We'd like to thank John for coaching and supporting us at the matches and Mr McDonnell for all his help and organisation.

Patrick Westphal

MINOR BOYS' TENNIS

We have had a great season. We have all really enjoyed playing together and are looking forward to next year. Training on Tuesdays is always great fun. We would like to thank Mr McDonnell, Swansea and Mr Sullivan for organising our matches and coaching us.

Ben Pasley

SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

This season was very enjoyable for the senior tennis team. We had some brilliant successes, against Rosemont and The King's Hospital. Unfortunately, we lost one game, narrowly, against Sandford Park School. This season we saw lots of improvement in every member of the team, and we can't wait for next season.

Giulia Guastalla

JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

Our first games were against Woodland Academy. Three pairs played. We won 2 of our 3 matches. Our second games were against Temple Carrig School. We had three teams playing and we won all of the matches. We had a successful and enjoyable season thanks to Ms Jones, who organised all the matches and was there for training and games.

Abigail Sykes

MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

The Minor A tennis team had a very enjoyable season. We had a strong squad and played some high quality matches. While the results didn't always go our way, the quality of tennis improved with every match. We would like to thank our coaches Ms Jones and Ms Meeke for all their support and hard work.

Emily Pryce

MINOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

Tennis was thoroughly enjoyable this season. Although we had little success in matches, we all had great fun at training. We would also like to thank our coaches for the fun we've had.

Naomi Wilson

MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

We played really well this year, all thanks to our 3 coaches Mr Quinn, Ms Jones and Ms Meeke I think we are going to keep improving in training and we are going to win loads of matches next year.

Honor Nolan

FORM 1 GIRLS' TENNIS

We have thoroughly enjoyed our first season of tennis in The High School with Ms Jones. Our highlight was participating in a blitz in Loreto Foxrock which was lots of fun. Can't wait for next year! Thanks to Ms Jones and all the other coaches!

Elodie Ryan



SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 2017-18

ATHLETICS

Belgrave Cup

200 metres – Senior Girls
Laura Motyer

Hutchinson Cup

800 metres – Senior Girls
Orianna Davey

Parents' Association Cup

100m – Senior Girls
Katie Moore

Cornick Cup

400 metres – Senior Boys
Oisín O'Conbhui

Moore Cup

200 metres – Senior Boys
Oisín O'Conbhui

War Memorial Cup

Most points – Senior Boys
Oisín O'Conbhui

Hughes Shield

100 metres – Junior Girls
Ella Maxwell

Magill Cup

100 metres – Junior Boys
Kenny Ogundipe

Taylor Cup

100 metres – Senior Boys
Jem Champion

Pakenham-Hamilton Cup

High Jump – Junior Girls
Ariji O'tobo

Sloan Cup

Long Jump – Senior Boys
Edward Meredith

Walker Cup

1500 metres – Senior Boys
Edward Meredith

Southam Cup

800 metres – Senior Boys
Peter Lynch

Taylor Cup

Most Points – Senior Girls
Rosanne McCullough

Toomey Cup

1000 metres – Junior Girls
Ella Pasley

Travers Cup

High Jump – Senior Boys
Jamie Ukagba

Whyte Cup

Most Points in Field Events –
Senior Boys
Dylan Walsh

BADMINTON

Factor Cup – Junior Boys

Senan MacKeogh

Hennessy Cup – Junior Girls

Michelle Yang

Hennessy Cup – Senior Girls

Alex Yang

Hennessy Cup – Senior Boys

Jamie Topping

BASKETBALL

Senior Boys Trophy

Matthew Thompson

Senior Girls Cup

Katerina Cvetkovic

Junior Boys Cup

Cian Ziglinski

Junior Girls Cup

Heather Collins

CRICKET

Davies Cup – 2nd XI Boys

Sol Bell Megaw

Dawson Cup – Form 2 Boys

Luke Hardy

De Vere Shortt Cup – Batting

Zak Coughlan

Hanly Cup – Fielding

Jamie Topping

Ridgeway Cup – Senior Girls

Jennifer Pillow

Junior Girls Cup

Ella Pasley

Minor Girls Tennis Cup

Ella Pasley

HOCKEY

Neville Davin Cup

Senior Boys
Alex Flynn

Diocesan Cup – Minor Girls

Emily Price

Jean Scott Cup – Senior Girls

Zara Naughton

Jean Scott Cup – Junior Girls

Isabelle Bowen

Karen Eppell Cup – Fair Play

Ellen Ridgeway

Andrew McKay Cup

Junior Boys
Evan Jennings

Minor Boys Cup

Sam Walsh

RUGBY

Dawson Cup – Form 2

Darragh McGrath

Evans Cup – Place and Drop

Stephen Landy

De Vere Shortt Cup

Player of the Year
Kyle Butler

Holmpatrick Cup – 7 a side

Kyle Butler

Turner Cup

Most Deserving Team
Transition Year (Captain)
Jack Farrelly

SWIMMING

Dodder Cup – Juniors

Sarah Morris

John Phillips Cup

Survival skills
Josh Rance

Liffey Cup – Senior

Erin Fetherston

TABLE TENNIS

Evans Cup

Championship Winner
Oscar Maharg Bravo

SPORTS ASSEMBLY

TENNIS

Jagoe Cup – Junior Girls
Emily Fitzpatrick

Smith Cup – Senior Girls
Giulia Guastalla

Harcourt Cup – Junior Boys
Leo Vaughan

Sealy Cup – Senior Boys
Patrick Westphal

Minor Boys Shield
Ben Pasley

White Shield
Rory Browne

PRESENTATIONS TO THE SCHOOL

Boys Cricket
Senior Plate Winners
Vice Captain - Zak Coughlan

Boys Badminton – Senior
Division 2 All Ireland Winners
Vice Captain - Alexander O'Connor



SPORTS DAY



SPORTS DAY

Diocesan Staff Cup

Most points Intermediate Girls
Siobhan Trimmer

Tate Cup

Form 1 Boys Overall Points
Nathan Priestly

Mathers Cup

Form 1 Girls Overall Points
Katie Collins

Cunningham Cup

Junior Boys Overall Points
Kenny Ogundipe

Danum Cup

Junior Girls Overall Points
Ella Maxwell

**Intermediate
Boys Overall Points Cup**

Adam Killeen

**Intermediate
Boys Field Events Cup**

Tristan De Beere

TEAM WINNERS**Junior Girls Cricket**

Winners Junior B League

Minor Boys Tennis

Division 3 Minor Boys Cup

Senior Boys Cricket

Winners Senior Cricket plate

TY Rugby Boys

Winners Division 2 Cup

Senior Hockey Boys

Winners Senior Trophy

Junior Hockey Boys

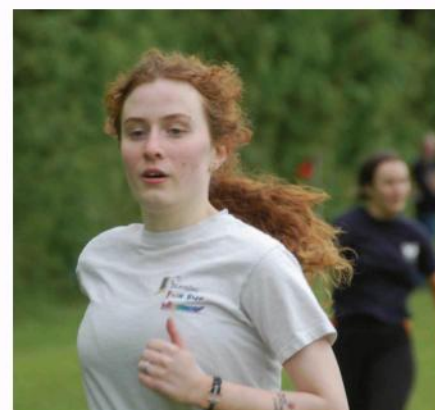
Winners League and Cup
(2nd year in a row!)

Senior Badminton Team

Winners All Ireland
(Division 2)

Senior Badminton Team

Winners Dublin and Leinster



REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESS

NATIONAL ROWING

Two High School pupils participated in the Head of the Shannon All-Ireland Rowing Competition - Under 16 Junior Women Coxed Eight and Under 16 Junior Women double scull competitions. Alison Daly (HSD) and her partner registered the fastest time in the double sculls beating Enniskillen Royal Grammar School and taking the pennant from them. For the next race Sarah Daly (HSD) stepped-up into stroke. Despite the stiff competition from Enniskillen, Coláiste Iognáid Rowing Club, and Galway Rowing Club we set out to win. We started off strongly, putting on the pressure, and keeping the rate at 30 strokes per minute. Only 200 metres in and our rivals Enniskillen misjudged a bend and crashed straight into the weeds. We kept going with our eyes now set firmly on Galway's eight and although it seemed an impossible task, our cox encouraged us to go for it. We also kept a close eye on Coláiste Iognáid's eight that was 3 boat lengths away. With the pennant in arms reach, we put on the legs and continued forward. We were halfway done and had made the gap between us and Coláiste Iognáid's eight 5 boat lengths. The lactic acid and fatigue had begun to set in, but our cox shouted to keep the catches sharp and the finishes strong. We couldn't give up now; our coaches would be counting on us to win this. We had just passed the houses indicating that we were on the home stretch. Our cox took the bend sharply as if it was a Formula 1 race. The faint screams of the crowd told us to up the rate and the pressure. Our cox was now shouting at us to go for the finish line as we had caught up on Galway's eight. We filled our lungs with air for the last time as we were about to go for the line, knowing that this next bit would be anaerobic. The shouting of the crowds grew louder and with that we upped the rate and the pressure, going crazy for this final stretch. Galway saw this and tried to increase their speed, but we were already overtaking them and managed to do so in the last few meters before the line. With the final sounding horn, we stopped abruptly needing to take in as much air we could. When the results came out, it was clear that we had beaten the other crews by a few minutes which is substantial in rowing. We went home happy that we beat the other crews, the result of hard work and persistence.

Alison Daly

MOUNTAINEERING

Congratulations to HSD pupil and international climber Thomas Myles who was in competition at the weekend and won The Irish Lead Climbing Championship. This competition is one of two national championships run by Mountaineering Ireland. Well done, Tommy!

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to The High School's Roseanne Mc Cullough who was selected to participate in the Athletics Ireland annual junior endurance camp supported by Affidea Ireland which was held in the wonderful surroundings of Alfa Mar Portugal over Easter. Endurance carded athletes and those on the 2017 National Junior XC panel attended the 8 day training camp to aid their preparations for the upcoming track season. Alfa Mar provides an ideal setting for the camp with two tracks, gym, nature reserve trails, and the XC course that hosted the European XC Championship a number of years.



INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS

This year I travelled to Mira, Portugal, representing Ireland in the European Club Championships 2018. There was a great atmosphere with lots of talented athletes competing. The race was 4000m with obstacles such as sand, hills and jumps along the way to challenge us. Our team finished 4th, unfortunately just missing out on a bronze medal but still an amazing experience. Then later on in the year I was selected to participate in The Irish Endurance U20 selection Squad 2018. It was to take place in the Algarve, Portugal so as to get some warm weather training in before the upcoming track season. It consisted of training twice a day, in the heat, for 10 days. We also participated in strength and conditioning, yoga, mobility, nutrition and sport performance workshops. As well we were accompanied by a senior group of athletes, including three Olympians and world championship winners, to train alongside. It was intense training, sometimes in more than 20 degrees heat, but still such an unbelievable experience. I am very grateful to have been selected and for such an incredible opportunity.

Roseanne McCullough

SQUASH

During the Easter break The High School pupil Scott Gillanders represented Ireland at the European Team Championships for Squash in Poland. The team came fourth overall. This is the biggest team squash event of the year for the Under 19s, featuring the best players in these age groups from all over Europe. Congratulations, Scott!



USA TOUR - RUGBY

On the 6 June 36 pupils and five coaches gathered in Terminal 2, Dublin Airport. Barely able to contain our excitement we boarded the flight to Boston. We spent five activity packed days, training, touring Harvard, visiting the quaint town of Salem, playing the first fixture against Blue Hills, and exploring Boston City. The match, against Blue Hills, was extremely enjoyable and warming to see the generous hospitality displayed towards us. It was made all the better with both our 1st and our 2nd XV winning their matches. While in Boston we got to visit Harvard, and even train on their rugby pitch. After our stay in Boston we departed on a long, gruelling, bus journey to New York that was broken up with a thrilling visit to 6 flags theme park, New England. In New York we were lucky to stay in a hotel opposite Madison Square Garden. While in New York we had another five days spent doing a wide array of activities such as, playing our second fixtures against New Jersey All Stars, taking a ferry to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, visiting the Empire State Building, Ground Zero (9/11 Memorial), Central Park, and playing our third fixture against Rockaway Rugby Club. The match against New Jersey All Star select team was by far the most competitive match of the tour. This is reflected very clearly with the 1st XV winning 24-19, and the 2nd XV winning 31-19. The match against Rockaway Rugby Club was intense from start to finish, made all the better by the amazing location, beautiful pitch and fantastic hospitality. The 1st XV won their match 34-5 and the 2nd XV won their match 24-0. Although the score might lead you to believe that the matches were easily won you would be far from the truth, Rockaway put on a very impressive display of rugby throughout both games. With this victory under our belts we were officially undefeated throughout the whole tour. We would not have been able to perform so well in the matches if it wasn't for the amazing performances from players such as Sam Dunne and Harry O'Donnell. But most importantly the trip would not have happened if it wasn't for all the work and dedication put in by the trip organizer, Mr Malin. We were all really upset to leave this incredible country but are content with the work that we put in and are all happy with the results. We will never forget this amazing experience.

Cormac Dee Brown





USA TOUR - HOCKEY

As we gathered in Dublin Airport in Terminal 2 on the 6 June, I don't think any of the twenty-two girls or three coaches knew the once in a life time experience that awaited us after the seven hour flight to Boston. From the incredible sights we would see to the relentlessness of our team spirit, we truly could not have predicted the adventure that was ahead.

The first five days of our tour were spent in Boston, where we played two of our three matches against UMas Lowell and Wizards FH. Getting to play against American teams, meeting the players, seeing their facilities, was all truly surreal. We were met with outstanding hospitality and the experience was only made better by the 'tailgates' that took place after, where we would chat to the players, eat dinner and exchange gifts.

While we were not on the pitch, of course we were seeing all the sights Boston had to offer. We enjoyed a Boston Duck Tour, where we got to ride down Boston's roads and waters to truly see the city. We were brought on the Freedom Trail Tour, toured the town of Salem where we learned about the town's infamous Witch Trials, and of course visited Harvard. In the gaps in our busy schedule there was plenty of time for shopping as well as exploring the areas for ourselves.

Halfway through our tour we checked-out of our cosy rooms in Boston and embarked on the long bus ride to New York, visiting Six Flags theme park on the way where we could ride rollercoasters or enjoy the water park. Apart from those who'd been before, I don't think any of us expected New York to be so mesmerising. Approaching over the Brooklyn Bridge late at night, we were glued to our windows soaking in the cities hypnotising lights, each building

taller than the last, even at that time of night it was apparent that the city truly is a hive full of busy bees. Our hotel was two blocks away from the Empire State Building, very central in the city which made the 'brick-wall' views worth it!

During our time in New York we got to do so much. We took part in a self-led training session at Columbia University as well as taking a tour of the sports facilities, which were both amazing experiences. We also enjoyed a Hop-on Hop-off bus tour, where we got to see the iconic sights such as Ground Zero, the Empire State Building, and Little Italy. We boarded the ferry to Liberty Island and Ellis Island, explored Battery Park and soaked in New York's atmosphere, rented bikes and cycled around Central Park, ate in Times Square, and went shopping in Jersey Gardens. We played our last match on our final evening against Scarlett Knights Club who were beyond hospitable and friendly. It was truly a great night to end on, and as we sang on the bus all the way back to the hotel I don't think any of us believed it had gone so fast - or that any of us would make it home without exceeding the baggage limit.

Setting off on the 6 June I don't think any of us knew what to expect. The relationship of twenty-two girls across two years can go several ways but I don't think ours could have been better. From the minute we checked-in we became our own little family and bonded not just as players but as friends. Bonds that will stick with us during our remaining time here in The High School. The students and teachers truly had a great dynamic of trust and honesty which made everyone feel at home. The friendships formed on the trip through team-spirit and experience really made the trip what it was- a once in a life-time opportunity. Of course we must give thanks to Ms Gray, Ms Fallon and Ms Jones who made it possible for this trip to be so memorable and enjoyable. I think we're all looking forward to starting the new season in September.

Eva Kenna





PUPILS



HEAD BOY REPORT

It was late August last year when the Principal's secretary, Jean, invited me in for a meeting with Mr Forrest. I was on holiday in France at the time, but I arranged to come in as soon as I got back. A few days later, I was offered the position of Head Boy. I was honoured to be considered for the position and I was happy to accept the commitments involved. I was really excited to hear that I'd be working alongside Muna as Head Girl, Edward and Ellen as deputies and a group of very capable prefects. With this powerhouse of a prefect team in place, I was excited to get stuck into the year.

Being in Form 6 and a prefect brought unique challenges, but we soon settled into a comfortable rhythm. Prefect duties kicked in almost from day one and I'm glad to say we met the challenge well. My favourite duty as a prefect was helping Form 1 get orientated and acting as one of their mentors. It was a very rewarding experience to be able to pass on our knowledge of the school and to support the next generation of pupils.

Early in the year, the prefect team attended a training day. We learnt how to work more cohesively as a unit and discovered a lot about ourselves and each other, all of which greatly helped us excel in our roles. Later on in the year, all of Form 6 got the chance to experience a study skills and mindfulness day. We learnt many key skills that we're definitely finding handy now as we approach our exams!

The other prefects and I helped out with the annual Prize Distribution. We directed traffic and ushered guests to their seats, after which Muna and I helped to dish out the prizes themselves. The Prize Distribution evening was a great success, recognising many stunning achievements of pupils in sport and academia.

The year went by very fast, in the blink of an eye, we were up to our necks in the mock exams, orals and project work, the Leaving Certificate looming ahead.

