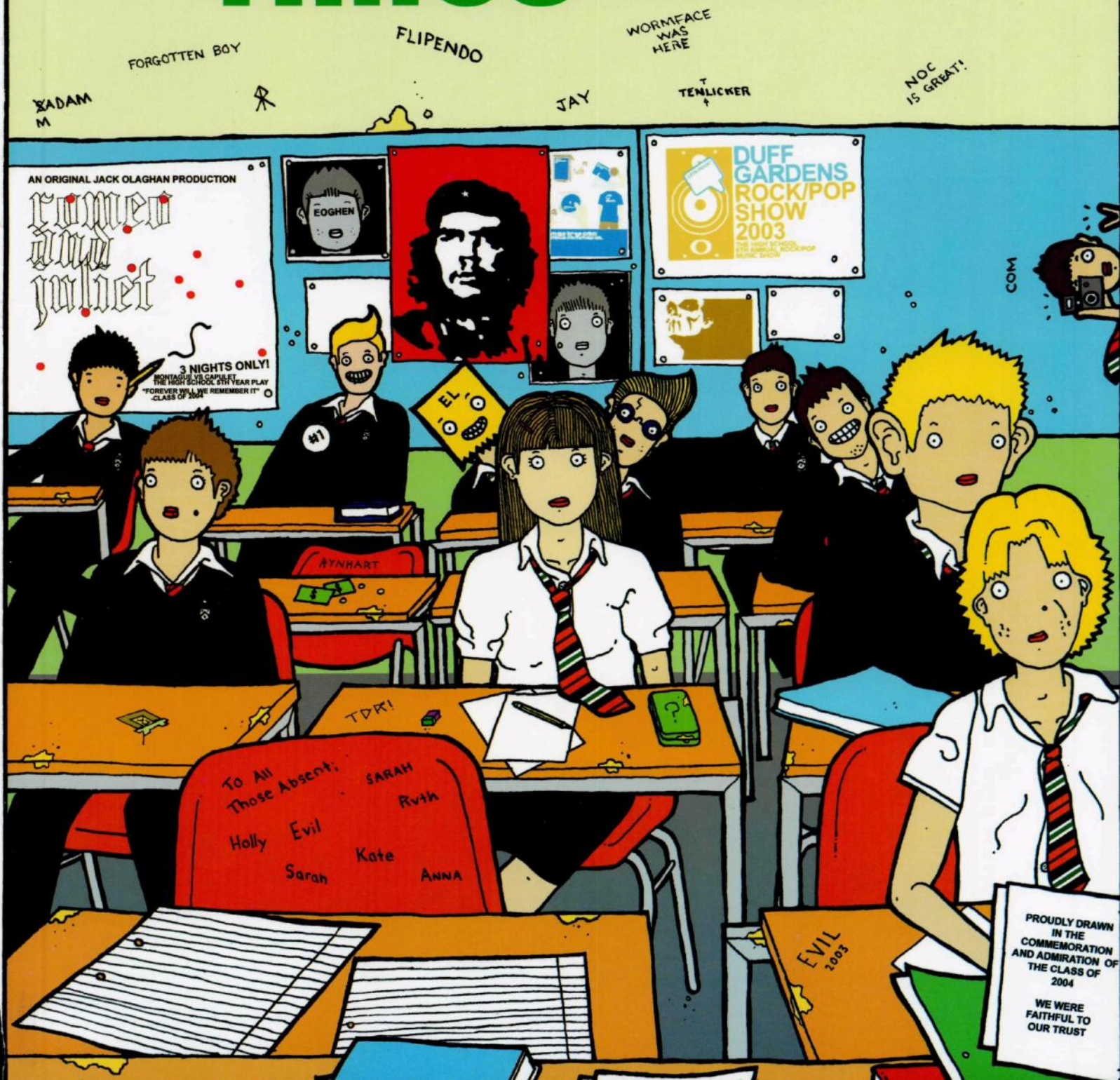


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Principal's Introduction

I am very proud to present to you, the reader, the 2002-03 High School yearbook, *The Erasmian & Diocesan Times*. As you will see, the publication reflects the myriad of activities undertaken at the school and is a testament to the enormous energy which our pupils and staff invest in the school. I would like to thank the pupil editorial team who gathered and typed much of the material included here and who held regular meetings with their co-ordinating member of staff, Mr Mills, during the year.

This year the production has been undertaken by Helen Kane of the office staff and the design and desktop publishing were the responsibility of Alan Phelan, our archivist. Helen and Alan have had a difficult task in sorting the material, matching articles with photographs, holding meetings with the editorial team and with me to select the contents of the yearbook and then putting the whole production together for the printer. I thank them both very sincerely.

Finally, I hope you enjoy reading about us!

Brian Duffy,
Principal.



Above Left:
Mr B. Duffy, Principal

Above Right:
Alan Phelan and Helen Kane

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Editorial

Since 1900 the High School has been producing *The Erasmian* and to this day it is still going strong – quite a lot to live up to!

I looked back on some of the past editions for some inspiration; one of the main themes seems to be the challenges of school, friends and life in general. The High School encourages freedom of speech and your point of view is always taken into consideration. Adults who are older and wiser tell us that 'your school days are the best of your life'. Nonetheless it will be great to finally follow our own path, to choose our own destiny. The prospect of soon leaving school and experiencing the world on our own is quite intimidating but also very exciting.

The past year has been pretty hectic for the school, the country and the whole world. America and Iraq have been through a very rough time in what will become known as the Second Gulf War. The world has experienced countless protest marches and demonstrations combating the actions of President Bush and Prime Minister Blair.

Following this disaster was the disease SARS – Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. It could have easily become an epidemic but due to the serious precautions taken by the WHO and the governments of the countries involved, it seems to be contained.

The words death, devastation, and destruction are now widely used in everyday language. The news brought impending disaster. Luckily the High School didn't seem directly affected by this and we were fortunate enough to have experienced countless performances by actors, musicians, singers as well as the annual Valentines Post, EYP and cake sales!

The writings in the following edition are both thought provoking and inspiring and I am very proud to present to you, the one hundred and third edition of *The Erasmian*.

Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.



Above: The Editorial Team

From front: Gill O'Meara, Sally Horton, Kiva Murphy, Roz Campbell, Amy O'Byrne, Lorelle Brownlee, Adele Kirwan, Chris Lawson, Conal O'Meara, Peter Burns.
Missing: Mary Dowds, Judy Czerniak Lebov, Martha McDermott.

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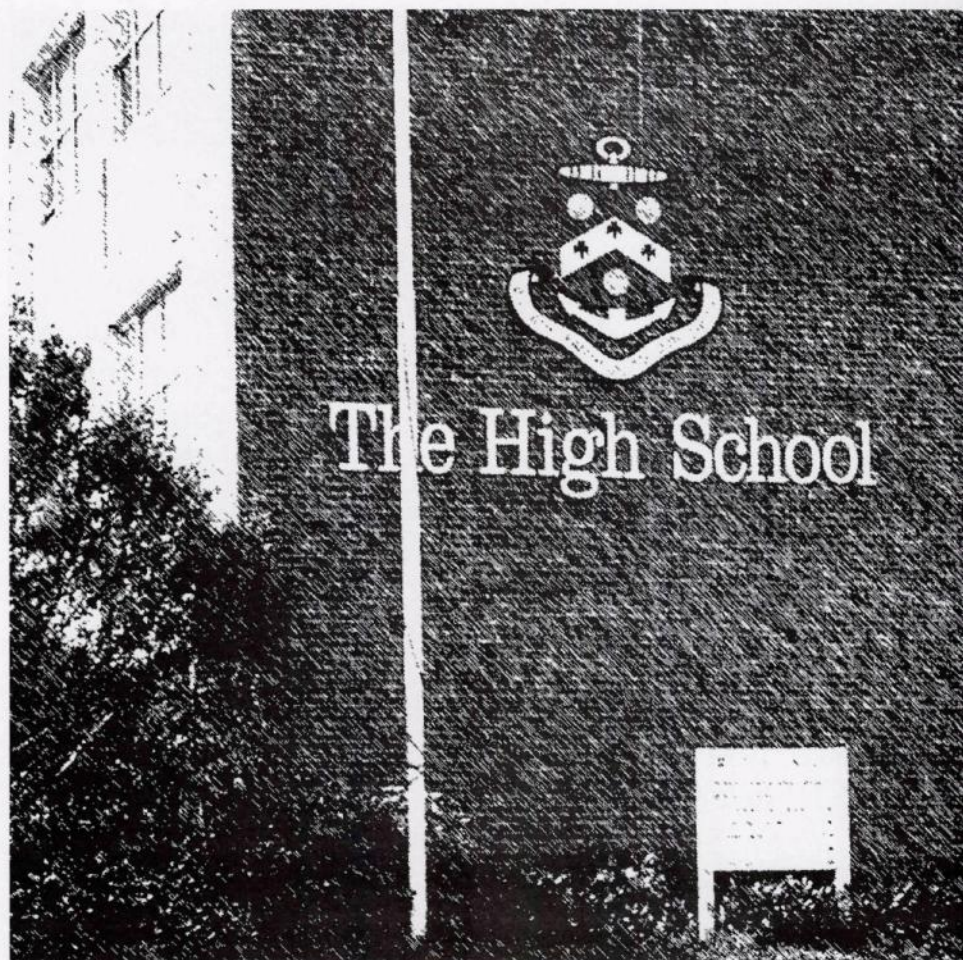
Principal's Report

2001/2002

For the last few years our energies have been largely absorbed by the planning and construction of our millennium building programme. I am pleased to report that, following the official opening ceremony on Friday 26 April 2002, the new facilities are now being used and appreciated by the staff and pupils of the school. The facilities consist of a technical and crafts centre, with new rooms for Construction Studies, Materials Technology Wood, Technical Drawing, two rooms for Home Economics and external storage facilities; new boys' changing rooms, pavilion, music centre, committee room, archive area, Form 6 centre, two new classrooms, a language aural facility, refurbished bicycle storage area and maintenance area. The new Millennium Garden in the centre of the school, with its attractive planting, seating, stone setts and sculpture feature, is also greatly enjoyed. Our thanks are due to all those who worked tirelessly to supervise the planning and completion of the project.

The formal opening of the buildings began with the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Frank Sowman, welcoming about 400 guests and expressing the thanks of the Board to all who had been involved in the development. He invited the guests to view the buildings after the unveiling of a plaque to mark the occasion. The Principal spoke about the new buildings themselves and explained how, at this stage in the history of the school, it was felt that the Arts, sport and practical subjects required new facilities in order to contribute to one of the core aims of the school's mission statement, the development of the full potential of every kind of pupil. In introducing Dr Garret FitzGerald as the guest of honour, he drew attention to Dr FitzGerald's role as a local TD in this area and to his enormous contribution to Irish public life in a career which displayed the highest standards of service, integrity and honour in his roles as a Senator, TD, Minister and Taoiseach.

Dr FitzGerald drew considerable laughter from the audience with a light-hearted speech about the type of school he would choose today if he was in that position. He also commended the Irish

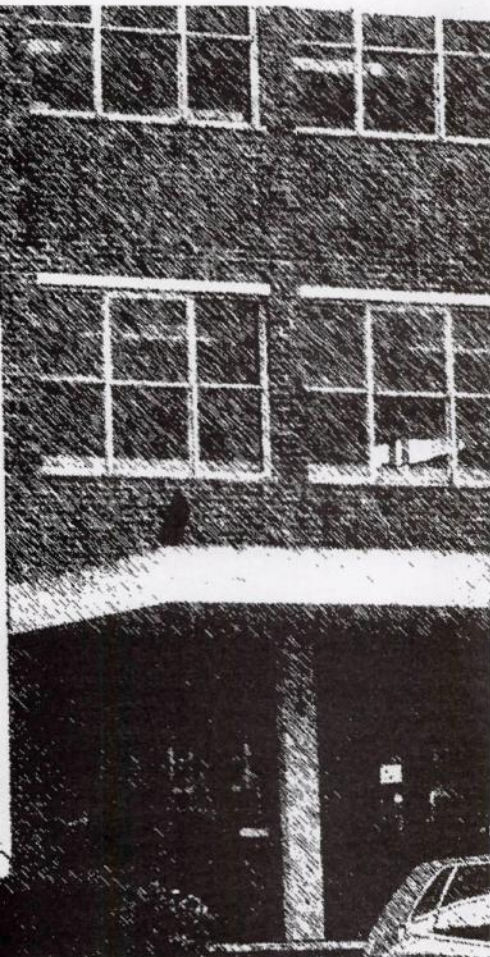


education system while pointing out that the outcomes from it were above the European average while the spending input was far lower than the average.

The buildings were dedicated with prayers from The Very Reverend John Paterson, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. The President of the School Council, Karl Caswell, thanked the Board for the new facilities and two pupils from Form 2, Daragh Walsh and Rachel O'Byrne, described their classes' time capsule project for the new buildings. Among many items placed in the capsule representing life today was a bottle of single malt whiskey donated by Irish Distillers for the students to open when they return for their 20 year

reunion! The ceremony concluded with an orchestral performance and guests adjourned for refreshments and to view the buildings, displays and activities.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. The Leaving Certificate curriculum has seen major change in recent years. Since September 1995 revised syllabuses in Irish, English, French, German, Spanish, Accounting, Business, Physics, Chemistry, Music and foundation level Mathematics have been introduced. New syllabuses in Biology and Home Economics have been approved by the Minister for introduction during this school year. In addition



completed. This degree of change places a heavy burden on the teaching staff which deserves wholehearted acknowledgement. The Junior Certificate Review report is expected before too long and no doubt there will be further change and modernisation recommended in that publication. It is to be hoped that the Department of Education & Science will be willing to fund the resources which will be necessary to introduce, for example, more practical work and new forms of assessment. These necessary changes will not happen by themselves and without a great deal of support and encouragement to teachers.

The government has continued to provide a moderate degree of support in the development of the use of Information and Communication Technology in schools. The publicity attached to such spending programmes would suggest that they are funding the entire needs of schools but, unfortunately, quite the contrary is the case. The High School remains firmly committed to providing its pupils with cutting-edge technology and the skills necessary to use it but we find that government grants cover only a small fraction of our annual spending in this area. Recently, the school has registered to become a test site for the European Computer Driving Licence programme and our pupils may now obtain the entire ECDL qualification as part of their school programme, although we have been teaching modules of the ECDL programme for many years. This industry standard and internationally recognised qualification will be of benefit to all pupils in future years.

The Guidance Department is run by Ms T. Jones, a qualified guidance counsellor. There is a guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance

counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with Mr A. Kelly to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit UCD open day and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. Mr McClure organises a study technique course for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. The guidance counsellor is available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning process undertaken in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board sub-committees and have made valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee and Sports Committee. The school council is a very valuable body

Below: Dr Garret FitzGerald and Mr Frank Sowman unveiling the plaque at the opening of the Millennium Development.



to updating the content and relevance of syllabuses (to the needs of students), the vocational orientation of each subject, where relevant, has been increased. In-career development courses are provided by the Department of Education and Science for teachers of all the revised syllabuses. There is also ongoing training being provided in Social, Personal & Health Education, English, Civic, Social and Political Education, Religious Education and the Transition Year programme. The new Religious Education syllabus is in operation on a pilot basis in the junior cycle and we await the newly drafted Religious Education syllabus for the Leaving Certificate which the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment has recently

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

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils, staff and the Principal also participate. Our assembly programme is designed to provide an opportunity when the whole school can reflect on spiritual, moral, social and ethical themes. In addition, we celebrate the achievements of individual pupils and teams by congratulating them in assembly. It is an important vehicle for assisting the development of pupils' characters and values.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have one of the most active associations of any school. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2 and 5, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad hoc committees. This work brings the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated. An online network exists on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them. During this past year, the PPU organised a golf outing, a male dinner, a female dinner, a talk on bird watching, a charity table quiz, a wine tasting evening, a fund raising dinner and auction, and carol singing.

