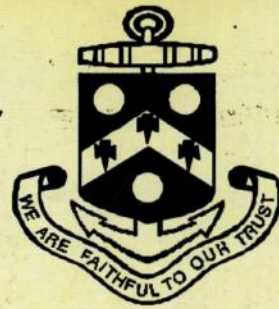


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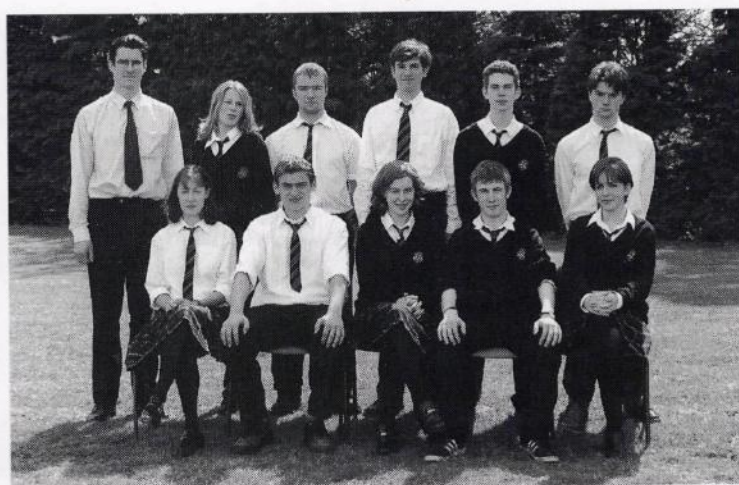


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Following the success of last years Erasmian, which was produced entirely by pupils of the school, the magazine has been produced along similar lines this year. Before Christmas a group of eleven fifth years volunteered to undertake the task. Over the following months a core group of pupils emerged, who were prepared to immerse themselves fully in the project, to undertake tasks outside their original brief, and to give up time after school, at weekends and during the holidays in order to complete the project.



*Mr.T.Gill, Julie O'Sullivan, Bruce Wardrop, Brian Kelly, Ralph Benson.
Karen Pickett, Ross Wynne, Rachel Dawson, Mark Kenny, Maureen Synnott*

Rachel Dawson acted as team co-ordinator, wrote several articles including the First Year interviews and the feature on Zion school. Rachel helped compile the Valete and also typed a large proportion of the other articles.

Ralph Benson wrote the editorial and many of the articles contained in the school record and elsewhere, he also typed many other articles and helped with proof reading and editing.

Cover Photo: The sculpture featured on the front cover was created by members of Form 6 as part of an art project. The sculpture has been on display in the Reynolds Hall during the past few months.

Karen Pickett profiled the Senior Boys Hockey Team and compiled the Valete and the Language Pages. Karen also typed and edited many other articles.

Brian Kelly carried out the Alan Gillis interview and wrote several other articles including the feature on the War Memorial and the Burren report.

Mark Kenny helped with the Fennell files, wrote articles about Taney school and the Paris Tour and also helped with typing.

This core group received invaluable assistance from the following; **Ross Wynne**, who helped compile the Sports Review, **Julie O'Sullivan**, **Maureen Synnott**, **Bruce Wardrop**, **Stuart Kinch** and **Fergus Naughton**.

Producing a publication like this is an onerous task and each team member contributed by using their own initiative and imagination. The extent of their dedication can be gauged by looking through the pages of this yearbook.

Despite being quite a diverse group of people they worked well together and it was a pleasure to be associated with them.

I would personally like to thank Mr. Martin Hilliard for helping with the computers and Mr. Kieran Mills, for his advice and encouragement.

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

- Tim Gill
Production co-ordinator

Editorial

In helping to compile the Yearbook, it is inevitable to come across many names one cannot put a face to, and faces to which one cannot put a name. Doubtless it is impossible to know everyone in a school of seven hundred, but it is sad to be educated with so many people to whom one will probably never speak. High School presents a sizeable degree of diversity, a definite benefit in broadening our minds and seeing a large slice of the cake of life. This diversity is a reason we stick to our little group of close friends. Naturally, we gravitate towards those with whom we share interests or beliefs. Perhaps this explains why I see the same names each time on the hastily hand-written sheets which I must type as articles.

I realise that not everyone wants their name in print, that not everyone wants to hold the microphone as expectant eyes stare. Nonetheless, on a smaller scale, most people want to interact with others with whom they have a common bond. At lunch time it is unusual to find tables occupied by students from different years.

Sport, like classes, helps to unify students, but generally within their own year group as teams are selected by age. Where else do pupils meet in school? The societies whose reports you read in this magazine help to bring pupils of different ages together through extra-curricular interests such as books or whatever, yet my complaint remains: it is the same few. Too frequently the Debating Society reduces public speaking to private argument between the same dedicated fifteen who know each other intimately by now!

I do not believe this lethargy is particular to High School pupils - it is a sad fact that some people play a more active role than others. A quotation from our study skills seminar is apt - "There are three types of people in life: those who make things happen, those who watch it happen, and those who ask 'what happened?'" I think High School has a duty

to aim for *all* its pupils to be in the first category. This need not result in the production of arrogant, self adoring pupils, such as may emerge from certain schools around the country. It does mean, though, that the High School pupil should have confidence and control. Not only is this a key to success in exams, but in life and particularly in employment.

This participation, or "making things happen" is something High School should encourage. Jobs demand more than academic excellence. Employers want somebody who can get along well with workmates. Employers tend to seek a well-rounded person, who has interests and skills as well as knowledge. These skills and interests need to be developed in school. It is idealistic to hope that there will ever be something which everyone will take part in and enjoy, but I think music comes close to this ideal. Everybody listens to music - the sixth years' stereo leaves no option! Yet organised music in High School tells another tale...

Too few pupils take part in music. In comparison to other schools of similar size, the number of members in the school's choir and orchestra is pathetic. A quick count of the fifth years doing Leaving Certificate Music reveals four pupils. Why is this? We are no less skilled than other first years as we join the school, and two Music Scholarships are awarded at this stage. The fight for these scholarships should kick-start a keenness in the early years. How is this impetus lost?

The need to put a bit of oneself into making music scares people away. Bashfulness causes pupils to scorn formal music as a school activity and to make fun of those dedicated enough to devote their energies to it. There are other more practical reasons. Often pupils enter music class on an unequal footing - some can read music and play the piano, others can barely press play on a tape. Do the better students intimidate the less able? It seems that those who remain doing music throughout their High School lives are very skilled - for instance, all the members of the Fifth Year Leaving Certificate class belong to bands.

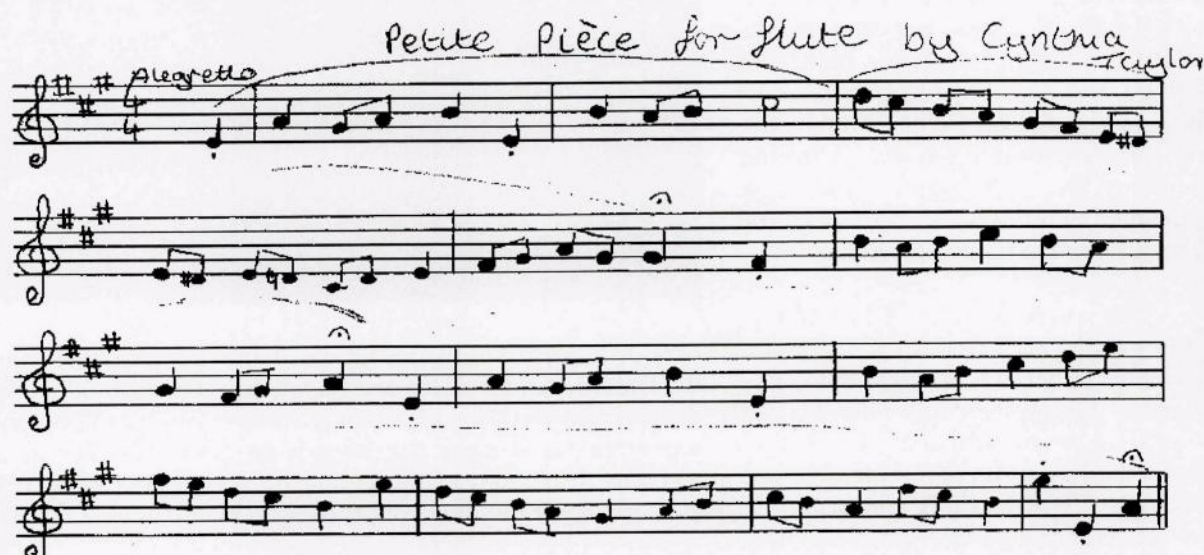
What is to be done? High School must address a major lack of facilities. For half their rehearsal time the choir is crushed into a small make-up room backstage of the Reynolds Hall singing to the drama props and broken chairs. There is a single music room to serve three teachers! Other schools of equal size have whole blocks dedicated to music. Clearly we need more space.

Resources must be made available and accessible to everyone. Why doesn't the school provide instruments for pupils to try out and practise on? This is the most basic way of stimulating interest. Pupils could be let loose at lunch times to beat the drums and fiddle with the didgeridoo.

The new Leaving Certificate syllabus is being introduced this September. This course, to quote Síle Sheehy, Irish Times Education Correspondent, boasts a "definite policy of encouraging musical creativity, sensitivity and potential. Students will have much more scope for performing and composing." The emphasis in the new syllabus is being shifted towards creativity, making music a less academic option. So not only would introducing students to musical instruments in school be popular with pupils, it would be increasingly beneficial in examination terms.

Music should be a recognised part of school life with everyone encouraged to play an instrument and join the choir or orchestra. The orchestra and choir should perform regularly in assembly. As Mr. Duffy says, we hear of the school's sports achievements far more frequently than we hear music during assembly. High School should be ashamed of the waste of talent and total lack of adequate resources and time dedicated to the study and enjoyment of music. I urge those whose decision it is to find more floorspace for music rooms and find funds for musical instruments, and I urge everyone to take the opportunity offered by music as a subject and a pastime for life. Music has the potential to unite the school in something they all enjoy. It is the chance to participate, know everyone and put names to those faces.

- Ralph Benson.



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Special Features

History of the High School

Brian Kelly talks to Capt. T.H. Fallon M.B.E.

Despite their importance and central position in High School, the memorial window and plaques seem to be given little thought by today's students as they make their way to assembly, or queue outside the canteen. This is regrettable, however, my aim right now is not to condemn, but rather to praise.

Over the years many High School pupils have gone on to serve in H.M. Forces, particularly during the two Great Wars. In World War I many served with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. By the 1930's the Royal Air Force had been formed and so, a large proportion of them served in World War II both by flying and by providing essential ground team services. Although, regrettably, some died while serving, there are those who survived, and are still living.

One such is Capt. T.H. (Henry) Fallon MBE. He grew up in Terenure where his father was a well known businessman. His time at High School lasted about five years until 1939. In 1941 he joined the Royal Air Force. He obtained a passport to attend a Rugby match in Belfast and having undergone tests, was chosen for Aircrew. He subsequently attended Initial Training Wing in Hornchurch followed by Grading School at Burnston in Derby and then continued Flying Training in South Africa.

In 1944 he joined his squadron at Foggia in southern Italy and thence to Greece. He was flying Wellingtons in 221 Squadron. His total crew were six mem-



bers, all English. During his time with the squadron they mined the Danube, and assisted the Royalists in Greece with supply drops and so on. The squadron was later posted to Egypt from where they undertook Air Sea Rescue operations. The squadron was disbanded in Egypt and he was posted back to the U.K. to help train glider pilots to fly power driven aircraft.

The Royal Air Forces Association (Republic of Ireland Branch) of which Capt. Fallon is now the President, have their headquarters in Dun Laoghaire. Capt. Fallon was awarded the M.B.E. in 1985 for his service to the RAFA. The Royal British Legion have several branches but only two with Branch Clubs; one in Crossthwaite Terrace, Dun Laoghaire, and the other on Sir John Rogerson's Quay. Both of the above organisations are very much involved in welfare work and the RAF clubroom is also in Crossthwaite Terrace.



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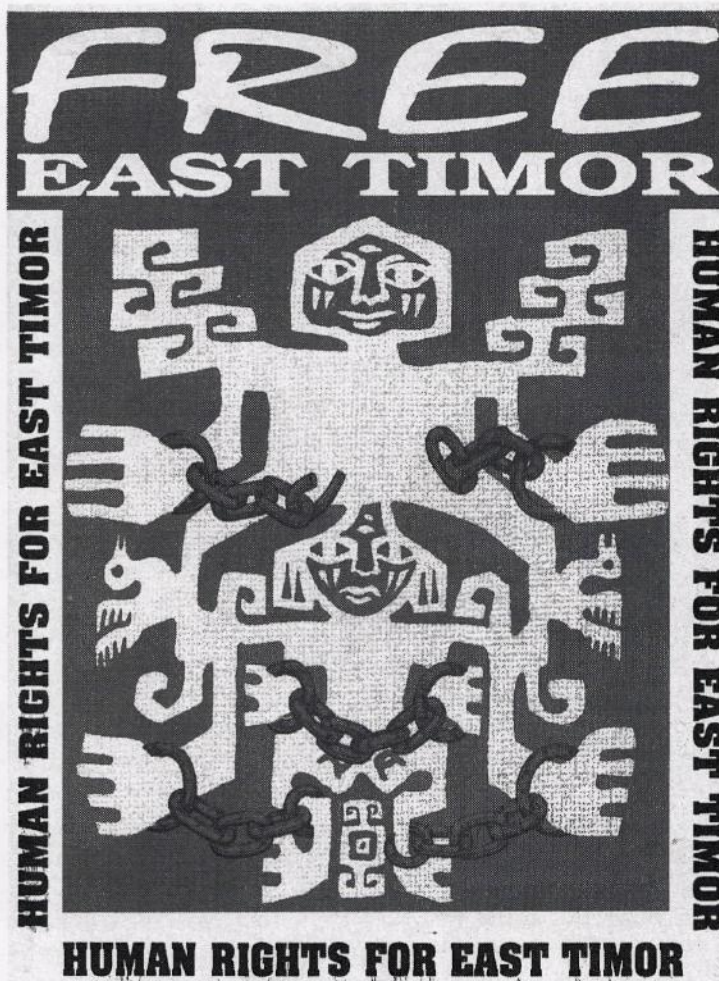
visit to High School

East Timor is a small country in south east Asia lying 300 miles north of Australia. In proportion to the population it is the victim of the biggest act of genocide since the Nazi Holocaust.

Tom Hyland organises the East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign. A bus driver from Ballyfermot, Tom left his job when he saw a television programme about East Timor. For the last five years Tom has been campaigning for and publicising the plight of the East Timorese. On Friday, 2 May, Tom came to speak to the assembly and also to the fifth years in the demonstration theatre. He brought an East Timorese man called Dino. Dino spoke to us too. Dino is one of four East Timorese in Ireland. He says he can never go back to his country or he will be murdered. Dino's family are all dead.

Tom and Dino recounted the recent history of East Timor. Portugal gave it up as a colony in 1975. East Timor had ten days' freedom and was invaded by the fourth largest country in the world, Indonesia. Within six months of the invasion, the Indonesian Foreign Minister admitted to a death toll of 60,000. Despite more than ten U.N. resolutions calling on Indonesia to withdraw from East Timor, no economic sanctions or arms embargoes have been imposed. Great Britain, France, Russia, China, and the United States (the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council) have all called for Indonesia to withdraw, yet they are Indonesia's five main arms suppliers!

The assembly in the Reynolds Hall were shocked to hear of the cruelty and genocide that goes on in East Timor. People were amazed that they had never heard of East Timor. The fifth form was horrified to be shown footage of the Santa Cruz massacre of November 1991. This footage was filmed by a western journalist who managed to escape alive. It shows Indonesian soldiers firing on East Timorese visiting the grave of a resistance leader. More than 270 East Timorese died in the massacre, and 200 more in follow-up killings. Those wounded were later killed.



Most people were revolted by the stories Tom and Dino had to tell, and wanted to know what they could do to help. Tom Hyland brought postcards, shown here, addressed to the Minister for Foreign Affairs urging him to use his "influence at the European Union and the United Nations to press for the establishment of a Human Rights office in East Timor." Throughout the school, pupils were eager to get and send these cards. It is hoped that a petition will be organised in school and that money can be raised for the campaign.

Anyone who wants to help further can join the East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign and Amnesty International. Writing to newspapers, radio and television stations, local T.D.s, M.E.P.s or Senators and to the Minister for Foreign Affairs can help. It is simple to organise a speaker from the campaign to talk to a group of people by contacting the campaign office. Thank you very much to Tom and Dino for coming in to speak to us. High School hopes to keep in touch with the campaign.

- Ralph Benson.

Local Primary Schools

Rachel Dawson writes about Zion Parish National School



Zion Parish National School

As can be seen by the similarities between their architecture Zion Church and school were built at the same time, 1861. The buildings were financed by John Gold, a Dublin stockbroker, who wished to provide the area with a church and school. In old records the school is referred to as being "beyond Windmill Lane," (the present day Rathgar tennis club). The school wasn't under the national board at this time and was supported financially by pew-rents collected by the church trustees.

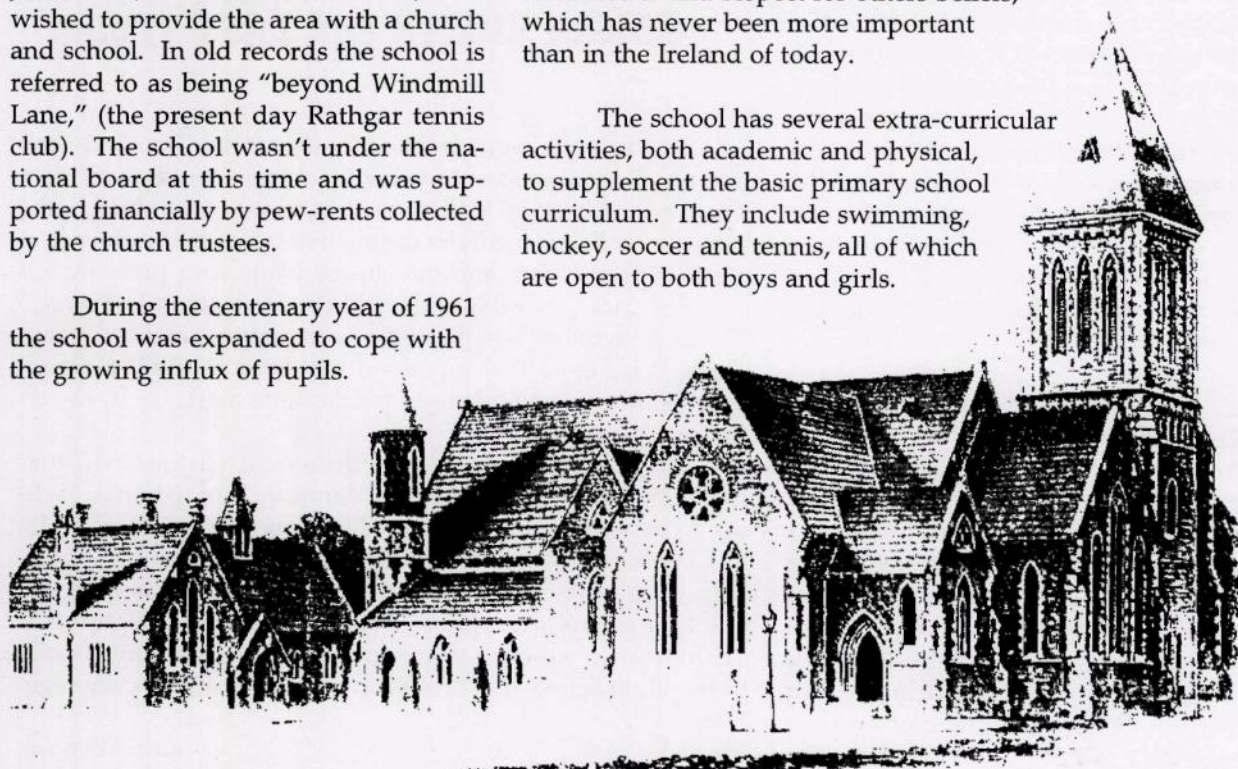
During the centenary year of 1961 the school was expanded to cope with the growing influx of pupils.

It was during this expansion that the school hall was built for use during P.E., drama and other such classes, however there is once again a demand for space and the hall is in use as a classroom. Another major expansion is soon to be undertaken, involving the construction of a new classroom and the renovation of part of the teacher's house. Planning permission has been received and the architectural plans are at present with the Department of Education. This project is to cost £250 000, a large percentage of which was raised by the school's active Parents Association.

Since 1936 the association has been an integral part of the school community and their objectives are to "promote further, in anyway possible, the welfare of the school and its pupils" and to "foster social and other activities among members of the Association." Parents help organise and supervise extra-curricular activities and also supervise the playground at break times.

At present the school has 115 pupils, with four teachers and a remedial teacher shared with Rathgar National School. There is a Church of Ireland ethos although the school welcomes those of other religions and has students of minority religions including Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Jews, and Muslims. This teaches the children tolerance of and respect for others beliefs, which has never been more important than in the Ireland of today.

The school has several extra-curricular activities, both academic and physical, to supplement the basic primary school curriculum. They include swimming, hockey, soccer and tennis, all of which are open to both boys and girls.



*Zion Church, Rathgar
From a drawing in The Dublin Builder, 1st July 1862*



One of the busy classrooms in Zion National School

On the musical front the children can participate in choir, recorder and piano. French classes are arranged for the senior classes by "Le Club Français." This is an alternative, fun way of teaching the language through playing, singing, colouring and drawing.

Zion School is proud to be part of a pilot scheme *Junior Achievement Ireland*. *Junior Achievement* was established in America seventy years ago to give children a practical understanding of business and economic issues. The children are made aware of the benefits of free enterprise and are encouraged to follow through their ideas and to use entrepreneurial skills.

This programme is considered highly beneficial to the children involved and Miss Revington is excited about its future.

Zion is a central part of Rathgar's community life. The children are involved with Zion's Scouting and Guiding groups and are active within the church. The choir sings in local old people's homes from time to time and, in order to become more aware of the needs of others, the children undertake fund-raising activities for various charities.

Every year a good proportion of pupils proceed to High School, owing to its close proximity to Zion. The primary school also uses High School's sports grounds for hockey and their sports day.

During our visit to Zion National School I noticed a warm, friendly atmosphere and happy pupils. The teachers are highly dedicated and the many certificates of achievement awarded to the pupils stand testament to the excellent standards reached by the school in both physical and academic areas.



Some of the pupils and Staff at Zion National School's Certificate Presentation

Taney Parish Primary School

Mark Kenny visits his old primary school

The origins of the thriving educational institution which we now know as Taney National School can be found back in 1792, with the establishment of a parochial school to educate the poor of the parish and promote the speaking of the English language and culture. In addition to its educational functions, the school fed and clothed its pupils, as was common at the time. The school was free to the pupils and supported itself by an annual charity sermon which, along with other donations, was sufficient to cover total expenses of £71.25s.0d. in the year ending 2nd April, 1793. The majority of the children were Catholic, however in 1858 a Catholic School was founded in the area which greatly depleted Taney's numbers.

In 1859 Taney moved to a granite and red brick building in Eglington Terrace, this building had a large garden and included a residence for the principal. In 1868 the school divided into three sections, girls, boys and infants. All forty three pupils were Protestant.

Taney became a National School in 1898 when the highly regarded Mr. Caldwell retired from his post as principal. Taney's early years as a National School were negotiated under the guidance of Mr. Joseph McCaughey, Principal of the school until 1928. During his years at the school, attendance, the prosperity of the students and the numbers of students going onto a Secondary education all increased; although the school was frequently closed down due to the outbreak of an epidemic or disease such as Scarlet Fever or influenza.

Under the Free State government of 1922 the compulsory teaching of Irish was introduced and under De Valera the Primary Certificate Examination of English, Irish and Maths had to be taken by all schools. The school performed very well although the pupils struggled in written Irish.

However, the rapid economic expansion of Dublin in the early 1960's meant an influx of young families into the area. Three large secondary schools-Alexandra, Wesley and the High School moved to the suburbs which resulted in a huge demand for places which the old building was not equipped to deal with. After an extensive search for a site that was both large enough and affordable, one of the parishioners made a large site in Sydenham Villas available. The new, eight classroom Taney School building was opened in November, 1970 by the Minister for Education, Mr. Padraig Faulkner.



Taney Parish Primary School

While plans for the new school were in development, an energetic and innovative new Principal, Mr. R.W. Smyth, appointed in 1959, introduced voluntary subscription by parents. This enabled him to introduce a wide range of extra curricular activities and opportunities for the pupils. Football, Swimming, Music, French, Elocution, P.E., Irish Dancing and Hockey were all introduced. Mr Smyth also helped found the Parent-Teacher Organisation and introduced art into the curriculum. An annual school concert was also held as can be seen by the 1964 production of *The Little Nut Tree*, in which a certain B. Duffy played the lead role of Diego. Mr Smyth's innovations played a large part in the ever-increasing demand for places in the school which necessitated the erection of a series of prefabs around the back of the school. The effects of the changes introduced along with the new curriculum can be seen by the 570% increase in the number of pupils during Mr Smyth's time there.

In 1978, Mr Smyth retired and was replaced by Mrs Beryl Tilson, the present principal and first woman to hold the position. She has supervised the demolition of the prefabs and the construction of a state of the art new school building, built at the cost of half a million pounds. The building was paid for by an extensive programme of fund raising carried out with the help of the PTO, who organised fashion shows, cake sales, sponsored walks and an annual performance in the Concert Hall.

Knocking on the principal's door is a lot easier now than as a frightened eleven year old when the walls seemed to be closing in, intent on gobbling you whole. The stern, domineering figure of the principal has been replaced by a smiling, friendly lady who is at least a foot smaller than I am. The whole building seems to have shrunk despite the addition of 10 new classrooms and a gym and the hordes of children appear as ants, chasing madly around after various foot-balls.

From talking to Mrs. Tilson many things remain the same. The boys' and girls' soccer teams have both just won their leagues by comfortable margins, the pupils still participate in the highly successful school orchestra and put on annual gym displays, concerts, plays and a fashion show. The strong links with Taney parish are still evident; with the pupils using the parish hall for P.E. and the local Church of Ireland parish, the

largest in Ireland, provides the bulk of the schools pupils. The school has a consistently high academic record with many of the pupils winning scholarships and Mrs. Tilson is justifiably proud of her students' reputation.

As the more astute among you will have gathered, Taney boasts the pleasure of counting Mr. B.T. Duffy among it's past pupils, who currently holds the distinction of being headmaster of this school. Apart from his starring role in "The Little Nut Tree" musical, Mr. Duffy remembers his time at Taney with great fondness, particularly elocution lessons on Saturday mornings; and cites Mr. R.W. Smyth as one of the most profound influences on the course his life has taken.

He remembers particularly the slides Mr. Smyth would show the class of his travels to foreign countries such as Israel and Yugoslavia and most importantly the values of justice, respect and equality which he learned from Mr. Smyth, a committed radical.

On a final note Mr. Duffy also has interesting memories of being punished for being caught mitching off school and going down to hang out in Dundrum village instead!! Hope for us all, I suppose.

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First Year Interviews

First impressions of High School

Every September the school population is replenished by the addition of over a hundred first years all in varying states of bewilderment and confusion. I have interviewed a few of them to find out what they think of the school now, at the end of their first year.



Happy First Years!
Talitha Brauer, Justin Dawson, Lucy Connor

I asked what their first impression of High School was and the answer "big" was universal. A friendly atmosphere and a fear of getting lost were also mentioned. The first years were from a variety of primary schools. Sarah Warde, coming from an all-Irish boarding school, found High School a big change, although everyone likes having different teachers for

every subject. Talitha Brauer told me that, although she didn't know anybody here she found it easy to make friends. The uniform was praised by everybody, Lucy Connor considers it the best of all the local schools but she would like to have a non-uniform day every term.

All the students had one teacher for every subject in primary school, they agree the teachers here listen to their point of view and are more open to discussion than their primary school teachers. Justin Dawson noticed much more emphasis on doing your work for yourself.

The question of facilities received a great response. The library is considered very useful for doing projects and the computer room is considered "well-equipped." It was unanimously agreed that the canteen and tuck-shop facilities are excellent and, although the sports facilities are considered good, David McNeill would like to see more of a choice during first year game times. Robert Hastings enjoys using the gym during P.E. and would like a swimming pool — wouldn't we all!!

-Rachel Dawson

Little Jeweller the film star !

Simon Jewell, a 1st former, is a very busy person at the moment. He is currently appearing in his third film "The Boxer", with Daniel Day Lewis and Brenda Fricker.

He has just finished filming a Disney Re-Make of "Oliver Twist" with Richard Dreyfuss. He also appeared in "The Boy from Mercury".

This year his stage acting career also blossomed in two productions in the Abbey Theatre. Watch out for this great film star on the Big Screen.

-Aaron Jewell 6th year.



Simon Jewell

The New Recruits

Bruce Wardrop profiles this year's new teachers

Mr. Sweetnam was educated in St. Colman's College in Fermoy where he was a boarder for five years, and in Maynooth College where he studied Science and Computer Studies. He never wanted to be a teacher, but after receiving his degree, he found himself teaching, unqualified for a while. He enjoyed it so much that he decided to take it up as a career.

Before coming to The High School, he taught at St. Joseph's of Cluney in Killiney. Mr. Sweetnam says that he loves working here for many reasons. He likes the fact that the pupils get an all round education, for example the sporting facilities and the career guidance, and that it is not just focused on the academic side of things. He also likes the atmosphere in the school and the fact that there is a good relationship between the staff and pupils.

When he is not teaching, Mr. Sweetnam enjoys reading, swimming, tennis and hill-walking. He says that his most notable achievement to date was winning a silver medal in a race in junior infants.



Mr. Sweetnam



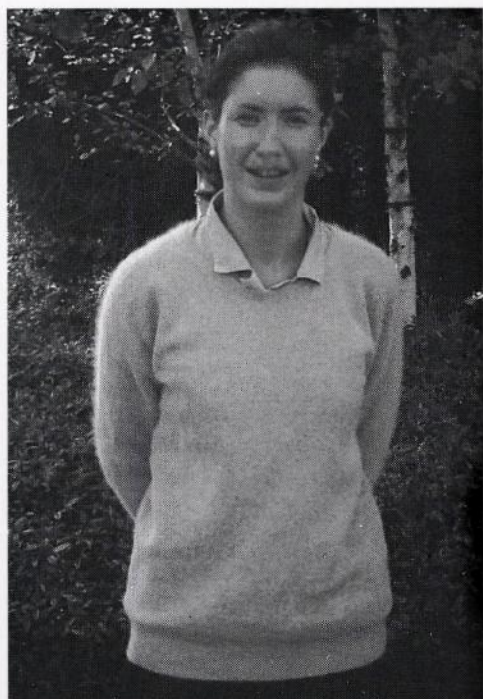
Ms. Jones

Ms. Jones has wanted to be a teacher for as long as she can remember. She studied Physical Education and English as a mature student in what has now become the University of Limerick. Ms. Jones has taught in three schools prior to coming to The High School. She finds working here refreshingly challenging and thinks the pupils and staff are great. She enjoys her work here very much. After ten years of teaching P.E. and English, Ms. Jones found herself increasingly involved in the social, personal and health education of the pupils she came in contact with. To become a guidance counsellor seemed a natural progression. She studied her post graduate guidance counselling course in U.C.C.

Before coming to The High School she was seconded by the Dept. of Education as a teacher trainer - part of the team introducing Relationship and Sexuality Education into the Irish education system. Professionally, this area of social, personal and health education is where her interests lie.

She has played representative hockey for all four provinces and has also played at International level. She held the Thomond College of Education 100m sprinting record for a number of years and is currently a masters swimmer. Her other sporting interests include hill-walking and tennis. She holds a National Certificate for health and fitness.

She has travelled extensively in North and South America, Canada, the Middle East, Scandinavia and Africa.



Ms. McDonald

Ms. Doory received her education in Forthill Grammar School in Lisburn and in Methody College, Belfast. From there she went on to Trinity College Dublin where she studied music and did her H. Dip. in education. Her hobbies include listening to music, going to the cinema and playing squash. She also enjoys having coffee with her friends.



Ms. Fraser

Ms. McDonald completed her leaving cert. in St. Leo's College in Carlow. Next, she obtained her B.A. in Economics and Sociology followed by a Higher Diploma in Education.

She is now working in The High School as part of the H. Dip. in Education she is studying for.

Ms. MacDonald's many hobbies include learning to fly a helicopter, which has been an ambition of hers since she was a child. Her new ambition is to one day own her own flight school and to be able to teach others how to fly. Ms. MacDonald also loves sport and enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and hockey and when she has time, the odd round of golf. She loves to eat out whenever she can, and her favorite food is cajun.



Ms. Doory

Ms. Fraser was educated at Kilkenny College. She furthered her education at University College Cork where she studied English, French, Spanish and Psychology. After Ms. Fraser received her degree, she spent a year teaching in Middleton in Co. Cork and then spent a year in Greece teaching English.

Ms. Fraser loves sports and her pastimes include swimming, hockey and going to the gym.



Ms. Walsh

Ms. Walsh completed her Leaving Cert. in St. Mac Dara's College in Templeogue, and took a year off before entering the National College of Art and Design. Here, she did a four year course majoring in visual communication. She graduated in 1996, and working in High School is her first real job.

Ms Walsh never intended to become a teacher, but now she loves it. She thinks working here is great and loves the atmosphere. Ms Walsh reckons that there is a lot of artistic talent among the pupils, and maintains that this is due to the good art facilities and extra curricular activities available. She was involved in the school play this year and says that doing that was great *craic*, and would love to be involved in something like it again.

When asked to describe herself, Ms Walsh says that she is a "shy introvert". She says that she tries to get on with everyone, but that the people that she really admires are those who have a mind of their own and that have respect for others.

Ms Walsh's hobbies include music, socialising and drawing. She says that one day she would love to do a course in animation and that her ideal job would be working in the Warner Brothers Studios making cartoons.

Ms Quinn went to Our Lady's, Templeogue and then went on to Trinity where she studied Spanish and Irish. After completing her H. Dip. in Education, Ms Quinn subbed in many schools around the city prior to coming to The High School.

She loves sport and is a hockey coach here at the school. Ms Quinn also loves to travel and recently spent a year abroad, where she hired a camper van and spent a year touring around Australia and southeast Asia, which she describes as a fantastic experience and would recommend it to anyone.



Miss Quinn



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The Fennell Files

What schools did you attend?

Arles Primary Co. Laois. It was a 2 teacher school, a husband and wife combination. My first taste of teaching came in 6th class, whenever Mrs Whelan was absent I took the infant class. I also attended Kilkenny College and later Trinity College.

What extra circular activities did you partake in?

I played gaelic for Co. Laois at primary level. I played hurling and then changed to hockey. I was the boxing and sprint champion of the school, coincidentally one of my athletics coaches was olympian Maeve Klye. I enjoyed playing rugby immensely and played every position except prop-forward.

However possibly one of his greatest achievements was in his last year at Kilkenny in his second term as head prefect, he abolished the infamous fagging system! Funnily enough, Mr. Fennell wasn't a fag himself as he missed his first term in school due to illness.

What is your favourite food/drink?

Roast beef / shandy after a match, wine with meal and a rock shandy after cricket matches.

What is your favourite film?

Possibly *My Fair Lady*, but I do enjoy Westerns.

What year did you join the elitist staff of the High School?

I joined in 1957 after a four year stint in Mountjoy School. An interesting fact is that I replaced one A.P.R Brook who returned 16 years later as Head.

What teams have you coached in your years at the High School?

I always enjoy coaching immensely. I had one year at seniors, from '58-'76 I coached juniors and ever since I have been involved in coaching the U-13's.



Have you always had a love for Maths?

Yes, I have always had a great fascination with numbers, sometimes I find myself making sequence and series connections with telephone numbers and car registrations.

What is your most memorable occasion as coach of a rugby team?

J.C.T 1971, it was a quarter final at Donnybrook against CastleKnock. We were 8-5 up and Steven Ailkin, the left wing, picked up the ball and had a clear run to the line, but he chose to take a drop goal. It hit the post and the opposing full-back picked up the ball and ran over for a try at the other end of the ground, in the dying seconds of the game. Steven, now the soccer commentator for R.T.E., still remembers that incident, but is unable to explain it.

What is your favourite pastime?

Watching sport, live, or on T.V.

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What is your favourite book ?

I don't really read books but if I am reading a book it is usually a sports book that I find in my hand .

How did you meet your wife ?

It was a New Year's Eve dance in 1958 and I asked her to dance, I had known her previously and after 5 years we were engaged and married in 1963.

Who is the most outstanding player you have ever coached ?

That would have to be John Robbie.

Is there enough emphasis on sport in the school ?

Yes , we have to remember that academic work comes first, but I do think there is a happy medium which we have reached here at the High School .

Who would you most like to have breakfast with ?

Jack Kyle the famous out-half for Ireland.

Why did you choose teaching as a career ?

In my final year at Kilkenny I was the only pupil in the year and some of my classes were held in the staffroom with a cup of tea and biscuits. This gave me a great behind the scenes view of the life of teachers and it appealed to me. Ian King, George Eager (Wesley) and Frank Lipsett (Cricket Coach) also influenced me.