This year, the school allowed Form 6 to host their own 'Stand Up' against bullying week. Lots of Form 6 got involved, taking over the assemblies, organising activities and running the week. I really enjoyed helping to coordinate the week and I think we succeeded in raising a lot of awareness.

We also organised the first ever Form 6 Mario-Kart tournament. With big prize money on the line, many sixth years sacrificed valuable study time training for this prestigious competition! Despite budget restrictions preventing the use of a smoke machine, the grand final was still a legendary spectacle.

I've loved every minute of my six years in The High School, all thanks to my amazing teachers, peers and everyone else in the school community who helps to make the school such a friendly and vibrant space.

I'd like to thank Mr Forrest for giving me the opportunity to be Head Boy and to give something back to the school.

A special thank-you to Muna, who was forever reminding me of everything I forgot to do. Muna, you were the ultimate partner and I couldn't have worked with a better Head Girl. Shout-out as well to Edward, Ellen and the hard working prefect team who tolerated me all year.

Thank you to all my year group. I couldn't have asked for a better bunch of people to spend six years of my life with, thank you for supporting me and good luck next year!

I'm going to miss the school a great deal and I wish the very best of luck to next year's Head Boy, Head Girl, and Form 6!

Dylan Walsh





HEAD GIRL REPORT

In late August 2017, I found out I was given the opportunity to be Head Girl! Once I was told, I was overjoyed. Throughout my High School experience, I'd always been delighted with the numerous activities I'd been involved in. These gave me the opportunity to be involved in the school year and as I'd been advised on the first day, I let the school pass through me rather than me pass through the school. I'm honoured to say that throughout this year, I was met with many firsts and was fully immersed in the school community.

Once Dylan and I had started, we were fortunate to be able to stay organised, thanks to our devoted Prefect team.

This year we quickly had a day with the Form 1 where we introduced ourselves and established who we would be mentoring.

After this, every event held during the year was attended by Dylan and I and I loved every bit of it. Dylan and I had parts to play in the Prize Distribution that is always a great event to showcase what The High School offers academically.

Later on Dylan, Ellen, Edward and I (the Senior team) attended the very first gathering of Head Prefects around Ireland held in St Columba's College. I thoroughly enjoyed this convention as we not only made friends from all over the country but received worthwhile tips and advice for the year and for our lives in regards to leadership, decisions and much more! Soon after that, the Senior team participated in a number of church events around Dublin. One of them, was our Carol Service in Zion Church, Dylan and I were given readings. It was great to partake in the festive season. Then we went to some services in St Patrick's Cathedral that were greatly attended by schools all over Ireland also. During one of these services, I got the opportunity to read in front of the congregation. It was a lovely experience and another opportunity to interact with other pupils around the country.

Following these events there was a long wait before we had another big event which was our day with Form 1 coming in later this year. At this event, Dylan and I made two very short speeches which had a lot in common, as neither Dylan nor I knew of or had anyone else from our primary schools coming in. This day

was filled with games, conversations and lots of laughs with the incoming pupils.

In a blink of an eye exams had come and before we knew it, we were graduating! I awaited this day with joy and sadness. I am going to miss the pupils and the staff at The High School for contributing to my experience. However, I am hopeful for what the future has to offer.

Finally, I would like to thank the teachers, Mr Forrest, Dr Whitford, our Deputy Principals and of course, Jean the Principal's secretary, who have been an infinite source of guidance and support throughout the year and of course the pupils both Junior and Senior for a unique few years that I will always look back at with fondness. I am ever grateful for this journey that has been HSD and I no matter what, you won't get rid of me!

Munachi Anele



CREATIVE WRITING



A CHRISTMAS HAIKU

Bells, lights, Christmas chat
The season nears its climax
But where is the snow?

Edward Meredith

LAST NIGHTS

Reposed on the half-step
You gazed with black eyes
At the orange chrysanthemum sky

It was cold outside.
The fur coat of an alpine monk
Hung on the ageing coat rack

Like skin from the old bones
That you used to gnaw on
Not even that could rouse you
once more.

Yet you awoke at the final word
Of your master. Your head wilted
As a cut flower in a vase

And as the light faded you gazed
Skyward once more. Silent but
Your coughing, and his tritone
whistle.

James Cole

VISIONS OF SOLITUDE

I'm swaying, swaying, slowly and softly, gentle gusts gasping and gripping my brown locks, lulling and low. Branches break and snap, cracking and creaking like breaking bones. My feet are numbed to the pain, though the sharp scrapes leave lasting wounds. I am aware of a dull sensation of tiny pin pricks.

I see the lake before me, blue ripples rolling over white light and lapping that touch the shore softly. The white light strikes my skin with the glow of a thousand fireflies, dancing over a pink plain and reflecting back.

The wind picks up and again and sweet scented pine lingers around my nostrils, twisting and twirling like a coiling snake.

I dive suddenly, breaking the blue, setting white waves alive in a writing crashing frenzy. Water rushes into lungs in its suffocating grasp, but I do not feel fear. The taste of pond weed and iron attacks in an overwhelming rush of string attacks in an overwhelming rush of strength against the tastebuds, but I fight harder. I break through the blue barrier and breathe.

Anna Bismilla

SONG OF FREEDOM

The silver light is friendly to me, she beams, bounces off the lake. She dances with me, sings with me. My dance flows with her, in her arms. The silver light is cold, but it gives me energy, I am one with the moon, I am one with the trees, I am one with the water.

The golden light is aggressive, he is warm, he seems inviting, he burns you, he is stoic. I can't look at the golden light like I can the silver. The hot rays roast me, it is selfish, it wishes to be loved, yet does not give me back the love.

The blueness of the night, it is calm, unchanging, freeing. For I dance submerged, the river is calm. The faeries frolic among the water droplets. The gentle silver beam is cool on my skin. The water and I are not separate, we move together, there is no end to our dance, no, nothing ever stops the silver light from stunning every night. The golden light does not always come out.

Anca Avaslichioaiei



Everything is vague and indistinct
Silence haunts the place,
Darkness depresses it.

I try comprehending the infiniteness
of everything everywhere,
But it is too much for anyone to do,
The houses shadow me,
They say that everything is the
same in the dark,
But nothing is the same.

The darkness makes things still,
It stops you seeing,
There is a reason we are afraid of
the darkness.

There are no stars in the sky,
The clouds block them,
I see the faintest glow of the moon
behind the clouds,
The twilight slowly lifts over the
horizon.

Tristan Comerford

JUNIOR DEBATING

This year was exceptionally important for the Junior Debating Club at The High School. The Junior Debating Club is organised and held by Ms Walker in the Library. Meeting weekly, pupils discussed a broad spectrum of topics this year, including the Repeal movement, the Irish homelessness crisis and the (proposed) Water Tax. This year showed a drastic increase in pupil attendance and participation.

While many pupils met in the Library every Tuesday this year, four pupils were invited to join The High School's inaugural Junior Debating team. The team consisted of four Form 2 pupils – Daniel Frew, Cillian West, Oscar Maharg Bravo and Latrell Panganiban. This team has made history as the first Junior Debating team in many years to participate in local and national competitions. The team has participated in its first inter-school competitive experience at University College Dublin. The team completed three debates at the Junior Schools Competition. These debates took place between October and December 2017. This was the team's first time preparing speeches on given motions in a Leinster School style. The team received informative feedback after each debate. These feedback opportunities allowed the team to improve. Unfortunately, The High School's team did not make it into the UCD Junior Schools Final. The pupils were and are focused on working to prepare better speeches and using effective tactics.

In May 2018, the debaters were invited to participate in a friendly debate at The King's Hospital School. This competition was held in British Parliamentary style. The team provided excellent debates at this event, showing their hard work on improving. Both teams scored in first or second place in the qualifier rounds, eventually qualifying to make the final round.

In summary, the Junior Debating Club was a tremendous success this year. The team is expected to develop next year and after that. Overall, the Junior Debating Club's future looks bright!

**Daniel Frew
and Cillian West**

SENIOR DEBATING

The Senior Debate team this year met each Thursday at lunch in the library to discuss and debate a range of topics. We participated in the Concern Debate competition, and competed against many schools, such as Tallaght Community School and St David's CBS, winning three debates and losing one. It was a very worthwhile and enjoyable experience to explore issues such as gender quotas, GMOs, and young people's attitudes towards the developing world. This year's team consisted of James Kinsella, Nathan Hutchinson Edgar, Fields Chung, James Carter and Grace Gageby. I would really recommend everyone interested in politics to get involved with the debate team next year, and would like to thank Ms Hutchinson Edgar, for her dedication to the team, in facilitating our meetings, coaching us, and attending all our debates.

Grace Gageby



FORM 1 BONDING LARCH HILL

On Monday 25 September, all of Form 1 went to Larch Hill for a fun day out. We went with our Form Teachers, Year Head and some of the pastoral care team.

When we arrived, we got introduced to the Larch Hill staff, who were very friendly and cheerful. Then we played a few group games. They were fun but tiring as we had to run around a lot.

We split into different groups after that and set off to do other activities. Our group started with grass-sledging. It was great fun whizzing down the hill at top speed! We took turns pushing each other and going mad on top of the hill.

Team building was next. We met up with another group, and we had fun trying to complete the challenges. They included: getting a tennis ball from one side to the next using only slates for a gutter (which was extremely difficult though we managed it on the last go), disentangling ourselves while still holding the hands of the next person, and helping each other walk on a tightrope!

We had a nice lunch, where we could go into a playground on the hill to relax and meet with the other groups, before we split up again and did orienteering! We had to trek through various fields while trying to beat another team. At least we didn't get hopelessly lost!

Finally, we did an obstacle course, crawling through tyres and swinging from ropes. Though it was muddy it was very fun and I enjoyed it thoroughly.

After a fun, but long day, we headed back to school. I met lots of new people in my year that I hadn't really talked to before and they were really nice and friendly. It was such a great day out that I hope we do something like this again!

Daimee Ng





PREFECTS

BACK ROW: EVAN BAILEY, HARRY BYRNE, JAMES KINSELLA, DYLAN WALSH, WILLIAM ANDERSON, ALEXANDER O'REGAN, ALEXANDER CHAMBERS

THIRD ROW: ELLEN RIDGEWAY, TAMI ADEDUNTAN, FIELDS CHUNG, ÉANNA CURRAN, EDWARD MEREDITH, CAROLINE RYAN, ALEX FLYNN, GIANLUCA LYONS, KYLE BUTLER

SECOND ROW: SOPHIE RYAN FORREST, KITTY WALSH DIGNAM, AVERY ANGLE, MIRIAM KELLY, ELICIA BURKE, ALISON JONES, SITTHA BAILEY, JAMIE UKAGBA

FRONT ROW: MUNACHI ANELE, GRACE GAGEBY, ZARA NAUGHTON, SAIDHBHE O'BRIEN, CAOIMHE SHANLEY-MEE, OLIVIA CUNNINGHAM

ABSENT: KAARUNYA GURUSAMY, STEPHEN LANDY

FORM 2 AVON RÍ

On Tuesday 10 April Form 2 went on an outdoor education trip to Avon Rí. They headed off early in the morning to Blessington, and despite the cold weather, braced the water for water sports such as kayaking and swimming. The water was freezing but once you accepted the fact you weren't going to be able to feel your feet it was a lot of fun. After water sports we spent the rest of the day doing activities such as orienteering, rock climbing, going on "Seg Ways", and my personal favorite zip lining. We explored the woods and got to do pretty much every activity in the Centre. We had funny, accommodating, instructors looking after us for the day and everybody had a great time.

Laura Cole



SPACE WEEK

We did loads of fun activities with Dr Budd for 'Space Week', such as our big competition on 'Who could make the best model or poster on Space'. We really enjoyed this. We also went to the library where Ms Wiggle had lots of fun quizzes and television clips on space.

Luke Fitzpatrick



FORM 2 SKI TRIP

The Andorra ski trip 2018 was an exhilarating experience. The teachers managed to remain calm throughout the holiday and we all had great fun.

Pupils from Form 2 met up at Terminal 1 at Dublin Airport. There was a vibe of excitement and nervousness as we hoped we wouldn't get stuck at security. The plane ride was an easy three and a half hours and it was full of laughter and excitement. The bus journey from Barcelona was around four hours. We arrived at Andorra at around 1 o'clock in the morning, we were exhausted.

Waking up in the morning at 7am was the biggest struggle. Half of us were still asleep on the gondola. When we got to the ski resort it was breathtaking. We had a two hour lesson in the morning, then lunch and then another two hour lesson. By the end of the first day we were exhausted from all the fresh air and were ready for bed!

The next day flew by as we were getting better and better at skiing. Everyone was surprised how easy the sport was considering you had two huge metal sticks on your feet. A disco was organized for that evening; how we managed to stay awake for it I don't know, but it was great fun.

Another amazing highlight of the trip was the spa. It was a bit of relaxation time, this was well needed as skiing is so tiring! The last day came way too quickly, but a day trip to Barcelona was a lovely way to end the trip. We were so sad that the week was over.

I, on behalf of the group, would like to say a huge thank you to all the teachers who gave their holidays to take us and all the organising that went into the trip. We had such a great time and couldn't have had it without them.

Leo Vaughan

LEGO CLUB

The High School Lego Club takes place on Thursday evenings. At Lego Club we design and build robots, use a coding programme to control the robot, and solve problems. We use coding skills, designing skills and construction skills.

This year's aim was to take part in the First Lego League. This is a competition to design, build and programme a robot to complete a series of tasks, such as pushing an object, picking up and dropping an object and turning a switch. This year's competition involved water and how it is used. Next year's competition will be based on outer space and we are really looking forward to the different types of tasks that they come up with!

This year's competition took place in DCU on 27 January. We arrived and the organisers gave a speech about the day's events and the intended goals of the First Lego League. There were nine teams competing. Our team's name was 'Johnny 5', named after the robot in the 'Short Circuit' films. As the theme was Hydrodynamics and water conservation, we had to complete a project on water conservation. We built a model house out of Lego to demonstrate how much water is wasted in a normal household and how a house could re-use waste water runoff. We were judged on different things, such as team co-operation, robot design, how well our robot performed assigned tasks and for our project, with prizes for each section. We won the prize for best project. The competition lasted all day and everyone enjoyed it.

Lego Club helped us learn a lot throughout the year. We improved our programming skills, construction skills and problem-solving skills. Some problems arose repeatedly again in the building process and we had to solve them by improving our robot's code, or the structure of the robot to better solve the tasks. During this process of trial and error, we learned the qualities of teamwork and persistence.

Mr O'Sullivan

INTERVIEW

WITH ISABEL FEENY

INTERNATIONAL DIVER

Interviewer (I) - Thank you for joining us today and for taking time out of your busy diving schedule to give people some idea as to what diving is all about.

Isabel Feeny (F) - No problem. Shall we get started?

I - Firstly, what made you decide to take up diving?

F - I learned how to swim at the National Aquatic Centre at a really young age and the diving was always in the pool beside. I just thought it was thrilling and amazing and looked really fun. I've always wanted to do it.

I - So did you have any fear then the first time up on a diving board?

F - Definitely. At one point after I was injured previously I was so afraid I almost quit, but it's a mental boundary that I had to get over.

I - Sounds tough! I hear you have had great success recently. Can you fill us in?

F - Well a couple of months ago I had the opportunity to compete in Edinburgh with my club representing Ireland which was an amazing experience. I managed to achieve gold on 5 meter and bronze on 3 meter which I was in no way expecting!

I - Congratulations! That's some achievement. You must follow a strict training regimen.

F - Yeah, you could say. I train Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday with competitions intermittently. We train for half the

time in the pool and the other half in the gym.

I - So have you got any future goals you are working towards?

F - Yeah actually. I recently qualified for British National Skills competition in Manchester during the Summer.

I - Things seem to be going well for you! What advice would you give people who might want to get into diving?

F - Go for it, don't be afraid. I'm so glad I joined. I'd say others would definitely say the same.

I - Have you got any stories, funny scary, or otherwise?

F - The scariest for me personally though was crashing into the bottom of the pool and breaking my nose which wasn't fun.

I - Ouch! I don't think I would ever get back into a swimming pool if that happened to me! Do you have any Olympic plans?

F - Well not for a while, but in the future, that's always been an aspiration of mine.

I - Have you got any final things you would like people to know about diving?

F - Because it's a small sport, especially in Ireland, it's such a community and family, and I'd 100% recommend anyone to join.

I - Thanks for coming in for an interview. We wish you all the best in your future competitions and career!

Interviewed by James Cole



WHICH TEACHER ARE YOU?

Question 1

What's your favourite sport?

- A: Rowing
- B: Rugby
- C: Hockey
- D: Anything where I can run!
- E: Powerlifting

Question 2

What's your favourite type of movie:

- A: Detective
- B: Action
- C: Comedy
- D: Thriller
- E: Westerns

Question 3

How do you take your coffee?

- A: French Press ONLY
- B: No coffee for me thanks
- C: The way it's done in Bijou
- D: Instant
- E: Tea for me please

Question 4

Which object speaks to you?

- A: An organised Diary
- B: A rugby ball
- C: A fresh red pen
- D: A rock
- E: A Sherriff's hat

Question 5

What's your favourite subject?

- A: Any language
- B: Maths
- C: Business
- D: Anything with a rock in it
- E: Every subject

Figure out your answer below:

Mostly As: You are Mr Giles

You're a well organised bright spark, with a penchant for the old world and all its customs. Nothing would please you more than to row up and down the Danube in the warm continental sun.