Staff

Mr James Ryan retired on 3 October 2001 after service of approximately 25 years at The High School. In addition to teaching English, History and CSPE, Mr Ryan's contribution to the school as a rugby coach, form teacher, year head and recently as research assistant to the Principal was greatly appreciated. Jim Ryan also taught in a prep. school, two public schools, Wesley College, was Head of History at Sandford Park and was Headmaster of Sutton Park School and Masonic Boys School. We wish Mr Ryan and his wife Joan a long and happy retirement together.

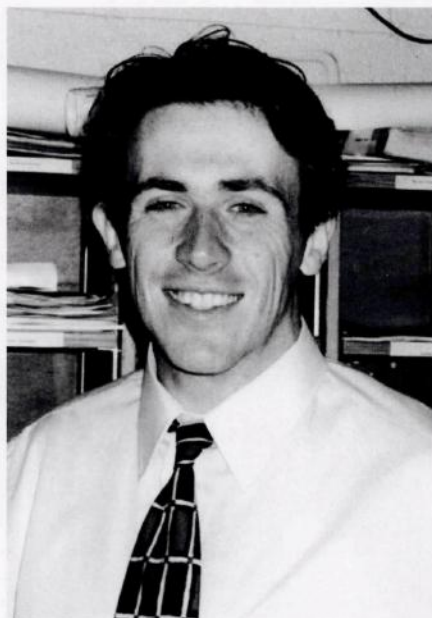
Mr William O'Connor retired from the school at the end of the last school year having taught at the school since 1964, apart from a two year break when he was teaching in Canada. He served



Mr William O'Connor

as co-ordinator of the Irish Department and contributed in many different ways over the years, from running a newsletter to sport, as assistant to the Headmaster on disciplinary systems, as Assistant Principal in charge of state examinations, in taking many pupils on trips to the west and to Kerry and as school steward for over 20 years. We





Mr Andrew McKay

would like to wish Mr O'Connor and his wife Maureen a long and happy retirement together.

Mr Jeremy Clarke, Mrs Norma McGrath and Miss Audrey Barnett also left our employment. Mr Timothy Gill has returned from career break while Ms Trish Bergin has decided to take a year of extended maternity leave. We are pleased to welcome as new teachers Mr Mark Griffin (English and Games), Ms Martina Hearne (Irish), Ms Deirdre Fahey (Home Economics) and Ms Rachael Missen (English and History). We also welcome Mr Paul Fitzpatrick as a hockey coach.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of one of our teachers during the summer holidays. Mr Andrew McKay joined the staff in September 1998 as a teacher of business subjects and a hockey coach and was with us until his illness was diagnosed in October 2000. He was then on sick leave until his death in early July. The school will be initiating two award schemes which will perpetuate his memory, one in the business area where the Young Entrepreneur prizes will in future be known as the McKay Enterprise Awards and also one in the hockey area, the details of which have yet to be finalised.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2002-2003 is 787. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2002, 118 pupils presented 811 papers in 21 subjects. 525 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 74% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 6% of all papers.

In the Junior Certificate 135 pupils presented 1080 papers. 843 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 84% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.9% of all papers. This represents the best ever set of Junior Certificate results in the school.

We were pleased to hear that four of our past pupils were elected scholars in Trinity College, namely Des Ryan, Ray Ryan, Aoife McDermott and Darragh Curran. We imagine that it must be a rare occurrence to have twins achieve such distinction! It is also noteworthy that pupils of the school achieved the only three A grades awarded in the Trinity College Matriculation examination in Geology this year.

Events and Activities

The events and activities of the school are now reported weekly in our school newsletter. The same information is published on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com where all of the weekly news pages for the last few years may be viewed. More detail on all school activities is available in our year-book, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, which is produced by Form 5 pupils under the co-ordination of Mr K. Mills. I would like to congratulate and thank the many staff who give up their time to encourage so many enthusiastic pupils in their pursuit of extra-curricular activities. These experiences add greatly to the enrichment of the pupils' education.



National Developments

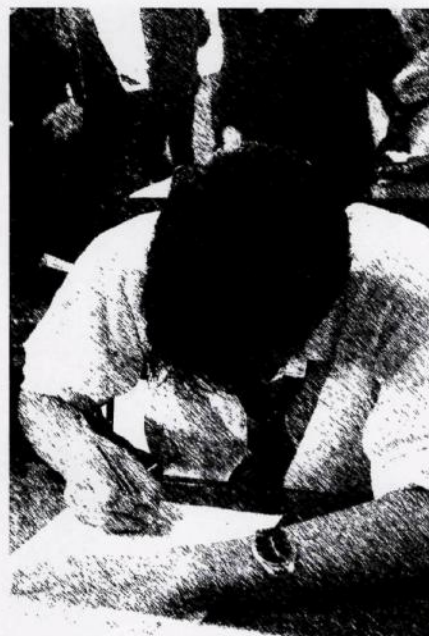
The Education Welfare Act was fully commenced in July 2002 which means that the school leaving age is now 16 instead of the previous 15. There are also new and much more detailed regulations concerning the keeping of records of absence, the notification to primary schools of when pupils have enrolled in The High School and the obligation to ascertain in writing where pupils have gone when they leave The High School before removing them from our school roll. As is often the case with legislation, the Act has become law without the Department of Education & Science fulfilling many of its own obligations. It is supposed to have established a service staffed with Education Welfare officers to whom the schools report but that is not yet in place. Neither has there been any provision for additional secretarial resources to schools to assist with the clerical work.

Some good news is that NEPS, the National Educational Psychological Service, is now established and is rapidly increasing its staff of psychologists. It now has 125 where it had about 25 this time last year. A psychologist has again been made responsible for our school, after a gap of about four years following the retirement of our previous psychologist. The role of the NEPS psychologist is to advise the Principal, the Guidance Counsellor and the staff

working in learning support of how best to deal with individual pupils requiring special attention. Educational assessments of pupils may also be commissioned from the NEPS psychologist by the school where a serious concern exists.

The Department of Education & Science is currently considering proposals to provide voluntary secondary schools with ex-quota chaplains. This is a very welcome development, considering that community and comprehensive schools have been provided with these positions for many years. It seems that the scheme will be introduced on a phased basis with a pilot scheme to operate from next year.

The Association of Secondary Teachers Ireland remains in dispute with the government. The most tangible effect on the operation of the school during the year was the withdrawal of supervision and substitution from March 2002 which necessitated the employment and training of external



supervisors when the ASTI expressed its desire to see schools remain open and indicated that its members would not impede the operation of such a system for supervision and substitution. It is to be hoped that all parties to this dispute will work to achieve an early resolution.

**B.T. Duffy,
Principal**

Prize Day

& Parents' Evening



The Principal Mr B. Duffy, Mrs C. Duffy, the Chairman of the Board of Governors Mr F. Sowman, Vice President of 3 Com Corporation and Chairman of the Institute of Technology Blanchardstown Mr Donal Connell, the Deputy Principal Mrs J. Geoghegan

School Entrance Scholarships 2002

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Miriam Kerr
Rathgar National School

School Scholarships:

Valerie Sexton
Rathfarnham Educate Together National School

Alison Walsh
Scoil Bhríde, Ranelagh

Pauline Carney
Rathfarnham Educate Together National School

Andrew Howell
Rathfarnham Educate Together National School

Hanah Mesallati
Rathfarnham Parish National School

Music Scholarships:

Sophie Higgs
Primrose Hill School

Alexandra Taylor
Rathfarnham Parish National School

Principal's Speech

Mr Chairman, guests, pupils and staff of the school...

A few weeks ago, the Bugbear computer virus invaded our office computer network and the damage it caused cost us about two days work for three people to repair. Now, the computer wise among you might say that our anti-virus protection wasn't up to scratch. However, at that time we were operating on weekly virus updates provided by one of the world's leading suppliers and we actually thought we were pretty well organised and well protected. Having experienced the pain, however, we have changed our approach and are perhaps even better organised than before. So, what is my point? Only that someone, somewhere in the world sat down a few months ago and wrote that little piece of rogue computer program code which through the medium of e-mail invaded us and hundreds of thousands of institutions and businesses throughout the world causing millions of Euros worth of damage. He or she was able to do this because of the closely interrelated nature of the world today. The globalised way in which we all communicate and even live is facilitated by technology and, in particular, information technology.

It can be fashionable to object to globalisation and to demonstrate against the growth of technology. As I drove past Genoa 16 months ago on what is one of the most beautiful motorways in Europe, down below me one of the most violent of such demonstrations was taking place. Objecting to new technology and the changes it brings about in the lives of people is nothing new. As a history teacher, I taught many times about the Luddites in England during the Industrial Revolution who smashed new machinery because it might mean fewer jobs. Yet today there are many more people in the developed world than then and most of them have jobs, so there are many more rather than fewer jobs in existence.



The High School Orchestra performing on Prize Day

Prizes 2001-2002

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1 G Hannah Jennings,
Gemma McRann
- 1 HE Robert Farhat,
Beth Kelly
- 1 T Jessie Elliott,
Eoin Silke
- 1 D Denise Fagan,
Evan O'Callaghan
- 1 W MaryAnn Mesbur,
James Nerney

Progress Prizes:

- 1 G Shane Herlihy,
Catriona Ryan
- 1 HE Sabina Kerr,
Katie McCann
- 1 T Katie Marconi,
Elizabeth Stewart
- 1 D Lucy Dooley,
David Lusby
- 1 W Nicola Cantan,
Janine Levine



Beth Kelly, 1 HE receiving her prize
from Mr Donal Connell



Sabina Kerr, 1 HE receiving her prize
from Mr Donal Connell

Form 2

Class Prizes:

- 2 D David Kelleher,
Katie Smith
- 2 M Jill Harding,
Laura Anne Stewart
- 2 P Timothy Harris,
Ruth Jones
- 2 S Christopher Blair,
Ailbhe Donnellan
- 2 W Francis Moriarty,
Ruth Rosegrave

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

- 2 D Samuel Boles,
Alexandra Wilson
- 2 M Niall Milton,
Jamie O'Neill
- 2 P Scott Kohlmann,
Emma Laing
- 2 S Nicola Gregory,
Amy Kenealy
- 2 W Ciaran Brennan,
Mark Rooney



Rebecca Murray Form 3, receiving her prize for best performance in
the Junior Certificate from Mr Donal Connell

There is no easy answer to the paradox of developing technology versus the maintenance of a good quality of life for people combined with care for the world in which we live.

When we are wealthy and enjoy our televisions, computers, Playstations and the less visible technology in our washing machines, petrol pumps, telephones and almost everything we use, we can afford the luxury of debate and we can afford to criticise those who continue to develop technology because it does not always bring benefit. Along with more food as a result of the post Second World War chemical revolution came the atom bomb. Along with the enormous benefits which genetic engineering will bring with its cures for many serious diseases and impairments which human beings suffer, there will no doubt be some equally appalling consequences, some foreseen, such as the ability to create designer babies, and some unforeseen.



James Nerney, 1 W receiving his prize
from Mr Donal Connell

Our guest this evening, Donal Connell, is at the forefront of the development of information technology. While the industry has its ups and downs, it has been responsible for many career opportunities over decades in Ireland and will remain so in the foreseeable future. You are very welcome here tonight Donal and we look forward to hearing from you in a few minutes with your own particular perspective on technology.

In handling technological development, we need to ensure that we progress as sensibly as we can, that we put in place protocols to protect people and to control the proverbial "mad scientist" as best we can, while at the same time encouraging risk-taking and experimentation because it is only when we take a risk that we have any chance of making the great leaps forward which seem to be our destiny. Now, how does all that relate to education and, more specifically, to us here at The High School?

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best performance in Junior Certificate):
Michael Sexton

Brook Prize
(best performance in Junior Certificate):
Rebecca Murray

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Kim Elliot

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:
Ruth Borland

Civic, Social & Political Education - Parents' Association Prize:
Alice Mooney

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Ronan Kenny

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Ian Thom

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:
Katie Hamilton

German - German Government Prize:
Michael Sexton

History - Casserley Prize:
Tariq Mesallati

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Vicki Collins

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:
Owen Wardell

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:
Claudine Murphy

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:
Jonathan Somerville

Music - Diocesan School Prize:
Sorcha Moloney

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:
Ronan Lonergan

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:
Ronan Lonergan

Progress Prizes:

- 3-1 Leon Fernandez
Brennan,
Michael Rath
- 3-2 Karen Douglas,
Rory Forsythe
- 3-3 Ashling Hughes,
Cein Sookram
- 3-4 Alan Thompson,
Craig Rankin
- 3-5 Anna McCormick,
Laura Houston



*Leon Fernandez Brennan 3-1,
receiving his prize from Mr Donal
Connell*



*Francis Moriarty 2 W, receiving his
prize from Mr Donal Connell*

Well, first of all, let us look at the encouragement of technological advance in the first place. To make all of the technology we use, we need people trained in the scientific and technological disciplines. We play our part by familiarising our pupils with various types of technology and by encouraging a strong tradition in science in the school. Perhaps more important, we encourage independent thought in all disciplines. After all, it is the unusual thought or the analysis of an unexpected result in an experiment which are responsible for most breakthrough discoveries.

Then, we also play a part in the control of technology by encouraging analysis and debate, by encouraging questioning of everything and by enabling our pupils to develop a sense of morality, an understanding of ethical issues and a strong set of personal values which we hope they will bring to bear when they vote and when they are themselves scientists, decision-makers, executives or just plain citizens who think. There is a tendency to think that ordinary people can not influence these issues, that someone else decides, but that is not the case. We are the ordinary people, we are the teachers, the scientists, the programmers, the executives, the workers, some of the present and some of the future. Through our daily lives we make a difference. Through our votes we make a difference. We have a choice we can exercise - we can let the future happen to us, or we can be the future.



*Laura Houston 3-5, receiving her prize
from Mr Donal Connell*

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(Best Overall in Form 5):
Paul Webster

Class Prizes:

Méabh Cryan, Jennifer Day, Andrew Grimason,
Tania Hashmi, Lara Hickey, Donna Lui, Ian O'Shea,
Ralph Prendergast, Sudhaker Rao, Susan Walsh

Form 6

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

High School Exhibition:

(Best Leaving Certificate performance of a pupil who enters TCD)
Seán Ó hÉigartaigh

John Thompson Scholarship:

(Best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters TCD)
Jane Hillard

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)
Howard Thom

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

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

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)
Suzanne McEndoo

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)
Craig Watson



Seán Ó hÉigartaigh receiving the High School Exhibition from Mr Donal Connell



Jane Hilliard receiving the John Thompson Scholarship from Mr Donal Connell



Tennyson Egar receiving the Old Boys' Cup from Mr Peter Boyle Joint President of the Past Pupils' Union



Jenny Nason receiving the Jean Scott Trophy from Ms Janet Day Joint President of the Past Pupils' Union

Accounting: Eamon Garrigan

Applied Mathematics: Evelyn Riley

Memorial Prize: Suzanne McEndoo

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Rebecca Massey

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize: Anthony Walsh

Business - S.S. Evans Prize: Brian Logan

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize: Anthony Walsh

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize: Jane Hilliard

Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:
Benjamin Blackwell

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Alan Metcalfe

English - Bessie Bury Prize: Barry Milton

French - McNay Prize: Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Colm Dowds

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Oscar Horton

German - German Government Prize: Eamon Garrigan

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Robert Vard

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Emma Cobban

Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize: Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:
Suzanne McEndoo

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Jane Hilliard

Physics: Howard Thom

Spanish: Aoife McDarby

Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Eoin McNally

Class Prizes: Killian Barry, Natalie Brandsma, Cathal D'Arcy, Stephen Donovan, Katherine Humphreys, Adam Leahy, Conor McCartney, Eoghan McIlwaine, Alexander O'Connell

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

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

PPU Debating Medal: Holly Burke Naughton



*Conor McCartney receiving his prize
from Mr Donal Connell*

Foundation Day

Initiative Awards:

Edward O'Hare for his very valuable work for the Student Council, particularly with the organisation for the opening of the new school buildings.