Are there any changes you would like see in the school ?

Not really, we have a good structure and I think that we are heading in the right direction.

What is your favourite place to visit ?

South of Kent for cricket and the South of France for a holiday.

Have you any dreams yet to fulfil ?

Retire to the country .



Mrs. Fennell with Mr. Fennell, celebrating 25 years of his playing for Carlow 1st XV

What is the most important thing you have taught ?

To give a hundred percent, both in the classroom and on the playing field.

What first attracted you to cricket ?

When I was a young lad in Carlow I used to watch cricket matches hoping to get a game. Sometimes, I would, because a player might have to go and milk the cows. But the fact of being recognised by adults was a big factor.

Who is the best cricketer you have ever coached ?

The most talented would have to be Johnny Garth .

If a giant sheep appeared to you from the sky and offered you one last wish what would it be ?

I would love to see H.S.D win the senior cup again in Lansdowne Road .

-Ross Wynne and Mark Kenny .

Paris Tour

Over Easter a group of fourth, fifth and sixth years visited the French Capital
- Mark Kenny and Julie O'Sullivan report.



*Sam Hatfield & David Foster "avec la banane"
outside the Pompidou Centre*



En Route



On top of the Eiffel Tower

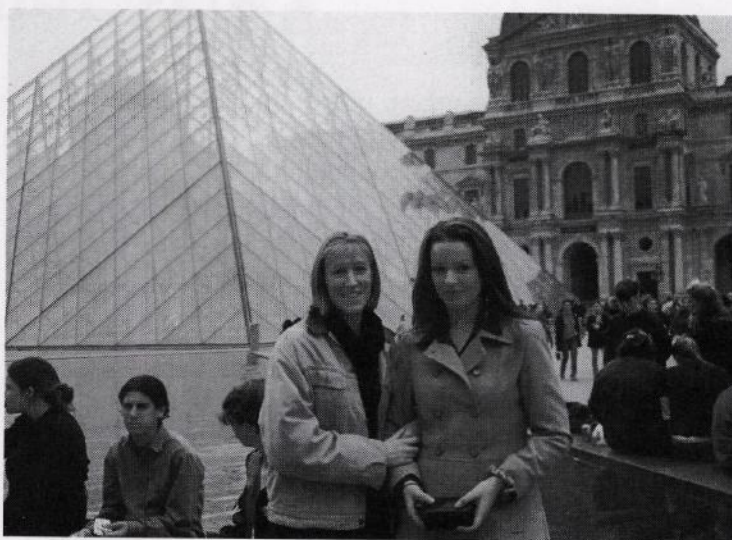
On the 21st of April last Dun Laoghaire didn't know what had hit it. A crowd of suspicious looking individuals gathered around the ferry terminal, they were lost and helpless without their parents-although once somebody gave Mr. Gill his teddy he was OK. Terry Madigan was still nowhere to be seen. Nobody seemed to be stressing that much as Terry being late is a common occurrence. After Ms. O' Sullivan winning the "biggest suitcase" award (closely followed by Julie O'Sullivan and Nicki Hodgson's make-up and perfume bags) we boarded the H.S.S for a very relaxing and smooth crossing.

On reaching Holyhead we boarded our bus (after a mad scramble for the back seats) and settled down for a long journey. Eventually we all dropped off for a bit of a snooze except, that is, for Sam Hatfield who spent most of the journey in the toilet, emerging occasionally to throw things at the rest of us. After a good 8 1/2 hour journey we reached Dover and met our driver, Ron, who stayed with us for the rest of the week. The Dover-Calais crossing was pleasant and everyone was excited when the coast of France was viewed for the first time. We had a 3 hour journey to Paris which was nicely broken up by a shopping spree in the Mammouth Hypermarket. We eventually reached Paris and the students used all their powers of persuasion to convince Ms. O'Sullivan to take us straight to our hotel, *Hotel Climat*. It seemed comfortable enough and we paired off to go to our rooms which were fully equipped with T.V. and coffee machines. After a communal shower and dressing up *haute-couture* we set off for dinner at *Flunch* and then for a night ride on the Seine sur *La Bateau Mouche*! We discovered on the very first night that Paris was a beautiful city. We went home for a cup of tea before turning in for an early night with a good book! At 8.30 the next morning we were sweetly kicked out of bed by Ms. O'Sullivan and her little helpers- Mr Gill and Mrs Mellon.

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After a continental breakfast we divided into two groups for what proved to be fun, yet beneficial, French lessons. We then boarded our trusty bus and headed for a tour of Paris given by a character of a tour guide who managed to keep even the most exhausted of us awake. From our bus we saw the *Arc de Triumph*, *Notre Dame* and drove down the *Champs Elysees*. We grabbed a quick French Mc Donalds, toured the *George Pomidou Centre*, and headed for *Pigalle*. After eventually dragging Sam away we had another *Flunch* meal and then walked up a very steep hill to *Sacre Coeur* which was very quiet in comparison to *Pigalle*. Some of us attended a late night mass in the huge *Sacre Coeur Cathedral* (honest!). *Cristin Frost* posed for a picture beside a statue of a Pharaoh and discovered that it was a bit more lifelike than expected!! *Mrs Mellon* encountered a street artist who we all thought resembled *Don Juan De Marco* (the artist also took a shine to *Nikki Hodgson's* foot which he kissed passionately!).

The next morning, after a brief trip to the *Louvre* to see the *Mona Lisa* (as you do!) we headed off to do some serious shopping. After returning with depleted wallets and bags full of worthless trinkets we packed up our armbands and



Suzanne Mellon & Joanne McHugo at the Louvre

rubber duckies and departed for *Aqua Boulevard*, a big water park with lots of cool water-park stuff at which we all had a ripping time.

After an early start the next day we ended up at the *Eiffel Tower* where all of us (except *Khara Shine*) conquered our fear of heights to go up to the very top level where we were rewarded with some amazing panoramic views of the city. Next stop was *Napoleon's Tomb* which became the site of a legendary game of football in which the Irish tourists triumphed. We were finally unleashed to spend the rest of the evening in Paris before returning back to the hotel to complete a memorable day. Awaking bleary-eyed the next morning we all piled into the coach to begin the long voyage home at the end of an amazing tour which none of us will ever forget.

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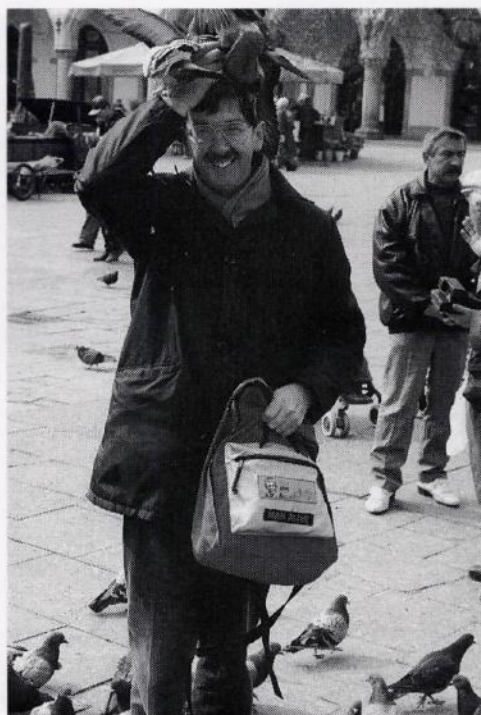
Poland Tour

During the Easter Holidays a group of first, second and third year pupils and some brave teachers headed to Poland.

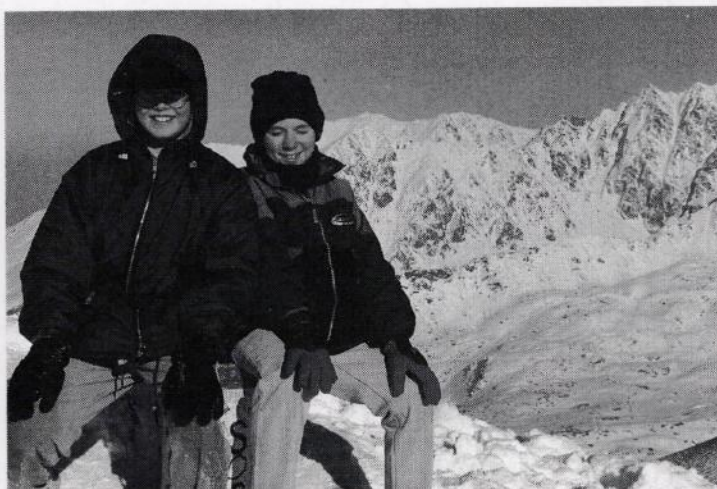
The excitement grew as we gathered in the departure lounge in Dublin airport. We first set off to *Frankfurt*, Germany. Next was the longest part of the journey, the coach trip to *Krakow*, Poland. This took about 17 hours. We arrived in *Krakow* at 12 p.m. the next day, all of us very tired, so we had a short tour of *Krakow*.

On Tuesday we saw the sights of *Krakow*, visiting *Wawel* castle, *Wawel* cathedral where the King and Queen of Poland were crowned and the *Tower of Wawel*. We saw the *University of Krakow* (where Copernicus went and where he discovered that the earth goes around the sun) and we saw the old town square.

On Wednesday, we travelled 100 kilometres to *Zakopane*, the famous Polish ski and holiday resort, where part of the 2002 Winter Olympics will be held.



Mr Miller feeding the pidgeons in Krakow



*Howard Thom and Clive Lew
keeping warm on Kasprowy Wierch*

We got a cable car up to *Kasprowy Wierch* which rises to 7,000 feet. On the slope is the Polish/ Slovakian border. On the bottom of *Kasprowy Wierch* the temperature was 1°C but at the top it was -16°C.

We travelled to *Auschwitz*, the biggest of the old Nazi concentration camps. *Auschwitz* was originally built for political prisoners but soon after it was built, Jews, gypsies and homosexuals arrived as prisoners. It was very upsetting but an eye-opening experience for everyone to see how cruel the conditions and treatment were.

On Friday we went to the second oldest of the salt mines, *Wieliczka*. The mineral salt which is mined is called Halite. Halite has many uses from the food industry to the chemical industry where it is used in sodium and chloride compounds. We drove through *Nowa Huta* which is a planned town with the largest steel works in Europe. *Nowa Huta* is one of the most polluted cities in the world. We also visited the old Jewish quarters. We saw *Plaszow*, which is where the labour camp was in '*Schindler's List*'. We passed the old Jewish war ghetto and Schindler's factory.

On Saturday we had the day to shop for presents. The market was lovely, lots of jewellery, amber and traditional dolls. That night we set off on our 17 hour trip to Frankfurt and then our plane journey back to Dublin. Everyone was glad to see their family and to be back to a familiar country. Thank you to High School for organising the trip - we all had a great time.

-Alice Dunne

Burren Trip

On Wednesday, May 7th a group of about fifty, including four teachers left High School for the Burren, Co. Clare. It was a relaxing journey until we hit Newbridge and the Curragh whereupon Mr. Wright began a geological description of the landscape (during which all Walkmans had to be switched off). The sounds of Mrs. Dowsett, Mrs. Geoghegan, Mr. Gill and Mr. Wright, with occasional musical interludes, were to become familiar over the three days. Our first stop on Wednesday was near Monasterevin - where the Grand Canal is aqueducted over the River Barrow, although some water does leak through the canal bed onto the river below. Our lunch stop was on the shores of Lough Derg and uneventful.



*Justin O'Malley, Ian Mc Hugh & Chris Vincent
at the Cliffs of Moher*



Intrepid HighSchool Ecologists head out across the Limestone Pavement at Poul Sallagh

It was at about 6:30 that we reached Lisdoonvarna and our hostel, having already visited the Ailwee Caves. That evening, we explored the village and met up with some Sandford Park students. On the following morning we did studies of the seashore at Poulisallagh and the Limestone pavement habitat directly above it. After sandwiches we left for Pollnagollum Cave. Roughly 30 people went down the cave, instructed by Mr. Gill, Mr. Wright and Jamie Collins. Mr. Gill was keen for us to understand that when abseiling, one is less likely to slip if hanging out from the rockface. This was hard for some of those who don't do Physics to grasp, and stubbornly I hugged the rock and floundered hopelessly until out of necessity, I took the rope ladder.



Kate Draper, emerging from Poll na Gollum

Once inside the cave, hard hats and lights were essential, and those who didn't have gummies certainly had wet feet! Gripping the rock on either side was severely hindered by Moonmilk - decaying, saturated limestone that coated the rock corridor. After about 200 yards one returned along the same route, whereupon (in the case of Ross Wynne of the second group) mud missiles rained from above - in retaliation for some previous misdeed.



Georgia Scott, Suzanne Mellon & Carolyn Camier

Back at the hostel on Thursday evening, Zoë Lipson played the piano and David O'Toole played the guitar. In the small hours of the morning, as the revelry died down and the poker stakes livened up, we prepared ourselves mentally for the day to come.

We packed our bags and tidied our rooms in the morning before loading up the bus and leaving for some sand dunes where the boys did a study of the "ecological no-man's land" between shore and permanent dune, and the girls explored the sand cliff further along. Both investigations were abruptly abandoned due to heavy rain. As the group ate sandwiches afterwards at the bus, Mr. Wright amused himself by grinning at the nearby cows and saying, "Big Mac! Quarter Pounder!"

The next notable event - to some the highlight of the trip, was seeing Father Ted's house (on the way to Gort). Our next official engagement was at the BNM plant at Shannonbridge. This involved a rail tour of part of the Bog of Allen.

Shortly after eight, behind schedule but happy, we returned to High School. On behalf of the pupils, most sincere thanks to Mrs. Dowsett, Mrs. Geoghegan, Mr. Wright and Mr. Gill.

-Brian Kelly



For some, seeing Father Ted's House, was the Highlight of the Trip!

Foreign Exchange

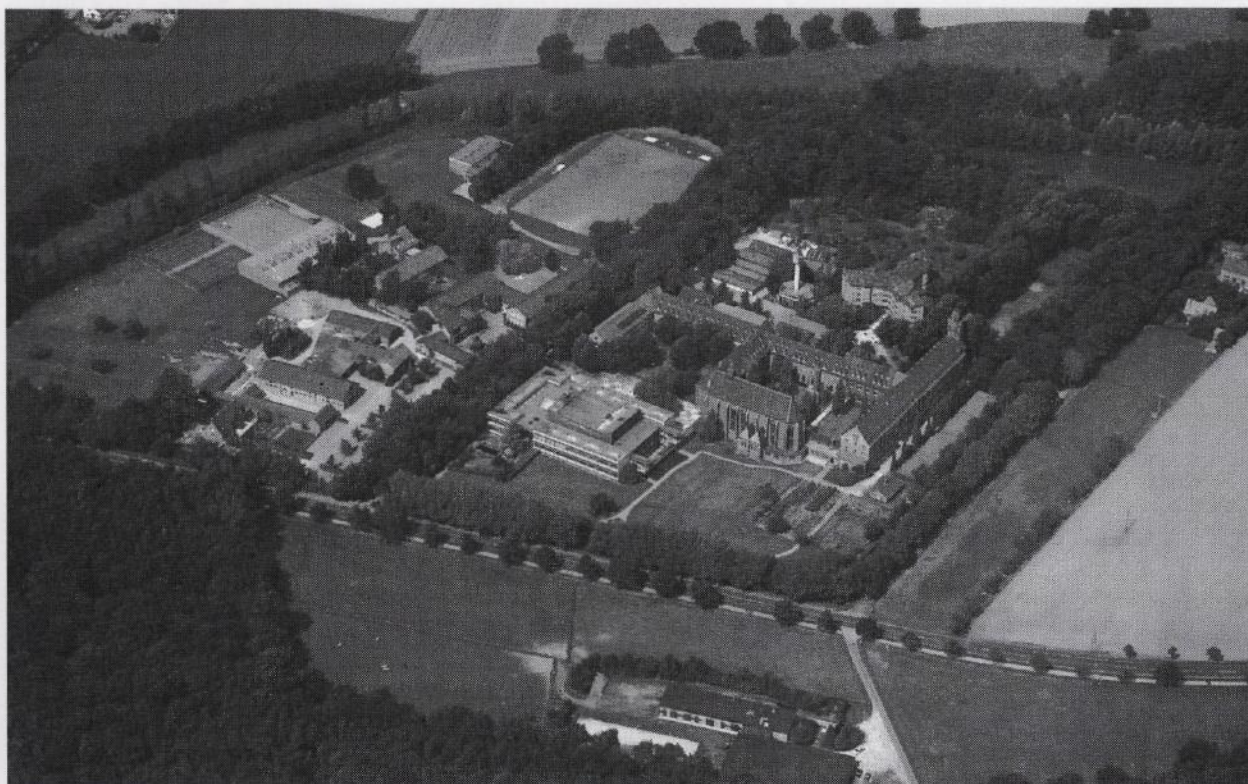
Ralph Benson examines the role of French and German Language Exchanges Programmes in High School

Ever increasing exam pressure and Fourth Years' free time has led to foreign exchanges and other methods of language learning surging in popularity. Here are some of the options and a broad suggestion for a more dominant role for High School in exchanges...

The school has connections with three organisations. Elizabeth Dineen Exchanges organised French and German swaps of roughly three weeks' duration. Here it is possible to organise a one way exchange - that is, you need not have the person you stay with come back with you. Hertha Stieber Exchanges are exclusively to and from Germany. Hertha Steiber's method is more suited to stays of a term or even a year. High School can also provide information about Euro Languages College, a residential language college.

Oliver Nash went on the Dineen exchange programme: "Exchanges are enjoyable because you choose a person who has similar interests to you so you get on well with them. You learn a lot of the language, especially vocabulary, whether you try very hard or not because you are forced to communicate through it. You get a great chance to learn about and sample the culture of the country. Letter writing skills can be enhanced because you have to write letters to the person with whom you exchange. You make loads of new friends and have a great holiday. Having the student back at your house is also fun."

Braver still are those who immerse themselves entirely in the language, knowing nobody, by attending a continental boarding school for a school term or longer. Brian Kelly spent last year at Collegium Augustinianum Gaesdonck, Germany... "For the first week I was completely lost. It was difficult to know how things worked, and the various houses at school added a new dimension that took getting used to. Many of the problems we encounter at day school are magnified at boarding school, the cooped up environment there leading to increased friction. Living in a foreign country is wonderful in that you become fluent in the language, it prepares you for leaving home or emigrating. It broadens your mind, and you



Collegium Augustinianum Gaesdonck, Germany, where Brian Kelly went on exchange last year.

make many friends. However, homesickness and loss of touch with family and friends count against a year long experience."

More exam oriented and involving less preparation is to go to a French or German College. Such courses are held either in the country whose language you are learning, such as those run by Living Languages, or in Ireland.

Euro Languages College uses boarding schools like Clongowes Wood and Wilson's Hospital each summer to hold residential French and German courses. These courses have more written content and tuition than an exchange would have and are run in much the same fashion as better known Irish colleges.

It is interesting to see how other schools use the Transition Year as a time to learn more of a language. I read an informative article in the Irish Times about the exchange programme to Hamburg run by St. Kilian's Deutsche Schule on Roebuck Road. This year they sent 28 Transition Year students to work in local firms in Hamburg for three weeks. They "worked regular hours in hotels, kindergartens, old folks' homes, record shops and technical universities around Hamburg". This programme was seen as particularly beneficial by Joe Pleiner, head of the German department in St. Kilian's.



The World War II cemetery at Gaesdonck, Germany

"In addition to language gains, students learn much about working life, how hard it is and how difficult it can be to get a job without proper qualifications. They also make a lot of friends during their time abroad. It's not unusual to find that our exchange students return to visit their German counterparts. As a result of our approach all of our students would generally be fluent by the time they take their Leaving Cert." This is a striking achievement. Admittedly, St. Kilian's gives German a "higher priority than at other Irish schools" - it was set up in 1945 to educate German orphans - but all lessons other than German are conducted through English. I believe it would be worthwhile for High School to look into the possibility of establishing a similar programme. It would raise the standard uniformly, and the Transition Year course could be designed so that those on an exchange don't lose out on classes or holidays.

-Ralph Benson.

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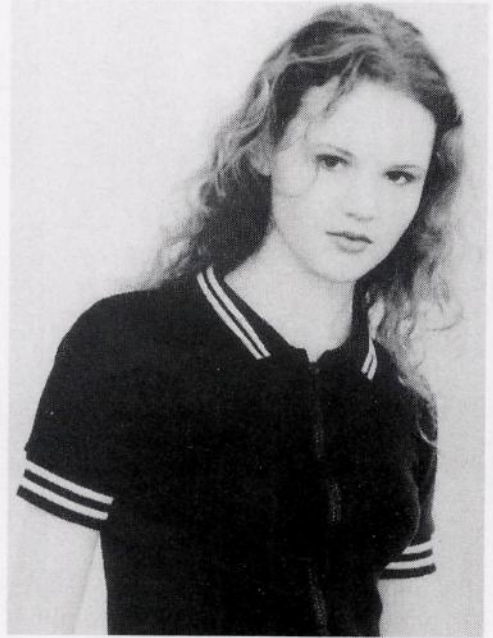
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Model Students

Maureen Synott talks to five aspiring models.

Since I began researching this topic I have come to the conclusion that High School not only produces highly intellectual students, well so I am told, but is also producing models. Unfortunately, the only models in High School at the moment are girls and I selected five girls to talk about their modelling careers.

I'll start with the youngest; Becky Keenan. Becky's modelling career began last June when she went into her friend's office in an advertising agency on Leeson Street to see how the advertising business works. She had a meeting with *Assets* modelling agency and it was here that a scout, a person who signs up new models, asked her if she would like to sign up with the agency. Becky accepted his offer and has since been to many castings, including a *Clearasil* casting. *Assets* has recently set up a new promotions department which will deal with sending models out to clubs to promote new foods and drinks. Becky was one of the girls chosen and feels "that this proves you *do* need a personality to get by in modelling." As you can see from Becky's photo her greatest asset is her hair. Becky has gone to several hairdressers with her photos and has found a salon who are interested in using her for their next advert. As Becky is only fifteen the work she can do is limited and she cannot afford a full portfolio or a model's card which



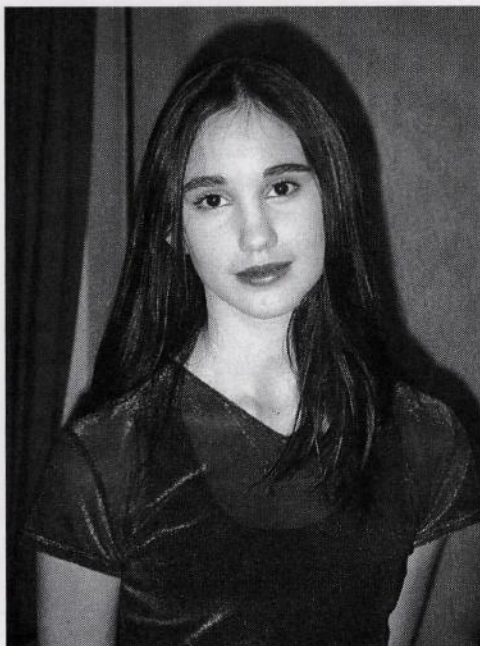
Philippa Lock

would cost over a hundred pounds, but things are set to change for Becky. She will be sixteen soon and is going to America to work, by September she should be able to afford a full portfolio and a models card.



Becky Keenan

Another successful High School model is Philippa Lock, who, like Becky, has joined the *Assets* model agency. Philippa has been with the agency since the age of fifteen and compiled a portfolio in 1995. Her portfolio consists of five photographs which cost £90. Since March 1995 Philippa has gone on to do some great jobs, her first being with *Dubarry Shoes*. Throughout the summer she went to several castings (which are similar to interviews) and lots of 'go-sees' (visits to photographers, advertisers and clothes stores to show them her portfolio). Philippa has done a 'Debs' shoot and a mini-promotion for Manchester United jerseys, which appeared on the front cover of the *Evening Herald*. A sign of Philippa's success is the fact that she has been interviewed by *The Evening News* and *U Magazine*. She has also featured in the *RTE Guide*, *The Evening Herald*, *The Irish Independent* and in a window display for the *Leather Studio* in the Westbury Mall. When I asked Philippa about the disadvantages to modelling she replied



Sita Ramkisoon

"the traipsing around to see clients, having to go to places with only a minutes notice and having to wait several weeks to be paid, having your face plastered with really horrible make-up and your hair tugged in order to style it in the most ridiculous ways." Philippa does see the good sides to modelling as well and they are "money, seeing your face in magazines and the attention and privilege you feel of being able to call yourself a model." Philippa only models during school holidays and always turns down job offers if they come during school term. Philippa sees education as very important and she loves languages, which she feels will help her travelling to different countries if she continues modelling after the Leaving Cert. Philippa doesn't take modelling too seriously as there is a lot of rejection which, if taken too sensitively, can lead to insecurity. My final question to Philippa was "Do you see yourself becoming a Supermodel?" and her reply was, "No, mainly because I don't think I have 'the look'." By looking at the photo of Philippa here I'm sure you will agree that she does have 'the look'.

Sita Ramkissoon entered the High School last year and within weeks became known as 'Pocahontas'. Sita was approached by an agency at fourteen while shopping in town. She declined the offer to join the agency as she felt she was too young and her parents were

against the idea. Sita forgot about modelling until last summer when she was approached by a freelance photographer who asked if he could take her photograph for the magazine *Marie Claire*, he suggested Sita should join an agency, but again Sita put the idea out of her mind but the modelling world did not give up there. A week later while Sita was on a girl's night out she was again approached by a scout from *Assets* agency asking her to join. By now she was 16 and her parents didn't object as long as it didn't interfere with her schoolwork.

During the summer Sita has been kept busy between castings for *Pepe* and the video for a song by the new Irish group *Only Us*. In February Sita's big break came when she appeared on RTE's *12 to 1* modelling clothes. When I asked Sita the disadvantages to modelling on T.V. she replied, "I had to get up at 6.30 a.m. and I had to wear shoes that were too small and really uncomfortable and I had to have my hair done in a really horrible way - I got no say over the way I looked, but there were advantages to it, including getting my make-up done professionally and wearing expensive clothes that normally I would never get the chance to wear." Sita is not just a pretty face, she hopes to study psychology or medicine when she leaves school. When I asked Sita if she would ever consider modelling full-



Aimee Harris

time, the answer was "I might model part-time as the money is good, but I would never become a full-time model."

Aimee Harris in sixth form started modelling at the young age of eleven. It all began for Aimee when a friend of the family advised her parents that she should join an agency. Within months of joining the agency Aimee got her first job. It was a T.V. commercial for butter. She has gone on to do photo shoots with organisations such as *Telecom Eireann* and *Image* magazine. At the moment Aimee is with the *Morgan Brand* agency, however she is thinking of changing to either *Assets* or *The Agency* two agencies that she says are "more up and coming and fresh". When I asked Aimee what she enjoyed about modelling her reply was "I have really enjoyed the jobs I have done. All the people working on the shoots were very nice. It's really nice to sit back and let the hairdressers and make-up artists do their magic". At the moment Aimee isn't interested in becoming a full time model as she is concentrating on the Leaving Cert. and going on to college. If a chance in the future to become a full time model came about for Aimee she would "jump at the chance" even though she feels the modelling business is very "unpredictable" and "unreliable" as certain looks come in and out of fashion. When I asked Aimee if she saw herself becoming a supermodel like her idol Karen Mulder she answered "no, because I'm only 5'9 and also I'm not beautiful enough". This reply is something a lot of people would disagree with especially her boyfriend !!

Nkem Okonji, like Aimee, started her modelling career at the very early age of seven with the *Morgan Brand* model agency. The next 3 years proved very busy ones, Nkem appeared in several advertisements including one for Milk and another for an American telephone company, *Bell Atlantic*. However, Nkem's modelling career came to a halt at the age of ten and she was told by her agency that she was too old for child modelling, but too young for adult modelling. Five years later the agency found her again and asked if she was interested in re-establishing herself in the modelling industry. Nkem jumped at the chance and had a portfolio put together. Since then Nkem has been to several 'go-sees' including

Brown Thomas, the *Zoo* hair salon, *Head to Toe* and *Tony and Guy Hair Salon*. When I asked Nkem about the advantages of modelling she replied "One of the major pluses to modelling is the travelling. Although I have only modelled in Dublin and America my agency have spoken about sending me to Japan and South Africa after the Leaving Cert. as foreign models can be successful in these countries." But there are disadvantages to modelling according to Nkem. They include "having to wear very skimpy clothing on very cold days, working under very hot and very bright lights, and also the rejection when you are told that you don't have 'the look'". Nkem's agents are tactful when they tell her she didn't get the job. "They always let you down gently, saying things like 'you don't have the look they



Nkem Okonji

want right now, but don't worry' etc..." Nkem is not 100% sure of what she wants to pursue after the Leaving Cert. but at the moment she hopes to go to college and maybe try to fit in some part time modelling to earn some extra cash, which would help finance her wardrobe!

After interviewing the five girls I found them to be very personable, well adjusted and determined girls who are well aware of the unpredictable and unreliable nature of the modelling industry. In my opinion all five girls show great talent and ambition and are definitely on the runway to success in a future modelling career.

High Flyer David O'Toole



At the age of seventeen David O'Toole has become the youngest licensed pilot in Ireland. As a child David watched cartoons like "Jimbo and the Jetset" and even had his own Lego Airport, but, since gaining his wings, he has become a more serious person with hopes of joining either the Air Corps or an airline.

David received his license in January 1997. It entitles him to fly most types of aircraft with passengers, anywhere in the world. David started flying at the age of fourteen when a friend whose plane he cleaned took him for the occasional flight. When he was sixteen he officially commenced flight training. In order to obtain his Private Pilot's License David had to pass a rigorous medical examination, written examinations in Meteorology, Air Law, Aeronautical Navigation, Human Performance and Limitations and Theory of Flight and complete a minimum of 45 hours flight time. Finally, he had to pass a gruelling flight test in which all aspects of his flight training were put to the test.

During his flight training David learned basic aircraft handling skills including takeoff and landings and solo cross country navigation. This was followed by more advanced flight manoeuvres including spinning and instrument flying. David now has a total of one hundred hours flight time and hopes to pursue a career in Aviation. Best of luck in the future Dave!

-Jenny Dunne

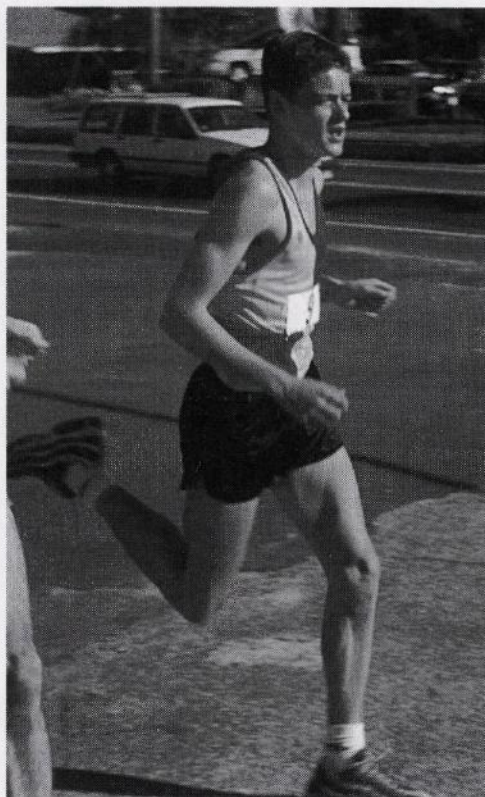
Aidan Walsh on the Fast Track to Success

To those of you who thought the days of High School producing outstanding individual sporting talents such as John Robbie and Philip Orr had long gone, you might be surprised to learn that we have a middle distance runner of true international calibre in the school in the person of Aidan Walsh, fifth year.

His lists of achievements include being the All-Ireland Under 16 Champion (1500m), he's also the Dublin Under 16 champion steeple chase runner. He has competed in the community games where he took the prize for the ten kilometre marathon. He has also finished third in the school's Under 17 All Ireland final.

Aidan has also had his share of success on the International front. He was captain of the Irish team in the Celtic Games International Cross Country Competition. Aidan has raced in the Merseyside International, Liverpool three times and across the Atlantic he has raced the Harvard Pilgrim 5 kilometre race in Rhode Island. He finished a very credible 37th and was the second Irish runner home. He has been selected for the World Junior Champions in 1999.

Aidan has a daily training regime which includes both distance running, weight training and sprinting. In the future he hopes to further his training in America and compete for honours on the International stage and ultimately the Olympics.



A Day at the Races for Michelle Byrne

It is no wonder that Michelle Byrne, fifth year, is so successful in horse-riding circles, she has literally been in contact with horses all her life at her family farm in county Kildare. Her father owns and also rides horses and it was her father who first taught Michelle how to ride, she is now taught by Jane O'Flynn.

Michelle is a member of the Kildare Pony Club and Oakleaf Riding Club and has represented them in competitions. Michelle has passed her H-Standard Pony Club Test, the highest horse management qualification in the pony club. She recently came third in the Ballindennisk Competition, riding on her eventing horse *Goldie*. Eventing involves cross-country, jumping and dressage.

On the twenty fourth of April this year, Michelle had the honour of riding her racehorse *Carashell* in a charity race at Punchestown to raise money for the Irish Kidney Association.

It is clear that Michelle has a great future ahead of her in the equestrian world.

-Rachel Dawson.



Michelle competing at Ballindennisk



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Prize Distribution

The annual Prize Distribution and Parents' evening was held on Wednesday, 23 October 1996. Mr. David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were presented by Professor Iseult McCarthy, National College of Art and Design.

Principal's Report

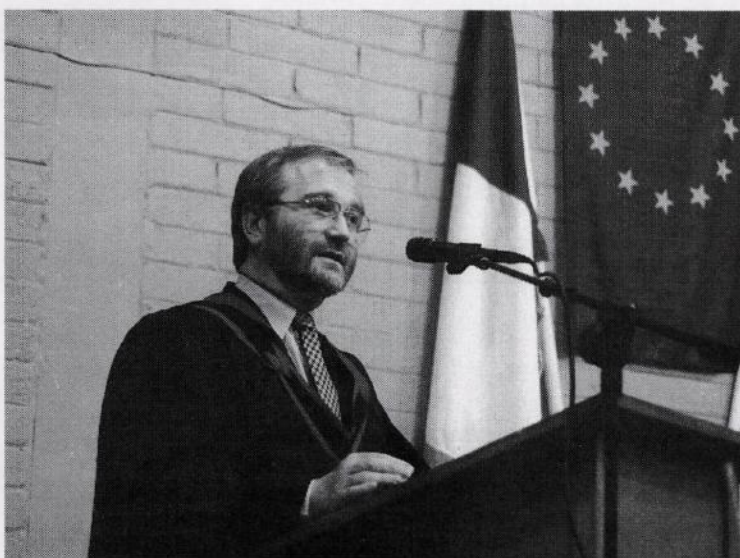
B.T. Duffy, M.A., H. Dip. Ed.
Principal's Report 1995/96

The Green Paper has faded from memory and the White Paper is gradually being implemented, without legislation to date. While we discuss how best to shape the policy of the future, it is always worth remembering that the implementation of change has, of necessity, to be slow and carefully planned in order to avoid disrupting the normal work of schools by creating an intolerable stress on teachers, students and school management. Contained in the Prize Day booklet (and in much more detail in the excellent students' production of *The Erasmian and Diocesan Times*) you will see the evidence that the school is steadily reviewing, evaluating and improving itself while continuing the solid work which is the hallmark of an institution of excellence for 126 years.

The staff continued to guide the process of evaluation and development during 1995-96 in many ways, not least by holding an in-career training day in October. This year we examined ways and means of translating the code of conduct written in 1994-95 into practical reality. The emphasis in the code is on positive discipline and praise and it is well recognised by educational psychologists that the key to success with adolescents is a strong sense of self-esteem. Part of the day was devoted to considering the importance of strengthening teenage self-confidence.

Following on the decision to extend mixed ability class grouping from optional subjects to almost all subjects in Form 1 from September 1996, additional training opportunities were provided for the staff to improve their skills in teaching mixed ability classes.

An international expert in the field was invited from Scotland, two staff volunteered to attend a study group and the assistance of two trainers from other schools in Dublin was utilised. The staff are continuing to plan mixed ability lessons in special department meetings during this school year. A further consequence of these changes was that the old classification test which was used to place pupils into the old "A" and "B" classes was replaced with a diagnostic test which is used to provide data on the educational potential of every new pupil in Form 1. It is also used, in preference to a system of random computer-generated placement, to ensure that our class divisions are genuinely mixed ability by placing a carefully selected balance of pupils of differing abilities in each class.



Mr. Duffy

This year saw considerable development of the Guidance Department. Differential aptitude testing was introduced to assist pupils with their career planning. The careers library was restocked and catalogued by a professional librarian and towards the end of the year additional accommodation was allocated to the Guidance Department to allow for the introduction of multimedia facilities. Pupils can now access career information on colleges in the UK and Ireland on computers equipped for CD Rom and can view career video films in the Guidance suite, under the supervision of Ms T. Jones and Mr A. Kelly.

A number of improvements in the physical fabric of the school have been made, for example the provision of a new interview room for staff and parents.