Mostly Bs: You are Ms Deacon

Rugby is your passion, and nothing comes between you and success. Your life is constant action, but you still take time to sit down and appreciate the subtle beauty of Mathematics. Even if not everybody sees it as well!

INTERVIEW WITH CHLOE MANAHAN CHAIRPERSON OF LABOUR YOUTH

Q: Highlights and lowlights of going to The High School?

A: We built a really strong community and I'm actually really good friends with pretty much everyone that was in my year and we go for drinks every Christmas. There were no lowlights, it was all great!

Q: What are you studying now?

A: I'm studying business and sociology at Trinity College.

Q: How did you become Chairperson of Labour Youth?

A: I got involved when I was in first year in college in our university society. I didn't really go to any of the meetings but knew that I was very pro choice and that I was very concerned with the housing crisis and worked in a job that wasn't very good to it's young workers and after that I started coming to meetings. The next year someone asked me if I wanted to run to be the women's and trans officer to campaign on the 8th Amendment so I said yes, I quite liked it and was quite good at it and then decided to run for chair this year.

Q: Any advice for those looking to get involved in activism?

A: Probably to just turn up to something and to keep going to things. I think there're a lot of people who post on Facebook all the time and you ask them why they haven't become involved. Maybe it's because they feel that they don't know everything or that they don't have the confidence



to turn up because they don't know anyone who's going but if you're there to campaign for a particular issue you'll always have something to talk about. There's nothing more heartening than getting involved in a really successful campaign. So I'd say just get involved and take the plunge!

Q: What Labour policy do feel most strongly about?

A: Probably standing up for workers. Someone who I used to work with put it quite well which was "addressing inequalities wherever we see them". I thought it was a good ethos to live by. But certainly the worker's rights principles are very important because I think people forget about workers and every policy has to push to equalize Ireland. I think that's something that the Labour Party probably does in a way that others don't.

Q: What do you think the outcome will be from the referendum this May?

A: I don't know. I think we'll stay optimistic but presume nothing and assume that we have to put in all of the work that we need to get the right result... which is repeal.

**Shona Carey
and Isabella Carter**

Mostly Cs: You are Ms Gray

Business skills and funny to boot! You're an entrepreneurial dream come true. There is no stopping your sporty lifestyle; even drinking coffee has to be done instantly.

Mostly Ds: You are Ms Fallon

Running is your calling and it's your duty to make it everyone else's too. You are driven and always on the move, not stopping unless it's to give a lecture to some poor child on the properties of rocks. God help anyone caught in your path!

Mostly Es You are Mr O'Brien

Strong and powerful, you command the room with a presence of a sheriff from the Wild West Always there to showcase correct form or give stories from the past, your strength is unrivalled. That doesn't stop you from delighting in cups of tea however!

James Cole

TRANSITION YEAR



TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS

GAISCE 2017-18 Silver Award Form 6

James Carter
Evan Bailey
Nathan Shaw

Bronze Award 4DG

Jordan Bailey
Lucy Brennan
Jack Burke
Alison Daly
Isabel Dunne
Evan Jennings
Clara Lee
Grainne Lynch
Enya Mak
Gavin Mulhere
Alex Yang

Bronze Award 4DN

Emily Clinch
Rosie Gillis
Isobel Harrison
Liam Irwin
Joshua Lloyd
Adam Maguire
Jodie McAvinue
Joseph Murphy
Ruth Mary Ninan
Alex O'Connor
Ben Shaw
Siobhan Trimmer

Bronze Award 4GY

Camilla Anele
Sarah Daly
Isabelle Hayes
Ross Howard
Nathan Hutchinson Edgar
Adam Killeen
Frederik Loose
Debbie Ogunkayode
Conor Schmidt
Daniel Snodgrass
Patrick Tallon
Nathan Timmins
Dan Walsh
Sarah Webb
Cuan Young

Bronze Award 4M

Sam Dunne
Jack Farrelly
Ben Hopkins

Alison Landy
Anna Lyons
Aela Mahon
Mia Murphy
Isabel O'Donovan
Robyn Pembroke
Lorcan Twomey

Bronze Award 4Q

Sol Bell-Megaw
Rory Cosgrove
Jacob Cullington
Zhu Huang
Harry Lynch
Morgan Pembroke
Lisa Roche
Eva Valentine
Max Wright

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Cambodia 2018

Naia Byrne Paredes
Andrew Canning
Shona Carey
Elias Dempsey
Sol Dunne
Jack Farrelly
Ross Howard
Tessa Long
Harry Lynch
Anna Lyons
Jodie McAvinue
Alex O'Connor
Daisy O'Toole
Molly O'Shea
Morgan Pembroke
Shauna Power
Luan Rogers
Siobhan Trimmer
Laura Tuite
Rob Whyte

Andrew McKay Memorial Business Awards 2017-18

Aidan Doyle
Jacob Cullington
Debbie Oduntan
Siobhan Trimmer
Sadbh Milton

Young Entrepreneurs 2017-18

Lucy Brennan
Emily Clinch
Alana Cripps
Jacob Cullington
Aidan Doyle
Isabel Dunne
Giulia Guastalla
Ross Howard
Evan Jennings
Alison Landy
Clara Lee
Harry Lynch
Cameron MacKeogh
Enya Mak
Caoimhe Milton
Sadbh Milton
Gavin Mulhere
Debbie Oduntan
Karo Otobo
Morgan Pembroke
Louis Rosney
Benjamin Sisson
Siobhan Trimmer
Sarah Webb



GAISCE

Gaisce, or The President's Award, was a brilliant thing to get involved in as part of Transition Year. About 60 pupils in the year participated, and all found it as rewarding as the next. Gaisce consists of four main elements; a personal skill, a physical skill, community involvement and an adventure activity.

The personal skill is generally a classroom based skill. One might take up a new language, start art or possibly learn a new skill, such as computers.

The personal skill aspect of Gaisce was a brilliant opportunity to take up a new hobby. The idea of a physical skill is to get involved in a new sport. This encouraged people to stay active, and was incredibly sociable.

The community involvement aspect of the award is to do voluntary work in your community. People volunteered in charity shops, at their local sports clubs, or at youth clubs.

All of the pupils completing Gaisce, alongside four teachers, were involved in climbing Carruntuohil. We successfully reached the highest point in Ireland, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

All in all, I think that The President's Award was a brilliant thing to partake in during Transition Year.

Anna Lyons



CARRAUNTOOHIL

We set off from High School in the early afternoon. The journey took about four hours. After two hours we stopped at a shopping centre just outside Limerick City to buy food and ingredients for cooking and to grab some lunch.

When we got to the hostel we unpacked the bus and got into our room groups. After checking out the rooms we headed back to the hostel's main house. Some of us were still hungry and were pleasantly surprised that a group of Swiss pupils had made an Irish stew and that there was a lot left over which they gave us to finish. Later that evening a group of us got talking to the Swiss pupils which was good fun, and by the end of the night we had sung a song or two together.

We woke up early next morning to have breakfast, get food ready for lunch and prepare ourselves for the big climb ahead. The bus brought us from the hostel to the base of Carruntuohil.



On the way up we took a route called the Devil's Ladder which is an extremely steep section where we took a zig zag pattern to get up the mountain safely. Near the summit the ground was covered in snow. Pupils and teachers alike had a snowball fight which was good craic!

On our descent we took a different route called Heavenly Gates which had some spectacular views, but more enjoyable and longer than the Devil's Ladder. When we got home and changed, we got food ready for dinner. Everyone was pretty tired after the climb, so we were all in bed early.

I really enjoyed this trip. It brought everyone together. People who wouldn't usually talk to each other played cards together and different groups mixed so no one was left out. For this reason, I would encourage everyone to take part in the Gaisce program for this trip alone!

Liam Irwin



COACHING CERTIFICATES

In November 2017 we did a number of coaching certificates. For the rugby coaching certificate we did it with the Leinster Academy Coach. The course involved organizing training sessions for younger players. These sessions were made up of training games, warm ups and fitness exercises. We would put together the trainings in groups and once we were finished we would demonstrate what we had come up with. At the end of the course we received our coaching certificates. Overall, we found the course to be both fun and interesting and it taught us how to teach younger teams. We also found that we all performed better as a team.

Jack Farrelly and Louis Christle

SUGAR LOAF HIKE CHARITY CHALLENGE



TY CRAFT MODULE

Mr Hanan's craft class was great fun. Crafts was the double class last thing on a Friday, and it always left us in great spirits for the weekend ahead. The projects we did were lino picture books based on Leaving Certificate poetry. Each lino made by us in the class was wonderfully unique and insightful and everyone in the class got along like lightning. Lino was a new technique of art for many of us, but we all tackled it well. We finished the end of the module with our own hand-printed poetry book. The module finished with great flair in the book signing held at the library. It was such a memorable module and a big thanks to Mr Hanan for all his help.

Ruth Ninan

MUSEUM TRIP

This year Form 4 visited both the Collins Barracks Museum and the National History Museum.

We were given information booklets to complete as we walked around the museum. We took some photographs and dressed up as soldiers from WWI! Then we were given an hour to get back to the Archaeology branch of the National Museum on Kildare Street. There we saw some bog bodies and interesting artefacts from different periods in history. It was very interesting to see these ancient objects in real life. The trip was a great success and I think it is safe to say that everyone enjoyed it!

Enya Mak



FIRST AID COURSE

Form 4 completed a first aid course over two school days this year. We learned how to perform CPR and use a defibrillator. These skills would come in useful if ever we were in a situation where somebody suffers a cardiac arrest. We now know what to do in such an emergency. We also learned what to do in a variety of other situations such as if somebody chokes or faints. Overall this course was very useful and I am glad I participated in it.

Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

WORK EXPERIENCE LIFE AT JUMP!

I didn't expect much from my week at JUMP! but the reality was I got a lot out of it. Throughout the week I was working on a PowerPoint presentation that I would present at the end of the week. When I wasn't working on my presentation I was listening in on meetings, watching focus groups and doing field research. I got to try new flavours of Tayto crisps that hadn't hit the Irish market yet. My favourite flavours were roast chicken and pulled pork. The people were really nice to me and bought me lunch on numerous occasions and talked to me as much as possible.

I came away from JUMP! with new and improved skills. From spending time on PowerPoint, I became aware of features that I never knew about. When doing my presentation to the office I improved my

presenting skills and when I went out for lunch and in the office, I was improving communication skills. I also learnt what JUMP! do and how they do it. The biggest thing I took from it was what office work was like and how hard people work.

There were many differences between work experience and school that week. Firstly, I had to get up much earlier and travel for a much longer time than usual. Work experience was tiring and I fell asleep straight away when I came home. The longer hours I was working might have contributed to that. In work experience I had a lot more freedom. I could go for lunch whenever I wanted and wherever I wanted. No one is checking up on you to see if you are doing your work but when I said I finished they would see what I had done and give me advice on how to improve it.

I really enjoyed this work experience. I felt it was very beneficial for me and helped me understand what marketing is about. It is a potential course I might like to do in college but I'm still not sure if it is what I want to be doing for the rest of my life.

Sam Dunne

WORK EXPERIENCE

I did my work experience in Scoil Naomh Padraig Primary School. I really enjoyed this work placement because I thought it was very useful experience. I expected the work placement to be a lot of work. When I arrived I was introduced to everyone, everyone was very friendly and it was a nice environment. The children were very friendly and calm.

During my workplacement I was working with junior infant children and I took two pupils at a time and did art with them, we made baby owls and during this time I talked to the children about school and their hobbies. I also had to help pupils that were struggling with the work that was given to them such as Irish words. I got their homework folders and sorted them out and put a book and sheets in their folder for that night's homework. At break and lunch I had to go on yard duty and make sure no one had hurt themselves and look out for them.

I learnt a lot of skills during my work placement such as explaining work to the children and keeping them quiet. When the children were eating their lunch I had to make sure they were sitting in their seats. When the pupils were working I had to make sure they were concentrating and they understood everything. I didn't face many challenges as the children were very well behaved. The work placement was quite different to school as I was working with adults and teaching young children.

Everyone I met at the primary school were very nice and welcomed me very well. When I arrived at my placement everything was explained to me and I also needed to know and the times of yard duty. The children treated me as a teacher and I really enjoyed working with them. I really liked it because it was very relaxed and had lots of time to communicate with the children and talk to them about school. My favourite parts of my work placement were yard duty and PE because the children had a lot of fun.

I found this work placement very useful and I'm very glad I did it. I thought it was useful because I learnt a lot of new skills and it was very enjoyable. Before I did the placement primary school teaching was one of my options I was interested in for a career and I'm glad I did it because now I know that I have great interest in this career and I loved the experience.

Katie O'Brien



FRENCH TRIP

On Wednesday 11 October, all Form 4 French pupils enjoyed an outing to the Irish Film Institute. During their visit they and a few French classes from other schools got to see "Ma vie de courgette" ("My life as courgette"). It is an animated movie following a 9 year old boy called Courgette, who has lost his parents and has been sent to a foster home. It showed the difficulties that children living in a foster home are facing really well but also how friendship can evolve from that. The movie explores deep issues and the value of friendship and love. The whole group found it very helpful to watch a movie in French to improve their understanding of the language.

On a passé une bonne journée!

**Alexander O'Connor
and Patrick Westphal**

CROKE PARK TRIP

Pupils from Form 4 enjoyed a two-hour guided tour of Croke Park as part of Irish cultural education. They watched a short film about the history of the stadium and learned more about Ireland's unique national games. With a capacity of 82,300 this magnificent stadium is actually the third largest in Europe. The pupils walked through the tunnel in the footsteps of Gaelic games legends and emerged onto the historic pitch where the fastest field game in the world – hurling – and Gaelic football are played at the highest level. In the stands they learned about the events of Bloody Sunday in 1920 which was very moving. The guides brought pupils to the interactive museum where they played simulations of hurling and Gaelic football. The visit ended with a trip to the restaurant and souvenir shop.

Jake Hickey

MY TY EXPERIENCE

As a bird on having migrated, Adapting myself was complicated. But after a few days. I ended up loving this place. An incredible experience never considered.

Carlota Morales-Amayac

TY MINI COMPANY



FOREIGN PUPIL EXPERIENCE MY EXPERIENCE IN AN IRISH SCHOOL

I'm Carlota and I'm from Madrid, Spain. Before coming to Ireland, I was really scared. I had been going to Ireland and England for the last three summers but only for three weeks to learn English. A whole year was really different. My problem was that if I didn't like the school, the people and everything, I had to hold hard and overcome it.

In the first day of school I made a really good group of friends. The first two weeks were a little bit hard. In Spain you stay always in the same class, but here you have to move constantly. So, I was always lost. When I understood how everything worked, I started to enjoy my experience. I stopped being shy and I began to talk more. The school was amazing, all of my teachers were always trying to help me, and my friends wanted me to have a good time. The work experiences have been one of the best experiences of the year. I worked in the city council and in a language school. It was amazing. Seeing what a job was like. It helped me to decide some things about my future.

The school year is coming to its end and I'm really sad. I'm happy going back to Spain, to the good weather and better food (in my opinion). But I feel so bad leaving this place that has been my home for one year. I have made a life here, with a routine, with activities... and I like it! I would like to go back, and do the year again, from the start. It has been a great experience and I recommend it to anyone.

Carlota Morales-Amayac

A GERMAN AT HIGH SCHOOL

I'm Patrick and I'm from Germany. More than two years ago I decided together with my parents to go to Ireland for a year. We thought Transition Year would be the best option, because I didn't come for academic studies, I came to improve my English, make new friends and experience a different culture. We made this decision really early and booked everything, so I had a lot of time where I didn't really think about it. But when the last school year ended and the trip to Ireland came closer, I started thinking more about what it's going to be like, because I've never been to Ireland before. I actually only got really nervous the day I left and went to the airport with my family. When I arrived my host family was really nice and I got my small but comfortable room. In the first few days I went to the city centre to explore the city and do all the touristic stuff. Then there was the TY Induction Day.

I was a bit nervous, but later on people said hello and were really friendly. The first days of school were interesting because a lot of things were different from Germany. I had to get used to it, but I realised that this wasn't going to be the most difficult year (concerning school). Throughout Transition Year I was able to do great activities I wouldn't have done in my German school, such as two really interesting work experiences, several school trips, and many different types of sport. Now that there are less than two months left, I can say that I will definitely miss this time and the people I met here. I've made some great friends here who I would love to take with me to Germany. I think that I have learned valuable lessons here, and of course I am never going to forget this experience. But I am also



looking forward to going back home and finishing my school and preparing for my future career. It wouldn't be possible to write down everyone I'd like to thank for making this an amazing year. But I want to mention my parents for making this possible, my host family for having me, and the great school community at The High School. The only thing left to say now is that I will try to come back to this beautiful country as often as possible. I hope to see everyone again sometime.

Patrick Westphal

TITANIC TRIP

On a cold October morning Form 4 took the train up to the Titanic exhibition in Belfast. The train journey was two and a half hours long with a few stops but we spent our time playing cards. The building was architecturally wonderful, as tall as the actual Titanic and the tour was just as good. With information on every last bit of the Titanic, from how it was built, to who was on it, and its journey. We even got to touch an actual piece of the ship itself! At the back of the building there was the yard where it was built, with marking showing how long it was. That along with the height of the building really gave a gauge to how ahead of its time the ship was. After the tour was lunch, a few photos and then we got to go on board a smaller boat that used to bring people from shallow ports to the Titanic, that was a real treat! We were back home by 8pm. The return train ride was a little boring as we were tired from a great day of learning. All in all it was a great trip and definitely worth doing.