Alan Metcalfe for his organisation of the sound system for school productions over a number of years and for the outstanding work that he did organising a concert.

Past Pupils'

Union Awards:

The following awards are made to the pupils who are considered to have made the best contribution to the school. In the case of the Head Boy and Head Girl the award is automatic and in the case of the other two awards a vote of staff and Form 6 pupils takes place from which the Head Boy and Head Girl are excluded.

Head Boy:

Cathal D'Arcy

Head Girl:

Jane Hilliard

Jean Scott Trophy:

Jenny Nason

Old Boys' Cup:

Tennyson Egar

Talking with Teachers...

Ms Fahey



Name: Deirdre Fahey
Subject: Home Economics
Hobbies: Reading, socialising

How have you found your first year in High School so far?
 Great, the students are well behaved and polite (*cough, cough... yea right!*). The staff are very friendly! (*some more than others, wink wink...*)

What was your most embarrassing moment in High School?
 I once asked another member of staff if he had stood on his glasses because they were crooked he replied, 'No it's my nose'.

If you were stranded on a desert island what three items could you not live without?
 My GHD* hair straightener, my dube's and a golden Labrador puppy.

What are the aspects of High School you most like or dislike?
 I like the walk by the back gate in the mornings, the new kitchen and the way I can see into Mr Gill's room, (*she says blushing!*). I dislike the way the Accountancy department isn't located in the T block, (*in other words Mr*

McNamara isn't near enough to her).

Favourite teacher?
 Ms Toolin.

Do you prefer the country or Dublin and why?
 (*In a slight Tipperary accent*) Da country because nobody says hello to me in Dublin. (ahhhh)

The question all the guys wanted me to ask you is what's your phone number?
 Its 49... yea right!!

Worst chat up line that has been said to you?
 I have no friends, will you talk to me?

Favourite food or drink?
 Cashew nuts and a can of coke.

Favourite song?
Iris by the Goo Goo Dolls.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
 Married with two children.

Interviewed by
Roz Campbell,
Fifth Year
and Amy O Byrne,
Second Year.

*GHD or Good Hair Day, is a new hair straightener, that has swept the continent due to its fabulous ability to turn the messiest straw like hair into sleek, shiny and manageable locks.

Ms Galligan



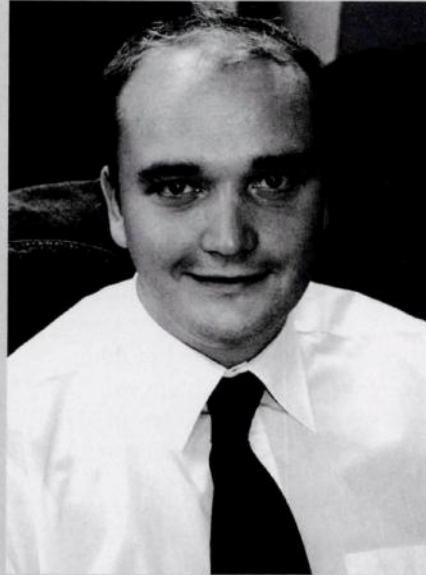
We took Ms Galligan, our art teacher, by surprise. Most of our class had caught a 'bug' or were just too lazy to come in, so we ended up interrogating her about things in the past, and her hopes and dreams for the future.

She started by saying how wonderful High School is, how we have it much easier than when she was in school. Luckily, we don't have to wear red knee-high socks!

She told us that she would remain a teacher for the foreseeable future, and that it is very rewarding when a class is quiet without screaming at them.

When we asked her what her top five records were, she became very sentimental and said 'they don't make them like they used to'. After answering with a mixture of David Bowie, Coldplay and the Beatles she reminded us that she's a seventies child so she has an excuse for all of her answers.

Mr Griffin



Mr Griffin, the man whose main passions in life are football, football, football and maybe some more football, reveals his thoughts and ambitions.

As we sat down to this interview, the man in question, Mr G, decided that it would be funny to turn it into a crime interview. So, he ran around, turned off the lights and turned the projector on pointed towards himself. After this strange yet amusing start we got down to some serious interviewing.

What has your first year been like here in The High School?

Emmm... really, really good, fun. I get on well with most of the teachers and most of the classes, actually some of the classes, actually no, I don't like any of them. Ha! Ha!

During this interview he revealed that Gilesers is the funniest teacher, he is passionate about football, in fact his idea of heaven is a football match, where he scores 'a million goals'. His favourite film is Apocalypse Now and his favourite book is Wuthering Heights.

What would you want if you were stranded on a desert island?

Emmm...(deep in thought)... A speedboat, extra petrol, water, a football, a mobile phone, and matches. (Very practical)

When asked what his dream job would be he explained that when he was small he saw an ad on TV with a man who was a chewing gum lorry driver. He decided that was the job for him!

What was the funniest moment this year so far?

In one of my fifth year classes I was trying to explain about tension etc in horror films and I was pretending that I was looking for someone in a panic. I opened the door and there was Sean O'Connor. I got such a fright and it freaked me out.

He then revealed his romantic side by telling us that he met his girlfriend when he was teaching in Spain a few summers ago. After a few drinks, he saw a wheelie bin and put the girl in it and pushed her down the road. She wouldn't talk to him for the rest of the night.

Where do you see yourself in ten years time?

Hopefully still here teaching unless the chewing gum lorry job comes up!

Mr Griffin's quote of the interview was 'I'm soo cool', although I wouldn't agree, I would say he is a pretty funny guy and beware he could be here a long time!

**Judy Czerniak,
Fifth Year.**

She is definitely an artist at heart and has sold some of her pieces, which she uses the proceeds of to travel all around the world. When she was a little girl in Clare she wanted to be either an actress, an artist or Snow White. She then warned us not to print this! Will we get a bad report when this comes out? We hope not!

She admits that she watches telly but not any soaps, and as if it was an insult she told us that Coronation Street is NOT a soap.

Our class bombarded her with weird questions and her answers were red pepper, elephant and chocolate cake. You can work out the questions.

At this stage she seemed to be thoroughly enjoying herself and when we told her that we were finished she made up her own questions and asked them to herself. She loves being a teacher despite a few embarrassing moments, like the time when she dropped a pile of pictures all over the floor and landed on the ground herself. Or when one of her pupils covered his hair with masking tape and couldn't take it off. Ouch!

All in all she is a very up-beat teacher who was definitely up to our entire class throwing vicious questions at her, trying to get all the gossip. Unfortunately nothing was leaked out.

**Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.**

Ms Hearne



We visited Ms Hearne on a Thursday afternoon. She was teaching her first years computers but gave up her precious time to talk to us.

We could tell that she was a little hesitant at first; she explained to us that she had been warned to watch what she said. The advice came from an unknown source who felt that certain things he had said in his interview last year had been twisted. But she soon realised that we weren't trying to catch her out and began to tell us about her life so far.

Ms Hearne was born in Waterford. From an early age she knew that teaching was the career that she wanted to follow. She started her training in Trinity College and received a degree in Irish and History and then went on to do a Masters in Multimedia technology in UCC.

High School isn't her first post though. She has worked in several other schools around the county, Loughlinstown, Finglas and Ballyfermot. She has enjoyed her first year here. She likes the atmosphere and the wide

variety of sports and activities available for the students and the fact that she can teach computers. But she lives far from the school and hasn't quite got accustomed to the early morning starts.

In ten years time she can still see herself in High School, though some might find that surprising. If she wasn't a teacher she would like to own and run a wine shop with her boyfriend.

We would like to say thanks for her giving up her time to talk to us. It was a pleasure, and we hope we haven't twisted any of her words, or said anything offensive.

***Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.***

Retirement of Mr Ian Blackmore

Mr Ian Blackmore retired during the summer and we would like to wish him and his wife, Janet, a long and happy retirement together.

Mr Blackmore taught English in recent years although he also taught History and Geography in the distant past. Having qualified in Trinity College he came to the High School in 1966 and so has given thirty seven years of continuous service.

Many students will remember Mr Blackmore for his consistent commitment to extra-curricular activities. In the past he coached both hockey and rugby, though

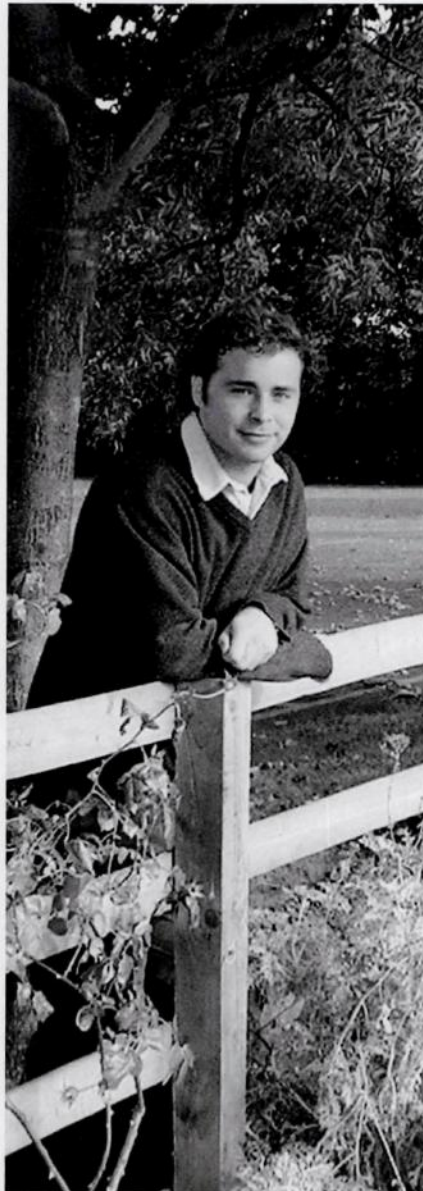


...and a supervisor

Mr McCaughey

recently he has put great energy into hillwalking and rock climbing and hundreds of students owe him a great deal of gratitude for his willingness to remain involved in such activities right up to the day of his retirement.

Mr Blackmore has also held many positions of responsibility in the school, such as that of Form Teacher, member of staff in charge of audio recording and tape duplication for languages and more recently in charge of publicity photographs in his capacity as Assistant Principal. He has provided many of the photographs featured in the weekly newsletter. We thank him for his entire contribution to the school.



It was a pretty normal Thursday morning except that today I was going to interview one of our newest members of the school faculty... a supervisor!

The rest of my interviewing team were out so I gathered a group of people and it turned out that there were three interviewers and one camera. Did they come for the love of interviewing, or to get off Irish class?

And so it began, we asked quick fire questions and placed a dictaphone right beside him, on the messy table (they specifically asked me not to print that) yet he was totally relaxed and we never caught him off his guard.

He was drawn to the job as soon as he heard about it, he says it was for the opportunity to work in a school (the money might have helped!). It is a very rewarding job and according to Patsy 'most' days are fantastic! He loves to travel and adored Amsterdam but he doesn't want to go back because he is worried that he wouldn't have as good a time as his previous trip – strange kind of logic. He 'supposedly' can't remember any embarrassing moments – we will never know! He loves to bake and is very particular about his brownies, which cannot have any nuts. He was booked in for a place in the High School but backed out at the last minute because he didn't want to be remembered as so and so's younger brother.

We posed a question to the whole room, asking if all six supervisors had ever been on any outings as a group, they replied that they hadn't, but might some time in the near future – it feels good to make a difference in peoples lives!

There is a lot more than meets the eye to a supervisor and Patsy would like to be a prairie dog, work in Balkan politics and play football every weekend – odd combination! His favourite book is a fairy tale about a prince who goes away and turns into a pirate and his princess has to make him remember who he really is. Take from that what you will, but he wasn't at all ashamed! He likes to listen to soul music (can't go wrong there) and some of his top movies are 'Raging Bull' and 'Lord of the Rings'.

He talked to us about 'Duff Gardens', which he was very impressed with, but he doesn't understand what all the fuss was about 'Skin-Up', I guess it's a fifth year thing!

All in all, we had a great time interviewing Patsy, who really involved the other supervisors that were present – they wish to remain anonymous.

Cockie

“this is your life” (so far)



Mr Hickey was Cockie's chemistry teacher, and also known as 'little Hitler' and as a joke he handed in his homework in German knowing that Mr Hickey didn't speak a word of it! When the assignments were handed back, it had been all marked in German! and Mr Hickey never said a word!

Once at a rugby match he got talking to Mr Swan who was a teacher in High School at the time. The following day the principal Mr Brooke rang him offering him a job in the school. It has to be the only time that talking to someone in a pub can result in getting you a permanent job as a teacher!

He is really a romantic at heart (he hides it under a macho exterior). He had been away in Wales at a rugby match and he brought Ms O' Sullivan back a tea towel!! with a map of Wales on it, to top it all off. Needless to say she was a bit upset, but half an hour later, he produced a bottle of perfume! He had that a kept secret all along!



I remember at Harcourt Street, Cockie was sitting at the back of the room (where the floor boards were rotting), all of a sudden Cockie's friend disappeared through the floor, because Cockie was leaning on him too hard!!! Naturally mayhem erupted in the class!

Mr McMullen

When Cockie was in sixth year, the rugby team came very close to winning the cup but narrowly missed it in the final! He decided to stay on for sixth upper for 'educational' reasons, but his motive was purely rugby! This decision eventually led to the rugby team winning the final in 1973.

When he was a boy, his brother got a Davy Crockett outfit for Christmas. He was jealous and he asked his mother "can I play with the Davy Cockie hat". The name stuck and too all he is known to all as Cockie!

His achievements on the rugby field with the 1973-cup winning team made him a figure of folklore!

Mr Irwin

Mr. Hickmott began caving in High School and founded the committee of adventure sports. Cockie was enthusiastic and threw himself into caving and pot holing.

He loves to cook, and his speciality is Spicy food. Anything that burns your mouth off is fine by him!

Any spare money he gets, he spends on travelling the world! He has been in a very impressive 5 of the 7 continents, his favourite place so far was the wilderness of Canada, but his dream would be to go to Antarctica.

Cockie studied Greek as a student, and to this day has had a thirst for knowledge

Mr R. Miller

1954

Birth in Ireland

1966

Go to School in Harcourt Street

1971

High School move to Danum

1973

TCD, 4 years studying Science

1978

Move to Edmonton, in Canada

1982

Return to Danum after Mr Swan's efforts

2003

Still going strong as a teacher, known and loved by all!