A second Art room is temporarily in use while we await our planned building. A group of Form 5 students undertook to paint a large mural in one of the stairwells and this has proved very popular and attractive. The process of refurbishing and brightening up the buildings which are now over twenty years old is well under way, with considerable additional lighting and new floor surfaces being installed this year. The provision of large, high quality metal lockers has continued with Forms 1 to 5 now provided for, in addition to the wooden lockers allocated to Form 6. Lockers are now available to all pupils in the school.

The computer facilities are well utilised by a large number of pupils. As well as contributing to the formal curriculum, the network of PCs is used freely by pupils before school, during breaks and after school. Facilities now include supervised access to the Internet, desktop publishing, an image and photograph scanner, multimedia CD Rom capability as well as the main applications of word processing, database, spreadsheet and computer aided design. In addition, the computers are linked to a number of synthesisers for use by the Music Department. The *Erasmian & Diocesan Times* and the Prize Day booklet were typeset and designed on school computers. Pupils in the Transition Year Young Entrepreneur class also produced a magazine during the year.

The curriculum of the school has been further expanded to include Construction Studies for Leaving Certificate, a subject which deals with design and construction in theory and practice. The school participated in the pilot project for the new Civic, Social and Political Education syllabus for the last three years and we are glad to see that the subject has now become a permanent part of the curriculum in all schools. To augment and reinforce our study skills programme in Transition Year, a study skills seminar was organised by Mr J. Hickmott for pupils of Form 5 and was regarded as very successful by them. A curriculum committee met regularly and began to review

the curriculum of the school. Among its interim recommendations was one that as many pupils as possible should study a continental language in the junior cycle, in accordance with modern curricular trends.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly has been successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils also participate, with Prefects reading from the scriptures regularly and class groups planning and taking assembly periodically. The Principal leads assembly on an average of two mornings a week.

The committees of the Board of Governors meet regularly to develop school policies and supervise their implementation. The Education Committee recommended, after much soul-searching, research and consultation, that the Upper Sixth class should be discontinued in June 1996. The redeployment of the resources previously committed to this repeat Leaving Certificate facility has meant that additional classes could be provided in a number of subjects where they were badly needed. The committee has also initiated with the staff a general review of the educational process at the school. The Grounds and Property Committee has planned the replacement of the stage lighting in the Reynolds Hall and, in conjunction with that, the Parents' Association is considering undertaking some fund-raising projects to replace the sound system. Speed retarders have also been requested for Zion Road from Dublin Corporation. The school buildings have been brought up to the standards required by modern safety legislation.

There is an active Parents' Association in the school, which elects representatives to the Board of Governors and the Management Committee. In addition, the Board has recently invited the Association to nominate representatives to its other subcommittees, where the teaching staff has been represented for some time. There are also informal meetings between the officers of the Association Committee, the Principal and the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Such links with parents are extremely valuable and contribute a great deal to the happy atmosphere of the school. Last year, the Association held meetings on "The Changing Dynamics of School Discipline and Relationships" and "Living with Teenagers".

The Past Pupils' Union held a Celebration Dinner at the Royal St George Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire to mark the 125th anniversary of the school. Among the other events were a wine-tasting, a visit to Orwell Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols, a talk on gardening, a silent auction in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association and the London and Dublin dinners. The school is also grateful to the Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated.

Staff

Mr Ronald Wallace has retired, having served the school as a teacher of History and English for 40 years. Mr Wallace will be remembered by generations of students as an inspired teacher with a deep love of his subjects. He also served the school in the demanding position of Year Head, looking after

the welfare of the pupils in his care. He further contributed to school life in his organisation of the Debating Society, groups attending the Model United Nations and European Youth Parliament, visits to Stratford on Avon and to orchestral concerts. In addition, he supervised the production of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times and was in charge of the school library until the appointment of a full time librarian. He was also instrumental in introducing badminton and tennis to the school. His long career was celebrated with a special function in June.

We wish Mrs Iris Nolan a long and happy retirement from the position of Nurse/Matron following 22 years dedicated service to the school. Ms Sheilah Harris resigned in June 1996 as Principal's Secretary after eight years service and we wish her well in her new life in Israel. We also extend good wishes to Mr Kieran Mills during his career break and to Ms Barbara Beirne and Mr Brian Walsh, who have left the staff.

We welcome Mr Niall Sweetnam (Science and Physics) as a temporary replacement for Mr Mills, Ms Thelma Jones (Guidance Counsellor), Ms Marion Walsh (temporary Art teacher), Ms Sinéad Quinn (job-sharing in Irish and Spanish), Ms Daphne Sixsmith, Ms Irene Fraser, Ms Elizabeth-Ann Doory and Ms Aline Macdonald (student teachers undertaking the Higher Diploma in Education), Mrs Daphne Pfeiffer (Nurse/Matron) and Mrs Jennifer Keogh (Receptionist and Secretary). We congratulate Ms Mabel Denniston on her promotion to the position of Principal's Secretary. We are also glad to have the services of Mlle Catherine Croisier as a language assistant.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 1996/7 is 779. 465 of these are boys and 314 girls.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1996, 118 pupils presented 938 papers in 20 subjects, and grade C or better at higher level was obtained on 45% of the total number of papers. Grade E or less was obtained on 8.8% of papers. 632 higher level papers were undertaken and grade C3 or above was achieved on 66% of these papers.

In the Junior Certificate 131 pupils presented 1052 papers. Grade C or better at higher level was obtained on 52% of the total number of papers. Grade E or less was obtained on 5% of papers. 713 higher level papers were undertaken and grade C3 or above was achieved on 76% of these papers.

Events and Activities

The school celebrated its 125th anniversary with an evening function in June 1995 and with a special meeting of the Board of Governors in the House of Lords of the Irish Parliament, now the Bank of Ireland, College Green (by kind courtesy of the Governor of the Bank of Ireland). During the evening it was remarked that the account of the Erasmus Smith Trust is the bank's oldest portfolio, having been opened in 1669. This occasion also marked the resignation of Mr Norman Kilroy as Chairman of the Board and the election of Mr David Rowell as his successor. The school is grateful to Mr Kilroy for his long years of service and for the expertise he brought to the school management during that period. We wish Mr Rowell well for his term of office as Chairman.



Brian & Catrin Duffy, Profeosr Iseultarmody, NCAD and David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Goverors.

A series of educational and field trips was undertaken, including Transition Year visits to Avondale, Turlough Hill and the Giant's Causeway, an Irish department trip to Kerry, caving trips to a number of different cave locations, a Geography and Biology trip to the Burren, English department trips to drama productions, the European Action for the Environment Programme cross-border exchange with Knockbreda High School in Belfast, the Gaisce President's award trip to Kerry and a combined rugby and hockey tour of South Africa to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the school. The South African tour was a major undertaking for the staff, parents and pupils involved, not least because of the fund-raising required. However, the project was completed with great satisfaction and enjoyment. For some of the team members it will be remembered as perhaps the experience of a lifetime.

The school was honoured with the gold award of the Gulbenkian Citizenship Foundation in the category for improving cross-border understanding. This arises from our participation since 1989 in the European Action for the Environment Exchange Group.

In addition, David O'Toole, a Transition Year pupil, represented Ireland at the Ecofest in Strasbourg.

The excellent performances of the orchestra and choir at Prize Day and the Carol Service were much appreciated by those present. The orchestra won first prize at the Inter Schools Music Festival for the third year in succession and the chamber orchestra won second prize. The orchestra gained 140 out of 150 marks in the Department of Education examination while the choir gained 138 out of 150.

The Drama Society performances of the rock musical *Grease* could only be described as spectacular and were a tribute to the intensive work on choreography and music by an enormous cast, production team and the staff involved.

Teams from the Debating Society entered a number of competitions and participated in the Model United Nations. In addition, Owen Frazer, Derek Wynne and Susanna Coghlan were selected to represent Ireland at the International Youth Parliament in Milan. Three junior members (Jennifer Mayne, Rayne Booth and Jenni Daly) participated in the national final of the University Women Graduates' Association Public Speaking Competition, having won the Leinster heat. The school also participated in the RTE quiz show, *Blackboard Jungle*.

The Christian Union has been active in inviting speakers to discussion groups, attending a weekend seminar, holding regular meetings and organising a debate.

In the Irish Mathematics Olympiad, Oliver Nash and Elizabeth Hilliard were placed tenth and eleventh, a major achievement for pupils from Form 4. Eoin Curran again represented Ireland at the international Informatics Olympiad where he was awarded a bronze medal. Sarah Rowell and Simon Stroughair, both past pupils, were elected Foundation Scholars in Trinity College, Dublin. Kate Lyons won the Leinster region of the Sharwood's Oriental Cook of the Year Competition, in an entry of approximately 1,200. Cynthia Taylor was placed third in the Young Science Writers' Competition.

Among the many charities which the staff and pupils were involved in raising money for were St. John of God, St. Michael's House, Simon Community, Conquer Cancer Daffodil Day, Little Sisters of the Poor, Rape Crisis Centre, Guide Dog Association, Multiple Sclerosis, U.N.I.C.E.F., The Earl Haig Fund and St. Luke's Hospital. An example is that a non-uniform day raised over £400 for Conquer Cancer and the Shanty Education Project in Tallaght. In addition, a can recycling scheme operates permanently in the school, benefiting charity as well as contributing to a more responsible attitude to the environment.



Jenni Daly, Jennifer Mayne & Rayne Booth with members of the Dublin University Women Graduates' Association

The President's Award involves undertaking a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the development of a personal skill and a venture project. Pupils who undertake it experience great enjoyment and fulfilment. Last year 16 pupils received their bronze awards.

The Friends of the Library assisted the Librarian with the organisation of the library throughout the year and also organised some fund-raising events and competitions.

Sport

The 1st XI girls' hockey team had a spectacularly successful season, reaching the semifinal of the League and the final of the Cup. In the Cup competition, Our Lady's Terenure, St Andrew's College and Newpark were despatched with great effectiveness but Loreto College Bray proved to be a formidable opponent in the final, defeating us 2-0. Six members of the team received Leinster trials and two were selected to the panel. In the Junior section of the school, the B team reached the semi-final of the cup. The Minor A team won its first cup match while the B team reached the quarterfinal of the Plate competition.

The 1st XV rugby team distinguished themselves by reaching the quarter final of the Leinster Senior Cup, having defeated Kilkenny College and De La Salle College, Churchtown. Despite a determined struggle, they were beaten by Clongowes in the quarter final. The J.C.T. had a good season, also reach-

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ing the quarterfinals by defeating St Columba's College. The quarterfinal was a nail-biting match, with scores level five minutes from the final whistle. However, St Michael's managed a late rally and the J.C.T. cup campaign came to a very respectable conclusion. The school also fielded a 2nd XV at senior level, a Transition Year development squad, Under 14 A and B sides and Under 13 A and B sides. The Under 13s reached the semifinal of the Leinster seven a side competition.

Boys' hockey continues to grow and develop and this year the 1st XI reached the final of their League, having had many successful matches during the year. The Under 13 team was victorious in its League, defeating Wesley College 2-0. The school also fielded teams at J.C.T. and Under 14 levels.

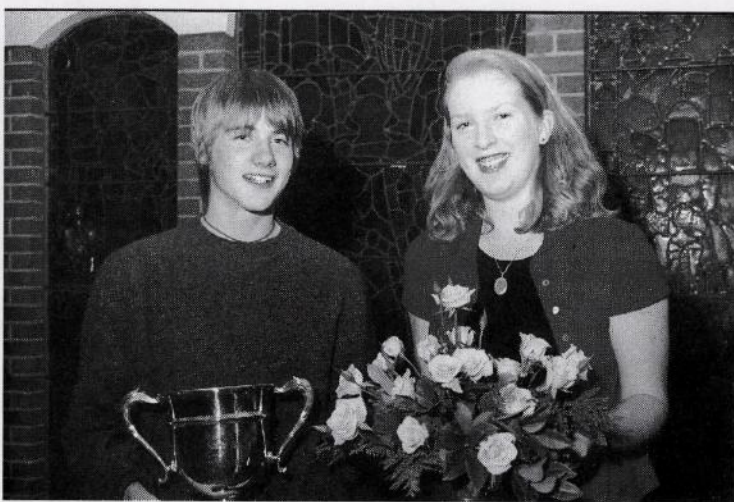
In boys' cricket, the 1st XI and the Under 14 XI both did very well to reach the finals of their competitions. The Seniors were narrowly beaten by Belvedere and the Under 14 went down to Wesley College. David Bell was selected to play for the Irish Schoolboys team, Graham O'Meara for the Irish Schools Under 16 and Ross Wynne for the Irish Schools Under 15. (Omitted from the record last year was the excellent win by the 1995 Under 14 team in the final against Belvedere.) The girls' cricket teams continue to develop and progress. This year we fielded two senior teams, one team at Under 15 and one 1st form team.

The outstanding performer in boys' tennis was Seán Cooper who was selected to represent Ireland at Under 18. Badminton takes place twice weekly. Three boys' teams and one girls' team were entered in leagues this year. The boys' Under 16 team reached the quarter final.

In athletics, Aidan Walsh has been performing to an exceptionally high standard, winning a bronze medal in the All Ireland 1500m race. Cuan Ó Seireadáin reached the Leinster finals.

Girls' basketball had a superb season, with the Senior team winning the SSA Division 2 League, defeating Ballinteer Community School by 11 points. The Junior team were put out at semifinal stage (Division 1) by only one point, after a herculean struggle.

In swimming, nine pupils achieved the Irish Water Safety Survival Award. Canoeing continues to be popular, with ten pupils completing the Schools Liffey Race in May. Kate Harris won the girls' Under 16 event in that race and also the girls' Under 16 league. On the Asgard II sail training vessel, Justin Walsh crewed as a watch leader in the Cutty Sark Tall Ships Race in the Baltic Sea during the summer. The ship came first in its class. Iseult Masterson and Catherine Wright also crewed at different stages on the Asgard II during the year.



Owen Frazer, Head Boy 1995/96 and winner of the Old Boys' Cup & Yvonne Maher, Head Girl 1995/96 and winner of the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl.

The Caving Club was again very active with repeated visits to the Burren and Co. Fermanagh. Hill-walkers ventured to the Cooley Mountains, the area near the Shankill firing range, Lough Bray, Luggala, Maulin, Lugnaquilla, Carrauntoohill and the Gap of Dunloe during the year and rock-climbing took place in Dalkey quarry. For the first time, the school entered a small team in the golf tournament for schools.

All sports and extracurricular activities in the school depend on the dedication and enthusiasm of staff members prepared to devote a great deal of their own spare time to these very worthwhile pursuits. Even a cursory scan of the record of the year reveals an enormous diversity of activity, all contributing to the holistic development of the pupils. The entire school community owes a great debt of gratitude to these staff, whose efforts are now being coordinated by Mr R. Walker in his new role as sports coordinator.

School Entrance Scholarships 1996

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Seán ÓhÉigeartaigh Scoil Naithí, Ballinteer

School Scholarships:

Rachel Garvey	Rathgar N.S.
Suzanne McEndoo	Rathfarnham Parish N.S.
Gregg Ellman	Rathgar N.S.
Fintan Gillespie	Kildare Place N.S.
Eoghan McIlwaine	Blessington No. 1 N.S.

Music Scholarship:

Robert Hastings, Rathgar N.S.
Jane Hilliard, Zion N.S.



*Benoît Ferre-Cullen receiving his prizes
from Professor McCarthy*

Prizes 1995/6

Form 1

Etheline Brady Prize

(best overall in Form 1): Edel Smith

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish:

Cuan Ó Seireadáin

Class Prizes:

1D	Stephen Cummins, Victoria Glover
1G	Olga Maguire, Gillian Whelan
1P	Mary Bridgeman, Niall Connell
1Q	Conor O'Shea, Roslyn Reddy
1W	Aimée Ferguson, Adele Camier

Progress Prizes:

1D	Mark McMullen, Gillian Carty
1G	Emma Kelly, Elizabeth Bell
1P	Gordon Anton, Kathryn Laing
1Q	Oscar O'Donnell, Luke Dowd
1W	Peter Barrett, Benton Wong

Form 2

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize

Jennifer Mayne

McNay Prize for English:

Rayne Booth

Parents' Association Prize for English:

Jennifer Daly

Parents' Association Prize for Materials Technology (Wood):

Gregor Timlin

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art:

Emma Allott

Dorothy Blakeney Progress Prize for General Science:

Clare Swift

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2D	Ray Ryan
2G	Stephen Smith
2M	Jane Harley
2MC	Russell Simmons
2R	David Kirkpatrick

Form 2 Class Prizes:

2D	Darragh Curran, Stephanie Taylor
2G	Ruth Draper, Brenda McParland
2M	Andrew Coleman, Des Ryan
2MC	Ailis Coffey, Laura Dempsey
2R	Graeme Singleton, William Lett

Form 2 Progress Prizes:

2D	Cynthia Taylor
2G	Eoin Garrigan
2M	Rory Gleeson
2MC	Conor O'Brien
2R	Caroline Gray

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Cert.):

Benoît Ferre-Cullen

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate):

Michelle McCartney

Dillon Prize for Mathematics:

Michelle McCartney

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics:

Benoît Ferre-Cullen

Carpenter Memorial Prize for English:

Michelle McCartney

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English:

Louise Watson

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography:

Michelle McCartney

Casserley Prize for History:

Sarah Gray, Michelle McCartney

German Government Prize:

Eoin Supple

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Studies:

Robert Holmes

Dr. Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics:

Lynsey Stuart

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art:

Katie Blackwood, Joy Walsh

Parents' Association Prize for Technical Graphics:

Adam Fairman King

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Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5): Freda Vora

Dr. Start's Prize for Chemistry: Bronwyn Vincent, David Finlay

Parents' Association Prize for English: Vanessa Carswell

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Mairéad Dorney

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Mairéad Dorney

Class Prizes: Justin Cramp, Eva Dorney, Sarah Eager, Stuart Kenny, David Kinsella, Claire McCulloch, Kevin O'Reilly, Jonathan Pickett, Scott Wynne.



*Michelle McCartney receiving her prizes
from Professor McCarthy*

Form 6

High School Exhibition: (best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters T.C.D.) John Fogarty

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.)
Not awarded

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

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

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize: (next best performing pupil) Amber Walsh

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) Brian Kelly, Colin Lowe

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize: (best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.) Derek Wynne

Victor Graham Prize for Mathematics: Mark Cantan

Ivan King Memorial Prize for History: Amber Walsh

Alan Peters Memorial Prize: (Prefect who has made the most helpful contribution to school life)
Elizabeth Thornburgh

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Laurence Simms

Casserley Memorial Prize for English: John Fogarty

German Government Prize: John Fogarty

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Robert Casey

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Subjects: Sonja Glass

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Beverley Jones

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Sarah Quinn-McDonagh

Diocesan School Music Prize: (contribution to school musical life) Owen Frazer, Richard Sweeney

P.P.U. Debating Medal: Trudie Carroll

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Liam Lyons

Class Prizes: Mark Cantan, Derek Fisher, Glynn Foster, Geoffrey Harper, Carrie-Anne Ling, Yvonne Maher, Stefanie Sheppard, Matthew Whiting.

Form 6 Upper

Class Prizes: Lynn Moroney, Fergal O'Duffy, Wing Man Tsang.

Note: Class prizes are awarded to pupils who perform best on average across the range of subjects in the class. Progress prizes are awarded to pupils who make the best progress during the year on average across the range of subjects in the class.

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

Jean Scott Trophy: Yvonne Maher
Old Boys' Cup: Owen Frazer

Bursaries

We wish to acknowledge with gratitude the generous McDonnell and B'nai Brith bursaries. The names of the recipients of these bursaries are confidential.

Leaving Certificate 1996

David Bell	Derek Fisher	Gordon Harper	Trevor McDonald	Fergal Rice
Justin Brown	Clare Fitzgerald	Susan Harrison	Colin McEndoo	Emer Roberts
Alexander Burke	Emma Fitzpatrick	Andreas Hartung	Matthew McGann	Hilary Ryan
Leigh Byrne	Fionn Fitzpatrick	Niall Heeney	Fintan McGrogan	Suzanne Rynhart
Kenneth Byrne	Graeme Flower	Alan Hilliard	Abbie McHugh	Jonathan Scales
Rory Cooke	John Fogarty	Mark Homan	Alexander McKee	Stefanie Sheppard
Graham Cadoo	Patrick Forde	Gareth Hopkins	Linda McNeill	Jonathan Sherling
Paul Campbell	Glynn Foster	Lorna	Derek Moffett	Tracy Shorten
Mark Cantan	Owen Frazer	Jerrard-Dunne	Susanne Moody	Gregg Sibley
Trudie Carroll	Sinéad Fry	Beverley Jones	Timothy Moore	Laurence Simms
Ronan Carroll	Ian Furlong	Brian Kelly	Lynn Moroney	Paul Singleton
Jill Carroll	Ruth Glacken	Emma Kenealy	Edward Moynan	Evan Spier
Robert Casey	Sonja Glass	Cornelie Kennedy	Nadine Mull	Susannah Spurgeon
Leah Caulwell	Andrew Gourley	Shane Keogh	Emma Murphy	Richard Sweeney
Kirsty Clarke	Catherine Gourley	Suzanne Killeen	Jonathan Murphy	Niamh Swords
Gavin Cobbe	Devi Govender	Michael King	Suzanne Murphy	Elizabeth Thornburgh
Susanna Coghlan	Margaret Graham	Patrick Kirby	Robert O'Brien	Niall Tilley
Jennifer Cole	Kenneth Graham	Shalom Lambert	Simon	Gavin Timlin
Trevor	Ian Gray	Carrie-Anne Ling	O'Callaghan	Jane Toolan
Conlon-Grant	Susan Griffin	Colin Lowe	Chloë O'Donovan	Wing Man Tsang
Jonathan Crivon	Trevor Gyves	Conor Lynch	Joanna O'Dowd	Shalini Varma
Cassius Crockatt	Brian Hare	Liam Lyons	Fergal O'Duffy	Amber Walsh
Caroline Dowd	Natasha Hall	Yvonne Maher	Gillian O'Neill	Roger Walsh
Georgina Dunne	Jill Hamilton	Ian Marconi	Alan O'Sullivan	Leah Weinrib
Emma Eager	Timothy Hanan	Gwendolyn Masin	Avril Patton	Adam Whelan
Karen Earley	Jonathan Hanan	Sabina Mason	Jennifer Pepper	Matthew Whiting
Mervyn Elliot	Joseph Harding	David Masters	Sarah	Gareth Wills
Michael Feely	Ruth Harley	Michelle Matthews	Quinn-McDonagh	Samuel Wiltshire
Eric Field			Adrienne Reidy	Derek Wynne
				Helen Young

Junior Certificate 1996

Donal Barrett	Paul Bridges	Adam	John Dorney	Declan Donoghue
Gary Black	John Butterly	Fairman King	Benoît	Sara Dover
Paul Bright	Alan Dunne	Ian Galvin	Ferre-Cullen	Daniel Dunne
Niamh	Yvonne Elliott	Jonathan Hall	Trevor Fisher	Lloyd Ferguson
Burke-Kennedy	Terence Gunning	Steven Hanan	David Foster	Lydia Foster
Omar Bux	Ronan Heeney	John Henderson	Sarah Gray	Frederik Gilmore
Fiona Campbell	Richard Hourie	David Lalor	WallisHandelman	Susan Gray
Ian Carey	Maurice Lynch	Michael Logan	Emma Hilliard	Kate Halligan
Daniel Downey	Tanya Masters	Kirsty McFarland	Hugh Hogan	Robert Hilliard
Mark Duggan	Joy McDonnell	Brian Marconi	Robert Holmes	Nicholas Holmes
Peter Freyne	Gregory O'Meara	Lindsey	Ross Killen	Oliver Kellner
Frances Kearns	Fionn O'Shea	O'Callaghan	Emily King	Philip Loane
Rachel Keeley	Robert Patton	Rebecca Peare	Gary Mahon	Michelle
Niamh Kelly	David Redmond	Gillian Phillips	Stephen Murphy	McCartney
Helen Keogh	Eoghan Rice	Robert Reid	Shona Nolan	Pamela
Ailsa Lyons	Alistair Smith	Robert Ryan	Redmond	McDonald
Robert	Nicola Strong	Mark Shaw	O'Connell	Ross McNally
MacNamara	Peter Synnott	Audrey Smyth	Stephanie	Eric Mullane
Mark	Gemma Tiernan	Robert Spencer	Patterson	Deborah Nevin
McCullough	Trevor Wilson	Rachel Twieg	Lucinda Taylor	Sharon O'Byrne
Caitríona	John Anglim	Nigel Bass	Geoffrey Thom	Eleanor O'Neill
McGovern	Jesse Bancroft	Thomas Blackwell	Helen Tippins	Michelle Prunty
Daire O'Dwyer	Andrew Bent	Rebecca Borland	Joy Walsh	Aubrey Robinson
Andrew Patterson	Molly	Frank Browne	Katherine	Rachel Robinson
Andrew Shaw	Dalton-O'Neill	Claire Cox	Blackwood	Simon Smith
Michael Slott	Adam Eager	Niall Crampton	Edward Boles	Lynsey Stuart
Ciara Stafford	Susan Earley	Eilis Davey	Colin Brandsma	Eoin Supple
Neil Stanley	Robert Edmonds	Hazel Dawson	Robbie Collins	Louise Watson
RichardThompson	Mark Francis	Andrew Day		

Transition Year Awards

First Aid

Ralph Benson
Hilary Boyd
Melanie Boyle
Brian Bradshaw
Michelle Byrne
Carolyn Camier
Daniel Clarke
Jamie Collins
Bruce Cooper
Valerie Creggy
Eoin Curran
Ross Douglas
Kevin Field
Seamus Finn
Jack Gallagher
Julie Gillen
Jacqui Gordon
Jeanette Graham
Shane Grafton
Kate Harris
Sam Hatfield

First Aid

Nichola Hodgson
Zoe Hutchinson
Sarah Kennedy
Stuart Kinch
Gillian Lane
Joanne McHugo
Jenny McKenna
Sandra Mitchell
Stephen Nash
Karen Pickett
Alan Rath
James Robertson
Lana Ruddle
Georgia Scott
Louis Smith
Jennifer Steedman
Richard Thompson
Aidan Walsh
Ronald Whyte
Emma Willis
Koren Wilson

An Taisce Environmental Awards

Melanie Boyle
Stephen Geraghty
Zoe Hutchinson
Gillian Lane
Rachel Mathers
Joanne McHugo
Nkemnjika Okonji
David O'Toole
Karen Pickett
Jane Tippins
Jenny Thompson

Gaisce President's Award

Ralph Benson
Heather Boles
Michelle Byrne
Karen Cadoo
Kate Draper
Nicola Gray
Kate Harris
Rebecca Keenan
Zoe Lipson
Gillian Lane
Rachel Mathers
Suzanne Mellon
Lynne Petrie
Jimmy Robertson
Jane Tippins
Jane Wilkinson

Judo

Eoin Curran
Wayne Evans
Kevin Field
Seamus Finn
Daniel Frazer
Nicola Gray
David Killeen
Rebecca Manley
Graham Masters
Vicky McMullan
Oliver C Nash
Lee Watson
Jane Wilkinson
Suzanne Mellon
Graham Fleming
Luke Ashebrown
Michael Harper
Edward Moran
Julian McDowell

Valete

Form 6

Leigh Byrne - Business Studies Portobello College.

Graham Cadoo - Transport Management, Aungier Street D.I.T.

Paul Campbell - Preliminary Engineering Course, Colaiste Dulaigh, prior to D.I.T. Bolton Street.

Mark Cantan - Maths in T.C.D.

Jill Carroll - Hewetts Travel.

Ronan Carroll - Business Studies, Aungier Street D.I.T.

Trudie Carroll - Russian and Biblical and Theological Studies T.C.D.

Robert Casey - Music in Leeds College of Music.

Leah Caulwell - Repeating Leaving Cert. P.U.C.

Kirsty Clarke - Customer Accounts Department in Allegro.

Susanna Coghlan - Arts in U.C.D.

Jennifer Cole - Sociology and Social Policy, T.C.D.

Trevor Conlan-Grant - Ceoltóir Music performance course in Ballyfermot R.T.C.

Casius Crockatt - Computer Science, T.C.D.

Caroline Dowd - Repeat Leaving Cert.

Georgina Dunne - Social Science U.C.D., transferring to T.C.D.

Emma Eager - Communications in Aungier Street D.I.T.

Karen Earley - Viking Components, Saggart.

Mervyn Elliott - Irish Swiss Institute of Horology.

Michael Feely - History, T.C.D.

Eric Field - Electrical Apprentice.

Derek Fisher - Management Science T.C.D.

Fionn Fitzpatrick - History in T.C.D.

Graeme Flower - Biomedical Sciences in the University of the West of England Bristol.

John Fogarty - Psychology in T.C.D.

Patrick Forde - Repeat Leaving in Ashfield College.

Glynn Foster - Maths in T.C.D.

Owen Frazer - Year off followed by Philosophy, Politics and Economics in University College Oxford.

Sinéad Fry - Media and Psychology, Winchester.

Ruth Glacken - Arts, U.C.D.

Sonja Glass - Ballyfermot Senior College Business and Finance.

Andrew Gourley - Printing Management in Bolton Street D.I.T.
Catherine Gourley - Beautician and Hairdressing in John Adams Academy.
Devi Govender - Arts, U.C.D.
Ian Gray - Amenity Horticulture, Pearse Street.
Susan Griffin - Repeat in Ashfield College.
Trevor Gyves - Business Studies in Mountjoy Square D.I.T.
Natasha Hall - Irish Veterinary Union.
Jilly Hamilton - N.C.A.D.
Jonathan Hanan - Technician and Maintenance Course, Shannon Aerospace
Timothy Hanan - Portfolio in Dundrum College.
Joe Harding - Business Studies, D.I.T. Mountjoy Square.
Brian Hare - Engineering, University of Ulster.
Ruth Harley - Repeat in Rathmines Senior College.
Geoffrey Harper - Science, T.C.D.
Susan Harrison - Tourism, American College Dublin.
Andreas Hartung - Training with Shannon Aerospace, Ennis.
Niall Heeney - Repeat in Rathmines Senior College.
Alan Hilliard - Ashfield College.
Beverly Jones - Teacher training in C.I.C.E.
Brian Kelly - History and German, T.C.D.
Emma Kenealy - Science in Tallaght R.T.C.
Cornelie Kennedy - Science in U.C.D.
Shane Keogh - Repeat Leaving Cert. in Galway.
Suzanne Killeen - P.L.C. in Language and Tourism in Stillorgan.
Michael King - Repeat in Ashfield College.
Shalom Lambert - N.C.A.D.
Colin Lowe - Geography and Economics, T.C.D.
Conor Lynch - Repeat in Ashfield.
Liam Lyons - Music in Exeter.
Yvonne Maher - Business and German in T.C.D.
Ian Marconi - Business Studies and French Kevin Street D.I.T.
Gwendolyn Masin - Music Scholarship in Switzerland.
David Masters - E.S.B. International, St. Stephen's Green.
Michelle Matthews - Senior Restaurant Supervisor Mount Herbert Hotel.

Colin McEndoo - Art in Mountjoy Square D.I.T.
Abbie McHugh - Repeat in Ashfield and working in Rostrevor Nursing Home.
Alex McKee - Ashfield College.
Linda McNeill - Living in Italy.
Derek Moffett - Champion Sports
Suzanne Moody - Working in K.V. Combustion.
Timothy Moore - Commerce and Italian, U.C.D.
Emma Murphy - Music and Philosophy, T.C.D.
Suzanne Murphy - Ashfield College.
Alan O'Sullivan - Repeat in Rathmines.
Sarah Quinn-McDonagh - N.C.A.D.
Adrienne Reidy - Repeat Leaving Cert.
Fergal Rice - Engineering, T.C.D.
Hilary Ryan - Working in H. Samuels
Suzanne Rynhart - Nursing in St. Patrick's Hospital.
Stefanie Sheppard - Physiotherapy in T.C.D.
Laurence Simms - Philosophy and Politics in T.C.D.
Evan Spier - Ashfield College.
Richard Sweeney - D.I.T. College of Music
Elizabeth Thornburgh - Science, Maynooth.
Niall Tiley - Loch Haven University, Pennsylvania.
Gavin Timlin - Commerce, U.C.D.
Jane Toolan - Arts, U.C.D.
Amber Walsh - Business, Economics and Social Science in T.C.D.
Matthew Whiting - Sociology and Social Policy, T.C.D.
Gareth Wills - Single Honours Philosophy, T.C.D.

Sixth Upper

David Bell - Marketing D.I.T.
Kenneth Byrne - Engineering, D.I.T.
Gavin Cobbe - Business and Law, U.C.D.
Rory Cooke - Arnotts.
Jonathan Crivon - Business Studies, Middlesex.
Clare Fitzgerald - Arts U.C.D.
Emma Fitzpatrick - Science R.T.C. Tallaght.
Kenneth Graham - Repeat Class Rathmines.
Margaret Graham - Theology T.C.D.
Gareth Hopkins - Business Administration, R.T.C. Tallaght.
Patrick Kirby - Business Administration, R.T.C. Tallaght.
Sabina Mason - Care Assistant, Our Lady's Hospice.
Fintan McGrogan - Marketing and Languages R.T.C. Tallaght.
Lynn Moroney - International Commerce and Spanish, U.C.D.
Edward Moynan - Construction Engineering RTC Carlow.
Joanna O'Dowd - Montessori Teaching Portobello College.
Fergal O'Duffy - Science, U.C.D.
Gillian O'Neill - Science, U.C.D.
Jennifer Pepper - Spanish and Business, D.I.T.
Gregg Sibley - Business Studies, R.T.C. Dundalk.
Susannah Spurgeon - Arts, U.C.D.
Wing Man Tsang - Arts, U.C.D.
Helen Young - Arts, U.C.D.

The Library

It has been a very active year for the library with many new books being bought and projects undertaken. Mrs. King organised, among other things, the interesting displays throughout the year. These were very educational for those passers-by who took time out to learn about electricity, the European Union, Irish birds (inspired by An Post) and the Children of the World. Emma Allott and Gail McEndoo organised a competition to see who could identify the nationality of each statuette by their appearance. It wasn't hard to work out that the child in an Eskimo suit was Inuit, but the others weren't so easily placed. Shona Nolan and Lucinda Taylor however managed it and won.

Another competition was in the area of art. In conjunction with 3rd Year an exhibition under the theme 'A Christmas Carol' was run. Three prizes were awarded; to Aaron Shorten for originality, Roisin Cox for artistic talent and Jane-Ann O'Connell for addressing the theme. On a daily and weekly basis there are two schemes to promote contact and mutual education among the Library's Faithful; 'Word of the Week' and the 'Crossword Club'. The Word is ideally so obscure that "even Mrs. King wouldn't know it" and we each have to make an informed guess as to its meaning. The Simplex Crossword from the *Irish Times* at Mrs. King's desk is made available during Lunch and its solution sought. Congratulations to Emma Allott and Cynthia Taylor who recently broke a Library record, completing the crossword inside forty minutes!

Fundraising is another important function of the Library. The Christmas 'Feed the Pig' campaign in aid of the Cottage Home for Little Children in DunLaoghaire raised £107 this year gone. A similar sum was raised during Daffodil Day for the Irish Cancer Society. Our thanks to all those who contributed.



Mrs. King

Over a year some people show particular merit at reading, and we congratulate two pupils in particular; Antony Shannon who read the entire Doctor Who series, and Alistair Harvey who soared through the Biggles collection! The Friends of the Library has members spanning all years and we would like to thank Mr. King and Mr. Benson for all their help.

- Caroline Gray, 3rd

Charities

Salvation Army

Before Christmas a food appeal was organised in aid of The Salvation Army Hostel in Grangegorman. The appeal was organised by Rachel Dawson, Melanie Boyle, Jeanette Graham and Mrs Purdy. The girls would like to thank all the pupils and teachers who contributed so generously to the appeal. All the food went to good use in the homeless hostel over the festive period. Although the response was good it could have been much bigger, one small item does not mean much to fortunate people like us but to those who do not have anything it means an great deal.

The Salvation Army is a voluntary organisation and it relies on donations from the public. Once again we wish to thank all those who did contribute to this appeal.

Central Remedial Clinic.

In January Form 4P sold Care Bears in aid of the Central Remedial Clinic. A total of £170 was raised by their efforts. The central remedial Clinic works with handicapped children and the Bears were sold all over Dublin as well as our contribution here in High School. Form 4P thank all those who supported their appeal, C.R.C. presented the school with a framed certificate to be displayed in the foyer.

The Cottage Home

The Annual Feed The Pig Collection was organised by our librarian Mrs King. The recipient of our donations as usual was The Cottage Home For Little Children in Dun Laoghaire. Mrs King generously doubled the amount raised bringing the grand total to £107. Well done to all!

I.S.A.N.D.S.

"He scanned around quickly and stole quietly towards the box. Nobody was around so he slipped the card out from under his jumper and thrust it into the Valentine's Box"

Does this sound familiar to you? It could well be because the Valentine's post was very successful again this year. The original idea which was Miss Graham's, was started with her previous year group. When I was in first year the post was run by Georgina Dunne and Amber Walsh (now ex-pupils). My friends and I took over the job in second year, it was a bit disorganised at first but this year we sorted it out. Some very unusual things have been sent, such as blue fuzzy things, balloons and this year a very large card whose recipient (a certain 5th year) shall remain nameless! I would personally like to thank all those who contributed, bought stamps or helped in any other way. We raised £76 over all for the Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (I.S.A.N.D.S.)