Louis Christle

TY POETRY BOOK PAGES



illustration by Aela Mahon

Nessa

I met her on the First of August
In the Shangri-La Hotel,
She took me by the index finger
And dropped me in her well.
And that was a whirlpool, that was a whirlpool,
And I very nearly drowned.

Take off your pants, she said to me,
And I very nearly didn't;
Would you care to swim? she said to me,
And I hopped into the Irish Sea.
And that was a whirlpool, that was a whirlpool,
And I very nearly drowned.

On the way back I fell in the field
And she fell down beside me.
I'd have lain in the grass with her all my life
With Nessa:
She was a whirlpool, she was a whirlpool,
And I very nearly drowned.

Oh Nessa my dear, Nessa my dear,
Will you stay with me on the rocks?
Will you come for me into the Irish Sea
And for me let your red hair down?
And then we will ride into Dublin City
In a taxi-cab wrapped-up in dust.
Oh you are a whirlpool, you are a whirlpool,
And I am very nearly drowned.

Paul Durcan

illustration by Ruth Ninan



The Arnolfini Marriage (after John Van Eyck)

illustration by Éabha Hughes

We are the Arnolfinis.
Do not think you may invade
Our privacy because you may not.

We are standing to our portrait,
The most erotic portrait ever made,
Because we have faith in the artist

To do justice on the plurality,
Fertility, domesticity, barefootedness
Of a man and a woman saying "we":

To do justice to our bed
As being our most necessary furniture;
To do justice to our life as a reflection.

Our brains spill out upon the floor
And the terrier at our feet sniffs
The minutiae of our magnitude.

The most relaxing word in our vocabulary is "we",
Imagine being able to say "we",
Most people are in no position to say "we".

Are you? Who eat alone? Sleep alone?
And at dawn cycle to work
With an Alsatian shepherd dog tied to your handlebars?

We will pause not for the Angelus.
Here you have it:
The two halves of the coconut.

Paul Durcan



illustration by Laura Tuite



illustration by Sadhbh Milton

A Bird Came Down the Walk

A Bird, came down the Walk -
He did not know I saw -
He bit an Angle Worm in halves
And ate the fellow, raw,

And then, he drank a Dew
From a convenient Grass -
And then hopped sidewise to the Wall
To let a Beetle pass -

He glanced with rapid eyes,
That hurried all abroad -
They looked like frightened Beads, I thought,
He stirred his Velvet Head. -

Than Oars divide the Ocean,
Too silver for a seam,
Or Butterflies, off Banks of Noon,
Leap, plashless as they swim.

Emily Dickinson

Like one in danger, Cautious,
I offered him a Crumb,
And he unrolled his feathers,
And rowed him softer Home -

COMMUNITY



CHARITY CHALLENGE

On the 20 December, all Form 4 pupils took part in the Helen Kane Memorial Challenge. The idea of the excursion was to do something challenging and fun in aid of a charity. Each pupil had the option to go for a winter swim at the Forty Foot, or to go for a hike on the Sugar Loaf. All money raised from the charity challenge was donated to The Friends of St Luke's. In order to raise money, every pupil was given a sponsorship card, and was expected to raise as much money as possible for the given charity. The morning was a bitterly cold one, and everyone on the trip felt it! We were sent out on buses and endured short journeys to our destinations. At the Forty Foot, everyone was expected to get in the water, at least once, and it's safe to say some enjoyed the cold sea water more than others. At the end of the day, however, everyone who chose to go to the Forty Foot ended up soaked - one way or another. After the swim, when everyone had wrapped themselves up, in scarves or blankets, we were all treated to hot chocolate and biscuits, which were much needed. The hike up the Sugar Loaf went down just as well as the cold swim. Everyone completed a challenging winter hike and enjoyed themselves while doing so. All in all, the Form 4 charity challenge was a huge success, and all pupils had a great deal of fun.

Anna Lyons



SIMON COMMUNITY FUN RUN

On a chilly morning on the 7 October, a group of pupils from The High School took the school bus to Phoenix Park to participate in the Simon Community Fun Run. There we were met by a mass of other High School pupils taking part. The Simon Community is a major charity that helps alleviate homelessness in the Dublin region by providing services such as soup runs, emergency accommodation, treatment and recovery services and information. This year like every other, the turnout was huge, and we raised a great amount of money. The race was five miles in length. There was a wide range of abilities in the race, from the less experienced walkers to the more serious club runners. Overall, it was a hugely enjoyable day. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Scott Dunne

On the morning of Saturday 7 October approximately 80 pupils from The High School took part in the Simon Community Home Run in the Phoenix Park. It was a great opportunity to socialise, get some exercise, and participate in what was a most enjoyable event for those who attended. Congratulations to Fields Chung who chose to run competitively and finished the course in an impressive time of 34 minutes - the fastest of 80 or so participants from The High School. However, equal credit is due to those pupils who preferred to walk or jog the route in order to raise awareness of the homelessness crisis and secure additional funding for the Simon Community. Ms Hutchinson Edgar would like everyone to return sponsorship money and any other donations to A22 as soon as possible. These funds will go towards supporting the excellent cause of the Simon Community which helps fight homelessness in Ireland.

Nathan Hutchinson Edgar



GREEN SCHOOLS

Since the start of September the Green Schools committee has been meeting every second Thursday to help improve our school and make it more environmentally friendly. After receiving our third green flag (for Water) in 2017, we had many plans for this school year.

The Green Schools' main job is to look at environmental issues according to different themes (litter and waste, water, energy, travel, biodiversity). This year we instead spread our objectives and worked on maintaining past progress. Our message is that we all have a responsibility and there are things we can all do to play a part in helping our environment.

Of course, to achieve our objectives we had to partake in a variety of activities and works. This year's activities included a trip to the national expo at the RDS, the annual spring clean, a green awareness day, a Skype conversation with a Green School in Helsinki, Finland, a visiting speaker on biodiversity, a documentary screening, as well as other projects and campaigns.

At the expo, many stalls informed pupils about water, energy, and biodiversity as well as promoting alternatives or solutions to improve our actions and efficiency. This included bamboo toothbrushes to reduce plastic use and a large energy stall which showed examples of negative fossil fuels and positive alternatives such as wind energy. These are only a few of the insightful ideas to improve the environment.



This year's spring clean boasted a large turn-up and fair weather. The volunteers chose various tasks for roughly one hour. This included volunteers collecting rubbish in the school building and grounds, the creation of a habitat pile and hoverfly lagoons to promote biodiversity, putting recycling labels on the bins, collecting batteries, and setting up an information stand. The clean-up was concluded by displaying three pennants to represent our three green flags.

The Green Schools committee would like to thank Mr Barry for organising Green Schools this year. Green Schools as ever works to improve the school's environmental issues and always invites new members to join our Thursday meetings. Green Schools is a place to improve our school, to change attitudes, and to make us all to take pride in our school, and in our environment.

Daniel Fiala Li and Ian Mayrs



HOMELESSNESS CHARITY COLLECTION



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

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BACK ROW: MS WILSON, SHONA CAREY, , DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, JACOB CULLINGTON, LUAN ROGERS, JACK HEALY, JAMES CARTER, KATIE MOORE, JAMES KINSELLA, ANDREW CANNING, HANAH KERR, NATHAN SHAW

FRONT ROW: MIRIAM KELLY, FIELDS CHUNG, RORY COSGROVE, DEBBIE ODUNTAN, OSCAR HANNON-SMYTH, OLIVER DAVEY, RUTH NINAN, ALEX YANG, NATHAN HUTCHINSON EDGAR

ABSENT: ISABELLE CARTER

HSD MUN 2018

High School - "A historic event" were the buzz words of both Mr Forrest's and James Kinsella's opening speeches at the first (long overdue) High School Model United Nations conference. Also mentioned in James' opening speech as the first ever Secretary General was how this event came to fruition. Following Royal Russell MUN in Croydon, a group of sleep-deprived, bored pupils put together a preliminary plan for our own conference to pass the time. Once back in Dublin, we were left wondering why we couldn't do it for real.

It is now self-explanatory, following permission and much intense preparation that our conference was held on the 20 and 21 April 2018. We welcomed 13 schools, representing 34 different UN delegations for two days of debate in 7 different committees. Each delegate came prepared with well thought out resolutions and with policy statements at hand.

The opening ceremony saw a speech from guest speaker Chloe Manahan, chairperson of Labour Youth, while also being a High School past pupil and MUN debater herself. She discussed the power of the voices of youth today, describing them as "catalysts for change". A tone of empowerment was set, a great note to begin a conference on major issues with.

Over the course of the two days, there were countless photos and video

clippings prepared by the ever-busy media team of Shona Carey and Isabelle Carter. Two issues of their conference magazine 'Diplomatic Immunity' were printed with funny snippets and quirky quotations, as well as more serious topics from the topical Facebook scandal to missile attacks on Syrian bases. The secretariat was impeccably managed by Debbie Ogunkayode. Every delegate's note reached its recipient without complaint. A huge thank you is owed to all the pupils who helped out as note passers over the conference. Their help was hugely appreciated.

As with all MUN conferences, the second day closed with several hours of General Assembly. Debate was managed by Secretary General James Kinsella and his Presidents of General Assembly, Hannah Kerr and Katie Moore. Resolutions on a variety of topics, including Yemen, the conservation and restoration of ecosystems in urban areas and the status of drug addicts were discussed.

The closing ceremony consisted of award presentations and James' closing speech. The High School won two Distinguished Delegate awards, to Sofi Grant and Oscar Hannon-Smyth, respectively.



The conference could not have run more smoothly, and every pupil involved was extremely grateful to see our work had paid off. A huge thank you is owed to Mrs Wilson for her constant liaising with MUN advisors from other schools and with each of us. Ms Leech in Reception was also extremely helpful with her organisation of all things folder related and being able to answer any question asked. Due to the success of this conference, we are all extremely hopeful it will become an annual event on The High School calendar.

Katie Moore



ROYAL RUSSELL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, 14 October, eleven Transition Year, Form 5 and Form 6 pupils, accompanied by Mrs Wilson and Mr Rankin, travelled in the early morning to London for the 36th annual Royal Russell School International MUN conference. Representing the countries of Norway, Spain, and Togo, we spent four busy days engaging in fruitful debate in our various committees and in General Assembly, on topics ranging from the decriminalisation of homosexuality to military build-up in the South China Sea. Following each day of active, productive debate were themed discos where we had the opportunity to befriend fellow delegates from the UK, the US, Japan and Europe, and to reconnect with those we knew from Dublin. The weekend was both exhilarating and exhausting and for those of us not in Form 6, we greatly look forward to returning to Croydon next October. If you have any interest in debating, politics or current affairs, I would highly suggest giving MUN a try.

Hannah Kerr



RATHDOWN CONFERENCE

Pupils from The High School were invited to participate in RADMUN 2017 held at a school in Glenageary. It was a two-day conference from the 10 - 11 November. We arrived at the school at 6.00 pm and began registration. Each delegate received a name tag and was given a country to represent. Delegates then met other delegates from other schools and we debated a number of issues. Dinner was served at 8.00 pm after which we chatted and made friends with other delegates. The High School represented Ukraine and India. We had a lovely conference and learned a great deal about other countries and other schools.

Debbie Ogunkayode



WESLEY CONFERENCE

On the 23 and 24 February 2018, a group of pupils from High School attended the Wesley Model United Nations conference representing Sweden, India and Togo. Over the two days we debated many issues from the rise of nationalism in Europe to the reproductive rights of women. On Saturday afternoon instead of the usual General Assembly we were told in a news bulletin that Kim Jong Un had been shot by a CIA agent and that the WCDMUN delegates had been appointed to resolve this catastrophe. We were very successful at this conference winning six awards in total. It was a very enjoyable conference and I would recommend it to any pupil wanting to get involved in MUN.

Shona Carey

BLACKROCK CONFERENCE

Delegates registered with their committees and began to talk about resolutions on topics such as the Rohingya Genocide. Later on that evening we attended a General Assembly where music was played and speeches were made. The following morning delegates made their way to their committees. We attended lunch and breaks so opposing delegates could get to know each other. The evening ended with another General Assembly where delegates debated resolutions that were passed by the committees.

Debbie Ogunkayode

TERNURE CONFERENCE

The High School participated in the Terenure MUN (Model United Nations) conference. In total sixteen pupils spoke in eight different committees over the two-day conference. There were many productive debates on topics including child labour, weapon trade, and global terrorism. We also had the opportunity to meet new people with different ideas and for some it was a chance to catch-up with old friends. It was a great weekend for The High School with two of our members winning a Distinguished Delegate Award and everyone having a wonderful time.

Caoimhe Barry-Corr

**INTERVIEW WITH
SIMON COVENEY
MINISTER FOR
FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Q: From your experience as Minister for Foreign Affairs, what do you believe, are the main benefits of Ireland's membership of the UN?

A: Ireland's membership of the UN has been, and continues to be, of significant benefit to our country. The UN facilitates multilateral interaction to an extent that would be untenable for Ireland alone. Our global influence is amplified and significantly strengthened by our participation in the UN.

Foreign policy is deeply anchored in the values of peaceful and friendly cooperation amongst nations, the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and the principles of international rule of law. These values are reflected in the Charter of the United Nations, and are thus strengthened by our membership of the UN.

Our signature foreign policies of combating poverty and hunger, advancing human rights, promoting disarmament, commitment to UN peacekeeping, and sharing our experience of peace and reconciliation on the island of Ireland, are also supported by the three pillars of the UN's work. Our membership of the UN has allowed Ireland to pursue these policies to a much greater effect than a small state acting unilaterally.

Q: Given that Ireland is such a small country in relation to the UN, how do you believe Ireland can make a meaningful impact on major global issues such as conflict in the Middle East and American foreign policy?

A: Small states are indispensable to the operations of the UN. Ireland, like many other small states, has a strong record of exercising influence and of providing leadership across a range of issues at the UN.

We were pioneers in promoting the issue of nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation at the UN, and our peacekeepers have served with distinction with the UN for over half a century, with this year marking the sixtieth year of continuous contribution by Irish troops to UN peacekeeping missions. At the moment, Ireland has almost 550 troops



deployed to six missions across the Middle East and Africa, making Ireland the highest per capita European Union contributor of troops to UN peacekeeping.

Ireland is proud to have played a key role in securing agreement on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and is now working to implement the goals, nationally and internationally. Ireland is a candidate for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council for the 2021-2022 term. If we are successful, Ireland will take the opportunity of our membership to address global challenges and will seek to use our term to amplify our values. We strongly support the UN, and want it to be as effective as possible. Ireland's contribution to the UN in the fields of sustainable development, humanitarian assistance, disarmament, human rights and the rule of law has been steadfast. UN membership has been, and will continue to be, at the very heart of Irish foreign policy.

Q: What do you think are the main challenges facing Ireland on the international stage?

A: The rise of unilateralism and a transactional approach to foreign policy is a significant challenge not only for Ireland, but for the world. The rise of divisive populism is damaging global cooperation. Given our history, we see very clearly the advantages of a rules-based order in international affairs. Ireland has a responsibility to continue to fully engage in multilateral institutions, particularly the EU and the UN, to lend an empathetic ear and a sympathetic voice where possible, and foster peaceful and productive relationships between nations. We are far stronger acting collectively than we are acting alone.

Q: Finally, what advice do you have for young people looking to pursue a career in politics and international relations?

A: These are areas that can be very rewarding to work in, but can also be challenging and, at times, frustrating. You must truly believe in what you are working to achieve, yet at the same time understand the value of compromise. It is vital to keep a long term perspective in this field, working with others to find common ground today can reap huge rewards tomorrow.

Take advantage of your time in education to the greatest extent possible. Even if you choose another path, it is worth understanding and engaging in the political sphere, whether through school, college, or Model UN.

Young people are key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and I encourage you to engage in any way you can. Discuss politics with your friends, your family, and your teachers. Carry on being involved in Model UN, and consider applying to be a UN Youth Delegate. Ireland wants, and needs, to hear your voices.

Try to be empathetic in understanding the viewpoints of others, especially when they are at odds with your own.

Be persistent, and believe in yourself. It takes a lot of hard work to pursue a career in politics and international relations, and how you react to failure can have a greater effect on your career than your successes.

Shona Carey

TEAM HOPE

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal is an Irish aid charity which works with underprivileged children in developing countries, sending them shoeboxes filled with gifts every Christmas. The High School have been collecting for the Shoebox Appeal since the late 1990's.

In early October 2017, 50 Form 4 pupils gathered together to volunteer for the organization. We each signed up for different areas of volunteering, which were assemblies, finance, classroom visits, and publicity. Over the next few weeks, many visits were made to different classes, informing them of the appeal, and what to put in a box. Both Junior and Senior Assembly were also covered, with a PowerPoint presentation, and volunteers handed out leaflets at the door.

At the end of October, a bake sale was also organized. From this we raised a total of €310, which we donated to the charity.

In November, in our first week back after mid-term, we were lucky enough to be able to visit one of the Team Hope warehouses. We were split into different groups for this. Over the course of the week, we all got the chance to see what is done in the warehouse, and how the boxes are sent out.