Full of confidence, he probably wouldn't tell you though!
Mr Toomey

I used to hang around with him, and then I grew up
Mr Mills

Not the worst student, but he had more hair then
Mr McMullen

"He's great on that" (the Burren),
Mr Toomey

"High school students are special"
Cockie

Great Character
Mr Blackmore

He was a fierce swot
Mr Hickey

A larger than life character
Mr Irwin

Cockie's sound
Mr Griffin

Most affable colleague
Ms Garvey



In 1973 the SCT rugby team won the final for the first and only time. Cockie's memories of that day are of being lifted up into the air and handed an orange, strange but true! When he was being presented with his award, he couldn't shake the man's hand as he was holding onto the orange for dear life!

His favourite chat up line is: you don't come here often!

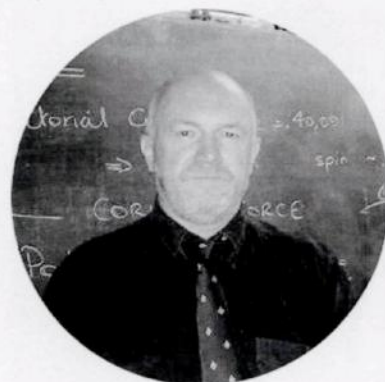
His first class as a pupil in the High school Danum was ironically in B1! This later became his classroom in which he now teaches pupils about Geography and Geology.

He very proudly told us that when he lived in Alberta Canada, his snot froze when it was -40°C!

Not surprisingly he loved science and geography in school. Among his teachers were Mr Hickey, Mr Blackmore, Mr Toomey, Mr McMullen, Mr R Miller.

On the Burren trips, he sang, he danced, he ate and he always had us in fits of laughter!!

He wants St Peter to say "There's the wine bar" at the pearly gates!



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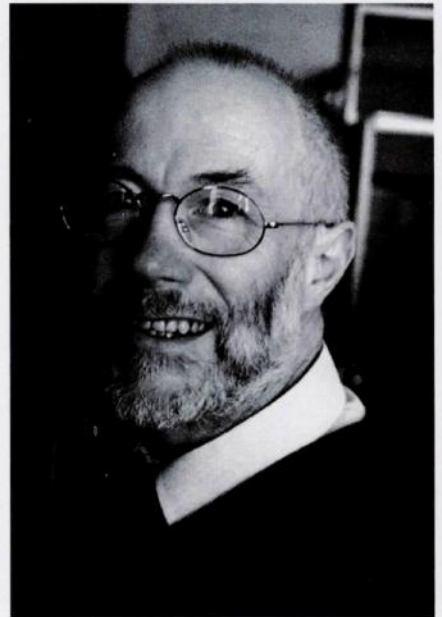
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Additional part-time staff are employed in many sports.

Other Responsibilities

Art portfolio development

Ms B. Galligan

Assembly co-ordinator

Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

Booklists

Mr L. McClure

Choir

Mr M. Wisener

Co-operation Ireland

Mr P. Irwin

Curriculum co-ordinator

Mr J. Hickey

Debating

Mr D. Miller (Senior),
Ms S. Hutchinson-Edgar (Junior)

Detention system

Mr M. Hilliard

Drama

Mrs M. Milne,
Ms G. Fitzgerald,
Ms R. Missen

Enterprise Education

Mr M. Kirby

Erasmian & Diocesan Times

Mr B. McNamara
(from 2003-04 edition)

European Youth Parliament

Mr D. Miller

European Studies information exchanges

Mr P. Irwin (junior),
Mr J. Swan (senior)

Examination organisation

Mr R. Davies, Mr J. Swan

European exchanges and links

Mr B. Quinn

Form 5 course on college applications, UCAS applications

Mr A. Kelly

Guidance counsellor

Ms T. Jones

Incremental returns

Mr R. Miller

Induction of new staff

Miss P. Graham

Lockers

Mr M. Kirby

Model United Nations

Mr D. Miller

Monitoring of pupil attendance

Mrs G. Mellon

Orchestra

Mr M. Wisener

Photographic club

Ms B. Galligan

Photography of school activities, publicity

Mr P. Prendergast

President's Award

Mr J. Swan

Prize system

Ms P. Saville

Punctuality

Mrs C. McCartney,
Mr P. Irwin

Scholarship examinations

Mr M. Hilliard

School council

Ms S. Quinn,
Ms L. Pearce

School steward

Mr P. Irwin

Special needs

Mrs L. Pearce,
Ms A. Stevenson

Staff services

Mrs M. Dowsett

State examinations

Mr P. Sheridan

Stationery

Mr J. Hickey

Study skills seminar

Mr L. McClure

Supervised study

Miss M. Garvey

Timetable

Mrs J. Geoghegan

Transition Year Co-ordinator

Mrs D. Larkin

Trophies

Mr J. Hickey

Video equipment and recordings

Mr D. Wright

Young Reporters of the Environment

Mr P. Irwin

Committee Representatives Board of Governors & Management Committee

Miss P. Graham,
Mr D. Miller

Finance Committee

Miss P. Graham

Sports Committee

Ms C. Ritchie,
Mr R. Walker,
Mrs G. Mellon

Grounds & Property Committee

Mr J. Dolan

Education Committee

Ms S. Toolan,
Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar,
Mr P. Irwin

Safety Representative

Mr R. Davies

Staff Governor Committee

Mr B. McNamara,
Ms G. Fitzgerald,
Mr R. Giles

Student

Council Report

School Prefects

Head Girl: Donna Lui

Head Boy: Eoin Tippins

Sam Abraham, Jamie Bonney, Ross Condrón, Alex Feldman, Aidan Field, Eoghan Maginn, Brian Morton, Gavin Murphy, Ian O'Shea, Shivan Pillay, Ralph Prendergast, Sam Quinn, Brian Sargeant, Chris Somerville, David Thompson, Paul Webster, Rachel Bates, Leah Burke, Suzanne Cairns, Méabh Cryan, Louisa Earls, Chiara Farrell, Kate Higgs, Aprile Kavanagh, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Nuala Sheehy, Elaine Victory, Sarah Walsh, Susan Walsh, Maeve Willoughby, Vicky Wright, Kerrie Wynne

Student Council

President:

Holly Burke Naughton

Vice-President: Méabh Cryan

Secretary: Roz Campbell

Form 1: Ellen O Cleirigh, Gordon Lai, Miriam Kerr, Niamh Mitchell, Jade Breen

Form 2: Julie Kavanagh, David O'Connor, William McConnell, Jessie Elliott, Luke Mulligan

Form 3: Davey Kelleher, Rory O'Connor, Joseph Opdebeeck, Jake O'Brien, Karl Cabena

Form 4: Aoife Green, Alice Mooney, Michael Sexton, Stephen Walsh, Craig Rankin

Form 5: Holly Brennan, Bryan Hanan, Padraic Smith, Daniel Roantree, Kerrie Williamson, Roz Campbell, Patrick Mullan

Form 6: Holly Burke Naughton, Méabh Cryan, Ian O'Shea, Kerry Wynne, Sarah Walsh, Brian Sargeant, Chiara Farrell

Ex-officio: Eoin Tippins (Head Boy), Donna Lui (Head Girl).



The High School Prefects

Over the past nine months, the members of this year's Student Council have been very active and enthusiastic. Our two main objectives of the year have been successfully completed: the Constitution of the council and the No Smoking Campaign.

Firstly, the Terms of Reference of Constitution will be posted on the new Council notice board, as well as any other relevant information. That should be in existence in the next school year. This will hopefully result in a raised level of consciousness regarding the running of the Council and will increase the involvement of the student body concerning matters of the Council.

Secondly, in relation to the No Smoking Campaign, I would like to thank all of you who were involved in this campaign. Your efforts have been much appreciated. Smoking is a problem in every school, and most likely a problem that will always exist, but every attempt is needed in the ongoing struggle to combat this problem. Hopefully, our attempts have had some results.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the council members of sixth form. In what has been such a busy year, you have all contributed much to the success of this year's Council. Also, I hope many of the more active members of the junior years are re-elected next

September. You have given me confidence that the future of the Student Council in High School can only get better! I now leave the running of the Council in the capable hands of the fifth years. It has been a pleasure being your President.

I can't emphasise enough the importance of having a fully committed and dedicated Student Council. The Council provides an opportunity for students to engage in a structured partnership with teachers and school management in the running of the school. Apart from the obvious benefits of having a Student Council, research indicates that Student Councils can actually improve academic standards. They create a sense of ownership of the school and its activities among the student population, so, on that note, I hope the future of the Student Council in High School will continue to be functional and effective, for the benefit of students, teachers, and school management alike.

Finally, on behalf of the council, I would like to say thank you to Ms Quinn as teacher in charge, for her continued support and dedication to the Council. Good luck next year!

**Holly Burke-Naughton,
Sixth Year.**

1F Class Interview

Contrary to our preconceptions about class 1F, we found colourful identities to be plentiful and inhibitions, few. This became clear when we asked them to write down some of their achievements and ambitions. Under achievements, a certain Jamie Comerford felt that being "most disturbed person" was one worth mentioning. A reply from Stan Harding read "I drove two teachers out of my old school with help from the class". Emm... congrats? And Alex, I wouldn't repeat that "19 bottles of Lucozade in one night achievement" if I valued my health at all.

And that was, of course, just the boys. The girls, on the other hand, were more interested in trying to get on the hockey 'A' team and doing well at school. Good luck girls! And don't let those boys distract you!

As a group, their prime concerns were: getting a first year soccer team, making sure they don't get skipped by second years in the lunch queue and making sure there are enough 'curly chips' for lunch.

With regards to sport, 1F are, undeniably, a very talented group. From skiing to football to golf, they've been there, done it, and won the medals. Leah Moore, the only first year on the Minor A's, is one of the school's most promising young athletes.

I also have to mention Aaron, who had so much to tell us and was very eager to get his name printed (I will accept cash only). And finally, Mr O'Hanlon: stop making Sam do press-ups in class!

First Year

Meet 1W

1W are a very open class who were more than happy to tell us anything we wanted to know. They told us how much better secondary school is than primary school. They told us of their first day and how one boy looking for the stairwell went into the girls' toilets instead.

They told us how cool it is to be going to Finland on a class trip. Most complained how Mr Griffin gives out horrible punishment homework like twenty five facts on toenail clippings or paperclips or dishwashers.

We asked them if they would make any changes to the school and they replied that they would fire all of the teachers. They complained how the boys' hockey fixtures weren't in the newsletter.

All in all, they seem to have liked their first year at HSD.

1F



Back Row: Jade Breen, Alex McLeod, Jack Hickey, Andrew Howell, Christine Rorke, Gavin Thornberry, Ronan Fox, Conor James, Caoimhe McDonnell, Ms. Fitzgerald. **Second Row:** Ross Hanan, Tanya Allison, Adam Drakeford, Gareth Austen, James Comerford, Ruth Senior, Clare Winslow, Sam Carey, Daniel James, Louise Blakely, Stanley Harding. **Front Row:** Amy Hughes, Alain Lui, Aaron Ward, Sophie Higgs, Sarah McDermott, Joann O Meara, Luke Staines, Barry Moran.

1S



Back Row: Nicola Burns, Jack Madden, Orla Noone, Mark Cabena, Jordan Aslanis, Aisling Barry, Sean Tevlin, David Kenny. **Middle Row:** Romano Fusciardi, Niamh Mitchell, Siobhan Margolis, Anita Murphy, Caoimhe Carty, Laura Cooley, Sarah Byrne, Grainne Milton, Darragh Keller. **Front Row:** Andrew Gray, Alexandra Taylor, Donal Moran, Daniel Tuomey, Pauline Carney, Saoirse Hickey, James Hickey, Darragh Sweetnam.
Missing: Colm Brennan, Nick Fitzpatrick.

1T



Back Row: Eve Horgan, Cherith Cooper, Sarah Donnelly, Clare Guy, David Alkin, Kathryn Anglim, Sian Cooley, Naomi Cooper, Richard Harrison. **Middle Row:** Ms Sinead Toolan, Sarah Corbin, Edmund Butler, Bruce Misstear, Fionan Keenan, Conall Walsh, Ruth McAuley, Niamh Kenny, Hanah Mesallati, Barry Brady, Hannah Bishop. **Front Row:** Laura Ann Douglas, Stephane Hanly, Shane Hickey, Ellen O'Cleirigh, David Whyte, Ben Condron, Graham Field, David Mulholland.

1G



Back Row: Emma Tallon, Mark Collins, Marc Evans, Evanna Mills, Ruth Murphy, Laura Oliver, Genevieve Deeley, Daragh Byrne. **Middle Row:** Ms P. Graham, Carl McHugh, Zana Ahmed, Robert Callaghan, Valerie Sexton, Susan Casey, Alison Walsh, Norah Mooney, Leah Moore, Alex Lawson, David Meade. **Front Row:** Thomas Lohan, Graeme O'Meara, Euan Mackay, Marcus Spray, John Woolhead, Ian Singleton, Gordon Lai, Aron Wade.
Missing: Olwen Reina.

1W



Back Row: Gavin Sadlier, Miriam Kerr, Harry Ward, Annalise Murphy, Daniel Sheridan, Fiona Collins, Des Cox, Triona Connell, Anna Earls, Mr. Wilkinson. **Middle Row:** Brian Fitzpatrick, Rowan Lacey, William Hanlon, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Adam Higgs, Peter Lebrocquy Cox, Richard Jones, Kim Evans, Ciara Butler, Hannah Lunn, Rebecca Burke. **Front Row:** Amy Smart, Karina McConnell, Sinead Nolan, Colin Sheridan, Andrew Stevenson, Brian Traynor, Helen O'Dea, Mark Mesbur.

Germany Trip

On Saturday the 16 February, a group of thirty-six students from first to fourth year set out from Dublin airport to Frankfurt.

We drove down the Rhine Valley to the snow-covered Munich, where we had a brilliant time, between the Discotheque and the Olympic Swimming Pool.

Among the highlights of the trip was the writing of a journal, in German of each day's events with prizes for the best ones.

Several hip new catch phrases and trends were set while there, including "I'll stab ye!" and a slightly quirky obsession with hay. We visited loads of cool places like Neuschwanstein castle (which the Disney Castle was based on) and the Zugspitze, the highest mountain in Germany. We stayed in Koblenz for one night before returning home which was a bit of an anti-climax.

We had so much fun and Germany is a really cool and different place. Its culture and history are really interesting. We can't wait for another school trip.

Denise Fagan and Jessie Elliot



Journal writing, from left: Nicola Collins, Triona Connell, Sabina Kerr, Laura Ann Douglas, Valerie Sexton, Christina Rorke



*"On the top of Germany": 2986 metres, looking south into Tirol, Austria
From left: Sam Boles, Sam Fitzpatrick, Sinead Firzelle, Holly Warren*

Reise nach Deutschland

Am Sonntag den 16 Februar sind wir nach Deutschland (Frankfurt) gefahren. Das heibt Gruppen aus den ersten, zweiten dritten und vierten klassen.

Wir sind im Haus International Muncken gebliebene Diie Unterkunft war ziemlich klein aber sehr gemutlich. Die Disko hat viel Spab gemacht und wir haben die ganze Nachte getanzt.

Spat am Abend haben wir ein Tagebuck geschrieben. Es war sehr padagogsch und hat Spab gemacht.

Wir haben Schlob Neuschwansten und die Zugspitze besucht. Danach haben wir eine Reise das Rheintal hinauf gemacht. Wir sind am Mittwoch den 19 Februar in Koblenz angekommen. Wir haben im Hotel Schlob gewohat. Wir haben die ganze Nacht durch ferngesehen. Wir sind einkaufen geggangen und danach sind wir nach Frankfurt getahren, um unseren Flug nach Irland zu nehmen.