-Nicole Dowley, 3

Barnardos

At the beginning of June 1996, I wrote to Barnardos' head office in Christchurch Square, on behalf of myself, Ray Ryan and Shelley Horan, to inform them of our wish to carry out a project focusing on Barnardos.

We requested any information they could send us to help us compile a history of the organisation and asked for their permission to carry out a 24 hour fast in aid of Barnardos.

On 1 September we began seeking sponsorship for our 24 hour fast. The fast took place starting on 11 September and finishing on the following day. In those ten days we succeeded in raising £263.

During the months of September and October 1996, we spent each Saturday afternoon working in the Barnardos charity shop in Rathmines. Here we received, sorted and prepared incoming goods for display and tidied the shop floor.

On Thursday 24 October a representative from Barnardos, Mrs. Geraldine Dignam, visited our school where she gave a talk about Barnardos and its work and was presented with a cheque for the £263 raised.

-Jenni Daly, 3



Cake Sale in aid of the I.S.P.C.A. organised by pupils in Form 1

Simon Community

A Cake Sale and raffle were organised by 2Q during March in aid of the Simon Community. The prize for the raffle was a Cadbury's Easter Egg and a Caramel cuddly toy which was won by Miss Walsh. The organisers then went to a service in Christchurch Cathedral for second level students about homelessness. Over 700 pupils from eleven schools took part in this service and during the service Christopher Camilleri presented Mr. Greg Maxwell of the Simon Community with the £60 raised from our efforts. Adele Camier also took part in the service by reading the second lesson. 2Q wish to thank all those who contributed and Miss Wilson who arranged this for them.

Study Skills Seminar

"Nobody plans to fail; all they do is fail to plan." This was matter-of-factly told to 78 bleary-eyed students cursing the eyelid-batting man who awoke us roughly four hours after we went to bed, on the first Saturday in March. Did we really want to know? It turned out we did...

We were told ways to get what we want, so to save you fourth years a Saturday morning next year: You can achieve any goal you set yourself...You must believe you can do it, and then, set yourself a realistic plan to achieve it. It's almost too easy.

The seminar was divided into lectures on Goal-Setting, Time Management, Narrative Essays, Note-Taking, Exam Techniques, and a Study Method. The lectures were great because, as the lecturer said, though we're frequently told to study, we are seldom told how. Throughout the day, everything we cov-

ered was seen to build up to the suggested Study Method, and we were told exactly how to study. The course succeeded in making tangible what often seems abstract, and it established a possible routine and way of thinking which eliminates boredom (there's no time for it) and guarantees success in exams! Nothing illegal involved!

Obviously the Leaving Certificate is designed so that you must work at it, and no study course is ever likely to erase the need for study itself, but I think this seminar was effective in making us cut out the time squandered gazing out the window. The seminar was slickly run, the lecturers were pleasant and all questions were capably answered.

I would recommend this course to anyone who has to study, but I believe even greater benefits would be reaped by High School students were the course to be held on a regular school day (and not on the day of the Ireland vs. Scotland International) because more students would attend. It is pleasing to note that for the first time the lecturers' customary follow-up visit is to be received in High School in September.

Thank you to Student Enrichment Services for a really helpful day.

- Ralph Benson.

Careers

The Career Library is open to all pupils. Here they may consult and borrow folders giving information about careers and prospecti giving details of courses in different educational centres - in fact, as much printed information as can be obtained about the options open to school leavers. There are video facilities and a multimedia computer in the interview room. The careers department is always glad to hear from any parent or past pupil with information about courses, career prospects or activities of firms which can be put in the Library. The careers department was taken over by Ms. Thelma Jones from Ms. Beirne in September.

This year saw the extension of careers talks from just fifth years to include fourth years. The High School is grateful to the following for giving up their time to give careers talks to the senior pupils:

Advertising - Jonathan Forrest
Accountancy - Richard Ensar
Childcare - Ann Clinch
Legal Profession - John King
Theatre and Television - Bill Keating
Pharmaceutical Industry - Robert Dunne
Social Work - Jane Baird
Insurance Industry - Tim McMahon
Arts and Commerce in U.C.D. - Moore McDowell
Art College - Peter Hannon
Portobello College - Maeve Kielty
Civil Engineering - Roger West
Grafton Academy - Suzy Marr

Photojournalism - Ian Epstein
Mechanical Engineering - Lisa Looney
Physiotherapy - Karen Bharton
Ballyfermot College - Julie Fitzgerald
Tallaght RTC - Vincent Lennon
Portrush Catering College
- Mark Williams
Helicopter - Michael Baker
Sports Science
- University of Glanmorgan
Representative
FÁS - Tony Kirwan
Forbairt - Terry McParland
Garda - Brendan Walsh
AIB Banks - Judy Murphy
Dept. of Foreign Affairs
and Civil Service
- Rory Montgomery
Physiotherapy - Sarah Nichols
Psychology - Maria Corrigan
Dentistry - Billy Fenlan
Focus Point - Tom O'Keefe
Assets - Vivienne Murtagh
Travel Industry - USIT
Auctioneering - Lisa Looney
FCA - Vincent May
Beauty - Kareena Galligan
Nursing - Ann Rath

European Youth Parliament

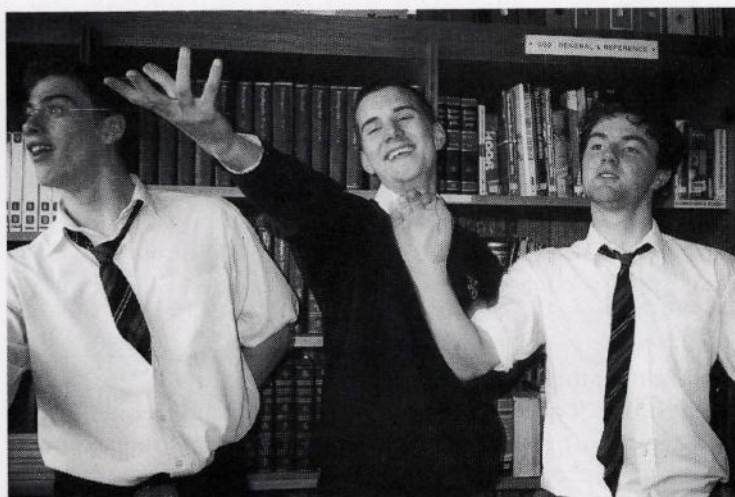
The European Youth Parliament was set up in Fontainebleau, France in 1988. It has grown considerably since, for instance, delegates from non-EU member states now attend international sessions. Each year there are two qualifying sessions held in each country sending a delegation.

This year the March selection conference took place in St. Michael's College in Ballsbridge. There were 130 participants mostly from Dublin schools, of which twenty have been selected to travel with EYP. Ralph Benson, Daniel Frazer and Ross Wynne, vying for selection, represented The High School.

The session began at 9 a.m. (I had never seen this time before on a Saturday) with registration in the foyer. The General Assembly met at 10 for the school ambassadors' speeches. Many of the ambassadors addressed us in - broken - French. It was funny when St. Michael's' own ambassador tripped on his well walked path to the podium. Ralph Benson gave High School's opening address and the Assembly seemed to swallow it okay despite Daniel and Ross leaving him suddenly alone on a podium in front of 150 people. The President, main organiser Mags Travers and Guest Speaker Sean Irving of the European Commission all spoke to us then. Ms. Travers dedicated the conference to the memory of Derek who travelled to represent Ireland at EYP Milan in 1995.

We dispersed fast to our committee rooms where we met the shrewd crew with whom we must construct a sound resolution that day. Numbers in different committees varied from seven to over 20 and each one was chaired and vice-chaired by EYP alumni, Nick "Hear, Hear, Me, Me," Kiersey among them. Alumni also contribute by writing the conference newsletter and picking the delegates to go to the international sessions, this time in Edinburgh and Granada, Spain. I noticed ex-High Schoolers Brian Bird and Colin Walsh floating around.

The Committees had each been set a question to debate and to attempt to resolve that day. We began in leisurely fashion with team building games, and it is these that I have to thank for making me the life and soul of parties ever since! Then we started to construct our resolution, beginning by brainstorming and forwarding ideas by following on from the previous speaker by informal agreement. Long committee sessions were split by going out to see the Epic-Centre - a sort of mobile EU office, various adjudicators coming in and going out of our debates, and the beautiful and dashing 98FM girls visiting us - I was as surprised as the EYP journalist who said "What's this, one of them has brown hair!!!" These interruptions kept us busy all the time and meant we were always attacking our topic afresh. The resolutions were all complete by the end of the day and though most of us could relax there were a few who couldn't - those who had to prepare a three minute speech to defend their committee's resolution in General Assembly the following morning. Everyone went home or somewhere and came back an hour later for the dainty melodic sounds of...Karaoke. Ralph was one of four who gave a heart warming rendition of Queen's Bohemian Rhapsody, and Ross sang beautifully too, though he got a bit carried away with holding the microphone and shocked everyone in the middle of his song. After the Karaoke most of us went home and got a good night's rest for the long day in General Assembly ahead of us.



Ross Wynne, Daniel Frazer, Ralph Benson

We all sat with our committees in Assembly and most people who wanted to get a chance to speak. Whenever it was felt that we were working too hard a Mexican wave could be requested or the entire Assembly would greet each other with "Zang!!!," the Cantonese for excellent (ironic, since it was the European Youth Parliament).

Though it may seem just a lot of fun, we did get lots of work done and standards of debate were very high. Ross was chosen by his committee to make their defence speech. He spoke confidently and comprehensively - due, no doubt to his getting in the speech-preparing mood with Emma in *Rí-Rá's* the night before! Daniel and Ralph's committees succeeded in getting their resolutions passed through the General Assembly.

The work done by EYP each time it meets is very great, and it is a credit to the Parliament that the resolutions it passes are presented to the real European Parliaments in Brussels and Strasbourg. It was a great weekend and the High School delegation was very pleased when Ross Wynne was chosen to be a part of the Irish delegation to Edinburgh. This is a big achievement and continues the High School's long standing involvement in the EYP internationally - well done Ross.

- Ralph Benson.

Senior Debating Society

The year started with the election of an Auditor and Secretary for the '96/ '97 season. Hugh O'Connor was elected Auditor and Jenni Daly Secretary. "High School pupils are doomed" was the motion for this year's pupil-teacher debate. Proposing were Ralph Benson, Jenni Daly and Brian Kelly. Mr. D. Miller, Ms. C. Ritchie and Mrs. O. Purdy opposed. Despite an unashamed plug for fourth year and a two minute silent protest, the motion was passed.

In this year's Leinster Schools Debating Competition two teams from High School took part. Hugh O'Connor and Ray Ryan proposed the motion "Smokers should be operated on". Jenni Daly, at last-minute notice, provided a "dummy" speech. This round was held in High School and was deemed by all to have been a great venue. One week later Ralph Benson and Jenni Daly proposed the motion "The Senate should be abolished". Despite valiant efforts from all competitors, no-one from High School succeeded in progressing to the next round.

A team from High School competed against a side from De la Salle in a debate in the library. Keith Rynhart, Hugh O'Connor and Jenni Daly proposed the motion "Violence is acceptable in a democracy". Although this motion was defeated, High School was judged to be the winning team and Keith Rynhart the best speaker.

Justin Cramp, Keith Rynhart, Ray Ryan and Brian Kelly took part in a Concern debate. The motion was "The world is solving its food problems" and High School provided the opposition for a proposing team from Moyville Park. Unfortunately the motion was passed, but this may have something to do with the poor showing of High School supporters.

Ralph Benson, Daniel Frazer and Ross Wynne took part in the selection process for the European Youth Parliament and Ross Wynne was chosen to attend the parliament which will meet this year in Edinburgh.

There was a phenomenal interest in this year's High School debating competition. Pupils from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th years competed for the title of "High School Debating Champion". The initial entrants were eventually whittled down to just four finalists, Ralph Benson, Kara Cramp, Jenni Daly and Mark Kenny. The motion was "This house would brand all HIV and AIDS victims." Jenni Daly and Kara Cramp proposed, while Mark Kenny and Ralph Benson opposed the motion to a packed house of 200 plus. The judges, Hugh O'Connor, Justin Cramp and Keith Rynhart deemed Mark Kenny to be runner up and Jenni Daly to be the winner. Thanks to Ross Wynne, who chaired the final at short notice. The standard was exceptionally high, especially amongst the Junior pupils, and augurs well for the future of debating in the school.

Thanks to Mr. D. Miller for his tireless efforts on behalf of the society and for providing transport when needed. Thanks also to Keith Rynhart and Justin Cramp for their obedient and efficient assistance in helping us to run the competition.

-Hugh O'Connor and Jenni Daly.

Junior Debating Society

This year the junior debating society entered its fourth year and a number of improvements were made to it. For the first time since its foundation, an auditor and secretary were elected. Jenni Daly was appointed auditor and Shelley Horan, secretary. The auditor also obtained a debating book in which records are now kept of all debates.



Jenni Daly

In September '96 it was disappointing to see that all members of the society were from third year. A competition was then held exclusively for new debaters to encourage interest in the society. Throughout November and December, Ray Ryan and Jennifer Maine judged the competition. The Grand Final was on the motion "Christmas should be abolished". Annette Boles, Karl

Caswell and Justin Dawson proposed while Rachel Senior, Jane Hilliard and Ria Czerniak-Lebov opposed. The debate was of a very high standard and the motion was defeated. Karl Caswell won the competition and Jane Hilliard came second. The competition succeeded in boosting attendance greatly.

During the year the society was privileged to have the company of a number of fifth years, thanks to applied maths being switched from 12:35 to 1:15. Ralph Benson, Louis Smith and Eoin Curran, debated various motions such as "This house believes this debate is stupid" which they succeeded in passing.

The Christmas debate this year was on the motion that "This house believes in Santa Claus". Three pupils proposed the motion, while Ms. Wilson, Mr. Sweetnam and Mr. Prendergast opposed. Following eyewitness accounts of reindeer on the roof, notes signed S. Claus and production of actual pieces of Mr. C's beard, the motion was carried by a majority of 43.

A few years ago, I read an Erasmian in which the then Auditor of the Senior Debating Society wished good luck to the newly founded Junior Debating Society and hoped the Senior Society would reap the benefits of it in the future. This hope has now been realised, as for the second year running, a Junior Debating Society member has won the Senior Debating Society Competition.

During the year a number of spontaneous debates were held. These succeeded in boosting the speakers' confidence and ability to think on the spot, as did the introduction of points of information during the debates.

Thanks to all who participated in the debates throughout the season and to Ms. Wilson for helping us whenever we needed her. Finally, good luck to those who take over the running of the Junior Debating Society next year.

-Jenni Daly

UCD Open Day

On Thursday the 20th of March the fifth years attended U.C.D.'s annual open day. We assembled at the sports centre where we were given a brief introductory speech, a map and our all important complimentary "Irish Times" From there we proceeded to the various displays and lectures. Every faculty had some sort of display, science and medicine being the best, in my opinion.

There was a show-flat on display, most students thought it small but well laid out. The whole campus was open to us (including Dunkin' Donuts!!)

The visit was valuable to all of us, including those with no intentions of going to U.C.D., as it gave us an idea of college life and also we now have a better knowledge of the U.C.D. campus in particular. Thank you to Ms. Jones for organising it for us.

- Rachel Dawson

The President's Award



*Colin Brandsma, Emma Hilliard, Geoffrey Thom, Shane Murphy,
Wallis Handelman, Bruce Cooper.*

The Bronze President's Award is open to Transition Year pupils. It sets hard but achievable targets to work at throughout the six months for which it is undertaken. Diaries are kept to monitor progress and the emphasis is on improving with time and practice to meet new challenges. The award is divided into four sections - community involvement, a physical skill, a personal skill and a venture project. You must pick three...

Community service is the only compulsory part of the President's Award. Of all the sections it entails the biggest change in your routine. You must do one hour a week for fifteen weeks for the Bronze Award. You don't always enjoy this part but it is different and often it widens your view of people. People doing community service typically spend the time in an Oxfam shop, nursing home or helping organise, say, football training for six-year-olds.

The personal skill generally creates least demand in High School. It involves taking up a new skill (or continuing one already acquired) to a certain level. Common examples of skills taken up here are dressmaking and weaving.

Most people do the physical skill part of the President's Award. Again you must reach a set standard in your chosen sport. This section is good in that it can lead to your playing the sport for life. The school provides many options for the physical skill such as badminton and swimming.

The venture project is the final part. You must keep a diary and work up to being fit enough and experienced enough to be capable of a two-day expedition doing something like hillwalking, canoeing or cycling. This section proved valuable for me as it taught me organisational skills, for instance, organising my own food for the weekend, that I was able to put into use when I went walking the Wicklow Way last summer.

I would recommend the President's Award to people entering Fourth Year. It is satisfying, fun, and can give you a great feeling of contribution in Community Service. It is also something tangible to take from Transition Year. It can leave you with new interests, skills and friends.

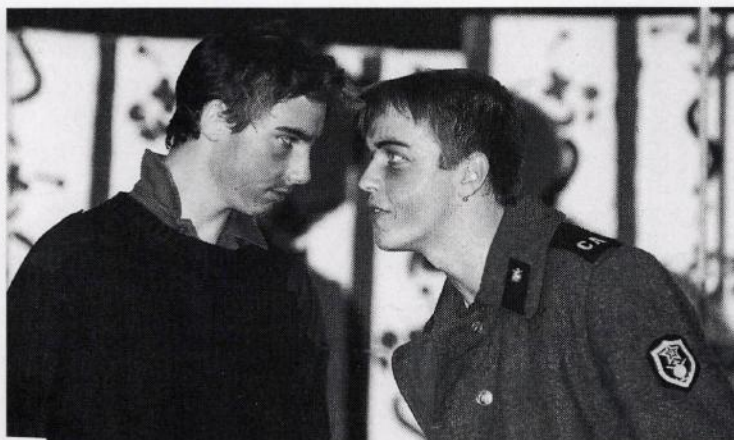
- Ralph Benson



The Presidents Award, Kerry Trip, 1997

The Skin Of Our Teeth

Choosing this years play was very difficult. We had unanimously decided not to do a musical, so the play had to have a large enough cast to accommodate the gargantuan amount of theatrical talent in our year. We also decided to do a comedy. Eventually *The Skin Of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder was chosen. It is a three act play with action, humour, war, dinosaurs and a message. It was an awkward decision because none of us had heard of it before, but it looked like it would be fun, so we went ahead and began to organise it.



Robbie Slattery face to face with David O'Toole

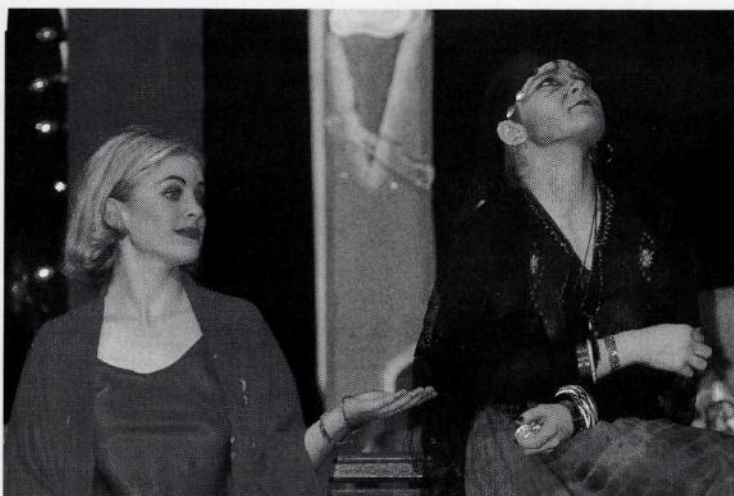


Keith Singleton

The auditions were held early in September and a cast was soon chosen. A few people had to be disappointed because the cast was limited, but they showed great maturity and I thank them for this.

Meanwhile Ms. Walsh and the stage crew began to design and build the set. After overcoming a few problems, such as part of the set being run over by a lorry, with a lot of hard work and masking tape they produced one of the best sets ever. At the same time Mrs Pearce and her people were busy collecting the multitude of props needed, while others were organising T-shirts, programmes, tickets and posters.

Rehearsals went well with only one person having to be taken to hospital. Mid-term was soon upon us and everyone went into overdrive to get things ready for the opening night. Before we knew it, the 21st had arrived. Everyone was on edge beforehand but once the curtain went up everything went perfectly. Friday night, however, was a different kettle of fish. The actors were all looking forward to the performance, but backstage, things were not good. A lot of props were damaged in the previous performance and the communication system between myself and the lighting people was broken. The guys did a great job with the lights getting all their cues spot on without assistance. The real disaster happened 10 minutes from the end. During a fight scene David 'dangerous' O'Toole tripped and suffered a nasty cut on the back of his head. However, he battled on like a pro. and everyone put in a great performance on the final night.



Jane-Ann O'Connell and Aisling Doyle

The whole experience was really enjoyable for everyone, so we were all a bit upset when it was over. To conclude, on behalf of everyone involved I would like to thank Mrs. Milne she is one of the most dedicated and patient people I know and fantastic to work with, cheers!

-Bruce Wardrop

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS SCHEME



The Jolly Jumbugs

*Redmond O'Connell, Stephen Murphy, Trevor Fisher,
Ross Killen, Robert Holmes*

The definition of an entrepreneur is someone who undertakes risks in running a commercial venture. Six groups from Mr. Kirby's 4th year business studies class did just that. Each group established their own mini-business with the aim of winning the school competition and advancing into the Dublin City Final sponsored by Forbairt.

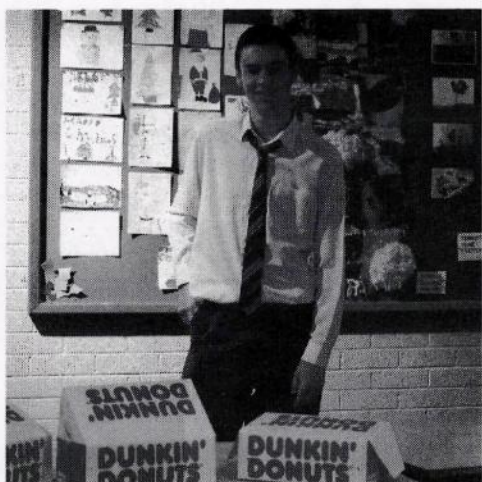
Once the groups had decided on their products and services they then had to produce and sell them. The business' were started with capital provided by parents or by the group members themselves. The companies had approximately three months to battle it out!

The business named the "Jolly Jumbugs" decided to sell *Dunkin Donuts* in the school at lunches and break. They would collect doughnuts from the branch in Rathmines every morning and sell them at a price lower than in the shop.

"Sweet Save" sold a large variety of sweets at very reasonable prices after school on Wednesdays in the canteen. "Fantasy Football" got their idea from the highly popular newspaper game. The participants would select a team from a variety of players, the players would gain or lose points in every match depending on how they played. They had a large number of entrants, the players combined scores being a weekly total for the participants. The prize at the end of the competition was a complete football kit of their choice.

"Mad About Muffins & Co." produced handmade muffins. They were sold in the Reynolds Hall at a price of 30p. The muffins were of good quality and sold very well. "The Celtic Creations" created handmade chocolates and sweets. They were sold in boxes of fifteen with a card, as gifts, in bags of ten or loosely. There was a very wide range of sweets and chocolates and they proved popular. "Encore Ltd" produced French tapes at Junior Cert. level to help 3rd years in their quest for an "A". The tape was accompanied by a booklet full of verbs and vocabulary to help further.

At the end of the selling period all of the companies had to produce a business report, telling of the idea, production, sales etc. Copies of everyone's report were sent to a panel of four judges from A.I.B. and Forbairt. All the business' were interviewed and judged.



Stephen Murphy, a young entrepreneur, in action

When they came to their conclusion they decided that "Jolly Jumbugs" were the victors. They thoroughly deserved it, they produced an excellent report and conducted an excellent business with the public school community. The team collected a £50 bank draft as well as the right to go to the Dublin City Final.

All the Young Entrepreneurs performed very well. The companies showed great initiative and succeeded to a great extent, due largely to teamwork.

"The Jolly Jumbugs" went to the Dublin City Final in the Regency Hotel on the 2nd March 1997. After their challenging interview they unfortunately failed to qualify.

Well done to all involved in the Young Entrepreneurs Scheme 1997.

-Trevor Fisher.

An Taisce 'Young Reporters For The Environment'

Along with schools in nine other European countries, class 4S in The High School participated in the Young Reporters project. In particular we looked at the themes of air pollution and city planning. This theme was also taken up by schools in Rome, Lisbon, Athens, Copenhagen and Poitiers. These schools were in regular contact through use of e-mail. The project involves carrying out field work in an area of environmental concern, writing up a report and communicating the findings to a wider audience.

In October the class visited E.N.F.O. to survey environmental information. In November we carried out a survey on the effects of air pollution on historical buildings, concentrating on the area around Trinity College Dublin.

Our trip took us first of all to St. Andrew's Church where the statues are decaying because they are made of limestone which is being dissolved by acid rain. What we have to ask ourselves is where does this come from? We then went to Trinity College, founded in 1592. Though the front buildings have been restored, inside we discovered that some of the buildings are in a terrible state. The buildings in the front square have had lead flashings placed over the doorways to prevent damage to the limestone lintels.

Then we looked at the corner to the right of number 10. We could see that the damage done to the stonework is worse lower down the building, this is due to the washing action of the rain which washes salts down the surface of the building. The splash back from the cobbles contributes to this too.

Moving further back into the college grounds we stopped to examine the Graduates Memorial Building. We could see fossilised shells in the limestone which had been weathered by acid rain and carbon pollution. Then we looked at the Printing House which is a small building with four columns. The back of the columns are in bad condition and are black in colour, this is caused by the chemicals in car exhausts and coal fires. This building has been recently cleaned but is still in a bad way. There are also mortar repairs in the soffit near the top of the columns. We then went to visit the museum building, this is also in bad condition. The decorative and ornate carvings had to be made of limestone because it was easier to work with but limestone is far easier worn away.

We can conclude from this very interesting field work that air pollution is a severe problem in Dublin today. Although many attempts have been made to clean and restore these buildings, 'washing up liquid and polyfilla' do not solve the problem - air pollution. Clean-ups are just cover-ups and within a short time these buildings will be in a terrible state again. Air pollution is ruining our buildings and thus killing our heritage.

We hope to receive our awards soon and would like to thank Mr. Irwin for organising this for our form.

-Nigel Bass, Niall Crampton and Gary Mahon.

National Youth Parlaiment

The National Youth Parliament was organised by the National Youth Council of Ireland and took place at Castleknock College over the last weekend of the Easter holidays (between April 4th and 6th). The idea was to gather together a cross-section of Irish youth; urban and rural, privileged and less privileged, and for them to make recommendations to Government on various issues (drugs, terrorism, Church/State administration and so on) which would be acted upon - some time. Two hundred people aged between 16 and 22 attended, two of them, Brian Kelly and Ralph Benson.

Throughout the first 24 hours there was a stress on "icebreaking", a metaphorical term used to describe people

becoming more informal with each other. This involved some quite curious team efforts. Saturday was given over to drafting proposals and an address by Fine Gael's Austin Currie, a junior minister with special responsibility for Youth Affairs. What created perhaps the biggest impression however, on Saturday, was the speech by a representative of the East Timor Ireland Solidarity Campaign. The East Timor question is one that challenges us as well as shocks us, and to hear the chilling facts made one feel that it can no longer be ignored, despite being far away and not an importer of Irish produce. The conference also heard from Labour's Joan Burton and the Social Welfare Minister and leader of Democratic Left, Proinsias de Rossa and an I.S.P.C.C. representative.

And so a very enjoyable weekend came to a close on Sunday afternoon. It would be naïve though to think that it had a great impact on Government.

-Brian Kelly

Computers

The computer room in the High School is fully equipped with a network of 27 PC's ranging in their speed from 386's to 486's. All of these computers have software applications like *Microsoft Word*, *Microsoft Excel*, *Aldus Pagemaker 5*, *Corel Draw* etc. It also has many applications such as *Body Works* (an endless fact file on the human body), *PC Globe* (a world atlas) and a very good typing course called *Iankey*. The computer room is very lucky to have two excellent programming languages; Borland C++ and Pascal.

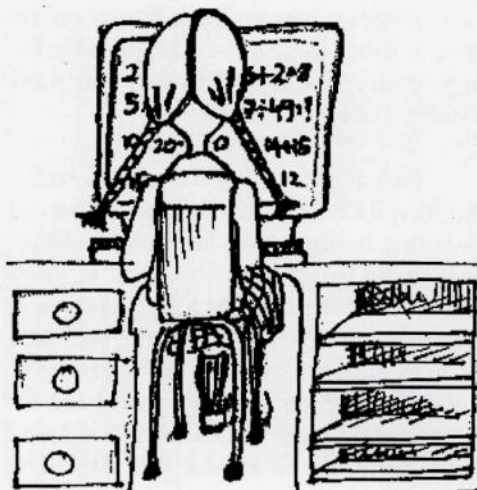
We now have our own multi-media computer using a 486 processor which runs at a speed of 66MHz with a double speed CD-Rom drive. On this multimedia PC you can access CD Rom titles such as *Microsoft Encarta* and *Microsoft Dinosaurs*. From this computer you can also scan pictures using it's flat-bed scanner and copy them into a document to make it look very professional. To print out these documents there are two printers, one is a dot matrix and the other is a laser, which gives excellent results.

The computer room is mainly used by pupils who want to find information or to type up a project or an essay, but the room is of greatest importance to Transition Year. There are typing classes in word processing, touch typing, CAD (computer aided design) and Music (using the keyboards connected to some of the computers). The teaching of these is now easy with the overhead which displays what is on the teachers monitor on a large screen at the front of the room.

The person in charge of all this is Mr. Hilliard. He keeps a close eye on all the members of the computer room to make sure that they keep the rules, but if they don't I would not like to be in their shoes.

It is planned that over the summer all of the PC's will be changed or upgraded and will have 16MB of RAM, Pentium processors, Internet access for all, a massive 4GB hard disk on the file server, individual hard discs and *Windows 95* on each work station, all run by *Windows NT*. As Mr. Hilliard says "next year will be a very exciting year for the computer room"

-Andrew Rankin 2P.



Drawing- Zoe McGeeney, 5

The School Choir

This year we welcomed several new members, making a total of nineteen choristers. These are: Sopranos/Trebles: Emma Allott, Mary Bridgeman, Ria Czerniak-Lebov, Jane Hilliard, Philippa Lock, Vicki McKenna, Edward O'Hare, Des Ryan, Rachel Senior, Edel Smith, Hilary Taylor, Stephanie Taylor. Altos: Heather Boles, Rayne Booth, Elizabeth Hilliard, Cynthia Taylor, Howard Thom. Basses: Dominic Barnes, Ralph Benson.

As usual we sang for the prizegiving. Our programme consisted of 'Ching a Ring Ching Chaw' by Aaron Copland and 'Bring Him Home' from 'Les Miserables'. We also provided the choral music for the carol service in which the theme was Europe.

For the Department of Education examination we sang 'The Lorelei' - a German song with English words by Maria X. Hayes, 'Caleno Casturame' by William Byrd and again 'Bring Him Home'. We would like to thank Mr. Wisener for giving up his free time for our rehearsals. As a final note - new members are always welcome, do come along!

-Hilary Taylor 6th



Drawing-Zoe Mc Geeney, 5

Orchestra

This year, the school orchestra played at both the Prize Distribution and the Carol Service at Zion Church. We gained second prize at the Wesley Feis and took the Department of Education examination.

All the members of the orchestra work hard and perform well, but undoubtedly it is due to the guidance of the much appreciated Mr. Malcolm Wisener that the school orchestra continues to be so successful.

The members of the orchestra are: Rebecca Horan, Fergus Boydell and Redmond O'Connell - cellos, Jane Hilliard, Des Ryan and Eoghan McIlwaine - trumpets, Cuan Ó Seireadáin - French Horn, Benoît Ferre-Cullen and Eva Maguire - clarinets, Tarik Rahman, Dominic Barnes and Cynthia Taylor -

flutes, Daniel Frazer, Mary Bridgeman and Robert Hastings - violas, Stephanie Taylor - harp, Oisín Boydell, Elizabeth Hilliard, Deborah Nevin and Philip Loane - first violins and Louise Watson, Philippa Lock, Suzanne Anglim and Linda Nevin - second violins.



The School Orchestra performing at the Prize Distribution

The Debs

The annual ritual of the Debs kicked off in March last year with the "Pre-Debs" in Lansdowne R.F.C. This was a well earned break from all the serious study that was going on throughout the year!! It also whetted our appetites for what was to come in September. Now it was time for some serious organisation.

Yvonne Maher and Georgina Dunne, with the help of a small committee started the ball rolling, by organising the all important venue. We decided on the Gresham Hotel. The exquisite menu was chosen to tantalise all those taste buds!! As the money slowly trickled in things began to take shape. Everything was put on hold during the Leaving Cert. but after that it was all full steam ahead.

September drew closer and the night finally arrived. The red carpet was rolled and the paparazzi were lined up eagerly awaiting the arrival of the unusually sophisticated debutantes!! The transformation from June of all present was amazing!

The night began with a small reception for all those photo fanatics. This was followed by the mouth-watering feast that was laid before us!! When the excellent band "Juniper" began the dinner was soon forgotten as everyone put on their dancing shoes and danced into the small hours of the morning! At 2 a.m. the dancing moved to Rumours where the Head Boy, Owen Frazer and his somewhat interesting dance moves dazzled the D.J. Finally it was on to Bewleys for the traditional fry-up!

It was an excellent night, mainly due to the hard work done by Yvonne and Georgina, who we thank very much. Of course we must also thank Mr. Benson and the office staff for all their help. We are also very grateful to Mr. Mc Mullen for all his assistance. It was a great night and enjoyed by all.

-Georgina Dunne & Trudie Carroll

International Maths Olympiad

The IMO is an international maths competition in which teams of secondary school students from about seventy countries worldwide compete against each other. It is up to each country individually to select its team members each year. In Ireland, this is done by an annual national examination. Training for this exam is provided by the Maths Department, UCD for people in the Dublin area. The best six people earn a place to represent Ireland on the team and fly off to the venue of the competition. Last year that was India, this year Argentina and next year it will be Taiwan. The problems with which the IMO is concerned range from relatively easy to extremely difficult. The most difficult of the problems are only found on the international exam, so it is possible to take part in the IMO training without needing to be of international maths standard.

Here is an example of an 'easy' problem: Is $(19^{97} - 91^{97})/99$ an integer? This problem is a typical IMO question. It is based on very simple maths principles but is still surprisingly challenging. By the way, the answer is 'no'; the number is not an integer.

This is easy to show using modular arithmetic. An example of modular arithmetic is $12 = 2 \pmod{5}$, this means that 12 leaves remainder 2 after division by 5. The use of modular arithmetic is that it enables mathematicians to calculate remainders of division *without actually doing the division*. In the case of this problem, modular arithmetic is therefore very useful because it is obviously impractical to calculate $19^{97} - 91^{97}$ and then divide by 99 since $19^{97} - 91^{97} = 1064179908184806857187728949402989894067858014986761975923403257655963899357212596021315309920330496937603000805627450295801531598503567682236274198787236178607088828886019308090269991422792x-1!!!$

With modular arithmetic it is not necessary to work this number out. All that is necessary is to calculate the *remainder* of powers of $19 \pmod{11}$ and $91 \pmod{11}$. The number will only be divisible by 11 if both remainders are *the same*. In this case they are not because: $19^{97} = 2 \pmod{11}$ and $91^{97} = 9 \pmod{11}$. Therefore $19^{97} - 91^{97}$ is not divisible by 11 and therefore not divisible by 99 since 99 is divisible by 11.

Over the years, High School has had a good record of IMO participation. Almost every year a number of students in Transition Year are invited to the IMO training based on their Junior Certificate results. In the past, High School pupils have even achieved a place on the Irish IMO team.

-Oliver Nash 5

Kilmainham Gaol Visit

The 5X history class went on an inspiring trip to Kilmainham Gaol with Ms. Graham and Mr. Ryan. We went on a guided tour of the historic building and were shown the various cells of some of the most famous characters of our past (Robert Emmet, Parnell and de Valera) and the execution site of the leaders of the 1916 rebellion.

We were informed of the prisons past and its role in the various stages of Irelands interesting and, very often, tragic history.

The prison was in use from famine times, where even children were imprisoned and starved for crimes such as stealing an apple or a blanket, and was used mostly for detaining political prisoners fighting for Irelands independence and was not used again after the Civil War.

Kilmainham Gaol has a vast and detailed history and we all wanted to go back again. A visit to Kilmainham is greatly advised as it will enlighten you to some of Irelands most interesting periods in history.

-F.N.

Parents Association

At the 53rd Annual General Meeting of the High School Parents' Association (HSPA) the committee for 1996/97 was elected as follows - Fiona Timlin (President), Terry MacParland (Hon. Secretary), Glynis Allison, Patricia Cusack, Maura Fraser, Randal Gray, Sean Lyons, Herbie Mitchell, Jenny Murphy and Ann Rath.