This year, The High School managed to collect an impressive total of 144 boxes, which were sent off to various different places, including Burundi and Lesotho. For those involved, this was an extremely eye opening and worthwhile experience, and we encourage everyone to take part or donate next year. The charity does great work, and brings joy to many children around the world. A huge thank you to Mr Barry, Ms Scott, and all of the pupils and staff who donated this year, and we hope to collect even more boxes next year!

Lucy Brennan



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

On the 12 May, multiple High School pupils gathered with people from all over Ireland to take part in the annual Darkness Into Light event in Marlay Park to support Pieta House. We were up at the early hours of the morning to begin the 5 km walk around Marley Park.

It was an enlightening experience to see people come together in honour of suicide prevention and pupils were able to enjoy the various decorations and musical performances at every checkpoint on the walk.

Molly Sheridan

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

In May 2018 Form 5 was given the opportunity to take control of the school for the week to promote awareness of mental health issues and how to maintain positive mental health. In accordance with the NHS "Five steps to mental wellbeing plan" we developed an itinerary for the week which linked each day to one of the five steps they suggest to maintaining one's mental health. Due to a bank holiday we opened the week on Tuesday with a day themed around "Connecting with others". Positive messages were handed out to pupils upon entering the school, and a tea party was organised which gave pupils the opportunity to talk to people from other years and make new friends. On Wednesday the theme was "Give". Every pupil started the day with a lollipop and a piece of paper containing the name of a pupil in their year. The pupils were asked to do or say a nice thing to the person they received to great success, with everyone receiving nice comments or even a free cookie at lunch time from a friend. On Thursday the objective was to "Keep Learning". Cookies and facts were handed out from the doors, and crazy sports activities were carried out at lunch such as limbo, tug of war, giant football, and ultimate frisbee. On this day also, a flash mob swept across the Reynolds Hall at junior break which was enjoyable for all involved. On Friday it was time to "Take Notice". A large display of sticky notes containing things pupils were grateful for was set up at each entrance, as well as a bake sale in aid of Pieta House. On Saturday we ended the week by "Being Active". The day was started



early with pupils attending the Darkness into Light walk in aid of Pieta House. This transitioned into a breakfast in Zion Hall and finally led to The Rainbow Run in aid of St John's Ward, Crumlin Children's Hospital. Pupils had great fun running amongst the clouds of coloured dust thrown by Form 1. Throughout the week assembly was also taken over by Form 5. Each day information about what can be done to achieve positive mental health was talked about by the pupils. We were also fortunate to be able to listen to the musical talents of our Form 5 pupils in assembly.

On the Wednesday of that week an evening of reflection and remembrance was held which gave both pupils and parents the time to reflect on the challenges that we experience as a community. Pupils from across the school aided in any way they could, writing

poems, performing songs, or playing instruments. It was a wonderful night for all involved and I hope it becomes an annual affair.

This week proved how the school community can come together for the support of a good cause and for those who may be suffering from mental health issues. It is clear to everyone involved in the activities during the week that positive mental health is an important aspect of all our lives. Such a successful week would not have been possible without the teamwork and dedication of Form 5, as well as Mr McCaughey, Ms Missen and Mr Forrest for helping and allowing us to run these events. With any luck the success of this week can be repeated by next year's Form 5 and all the other years to come!

James Cole

STAND UP WEEK

This involved a range of activities organised by Form 6 pupils to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying by increasing awareness, friendship, and support for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pupils. Many LGBT young people develop their sexual and gender identities within supportive families and communities and are leading happy lives. However, other LGBT young people experience serious levels of homophobia, transphobia, and exclusion in their schools, youth clubs, and local areas. The Stand Up! campaign calls on young people across Ireland to support their LGBT friends. Bullying does not just happen to teenagers: it can happen to people of any age, race, sexual orientation, gender, and in any walk of life. We decided to challenge ourselves at The High School by creating a week of events that would be as informative as possible, including lunchtime activities, daily assemblies, cake sales, and a special surprise on Friday.

Edward Meredith



This year Form 6 got the opportunity to host 'Stand Up Week' in school. Stand Up is an initiative that is against bullying and discrimination towards those specifically belonging to the LGBTQ+ community. Upon hearing about the week most of us were excited to take part in a project as important as this.

Leading up to this week, we had various meetings. Following these meetings, we developed six groups; Assembly, Advertisement, Awareness, Snacks, Short film and Music. The Assembly group was one I feel showcased our innovative ideas and encompassed every group in some form. Throughout the week, we took over Assembly. Dylan Walsh (Head Boy) and Munachi Anele (Head Girl) got the opportunity to do the announcements and give short talks on the topic of standing up against bullying. During the assemblies, we also had musical performances, which is always refreshing. As well as that, we had input from Junior years as well as Seniors for the assemblies. The first two assemblies included light hearted awareness on bullying and its relation to those in the LGBTQ+ community and was well received by all. The other two assemblies that week we showed a short film. This short film showed numerous members of the school "Standing Up against bullying". The themed cupcakes, interactive activities and treats organised by advertisement and awareness groups helped make the whole school feel included.

This week was one of teamwork and dedication and had a real sense of community which stretched far beyond the groups involved, the sense of unity spread through the hall, walls, classrooms and every part of the school. This week, and our freedom to put our ideas to work, would not have happened if not for the encouragement of Mr Forrest and Mr McCaughey. It was a privilege to start something as exciting as this project, I have great hopes for the years to come!

Munachi Anele



GRACE GAGEBY SPEECH

The week of the 13 November marked 'Stand Up Week', which is a nationwide campaign committed to standing up against bullying directed at the LGBT community. It was organised by Form 6 and included a poster campaign, various competitions and activities, and musical assemblies co-ordinated by pupils. The aim of the week was to tackle homophobic and transphobic bullying, and to celebrate diversity and inclusivity.

An important part of this is also to examine the history of LGBT rights and for each of us to draw conclusions about how crucial it is to stand up, particularly in the current political situation, in which the Vice President of the US, one of the most powerful nations in the world, supports so called 'conversion therapy' of LGBT people.

The name Declan Flynn may not be known to many people reading this. Declan Flynn was a gay man in his 30s from Swords. On 9 September 1982 he was walking home from a night out, and was attacked by five teenagers in Fairview Park, known to be a meeting place for gay men. When he was found the next morning, he was rushed to Blanchardstown Hospital, by which time he was already cold, having choked to death on his own blood. His five assailants were handed suspended sentences, and the judge shamefully remarked the perpetrators were just 'cleaning up the area'.

As well as commemorating Declan Flynn's death, it is also important to observe the inspiring LGBT movement sparked by his death, and touch on the displays of solidarity that took place as well. Senator David Norris, a past pupil of The High School, and the first openly gay person to be elected to public office in Ireland commented: 'I knew Declan. He was a lovely person, shy and kind. His death marked a turning point. People were revolted by the sentencing. But there was a solidarity among people as well against what happened. It was an early manifestation of support for gay rights.'

The first pride parade was organised by the National Lesbian and Gay Federation for June 1983 and followed a route through the city centre of Dublin from St Stephen's Green to O'Connell Street. At this time it was a big deal for people to openly take to the streets and campaign

for gay rights, as homosexuality was still illegal.

"One girl that was on the march walked up Dawson Street so she wouldn't have to pass by her place of work on Grafton Street. It really was like that," said David Norris. The Dublin Pride Parade is now one of the largest national demonstrations. Declan Flynn was beaten to death because of his sexuality in the Ireland of 1982, in which homosexuality was illegal. The Declan Flynn memorial bridge in Fairview Park was decorated with flowers, messages of remembrance, and Yes Equality badges in 2013, when Ireland became the first country to legalise same sex marriage by popular vote. This radical change is a real indication of the potential for positive social change when young people (in particular) engage politically.

'What began as a place for fun and joy is now sacred ground'
-Barbara Pomo, Pulse Nightclub owner

The shooting in Pulse nightclub in Orlando, in which 49 people were killed in 2016 is one of the deadliest incidents against LGBT people in the history of the US. Gay nightclubs are supposedly the one completely safe, inclusive place for LGBT people, making the attack all the more harrowing. Despite this tragedy, examine the aftermath: the artwork, candles and flowers that surrounded Pulse with messages of support, and the Muslims in the community who (despite the unfair backlash they faced due to the fact that the shooter pledged allegiance to IS) broke Ramadan to give blood to the injured.

On the two year anniversary of marriage equality in Ireland, The George, Ireland's most famous gay club was vandalized by homophobic slurs, but before Dublin City Council could even remove them, the owner of the club issued a statement on social media saying he'd already been flooded with offers from supporters to wash the graffiti away personally, as well as with messages of solidarity. The rainbow coloured pride flags were flown as always, with the message 'these colours don't run.'

When incidents of harassment, abuse or violence towards LGBT are carried out, it is very easy to dismiss them as isolated incidents, the results of an outlying bigotry. The reality is more sinister, and more difficult to tackle.



Because assailants don't just wake up one morning and decide it is acceptable to violently attack the LGBT community. The perpetrators of bigoted violence live in a world where LGBT discrimination is condoned, or not confronted efficiently.

Because anti-LGBT attitudes start small: the use of the word "gay" as an insult, making assumptions about people's sexuality based on their appearance or mannerisms, and the use of casual homophobic or transphobic language.

Angela Davis once said: 'In a racist society, it isn't enough to be non-racist. We need to be anti racist'. The same is true for homophobia and transphobia. It is not enough to consider yourself accepting or progressive on an individual level, or to be a passive supporter of LGBT rights. It is the duty of everybody in the school community, and wider society to take a stand against bullying and homophobic behaviour. Taking a stand on a small scale could include educating people on why they shouldn't use homophobic language. Discrimination against LGBT people is allowed to thrive in a world where "gay" is an insult. It is allowed to exist in a country in which nowhere in any Junior or Leaving Cert textbook will you find the names Marsha P Johnson, Alan Turing, or Sylvia Rivera.

Persecution is allowed to prosper when our justice system lets it. The dismissive, lacklustre attitude of the judge in Declan Flynn's case, and the intimidation of the LGBT community at the time at the hands of the Gardai indicate the need for serious reforms in our political and judicial system. These changes should be made by the generation of young people currently studying at The High School: the next generation of activists, politicians and advocates for LGBT rights.

Angela Davis also once said that we have a responsibility to those who have made it possible for us to take advantage of today's opportunities. This, to me, means creating a school community of acceptance, inclusion and solidarity. It means constructing a country with no more Declan Flynn's, and a society in honour of the 49 people murdered in Orlando, and in remembrance of the 35 transgender women who have been murdered this year in the US alone. It means dedication to eradicating LGBT oriented bullying which can lead to mental health issues, self harm, and even suicide. If Ireland could change

from a country in which homosexuality was criminalised, to the first country to legalise same sex marriage by popular vote, it is a real indication of what the pupil body at HSD can accomplish for the LGBT community on a smaller scale.

Pupils in The High School should be aware that they can talk to guidance counsellors, or any trusted staff at The High School about any worries or concerns they may have in relation to bullying or intimidation. Younger pupils should feel comfortable talking to older years about concerns as well, and Form 1 in particular can contact their Prefects through the buddy system about any difficulties they experience. Outside of school, there are excellent resources, such as Outhouse on Capel Street, which provides peer support groups, mental and sexual health support, LGBT related reading material, and a relaxed environment where young LGBT people can socialise in a non-alcohol orientated environment.

On behalf of everyone involved in Stand Up Week, I would like to thank Mr McCaughey and Mr Forrest for giving Form 6 the opportunity to co-ordinate the assemblies and activities, and thank everyone who participated and put in so much hard work to stand up against homophobic and transphobic bullying.

Grace Gageby



YOUNG ACTIVISM A MESSAGE FROM ANNA COSGRAVE FOUNDER OF THE REPEAL PROJECT

Young people in Ireland are massive catalysts for change. It's important for young people to engage in activism because their voice is vital in shaping a better world. Transformation throughout history has come from below. In recent years, young people have been hugely important in driving issues to the forefront of political agendas in Ireland. When young people use their voice for the voiceless they pave the way for a better society. When they speak out, they inspire others to do the same.

I'm extremely passionate about young women in particular getting involved in activism because it is activists that came before us that we have to be thankful for our right to vote, for access to education and many of the rights afforded to us.

'Each time a woman stands up for herself without knowing it possibly without claiming it, she stands up for all women'
- Maya Angelou

**Anna Cosgrave,
Repeal Project Founder**



MOCK ELECTIONS

On the centenary of women winning the right to vote, here at The High School pupils have been carrying out a mock election of their own. 2R and 2B worked together to carry out a mock election for all Form 2 pupils at The High School. A total of 144 votes were cast and there was one seat available. The voting method was by Proportional Representation/ Single Transferable Vote. There were six parties on the ballot; Fine Gael, Fianna Fáil, Sinn Féin, Labour, The Green Party, and Solidarity-People Before Profit.

We began preparations by creating the ballot papers in the computer room. We researched the party logo and the leader of each political party. The next class we separated into

groups and began to come up with campaign slogans and posters. The election took place on the last class on Friday 26 January. We worked at one of the desks where people got checked off a list and received a ballot paper. Voters then ranked their candidate preferences from 1-6. After the election we worked out that a party needed to reach a quota of 73 to win the seat. We eliminated the parties who could not get the number of voters needed. Fine Gael won the seat by 12 votes with Fianna Fáil coming second. This helped us learn about how the election system in Ireland works.

**Cillian West, Robert Courtney,
and Aoife Cahill**



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISING



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAMBODIA 2018

On the 23 March, twenty Form 4 and 5 pupils along with five teachers gathered in Dublin Airport. After months of preparation, and with over €3,000 raised each, we were all excited to finally set off. After an exhausting 26 hours of travel, which included stops in Qatar and Bangkok, we finally arrived in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Cambodia is a small country in south-east Asia. It is a developing country but 17.7% of the population live below the poverty line. In 2013 at least 10 million Cambodians still lacked access to decent housing. Although it was early evening when we arrived, we were still hit by the intense heat and humidity.

In recent years Cambodia has witnessed unimaginable violence and conflict. From 1975 to 1979, Cambodia was ruled by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge, a communist party established in order "to create a self-sufficient state". To achieve this, they forcibly moved urban dwellers to rural areas, and hence boost agriculture production. They also executed any opposition or intellectuals (people with degrees). In four years between 1 to 3 million Cambodians lost their lives, and much of Cambodia's rich culture was lost. It took twenty years to end the fighting against Khmer Rouge supporters after the Khmer Rouge rule officially ended. Cambodia is still littered with landmines and unexploded bombs, a sharp reminder of this vicious history. On our first day we visited a nearby killing field where thousands of opposition members and intellectuals were executed during the brutal regime. We also visited the War Museum. It is amazing how Cambodians have reacted to their past, they have decided to educate people on the atrocities to ensure such events will never happen again. I think it was important to learn about this history before we left for the building site as it really gave us an insight into what Cambodians had gone through.

After a three-hour bus ride to Battambang, we met with our host-coordinator, Paulie, for our orientation meeting. Paulie told us more about the Habitat projects going on in Cambodia and taught us some local greetings. The group waited with eager anticipation to start work the next day. We were woken up at 6:45 and after a breakfast of fried rice we set off on the short twenty-minute ride to the worksite. The journey to the work site was always



an interesting experience, as the streets were alive with hustle and bustle.

We congregated under a canopy and met with the three house partners. We went around in a circle, introducing ourselves (in very poor Khmer). We then shared our expectations for our time onsite. Each of the home partners then spoke a few words. Although it was harder to have to hear these speeches relayed through the translator, it was easy to see how grateful these women were. Everyone was struck by how excited and thankful they each were that we had arrived.

We were split up to work on the three different sites. On sites 1 and 2, the foundations and frame were already up for us. Work on these sites consisted of shaping bamboo sticks and then nailing them down to make the floor. We then had to dig a large hole for the septic tank and start building the bathroom. This included carrying bricks, mixing cement and laying bricks. We were lucky enough to be able to finish both sites 1 and 2.

On Site 3, we had to start from scratch. This meant we had to clean and smooth bamboo for the future flooring as well as having to dig seven large holes for the foundations and the septic tank. Due to the risk of flooding during monsoon season, our houses were to be built on concrete stilts. We had to mix cement and transfer it into moulds for the stilts. While the work was very physical and quite tiring, especially in the 35°C heat and up to 90% humidity, no one complained. I think everyone enjoyed seeing the progress we were making and found it very satisfying.

We usually arrived on the worksite at around 9:00 in the morning and worked up until 10:30. Then we took a small break, and the neighbors provided us with fruit and snacks. We were afforded the opportunity to taste some unusual, exotic fruits that do not even have a name in the English language. We then worked until 12:00, when we would all gather under the canopy on site 3 for lunch. Lunch was provided from a local restaurant and we tried new dishes and soups every day. After an hour catching up, we all went back to our respective sites. Apart from a small break at 2:30 we worked until 4:00, when we left for the hotel.

During our work days we were able to interact with the home partners and locals. They worked alongside us in parts, and we shared lunch with them most days. During breaks, we could play with the children, and joke with their parents.

Throughout the week we were lucky enough to visit some of the local cultural attractions. We visited one of the killing caves set in a local hill, a harrowing place where thousands of executions occurred during the Khmer Rouge. After an exhilarating four wheel drive up the cliff face, we were able to look round



and descend into the cave. It was hard to imagine the amount of people who had lost their lives in the caves. After admiring the panoramic view from the hilltop, we went back down the cliff face. After a brief rain shower, we settled into plastic chairs opposite a large hole in the cliff. After waiting for a few minutes, thousands of bats began to pour out of the cliff. It was a fantastic sight as the endless cloud of bats was mesmerizing.