Diese Reise hat uns sehr gefallen (besonders dem vierten Jahr) und wir freuen uns auf das nachste Mal in Deutschland oder sogar in Osterreich!

Denis Fagan and Jessie Elliot

Breast Cancer Awareness

Congratulations to the team of collectors who collected €900 for the Irish Cancer Society during their recent Breast Cancer Awareness campaign. People concerned about cancer or who wish to know more can access the society's website at www.irishcancer.ie

Did you know that 39% of Irish cancers each year are skin cancers, mainly caused by overexposure to the sun? For advice on how to prevent yourself getting skin cancer, check the Irish Cancer Society website for more information.



Ms P. Graham, Leah Burke, Jennifer Kane, Nicola Sutton, Aislinn O'Toole, Rachel McSharry, with Carmel Caden of the Irish Cancer Society.

2W Interview

We entered A3 and asked them to split up into groups of around four or five, a lot of scraping and shouting was involved!

We asked them a round of really fast questions to get them talking and to get rid of nerves, beginning with some of the regular questions such as: Is it better than first year? What do you think of the food/uniform? The general consensus was that it's much better this year!

When we asked them who gave the worst homework pretty much everyone was in agreement, lets just say, you know who you are!

We asked them later on what some of their embarrassing moments were. A certain teacher (who shall remain nameless) let one rip in the middle of class! Another time Beverly asked Mlle. Roullet if she was French! According to his 'friends' Johnny fancies her as well!

We also asked for any rumours, but I've been sworn to secrecy! All I know is that there were some budding romances that afternoon in A3.

All in all 2W were very happy to talk to us and we really enjoyed it!

Second Year

Poetry by Nicola Cantan, Second Year.

Hurt

She tended to him,
Through the years,
She picked him up when he fell,
And wiped off the tears.

Sweet sixteen,
And already dead,
The dreams were all faded,
Now he was in bed,

She wanted to heal him,
Like she'd always done,
She spoke in a whisper,
Locking the locks on her only son;
" Now, now, did you fall in the dirt?
Tell me my son, where does it hurt?"

TV

TV killing the soul,
Sucking your mind into
The box of the zombie.

2W



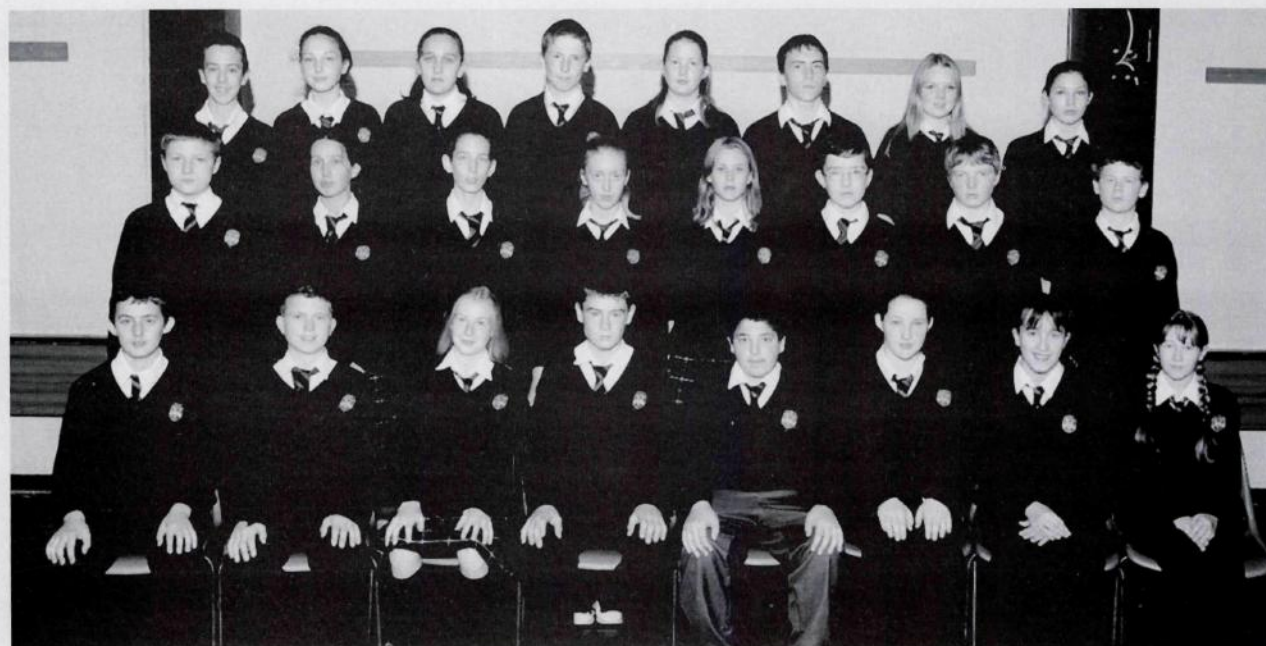
Back Row: Conor Barry, Beverley Egar, Jonathan Senior, Alison May, Robert Rath, Nigel Kinlan, MaryAnn Mesbur, Katherine Kiernan. **Middle Row:** Colin Keegan, Anne-Marie Jordan, Killian Rogan, Luke Mulligan, Lauren Turner, Mark McNulty, Nicola Cantan, Elizabeth Surgeon, Mr R. Walker. **Front Row:** Nicholas Stevenson, James Nerney, Janine Levine, Isobel Scally, Ben McNally, Max Prendergast, Richard Kiernan, Simon Burgess.
Missing: Kyle Gleeson, Sean Nicholson, Faye Simms.

2D



Back Row: Jennifer Flanagan, Stella Hawe, Andrew Caulfield, Alan O'Keefe, Tony Lee, David O'Connor, Cara Mulcahy, Aisling Burke, Alex Carey. **Middle Row:** Roger Persechini, Lucy Dooley, Ciaran Maginn, Kate Ryan, Toby Lyons, Niamh Sleator, Denise Fagan, Lana Loane, Robbie Bannister, Rowan Stokes, Mrs Dowsett. **Front Row:** Shane Gould, David Lusby, Kier Johnson, Evan O'Callaghan, Nicola Collins, Stephen Spoor, Jonathan Mathers, Karen Meade.

2G



Back Row: Andrew Stevenson, Jenny Murphy, Aicha Aboudinar, Jamie Wright, Kate Lyons, Ian Cobban, Caitriona Ryan, Julie Kavanagh. **Middle Row:** Keith Ellman, Hannah Jennings, Jack Mays, Lucy Keogh, Robyn Fitzpatrick, Shane Herlihy, Sam McKenna-Barry, Sam Horgan. **Front Row:** Cian Kinsella-McLennan, Patrick O'Connor, Gemma McRann, Andrew Lohan, Rawan Ahmed, Kirsten McCann, Deirdre McClean, Lana Mitchell.

2HE



Back Row: Jamie Kelleher, Tom Meredith, Elizabeth Glynn, Ruairidh McGuckin, Lochlainn Mahon, Katie Jane Barry, Sean O'Neill, Sam Bennett, Alan Cairns. **Middle Row:** Suzanne Tallon, Suzanne McCoy, Madeline Boyle, Susan Brusey, Jonathan Browne, Max Lane, Jennifer Moore, Laura Price, Sabina Kerr, Sadhbh Donnellan. **Front Row:** Fionn Fitzmaurice, Beth Kelly, Larry O'Connell, Anna McNally, Robert Farhat, Katie McCann, Joelle Grogan, William McConnell.

2T



Back Row: Katie Marconi, Eneko O'Carroll, Fergal O'Connor, Andrew Smyth, John Kilbey, David Wilson, Eoin Silke, Jessie Elliott. **Middle Row:** Eoin O'Leary, Diana Donnelly, Leanne Farrell, Melissa Hanney, Barbara Daly, Kim Taylor, Elizabeth Stewart, Niamh Holohan, Alan McMurray. **Front Row:** Jack Kavanagh, Lyndsey McFarland, Harri Grunitz, Graham Johnson, Jonathan Sargent, Claire Nelson, Kim McNair. **Missing:** Flynn Benaksas.

Valentines

Post

Each year in Ireland approximately five hundred babies die around the time of birth. In recent years there has been much better realisation of the trauma caused by these deaths. This year the Valentine's post raised over a hundred euro to help and support the families who have suffered through these deaths.

Hospitals have had major improvements and developments to care for these families and to continue researching the causes of these deaths. The organisation ISANDS, formed in 1983, helps and supports the parents of babies that have either been born dead or that died shortly after birth.

Two weeks before Valentine's Day, Jenny Kane of sixth year who organises the post, came to our class 2G, asking us for our help in raising money for this worthy organisation. A timetable was drawn up and for the following two weeks we spent lunch selling cards, stamps and roses to other pupils.

On Valentine's Day all the cards were delivered and the excitement of the pupils filled the school. As this was Jenny's last year the honour was passed to Hannah Jennings and Kirsten McCann of 2G.

Finally on behalf of 2G we would like to thank everyone who contributed to this cause. We couldn't have done it without the help of Ms Graham and the dedication of Jenny Kane who organised this fundraising.

**Laura Nelson
and Jenny Murphy,
Second Year.**



*Right:
Artwork by
Anna
McCormick*

*Below:
Jennifer
Kane
presenting the cheque
to
Ron Smith-
Murphy from
ISANDS*



Junior Debating

This year's Junior Debating 'season' began in the dark days of November, with the return of our chairperson, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar. Numbers grew as several first years joined the ranks, and a new committee was elected. We gathered every Tuesday lunchtime, without fail, for a session of fierce debating. Between Christmas and Easter we argued over various motions, such as 'The American War on Iraq is justified' and 'Diets are a waste of life'. There were also some more unusual topics like 'Pixies vs. Elves'. The Easter competition was won by Joelle Grogan and Eoin Silke

collected the award for 'Greatest Contribution to the Society'. The junior debating medal went to Beth Kelly, after a competition full of high standard arguments. Congratulations must also go to our fabulous auditor, Joelle Grogan, who provided leadership throughout the year, and to everyone who took part in debating. We hope to see everyone back next year. However, we can't forget Ms Hutchinson-Edgar who gave up her lunches to listen to us debate. Thank you! Junior debating is really good fun, and we hope to see even more members next year. Well done everyone!

**Beth Kelly,
Second Year.**

Guide Dogs

The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind €830 raised

Last Christmas the class of 2G with the help and support of Miss Graham managed to raise €830 by selling guide dog Christmas cards and badges, on behalf of The Irish Guide Dogs For The Blind. The organisation is based in Cork but supplies guide dogs to blind or visually impaired people all over Ireland.

First of all they breed the dogs, which are a Golden Retriever/Labrador cross. Then starting from when the dog is only 6 weeks old the training begins. It takes a total of two years and a lot of hard work to fully train the dog. Despite the fact that it costs €32,000 to train and keep the dog, they are provided almost free of charge, and only 50% of the dogs are good enough to make the grade. The Irish guide dogs for the Blind spend about one million euro each year and rely heavily on fundraising.

On Thursday the 7 May 2G were lucky enough to receive a visit from Julie who is employed by the promotion department of the Irish Guide Dogs for the blind. Julie was accompanied by Robbie and his guide dog Flurry. Robbie was 18 when he lost his sight in a car crash, he has been blind for thirteen years and Flurry is his second dog.

Robbie answered all our questions about his relationship with Flurry and the differences between his life and ours. We saw that Robbie and Flurry were really active and ready to go, they relied on each other and enjoyed each others company, in other words they were the best of friends.

Finally we presented our visitors with a cheque for €830. They were really grateful for our help and we promised to do some more fundraising for them in the future.

On behalf of the class I'd like to congratulate everyone who took part in the fundraising by buying a card or a badge and say a great big thank you to Ms Graham.

**Hannah Jennings,
Second Year.**



Above: Class 2 G.

Below: Flurry and Laura Nelson



Library News

Europe Day

On Tuesday, 13 May class 2W were invited to the library during CSPE for the Europe Day display and quiz. William McConnell set the quiz and organised the display. There was a folklore display of the member states arranged by Anita Murphy, Sarah Corbin and Clare Guy and a Europe display board by Jonathan Mathers, Jonathan Brown, Niamh Sleator and William McConnell. Special thanks to Mrs King for all her help with the display and the quiz.

The winner's of William McConnell's Europe Day Quiz on 9 May 2003 were Harry McEvansoneya, Jonathan Browne, Danny Finn.

Amy O Byrne,
Second Year.

Winners

1T
Hannah Mesallati

1F
Barry Moran

2W
Max Prendergast

2T
Jessie Elliott,
Katie Marconi

2D
Kate Ryan

World Book Day

During World Book Day, many English classes were spent rifling through the library and *Lord of the Rings* was played on the projector during break. There were two competitions running for about a week beforehand – 'my favourite book' and 'guess the author'. The winners of 'my favourite book' were Aisling Barry 1S, Ben Condron 1T, Faye Simms 2W, Joelle Grogan 2HE, Harry McEvansoneya 3D and Joseph O' Callaghan 6. The 'guess the author' competition winners were Beth Kelly, Katie McCann and Iain Cobban of 2HE. Free €1.27 vouchers for buying books were also given out.

Faye Simms,
Second Year.



Above: Europe Day Quiz - Eve Hogan, Ellen O'Cleirigh, Clare Guy, Hannah Mesallati, Mrs King and William McConnell.



Above: Nicholas Stevenson, Mrs King, Nicola Cantan, Janine Levine, Faye Simms, Elizabeth Surgeon

Poetry - Morning

The moon descends,
As the Sun comes seeking
Her rightful place on the horizon,
And there she sits and smiles,
Delighted that the night is gone.

Andrew Howell
First Year

Library prize

The prize for completion of library card and most interesting reading selection was won this year by Ellen O Cleirigh in 1T.



Above: Students watching "The Lord of the Rings" on the video projector



The Island

Short Story

**Waves... Crashing,
churning waves... A
storm... A ship... A crash
and a crack and then
darkness...**

My eyes blinked open. The sun's warmth flooded my vision and I lifted my weak hand to shield against it. Slowly my eyes became used to the light and I groaned slightly at the pain which I now felt in my arms and legs. I ached. I lay there for a long time, pain flooding throughout my entire body. Eventually, though, I heaved myself up on my knees.

It was a clear, beautiful, hot day. The sky had no clouds, and it mirrored the vast blue of the ocean lapping against the sand. I was on a beach. Looking to the left and right, I saw the beach stretching as far as my blurred vision could see. The sand was golden-white and powdery.

I closed my eyes and strained to think why I was there. I couldn't. In fact, I couldn't remember anything; how I had come to be here, who my family was. I couldn't even remember my name. I was frightened. I was alone, it seemed, somewhere, with no name and no past.

I struggled to move, but I was caught up in an emotional conflux. My hands gave way under me and I collapsed.

"Don't worry, honey. It'll only be for a week or two."

The golden-haired woman didn't look up at me.

"Hey, c'mon! Don't look so down! If I close this deal I can quit my job and we can go live in Spain, just like we've planned, remember?"

She sighed and shook her head sadly. "Yes, I remember. Our dream. But that's all it's ever been, a dream. We both know you're only kidding yourself when you say it's finally over."

"This time I mean it. This time it'll be different. This time..."

I awoke with a start. For a moment, it seemed as if I was remembering something, but then it was gone. For the first time the pain had subsided slightly and I could feel the growling of my stomach. Food. I needed food.