The Parents' Association is represented at High School Board of Governors and Management meetings by Fiona Timlin and Terry MacParland. At the invitation of the Board of Governors parents are now represented by one committee member at each of the Management Subcommittees. During the year the full committee has met with the Principal, Mr. Duffy, the Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Rowell and Mr. Frank Sowman. We value these meetings as they provide increased opportunities for exchange of ideas and information.

Following the success of the pilot scheme parent-teacher meeting for Form 2 last year, meetings between teachers and parents of pupils of Form 2 and 5

have taken place this year. We have assisted school staff in facilitating these meetings and the response from teachers and parents alike has been very positive.

As is now our well established custom, we invited speakers to the Autumn and Spring meetings of the Association. This year we were privileged to hear two excellent presentations. In October, Mr. John O'Leary, Psychologist at the Department of Education, spoke on Study Skills and Habits, and in March Dr. Brendan Byrne, Teacher and Researcher, spoke on Coping with Bullying. All those who attended found the presentations, and the discussions which followed, most informative. Our thanks and appreciation go to both of our speakers.

Due to the expert guidance of Gerard and Sylvia Moody the annual school uniform Swap Shop was its usual success at the end of the summer term. Another victory for the parents was achieved in the annual cricket match against the staff! Planning for next year's activities is under way and it is hoped that a social event will be held in the autumn in order to raise funds towards a new sound system for the Reynolds Hall. We hope for the support of as many parents as possible.

As this school session draws to a close we extend our thanks to all parents, school teaching and administrative staff for their interest and enthusiastic support. We look forward to a productive and enjoyable year ahead.

-Fiona Timlin, President HSPA.

Language Pages

Languages are now an essential part of our curriculum and most college courses require proficiency in at least one European language. We are lucky here in the High School to have such a wide variety and freedom of choice in languages.

French

Michelle McCartney speaks about the French language which is possibly the most popular language in High School:.....Que penses tu du français? Qu'on le veuille ou non, tu l'étudies sûrement, ou le parles. En effet, plus de 120 millions de personnes partout dans le monde parlent le français- on peut le croire . Mais a pourquoi apprendre le Français? Eh bien, il y a plusieurs raisons: pour communiquer avec les gens d'autres nationalités, il nous ouvre l'esprit, on apprécie mieux la culture et le pays française, ou peut-être tout simplement parce on l'aime. Quant à moi le français est une langue qui m'accroche beaucoup. Heureusement j'en suis assez douée donc, je le trouve plutôt facile à apprendre. Bref je crois que c'est une langue très belle qui me plaît beaucoup.

German

Daniel Frazer speaks about German a language which is considered to be quite difficult to learn..... Deutsch ist mehr als eine Sprache. Wenn man Deutsch völlig versteht, bekommt man eine Einsicht in seine Kultur. Deutsch ist nicht nur eine Gruppe Wörter! Die Deutsch Sprache ist sehr logisch. Die langen Wörter sind aus kleinen Wörtern gemacht. Wenn man die Deutschen verstehen will, soll man die Wörter untersuchen, die wir nicht übersetzen können. Ein gutes Beispiel ist "Volksgemeinschaft". Man kann nicht dieses Wort direkt übersetzen. Mehr oder weniger bedeutet es "eine Verantwortlichkeit zur Gemeinschaft", aber das ist nicht ganz richtig. Es ist schwer zu erklären, weil wir keine Volksgemeinschaft haben. Die deutsche Sprache ist wie Englisch aus gesprochen. Sie hat die selben Flüsse wie Englisch, deshalb ist es leicht für Englischsprecher gutes Deutsch zu sprechen. Die Hohe Schule hat einen ausgezeichneten Satz von Deutschlehrern aber wenn du alles von diesen verstehen kannst ohne ein Wörterbuch, brauchst du sie wahrscheinlich nicht.

Spanish

Karen Pickett speaks about Spanish, a language not available in many schools.Español es el idioma románico más hablado y hay a eso de 325 millones de hispanohablantes en el mundo. Hablan español en América del sur , América Central, el Caribe, las islas Baleares y África. Hablan también en Texas, Arizona, California y en Nueva York. En el tercer siglo los romanos conquistaron España y por esta razón hay muchas semejanzas con Latín. Después en el octavo siglo los moros conquistaron España u porque pasaron allí por siete siglos hay muchas relaciones con el Árabe. Los cristianos empujaron los moros fuera de España en el siglo quince, y un estado que se llama Castilla unió el país y el idioma. Muchos idiomas regionales desaparecieron pero hay algunos hoy , siete millones hablan el catalán y un millón hablan Vasco tanto en Francia como en España.

Latin

The 2nd year Latin class speak a little about the Latin language which has influenced many of our modern European languages:..... Abhinc circa XXX annos, paene omnes ludi putabant Latinam esse primis rebus. Necesse erat linguam Latinam scire ut in Universitatem irent. Hodie non plurimi discipuli discunt Latinam, et nos in Alta Schola sumus pars huius praeclari numeri. Lingua Latinam iuvat nos discere alias linguas Europaeas quod paene omnes habebant radices in Latina: e.g. homo =man, French - homme, Spanish - hombre, Italian - uomo: sol = sun, French - soleil, Spanish - sol, Italian - sole. multa verba Britannica quoque eveniunt ex Latina. Lingua Latina est dissimilis aliis novis linguis, quod non loquimur sed solum legimus eam. Fabulas legimus de familia Romana atque de vita et moribus eorum. Discimus quoque de viris illustribus in actis Romanis, e.g. Hannibal atque Iulius Caesar. inscriptiones quoque inspicimus : exempli gratia caesar adsum iam forti !!

-Cuan O Seireadain, Andrew Rankin,
Emma Kelly, Mark McMullan..

Multi linguality

Philippa Lock speaks about multi linguality.... When I tell people that I am studying French, German, and Spanish (aswell as Irish) for the Leaving Certificate they usually gasp in surprise. The most common question I am asked is whether or not I get the languages mixed up. Usually it is not a problem except when I change classes and have to forget one quickly and remember another. However I do occasionally confuse small words like y, et, und, agus (meaning and). I have been interested in languages since I was little. All the languages I have come across so far, I have really liked. I can also speak some Russian because my Mother interprets and teaches it and a little Italian with which I fell in love instantly after staying in Rome last Easter.

My favourite of all the languages that I am studying at the moment is French. It was the first one I learnt, when I was in primary school. I first visited France when I was six years old and even then I was charmed by the sound of the language. I began learning German in first year, many people dislike German because it sounds like quite a harsh language, but I enjoy it and am especially fascinated by the length of some of the words. Whilst I like German which is a Germanic language, I prefer Romance languages for example Spanish. I started learning Spanish only a year ago in transition year, but I was drawn to it immediately even after attending only the first class.

Irish

Sean Ó hÉigearthaigh speaks about Irish, our native language which is unfortunately dying out... Teanga Ind-Eorpach is ea an Ghaeilge. Tá gaol aici ó Thaobh na staire leis an Sanskrit (teanga Indiach) agus freisin leis an Laidin, an Ghréigis, an Ghearmainis agus Teangacha Eorpacha eile. Meastar gurb iad na Ceiltigh a thug an Ghaeilge go hÉirinn timpeall 300 bliain roimh Chríost (BC). Sean-Ghaeilge a thugtar ar an nGaeilge is sine a bhfuil aon scríbhinn againn inti. Bhí an tSean-Ghaeilge í réim timpeall 600-900 A.D. Tá go leor litríocht againn sa tSean-Ghaeilge. Seo í an litríocht Eorpach is sine dá bhfuil ann, taobh amuigh de litríocht na Gréigse agus na Laidine. Ní thuig imisne inniu an tSean-Ghaeilge dá gcloisfimis á labhairt í nó ní fheadfimis í á léamh gan staidéar speisialta a dheánamh. Níor athraigh an tSean-Ghaeilge mórán idir 600 agus 900 A.D. ach ina dhiaidh sin Tháinig ionsaithe na Lochlannach agus na Normanach, agus d'athraigh an teanga cuid mhaith idir 900 agus 1200. An Meán-Ghaeilge a thugtar ar an teanga sa tréimhse seo. Ina dhiaidh sin tháinig an Ghaeilge Chlasaiceach atá níos cosúla le gaeilge an lae inniu. Is féidir í a léamh gan mórán trioblóide ach tá an ghramadach níos casta ná mar atá anois. Sheas an Ghaeilge Chlasaiceach ó 1200 go dtí timpeall 1600 A.D. Bhí go leor cogaíocht in Éirinn sa seachtú aois déag (1600 - 1700) agus d'athraigh an teanga arís faoi thiúnchar an Bhearla. Faoi dheireadh na haoise seo (1700) bhí an Ghaeilge díreach mar atá sí inniu. Go dtí timpeall 1600 bhí gaeilge ag beagnách gach duine in Éirinn taobh amuigh de Bhaile Átha Cliath. Ó shin i leith tá a Béarla ag leathnú agus an Ghaeilge ag cúlú. Is beag duine anois nach bhfuil Béarla aige fiú sa Ghaeltacht (an áit gurb í an Ghaeilge fós mar theanga an phobail.) I gcondae na Gaillimhe atá an Ghaeltacht is mó. Tá ceanntar Gaeltachta freisin i Tír Chonaill, i gContae Mhuigh eo, i gCiarraí, i gContae Chorcaigh agus i gContae na Mí.

Blackboard Jungle

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away a bunch of fifth years were given the chance to miss Irish class and try to answer searching questions posed by the beautiful people from our national television station. The cream of the intellectual talent of the High School duly accepted the challenge and attempted to answer 30 different questions on topics

ranging from science and geography to sport and music and entertainment. With a considerable amount of perspiration and a little help from their friends Mark Kenny, Tarik Rahmam and Terry Madigan were selected to represent the school in the first round of the competition on August 14th. Anyone who feels inclined to come along and add much needed moral support and loud cheering is welcome.

- Mark Kenny

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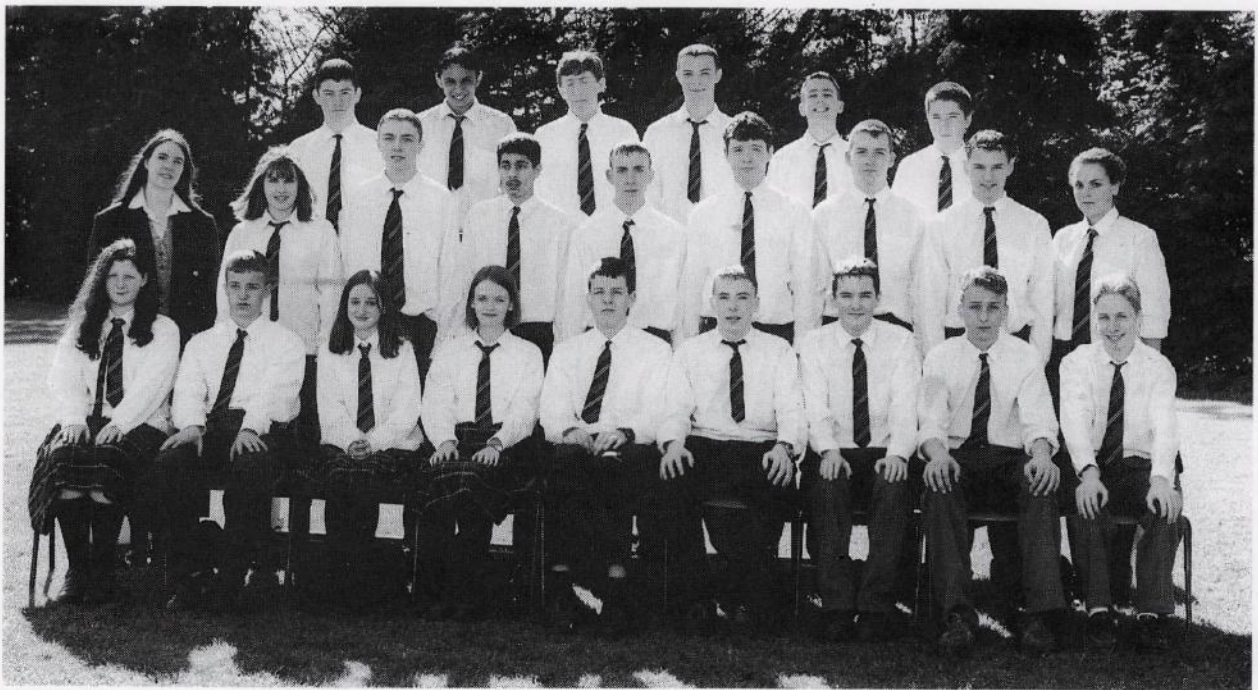
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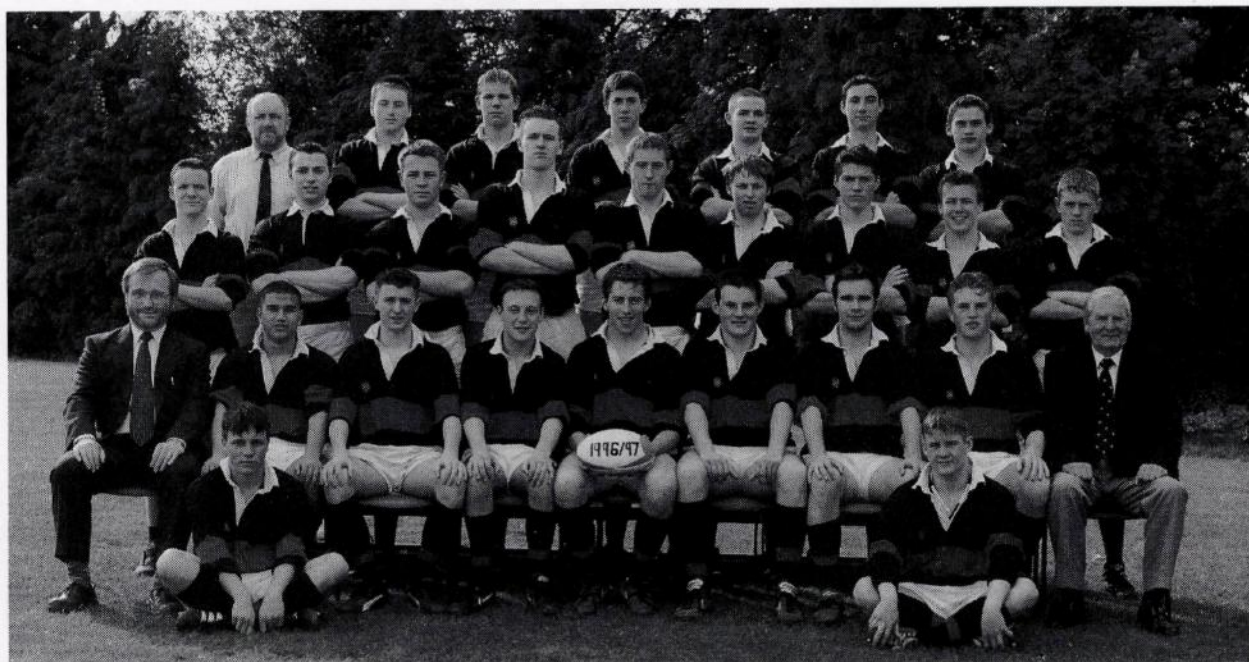
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Rugby

Senior Cup Team



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Mr. Duffy, S. Koya, M. Nolan, P. Kirwan, G. McGouran (capt.), D. Finlay, D. Nicholson, M. Craven, Mr. D. Cole.
D. Downey, A. Smyth.*

This year's Seniors were fortunate enough to have a large panel to choose from which was comprised of extremely talented exciting young players. Unfortunately they were rather inexperienced at senior level. There were about seven players from last year's cup side which provided a backbone for the team. The season got off to a shaky start but the coaches could see a promising cup team emerging. After a couple of good wins in the league the team were on a high and gaining confidence. However two heavy defeats towards the end of the league showed them that it wasn't all plain sailing.

After the league the next match was against the mighty 'Rock. Even though sceptics resigned them to a heavy defeat, the team were confident of a win. In a sterling game with everyone giving the performance of their lives, especially Graham Fleming who dominated the line-outs and disrupted the 'Rock's throw-ins. Even though they were down at half time, the team never lost hope and

completely outplayed Blackrock in the second half. With five minutes to go, High School were up by one point and some brilliant defence absorbed all of 'Rock's pressure. A special mention should go to Paul Kirwan who saved the match with a fantastic try-saving tackle right at the goals.

In the run-up to the cup, training moved up a gear, in good spirits especially after the 'Rock match. With the cup drawing nearer we had two friendly matches against Wesley and C.U.S. and the coaches finalised the cup panel.

The day of reckoning arrived and the team were ready to gain revenge on Gonzaga for a defeat in the JCT Cup of '95, as many of the year's seniors had played that match. Unfortunately the hopes and aspirations of the team were dashed in a fiercely fought battle which was only decided in the dying seconds.

Congratulations to Scott Wynne, Gary McGouran and David Finlay who received Leinster trials in October and to Ross Wynne, Ross McNally and Justin O'Malley who attended the Leinster training camp in April.

Finally on behalf of everyone thanks to Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole for a great season and tour.

-Bruce Wardrop, Ross Wynne

Senior Rugby Tour to Bristol

This year's S.C.T., although very talented, was young and inexperienced. Mr. Wright and Mr. Cole realised they would have to work hard if they were to maintain High School's proud and almost perfect touring record. And so they brought me, to teach the rookies that touring is not just about the matches, it's about what you do off the pitch as well. "The most important thing is independence," I tried telling one young outhalf called Dan Downey, "you'll have no mumsie to look after you now". Danny was astounded at this. "You don't know what you're talking about" he cried. I shook my head, but there was nothing I could do, he would have to learn the hard way.

The day of the tour came round. It was to be an evening sailing, but all day in school the teachers and the girls and a few of the first form boys were crying, they were going to miss us so much. Last year it got so out of hand that they rang us on the ferry to beg us to come home.

Everyone got over the traumatic day at school to make it to the ferry terminal on time. I tried to get everyone into a small group so I could tell them all how to tour. I had a speech prepared all about independence, sleep and generally looking after themselves but no-one listened; they were too busy finding out how much money each other had brought. I heard one fellow was bringing 40 pounds. 40 pounds for a three day tour! This may sound incredible to some but as a veteran I wasn't surprised. I had seen better men blow more money than that in a shorter space of time.

When we got on the boat there was a rush for the canteen to buy as much food as they could fit in their already overfilled stomachs. Oh the folly of youth! I, however, being a veteran, knew that we had a long, uncomfortable journey ahead. But I was prepared, I had on

my person a most intriguing book called "The changes and fluctuations of the Irish punt throughout the 20th century". The best thing was that I could use some of my new found knowledge in an essay I intended to write for a competition. I went to find a quiet corner on the boat, and happened to pass the games machines, as I expected, many of my team mates were there putting money into them, like dust into a Hoover.

Three hours and 6 chapters later we reached Holyhead, for the change from sea to land and the squashed confines of the autobus. The lads were singing and in high spirits, and the journey passed fast.

We arrived at the youth hostel at six hundred hours. We were not supposed to be there until 11, but the manager agreed to let us sleep in one of the conference rooms. So all of us were herded into the tiny room for a good night's sleep. Now, I've said I was a veteran of such tours, I have been to South Africa and the wild barbaric land they call Scotland, but in all my time I have never seen someone so homesick on their first night of tour, as my good friend Danny D. He evidently longed for a good meal his mother had prepared and a warm bed in the cotton-wool wrap he called home. Danny managed to struggle through the night.

We woke up on match day one. After a brief wait we were shown to our rooms. I was in with David 'Farinelli' Finlay, St. John Smyth and tour rookie Daniel Manley. After a few minutes to get ourselves together we were brought off to the match venue. It was a cold bleak day and the boys were tired. Bad news struck the squad. As well as myself, a permanent cripple, Gary 'Gaz' McGouran and Farinelli were also injured and unable to start.

The match got off to a great start with Ross 'David Campese' McNally goose-stepping for the opening score in the corner. But after that, we were brutal, we were slow, lazy and passive, and the school would have been a lot worse off, if it hadn't been for man of the match Stuie Halligan's ferocious tackling. But midway through the second half, Gaz had seen enough. He ripped his tracksuit off like Hulk Hogan, and inspired by this, Farinelli joined him in the action. The team was transformed. Playing barbarian rugby the scores were reversed and The High School came out the victors.

The guys were so tired that night. Even though our opposing team invited us out many of us were back in the hostel and in bed by nine o'clock.

The match the next day was against a much stronger team. I, unfortunately, didn't get to see it all as I had to go to hospital with St. John Smyth who had broken his wrist. He was very pleased with the hospital staff who pronounced his name Smyth, not Smith, like so many commoners tend to do. We got back to the hostel to find out that we had drawn 18-18.

Now that our unbeaten touring record had been extended to two years we could all get ready for the indoor foot-

ball competition that night. We all had a great night and we finished up with a penalty competition. Smyth won, scoring 12 times and vice captain Paul Kirwan was runner-up, scoring about 8 times.

From experience I know that the journey home can seem very long but this time it was different. Neville Southall the bus driver stopped in Wales for the match between Wales and South Africa, which was really exciting and full of open rugby. The boat journey was also interesting as we met up with the girls' hockey team who had also been on tour. The trip was excellent, thanks for organising it.

-Scott Wynne 6.

Second XV



Mr. Wright, B. Sheehey, R. Hamilton, T. Madigan, R. Douglas, G. Fleming, J. Allison, C. Nicholson, E. Dunne, H. Hogan.

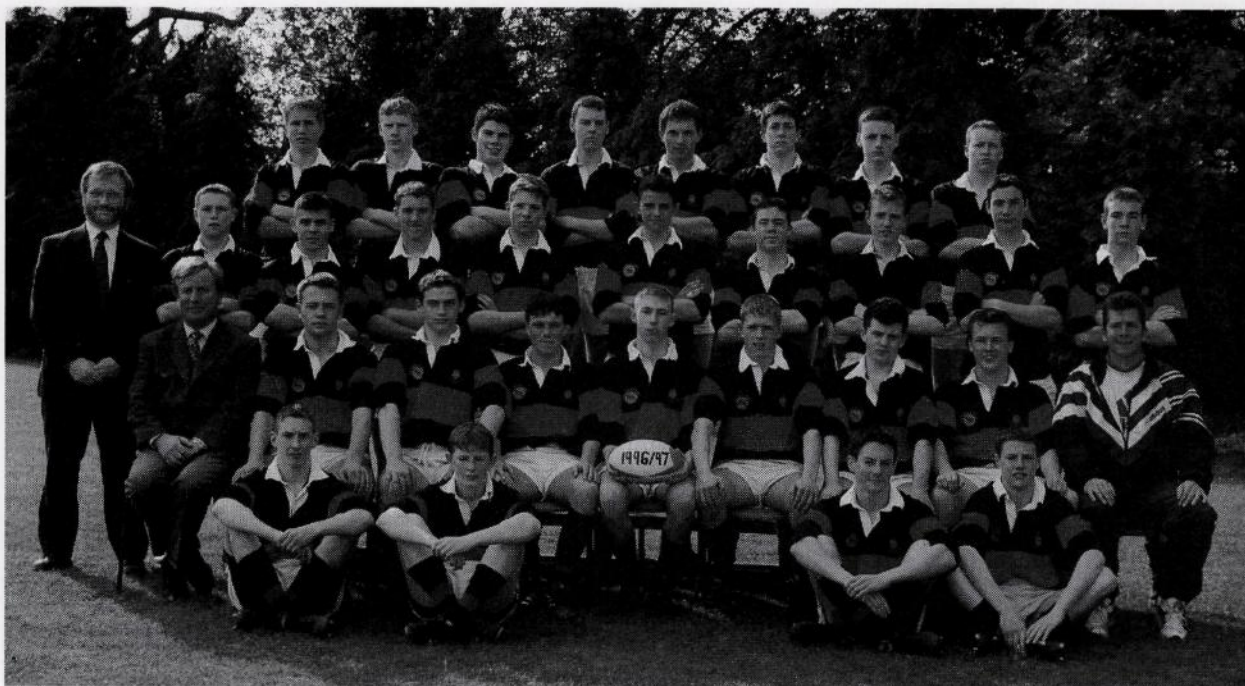
Mr. Duffy, J. Fennell, D. Manley, H. O'Connor, B. Wardrop (Capt.), P. Tanner, D. Dunne, R. Slattery, Mr. D. Cole. B. Marconi, D. Lalor.

This year the Seconds had a phenomenal and an outstanding season. The Seconds played great, open, flowing rugby and had teams all over Leinster shaking in their boots, praying that they would not have to face the might of the 'School. The season got off to an acceptable start. As the season progressed the team's talents flourished due to unearthly dedication and constant training. One person who was severely maimed during training promptly returned half an hour later to continue tackling practice.

The league started convincingly and the team were on top form, beating the likes of St. Michaels, Terenure College and Belvedere. The league was going well, but unfortunately due to illness and injuries sustained during the famous "tackle a wall" competition, we were left short of players for the final two matches, and we suffered defeats at the hands of Blackrock and Roscrea. We finished third and were it not for those defeats, the title would surely have been ours.

-Bruce Wardrop (captain)

Transition Year



*N. Stanley, S. Smith, D. Lalor, S. Murphy, J. Fraser, R. Douglas, B. Marconi, A. Day,
Mr. Duffy, F. Browne, D. Dunne, B. Sheehy, C. Brandsma, G. O'Meara, A. Dunne, T. Blackwell,
R. Slattery, H. Hogan.
Mr. J. Stanley(Tour Sponsor), I. McKee, R. Wynne, D. Downey, P. Bridges(capt.), R. Thompson, J. Anglim,
R. McNally, Mr. R. Walker.
M. Francis, G. Black, S. Murphy, M. McCullough*

The Transition Year rugby squad consisted of about 30 players, many from the previous years' J.C.T. squad and a few new additions. At the start of the year a lot of players didn't take it seriously, but with the help of our coach Mr. Walker we made a very good team. Interest increased when we started to win matches and our confidence grew. We trained twice a week and had a match every fortnight.

Towards Christmas we won a lot of games, beating Newpark 60-5 followed by our defeat to De La Salle in a closely fought game 30-24, and to Kilkenny 60-3. We bounced back, however, beating St. Gerard's team 31-12.

Eltham College, Essex, played us while touring in Ireland. Paul Bridges scored first but the end result was 36-25 to Eltham College.

A good spell followed, beating Cardinal Newman 30-10, St. Columbus 24-12 and Kilkenny U-16 32-5 and after our Christmas break, we beat Wesley College 28-5, Andrews 27-7, Kilkenny 7-3 on the return fixture and Sandford Park 41-24.

Overall it was an excellent season, winning ten matches out of thirteen, eight of them in a row. On the 14th of March we went on tour to Essex with a squad of twenty-six where we won two out of our three matches.

I would like, on behalf of the team, to thank Mr. Gill for his help in fitness training and on tour and Mr. Walker for his support and coaching.

-Paul Bridges (captain)

We would like to acknowledge the very generous support of Jim Stanley by sponsoring the tour jerseys.

-R. Walker (coach)



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Transition Year Rugby Tour to London

Patrick's weekend loomed and the U-16 were raring to go. We left early on the Friday morning looking forward to our match which was scheduled for later that day. When we touched down at Heathrow we only had to wait a short while to be collected by a bus which would bring us to our first destination. Although tired after our trip we were in high spirits and looking forward to the match. However, fatigue set in during the match, which was played on a tight pitch and these factors combined to dampen our open rugby style. Fortunately the players still played well enough to win comfortably.

That evening, whilst out socialising with members of the Gaynes school and friends, we were informed that we had to beat Coopers, the team we were playing the following day, as there was a lot of rivalry between the two local schools. After meeting with our hosts we arrived at the venue refreshed and hoping for another win. It was a bright sunny day and the match was to be played on a far wider pitch than the day before. The game lived up to its expectations with some great flowing rugby and some brilliant tries; however, the match was decided on a kick. To secure the win, Richie Thompson stepped up to convert a try, from his wrong side, right on the touchline. As soon as he struck it everyone knew it was going over. A huge cheer arose from the squad and from players and friends from Gaynes who had come to watch their arch rivals being beaten.

After a night of sampling what Essex had to offer, the squad had a free day in London. A couple of the lads were accompanied by guests to help them have the best possible day, making sure they saw all the best attractions. We then met up with the last team to play us, Eltham College. There was a lot of pride at stake in this match as we wanted to keep the winning streak going, and we had lost to this school in a very close match a couple of months previously in Dublin.



Ross Wynne making a break during the Coopers game

The match was played at a furious pace and inevitably, the boys, after a hard tour, began to suffer a little from fatigue. Our opposition opened up a commanding lead but the lads showed great grit and determination to draw closer and closer. Unluckily the match was clinched with a try from the home team in the dying minutes of the match. After a great tour I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of all the lads, Mr. Walker and Mr. Gill.

-Ross Wynne, 5



Ian McKee under pressure in the Coopers game

Junior Cup Team



*R. Simmons, K. Woolhead, R. Hilliard, S. Cusack, H. Feldman, W. Lett, I. Logan, P. Laycock, D. Hanlon, M. Hill.
J. Ellis, O. Long, I. Masood, D. Campbell, M. McCullough(capt.), C. Phelan, G. Black,
L. Hardiman, Mr. R. Walker.
D. Foran, M. Butterly, S. O'Meara, J. Kelly.*

The 1996/97 season got off to a poor start with several defeats to relatively average teams. The lack of size and depth to our front five meant we were forced to play an expansive game using the quick backs we were fortunate enough to have. Mr. Walker and Mr. Gill got working with a new, unfamiliar style of rugby, but by the start of October we were in the swing of things. Our first league match was a defeat to the hands of Presentation, Bray (13-8). From there on things got better, beating St. Gerard's 15-7 away, Kings Hospital 19-12 and De La Salle 24-5. Our three straight league wins led us to a crunch match against Newbridge away. We knew they had a big beefy pack and it was going to be tough. Unfortunately their pack dominated the game. We just didn't have the size to compete. They came out the victors 24-3 and our league season was over. We won four and lost two in the league and from there on we prepared for the cup against the rivals of last year St. Michaels.

After Christmas we had a convincing win over St. Columba's 32-5, Imran Masood scoring a hat-trick. Columba's was our final game before the cup and we looked good. They had a very big pack who tried to dominate but our forwards finally came around and tackling and rucking were good.

Finally, the day we worked for since September had come, the 29th of January at Donnybrook. Michael's had a "weaker team" this year, we were told and we were really up for the game. We arrived at the ground early and had a warm up. As we ran out onto the pitch all I could see or hear was the High School crowd cheering. The whistle blew and, just like that, the game was over. The time flew so quickly. We spent most of the game camped in our own 22, and only occasionally moved into their half. Their pack dominated throughout the game and crossed our line for three undeserved tries. Our season was over. We lost 17-0. I would like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Gill for helping us and improving our skills throughout the season.

-Imran Masood

Under 14

Overall it was a successful season for the U-14As. We started the season without a coach. Mr. Treacy arrived three weeks into the season. He worked on the general fitness of the side which was telling during the key matches. We also had new additions to the squad from last year. New players included Harry Feldman and Mark McCoy, with Jack Dooley and Conor Sookram taking up rugby for the first time this season. Our hopes were high going into our first match, which was against a weak Blackrock team. We beat them decisively by over sixty points! We then played with an under-strength team against Terenure. We won again. Other wins before Christmas worth mentioning were against C.U.S., Castleknock, St. Mary's and Sligo. We suffered just two defeats, against an English touring team, Gigglewicks, and Kings Hospital.

After Christmas, our aim was to keep up our good record. We beat St. Columba's by over fifty points. Then we lost our form and went through a bad patch, losing three matches in succession to Gonzaga, Templeogue, and C.B.C. This was down to the loss of key players to the Junior Cup Team. Then we played a thrilling match against a very strong Wesley side. We began well, keeping them down in their own half for a long period. However, we failed to convert our pressure into points. They ended up scoring an un-converted try towards the end of the first half. The second half was easy enough, until we broke away through a well worked move, and Harry Feldman crossed the line to score. The conversion was missed. The two sides were then even. Conor Sookram broke away from our own half to score a spectacular individual try. There was resilient defending at the end from a Wesley onslaught, most notably from Trevor Bass and Steven Day.

I would like to thank Mr. Treacy for his commitment and hard work throughout the season, Mr. Walker for his help with the forwards and Mr. Reidy for his total dedication.

-James Maher, Captain.



*John Kelly, Robert Carnegie, Jackson Dockery, Jack Dooley,
Conor Sookram, Conor O'Shea.*

*Steven Day, Harry Feldman, Graham Ruddle, Mark McCoy, Ben
Okonji, Nathan Breen, Robbie Gilbert.*

*Mr. A. Reidy, Philip DeBarra, Niall O'Byrne, David Foran, James
Maher(capt.) Uriel "Jimmy" Boland, Trevor Bass, Mr. S. Treacy*



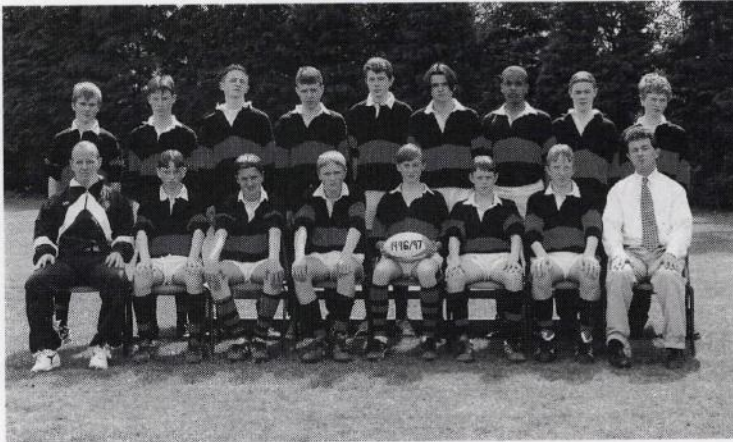
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Under 14 B



*Colm Doyle, Adam McDonnell, Tony O'Brien, Aaron Shorten,
Barry Doyle, Nathan Breen, Ben Okonji,
Shane Killoran, Ian Gordon.*

*Mr. S. Treacy, Mark McCartney, Luke Dowd, Gareth Conlon, Adam
Hutchinson(capt.) Richard Somerville, Trevor Bass, Mr. A. Reidy.*

This season we came back much better and more exciting to watch than last year. Throughout the season we had brilliant tries from Robbie Gilbert, Tony O'Brien, Shane Killoran and Jackson Dockery.

Half way through the season Owen McNally from first year joined the team. With his great speed and hard tackling he scored a few tries. Jackson Dockery played very well this season with some great runs and he set up a lot of our tries.

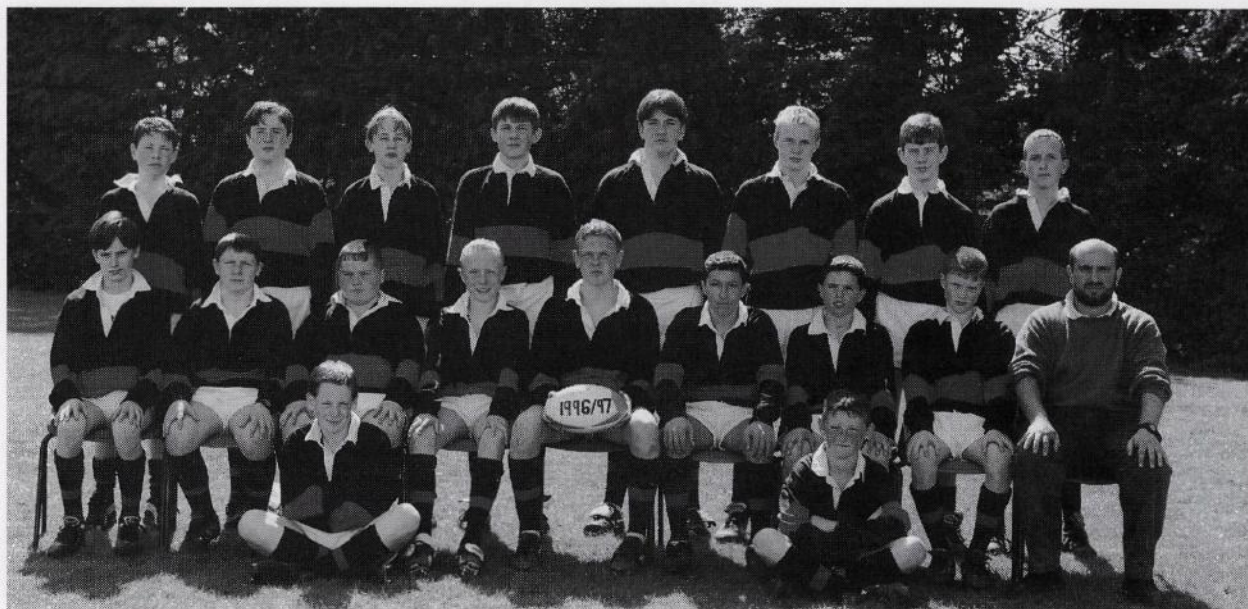
Next season we will have improved even more an we will come back next season fitter and better.

-Adam Hutchinson (Capt.)