On one of the days we were lucky enough to visit a nearby school to take part in Habitat's hygiene project. After a few speeches both by our group and the teachers of the local school, we took part in a demonstration of hand washing. We helped a small group of volunteers to pass out packs of stationery and nail clippers and showed the children how to cut their nails. After all of this we had time to play with the children. A large soccer match took place. The children zoomed around barefoot, following the ball intently, enjoying every moment of action. Other popular games were duck, duck, goose and catch. The children were delighted to see us and we all really enjoyed our brief time with them. We ended the morning dancing to some popular Cambodian music.

Our last day on site was bittersweet. We spent the first hour or so finishing up any odd jobs around the site and blowing up balloons to decorate each site. We then had a dedication ceremony for each house. Each member who had worked on the site cut a small bit of the ribbon before the house partner finished it off. They were then presented with a key. Back on site 3, we performed an Irish dance, The Cha Cha slide, and sang Galway Girl. They then showed us some local Cambodian dancing. As tradition during the Khmer New Year, we threw baby powder over each other. After lunch, we travelled back to Siem Reap.

We spent our last two days looking around the city and obtaining a deeper understanding of the rich culture in Cambodia. On our first day, we woke at 4 and drove to the large temple complex Angkor Wat. After buying our tickets we settled down beside a small pond to watch the sunrise over the temples. While we waited, we tucked into our breakfasts and tried to fend off the small children trying to sell us small souvenirs. Unfortunately, it was too cloudy to properly see the sunrise, as the temples came into focus we could see how



beautiful they really were. The intricate symmetrical nature of Angkor Wat is truly a great feat of engineering, despite the fact Angkor Wat was constructed in the 12th century. We spent the morning exploring the three main temples, Angkor Wat, Angkor Thom, and Ta Prohm. We were all fascinated by the incredible carvings and detail in each temple.

On the way back, we stopped in the Landmine museum. Here we learnt about how landmines work, why they were planted in Cambodia and how they are deactivated, as well as the story of Aki Ra, who has devoted his life to clearing landmines. After a rest in the hotel, we set out for dinner which included some traditional Cambodian dancing. Afterwards we headed off to the night market. We split into small groups and dove in. After an hour we emerged again, a lot poorer and some with battle-scars.

On our final day, we set off on the first of two mystery tours. To our surprise, we started at a cookery course. After a trip to the local food market to see how fresh the food is, we started making our three-course meal. To start, we made fresh spring rolls, followed by fish amok curry and finished with some pan-fried banana in coconut milk and honey. Everything tasted lovely, and we were given a small package of spices to bring home. For the second half of the day, we were taken to a river. We got on a small boat and took in the sights of the riverbank, watching the towering houses on stilts and the vibrant busy day of the locals.

After dinner that night, we all had a team meeting where we reflected on the trip and all we had learnt. The next morning, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Paulie, before some last-minute shopping. After our last meal in Cambodia, we set off for the airport.

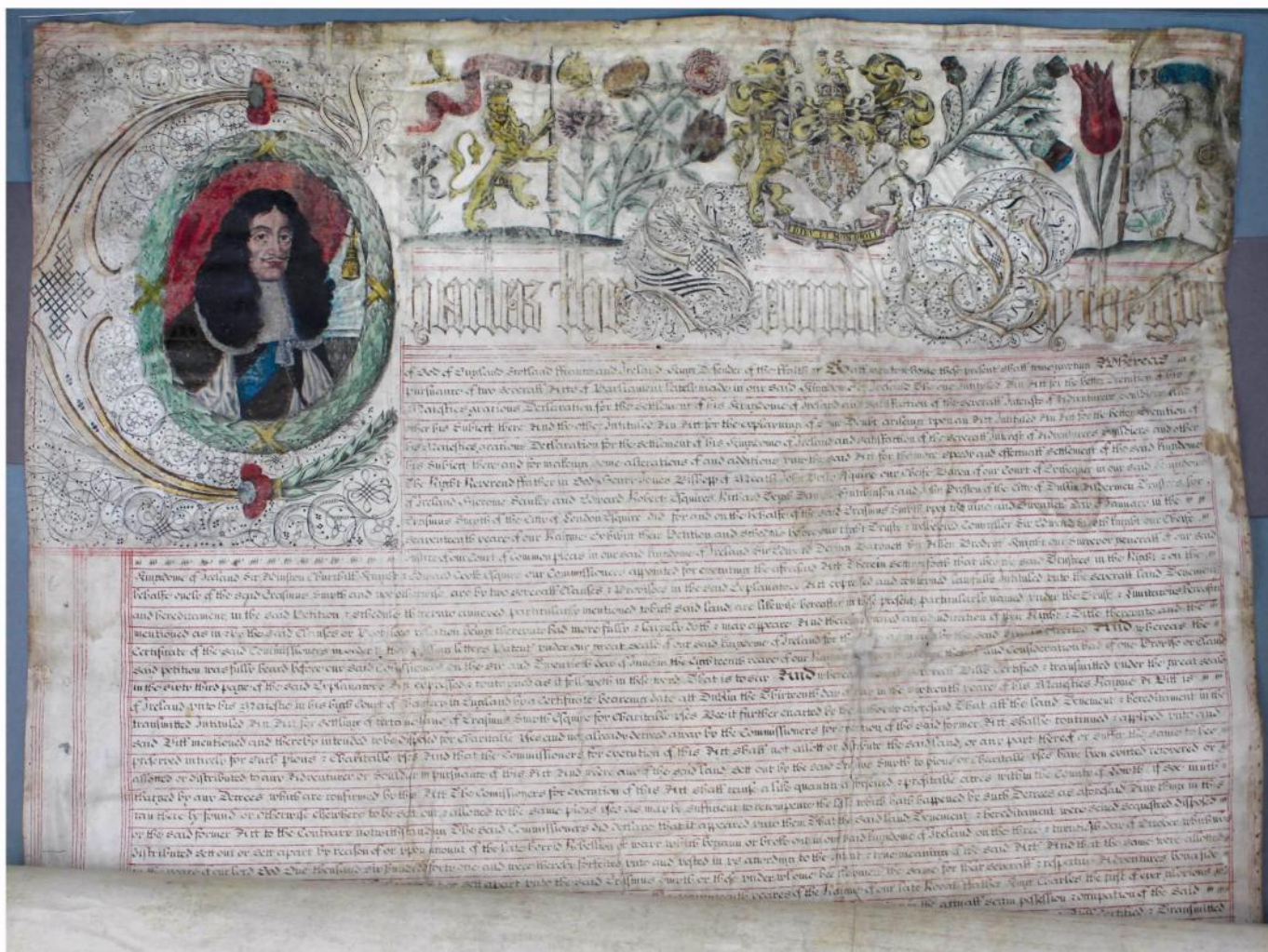
It was a fantastic experience, that we will all remember for the rest of our lives. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank Mr Barry, Ms Browne, Mr Rankin, Ms Deane, and Ms Gray for organizing the trip and making it the outstanding trip it was. We would also like to thank everyone who supported us in school, fundraising and preparing. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that we would recommend to anyone.

**Siobhán Trimmer
and Andrew Canning**



DAFFODIL DAY AND FAREWELL TO CATERING MANAGER CHRIS MC NEILLY





Last August, because of the restoration work on the Bank of Ireland College Green, the Trust Charter which dates to 1669 was retrieved from the bank vaults where it had been kept safely since 1974. The document was issued on the Restoration of the British Crown under Charles II and bears a striking portrait of the King. The detail on the right here is the condition before conservation work which shows cracking from being rolled up for many years as well as faded inks. Overall the document, which has ten large velum pages, was in a good condition. There were some small tears, a lot of surface dirt and some water stains which had left tide marks on some pages. The first task was to find a conservator who could undertake the conservation work required and this led eventually to Pat McBride of The Paper Conservation Studio who came highly recommended from a colleague in the TCD Art Collections.



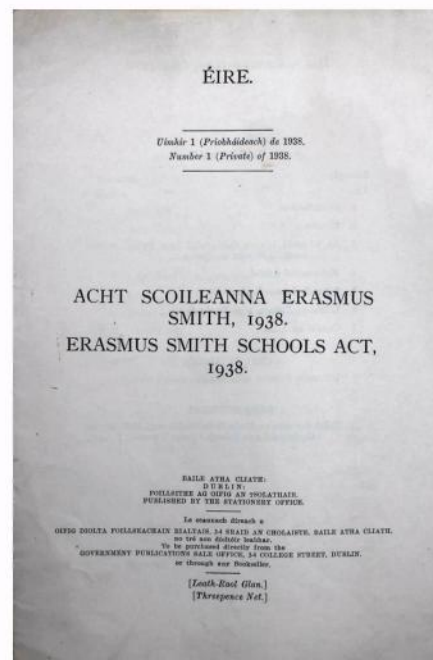
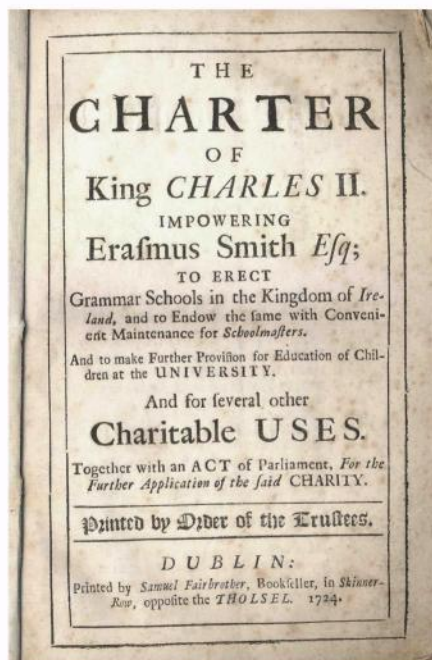
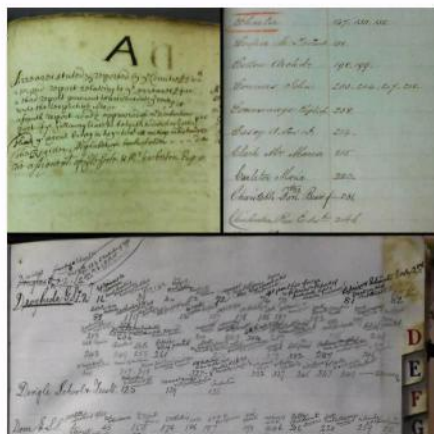
The document is now back in the Archive after being flattened after a slow humidification process, cleaned and repaired. The illustrations on the first page which show many heraldic elements of the British Crown have been gently cleaned and retouched



to bring back some of the colour. It was decided not to refill the letters with gold as it crossed that line where issues preservation and conservation clash. The document needed to show its magnificent age rather than being fully restored to what we think it might have been like 350 years ago. The wax seal was very worn but still shows the King on a horse despite half of it being worn away, broken off or even possibly melted.

This is not the oldest document of its kind in the Archive as other founding documents date to 1657 which include indentures, deeds and other copies of the text from this 'letters patent'. This Charter is, however, the most richly illustrated of any document held. To the left are subsequent versions of the Charter - the 1724 booklet and the 1938 Act which is the legal precedent for the recent change in the name of the Archive.

The annual work of the Archive has continued as usual with enquiries from around the world on former estates, schools and staff associated with The High School and the Erasmus Smith Schools. One ambitious project is well underway which is the digitising of the Board of Governors Registers. The photography is now complete, with over 360 pages to transcribe and a database with live online updates is in the planning. An interesting development in data entry, which is an enormous task for this project, is crowd-sourced 'people-powered research' which utilises volunteer transcribers working online. An article was published on the project in the Irish Society for Archive March 2018 Newsletter which will be available to read at <https://irishsocietyforarchives.com/past-issues/> or the Archive website 'links' page. The image below shows the different kinds of layout and handwriting across the volumes which date back to 1674.



The year ahead will offer new challenges for the Archive with the change in management due to the retirement of John Davis as Registrar. I would like to pay tribute to him as a valued work colleague over the past 17 years. We have worked closely over the past year finalising many former estate records and now at his eventual retirement he will be sorely missed. He served as Registrar since 1999 and oversaw the development of the Archive building as well as so much work around the school campus. Along with Governors Dr John Reid and Susan Parkes, their vision for this unique facility was realised through John's dedicated hard work on the project. His support for the Archive has

been unwavering and allowed it to exist independently within a complex school environment.

Keith Poole is taking on the Registrar duties for the moment and in line with his rapid refurbishment of the school the Archive will get re-painted over the summer and there are plans to make the display area more available for school tours and other visitors once security has been re-configured.

Finally, a big thank you for donations to the Archive especially Julian Reynolds as you can read opposite.

Alan Phelan

REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATH



DANUM HOUSE

Danum was the Dublin farm that supplied Bewley's cafes with Jersey milk and cream; it was named after the Roman fort at Doncaster in South Yorkshire, where the family originated. The High School purchased the house and grounds in the 1950s for its potential for playing fields, and soon after, the Headmaster's (Reynolds) family moved from 66 Cowper Road in Upper Rathmines, into Danum. The large, early 20th century redbrick house, facing east, had been divided into two flats to accommodate different branches of the Bewley family. We first occupied the upper flat, accessed by the main staircase that was modified to open to the west face of the house instead of the east. The kitchen had a coal-burning Aga that functioned badly. One large bedroom, divided in two by a partition, looked out through a bow window to the east, where there was a paddock with a large walnut tree by an avenue winding down to the level of the River Dodder. Another bedroom looked south-east, and there were two further bedrooms, one in the attic. I slept there, and on sunny days sometimes climbed out the window onto the flat-topped room of the large bedroom below. The drawing room looked south, over a large rectangular lawn, and west. My father planted a hedge of 'masquerade' floribunda roses on either side of the lawn, which was used for various athletic events and on which a plywood Greek Temple was erected each summer for performance of a Greek play. Helped by the scenery maker at the Olympia Theatre, I made the masks and props for several of these. In the woodland behind the lawn was an old hen-house, which we children used as a den.

The house, screened by a line of sycamore trees, lay where the school now stands, with a short avenue from Zion Road, guarded by its white-painted iron gates. Behind the gate-lodge was a dilapidated cowshed and a stable block and staff



house, occupied by the groundsman's family. West of the house were a walled garden with acres of ruined glass-houses (some with the remnants of grape vines), the concrete foundations, water tanks and broken glass being a hazard that is hard to imagine today. When walls were demolished, the bricks were saved and stockpiled in the field outside the gate. When the first pitches were created, squads of boys were employed to move across the fields in lines, finding and extracting any stones, metal and fragments of brick that might otherwise have caused injury.

South of the house was a band of woodland marking the steep slope down to the Dodder. The back avenue wound diagonally through this and crossed a millstream, here expanded into a small lake with an islet, by a wooden bridge, then ran between the lake and a quarry pond close to the river. The millstream continued on top of a high embankment, nearly as far as Orwell Road (this was all bulldozed away to make additional pitches). There was a flat-bottomed punt on it, which we used to pole about, and we built rafts to venture onto the quarry pond. 'Health and safety' was far from our minds.

A few years later, we were moved into the ground-floor flat, to make room for another staff member. This flat opened to the main east front of the house, through a porch and a square entrance hall out of which the stairs originally rose. The hall had a large, elaborately carved wooden fireplace about 2 m high, with shelves and cornices (one bracket of this is now in the School Archives). To the right of the main door, the bow-windowed room (originally, I think, a dining-room) was again partitioned into two bedrooms; there was another small bedroom on the return of the kitchen stairs. Our dining-room was a large tiled kitchen that once held a stove, and there was a smaller, functional kitchen opening onto stairs into a small back yard. Here, my mother kept some hens, and my

father had a small potting shed where he nursed his pelargoniums. There were further utility rooms below the kitchen level, into which extensive crawl spaces opened. The drawing-room was very grand, larger than the corresponding one upstairs, with projecting windows on two fronts and a shallowly domed ceiling. My father held 'open house' there one evening a month for old boys. Like the rest of the flat, it was quite hard to heat, and we tended to sit in the hall.



Soon after we moved downstairs, I left The High School and entered Trinity College, and after a couple of years I moved into rooms there. My sisters and brother continued to live in Danum with my parents, and my elder sister was married from there, in Zion Church. In the late 1960s, when I was working in West Africa, the Reynolds family moved into the first house (Whitcroft?) outside the gates; Danum house was demolished and building of the new school started. I moved to western Canada in 1969, but was home at Christmas 1970 when my father unexpectedly died, having seen his dream of a new school becoming a reality. The High School moved out from Harcourt Street the following year, Diocesan Secondary School for Girls following three years later.