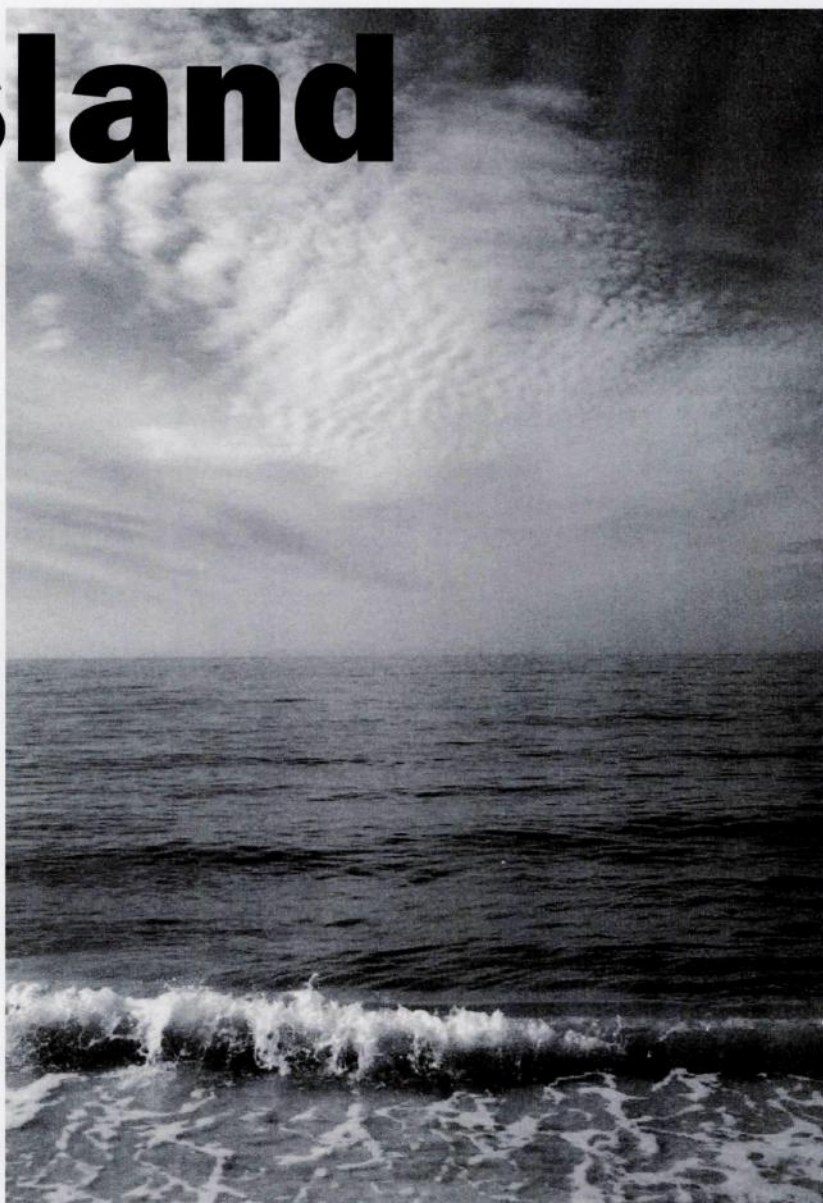
The sun was higher in the sky, and beating down heavily on my now-dry clothes. I looked at what I was wearing. It was a tropical shirt and short trousers. The former was coloured in blues and whites and my trousers were a greenish-grey hue. I pulled myself to my feet, ignoring the aches everywhere, and hastily brushed the encrusted sand off my clothes.

Food. Was there food here?

I could see grass and a forest beyond the boundaries of the beach. Slowly,

regaining strength, I half-shuffled, half-walked towards the forest. Forests usually held food, didn't they?

I spotted some berry-like fruits on a bush near me and without thinking rushed towards them and began eating them straight from the plant. They were quite bitter, but I didn't really taste them as I tried the silence the stomach-beast. I must have eaten for at least an hour before I was finally full, and with the hunger gone, there was nothing to detract from the groaning of the rest of the body. And the tiredness. A wave of tiredness, perhaps caused by the heat.



The grass wasn't soft, but I lay down anyway and slept.

"Flight 112 to Mexico now boarding. Flight 112 to Mexico now boarding. Thank you."

I picked up my suitcase and turned to face the person sitting beside me.

"That's us," I said to him.

He rose and smiled. "At last. I was beginning to think this plane would never come."

We both walked together to the gate.

"Ticket, please."

We both showed ours to the smiling assistant.

"Have a nice flight."

"I hear you had a little trouble with the wife," the man beside me said.

"Oh, it's nothing. It'll be alright when I get home. Especially if the deal pulls through," I heard myself say.

"Well, you've finally made it." I smiled at that.

It was a couple more hours before I finally regained my full senses. Now questions flooded my head. Where was I? Who was I? Who was the girl I saw in my dreams?

It was getting late and cooler and all I was wearing was scant clothing. I was wide-awake and knew that I needed shelter. I had no idea how to build it, so something that was already there was preferable. But despite all my searches and all my expeditions, there was no sign of anyone inhabiting this place and there was no shelter besides the forest, and I didn't want to go in there.

I knew, however, that it was inevitable. Having no other means of shelter, and after spending a few sleepless nights on the grass, I was forced to go in.

"Would you like anything, sir?"

"No. No, thank you," I said. "No, actually, wait. Could I just have a drink of water?"

"Certainly."

I took the water. I could hear the hum of an engine and beside me was a small, circular window. I could see nothing but grey out of it.

Suddenly, there was a beep. I looked up to see that the seatbelt light had been switched on. I obeyed and clipped in my seatbelt.

"We are encountering a little turbulence, nothing to worry about, but we advise all passengers to fasten their seatbelts."

But then there was a crash and I could feel my head smack against something. Then there was just darkness...

After a few days, I began to wonder what was going to happen to me. Would I be here forever? Would I be rescued?

I could probably live here for a long time, but did I want to? Was the life I can't remember any better than here? What should I be wishing for?

Did I want to be found?

If I wanted to escape, I needed to do it myself. Over time, I built a raft. One last valiant effort from a helpless man. But maybe I was condemned to live a life of storms. Or maybe the sea just wanted to reclaim the one it had lost to the haven of the island.

I thought it ironic that my memory flooded back to me just as the waters flooded in around me. It seemed to me that I always wanted something better than I had.

But now it was all gone.

**Eoin Silke,
Second Year.**



Above left:
Photo by Helen Kane

Left: Artwork by
Rachel Browne

Finland ^{Trip} and Estonia

It was the afternoon of Friday 11 April. Most were starting their Easter holidays.

A select few second years and five teachers, however, were waiting in Dublin. We were waiting to catch a flight to Finland! We split into groups and wandered around duty free for a while, before boarding our flight. Three hours later we had arrived. A bus drove us through Helsinki in the dark of the night, until we arrived at our hostel, where we were to spend the next two nights.

The next morning we were taken on a bus tour of Helsinki. Some of the sights included the Uspenski Cathedral, Senate Square, Lutheran Cathedral, Olympic Stadium, Sibelius Monument, and the icebreakers - ships that cut through the ice on the frozen sea! One of the more unusual sights was Sibelius Monument that commemorated the composer of *Finlandia*. The next few hours were devoted to shopping and lunch in the city. Most stayed in or around Stockmann's, the huge department store that sold everything from music to fish food! Nobody got lost, thankfully, and we returned to the hostel for the evening.

The following day we journeyed through the countryside to Porvoo, the

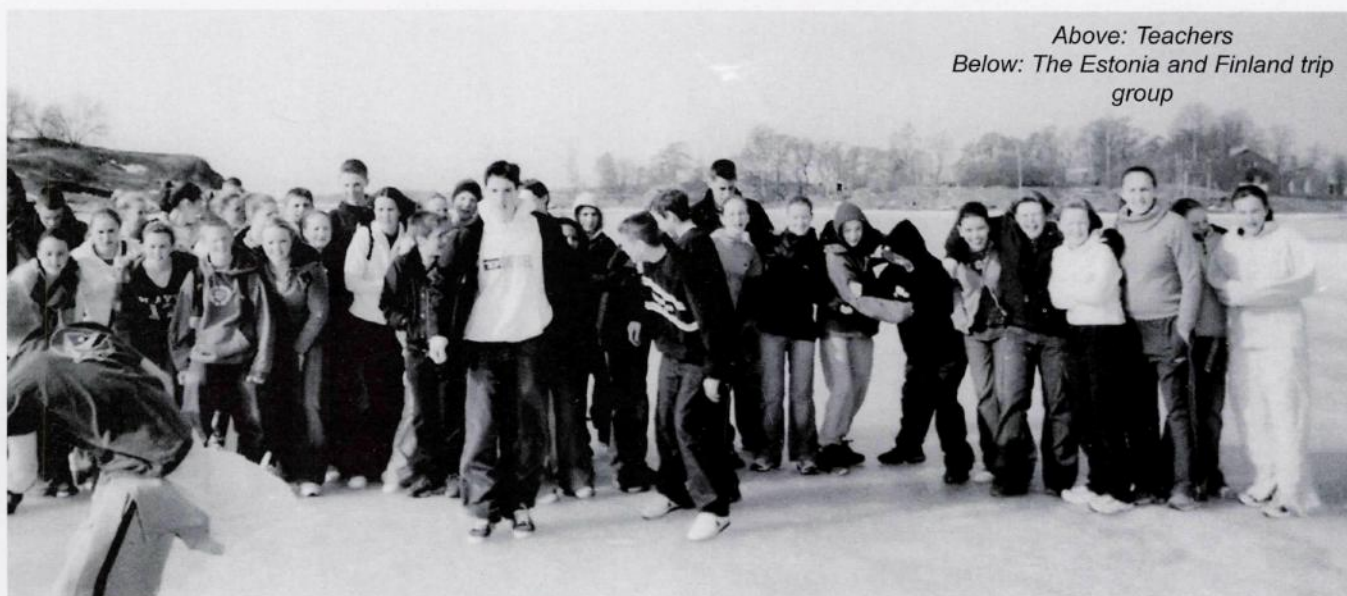


second oldest city in Finland. We wandered the streets of the old town, with its wooden buildings and Russian architecture. Afterwards we returned to Helsinki and boarded our ferry that would take us to Tallinn. On arrival we went to our hotel. Several hours later, morning came and we drove around Tallinn, and saw the Olympic Village and shell-shaped concert hall. A walking tour of the old part of Tallinn was next on the agenda - some of the highlights were the castle and decorative Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Shopping came next, and then we returned to the hotel for a table quiz.

On Tuesday, we sailed back to Helsinki, and went to the Serena Water Park, where we sped down the frightening 'green slide' and relaxed in the pool. After dinner we drove to the airport hotel where we spent the night. We had to get up VERY early to catch our flight home the next morning. It was a brilliant trip and it wouldn't have been possible without the teachers who took the trouble to bring us - Ms Hearne, Ms O'Sullivan, Mr Gill, Mr MacNamara and, last but not least, Mr Wright. Thanks - it was brilliant!

**Beth Kelly,
Second Year.**

Above: Teachers
Below: The Estonia and Finland trip group



3S midwinter swim to the 40 Foot

Third Year

It was the cold winter morning of the 19 December and 3S were waiting for Tommy and Mr Swan to get the buses. Some were bragging about how they'd be the first people in the water and others were cowering in fear of the icy depths that awaited them, (even though the waters were only about four and a half feet deep).

When we arrived on the scene people rushed down to the edge and removed their clothing and as we were doing so we all heard an almighty splash – Michael had leapt off the boat ramp and into the chilly waters of Sandycove. From then everyone jumped, some went in quicker than others and others went in more times than anyone else, e.g. Darragh. No one really saw what was coming next. Out of nowhere, Mr Swan came running along the pier and did a huge bomb off the edge, the splash he made was admirable. Ms Jones on the other hand, climbed in by the ladder. We thought we had an appearance of the 'Creature from the Blue Lagoon' but it turned out to be Joe, we just couldn't see his face behind his mysterious hair.

Afterwards, Ms Jones treated us to some hot chocolate and Mars bars. Mr Swan thought it would be an excellent idea to go for a jog around the area and I thought it would be a good idea to jog with a cup of scalding



Above: Nicola Gregory

hot chocolate, sorry Megan and Nicky.

The next day in school we all enjoyed Mr O'Malley's video. Thanks to Tommy, Ms Jones, Helen from the office, Mr Swan, Mr Duffy and Mrs Geoghegan. We raised well over €650 in aid of St Luke's Hospital.

**Jake O'Brien,
Third Year.**

3S



Back Row: Megan Leonard-Kane, Jordan Ralph, Daragh Walsh, Sean O'Gorman, Robert Hunt, Gerard Prunty, David Laing, Samuel Sherwood, Sarah Lodola. **Middle Row:** Christopher Blair, Adam Hurley, Daryl Winslow, Kevin Finnegan, Freda O'Donnell, Nicola Gregory, Ailbhe Donnellan, Joseph McGuire, Nicky Wynne, Benn Satchwell, John Kirkpatrick. **Front Row:** Amy Ward, Michael Willoughby, Amy Brennan, Ruarc O'Boyle, Scott O'Malley, Amy Kenealy, Jake O'Brien, Jenny Weekes.

3D



Back Row: Simon MacAree, Fergus Keane, Daniel Staines, Shane Hennessy, Sam Boles, Paul Jones, Robert Bradish, Robert O'Brien. **Middle Row:** Sinead Frizzelle, Manus Cronin, Davey Kelleher, Katie Smith, Aoife Green, Amy Coghlan, Michael MacSweeney, Billy Parkes, Harry McEvansoneya, Robert Nason. **Front Row:** Suzanne Burke, Andrew Cobban, Patrick O'Shea, Amy Munoz, Alexandra Wilson, Rachel McCoy, David Coughlan, Lorna O'Rourke.

3M



Back Row: Ciaran O'Callaghan, Karl Browne, Edward Flaherty, Dylan Murphy, Niall Milton, Karen Sutton, Josef Opdebeeck, Sam Cogan. **Middle Row:** Derrick Denby, Sam Fitzpatrick, Joseph Scanlan, Gorgi Hill, Ronan Keller, Avril Nolan, Jamie O'Neill, Alexander Cole Pidgeon, John Tobin. **Front Row:** Jennifer Keane, Jill Harding, Rebecca Tadros, Holly Warren, Chloe Stacey, Andrew Pollock, Aisling Bridgeman, Laura-Anne Stewart

3P



Back Row: Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly, Elis Czerniak, Robert Hunter, Luke Begley, Danny Erskine, Catherine Alexander, Simon Coyne, Emma Laing. **Middle Row:** Danny Finn, Neal Columb, Joshua Plunkett, Karl Cabena, Conor Hyland, Barry Browne, Tim Harris, Grace Nugent, Fionn Fitzpatrick. **Front Row:** Nadia Carrim, Mark Nolan, Aisling Barry, Sarah Boutiche, Daniel Coughlan, Scott Kohlmann, Ruth Jones, Una Ní h-Eigeartaigh.
Missing: Nicholas Glacken.

3W



Back Row: Ruth Rosengrave, Aidan Hunt, Nathan Barber, Bevan Carr, Luke McSharry, Mark Rooney, Elizabeth Donnelly, Rachel O'Byrne, Frank Moriarty. **Middle Row:** Nadine Eustace, Mengxi Hu, Christopher Stewart, Ciaran Brennan, Shane Sargeant, Peter Jackson, Kellie O'Flynn, Rachel Lyons, Benjamin Duffy, Christine Boyle. **Front Row:** John O'Connor, Neil Barrett, Phelim O'Reilly, Grace Cummins, Kim Weekes, Nicola Daly, Rory O'Connor, Robin Leavy.