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Under 13



*Francis Cooney, Simon Goldsmith, Anthony Walsh, Robbie Burns, Tennyson Egar,
David Foran, Simon Loane, Brian Logan.
Robert Tierny, Colin d'Arcy, John Collery, Fintan Gillespie, Eoin McNally, Daniel Sheridan,
Craig Watson, Mark Kelly, Mr. R. Davies.
Daniel Vard, Sam Dooley.*

The under 13 A's got off to a slow start but thanks to Mr. Davies' coaching, some of the unexperienced players became some of our best. Towards the middle of the season when we began to play well we managed to beat Clongowes 15-7 and Gonzaga 24-0. We had a big pack who were very aggressive in the rucks and mauls. This produced a steady platform for the backs to finish off. I hope we can do as well next season.

-Eoin McNally(Capt.)

The under 13 A's had a very encouraging season. The initial training concentrated on skills. Although losing the first few games, the strength of the side began to emerge. The very strong front five led by the imposing Tennyson Egar won plenty of ball and the driving runs of Simon Loane and Robbie Burns pointed to the future. The loose play was led by the captain Eoin McNally whose exemplary work rate inspired the other foragers Daniel Sheridan and Mark Kelly. The back line was led by Phil De Barra whose tactical play and organisation kept the ball moving in attack and assured a solid defence.

After Christmas the team flourished, beating Presentation Bray by over fifty points and traveling to Clongowes for a tough 15-7 win. There was a great drawn match against a very strong and experienced St. Andrews XV. The players improved during the season benefiting from regular training and a visit from the Wallabies. Players to look out for in the future, maybe next years J.C.T. are, Daniel Vard, Brian Logan, Craig Watson, Fintan Gillespie, Cathal d'Arcy and John Collery.

- Mr. R. Davies(Coach)

The Under 13 B's 1995/6 rugby season got off to a good start. Even though we were inexperienced and many players were playing for their first time, we defeated Mount Temple convincingly. After that we went through rough times losing narrowly to Wesley, Clongowes and De La Salle.

However, thanks to perseverance and hard dedicated training through the winter months, come spring, we were a new team. St Andrew's were our next opponents, with encouraging play by Colm Doyle and Neil Dover and two tries from new boy Steven Day we beat them 22-10. Our next match was against St. Paul's. After coming from behind we beat them 21-19 with an amazing hat-trick of tries by Robbie Gilbert. Next season, watch out, because with more experience and determination we will be up there with the best of them.

-Richard Somerville(Capt.)

Under 13 B/C and Under 12

As we had 86 boys playing rugby in the 1st year, it was very difficult to differentiate between the B and C groups, so instead we called them Abbey and Harcourt (Named after our original sister school Abbey in Co. Tipperary and of course Harcourt St., the original home of The High School).

After six weeks of basic coaching we began our match programme in mid-October with a 10-a-side tournament in conjunction with St. Columba's College. High School had 4 teams and two subs (52 players in all) and St. Columbus had 2 teams. The four High School teams were named, Abbey, Belgrave, Galway and Harcourt, after the old School House system. Abbey beat Harcourt 15-5 in the final with St. Columba's A coming 3rd, Galway, 4th, Belgrave, 5th, and St. Columba's B, 6th. It was a most enjoyable tournament and a good way to start off the season. To St. Columba's and in particular Ted Sherwood (an old boy) we say "many thanks" and we hope to repay the compliment next year.

U-13 B/C and U-12 Results.

	P	W	L	pts.for	pts.against
Abbey	10	8	2	235	85
Harcourt	7	5	2	159	83
U-12	1	1	-	14	12

From the statistics above you can see that the pool of players was quite a talented group. They were keen and enthusiastic and a pleasure to be associated with. Some of the results were very good. We won the following games convincingly Wesley (away) 46-0 and 35-5, Wesley (home) 36-5 and 48-0, St. Andrews 43-10 and 55-39, Pres. Bray 45-7, Gonzaga 19-0 and 17-0 and C.U.S 21-12. It was most unfortunate that we could not get fixtures for the D group, and we could only fit in one fixture for the U-12's in which we beat St. Andrews 14-12 in a most exciting game.

I look forward to the progress of all these players in the years ahead. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Nigel Fennell and Richard Carson for all their willing help during the season.

-R.H.F



Mr. Fennell, George Misstear, Noel Geraghty, Ian Kearns, Ian O'Connor, Thomas Eager, Sean McGinley, Conor McCartney, Stephen Kohlmann, Nigel Fennell, Greg' Eelman, Graham Carey, Stephen Masters, Paul Blackmore, Alan Brown, Philip Lyons, Mark Traynor, Alan Metcalfe, Robert Tierney, Colin Donoghue, David Lane, Mark McCartney, Rory Draper, John Gillen, Gavin Coleman, Alistair Hodgson, Alan Duggan, Clive Lew, Adam Argue, Ben Blackwell.

Boys Hockey

Senior Boys Hockey

The Senior Boys hockey team have had a very successful year, losing only one match during the entire season. The team won the League Final in a very close and competitive match. We played very good hockey all year round and had some very good results including wins against Kilkenny, Drogheda, and King's Hospital. Three players from our team, Graham O'Meara, Peter Johnston and Stuart Gould were selected for initial Leinster Trials. Graham O'Meara also made it to all the following trials and was unfortunate not to be chosen, missing out by only a few places.

The team's cup-match against Kilkenny was played away from home. The match was extremely close and went into extra time when Graham O'Meara scored a excellently taken penalty flick. The match ended up as a draw and had to be replayed but we unfortunately lost the re-match 3-0.

In the league things were going really well and we hadn't lost or drawn a match until the only match we did lose forced us into a playoff against Drogheda to decide who would finish first in our group. The game produced excellent performances from Ian Love and Greg O'Meara in defence, while in attack Nick White and Graham O'Meara scored a goal each so that we won the match 2-1. This win put us through to the semi-final when we faced St. Killians. We beat St. Killians with good performances from Jonathan Pickett in defence and from our top scorer Peter Johnston who got two goals.

In the league final we played St. Gerards in a very close match. Kevin Field scored our only goal during normal time with a superb strike. The game went to penalty strokes, as the score was still 1-1 after extra time. In the penalty shoot out we won. This is the first time in High School's history that we have won the Senior Boys League. Some outstanding performances on the day came from Nick White and Graham O'Meara and especially from Jesse Booth in goal.

The season was a great success and was all thanks to Mr. D. Miller who coached and organised all the matches including a match against a touring side from Jersey.

-Stuart Gould (Capt.)



Senior Boys

Back row: Julian McDowell, Paul Burke, Luke Ashe-Browne, Ian Love, Peter Johnson, Stuart Kinch, Greg O'Meara, Trevor Steedman, Jonathan Pickett.

Fron rowt: Mr. Duffy, Jesse Booth, David Bird, Kevin Field, Stuart Gould (capt.) Graham O'Meara, Alan Rath, Daniel Clarke Mr. D. Miller.

Senior Boys Team Profile

-Karen Pickett talks to the winning team.

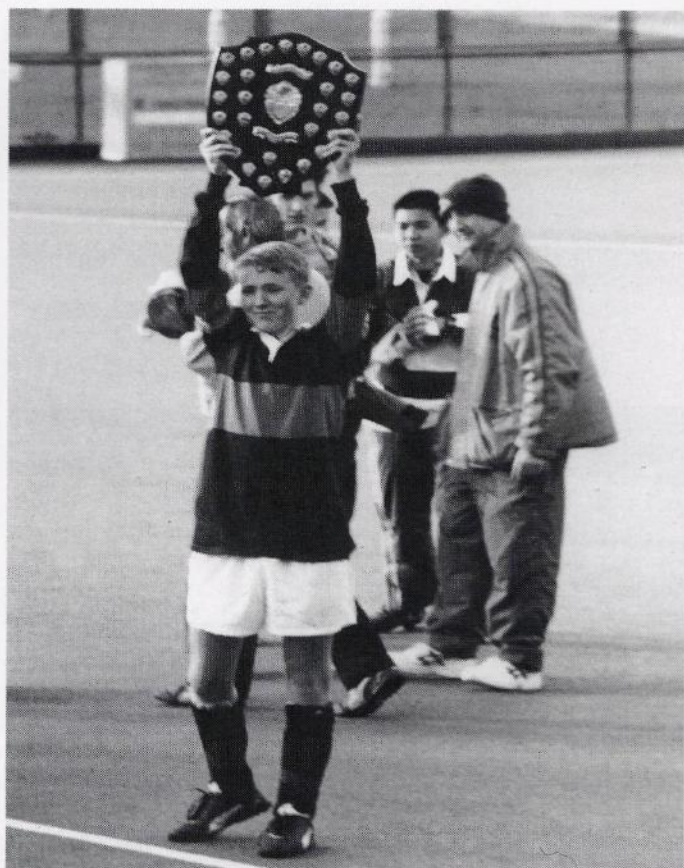
Interviewing the boys it was clear who the main driving force of the team was with most of my answers coming from one small group (or perhaps the others were just trying to get a word in edgewise!). The captain, Stuart Gould (the strong silent type) was just that when I asked him to comment on his team, he felt that they had played well throughout the season and that they could have won the final in normal time. The boys were unanimous on that. On the subject of support, again the boys were united, words like "pathetic" and "non-existent" were thrown at me. The feeling was of disappointment as they were one of a very few teams that got to a final this year and the grand total of spectators came to a staggering (fanfare please!!) 19, ten of which were parents teachers or principals. Sad really, isn't it? And it is not only in support at games that hockey comes second, but in resources as well, with the boys mentioning a lack of coaches and a lack of equipment. The general feeling was that rugby would stay the focus of all the attention unless a serious rethink took place.

The Brothers O'Meara were in fine voice when I asked them what it was like playing on the same team. Greg leapt in with "it's like having your Dad on the team!" (useful for holding you back eh Greg!?!), Graham thought it was sometimes difficult as you don't want your brother to let you down. You also have to be nice to the rest of the team if they make a mistake but you can tell your brother exactly what you think of him!! And he does!

On a more positive note the boys wanted to thank Mr. Miller for all the hard work he puts in especially with his hectic schedule. An awful lot of organisation goes on as he coaches a lot of teams and they are grateful to him especially because of all the stick they give him! The team were vociferous in their thanks to the Rath household for the post match bash - details of which unfortunately cannot be published!

The team itself consists of many excellent players we can see that from Stuart's report with some players going for Leinster trials. Graham and Greg both play for Railway Union Hockey Club and Greg also plays for Leinster U-16s. Stuart Gould, Nick White and David Bird play for Corinthians, Alan Rath for Marillac and Luke Ashe-Brown for Eastern Health and many of the other players also play for clubs. As for Jesse Booth -- well he's so good he sometimes plays for the girls!

A spectators view of the League final was in complete agreement with the team's view that the boys could have won in normal time. The chances were there and the passing and attacking moves of the High School team were far superior to the St. Gerard's play. All credit to the lads though for keeping their heads and winning on penalty flicks. They thoroughly deserved to win and it was particularly impressive from such a small squad (only 17 players).



Captain, Stuart Gould, raises the shield after the League Final

Things can only get better as boys hockey is now available to the junior years. The younger teams have also proved themselves, with the under 13's winning their league in the 95/96 season and reaching the semifinal of their cup this season which is a brilliant achievement. Not to leave anyone out, the under 14's were unlucky to leave their league final this year with only silver medals.

These wins well reflect all the hard work and commitment that has been put in, not only over the past season but for a number of years to bring boys hockey up to a competitive standard. I think you'll agree that they've achieved that and a whole lot more.

-Karen Pickett



Nick White walks away from the goal after scoring a crucial flick at the end of the League Final

Junior Boys Hockey

The Junior Boys Hockey Team had a season of mixed fortune. Throughout the season, the team worked well and played together. There is no doubting the fact that they could have done better, but as a group, they performed well.

The squad consisted of regular hockey players along with beginners and people who took up the sport as part of their Presidents Award project. The League matches were played in an entertaining fashion and the squad never lacked commitment. Unfortunately, the team failed to qualify for their finals but they have made progress in the acquisition of new skills and teamwork.

In the cup, the team played Dundalk Grammar School away from home and recorded a 2-1 victory. N. Holmes was the hero of the day, scoring both goals. In the cup Quarter Final we had a home draw against St. Andrew's College, from the A League. Despite giving away two early goals the team battled back, to get one goal back but unfortunately, despite a strong finish they could not equalise. Still, this rounded off a year of mixed fortune.

Congratulations go to Greg O'Meara who represented the Leinster Under 16's boys hockey team in the inter provincial series this season. This is the first time anyone from High School has represented Leinster at this level - hopefully a sign of things to come.

Thanks to J. Walshe for all the time and effort spent in developing school hockey at this level.

-D. Miller.



Junior Boys

R. Gleason, S. Mellon, N. Holmes, N. Bass, R. Collins, N. Crampton, A. Shaw, S. Glacken, D. Curren, D. Hanlon. Mr. Duffy, D. Duggan, I. Carey, A. Patterson, G. O'Meara(capt.), G. Black, G. Mahon, R. McNamara, Mr. D. Miller.

Under 14 Boys Hockey

This year was another good year for the Under 14's Boys Hockey team. We reached the final of our League for the second year in succession. Earlier in our league campaign we overcame King's Hospital, Kilkenny CUS. and Kilkenny College. In the Semi-final we defeated Sutton Park 2-1 in a very exciting match with goals coming from M. McCartney and J Grimison. After that we progressed to the final where we met St. Gerard's. The final was held at U.C.D and after normal time the score lay at 1-1 forcing us into a 20 minute extra time period. Unfortunately St. Gerard's snatched a late winner and we had to settle with silver this time. The team would like to thank Miss. Sixsmith for coaching us and Mr. Benson for providing us with transport throughout the season.

-Philip de Barra



James Grimason, John Kelly, Robbie Gilbert, Stephen Flanagan, Mark McCartney, Jack Dooley, Trevor Bass, Ms. D Sixsmith.

Brian Mellon, Niall O'Byrne, Drew Prendergast, Conor Sookram, Luke Slott, James Maher, Kevin O'Meara.

Under 13 Boys Hockey

Once again Under 13 boy's hockey has shown itself to be a popular undertaking for the new first formers. At times there were over twenty two participants at some training sessions. Participation falters however due to the fact that we only have one team at this level, perhaps if the demand is as high next year we can look at the possibility of fielding another team.

As a lot of primary schools now play hockey many pupils now entering Form 1 have a good basic knowledge of the game which needs to be developed.

This year the team moved up a league to play in the 'B' League, with some success. The boys finished in a mid table position even with a nervous start to the season. The team was captained by Brian Mellon and he led his team in an impressive cup run which resulted in the team reaching the cup semi-final.

The boys played Drogheda Grammar School in the first round of the cup and recorded a 3-1 victory. This result ensured a home draw against St. Marks. This game was a tight affair, with High School emerging as winners by a solitary

goal. After that the team was drawn against Wesley College in the cup semi-final the furthest any High School team has reached in any cup competition. Despite the difference in standard, the team gave a good account of themselves and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Many thanks to Ms. R. Williams for all her help and encouragement throughout the season.

-D. Miller.



U-13 A

Back Row, L. to R.: R.Cramp, C.Watson, F.Gillespie, J.McNamara, F.Cooney, K.Barry, D. Gray.

2nd Row, L. to R.: Mr.D. Miller, C. McCartney, A.Metcalf, B.Mellon, J.Gillen, S.Dooley, C. Lew.

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Cricket

1st XI



*Richard Thompson, Imran Masood, Ian McKee, Peter Johnson, Johnny Fennell, Greg O'Meara, Daniel Clarke.
Mr. Duffy, Justin Cramp, Dan Manley, Ross Wynne, Graham O'Meara, Scott Wynne, Mr. Davies.
Absent from Photo: David Bell,*

The season started with the annual fixture vs. The Old Boys. High School batted first on a sunny day, on a pitch described as "the usual" in the score book. After an early setback, the batters got into a rhythm, with everybody contributing to the total of 126, most notably D.Bell (45) and P. Johnston (36). The old boys then went into bat but on the infamous High School track. They evidently had forgotten about the ridge and were all out for 98. The bowling figures were very tight and the pick of the bunch were P. Johnston 4 for 28 off 4 and D.Bell 4 for 16 off 5.

The opening league match was played away to St. Columba's on the 24th of April. Columba's won the toss and decided, badly, to bat first. With some indifferent bowling Columba's got off to a great start, but a tremendous second spell from Graham O'Meara left High School closing off a difficult total of 146. Graham's final figures were 4 for 28 off

9. High School's reply, once again, was wobbly, losing two early wickets. With David Bell (69) there to steady the ship High School eventually won by two wickets.

Next was the grudge match against St. Andrews at Danum, a fired up High School bowled out the opposition for 124. There was great bowling all around with nearly everyone in on the act, T. Murphy 3 for 25 off 8, J. Cramp 3 for 46 off 8 and Greg O'Meara 3 for 18 off 7. After yet another wonderful tea the inspired batsmen knocked off the runs easily with runs from D. Bell (42) Graham O'Meara (24) and S. Wynne (29) not out.

The last league match was against St. Mary's. With three Leinster players on the team they were confident of winning and marching over High School through to the final. They were so confident of their ability, that they elected not to bat after winning the toss. A mere 15 overs later they were back in the pavilion licking their wounds after amassing a very poor total of 66 runs. The bowlers found it hard not to laugh during the tea, especially J. Murphy (2 for 16 off 6) and Graham O'Meara (2 for 3 off 2). The batsmen had it easy and reached the target in just 16 overs with a great quick fire knock of 36 from R. Wynne.

The team consisting of David Bell (Capt.), Ross and Scott Wynne, Graham and Greg O'Meara, Peter Johnston, Johnny Murphy, Imran Masood, Justin Cramp, Dan Clarke, Johnny Fennell and 12th man Daniel Manley had once again reached the final. This year to be held in Merrion C.C. and once again versus the arch enemy Belvedere College.

After being put in to bat Belvedere struggled against tight High School bowling. With 8 Leinster players including 4 Irish Internationals, Belvedere could have expected a lot more than 110 runs, but

this low target came as the result of some fine bowling, J. Murphy (4 for 15 off 9.1), G.A. O'Meara (0 for 11 off 8), G.P. O'Meara (2 for 31 off 15), P. Johnston (0 for 21 off 5) and D.Bell (3 for 21 off 11). The low target we had to reach was also due to incredibly enthusiastic fielding from everyone. The Belvedere bowling was just as tight. The High School middle order succumbed to the pressure and collapsed. After 44 overs we were 90 for 7, but with Graham O'Meara batting, everything still remained possible. After a frantic finish, High School yet again fell just five runs short of what would have been a memorable victory.

Finally I would like to thank Suzanne Moody for keeping a wonderfully colourful yearbook and Mr. Davies for his team management.

2nd XI



David Duggan, Johnny Ellis, David Kinsella, Bruce Wardrop, Shane Cusack, Ian McKee, James Robertson, David Collins.

Mr. R. McMullen, Daniel Clarke, Dan Manley, Justin Cramp (Capt.), Johnny Fennell, Richard Thompson, Trevor Steedman.

This year the Irish cricket team have enlisted the help of Hansie Cronje, the South African captain, to help them. He has made an instant impact, helping them to defeat Middlesex and English County. The High School 2nd XI of 1996 had their own hired guns in the form of Justin

Cramp and Daniel Clarke. These two experienced 1st XI players were dubiously allowed to play for the second eleven. They contributed much. J. Cramp scoring nearly 200 runs at an average of over 50 and D. Clarke taking fifteen wickets. When one considers that these games are only twenty overs a side, these are excellent performances.

I took on captaincy and proceeded to rule with a reign of terror. The memory that lingers most in my mind is the threat I made each game, that if we did not win I would find something better to do with my afternoons, and I advised the others to follow suit.

This veiled threat of abdication, along with some particularly vigorous team talks, seemed to inspire the team. The team won four out of five games, we were clearly the best team in the group. We won more matches than anybody

else, yet, we failed to qualify for the final. The erudite members of the Leinster Cricket Union decided, that because not all teams had finished their games, only the fixtures between teams that had finished their games would count. This forced us into second place. This inane decision cost us a place in the final. The best team did not qualify.

I thank Mr McMullen for pursuing our case and his support all year. This team had the best team spirit of any I have ever played on, and I felt truly sorry for the rest of the team on our failure to qualify. The team also had a great deal of talent and it was strange that this was not utilised more on the 1st XI, where some of the seconds qualities may have provided the necessary impetus to win the Leinster Senior Cup.

-Justin Cramp (Captain)

J.C.T.



*Colin Brandsma, Mark McCullough, Robert Hilliard, Imran Masood, Fredrick Gilmore.
Mr. Walker, Daniel Downey, Richard Thompson, Ross Wynne, Greg O'Meara, Alan Dunne, Frank Browne*

The season started with high hopes. After winning the title the year before at U-14 level, the lads were confident of repeating the success. The season started with some great wins especially over Skerries with Ross Wynne scoring a century. After winning all our matches, it came to the last match in the league stages, with the winners going through

to the final against Belvedere. Batting first, we got off to a quick start but lost a flurry of wickets. Only Imran Masood faired well with the bat, making a good 40 to help the side to a respectable total. It was now Rush's turn to bat. They batted well, steadily keeping up the run rate, but High School were chipping away at the wickets column. Unfortunately we could not pull it off and lost by two wickets. I would like to thank Mr. Walker for a great season.

-Ross Wynne, Captain.

Under 14 Boys Cricket

The 1996 season was a progressive and exciting one. Again the under 14's went on a tour to Cork and were successful as per usual. This tour was a closely fought one where we batted first in both games against Cork County and Bandon. Because of the poor conditions, scores were kept low. Our bowlers on both occasions were slow with tight bowling and wicket taking by everyone.

Fred Gilmore played very well against Bandon with figures of seven overs and seven wickets for eighteen runs. We successfully won our group convincingly in the Leinster League, Imran Masood scoring 192 runs in only three league games. Gary Black taking eleven wickets in three games.

We went into the U14 final defending our trophy against a strong Wesley team. We went in quietly confident but our plans soon fell apart. We lost the toss and were put in to bat. We lost wickets quickly and the middle order, who hadn't batted much during the season, had to face a strong fast bowling attack. We were eventually bowled out for an



*J. Kelly, S.Mellon, S.Cusack, G.Ruddle, S.Alkin, R.Carnegie.
Mr.Fennell, E.Supple, D.Campbell, I.Masood, D.Duggan,
J.Ellis, F.Gilmore*

embarrassing 45. Wesley wrapped the game up with our bowlers not performing and it was an end to our season.

I would like to thank Mr. Fennell for encouraging us throughout the season and to the team for putting lots of effort in to their games.

-Imran Masood

Under 13 Boys Cricket

We started the season well, comfortably beating Aravon School. Throughout the season natural cricketing talent emerged as was seen in David Foran and John Kelly. Further on, other players with potential emerged such as Niall O'Byrne and Gareth Conlon.

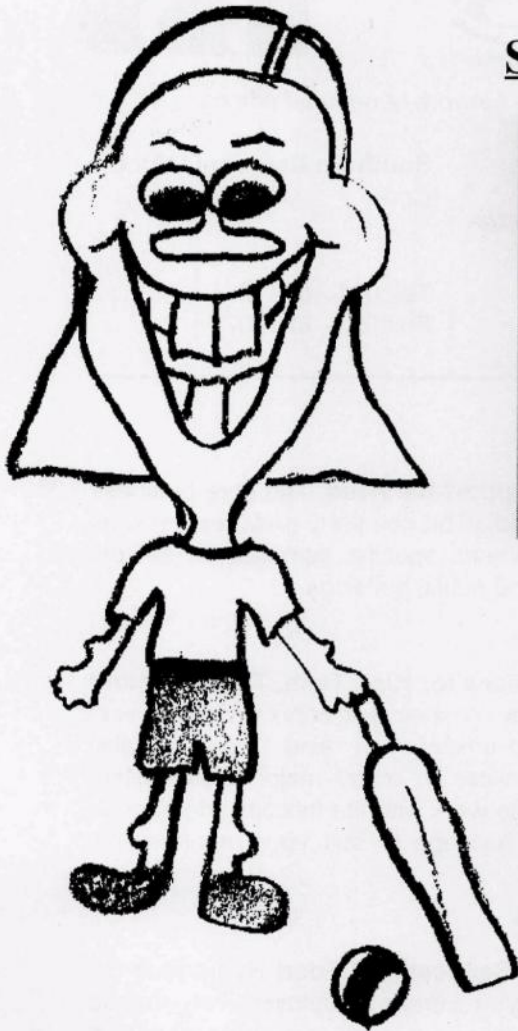
Combined with the experience of myself and Graham Ruddle we should have done well. Unfortunately, we lost to Headford in the cup. The other highlight of the season was beating C.U.S. with Adam McDonnell unexpectedly hitting the winning runs.

-Robert Carnegie (Capt.).



*Mr. Quinn, J.Dover, J.Maher, G.Ruddle, R.Gilbert,
N.O'Byrne, J.Kelly.
D.Collins, A.McDonnell, R.Somerville, R.Carnegie, G.Conlon,
P.DeBarra, N.Breen.*

Girls Cricket



Drawing- Joanne McHugo

Senior Girls



*R. Manley, L. Fletcher, E. Tiernan, S. Kennedy, S. Walsh,
C. Camier, K. Draper, E. Dunne, N. McCarthy.
Ms. C. Ritchie, L. Abraham, Z. Lipson, D. Lunny, D. Hill.
N. Prendergast, K. Pickett.*

Last season this team enjoyed playing a number of matches, although we were unfortunate in not quite making it to the final of the league. As is usual, our cricket skills left a lot to be desired at the start of the season, however, we improved greatly as time progressed.

Thank you very much to Miss Ritchie for all her time and effort, but especially for putting up with us!!!

-Zoe Lipson

Junior Girls

The Junior cricket team played really well throughout the '96 season. Everyone improved greatly and we played very well as a team. Unfortunately, we were unlucky to be knocked out of the league by St. Columba's.

We would like to thank Miss. Ritchie for coaching us and umpiring our matches. We are all looking forward to next year's season and hope its as enjoyable as last year.

-Suzanne Kenealy (Captain)



*Miss. Ritchie, D.Walker, E.Fry, L.Foster, G.McEndoo.
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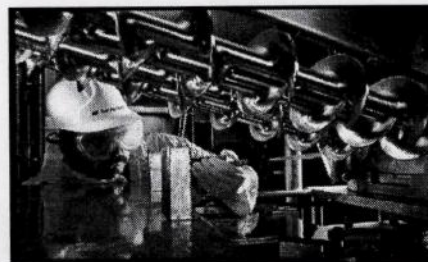
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Girls Hockey

First XI



*Back row L.toR.: Ruth Draper, Hilary Boyd, Catherine Wright, Suzanne Mellon, Debbie Walker, Nikki Hodgson.
Front Row L.to R.: Mrs. Mellon, Mairead Dorney, Julie Gillen, Niamh McCarthy, Susan Moore(Capt.), Louise Foley, Susan Gray, Danielle Hill, Mr. Duffy.*

This year's 1st XI was chosen from a base of five players from last year's team. We welcomed other new and enthusiastic players and we couldn't wait to see what the season would bring us.

There were six new players to join us. We had our famous and ever trustworthy goalie Danielle Hill. As sweeper we had Catherine Wright who, despite being out last season, proved to be a great asset to the team. Julie Gillen was placed at left back along with Nikki Hodgson at right back and although these three were new to the team they worked extremely well together and provided a very strong defence which was helped by Sally Walsh, a very strong player who played at centre back. Our mid-field consisted of Mairead Dorney at right mid-field, Susan Moore at centre and Hilary Boyd at mid-field. Susan Gray played on the right wing and on the left we had the spectacular and ever fast Niamh McCarthy (Niblo!) who worked very hard. And of course last but not least our striker Suzanne Mellon.

We had a rocky start to the season losing our first league match to Santa Sabina (4-1) but, we were determined not to let go of our hopes and aspirations and we began to work much harder. Our next match was against St. Andrew's who proved to be a very good side and we drew (1-1). As we still hadn't won a league match, we knew we had a lot of hard work to do and we won our next match against Mount Sackville (1-0). For our final league match of the season we played Newpark. This proved to be a very tough match and both sides were very evenly matched. We got a goal early in the second half and really did our very best to keep Newpark out but, unfortunately, with a minute to go, they scored, so the final score was (1-1).

We all returned to school in January thinking that we hadn't qualified for the league so we started to put everything into our Cup campaign. Our first match was to be against Manor House. This match was played at home but some changes had to be made as I sustained an injury to my knee and was unable to play. This is when we discovered Louise Foley, who proved to be a great asset to the team, as she is a very versatile player and we could play her anywhere on the pitch. We won this match (3-1) with two goals from Suzanne Mellon and a beautiful goal from Niblo !!

Next was the quarter finals and we were up against Santa Sabina, a very good side who had already beaten us in the league, so we knew we had to work extremely hard. To make matters worse, Mairead had come down with an injury to her knee and was unable to play. At this stage, I was back, so the

team had to get used to each other again. The match was played out at the airport on a freezing cold day but we all went out and played our best. Suzanne scored the first goal but Santa Sabina scored back. The match went into extra time and the final score was (1-1) so we had a second chance, which was to be played at home.

In the middle of training for our replay, we found out that we *had* qualified for the league and had to play St. Andrews. Unfortunately we had our minds on the Cup more than on the league. We lost (2-1).

Finally the day of the Cup Replay arrived. We had all been working extremely hard and everything had come together. The match began badly until Niamh scored a goal, but just as happened in the previous game, Santa Sabina replied with a goal within seconds. The match was very even but we managed to score a second goal (Suzanne again!) and came out the winners (2-1). This meant that we had to face Beaufort in the semi-finals. They were supposedly a very good team. We didn't have much time

This year's 2nd XI had a very good season winning the majority of our matches. Right from the start we played well together, and had a couple of great wins including a 4-0 victory over Muckross. Without doubt, the highlight of the season was a 2-1 win over Wesley College.

We did well in the league and were unlucky to end up third in our section, as it was only the first two teams who went through. Despite this, some of the 2nd XI's best performances were in our league matches.

All of the team members were very dedicated with everybody turning up for the practices after school on Mondays. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Miss Cambell for coaching us and helping us all to improve our skills. We all really miss her after she went back to England and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

-VanessaCarswell (Capt.)

to prepare ourselves for the semi's, but we went out and tried our very best. There was some exceptional marking during the game (notably by Sally) but, unfortunately, Beaufort scored a very lucky goal that nobody could have saved. Our spirits did go down after that but we did have a bit of a laugh when we saw the Beaufort captain performing a dramatic act and claiming Danielle had hit her. Danielle was sent off to the sin-bin for the rest of the match. Although we lost (1-0) we were all proud walking off the pitch because at the start of the season nobody thought we could get as far as we did.

Congratulations to Danielle, Susan Moore and Sally who received Leinster trials. Both Danielle and Sally made it through to the next round.

Thanks must go to the subs, Aimee Harris, Louise Foley, Joy Walsh and Lynne Petrie who always made themselves available at short notice, and two third years, Debbie Walker and Ruth Draper who were also at the team's disposal. These two girls proved themselves to be very talented and are bound to make the foundations of 1st XI teams to come. We are also very grateful to our supporters even though some of them got banned, but thanks anyway !! Of course, last but not least, I would like to thank the team for their hard work and dedication and on behalf of the team to thank Mrs. Mellon for putting in endless hours with us and good luck to everyone next year !

-Susan Moore (Capt.)

Second XI



*Deirdre Lunny , Jenny Steedman, Fiona Shine, Zoe Lipson,
Gill Palmer, Lynne Petrie.*

*Mrs. Mellon, Louise Foley, Lynn Carty, Julie O'Suillivan,
Vanessa Carswell, Karen Picket, Aimee Harris, Mr. Duffy.*

3rd XI



*Jane Wilkinson, Evelyn Tiernan, Michelle Murphy, Deborah Nevin,
Melanie Boyle(capt.), Emma Dunne, Lynne Fletcher.
Mrs. Mellon, Rebecca Manley, Carolyn Camier, Karen Cadoo,
Kate Draper, Gillian Lane, Pamela McDonald.*

The 3XI had a very good season overall, winning or drawing nearly all our matches. Thanks to the excellent coaching of Mrs Campbell and the determined attitude of the team, we won three and drew one league match, and were placed top of our group. Unfortunately Ms. Campbell had to return to England leaving us without a coach. This, combined with a number of illnesses/injuries led us to lose our final match against Mt. Sackville. We then had to contest a playoff against Mt. Anville who we had beaten once and drawn with once. Despite the efforts of the team, organising training sessions, we lost the match — ending our league prospects.

We would like to thank Mrs Mellon, Miss Ritchie and Miss Sixsmith for all their encouragement. We are also extremely grateful to Elaine Campbell for all her coaching and support which made the season such a successful and enjoyable one.

-Karen Cadoo and Melanie Boyle

Junior A

This wasn't one of the most successful years of the Junior A's history, but the team were very dedicated and full of enthusiasm. At the start of the season it took a while for us to work together; as individuals we were all very talented but as a team we lacked something. Toward the end of the season our game picked up and we enjoyed many wins. Miss Ritchie and Miss Fraser arranged a tour to Cork where we were very successful.

Although we didn't do very well in our league we all had a good laugh and enjoyed the season.

I'd like to wish the best of luck to next years team and finally, on behalf of the team, I'd like to give a big thanks to Miss Ritchie for all her Saturday mornings and her dedication throughout the year.

-Kate Halligan



*Brenda McParland, Jane Harley, Ruth Draper, Jenny Rath,
Kathrine Lowry, Ms. Ritchie.
Mr. Duffy, Alyson Smyth, Kara Cramp, Joy Walsh, Kate Halligan,
Jocelyn Blake, Debbie Walker, Suzanne Anglim.*

Junior B



*Helen Tippins, Wallis Handelman, Sharon O'Byrne,
Eleanor O'Neill, Lydia Foster, Ms. I. Fraser.
Lynsey Stuart, Nicole Dowley, Louise Watson, Emily King,
Michelle Prunty, Stephanie Patterson, Niamh Kelly.*

The Junior Bs had a successful and enjoyable season, playing together well in both friendly and league matches. We came out top of our table in the league having lost no matches. Our most successful wins being a (6-0) win over Tallaght with a hat-trick by Wallis Handelman, two goals by Emily King and one by Sharon O'Byrne. We also had a (4-0) win over Mount Sackville with Wallis Handelman scoring two, Sharon O'Byrne scoring one and one by Nicole Dowley. Unfortunately we lost (1-0) to Alexanrda in the forth round. Our season ended very well with a tour to Cork in mid April, where we won (2-0) over Ashton and (1-0) over Middleton.

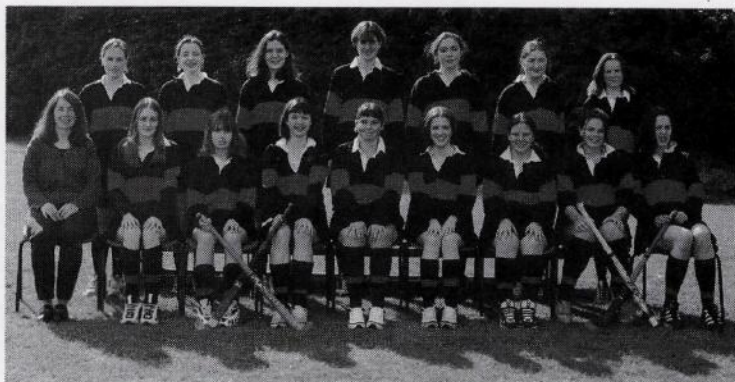
I would like to thank all the players and substitutes and also on behalf of the team, thank Ms Ritchie and our coach Ms Fraser for all their time during the year and a great tour.

Junior C

The Junior C had a good season this year, despite a slow start. But with so many enthusiastic and dedicated players we soon got into the spirit of things. We were so lucky to have on our team, so many skilled players that win, lose or draw we always came out smiling and looking forward to our next game.

Whether it was at home or away we all managed to play our best and of course this would not have been possible if it wasn't for our coach Miss. Ritchie, who we would like to thank for all the time she dedicated to us throughout the year. Well done girls.

-Susan Wilkinson (Capt.)



Junior C

*Zelda Fairman-King, Rebecca Borland, Jenni Daly, Helen Keogh,
Shelley Horan, Julie Nixon, Yvonne Elliot.
Ms. Ritchie, Jane Wardrop, Kate Williams, Lyndsay O'Callaghan,
Susan Wilkinson, Claire O'Connell, Carol Moss, Avila Lipsett,
Fiona Bertz.*

Minor A



*Mrs. Mellon, Sarah Brusey, Rebacca O'Reilly, Róisín Cox,
Adele Camier,
Genevieve King, Kelly Baird, Laura Dolan, Kate Mahon(capt.),
Emily Holmes, Jennifer Hickey, Vicky Glover.*

The minor A's started the season poorly as we were playing as individuals rather than as a team. However, as the season progressed, due to the dedication of every team member, we improved greatly.

We beat Balbriggan 5-0 in the first round of the plate and we then had a very exciting match against Wesley College where we were unfortunately defeated 2-1. We are now playing well as a team and are looking forward to greater success next season. Congratulations to Adele Camier on winning the Minor Cup this year. The whole Team would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her help and support throughout the year.

-Kate Mahon

Minor B

The Minor B team started the year uncertainly, being beaten by Kings Hospital. As the season progressed, so did the standard of hockey being played by the team which, of course, was helped by Miss Quinn's "Run, Jog, Walk" warm up routine.