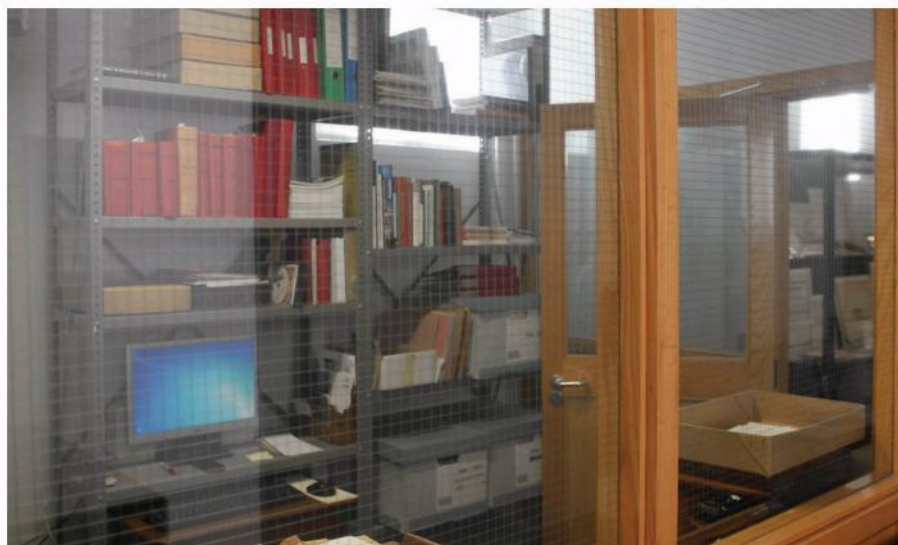
Julian Reynolds



NEW PAINTED ARCHIVE

The Archive display area has been painted and the cabinets and walls

re-hung. The Archive welcomes class groups and visitors by appointment to explore the history of The High School.



CLAIRE TUITE

Claire Tuite joined The High School in August 2017 alongside a gang of pals from RPNS. Claire was a formidable young girl with a spark that lit up those lucky enough to be around her. She was a much treasured member of 1W. Her friends were always thrilled to see her and eager to help in any way she needed. While always gracious of any assistance, it was clear from her first few days here that she wanted the chance to be just like everyone else. At times this required extraordinary physical, emotional and mental strength. And she had it.

Every day that Claire was in the school she brought out the best in all of us. She was creative, kind and very, very funny. She was a beautiful painter, talented baker, an enthusiastic gardener and a much loved friend. We remembered her with A 'Rainbow Run' last May and as the sky light up with clouds of bright colours and the cheers and laughter of so many filled the air, it felt like a fitting way to try and capture such a vibrant and beautiful person.

It is a profound sadness to us all in The High School that we had her for such a short time. She is forever in our hearts and minds.

Ms Missen



OBITUARY

CLAIRE TUITE

Laughter, determination, friendship, bravery, smiling, persistence, caring, participating, courage, confidence, independence, creativity, resilience, willpower, intelligence, fearlessness, strength, dignity; only a few words to describe Claire Hannah Tuite, born 10 June 2004 and died 24 December 2017. Life cannot be measured by the amount of years lived – it is what a person does during those years that counts. Claire was an inspiration to all that met her with her infectious smile and utter determination to conquer any challenge presented to her.

Following Claire's initial diagnosis back in October 2014 while attending 4th class in Rathfarnham Parish National School, she did not let her illness get in the way of her school or social life. She was determined that she would attend, partake and be involved in everything that was going on regardless of what her doctors or nurses would say. She loved school and wanted to attend every day as it was so important to her both to keep up to date with her school work and also to keep in touch with her class



mates. She was not going to miss out and she didn't! Not only did she attend all social occasions but she invariably arrived with some masterpiece (from Smartie cookies to Rainbow cakes and everything in between) which she had baked especially for all of her friends. Claire was always thinking of others and loved to make others happy. She had such a fantastic bunch of friends who are all better people for knowing Claire and who were hugely loyal and supportive to her at all times.

Before her illness Claire was a very active person, whether it was hockey or cricket, ballet or Irish dancing. She loved them all and such was her determination that she stayed involved in her various dancing groups for as long as she could and she enjoyed every minute of it.

Claire met many challenges during her illness and she drew inspiration from many sources including a song by Miley Cyrus. Claire often sang "The Climb" and knew that "there was always going to be another mountain, I'm always gonna wanna make it move, always going to be an uphill battle, sometimes I'm going to have to lose..."

Such was Claire's determination and love of school that even after serious surgery she wanted to participate fully in the final weeks of 6th class in Rathfarnham Parish National School. She did this in true style and even travelled on a school trip to Donegal where she participated fully and made many happy memories with her class mates.

During the summer of 2017 Claire's next goal was to get strong and sturdy in

preparation for the corridors of The High School which once again she conquered with amazing courage. She was determined to join her national school friends on their new adventure and while they supported each other they also made many new friends in Form 1. Claire enjoyed her short time in The High School and she really appreciated the help and support that so many people so willingly gave to her. Claire quickly became known by everyone she met in the school for her strength, her determination and most importantly her constant smile.

Sadly Claire's battle was getting harder and harder but thankfully at home and still with great dignity Claire passed away peacefully on Christmas Eve 2017. She is missed so much by all her family, friends, teachers, community and everyone who was lucky enough to have met Claire. Her funeral service was a fitting tribute to a special person and her links with The High School were hugely in evidence with a Guard of Honour in Rathfarnham Village which will live long in the memory.

Claire's memory also lives on, in both Rathfarnham Parish National School in the beautiful memorial garden which opened in June 2018 and the annual Mad Hair day, and also in The High School where a fantastic Colour Run was organised in May 2018 by Claire's class mates in aid of St John's Ward, Crumlin Hospital who looked after Claire so well.

Forever young, forever loved, forever missed; the brightest star in the sky will shine forever Claire Hannah Tuite.

written by Tuite and Wright families

PAST PUPIL NEWS

TCD ENTRANCE EXHIBITIONS

We are delighted to have been advised by the Board of Trinity College, Dublin that a number of immediate past pupils from The High School have been awarded Entrance Exhibitions in recognition of their high levels of performance in the Leaving Certificate examinations. The awards are made to Junior Freshmen who are new entrants to full-time undergraduate degree courses at the university whose performance in the Leaving Certificate examination was greater than the equivalent of 560 points. In 2017, Alexander Durac, Rachel Ferguson, and Robbie Kelleher achieved this notable distinction and were awarded Entrance Exhibitions. We offer these and all recent past pupils of The High School our warmest congratulations on their achievements and wish them every success in their academic careers.

UCD ENTRANCE SCHOLARS

We are delighted to have been advised by the President of UCD that a number of immediate past pupils from The High School have been awarded Entrance Scholarships in recognition of their high levels of performance in the Leaving Certificate examinations. The awards are made to first year pupils who have achieved 560 points or more in their Leaving Certificate examination. In 2017, Conor Empey, Eoin Faust, Yuliya Mikulchyk, Ronan O'Byrne, and Aela O'Flynn achieved this notable distinction and were awarded Entrance Scholarships. We offer these and all recent past pupils of The High School our warmest congratulations on their achievements and wish them every success in their academic careers.

TCD SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to past pupils Ailish Long (HSD, 2009-2015) and Jenny Long (HSD, 2007-2013) who are current recipients of the 2017/18 Sports Scholarship at Trinity College Dublin. The scholarship is awarded to a small number of pupil-athletes for their outstanding sporting achievements within their chosen sport while studying a full-time bachelor degree course.

'Trinity College is extremely proud of these individuals and are delighted to share their sporting accomplishments while attending Trinity. Managing high

level competition and demanding coursework is a challenge, and one which they have proven successful in. Ailish is in her third year studying a Bachelor of Arts in Business, Economics and Social Studies. Ailish is a pivotal player in Trinity ladies league win and promotion from Division 1 to the EYHL (Ernst & Young Hockey League) in 2017 and has represented Ireland in her underage years and is hopeful to break into the Senior scene soon. Jenny is in her fifth year studying a Bachelor of Arts in Mechanical Engineering. Jenny is a previous captain of the Trinity Ladies team and enjoys top player status within the team.'

**Matthew Dossett, TCD
Deputy Head of Sport and Recreation**

TCD SCHOLARSHIPS

Three former High School pupils were elected to Scholarship in TCD on 9 April, Trinity Monday: Seamus MacLochlainn, Maya Devine and Katie O'Connor.

DUBLIN GAA

Last summer when I finished my Leaving Certificate, I joined the Dublin Senior Ladies panel. Although it was a really enjoyable experience, it was hard work as we trained 4 times a week, every week, throughout the summer and into September. We beat Kerry in the semi-final to play Mayo in the All Ireland Final in Croke Park. It was the first time Dublin had won since 2010. The experience of being on the panel and winning an All Ireland Final was an amazing experience and an experience I'll never forget. There was 44,000 spectators that day in Croke Park attending the final. This broke the record of the most spectators at a women's sporting event in all of Europe which is a huge achievement for ladies Gaelic football.

Mia Jennings

GREGOR MCGUCKIN

This High School past pupil is setting out to become the first Irishman to sail solo around the world non-stop, using no modern technology.

Taking part in the Golden Globe Race in July 2018, Gregor McGuckin (HSD, 1999-2005) aged 31, will set sail from Les Sables D'Olonne, France in an attempt to survive 270 days alone at sea competing against 24 other sailors using just a compass, the moon and stars to guide him around the world. He will have food for nine months on board and will have to find ways to catch rainwater to drink. We wish Gregor every success in his courageous endeavours.

EMMA CANNING

Past pupil Emma Canning, (HSD 2010-16) is studying at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

She has been helping Greece's most vulnerable migrant children through music and theatre at Wind-Up Penguin, bringing music theatre for the past five years to children in Romania, Bulgaria, Lebanon, Colombia, Brazil, Peru, India, Germany, and Belgium. They performed to over 10,000 children in orphanages, hospitals, special needs centers, rural schools, and refugee centers, and don't intend on stopping anytime soon.

The company is run entirely by pupils and young graduates. We fund these projects ourselves.

Tens of thousands of migrants are currently stuck in Greece's refugee camps. Among these, many children, having fled their war-ridden countries, are confronted daily with the angst and trauma of having no place to call home, and no guarantee of a safe future.

No child should go through such distressing events at such a young age.

At Wind-Up Penguin, we want to ensure every child gets access to the crucial elements of a healthy childhood: laughter, stories, games, and a safe space to play and be creative.

So, six of us, music and drama pupils at the Guildhall School, are devised a new piece of music and theatre and brought it to children in refugee camps in Greece from the 4th to the 15th of December.

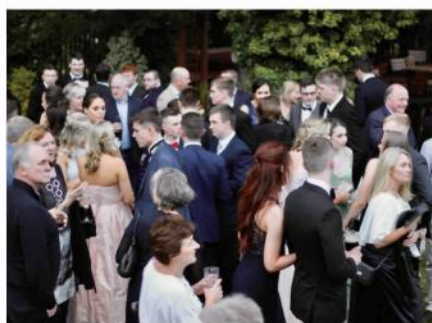
We performed, bringing smiles and inciting the creativity of hundreds of children, in camps and squats around Athens, where thousands of refugees are currently stuck.

PPU & PA



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DEBUTANTES' RECEPTION



THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION

PPU REPORT 2018 DOROTHY ROLSTON PRESIDENT

Firstly, I would like to recognise the work and commitment of my predecessor John Gillis. During the two years that John was President our committee continued to progress the affairs of our PPU to ensure that we can better serve all past pupils of Diocesan Secondary School for Girls and The High School in their social, sporting and working lives. John also continued to develop the links with the current school and our communications with the Principal Andrew Forrest are now an embedded part of our meetings and activities during the year.

I was privileged and proud to take over from John and I thank him most sincerely for the foundations he and the Presidents who served before him have laid and on which we must now continue to build.

Providing support and assistance for all past pupils of our union remains our central focus and is best served through ongoing two-way communication and activities. Growing the numbers involved and active within our union will help us to increase the depth and effectiveness of our network. I am happy to head up a committee of dedicated and committed past pupils who continue to seek to improve our support for all past pupils, our school and those current pupils who now follow in our footsteps.

During the past year the committee met on numerous occasions, at formal committee meetings and informally to undertake the running of the union, and to organise and run the many past pupil events that have taken place over the past twelve months.



Our discussions on how to communicate and engage with more past pupils has led us to a growing a database of up-to-date email addresses through which we can keep members informed. We also now use Facebook and LinkedIn as communication tools along with our continuing commitment to improve our own website.

We have had some discussions between the committee and the school about appointing someone to assist with our communications and administration and we look forward to progressing this in due course and the benefits which will follow on from that appointment.

ASU Events – We participate in these events together with representatives from the unions of our fellow Associate Schools. We were well represented at both the ASU mid-summer supper and golf outing both of which took place over the Summer 2017 period.

LUIS (Ladies' Union of Irish Schools) Golf Outing – HSD PPU entered a team that came 2nd overall.

HSD PPU Golf Outing – In September we had a very successful Golf Outing for past pupils and guests in Rathfarnham Golf Club. A very big thank you goes to Andrew Miller of Folens, Janet Mogerley of Tinkling Toadstools and to Tadg Riordan Motors for their joint sponsorship of this event.

HSD PPU Business Lunch – Our annual business lunch took place in The Beaufield Mews on November 10th, 2017. Guest speaker at this years event was past pupil Kingsley Aikins who is a former CEO of Worldwide Ireland funds. Kingsley has also been a key speaker at the Global Irish Economic Forum held at Farmleigh House and in recent years has set up 'Networking Matters'.

We were enthralled and inspired as Kingsley related some of his experiences from around the globe and passed on some very useful hints and advice about how best to build and utilise networks for business and philanthropic purposes.

The benefits that strong networks can bring to all who participate was very clear to see and we look forward to further building our own High School network assisted by the information and inspiration gleaned by all who attended on the day.

Christmas Carol Singing at Mageough Home – This year we changed venue for our Annual Carol Singing event, due to the fact that the Orwell Nursing Home has expanded to such an extent that they could only accommodate us during the daytime. We moved the event to the Mageough Home in Cowper and it was a great success. We even had a few HSD past pupils in the audience!

High School Old Boys Dinner – I attended the Old Boys Dinner at the school on the last Saturday in January 2018 to represent HSD PPU. Past pupil Roly Meates made a presentation to fellow past pupil Philip Orr in recognition of Philip's appointment as President of the IRFU for the year 2017/18.



HSD Past Pupils Annual Dinner –

The Annual PPU Dinner this year was held in Old Wesley Rugby Football Club on Friday 13 April where we all enjoyed an excellent meal and some wonderful entertainment.

This Annual Dinner is our main 'social' event in each year and we were delighted to see past pupils from across the years attending. We had school-friends from recent years through to a youthful and vibrant Pamela Forde who travelled from Wexford for the event and represented pupils who left the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in 1966. It was great to see everyone enjoy each others company throughout a night where 'there were no strangers' just fellow past pupils from a range of year-groups who revelled together, sharing a wonderful evening of nostalgia, fun and friendship.

Johnny Bell was our guest speaker and he had us chuckling and rolling around with laughter as he regaled us with his comic stories and impressions of some very famous (and infamous) people.

The laughter and merriment lasted well into the wee hours and we thank all who attended, Johnny our guest speaker, and Old Wesley Rugby Football Club for their excellent catering and friendly welcome.

Roll on Next Year – The date for our HSD PPU Annual Dinner is Friday evening 12 April 2019. Please do 'KEEP THE DATE' in your diary and join us. More details will be posted on the website and advised as appropriate nearer the time.



HSD PPU v School Hockey – Our final event of the year was on Friday 27 April. We enjoyed two fun hockey matches on a lovely sunny evening. Both our Mens and Ladies teams played the current Senior Boys and Senior Girls XI's respectively with both PP teams ending up victorious on the day. Winning may possibly have been due to the intake of much chocolate and refreshments served at half time which seemed to boost our past pupil teams more than the fitter school sides. Thanks to the current pupils for taking to the field and to the school for facilitating this annual enjoyable and fun event.

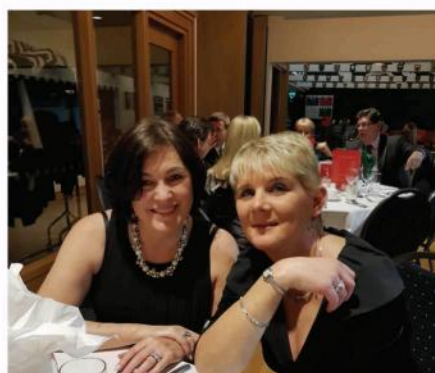


So lots of fun, social and business activities every year to participate in and enjoy.

We encourage all of those who attended both The High School and the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls to get involved with your Past Pupils Union. While we are always looking for new committee members and new ideas for events and activities (and we would be delighted to hear from you if you are interested in helping out with the organisation and running of the union or some of our events) you can also just come along and just enjoy the activities!

In order for us to keep you informed, please do let us know your contact details. You can send them now (or whenever suits you) to our email address: hsdppu@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you soon!



ASU Golf Tournament

Thanks very much again to all the 12 Golf Secretaries for organising their individual PPU teams to play on 6 July in the 79th ASU golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club. The charity collection in aid of The Salvation Army, as nominated by President Robert Greer, realised the splendid sum of over €650.

There were great wins for HSD PPU in the McCaw/Royal Dublin Cup with a team of four - Des Large, Sharon Reid, Robin Benn, and Garrett O'Donnell as well as the Percy Kellett Cup with Des Large in first place.

David Burnett

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IRFU PRESIDENT 2017 - 2018

In September 1961 having just entered J5 and on my first day at rugby training for The High School U11's, we were asked to run to the end of the pitch no. 5 and back, so that the games master could decide who he would select as backs and forwards. Well, I was up with the leaders as we crossed the goal line at the far end - and never having seen a rugby pitch before, continued on to the dead ball line only to turn around and realise that all my future team mates had turned at the goal line. I did overtake some of them on the way back but not enough and therefore finished in the last half and so was nominated to be a prop forward.