Operation

Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is run by the Samaritans purse. This programme was set up to give children, who are less fortunate than ourselves, a present at Christmas. This year once again, Operation Christmas Child was a huge success and we collected over 700 boxes from seven schools including our own.

Our team of twelve was comprised of Karen Douglas, Katie Hamilton, Ciara O'Toole, Maeve Corcoran, Averil Blakely, Stephanie Coughlan, Carla Fitzgerald, Pamela Webster, Tara Bright, Michelle O'Donoghue, Miriam McSharry and Alice Mooney.

We were very fortunate to get the opportunity to visit the depot where all the boxes were sorted to help out. Whatever was not appropriate we took out and added some extra bits and pieces. Knowing that these small gestures would make a difference to children's lives was a great, yet humbling experience and we all agreed that working together as a team was great fun. We would like to thank Ms Ritchie, Tommy, and all the office staff for their help and encouragement.

**Ciara O'Toole
and Karen Douglas,
Fourth Year.**



Ms C. Ritchie, P. Webster, T. Bright, M. O'Donoghue, M. McSharry, C. Fitzgerald, S. Coughlan, A. Blakeley, C. O'Toole, K. Hamilton, K. Douglas and M. Corcoran



Above: T. Bright, K. Hamilton and C. Fitzgerald packing and wrapping some boxes.



Left: The stacks of boxes filled for Operation Christmas Child

Transition Year

Fourth Years started September out of school and out of uniform! Transition Year began with a formal induction day away from the school, at Glenalbyn, Stillorgan. The purpose of the day was to focus on Transition Year and how it differed from all other years at school. Students had the opportunity to get to know each other and their new Form Teachers, to learn of the many opportunities that were being offered to them and to resolve to approach the year as young adults. The day concluded with a session at the Bowling Alley.

At the end of September, a day out at the Folk Park at Cultra was enjoyed by everyone; for many a first time across the border. The students were all impressed by the smallness of the houses and the primitive living conditions long ago, but the old-fashioned sweets were very popular! The weeks before Christmas were spent helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Students worked hard to fill the Christmas Boxes for orphans and refugees; they filled 'aqua boxes' for areas of the world where clean water is a luxury, and held a Fair Trade Sale.

On the Wednesday before Christmas, all students went on a cultural day out to Dublin, visiting the museums and art galleries, including a visit to Kilmainham Gaol, where the tragic story of Grace Gifford and Joseph Mary Plunkett moved many to tears.

Two activity weekends took place in Baltinglass, where students had the chance to try activities that they would not ordinarily take part in, and the year finished with a morning walking over Howth Head visiting the Bailey Lighthouse. All this was in addition to the academic and other work of the school day. Students took the

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opportunity to learn new skills, and try out new subjects. The work placements resulted in many students discovering what they wanted to do when they left school, and what they didn't want to do! Throughout the year, a large number of students accepted the challenge of the President's Award and successfully achieved a Bronze Medal. Two successful end of term shows were given, by the students who studied Music and Dance. At the Award ceremony at the end of the year many students went home with several awards and certificates, proof of their hard work and participation in the year's activities.

Deirdre Larkin,
Transition Year Co-ordinator

Poetry - The Smoggy Pigeon

The smoggy pigeon sat on a stoop,
Contemplating a loop de loop.
It thought and thought of what to do,
Until it saw a flying shoe.

The smoggy pigeon said "Whoa dude,
That just put me in the mood
for love, come here a little closer
and I'll show you my electric toaster"

Melanie Whelan and Pia Ward,
Fourth Year.

4G



Back Row: Ayo Daly, Brett Lawless, Brendan Phelan, Rory Forsythe, William Mitchell, Ross Lowe, Edward Ahern, Philip Deegan. **Middle Row:** Gearoid Holohan, Adam Synnott, Tariq Mesallati, Barbara Dooley, Hugh Nowlan, Al Grogan, Rebecca Murray. **Front Row:** Zoe Carabine, Saoirse Gilbert, Alison Bass, Kim Elliott, Julie McRann, Holly Synnott, SORCHA Moloney, Ruth Brady. **Missing:** Jonathan Slacke-Fitzpatrick, Lucy Whitaker

4I



Back Row: Ronan Lonergan, Steven Rorke, Owen Wardell, Ian Thom, Steven Nelson, Sean Froudish-Walsh, Fiona Briggs. **Middle Row:** Philip Duffy, Jo Lynch, Richard Fallon, Glenn Sheridan, Averil Blakely, Scott McNeill, Liam Reidy, Richard Walsh, Graham Kinlan. **Front Row:** Anna McCormick, Louise Bowens, Michelle O'Donohoe, Lauren Dwyer, Pamela Webster, Zoe McNair, Aoife Greene, Laura Houston. **Missing:** Carla Fitzgerald, Ian Jackson.

4OS



Back Row: Miriam McSharry, Alison Lett, John Aslanis, Ciaran Condren, Alan Loane, Ciaran Hale, Niall Mc Darby, Jeffery Warren. **Middle Row:** Gregor McGuckin, David Flower, Stephen Lane, Pia Ward, Alice Mooney, Marc Judge, Joseph Silke, Tara Bright, Jane Goldsmith, Aoife Nic Philibín. **Front Row:** Niamh Hogan, Nicholas Gordan, Jonathan Quinlan, David Stevenson, Daniel King, Claire Fry, Ciara O'Toole, Patricia Cullen.

4R



Back Row: Robert Wilson, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Peter May, Alan Thompson, Simon Marconi, Craig Rankin, Conor Dixon, Claudine Murphy. **Middle Row:** Michael Rath, Barry Daly, Meave Corcoran, Susan Murphy, Michael Okonji, Brian Kelly, Amy Hamilton, Isabel Baker. **Front Row:** Melanie Whelan, Cein Sookram, Vicki Collins, Evan Barry, Robert Fullarton, Stephanie Coughlan, Scott Hanan, Ashling Hughes.

4W



Back Row: Andrew Bannister, Michael Sexton, Paul McGonagle, Patrick Earls, Orla Tevlin, Ercus Long, Gus Nwosu, Sam Meredith. **Middle Row:** Niamh Carroll, Ross Johnson, Sean Fox, Olwyn Horgan, Sarah Meehan, Cillian Suiter, James Anglim, Scott Dempsey, James Hanlon. **Front Row:** Karen Douglas, Mallaidh Milotte, Sarah O'Callaghan, Ross Traynor, Emily Glynn, Jonny Somerville, Andrew Lui, Ronan Kenny.

TY

Awards

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze

Zoe Allot
Patrick Anglim
Susan Barrett
Jessica Bell-Fahy
Genevieve Boyle
Lorelle Brownlee
Roz Campbell
Jennie Carr
Drew Dover
Mary Dowds
Nadine Grunitz
Sally Horton
Sharon Johnson
Alice Keogh
Matthew Leahy
Mark Lew
Evan McAuley
John McDermott
Gillian McMurray
Kiva Murphy
Clíodhna Noone
Freya Oatway
Amy O'Byrne
Tonya O'Keeffe
Conal O'Meara
Daniel O'Rourke
Sarah Reynolds
Niamh Sheehan-Hammond
Padraic Smith
Eilish Smyth
Julie-Ann Tector

Canoeing Awards

Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award

Zoe Allot
Anna O'Hare
Noel O'Meara

Bursaries

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

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

Stephen Dowling Turner
Simon Jones
Graham Kerr
Kerrie Williamson
Joanna Corbett
Kerril Fahy
Susan Barrett
Kiva Murphy
Greg Sheridan
Robbie Burns
Julie-Ann Tector
Stephen Mahon
Ben Senior
Eilish Smyth
Alice Toner

Judo

White Belt Awards

Rory Bannigan
Adam Brennan
Max McLaughlin-Callan
Roz Campbell
Jennie Carr
Joanne Corbett
Tim Mills
David Mitchell
Greg Sheridan
Barry Walsh

Yellow Belt Awards

Zoe Allott
Patrick Anglim
Lee Boutiche
Peter Burns
Louise Duggan
Alan Ellman
Kerril Fahy
Christopher Harding
Karl Hill
Cathy Jones
Mandy Lowe
Cillian Meldon
Macdara Ó Seireadáin
Sean O'Connor
Anna O'Hare
Daniel O'Rourke
Julian Persechini
Barry Walsh
Scott Wilkinson
Robbie Wynne

Careers Library

The Careers Library is the small room to the left of Ms Jones's office. Inside you will find a wealth of information about the many possible career options for school leavers. There are books, leaflets, magazines and videos available, detailing things such as post-leaving cert courses institutes of technology, colleges and universities.

The information is filed away, colour coded by universities, institutes of technology, colleges, post-leaving cert courses and private colleges. In the filing cabinet, college information is filed away according to career. Everything from archaeology to zoology is catered for.

Throughout the year Garroid, Richard, Jeffery, Tara, Rebecca, Hugh, Alice and a few others tended to the library. We organised the colour coded filing system by which the institutions are divided. We also filed the daily floods of college information that arrived.

When we were not working we ate our lunches in the library. This was one of the best parts of working in the library as it gave us somewhere peaceful and out of the way to eat.

Overall, working in the library was a most rewarding experience and I would recommend it to anyone.

**Hugh Nowlan,
Fourth Year.**

Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition

Three pupils from Form 4 presented two well received projects in this year's EsatBt exhibition in the RDS. Brett Lawless was awarded joint third prize for his project on artificial intelligence in computers, while Jeffrey Warren and Liam Reidy produced a fine project on the effect of computer games on behaviour. Congratulations and well done to all concerned.



Above: Liam Reidy, Brett Lawless, Jeffrey Warren

Fair Trade Fair

The injustice of international trade means that many products we import are produced by people working in poor conditions for low wages. What we can do is favour those products that have been fairly traded. Alternative trading organisations, like Oxfam Trading, Traidcraft, Equal Exchange and Tearcraft exist as an alternative to the world trading system.

On Saturday 7 December, a group of Transition Year students held a Christmas Fair in the Reynolds Hall in support of Fair Trade around the world. The day

turned out to be a complete success. The hall was packed for most of the day with many people out to get some of their Christmas shopping out of the way! There were ten stalls in all; six for Tearcraft, one for Oxfam and one for Amnesty International. The tenth was a refreshments stall, where visitors could buy a cup of Fair Trade tea or coffee, and a biscuit or cake, for €1. We raised a respectable €5000 approx., all of which went directly to organisations supporting Fair Trade.

**Michael Sexton,
Fourth Year.**

Below left: Shoppers browsing at the Fair Trade Fair.

Below right: Ashling Hughes



President's Award

(Gaisce) trip to Kerry

A group of forth years who are competing for the President's Award went to Kerry from the 3-5 April to climb Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland.

We began our trip on Thursday afternoon when we left High School in the minibuses at 2 p.m. We arrived at our hostel in Kerry around 8 p.m. having had a quick stop in Limerick on the way. The hostel was very nice. We had comfortable rooms in an annexe of our own, with a big eating area and kitchen along with a television and games room too. We went to bed that night feeling nervous and excited about what awaited us.

On Friday morning we had breakfast and then left the hostel at 9:30 a.m. It took us about half an hour to get to our starting point where we left the minibuses and began our hike. It was cold and really misty so you could barely see anything in front of you! The walk was easy enough at first and as we went on the mist started to clear and the sun came out. We walked on the path at first and then the marshland, getting higher as we walked up grassy hillsides. There were mountains all around us. Some had huge bits of jagged rock pointing out of them and down in the valley there were two big lakes on either side of our trail that sparkled in the sunlight.

As we got higher the walk got a bit harder. The ground was marshy and muddy in some places but mostly grassy. Then we saw the Devil's Ladder rising up the mountain above us. The top wasn't even visible through the mist. We began our ascent up the huge rockslide. A small waterfall coming down it had made some of the rocks slippery so we had to watch our step. Once we were half way up everyone stopped for a rest. Then we started climbing again. Every so often someone would slip and dislodge the rocks under our feet.

The top wasn't even visible through the mist. After lunch we began our climb to the top of Carrauntoohil. At first it was grassy but then it became covered with bits of rock, mostly slate. About halfway up we turned to look at the view and realised we were above the clouds. We could see the peaks of other moun-

tains poking out of the clouds in the distance. We continued our ascent. It was steep but there was a winding path marked out by rock cairns which helped. Eventually everyone reached the top. It was really cool. We were in the sky. There were other mountain peaks around us but we were standing on the highest one.

After spending some time at the top we split into two groups for the descent. Some of us went down the way we came up while others went a different way across another mountain ridge. We were back at the hostel by 6:30 p.m. Everyone was really tired but we all felt like we'd achieved something. And we all slept really well that night.

The next morning we drove to the Gap of Dunloe where we walked along the road to the highest point of the Gap. As we stood there Mr Swan told us a bit about the geography of the valley and Mr Cryan and Mr Blackmore helped him show us an experiment that demonstrated the line of the watershed.

We all got back to High School exhausted but glad to have accomplished the last and most challenging part of the venture for our President's Award.

Isabel Baker.



Sarah Meehan, Pamela Webster, Michelle O'Donoghue, Sarah O'Callaghan, Susan Murphy, Liam Reidy, Isabel Baker, William Mitchell, Scott Hanan on the Kerry trip



Kerry trip groups



Model **United Nations**

This was the first year that High School participated in Model United Nations. The High School delegation was made up of Lindsey Watson, Greg Sheridan, Alice Keogh and Neil O'Connor of fifth year and Michael Sexton and Zoë McNair of fourth year. Our team represented the South American country of Guyana during the four-day conference at Jury's hotel.

After a first day lobbying for support and the second days opening speeches, the conference divided into eight committees including ECOSOC, the Security

Council, Human rights and Disarmament. The members of these committees discussed various resolutions submitted by different delegates.

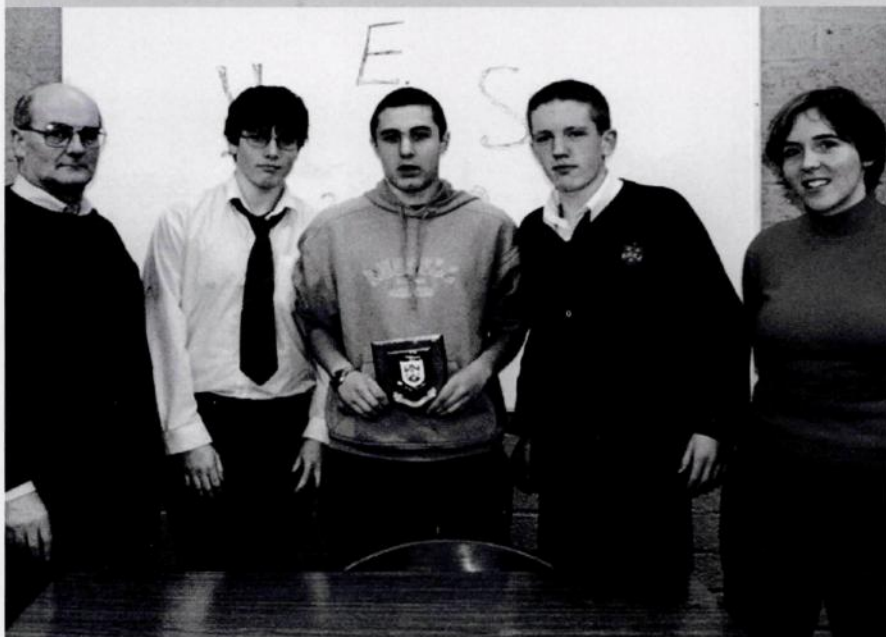
At the end of the conference, several of the resolutions that had been passed in committee were discussed by the entire conference before many of them were passed by the general assembly.