The Cup began with a 0-0 draw with Kilkenny College, and in the extra time of the replay High School won 2-0. The next Match was a 0-0 draw, as was the replay, the second replay and the extra time! The game eventually ended in a 3-2 win to Beaufort on penalty flicks.

Well done to all the team for trying so hard and especially to Ruth Whelan who saved so many flicks. Thank you to Miss Quinn for all her hard work.



*Rachel Byrne, Gillian Carty, Laureen Gleeson, Sheena Cadoo,
Sarah Keogh, Jennifer Collins, Daphne Gould.
Hazel Bird, Fiona Colins, Ruth Whelan, Eleanor Fry(capt.),
Amy Hamilton, Karen Prunty, Ms.S.Quinn.*

Minor C (First Year A)



The Minor Cs got off to a bad start, but thanks to encouragement and help we gradually got better. We lost a few games but we also won some. It was a good start to playing for High School, with lots of coaching and league matches. Thank you to Miss Sixsmith and Mrs. Mellon for their help this year.

Minor C (First Year A)

*Kim MacGuire, Natalie May, Aoife McDarby, Rebecca Massey,
Carol Octabeck, Holly Simmons,
Rachel O' Byrne, Chantal Shine, Lausen Gleason, Sara-Kate Doyle,
Caomte Milotle, Talitha Brauer,
Ruth Manley, Emma Flanagan, Linda Nevin, Jenni Nason,
Fiona Collins, Hannah Power, Victoria Gray, Ms. Sixsmith.*



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Basketball

Senior Boys



Laughlin McKee, Matthew Walker, Graham Fleming, Graham Masters, Gareth Nevin, Stephen Geraghty, Mr. Duffy, Christopher Vincent, Raymond Grafton, Justin O'Malley, Tarik Rahman, Adam Eager, Ms. A. McDonald.

The season for the senior boys basketball team started late this year and as a result we didn't get into a league, but thanks to our coaches we have played a few friendlys which they organised for us. We have played four games so far and have won three, the one game we lost was a tight game against Oatlands College. The team put in some good performances against Stratford College, when we won 54-52, and against Ballymun Comprehensive, which resulted in another win for High School. The biggest upset was when the team defeated Wesley College at Wesley 62-60.

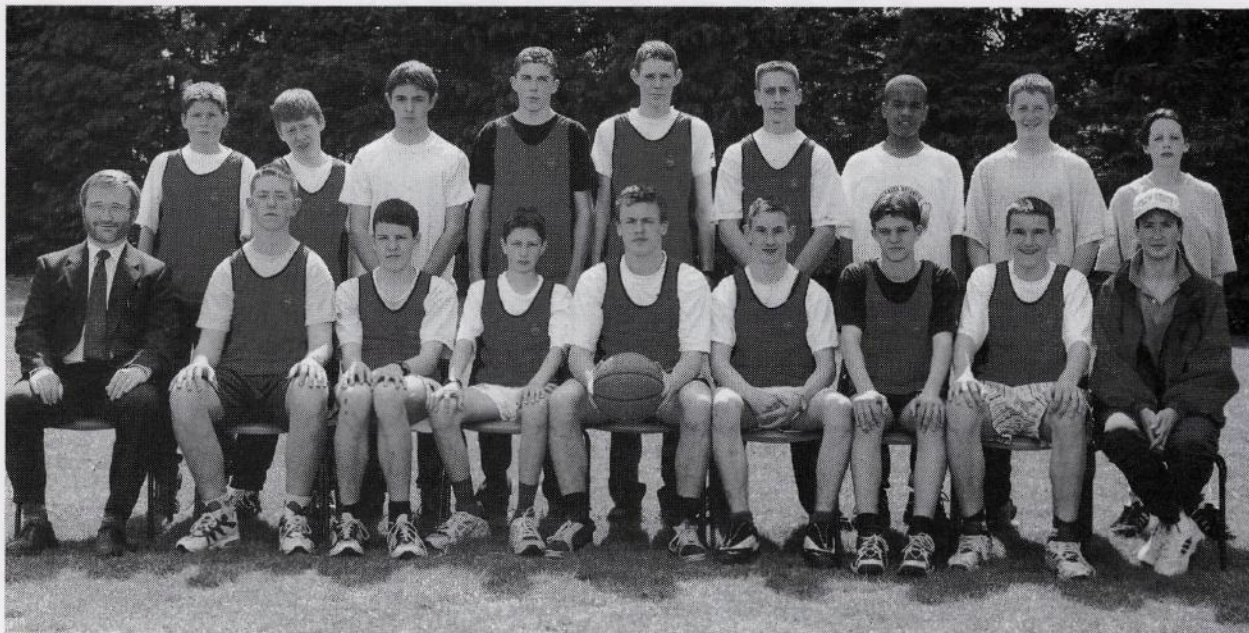
I would like to thank our coaches Mr. Rupert, who coached early in the year, and Josh Walker who gave up so much time to coach us.

-Justin O'Malley.

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Junior Boys



Junior Boys Basketball.

John Morton, James Murphy, Sean O'Meara, Andrew Nevin, Oliver Gray, Phil McGouran, Ben Okonji, David Campbell, Kevin O'Meara.

Mr. Duffy, William Lett, David Duggan, Steven Reid, Ross McNally, Mark Francis, Jackson Dockery, Johnny Ellis, Ms. A. McDonald.

2nd Year Girls



Elizabeth Bell, Alice Dunne, Ingrid Ward, Olga Maguire, Liza Kennedy, Barbara Creggy, Serafine Gunn-O'Connor.
Mr. Duffy, Kathryn Laing, Roslyn Reddy, Gemma Reeves-Erskine, Gillian Whelan (Capt.), Sandra Bright, Alison Freyne, Edel Smith, Ms. Ritchie.

This year the 2nd Year Basketball team dedicated great time and patience to improve their game. They have worked very hard and deserve praise for their amazing achievements during the past months. They hope to improve further and maybe win some matches in next year.

-Serafine Gunn-O'Connor.





Drawing- Alyson Freyne, 2D

Tennis

Last year's tennis team had a good season, winning the majority of our matches. We won our section, with a great match against Mount Anville, but were unlucky to be put out by a strong St. Gerard's team in the next round. We were also involved in several Saturday morning tournaments in which we were relatively successful. Many thanks to Mrs Mellon for organising all the matches and also for all her help and dedication. Well done to Vanessa Carswell who won the Senior Cup and to Debbie Walker who won the Junior Cup.

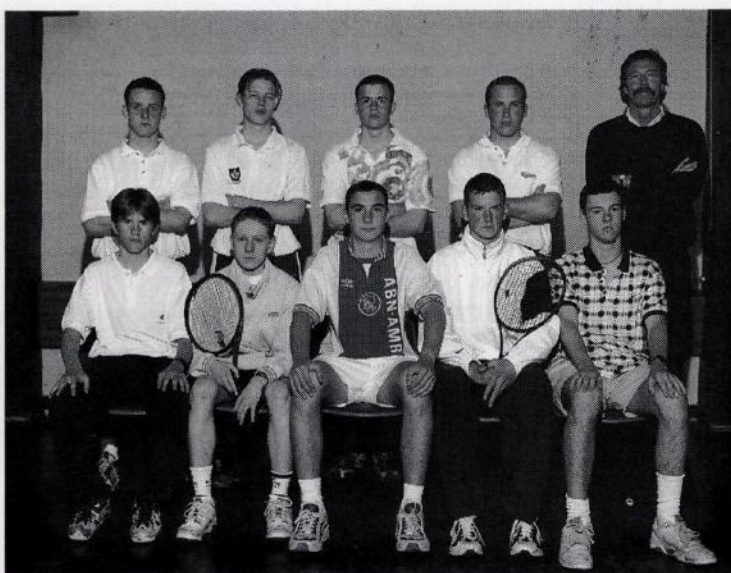
-Vanessa Carswell (capt.)
Susan Moore (v. capt.)



Junior Girls

*Caroline Gray, Elie Fry, Debbie Walker,
Mrs. Mellon.*

*Khara Cramp, Brenda McParland, Jenny
Rath. Jane Harley.*



Senior Boys

*E. Dunne, V. Gleeson, T. Fisher, N. White, Mr. L. McLure.
P.Loane, J.McDowell, R.Slattery, R.Lewis, S.Murphy.*



Minor Girls

*Jennifer Hickey, Kate Mahon, Jane Harley,
Mrs Mellon.*

*Khara Cramp, Genevieve King, Kelly
Baird.*



Drawing- Luke Slott

High School Soccer Team

Winners of the Under 18 Inter Schools Challenge Cup

This season saw the High School retain the trophy. In my opinion, the team wasn't as strong as last year, but our determination, discipline and team spirit carried us all the way to the cup. The players from last year were joined by some impressive new talents. Nathan Hall, Fiachra White, Ian Mc Hugh and Mark Kenny all proved valuable assets. Although our pre-tournament friendly results were not all good, our form started to pick up in the new year as all our work on the training ground began to pay off. Victories over Stratford College, St. Collumba's, St. Killians and Rockbrook got us into the final against Sandymount High which went to penalties.

Although our keeper didn't manage to save any, in sudden death, their eighth penalty sailed high and wide. Such was the extent of interest, and level of participation, that we were able to maintain a "B" team which also played a series of matches, winning two and losing one.

It gave me, as captain, great pleasure to play on this team. There was never any pressure to win. The main thing was to go out on the pitch, enjoy ourselves, and most importantly, play good football. This is all due to our coach, Mr. Prendergast. He gave up a lot of his time and effort for this team and without him, soccer in this school would cease to exist. Many thanks to him. I would also like to thank Mr. Kirby for his help at training and our referee, Gus. Special thanks to Mr. Benson who provided us with our medals.

- David Kinsella (capt.)



*Luke McGurdy, Andrew Somerville, Ray Grafton, Garry Petrie, Robbie Levis, James Croke,
Ross Argue, Jonathan Heslip.
Carl O'Malley, Peter Johnson, Mark Nixon, Hugh O'Connor, David Spier, Gavin Furney, David Power,
Kevin Field, Mark Kenny, Fiachra White, Nathan Hall.
Tarik Rahman, Aaron Jewell, Stuart Gould, Ian Love, David Kinsella(capt.), Seamus Finn, Ian McHugh,
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Athletics Championship 1997

The annual Athletics Championships were held on Wednesday 30th April

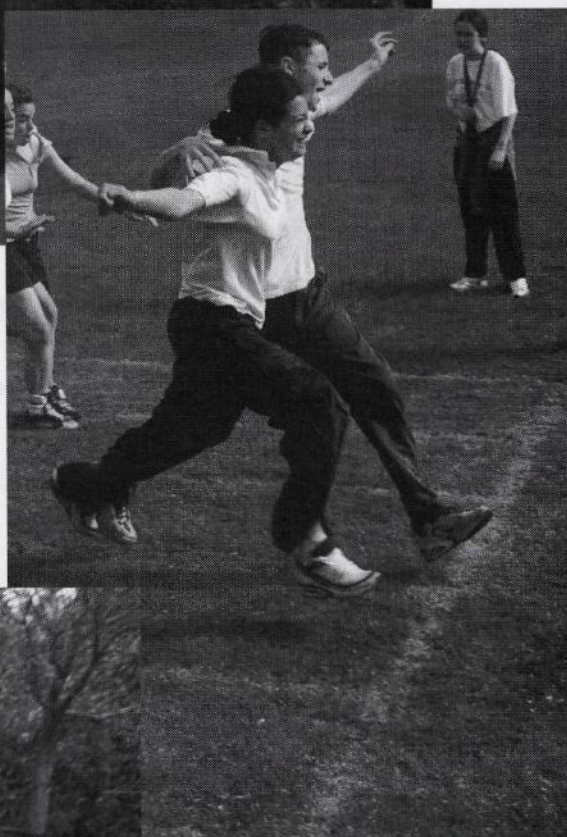
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Above: Mark McCoy, winner of the U-14 Boys High Jump competition

Right: Genevieve King and Tony O'Brien winning the Three Legged race

Below: Seán O'hEigeartaigh, taking part in the long jump



Left: Harry Feldman crosses the line to win the U-16 Boys 400m race, under the watchful eye of Mr. Swan.

*Below: Some of the competitors-
In terms of numbers participating, the annual Championships is the largest sporting event in the school calendar*



**The Following were the principal Cup winners in this year's
High School Athletics Championships;**

- Taylor Cup** (to the senior girl with the most points) Ruth Draper
- War Memorial Cup** (to the senior boy with most points) Aidan Walsh
- Mathers Cup** (to the first year girl with the most points) Caroline Byrne
- Staff Cup** (to the girl in 3rd or 4th year who has gained most points) Yvonne Elliot
- Belgrave Cup** (Senior Girls 200m) Yvonne Elliot.
- Pakenham Hamilton Cup** (U/15 Girls High Jump) Sarah Brusey
- Magill Cup** (U/15 Boys 100m) Cuan O'Seireadain
- Taylor Cup** (100m Senior Boys) Aidan Walsh
- Southam Cup** (800m Senior Boys) Aidan Walsh
- Cornick Cup** (1500m Senior Boys) Aidan Walsh
- Travers Cup** (Senior Boys High Jump) Chris Vincent

Athletics

In opening this account I must draw attention to the outstanding achievement of Aidan Walsh in winning a Bronze medal in the All Ireland 1500m Intermediate boys race at Tullamore last June. I believe that this achievement is an inspiration to up and coming young athletes in High School. Aidan is under age for the Intermediate championship again this year and we wish him further success.

Both boys and girls teams competed for High School in the East-Leinster cross-country league before Christmas. Best performers for High School were Caroline Byrne of Form 1 (winner of one race) and Aidan Walsh of Form 5 (win-

ner of two races), while our most consistent performer throughout the league was David Collins of Form 3.

The East Leinster cross-country championship was held at Phoenix Park in March 1997. Aidan Walsh won the Intermediate race. The High School Intermediate team won silver medals in the team competition. Other notable performances were from Caroline Byrne (Form 1) who finished sixth in the girls' minor race and qualified for the Leinster Finals, and Laura Dolan (Form 2) and David Collins (Form 3).

Aidan Walsh finished 4th in the Leinster Finals at the Curragh and represented Leinster in the all-Ireland Finals at the same venue. Well done to everyone who participated this year!

-Keith Rynhart, Athletics Captain.

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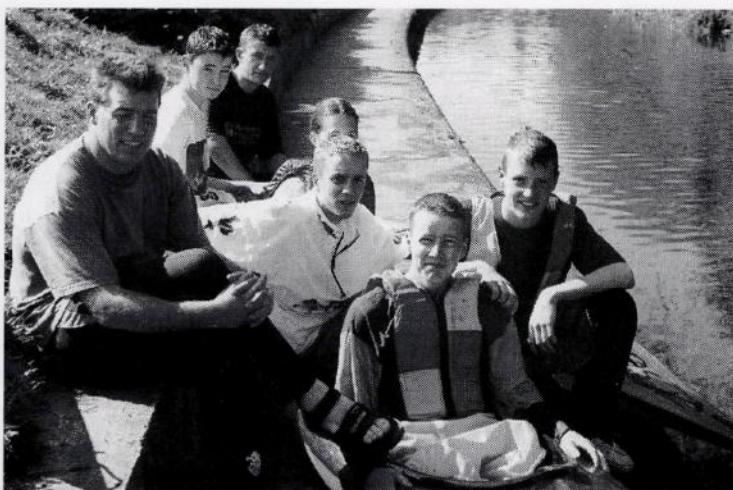
Canoeing

Canoeing continued in High School this year with a good level of participation throughout the school. Last year's Erasmian extravaganza has certainly shown people how much there is to the sport. There is eager support from first years in games periods and no doubt there will be close competition for the Broad Cup. In fourth year, six pupils attained the Basic level of proficiency, these were; Shona Nolan, Thomas Blackwell, Andrew Day, Gary Mahon, Rónan O'Laoire and David Redmond.



Andrew Day demonstrating perfect capsizing technique

Happily, the Schools' Committee of the Irish Canoe Union is much better organised than previously, and High School is taking part in all their races leading up to the Schools' Liffey Descent at the end of May. In the preceding weeks High School will be competing in races on the Grand Canal, the Upper Liffey, the River Boyne and the River Inny. All these race results will contribute to a league table of both paddlers and schools. With regular entries new canoeists and some pupils who paddle outside the school boosting High School's score, High School stands a reasonable chance of achieving a high place in the league - last season Kate Harris came out top of the girls' under 16 league and was presented with a perpetual cup.



Some of High School's canoeists

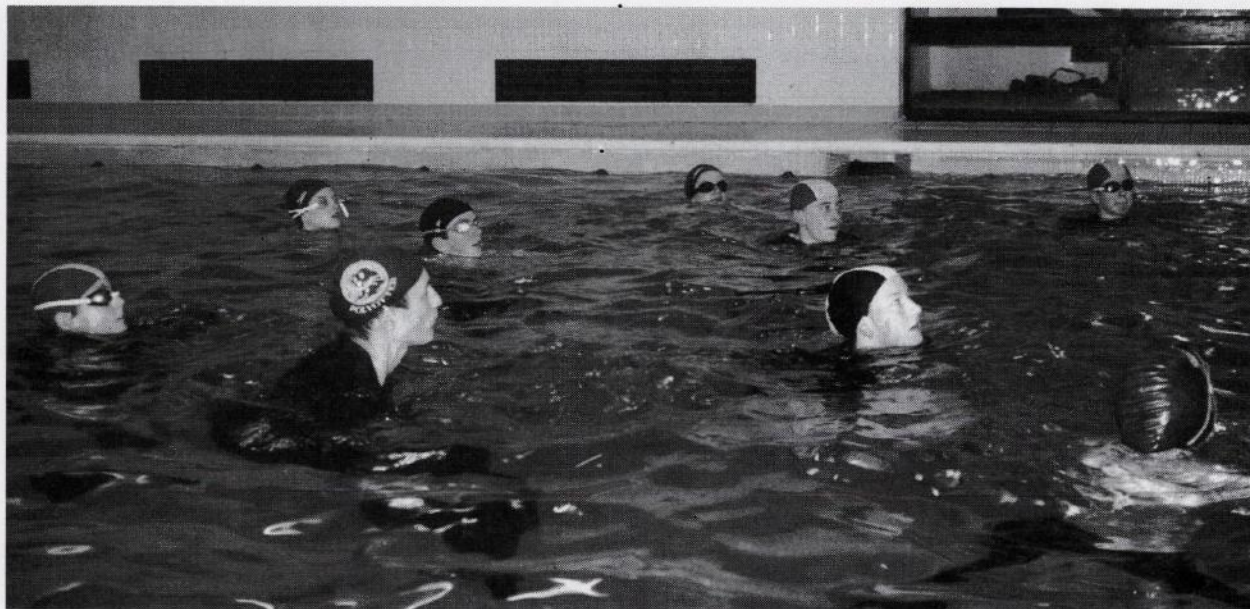
I wish the best of luck to all pupils involved and must once again thank Mr. Swan for all the time, energy (and photocopies) that he has dedicated to us.

- Ralph Benson.



Drawing - George Misstear, Form 1

Swimming



Swimming was held this year during the winter and spring terms. As usual it was in Terenure College Pool. Every Tuesday evening there were sessions for juniors and seniors.

The earlier session was attended mainly by 1st to 3rd years who improved steadily throughout the term.

In the later session pupils trained for the Irish Safety Association Survival Award. It was hard work, but we all learned a lot and became more confident swimmers.

Congratulations to everyone who passed the Survival 2 exam this March: Emma Allott, Simon Boland, Claire Cox, Darragh Curran, Benoît Ferre-Cullen, Caroline Gray, Sarah Gray, Michelle McCartney, Redmond O'Connell and Andrew Rankin.

Many pupils took up swimming as their physical challenge for the President's Award and were successful.

Thanks to Mr. Swan, Mrs. Mellon and Ms. Campbell for giving up their time to organise it all and coach us. We hope swimming will start up again in September.

-Michelle McCartney

Golf

The venue for the School's competition this year was up in the foothills of the Dublin mountains in Ilade Valley Golf and Country Club. This year's team was the same as last year's, consisting of Nick White, Mark Nolan and Trevor Steedman. This year we were hoping to better last year's dismal performance.

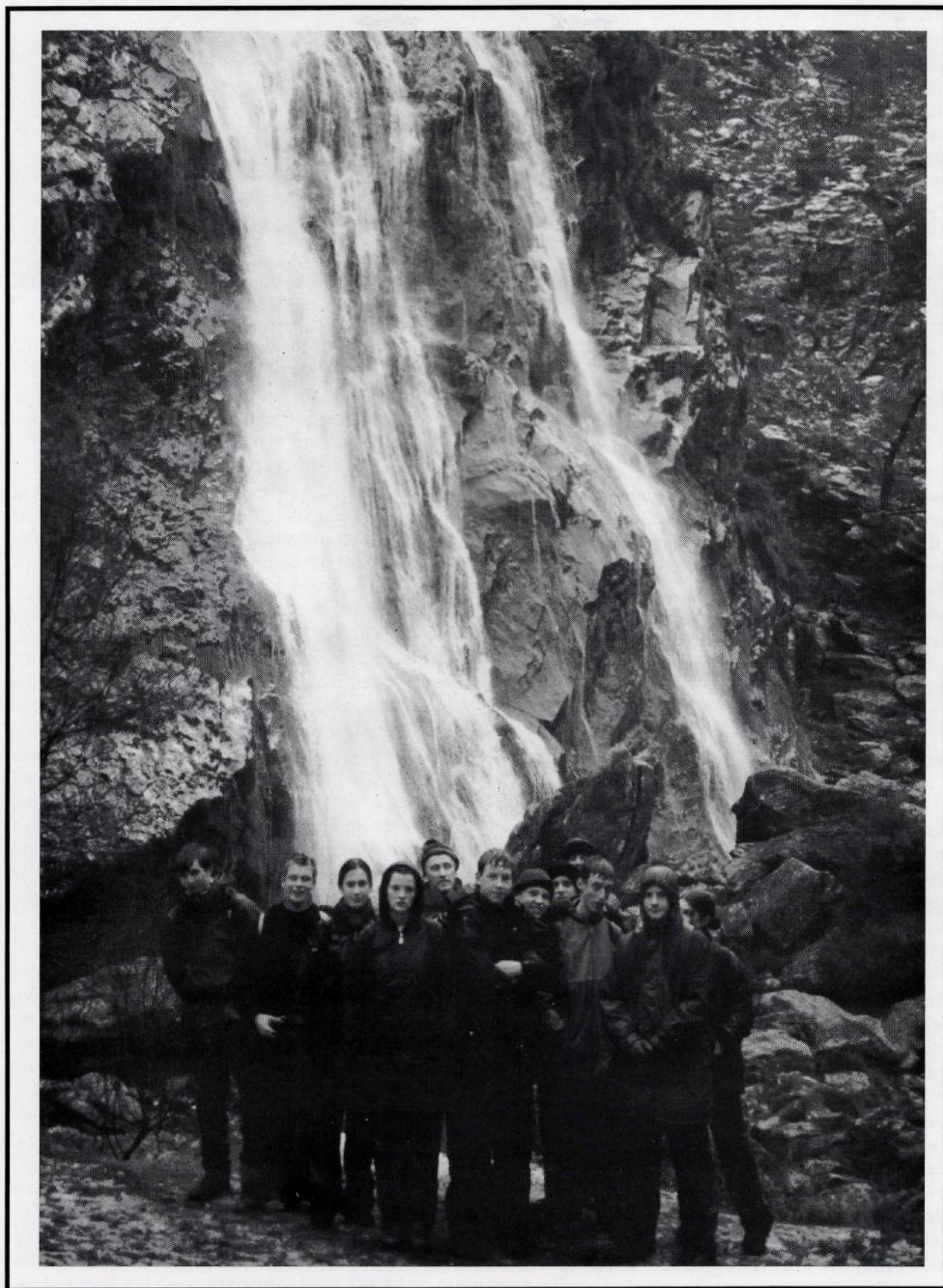
We arrived in due time with our tee-off at 12:35. First up this year was Nick. Nick tried to put last year's first tee shot behind him and concentrate on this year's.

Then a miracle occurred, with Nick striking the ball miles down the middle of the fairway. The sheer impression of relief and joy told the whole story. Mark Nolan then slowly took the short walk up onto the tee. Surprisingly, he sliced the ball far to the right, so that he had to track his way across two fairways to retrieve the ball. Then it was up to me. As I had a little practice before the competition, I was in good spirits as I approached the ball. As I expected I hit the ball well down the fairway. Once that was over we all enjoyed the day out.

I would like to thank Mr. Kirby for organising the team and the school for providing us with a meal afterwards.

-Trevor Steedman (Golf Secretary)

Hillwalking/Rock Climbing



Hillwalking

Sunday 22.9.96 saw us open our year's walks with the usual route around the Shankill Firing Range with a full busload. This shortish walk would allow everyone to 'sample the goods' without suffering too much if they found it difficult. In the event everyone proved to be able and enthusiastic - so much so that we made Lugnaquilla (925m.) our next destination. It was not to be. The weather on 20.10.96 produced so much mist that, not for the first time we opted for Luggala, or Fancy (595m.) and Knocknacloghoge (534m.) rather than tramp around in 'invisibility'. Manlin, by the Powerscourt Waterfall, on 24.11.96 also saw us march through a misty rain soaked slush and later engage in a bit of rucksack/survival bag tobogganning down to the Dargle.

Weather again forced a lower altitude walk than planned on 15.12.96 and this time we opted for a route which we had taken before around and over Sorrell Hill (599m.) to the top of the nearby hill, unnamed on the new maps at 408m. This choice allowed for some splendid views which would otherwise have been hidden by cloud. We also learned that the forestry was not accurately marked on these 'new' metric maps but this did not deceive that intrepid navigator Mr. Cryan who quickly worked out where the error lay and plotted a sure course.

The 'nightwalk' around Upper Lough Bray on Thursday 23.1.97 proved to be so popular an event that we were obliged 'by public demand' to have not one, but two, other nightwalking outings in the following weeks to give all those who have a desire to stumble about blind in the muck a chance to do so. We were a little surprised by this popularity as it had never struck the same chord in previous years. In all, 68 pupils took part in the three nightwalks and seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The first of these was indeed magical, as the strong moonlight made torches unnecessary and the moon itself could be seen below us reflected in the still waters of the lake. The light was more obscured in the other two walks but this produces a mystical strangeness of a different kind - or so some of the participants said!



Mr. Cryan and Mr. Blackmore

On 9.2.97 we were lucky enough to get enough fine weather to make the views from Mullaghcleevaun (847m.) and Moanbane (703m.) well worth the effort - the mist seemed to recede up the mountain as we climbed and we enjoyed our lunch looking over the seldom visited Cleevaun Lough.

All this walking had helped to prepare us for the big "weekend" of the year (which was actually Wednesday to Friday this year due to circumstances beyond our control) - the trip to Kerry. Superbly organised by Mr. Swan, as usual. This year he managed to produce even better weather than the previous year (which was itself exceptionally good) and from the top of Carrauntoohil (1039m.), the highest mountain in Ireland, we had views to even the islands (Blaskets, Skelligs etc.) off the four south-west peninsulas of our island home. It was such a day, such a clear day, as perhaps occurs once or twice in the year that it might have been as far as Snowden in Wales with a good pair of binoculars. As in the previous year some of the group of 22 pupils opted for the spectacular but slightly less dramatic route back, a variation on the ascent we had just done, while others chose the sometimes stomach churning heights of the Beenkeragh Ridge, with its sheer drops on both sides of its narrow path. This route included Beenkeragh (1010m.) itself which is the second highest mountain in the state as well as the relatively gentle Knockbrinnea (830m.).

The following day continued the sunny spell for the enchanting walk through the Gap of Dunloe. Those few days brought the climax of the President's Awards and Mr. Swan presented the certificates of accomplishment on the Thursday evening. The group showed excellent spirit at all times in their walks, and their comradeship and good humour made being in their company a pleasure. We congratulate each and every one of them.

We were ably assisted by Miss Ritchie who kept alive the tradition established the previous year by Mrs. Purdy in supplying those table delights which enhanced the viewing of the Hale-Bopp comet in the evening sky. I think she enjoyed the expedition and more than once expressed her surprise on

Carrauntoohil that we could see so far on a clear day.

If the huge popularity of the night walks was the pleasant surprise of our hillwalking year we must register a single disappointment. In the last Erasmian we had commented that 1995-6 had produced a good turn-out for the special introductory walk for first year pupils even if none of them had subsequently opted to repeat the experience. 1996-7 saw not one single first year pupil take the opportunity to avail of a chance to walk in the mountains. I suppose this is the natural conclusion of a trend which has been observed and commented upon before.



Rock Climbing

This year we managed twice as many sessions (10) in Dalkey Quarry as we had the previous year. Many thanks are due to the past pupils who gave their time freely to help in this very instructor-intensive sport: Nick Price, Michael Lunny, Duncan Foster, Simon King, Colm Kirkham and Billy Blackmore.

This sport is not to everyone's taste but I would encourage pupils to "have a go" at it while it is so convenient for them to do so. Although it is perfectly safe it is extremely exciting and gives a great sense of accomplishment (relief) when one reaches the top of a difficult climb.



Derek Wynne

Derek was a marvelously enthusiastic walker who was a member of the H.S.D. Mountaineering Club whenever his scouting duties permitted. Our walks were usually somewhat less strenuous than some marathon epics undertaken with that organisation and to compensate for this Derek would pack his rucksack with just about everything - tents, stoves, ropes and maybe even a kitchen sink or two. It didn't make any difference, even

thus encumbered he was probably the most powerful walker I have ever known. But above that, what one most remembers is the tremendous flow of erudition and wit and observation, and good humour with which this was dispensed. He was an equally enthusiastic rock climber who showed great promise and I know that he would have been helping out instructing pupils this term as his friend and climbing partner Glyn Foster is. We are indebted to his parents, Margaret and David for the generous gift of Derek's climbing boots. Their generosity is in keeping with Derek's own - he was always willing to help and always grateful for everything the school did for him. In every way he was the very best of company.

- I.B.

Night Walk

This year the nightwalk was in January, and again proved popular. Indeed, demand was so high that the President's Award group was taken out the day before the full multitude, that is the rest of High School, embarked on the walk around Upper Lough Bray. The walk reunited many of last year's President's Award walkers, and provided an excuse for our dedicated sixth years to take just one night off from the rigorous routine of study.

I'm told the first night was beautifully lit, but on our walk the moon did not shine. We still had a grand time, especially the wiser ones who went in a car not Mr. Blackmore's bus!

Some people enjoyed the nightwalk so much that they prevailed upon Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Cryan to lead another, private walk. Thanks for that. Yet again, we owe thanks to Mr. Blackmore and Mr. Cryan for organising many day walks throughout the year, and also to Mr. Swan, Mr. Walker and Mrs. Mellon for organising the nightwalk.

- Ralph Benson.



Caving

Once again the Caving club was very active throughout the year. In total there were six trips organised, all to the Burren, Co. Clare. In October and April the fifth years ventured into the underworld of Co. Clare. On the first trip Pollnagollum and Pollnagree potholes were descended. While on the second, another descent of Pollnagree was made, along with Pollnua and the Upper Pollnagollum system. Pollnagollum is the longest cave in Ireland, with almost twelve kilometres of passageways; not the place to be lost in!

The sixth years also went on two trips. The first trip, on the first day, was to explore some of those twelve kilometres of Pollnagollum, while on the second day it was down Pol-na-Ionain; the cave with the longest free-hanging stalactite in Europe, at seven metres - a magnificent sight. In fact, so magnificent that we spent an extra half an hour viewing it and nearly prompted the call-out of the cave rescue team, as we arrived back to the surface past our call-out time. The second trip was in March after the mock exams.

The weather was so good on the Saturday that a short trip down Polldubh was followed by a game of soccer on Fanore beach. Sundays being Sundays, another short expedition was taken; this time down Pollnagree.

The third years went to Lisdoonvarna at the end of November. Despite being an all male group, they managed to descend Culluan 2 with its famous "Bloody Guts" stalactite on the Saturday and Polldubh on the Sunday. Polldubh is noted for its exit which has similarities to the Everglades (without the alligators!) A transition year trip is planned for mid-May this year.

Congratulations must go to Jamie Collins and Becky Keenan from fifth year who were honoured to be chosen among the twelve who will travel with the Irish Youth Cave Expedition to the Transylvanian Alps of Romania, (I hope they're not scared of Dracula!) A great honour for them and for the school! It's not every day that we have international sports persons.

Finally a word of thanks must go to all those who organised the trips and helped with the leadership down the caves - without whom we could not have experienced the delights of the underworld: Mr Wright, Mrs Mellon, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Bourke, Jane Fahy and, of course, Martin Oakes (Pecker), who has become renowned for hang-gliding down Pollnagree.



Jamie Collins, Emma Willis, Becky Keenan

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Peace

by Jenni Daly

David Williams blasted the horn in anger and gestured rudely to a bewildered motorist in the car along side him. "Old bat! - should damn well have some driving lessons, no wonder there're so many bloody accidents!" he thought furiously, as he nipped into the inside lane, hit the accelerator and overtook the juggernaut trundling along in the fast lane.

David indicated and turned off the motorway. "The cheek of those truck drivers, they think they own the road. If I could have got his reg. number, I'd have reported him.

Of course, couldn't see the thing under all that dirt. They should bloody-well clean them! How long could it take?" he murmured angrily as the car flashed down a small road and through a murky puddle which covered the car, not to mention the number plates, in mud.

"Come on!" he urged, as he beeped the horn at the driver in front who was having difficulty in getting on to the roundabout. His impatience blinded him to the L-plate displayed in her rear wind-screen. His outburst served no purpose other than to embarrass the unfortunate driver, making her acutely aware of her inexperience as, once again, her car stalled to her dismay and David's disgust.

David swung into the entrance of Mountain View Heights, and realised in annoyance that once again Sheila Conroy's car was parked in his driveway. What his wife saw in her friend, he would never know! "What the hell does a man have to do to get a bit of peace? Out all day working, all I want is a bit of peace and quiet, God dammit, it's not much to ask!" he fumed, as he slammed the car door and surveyed the mud splattered all over his car, his gaze conveniently failing to fall on the illegible number plates.

With a newspaper tucked under his arm, David took a deep breath before turning the key in the lock and walking in the dooway.

It was even worse than he had expected. The house was in an uproar. Toys, books and games were strewn across the floor. There was a scream of delight as a roll of toilet-paper came hurtling down the stairs, hitting the delicate light fitting, leaving it swaying dangerously. David looked on in disbelief, as the children seemed to swarm all over his house, jumping on the furniture, running up and down the stairs. "The carpet! The new carpet!" David lunged across the room too late to stop the glass of coke from falling off the table and soaking into the new cream-coloured carpet. He had reached boiling point. He clenched his fists. "Get this place tidied up NOW," he bellowed at the children, who now stood still in feigned innocence having realised that they were in more than a little trouble. He strode into the kitchen and was met by a horrified look on his wife's face, he must have shouted a little louder than he had intended to. "David!" his wife reproached him. There was an awkward silence. Sheila nervously tapped her cigarette box before picking up her handbag. "I really should be goingIt's getting late....." "Yes of course" answered Elaine as she ushered her friend out of the kitchen, appalled at her husband's behaviour. "Thank Christ," thought David as the two women disappeared into the hall. "Maybe now I'll get a bit of peace."

Not a chance! Ten minutes later husband and wife were locked in a heated argument. "David, what the hell is the matter with you? How dare you treat a friend of mine like that!" David remained silent as he hacked fiercely at a loaf of bread in a vain attempt to cut out a slice. "David! Answer me!" "For God's sake Elaine, what the hell do you think is the matter with me? I come home from work, I've had a bad day and what do I find? The house is being demolished by Sheila Conroy's brat-pack. If Ken or Gemma ever did that I'd give them what for!" "Over my dead body! As for you and your bad days, I've had enough of them, you're turning into a cranky old sod! Sheila Conroy is my friend and you've no right to talk to her like that." "This is my house and I'll say whatever I damn-well like! Sheila is nothing more than a cheap gossip. No wonder Luke's divorcing her!" "How the hell could it be her fault if Luke decides to up and leave?" "Well maybe if she'd spent a little more time with Luke and a little less time at my house he'd never have gone," Elaine glared at her husband-she'd teach him a lesson, she thought, as she stalked out of the kitchen, slamming the door behind her. David took a deep breath and grabbed a cold beer from the fridge.

Late that night David was twisting and turning on the sofa, he just could not get comfortable. "Why doesn't she understand? All I want is a bit of peace!" he thought before drifting off into a restless slumber.

David woke up at about six in the morning. Had he had the choice he would have liked to sleep a bit longer, but he wanted to leave before his wife got up.

After a quick shower and a shave, he was beginning to feel human again. He grabbed his keys and his briefcase and walked out the door, banging it shut behind him.....

It was 6.45 p.m and the traffic was thick on the motorway, on an impulse, David pulled up outside a roadside cafe. He had his meal and sat there sipping cups of coffee for a few hours, not wanting to go home to another argument. "Imagine", he thought "not being able to enjoy a bit of peace in your own home!"

David pulled into his driveway, Elaine's car wasn't there, he heaved a sigh of relief, maybe now he could relax. However, he had no sooner shut the door behind him when someone rang the bell..... "I'm sorry Mr. Williams, they did all they could....." David sank into his chair and cradled his head in his hands, he was beyond crying, beyond all emotion.