So that kicked off my rugby career which has since taken me around the world and as I write I am about to head off to Australia with the Ireland squad as President of the Irish Rugby Football Union. It has been a great honour and privilege to be President of the IRFU during the 2017-18 season and what a magnificent season it has been for rugby in Ireland, winning the Triple Crown and the 2018 NatWest 6 Nations Championship with a Grand Slam in Twickenham on St Patrick's Day, not to mention Leinster achieving the double in winning the European Champions Cup and becoming PRO14 Champions.

The IRFU had the privilege of hosting the 2017 Women's World Cup in Dublin and Belfast in August, which very quickly kicked off my year as President in welcoming the teams, coaches, and their managements and guests from all over the world which included Jeannie Deacon from The High School teaching staff who was a member of the Ireland squad. The



tournament organisation in both Dublin and Belfast was an outstanding success and as the Chairman of World Rugby, Billy Beaumont stated afterwards 'It was a very special and ground breaking event, which broke all records and raised the bar yet again for the next host'.

The 2017 Guinness Series in November was a further success story with victories over South Africa, Fiji and Argentina, in a packed Aviva Stadium for all three matches. Unfortunately we also received bad news during November when our bid to host the Rugby World Cup in 2023 was not successful, and we were extremely disappointed to learn that our PRO14 partner nations had not voted for us.

The 6 Nations in February and March followed on after the success of the Guinness Series and I don't believe anybody would have even dreamed of a possible Grand Slam, when in the 78th minute of our first match in Paris, Ireland dropped out on their own 22 still trailing by 2 points after France had just missed a penalty kick at goal. We then witnessed the unbelievable 5 minute 41 phase play

with every Irish player handling the ball and Johnny Sexton landing a drop goal in the 83rd minute to win the match.

Following the victory over France, the three home matches with bonus point wins against Italy, Wales and Scotland set the stage for the final showdown with England in Twickenham on St Patrick's Day. Those are the days that dreams are made of, and this season our national team allowed our dream to become a reality, when they beat England in the final game and Ireland won the Triple Crown and a Grand Slam in the 2018 NatWest 6 Nations Championship.

The success in the 6 Nations was followed two weeks later with Leinster and Munster reaching the semi-finals of the European Rugby Champions Cup with Leinster going on to beat Racing 92 in the final in Bilbao on 12 May. Two weeks later Leinster added the PRO14 title when beating Scarlets in the Aviva Stadium on 26 May and therefore achieved the historic double for the first time.

During the season I have attended plenty of matches, dinners and receptions all over the country and it was a very special occasion for me to attend the 90th anniversary celebration dinner in Ards RFC as my father and uncle were founder members of the club and the Orr family were well known in the Newtownards community. I was also delighted to attend the annual High School Men's Dinner as a guest this year when I pointed out as I was speaking that I was standing very close to the same spot where I started my rugby career over 50 years ago when I attended my first training session in The High School as the Reynolds Hall was subsequently built on pitch no. 5.



THE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PA REPORT 2018

NIGEL DONOVAN

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

The 2017/2018 school year saw the Parents' Association mark its 75th year and like all past years, our focus continued in key areas, including the promotion of effective communications and representation of the educational and wider interests of parents, guardians and pupils at the school.

As this year commenced, Arthur Barlow, having taken on the role of interim President in February 2017 to ensure continuity until the end of the school year, decided to move on from this role, to the no-less-valuable role of Secretary. This prompted some additional wider movement within the offices of the Parents' Association, with Nigel Donovan taking on the role of President and Evelyn Foley taking on the role of Vice-President.

Following our September AGM, we welcomed newly-elected committee members in Joyce Farrelly, Melody Chinenyanga, and Birgitta Lee, all of whom have come with new ideas and inputs, in support of our goals and direction, adding fresh perspectives.

Having gained new members, we continued to provide parent representation on each of the School Board's four sub-committees – Education, Sport, Finance, and Grounds/Property. Melody Chinenyanga aligned with the Education sub-committee, Steve Wilson continued with Grounds and Property, Vincent Landy engaged further with Sports and Recreation, with Evelyn Foley taking on Finance. This representation ensures continued ability for the PA to contribute and consult on the development and enhancement of the functioning of the School.

At Board of Governors and School Management Committee level, Evelyn Foley and Nigel Donovan were the parent representatives.

Finally, to ensure an ongoing connection to the students and their views, Elaine Costello was the parent representative on the Student Council.



Looking more widely across the school population, we continued with our connection and alignment with each of the year groups, to foster effective two-way communication with parents/guardians and further develop solid working relationships with the teaching staff, as follows:

Form 1 – Joyce Farrelly

Form 2 – Malcolm Boyd

Form 3 – Steve Wilson

Form 4 – Elaine Costello

Form 5 – Melody Chinenyanga

Form 6 – Arthur Barlow

Now, as we approach the end of the 2017/2018 school year, we will have several committee members stepping down and we wish to thank them for their input, passion and commitment. Many thanks to Arthur Barlow, Malcolm Boyd and Melody Chinenyanga for your ongoing contribution in past years.

That means the PA will have vacancies for two male and one female members for the 2018/2019 school year, so we hope to see any interested parties at our next AGM.

Activity Review Across Parents' Association Focus Areas:

Enabling effective communications

We've worked very closely with the School office this year, to consolidate as far as possible, any parent/guardian facing communications. We've also leveraged the weekly newsletter to a greater degree, to communicate updates and awareness. Many thanks to Debbie and Michelle for their support and inputs here.

Recognising considerations around GDPR and data privacy, our go forward approach to any inbound communications is reflected in the privacy policy on the PA website: <http://www.hsdparentsassociation.com>

Aligned with this, our future plan for outbound PA communications is to leverage a greater "push" of information across social media platforms, namely Twitter and Facebook. We plan to launch these channels with the start of the 2018/2019 school year and will ensure you receive details.

Supporting welfare and educational interests of the students

We maintained our partnership with and support for the School's Habitat for Humanity initiative, as well as the inaugural hosting of the Model United Nations (MUN) at the High School.

We also supported the boy's senior hockey team in their All Ireland endeavours representing the school, as well as engaging with the sports and recreation staff on the Summer Rugby and Hockey Tours to the US.

This year's PA's Student Achievement Award went to the Green Schools Team who are a committed bunch of pupils under the stewardship of Mr Barry. They meet regularly before school starts and have been key enablers in the School's acquisition of multiple Green Schools Flags. Whether it's focusing attention on litter, reminding us of waste or water concerns, this team have engaged with expert speakers and other schools, in support of their initiatives. Well done to all involved!

Across wider academic activity, we were pleased to work with Vanessa Connolly (Deputy Principal), to support the school in its achievement of a National Well-Read award and the rollout of the StudyClix initiative across Forms 3, 5 and 6. The focus here was on provision of additional study tools, particularly for students in state exam years. The uptake here was very positive and you will recall, no doubt, as we entered the mock exam season in February 2018, data analysis indicated our Form 6 pupil's usage was at the higher end of the curve, when compared to similar schools.

Organising social evenings and events

We welcomed our new Form 1 parents and guardians to the school with a social event in November, the backdrop for which was a session on "Online Life and Digital Reputation", delivered by Nigel Donovan, which was preceded earlier in the day with a similar session for the Form 1 pupils. The goal here was to promote conversations, with parents and pupils alike viewing the same detail. Thanks to Joyce Farrelly for driving this one.

Dr Harry Barry, came to the school in March, for a well-attended session on "The Anxious Adolescent". Dr Barry is a well-known figure in the field of mental health and wellness, as well as being a regular commentator in the media, in addition to his many published works on the topic.

Thanks to the catering team for the ongoing partnership across all our events this year.

Looking to future activity here, we will



continue to identify and source expert speakers on topics of interest, so if you have a suggestion, please let us know.

Our end of year social "School's Out!" took place on Friday 25 May, with approximately 200 attendees across teachers, parents and guardians. In a change from previous years, we used the school building and courtyard and were very fortunate to have some beautiful weather, where we could enjoy an evening of music, food and drink.

As usual, the event included the annual Parent v Teacher cricket match, which this year saw the parents victorious, and a humble Martin Ridgeway raise the trophy aloft.

A lot of effort goes into this event, which is entirely focused on you as the parent/guardian body, so a sincere thanks to the entire committee for their input leading up to and on the night, ensuring everything from food, drink, raffle prizes and all in between were covered. Additional thanks to School management for sponsoring the prosecco reception and to the wider School staff for their partnership, in ensuring a smooth-



running event.

We intend to follow up on this one early in the new school year, seeking your input on what makes a great end of year social and what would make you attend/not attend in the future.

Promoting parental involvement in the school

Here, we continued to support and facilitate various activities across the school year, with active involvement in the annual Parent/Teacher Meetings, for all year groups and the Form 5 Mock Interview evening.

As in past years, our now annual Used book and uniform sale, saw us bring the year to a close, with strong participation.

The Uniform Warehouse was also in attendance, with a selection of new uniform items. Lost property was again opened to reunite, but thanks to the ongoing efforts of Jen Leech throughout the year, labelled items should now be making their way back to their owners in a speedier fashion.

To close for this year, I would like to again thank the entire committee for their dedication and commitment in giving of their time and energy in pursuit of ongoing quality relationships and interactions across the parent body and school stakeholders. I would also like to thank the wider Board of Management and staff at the school for their ongoing partnership and collaboration.

Please contact us, if we can be of assistance, or to simply provide feedback or suggestions and we look forward to seeing you in September 2018, at our next AGM.



WOMEN'S HOCKEY WORLD CUP SILVER MEDALISTS

It is rare for a school to boast of one World Cup Finalist let alone two! Watching both Ali and Nicci's adventure to World Cup glory, it is hard not to burst with pride knowing we were a part of their journey. It was clear from early on that they were both destined for something special as their potential was evident all the way through The High School. The following pages show the result of their dedication, commitment, support and where dreams can take you.

Ms Jones



Ali Meeke

HSD: 2003-2009

Position: Midfield

Club: Loreto Age: 27 Caps: 117

Occupation: Coaching/S&C

Nicci Daly

HSD: 2000-2006

Position: Midfield

Club: Loreto Age: 30 Caps: 166

Occupation: Motor racing engineer

**INTERVIEW WITH
ALI MEEKE****A silence has descended and you're all alone on the top of the circle waiting to take your penalty. What is going through your mind?**

I was nervous initially, but then a calm descended, and I went for it. We had practiced 1v1's the day before. I scored twice with a certain move, and I kept replaying that over in my head. Ironically though, it's not what I used on the day. I played what I saw, it was like lightning, I trusted my instinct and nutmegged the Indian goalie.

Which was better the quarter-finals win, the semi-finals, win or the final itself?

This is an impossible question. All of them, each one fed into itself.

The quarters and semi is life and death; then in the final, you've already got prize. The quarter-finals what stands out for me is scoring the 1v1, the rest is a bit of a blur. I was able to conquer my demons of the 1v1 situation. The feeling of relief and euphoria that I was able to make a difference was huge for me. The semi-final, another new experience. We've played Spain so often, we knew that we could beat them, but we've struggled to do so and fresh in our



memories was the previous bruising encounter in the Europeans last summer. We had a score to settle. A semi-final is a strange place to be as you're in touching distance of a World Cup Medal, surreal doesn't start to explain it. The draw was a fair result. The second time around the 1v1 was harder, because now there was an expectation as I scored before. I went through the same process and I did do what I practiced, but that led to me over-thinking which took away some of my instinct which slowed the process down and I felt like the clock was running out so I rushed myself. Winning it was just crazy. There was also a huge sense of relief, we achieved what we believed.

The final was a different experience because first, the team we were playing and second we knew we had a World Cup medal. The expectation was different.

It was just excitement, a dream come true, we were there, and it was Holland. Holland are like Barcelona FC, the All Blacks, just on another level, superhuman. It was the hardest match I ever played, but I played without fear, worry, pressure and loved every single second. A full stadium, nothing but the green in the stands shouting their hearts out.

What do you believe brought Ireland to this phenomenal achievement which had the whole country gripped?

We are an incredibly tight group of players. We happened upon that incredible experience and time, where stars, interests, belief and people align. A turning point was our meeting with our sports psychologist Gary Longwell. Out of that meeting we truly understood each others needs, this may sound small, but the impact it had was out of this world. We finally understood how to communicate from the bottom to the top and it set us free.

It was continually commented on that the Irish team was 'always smiling'. What do you think Ireland had that other countries didn't?

There is nothing like being an underdog. No expectation, no pressure. Being such a close group allowed us to have a bit of banter with it. We didn't play with fear because we had nothing to lose, we were amateurs, our livelihoods don't depend on the score line, but in representing our country to the best of our ability. And that comes from a place of passion. We promised ourselves that we would enjoy every single minute no matter what happened... and we did. The support that came over was phenomenal. You run out, see a sea of green all shouting for you, friends, family. All your hard work has paid off. You're there, why wouldn't you enjoy it!?

No doubt our readers will love a juicy bit of gossip. What was the funniest that that happened in the campaign?

So the Christmas Song... Zoe Wilson (one of the younger players) the day before the tournament compared her excitement to the night before Christmas. The next day with our mobility stretches we decided to support her in this by blaring out Mariah's 'All I want for Christmas' in the middle of the park. And naturally, like any team superstition plays its part. So once we started winning, every day was like Christmas! So the song got played every day!



Describe your own personal journey from wet and windy days in Ireland to a World Cup Final?

I've always known I wanted to play hockey and to play for Ireland. I remember meeting Catriona Carey at the Europeans and I stopped her for an autograph. She asked me if I was going to play for Ireland and without hesitation I said yes. That confidence and assuredness of age tends to erode over time through experiences and it becomes a psychological battle as you break through to senior ranks. The last two years the club season my club team and my coach Paul Fitzpatrick rebuilt my confidence in my ability and belief in myself no matter the outcome. In the last year I've played the best hockey of my life. His relentless belief and positivity, seemingly insignificant at the time, continued to strengthen my confidence and belief in myself and took it to new levels. This coincided with Europeans (after the World Cup qualifier which I missed) where I had a great tournament. That fed into the year. I'd worked harder than ever at my fitness, and I was more relaxed and had less doubts about my hockey and this led to me really enjoying and playing great hockey. Everything came together and I found myself running out a tunnel about to play in a final for my country, against a team I'd always dreamed of playing with a World Cup medal assured. It cemented my mindset that everything happens for a reason, and the let downs and disappointments made me stronger and hungrier. No matter what I always believed in myself.

What advice would you give to players looking to follow their dreams?

You need to remember how much you love the game. Be sure of who you are as a person and a player. You'll need this to withstand the lows you experience in sport. My belief in myself was the one constant; it's easy to forget sometimes, especially when decisions don't go your way. A support network is crucial my family, friends and my club #loveloreto. You need to want it and to be willing to work for it, the early starts, the extra sessions, the rainy gale force wind days... the sacrifices, they're all worth it.

**Interview by
Ms Beamish**



Courtesy of World Sport Pics





HOCKEY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The High School is where I started my hockey career. Reluctantly and stubborn to the idea at the start I thank Ms Mellon for never letting me give up! Paul Fitzpatrick brought me my very first hockey success when we won the Junior Cup in 2003 and then again in 2004. By this time I was fully invested in the sport and for that I thank Paul Fitzpatrick and for always guiding me in the right direction. Hockey became the sole reason for even going to school and it taught me a lot about who I was as person! An incredibly stubborn individual! But the beauty about sport is it continuously teaches you lessons as a player and a person. To this day I thank sport and my early days in The High School for making me the person and player I am now!

Nicci Daly



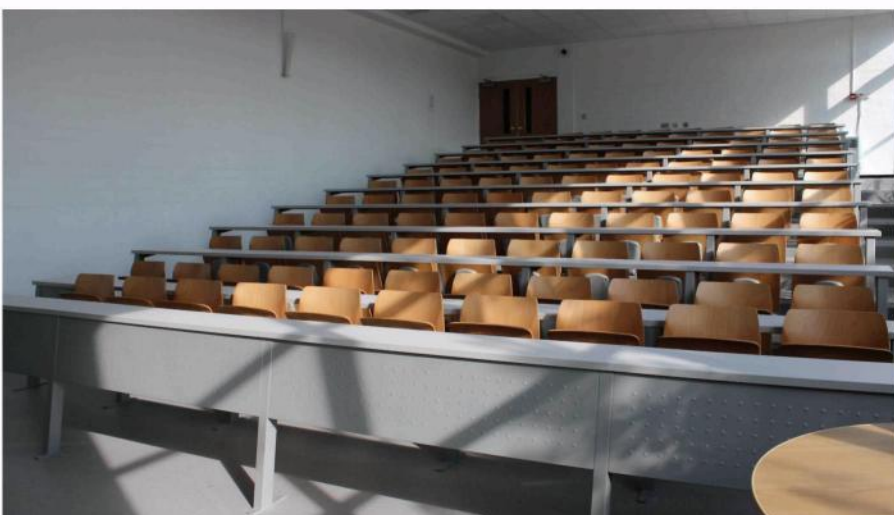
SCHOOL REFURBISHMENTS

Over the past 18 months the school campus has had many facility upgrades and improvements, these include:

- (1) New viewing area and drinking water for hockey pitches
- (2) Upgrade of school wifi and teacher computers
- (3) New school phone system
- (4) New student lockers and bag racks
- (5) Refurbishment of gym floor
- (6) Refurbishment of Reynolds Hall
- (7) Refurbishment of pupil, visitor and staff toilets
- (8) Refurbishment of staff room
- (9) New classroom doors and signage
- (10) New Library
- (11) New lecture theatre
- (12) Disability access ramps and disabled toilets
- (13) New rugby pitch



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