David closed the door behind him and slumped against the wall. The house was silent. It was as peaceful as anyone could want, but David didn't want it. He would have given anything to see Ken or Gemma run down the stairs or open the kitchen door and see Elaine sitting there..... Why did they have that stupid argument? Why hadn't he apologised? Images of his wife's hurt and distraught face flashed through his mind. It was his fault, HIS FAULT. If Elaine's mind hadn't been troubled, it would never have happened. They hadn't stood a chance. The truck hit them head-on. David flung the phone on the ground and overturned the table. He ran up the stairs, opened closets and drawers, throwing their contents across the floor, trying to vent his anger and frustration. His hand hit the small leather case, he paused and slowly picked it up, it felt heavy in his moist palm. His mind was racing, he'd never thought he'd use it. It had just been a precaution.....

A single shot blasted from the gun and David's body fell lifeless on the floor, his final attempt at finding peace having been successful, as silence enveloped the house and darkness enveloped the world.

At his funeral three days later on the fourth of April, however, his wife wasn't laughing.

THE END

Epilogue

by Loughlin McSweeney

If one thing is certain at the time of writing, it is that soon I shall be leaving the corridors of The High School forever and finishing one of the longest (and possibly one of the most drawn out) chapters of my life (so far, the book has been an interesting read but the plot better begin to thicken).

Leafing back over some of my old copies of The Erasmian I've noticed that I have graced its pages little and this surely reflects something of my keen disinterest in sports and school activities which over the years I have managed to

avoid rather well. I suppose writing this is a fitting epitaph for the tombstone that will no doubt be erected in a multitude of teachers minds upon my departure. But as I approach my exams, and my final days in this institution I can't help but ponder on how High School has affected me, both as a person and a student.

I have few regrets so I suppose that coming to High School was one of my better choices, but no doubt in the future, when I reflect on how much I *could* have got away with here I may actually regret not doing more (or doing *less*). All in all, I'll miss it but I'll be glad to see the back of High School as I'm sure it will be glad to see the back of me.

One of the most interesting aspects of school life that I have observed which has always fascinated me was how each one of us over the last six years has evolved into something completely different to what our proud parents waved goodbye to on the 1st of September, way back in 1991.

Darwin would have been proud. In 1st year we ran around the school, like blind mice searching out the room and teacher that was waiting to teach us and in-between, formulating friendships with people that over the next 6 years we'd grow to love or to hate. And in doing so, we each broke away from the 1st year collective to split into our own little peer groups but yet always keeping a sense of unity about us (i.e. we were all in the same form). It wasn't until 2nd year that we really got to know our year, who we liked, who we didn't and who we were impartial to. Then came 3rd year when we were all thrust back onboard the same boat with the (overstated) importance of the Junior Certificate looming ever closer. It was about this time that some of the more athletic males of the year discovered the virtues of rugby (which have always eluded me) and the novelty of playing on the Junior Cup Team. And so the Rugby faction of the year went marching gallantly onwards to many hearty laughs and turned-up collars while we, the on-looking remainder, were left to

wonder in awe '*what exactly is their buzz?*'. Then the break we all deserved arrived, in the form of the Transition Year when we all had great fun taking things easy before the big slog up-hill (and the horrible roller-coaster ride down) of the Leaving Cert. cycle. With 5th Year came work, which was a shock to almost all of us but we had the school play to ease the pain to a certain degree and then 6th year arrived which each one of us is *still* coming to terms with (and it's nearly over!).

On reflection, school has certainly smeared its indelible mark across our psyche and I wonder if we'll ever come across anything as influential in our lives as the last 14 years? Judging by what we have all (nearly) come through, probably not. But, of course, it wasn't just the Teachers that taught us what we should know, both in knowledge and morals. I was taught by the Canteen ladies not to run and push. I was taught by Sarge not to hang around after school (I learnt that lesson quickly) and my Principal recently taught me that a black jacket with matching shoes would compliment my uniform much better than the runners I had grown rather attached to since September.

My career in High School has taught me two very important lessons. The first is that for as long as I live I'll never fully forget school or the people I met there, and the second (for which I owe it everything) is that I never want to be a teacher.

The Famine

by Vicki McKenna, 2D

Siobhán O' Flaherty, a fourteen year old, watched as her mother picked up a potato from the ground. An ear-piercing scream came from Deirdre's mouth as she looked at the rotten black potato. "No...oo..." she moaned, tears coming from her eyes, as she let the potato drop to the ground. She ran back to the small stone house that they lived in which was more like a stable because of its size and bareness.

She flung herself onto a wooden stool that looked badly made and filthy dirty. There was no upstairs to the small house and only two rooms were in it. A few sheets lay on the ground of one of the rooms where Siobhán and her parents slept. A small fire in the eating room flickered and then went out filling the room with utter darkness making Siobhán shiver, as she looked around herself. A small crude wooden table was

in the middle of the floor making the young girl suddenly wish that she was just sitting down to her evening meal with roast potatoes, chicken and peas to eat, but she sighed and curled up in the corner of the room and fell asleep.

Hours later Siobhán woke up to see her father Séamus O' Flaherty in the house, tears in his eyes as he looked at her. His face was kind and gentle and his eyes were alight with love for the girl. Dark brown hair covered his head matching his hazel eyes. He reached out towards her, waiting as she ran up to hug him, "I'm so sorry Siobhán," he whispered, "but there's going to be no food for days. The potato crop's ruined and no one knows the cause of it." The young girl nodded her head, tears coming from her blue eyes as she kissed her father. "I understand," she said, choking as the tears rolled down her cheeks.

Days passed, making Siobhán feel weak and exhausted from the lack of food. Her throat felt dry and her stomach rumbled. She gradually began to get thinner, her face looking gaunt and bony, as she walked towards a soup kitchen that was being set up for the poor and starving people. Hundreds of starving people were lined up outside the soup kitchen, moaning and groaning for some food. The smell of diarrhoea in the air was heaving and the smell of dirty, unwashed bodies nearly made Siobhán faint. Her eyes were sunken in her head and her beautiful fiery red hair looked coarse and unkempt as if it hadn't been washed for weeks. Sorrow swept over her and a feeling

of loneliness engulfed her as she slowly moved up the line of starving people. Little children of only five or six were moved like animals as they screamed hysterically, a haunted look about their faces as they clung to their mothers. Siobhán wore a simple brown peasant dress that was full of holes and she walked barefoot on the hard pavement, her feet were covered in blisters and sores because she kept standing on sharp stones. She finally reached the top of the queue, putting out her hands as a woman walked towards her. The woman put a few spoonfuls of vegetable soup into a small bowl and then handed it to Siobhán. The young girl immediately stared at the soup, stuffing it down her throat like a hungry bear. She licked the bowl clean handed it to the woman and with a mournful look on her face she walked home.

Horses hooves pounded against the hard ground making Siobhán look up in surprise. Four horses galloped up to the small house, the riders looking smart and pompous. One of the riders jumped down of a beautiful and fine boned chestnut thoroughbred, an arrogant look on his ugly face. "Séamus O'Flaherty", he bawled, "You are evicted from your house under the authority of Lord Henry Lacey Ferguson."

Séamus walked out of the small stone house, his eyes blazing with fury as he clenched his fists in rage. "And who may you be", he screamed, his face turning bright red in anger. "I am the agent of George Hanwell", the scornful man said, a smile on his face as he looked at Séamus. "Burn the peasants house down", he yelled, a cruel and malicious smile on his evil face as he looked at the Irishman. No...oo..., Siobhán cried, as the other three men threw lighted branches onto the house. A woman screamed inside the house but the men just ignored it as they continued to burn down the house. Séamus' face turned white in terror as he ran towards the agent grabbing his arm. "My wife," he yelled "She's still in there." George stared at Séamus and then burst out laughing, the sound cruel and heartless in the quietness of early morning. "Too bad isn't it," he said, spitting at Séamus.

Anger swept over Séamus and a strong desire to kill this English man engulfed him, as he raised his hand to strike him. "Guards get rid of this pitiful worm!" George yelled, waving his hand imperiously at Séamus. One of the men immediately saluted and grabbed Séamus thumping him in the back, as another man slapped him across the face. Siobhán screamed, watching helplessly as one of the men raised a gun and shot Séamus in the stomach. Tears rolled down her cheeks as she started to sob, a feeling of loneliness suddenly overwhelming her. She ran over to her father falling on her knees beside him.

"Why you?" she screamed to the skies, a forlorn look on her pretty face as she looked at Séamus O'Flaherty.

"Don't cry Siobhán," he whispered, "I will always be with you in your heart," he choked, his breathing irregular as he looked at his daughter.

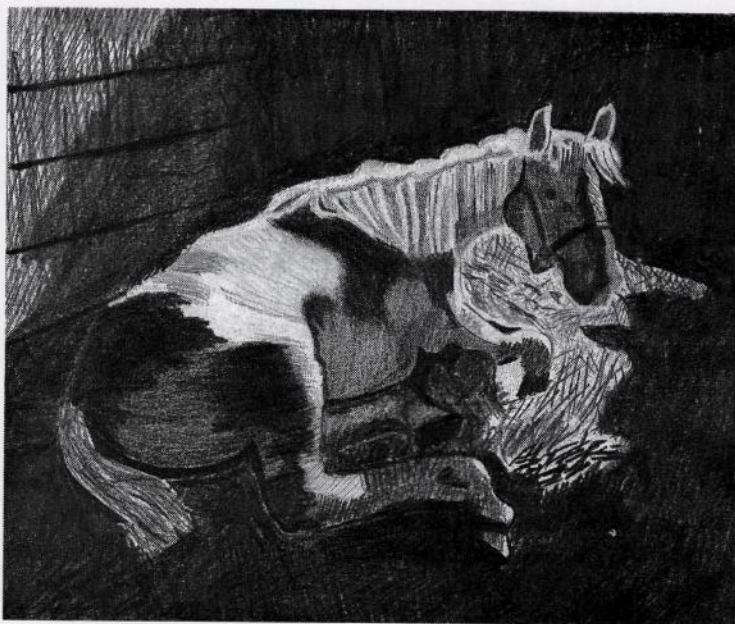
"God Save Ireland," he whispered, his head falling back against the ground, as his eyes stared gaping open, looking at the skies and mountains of his beloved Ireland.

"No...ooo...!" Siobhán wailed, screaming in agony as the death of her mother and father tore at her heart. She looked at the men who stood before her, her tear-stained face full of remorse and anger.

"This can't be happening," she said, her voice ear-piercing in sorrow.

She collapsed to the ground, moaning and wailing as she looked at her dead father.

"Violence never wins in the end," she whispered, looking at the guards and George Hanwell, a look of accusation on her face before she closed her eyes and went to sleep, dreaming of what it would be like to have freedom.



Drawing- Shane Grafton, 5th.

Tears

The tears I feel today
I'll wait to shed tomorrow.
Though I'll not sleep tonight
Or find ease tomorrow

My eyes must keep their sight,
I dare not be tear blinded.
I must be free to talk
Not choked with grief, clear minded.

My mouth cannot betray
The anguish that I know
Yes, I'll keep my tears till later
But my grief, will never show
Oh will my tears ever go?

S.A.M

Class of the Week

Sitting in our English class,
Discussing Heaney's poems.
We rend and tear the lines apart,
To find elusive themes.

The teacher has them in his mind-
They will not be dislodged.
He tries to make us see them,
To argue doubts of them away.

He finds similes and metaphors
In every word and line.
And tries to show us how it is
That these are there in kind.

The arguments spring back and forth,
Across the classroom floor
Until in the end the teacher says
"Don't get bogged down in this."

Stephanie Taylor 3DO

Fleadh na Taibhsí

Ag damhsa cor ar an uaigh
An cónra Dhá troigh is daighead faoin cré
Anam an reilig ag phortaíocht go meidhreach
Ach caoineadh daoine críonna ag crá na bpúcaí

Conquer

Who wills,
can
Who tries
does
Who loves
Lives.

S.A.M



Drawing -Shane Grafton

Essays & Poems

Alone

Every day I wake up
To face the day alone.
Every night I know we won't
Be talking on the phone.

Every day time passes
But I still think of you.
I see your face in everything
No matter what I do.

Every day my heart feels
Like it's been ripped in two
I wish that we still had the love
That we both once knew.

Anon.

Acid Cure

If you've got acid indigestion,
We can cure it in a trice.
With the aid of Mr Hickey
And some Mg(OH)₂.
If this doesn't solve the problem
Please do not give us the blame,
We are only Junior Chemists
By and large and in the main.

Hilary Taylor 6th

Dragon Dreams.

My nightly craft is winged in white,
a dream dragon of the dark-night sea.
Swift born, dream bound and ruderless,
her captain and crew are me.
I sail a hundred sleeping tides
Where no seaman's ever been
And only my white winged craft and I
know the marvels we have seen.

S.A.M

Cry

Don't leave me alone
The cry in the night
Of anguish heart striking
Of soul-killing fright

Live for my living
Or else I must die
Don't leave me alone
But, nobody heard her cry

S.A.M

Johnny's Poem

Johnny is a singer in a rock 'n' roll band.
His friends jam with him but they don't understand.
They don't know why he sings the way he do.
So they say "Johnny, we're gettin' rid of you."

Johnny they're kickin' you out now.
They say you're too old for them.
They say you're a child of the sixties.
Way too old fashioned for them.

Johnny tries to call them on the phone.
Their answering machines say "Leave us alone"
He goes to see them asks them what's wrong
And Johnny's band they play him this song:

Johnny we're kickin' you out now.
You're too old fashioned for us.
You're still livin' in the sixties.
You're way too dated for us.

Johnny says, fine, heads on home,
They think they're gonna leave me alone,
But Johnny he can't sit still for long,
So down Johnny sits and writes them this song:

I put my heart and soul in this band,
Now you're getting rid of me I don't understand
Why didn't you say anything before?
I'll just change, I've done it before.

Johnny's still singin' in his rock 'n' roll band
He's given up the sixties stuff but he's taking a stand.
Although he's put the sixties stuff out of his head,
To spite his friends he uses sarcasm instead.

Daniel Frazer 5

News of Past Pupils

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union

Joint Presidents' Report

It is hard to believe that a year has now passed since we took office as Joint Presidents of the PPU. We have both enjoyed our year and thank the members for the honour they have paid us by electing us to this position.

As well as being involved in the various events organised by our own Union, details of which are contained in the Hon. Secretary's Report, we represented the union at committee meetings of the A.S.U. and at other schools' Dinners and Wine and Cheese evenings. We thank the unions/associations of King's Hospital, Wesley College, Sandford Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Kilkenny College, St. Mary's, Terenure College and Synge Street for their hospitality. Well, there has to be some bonus with the job!

The success of the annual dinners was due, we believe, to the high quality of the speeches from our chief guests, Sally Shiels at the Ladies' Dinner and Nick Koumarianos at the Mens' Dinner. The standard was maintained by excellent speeches from our own members, Janet Edgely and Dr. Bryan Wilkinson. We thank them all.

However the Past Pupils' Union is about more than meetings and dinners. We try to give back something to the school in return for what we have gained from it. For this reason we were pleased to establish an annual Bursary to help some needy pupil, and also to present an annual prize in the Arts. These were possible due to the generosity of the McDonnell family who bequeathed a considerable legacy to the Union. The Union also gave donations to three past pupils involved in a working project in the Ukraine and also contributed towards the cost of sporting trips for some present day pupils.



Joint Presidents June Leach and Robin Miller

A sincere thank you to the officers and committee members for their support and help during the year. Thank you also to the members who loyally support the events that are arranged. We would strongly urge all our members to attend some of the events listed on the calendar which will be sent to you in the autumn. These events and functions are enjoyable, informative and sociable - all the more so for your presence! Please also consider serving on the committee for a few years.

Committee meetings are kept to a minimum during the year so it's not a very time consuming occupation. This is one way for you to give something back to the school. You've missed the AGM for this year but do keep it in mind for our next AGM in May 1998.

We would also like to thank the Principal, Brian Duffy, for the use of the school for our meetings, David Benson and the office staff, Gene and the groundsmen for all their help during the year.

Finally we wish our successors Barbara Strong and John Fish a happy and successful year in 1997/98.

-June Leach and Robin Miller
(Joint Presidents)

Secretary's Report 1996/97

Each year a calendar of events is distributed to all current members of the Past Pupil's Union encouraging them to attend the various functions organised by the committee on their behalf. In the past year the following took place:

September - The annual golf outing was held in Rathfarnham Golf Club and again very successfully run by Brian Priestman. The 1997 outing will be held on September 10th next.

October - A Beetle Drive fun night produced much antics with many colourful characters being drawn.

November - Peter Pearson presented a very informative discussion on "Historic Dublin, its Conservation and Survival." The accompanying slides showed the desecration which has taken place over the years and the restoration work now in progress.

December - A visit took place to the residents of Orwell Nursing Home and joined together for a night of carol singing.

January - The men's dinner continued its tradition of being over subscribed and a few late applicants unfortunately could not be accommodated. Robin Miller hosted a very enjoyable evening with good food, wine and entertainment.

February - Again Peter Hislip enlightened us with his gardening expertise and those attending went home eager to await the spring sowing season.

March - A fund raising table quiz was held in aid of the Crohn's Disease Association and £300 was raised for this worthy cause.

Annual Golf Outing

*Wednesday, 10th Sept. '97
at Rathfarnham Golf Club*

Time Sheet in Operation

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April - June Leach hosted the ladies' dinner in the Tara Towers Hotel with a record number in attendance. It was particularly pleasing to note a number of ladies travelled from abroad to renew old friendships. The annual cricket match was held against the school.

May - The year concludes with the AGM and hopefully some new committee members and ideas for next year. Thanks is due to outgoing members who have served three years on the committee, namely Alison Hunt, Helen Mc Mahon, Hendrikje Mc Mahon and David Cooke.

As well as organising the above events, the committee are involved in other areas regarding present and past pupils. In the past years for example, financial assistance was given to three past pupils who were involved in a project in the Ukraine.

It is with regret that we record the deaths during the year of past pupils and friends of the school and one person in particular, Miss Muriel Jagoe, former headmistress of Diocesan. Miss Jagoe with careful planning and organisation joined with the High School to form the present co-educational school. It is with our great pleasure that Mr. Brian Duffy accepted the past pupils offer to present annually the Miss Jagoe Prize for Biology in 6th form.

Our thanks are due to both June Leach and Robin Miller for an excellent years service as joint presidents of the Past Pupils Union.

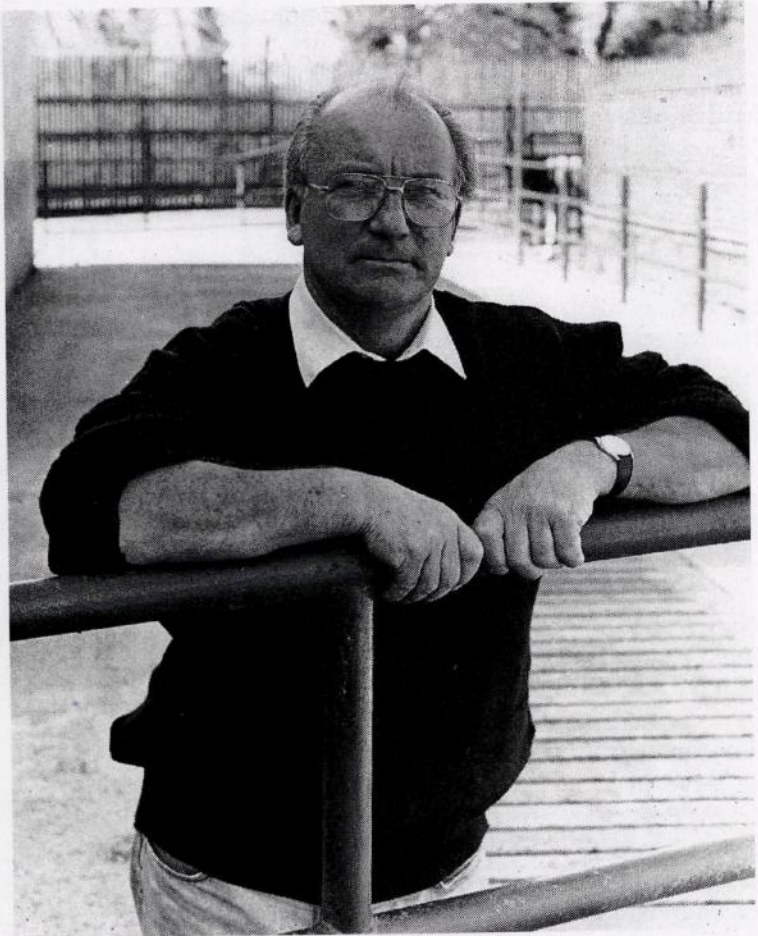
-Wayne Sheridan
Hon. Secretary.

Alan Gillis

Brian Kelly talks to Alan Gillis about his time in High School and traces his career since leaving.

Between 1947 and 1953, Alan Gillis cycled daily to High School (at Harcourt Street) from his home in Tempelogue, six miles away. He won scholarships at both Mountjoy (now Mount Temple) and H.S.D. but chose to attend High School. Although very young, he got on very well after a short period of adaptation. Rugby was something he took a great interest in. He played on every team from the U/12's to the Seniors in a wing-forward position. Unfortunately, the enjoyment of playing came to a rapid end as a result of an accident where he suffered a fractured skull. There was still handball though, something he played a lot of - there being two handball alleys in the school at the time. The Rugby Coach was Jack Cornish, also an English teacher, a man who Mr Gillis sums up as fair and tough. Another teacher remembered is S. S. Evans, someone of whom all the school was slightly afraid. For many of us, these names are part of the distant past. However, just before Alan Gillis left High School, James Willoughby came as a young teacher. It does not seem long ago, even to the more recent past pupils, that Mr Willoughby was still teaching at High School. The other pupils came mostly from Rathgar, Rathmines, Fitzwilliam and the Northside - hardly any from Tempelogue - who would have made the daily cycle?

High School instilled a set of strong principles which he took with him through life. It was at school that Alan Gillis learned about team spirit, and how to unite his own side - a trick that came in handy during his IFA days. In conclusion, he describes ours as a school that bubbled with energy. After he left High School, he went on to Bolton Street Technical College, mostly at night for five years. At the same time, he was doing an apprenticeship in mechanical engineering with a firm in the Dublin Docklands. He was there for about seven years. During this time, he started renting land, growing cereals and some cabbage for the Dublin market.



In 1963, Alan Gillis left engineering to farm full time, to the disbelief of some who considered him insane. It was in 1961, when he first came to farming, that Alan Gillis got involved in the IFA. As his involvement grew, so too did the importance of the posts he held; rising from local Branch Secretary and eventually up to President. For a convert to farming, this is a huge achievement but the run wasn't without hurdles, not least (as one might expect) disapproval from a few longer established farmers.

It was in the mid-1960's that Alan Gillis really started earning brownie points with the IFA - The Farmers' Rights campaign had gained little recognition and so it was decided to close off all roads around Dublin City on the morning of the ninth of January, 1967. The roadblocks were planned to be in operation for four hours. It worked out that for six hours every road, minor and major was blocked. One roadblock was at Kill, Co. Kildare where Alan Gillis had manoeuvred a combine-harvester into a broadside position across a bridge. This resulted in his name being taken by the police and having to

make a choice after a court hearing (along with many others) between paying a £6 fine or serving two months in jail. Because he felt there was a principle at stake, he did not take the easy way out and served four weeks in Mountjoy Prison. Protest activity by Alan Gillis on behalf of the IFA did not peter out with the end of the sixties - it was in the early 1990s that a lorry-load of sheep were herded into the Agriculture Ministry in protest at a change in the EU Sheep-meat Regime which caused a collapse in sheep prices in Ireland.

In 1994, Mr. Gillis was approached by a representative of Fine Gael, asking him to seek a nomination as candidate in the European elections, he was elected and became an MEP. Mr Gillis also sits on the European Parliament - ACP (Africa-Caribbean-Pacific) delegation. (This group represents the governments of 83 countries under the Lomé Convention).

No article about Alan Gillis would be complete without mention of BSE. The damage to the Irish economy as a result of B.S.E. has been devastating. The good news is that the disease is being eradicated very rapidly since the introduction of very strict controls, following pressure by the European Parliament. Mr Gillis is now a member of the new committee set up to control the implementation of the recommendations made by the European Parliament so that such an outbreak cannot occur again.

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News of Past Pupils

Meriel Bell, (née Fitzpatrick)(1975-82) graduated in T.C.D. with a degree in Natural Science, specialising in Geology. She then did a Masters Degree in Sheffield, and Ph.D. in Plymouth, both in Geology. She is now lecturing in Geology in Plymouth University.

Mark Bryans (1976-87) is working in Ibiza as Information Technology Consultant for a multi-national Leisure Company.

William Burgess (1957-63) who is the managing director of IBM Ireland was joined by the Minister of Finance Mr. Quinn last February to announce job creation plans for the company's software development facility in Dublin.

Dr. Robert Caird (1952-62) FRCGP, MRCP, is Associate Dean of General Practice Education in South Thames. Dr. Caird has been appointed an International Fellow of the Royal College of General Practitioners and he has been involved in establishing Primary Care Education in the middle East, in particular in Kuwait and the Gaza Strip. He continues to be an Examiner for membership of the RCGP.

Dardis Clarke (1951-58) The son of the poet and editor of *Austin Clarke Remembered* was presented with a copy of the book by the President Mrs. Robinson at a reception in Aras an Uachtarain last August.

David Fitzpatrick (1972-81) B.A.I. (T.C.D.), PhD (Oxford) is a Biomechanical Engineer working in Leeds for an American Firm who make artificial hips, knees etc.

Heather Fitzpatrick (1979-88) is nursing in the Meath Hospital.

Jonathan Forrest (1981-88) has recently been appointed Senior Account Executive at *Marketing Network*.

Trevor Garrett (1972-81) is teaching in Dundalk Grammar School.

Cuan Hanly (1975-84) Trained in the Grafton Academy and then worked in London for seven years with Paul Smith, learning the retail side of the menswear business, doing every job including visiting the far east, where Paul Smith has 180 shops in Japan. 3 years ago Cuan returned to Dublin to work with John Rocha and set up his own company, *Cuan Hanly Design*, a year and a half ago, selling under the label C.H.

Adam Jewell (1986-1992) is a Software Support Technician with Digital.

David Keating (1976-78) directed the feature film "The Last of the High Kings" and also the documentary portrait, by his father Justin Keating, of David's Grandfather Sean Keating, the artist. The latter film "Where do I begin" was shown on R.T.E.

Guy Kelly (1973-81) is working in Bermuda, with the Bank of Bermuda.

Euan Kevelighan (1973-81) is a gynaecologist in Leeds.

Deirdre Lloyd (1981-87) has joined, through the Church Missionary Society, the work of the United Mission Nepal. After a five month language and orientation programme, she will be working as a dietician with a community nutrition team, based in Kathmandu, but with project areas throughout the country.

Mark Lyttle (1971-81) was named Irish Distillers "Sailor of the Year". In 1995 Mark won the class national Championships for a record sixth time and was also the first sailor selected for the Atlanta Olympics where he delivered the first Olympic race win for Ireland in 15 years.

Alan Marshall (1975-82) has returned from Australia and is working as an anaesthetist in a London hospital.

David Marshall (1981-88) has gained a Ph.D. in microbiology in T.C.D. and is working there.

Keith Marshall (1981-84) has obtained a Post Graduate Higher Diploma in Information Technology at Maynooth and is working with Key Trainer Ltd.

Brian Mc Cracken (1946-52) who was appointed to the High Court in 1995 was appointed chairman of the tribunal of inquiry into alleged payments to politicians.

Denis O'Brien (1970-76) is currently chief executive of Esat Telecom which holds a 40 per cent stake in mobile phone operator Esat Digifone.

Grace O'Donovan (1970-1976) is co-author, with John Feehan, of "The Boys of Ireland, an Introduction to the Natural, Cultural and Industrial Heritage of the Irish Peatlands" published by U.C.D. and the Environmental Institute.

Chantal O'Sullivan (1974-1979) has opened a shop in New York specialising in Irish furniture and fine art. She has been working in this trade for 15 years and has her own premises in Francis Street, Dublin.

Michael Pratt (1975-81) is working as a vet in Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh.

Peter Sainsbury (1978-85) is a Parish Youth Worker in a Church of England parish in Bournemouth.

Fiona Shiel (1981-88) is working with Delta Bank Europe Plc. in Dublin.

Nicola Smith (1975-82) has opened her own Restaurant Café Vevay on the Vevay Road in Bray.

Tom Swift (1980-87) who was editor of the *Erasmian & Diocesan Times* in 1987 is now working as a radio-journalist for *Radio Ireland*.

Nick West (1980-81) is an Engineer with Iarnród Éireann.

David Went (1958-65), President of the O.B.U. 1992-93, is chief executive of the London-based bankers, the Coutts Group, and is former chief executive of the Ulster Bank, the following article appeared in the *Alma Mater* Column of *The Irish Times*, last February;

Banker David Went learned to love maths at Dublin's High School. He recalls his days in Harcourt Street with affection.

Before I ever went to High School when I was eleven I had a chequered career at school. I started off at Miss Savage's in Sandycove and then spent five or six years at Kingstown School Dun Laoghaire, but I had no affection for these schools.

High School, though, was a really interesting place and I thought it was great. We were right in the centre of town, in Harcourt Street, and boys - primarily Protestants - came from all over Dublin to the school. Even though we were in the heart of the city our caretaker used to keep a pig on the premises.

The teachers were excellent and had a long history of achieving good academic results. They were also extremely good at dealing with people who weren't academically bright.

I was a good student but I also took part in a lot of extra-curricular activities. Rugby and boxing were my favourite sports. Although the masters were highly academic, most of them were also interested in and fully participated in school sport. As a result the students enjoyed closer relationships with the teachers than they did in other schools.

A great old man called Pip Graham taught maths to me and generations of High School boys. He was a very good teacher who gave me a great understanding of the subject. It's due to him that I've always been very good at mental arithmetic. He took a great interest in the students and continued to do so even after he retired.

High School taught you to be straightforward, truthful and honest with people. Telling lies was frowned upon. This has stood me in good stead in later life. The year I was studying for the Trinity entrance exam I was taught English on my own by Jack Cornish. This involved reading a lot of English literature and I learned that there are an awful lot of books in this world that I did not want to spend too much time reading.

At Trinity I studied law. The only reason I opted for law was because my father said he wouldn't support me at college to read English. He didn't think that reading was good for me. I decided on law only because at the time the fees were about £5 per year more than the other courses I might have opted for. It was as simple as that.

After Trinity I went to King's Inns and qualified as a barrister. I was the Brook scholar of my year. I couldn't afford to practice so I went into banking. I love it. At the outset I didn't have any career plans-it's all entirely luck.

Deaths

Harold E.T. Caton (1932-36) 28th April 1996, Brisbane

Geoffrey A.J. Cole (1931-38) 13th January 1997, Dublin

Dr. Adrian Cowan 18th November 1996

Martha Muriel Jagoe 12th November, 1966, Dublin

Adam R. Keegan (1990-92) 5th January 1997, Dublin.

Albert John Morton 3rd September 1996, Dublin

Gordon Taylor 6th October 1996

Derek A. Wynne (1990-96) 8th February 1997

Obituaries

Miss Muriel Jagoe

Last November we heard with deep regret of the death of Miss Jagoe, the last headmistress of Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, who with Mr. Brook and the Diocesan Committee and High School Board planned the amalgamation of the two schools.

Miss Jagoe was a Science Graduate of the National University of Ireland. She studied in U.C.C., specialising in the Biological Sciences. Her early teaching experience was in Cork, England and The French School, Bray. Then she spent many years in Masonic Girls' School, Ballsbridge, teaching Science, Geography and Scripture. There she became Senior Mistress, i.e. Vice-Principal, and there, over the sixteen years I knew her as an excellent teacher, with great ability in organisation and a kind and considerate colleague.

In 1963, Miss Jagoe was appointed to the Staff of Diocesan, where she taught Science for four years until the Headmistress, Miss Scott, retired. As she was already on the staff she had the advantage of working with Miss Scott for a few months after her appointment as Headmistress, thus ensuring a smooth transition.

As Headmistress, Miss Jagoe took a very wide view of education and tried to give every opportunity to each girl to develop her talents and interests. The academic work of the school flourished, and in those days when some pupils still left school after the Intermediate Certificate Examination, more and more were encouraged to stay on and gain the Leaving Certificate. More subjects were introduced to the curriculum and every effort was made to provide a wide choice of subjects in Fifth and Sixth Years, so that each pupil could study the subjects necessary for admission to her chosen training.

Miss Jagoe was very keen that the school should help to develop the whole person, and to that end encouraged participation in music, art and craft, drama and speech training - all girls took these subjects in First Year so that each could later make informed choices. Sport too was encouraged - Hockey, Tennis, Badminton, Netball, Table Tennis. Miss Jagoe made sure that First Year had Swimming timetabled during a school day, so that everybody learnt to swim, even those who lived too far away to join the voluntary Saturday classes. We were lead to think of others, as the school supported a variety of charities - lunch breaks were often used for cake sales, fancy dress and other competitions to raise money and have fun at the same time.

In her early years as Headmistress, Miss Jagoe continued to teach First Year Science classes, thus getting to know each girl. Past pupils will remember how she was readily available to everyone. As a colleague I remember some of us putting pressure on her to eat her lunch, which she tended to ignore, as she wished to be free when pupils were free! Young teachers who started their careers in Diocesan still remember her help and guidance with gratitude.

She was also very interested in increasing the extra-curricular activities, finding out the interests of her staff and using them for the benefit of the girls, and a sense of fulfilment for the teachers. Diocesan, as I remember it, was a happy place, with good relations between staff and pupils. The Debating and Music Societies and the Young Ornithologists' Club met regularly, and Miss Jagoe often attended meetings, and sometimes outings, so pupils of all ages, teachers and Headmistress often met informally, with a cup of tea and chat on such occasions. She was a great supporter of the Past Pupils Association and the Old Diocesan Hockey Club, and was always interested in news of former pupils.

The years 1967- 1974 were difficult ones for School Principals. 1967 saw the Free Education Scheme introduced and new Protestant Education Committee established to administer a block grant to those most in need in Protestant schools. There was also the Free Book Scheme, new regulations about 'recognised' pupils and capitation grants, also new rules which would reduce staff numbers, and sweeping changes in syllabuses. In 1969 there was a three-week-long teachers' strike. Miss Jagoe's wide experience, organising ability and wisdom stood her in good stead as she became Headmistress at such a time of change. The Department of Education was in favour of larger schools, so plans to extend Diocesan's buildings were turned down.

While we worked on, behind the scenes negotiations were going on - suggestions from the Department about Protestant Comprehensive School or various amalgamations, until finally the merger with High School was worked out; ensuring the future of our girls and teachers. During these years Miss Jagoe attended many meetings, while keeping Diocesan running smoothly, and she and Mr. Brook ensured a transfer as trouble-free as possible, especially for the exami-

nation classes of the two schools. She worked with us in Danum for a year before retiring, and continued to have an interest in the welfare of the school.

The name and traditions of Diocesan were very dear to Miss Jagoe, so in conjunction with a committee of past pupils and staff, she and Mrs. Enid Oldham wrote "Records and Recollections," a history of the school.

While we mourn her passing, those who worked with her, pupils and teachers, will remember her good organisation and wisdom, but above all her interest in and concern for each person.

-Jane Williams.

Derek Wynne

Derek enjoyed his studies at the High School. He worked hard and did well. He participated in numerous extra-curricular activities, most of which he was very good at. However, if one may be permitted to express such a heretical view in a school magazine, all that was not very important.

The point of being alive is not to be a good pupil, and then a good student, and subsequently a person with a good career and a nice retirement to look forward to. The point of being alive is to enjoy oneself, share that happiness with others, take the opportunities that are presented to you, and also make an impact on the world - make it so that the world is a better place for you having been in it.



Derek did all these things. It is hard to express to people who didn't know him, just how completely he fulfilled each goal. Anybody who did know him will need no explanation, so here it is.

Derek took enjoying himself to a whole new level. He did not sit in silent contentment, smiling to himself. He grinned like a Cheshire cat at a pacifist pigeon convention, people had to duck frantically under his violently extravagant gesticulations. Enjoyment had almost become the newest martial art.

It was not just the infectiousness of his tremendous satisfaction with himself and the world, that helped other people share that joy. Derek was a show off. He was a man of not terribly subtle gestures of defiance of the modern world. Walking to school in a Russian army hat and longcoat, his outspokenness on any number of issues at various inappropriate places and times ... there is something cheering and encouraging to see someone apparently not afraid to express themselves and indeed, parade themselves in front of a world perfectly capable of ridiculing anybody who dares to be excessively their own person.

He took his opportunities too. He took every hobby to its greatest possible limit. He pursued his passions, like his public speaking, with dedication and huge success. He worked hard so that he could get the course he wanted at university. He wanted, like everybody, to be good at whatever he turned his hand to. Unlike many, he did not weakly give himself the chance to comfort himself with might-have-beens, but instead consciously tried his absolute best, and tried everything he thought he would like and did very well at all of them.

As for making an impact on the world ... words fail me. Derek made an impression on everybody he met even briefly. His friends were helped, informed, exasperated, and uplifted by his friendship, and we will rejoice in our memories of him for the rest of our lives.



Drawing- Shane Grafton, 5th