After closing ceremonies, the conference ended with a disco for all the participants, though only one member of our delegation attended. All in all, I believe an enjoyable time was had by all who attended.

Zoë McNair,
Fourth Year.

Young Entrepreneur Scheme

Below left: Mr Sheridan, Philip Deegan, Scott McNeill, Glenn Sheridan, Ms Heather McKay



Congratulations to the company "High School Football Tournament", winners of this year's YES competition, who went forward to the Dublin City finals on Sunday 2 March at the Regency Hotel, Swords Road, Dublin 9.

The school winners received the new *Andrew McKay Enterprise Award* which has been created in memory of Mr Andrew McKay who was sadly taken away from us last year. It was especially pleasing for us to have Andrew's sister, Heather, to act as a judge in this year's competition, accompanied by the second judge, Mr P. Sheridan.

Once again, all those who participated in the YES scheme have learned a great deal from their involvement.

M. Kirby.

Rock/Pop Show

The *Rock/Pop Show* is put on every year by the fourth years. They had practiced heavily since Christmas and the show was set to be a huge success. The star of the show was definitely Ali Lett the curtain puller (she asked me to say that).

We hung around backstage before it all began. Unfortunately there was no green room. Everyone was very excited and anywhere you looked there was men dressed in floral print dresses, girls in short skirts dancing in the hallway and general mayhem.

The first act was the drag Queens, I never did find out if they shaved their legs! Now like most bands, they didn't play their instruments, but played very professional air guitar!

Laura Heuston's rendition of *Fallin'* was excellent and she really got all those high notes. Following her was a performance of Dusty Springfield's *Son of a Preacher Man*.

Zoë McNair was the very experienced presenter and she really got the crowd going. The acts that followed included great guitar solos, brilliant singing and not to forget the memorable performances by the bands and dancers involved.

The dancers wee quite nervous but as soon as they out there, they reacted to all the ohoos and aaahs of the crowd.

The dancers were excellent and their routines for the songs *Fighter* and *Dirrty* were both in time and very Christina! The grand finale experienced some technical difficulties leading in one of the band members holding the amp together with gaffer-tape.

The fourth years, put on a very impressive show and I'm sure that the third years are looking forward to it next year.

**Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.**



Above: A. Lui, D. Flower, G. McGuckin, N. McDarby, M. Sexton, A. Nwosu rehearsing the rock/pop show



Gala Concert

A magnificent concert was held in the Music Centre concert room on 11 March. A capacity audience attended and enjoyed the performances immensely, of classical, jazz and traditional pieces from the orchestra, choir and solo performers. A unique feature of the evening was the Higgs family string trio, consisting of Sophie, Kate and Adam.

Above: The orchestra with Mr Wisener

Right: Aisling Bridgeman on violin.

Far Left: Some of the audience at the Gala Concert

Below: Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Below right: Grace Tallon and Sorcha Moloney



Carol Service

The annual carol service took place in late December and was well attended. Thanks to all who contributed and helped to prepare for the service, especially Mr Wisener and Ms Hutchinson-Edgar.



Above: Donna Lui reading

Below and right: Part of the orchestra and choir



Burren 2003

Our trip began on the morning of Wednesday the 7 May. It was an early start of 8.30 a.m. at the front steps. We loaded the bus with all our caving supplies and set off on our five-hour journey towards the Burren Co. Clare. Our first stop was the 'exciting' town of Moate where the teachers headed off for a 'relaxing' cup of tea, and students towards Supermacs for a quick bite to eat.

Our next stop was at Bishops quarter where the biologists undertook our first profile transect on the sand dunes, but unfortunately we had to head back to the coach rather rapidly after a heavy rain shower interrupted our work. Our next stop was to the Ailwee Caves where we discovered our first but certainly not last trip under meters of limestone.

We reached our hotel in Lisdoonvarna about half six, and rushed to have a shower after our little adventure which resulted in our first set of clothes being soaked through. Afterwards we enjoyed our first nights meal of what some people called 'fricken', it smelt like fish but tasted like chicken. That evening was followed by a class and an organised 'disco' with an all girls school from Dublin also and I'm telling you the fellas weren't complaining.

Day two came too quickly and started too early for some. After breakfast we packed our bags with a change of clothes and the bus was loaded with our lunch supplies then we headed off on our adventures for the day. Firstly we headed towards the windy but spectacular 681 foot high Cliffs of Moher. Here we viewed the magnificent cliffs and certain birds, which I think interested Mr Gill a little more than us.

We then headed towards Pollsallagh where the geologists viewed blowholes with Cockie and the biologists undertook their second survey on the different types of flora on the limestone pavement, Mr Gill's enthusiasm about the "Birds foot trefoil" and the "Bloody Cranesbills" did scare us slightly but yet we did help him find his dear plants. The bad weather prevented us from doing our shoreline transect but all smiles were not lost after we went through Fanore and saw the famous 'caravan park' where the hilarious scene from Father Ted was filmed.

After lunch in Ballyvaughan we headed down many narrow winding roads towards Slieve Elva to the famous Pollnagollum Cave. It was the first caving experience for most of us including the new Ms Fahey who was a little more frightened than the rest of us. When down in the cave torches and hard hats were essential. Most of us did manage to get down the cave but there were a few who were just a little to frightened to venture down.

Being down under the ground in about two foot of water was for some quite thrilling and exciting. We returned back to the hotel for a late dinner. After showers we had our nightly meeting and because the previous night we were so good our class was postponed till the morning. We supplied our own entertainment that night.

The next morning we sadly packed our bags and started

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our venture home after our class. The first stop was in Lahinch Aquarium where the sea life amazed us all, and we viewed an 80-foot lobster (cheers Cockie). After lunch and a quick view of Lahinch waves we piled back on the bus and got our seats for our trip home. Our entertainment was supplied with tunes from everyone even the teachers, but the most memorable was Pat's rendition of the "Fields of Athenry".

We arrived back at HSD at about half seven, quicker than we expected (thanks Kinger!).

On behalf of all the pupils that went, a most sincere thank you to Mr Gill, Mr Wright, Ms Toolan, Ms Fahy and, of course, Kinger.

**Rebecca Rolfe,
Fifth Year.**



Non-Uniform Day 2003

The school's Non-Uniform Day took place this year on 2 April. We raised over €1200; a €1000 of which went to support the Special Olympics World Summer Games. The rest was donated to a small organisation 'Clann Housing Association' which helps refugee children that come to Ireland. Everyone looked great on the day and some teachers and supervisors got involved by wearing the school uniform. Well done to all who took part.



5th

Back Row: Carl Daly, Ross Holder, Barry Walsh, David Lee, Sharon Taylor, Robert Byrne, Graham Kerr, Daniel Murphy, Sean O'Connor, Ben Cantan, Andrew Lett, Chris Harding, Robbie Wynne, Peter Burns, Donal Curran, Ben Leonard-Kane, Chris McAuliffe, Paddy Mullan, Matthew Leahy, Pat Anglim.

Row 2: Jenny Carr, Niamh Sheehan-Hammond, Tim Mills, Elliott Leavy, Stephen Power, Adam Brennan, Drew Dover, Robert Moore, Rory Bannigan, Graham Cooley, Julie-Ann Tector, Anna O'Hare, Robert Sherwood, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Jeremy Whyte, Scott Wilkinson, John McDermott, Daniel O'Rourke.

Row 3: Zoë Allott, Noel O'Meara, Genevieve Boyle, Sarah Hennessy, Ciara FitzGerald, Margaux Kenny, Shelley McGeeney, Roz Campbell, Neil O'Connor, Greg Sheridan, Stephen Duggan, Shane Prunty, Matthew D'Arcy, Jason Brooke, Eoghan Cullen, Mark Lew, Aengus Walton, Stephen Rooney, Robert Stratton.

Row 4: Neil Smith, Max Olohan, Alan Ellman, Max Callan-McLaughlin, Ben Senior, Lee Boutiche, Julian Persechini, Stephen Dowling Turner, Jamie MacDonald, Ryno Zwarts, Evan McAuley, Martha McDermott, Lyndsey Watson, Alice Keogh, David Mitchell, Macdara O Seireadain, Kerril Fahy, Neal Hunter, Clíodhna Noone,

Row 5: Orla Walsh, Kate Ashe-Lenonard, Tonya O'Keefe, Gillian O'Meara, Eilish Smyth, Jenny Kearns, Rebecca Rolfe, Bryan Hannon, Jessica Bell-Fahy, Gill McMurray, Sally Horton, Nadine Grunitz, Ruth Connell, Kiva Murphy, Judy Czerniak, Padraic Smith, Daniel Roantree, Christopher Lawson, Conal O'Meara, Stephen Mahon,

Row 6: Catherine Jones, Lorelle Brownlee, Mandy Lowe, Amy O'Byrne, Mary Dowds, Sarah Reynolds, Joanna Burke, Anna Stewart, Johanna Corbette, Sarah Collins, Susan Barrett, Eva Monaghan, Adele Kirwan, Kerrie Williamson, Jenny Stafford, Aileen Blackwood, Aibhin McGreal, Sophie O'Hare, Sharon Johnson, Freya Oatway,

Row 7: Gillian Rath, Denise Lui, Alice Toner, Mr.P.Prendergast, Mr.B.McNamara, Mr.R.Mullen, Mr.B.Duffy, Mrs.J.Geoghean, Mr.C.Cryan, Mr.B.Quinn, Ms.S.Quinn, Grace Nelson, Ciara Nugent, Louise Duggan.

Missing: Rory Bannigan, Holly Brennan, Daniel Donnelly, Sharon Taylor, Catherine Hilliard, Graham Kerr, Andrew Meaney, Tim Mills.

EYP

European Youth Parliament

This year's selection conference was held in Alexandra College from the 14-16 February. Delegations from all over the country arrived for a weekend of which most people hadn't got an idea what they had gotten themselves in for! There were eight of us there this year representing The High School, Kiva Murphy, Lorelle Brownlee, Amy O'Byrne, Judy Czerniak, Julie-Ann Tector, Sally Horton, Rebecca Murray and Alice Mooney.

For those of you who do not know what EYP is all about, I'll tell you that it is a weekend long conference, on the Friday evening you go in your casual gear and have fun! The evening is filled with games both mentally and physically challenging, sketches and a whole lot of laughing. Then Saturday morning comes, tired from the antics of the night before and dressed in formal wear you have to get down to the difficult task of making a resolution (a solution to a problem that we are faced with in modern society e.g. terrorism or the legalisation of cannabis). Then comes more fun: disco and karaoke. Then comes

Sunday, regretting the late night before, the prospect of a day of open debate of the resolutions, seems daunting but it is managed to the best of everyone's ability. Thanks Mr D for organising it so well, couldn't have done it without you.

To every one contemplating taking part in EYP in years to come, don't contemplate, just do it. It is one of the best experiences of your life and whether you love it or hate it you will come away from it with more confidence, common knowledge of this crazy world that we live in (I know a lot more about cannabis now than I did before this educational weekend), and the feeling of satisfaction. You get out what you put in! And as the wise words of our president for the weekend linger on in my head, I will share them with you; you will regret the things that you didn't say not the thing that you did.

**Judy Czerniak,
Fifth Year.**

Below: Break-time football at HSD



Romeo and Juliet

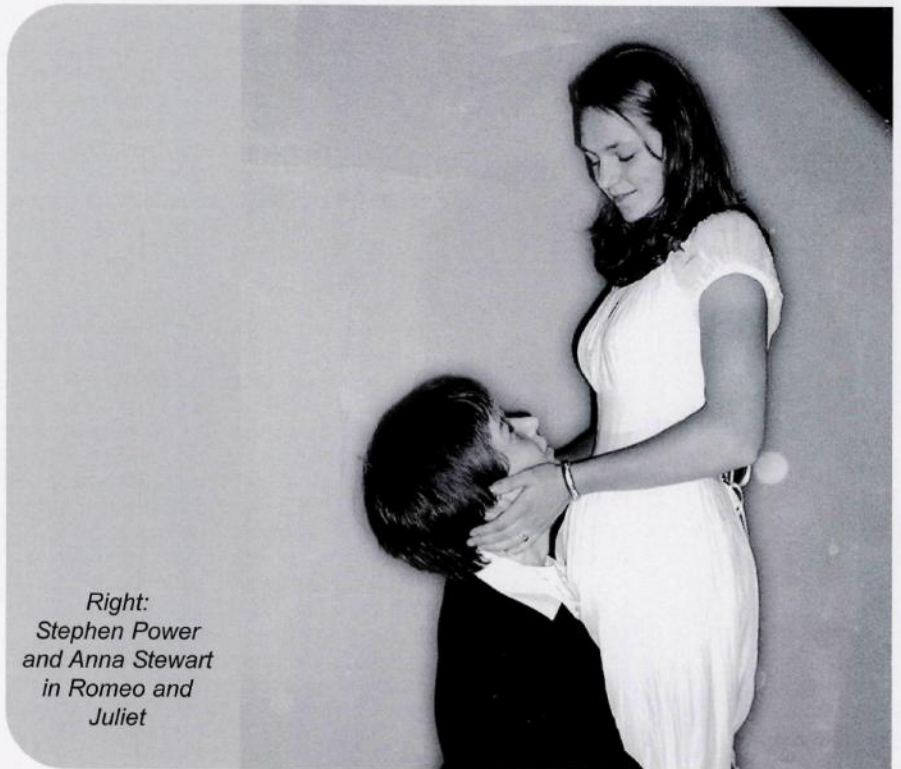
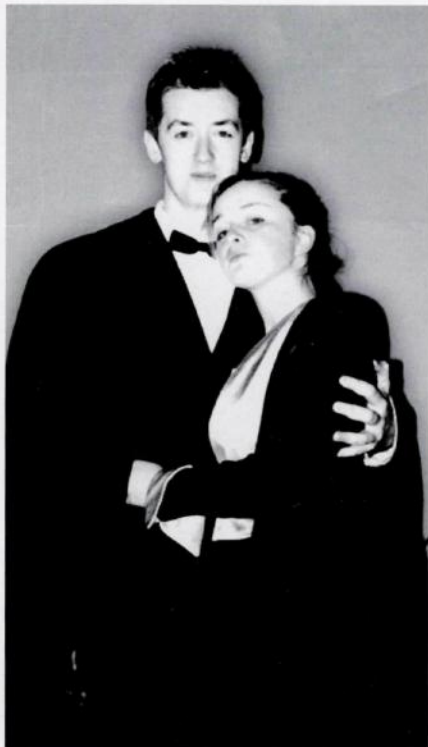
What it's about!

The tragedy of Romeo And Juliet is the story of two lovers in Verona, written by William Shakespeare. It is the tale of two feuding families: the Monogues and the Capulets. The two young lovers are destined for tragedy and death as their families battle it out in a political war. The two decide to marry which results in the death of Tybalt, Juliet's cousin and Romeo's nemesis. Romeo is banished and Juliet cannot live without him. The climax of this play is in the church as their love for each other leads to killing themselves instead of being apart.

We open the play with the very memorable chorus by Max Olohan:

*"Two households, both alike in dignity
In fair Verona, where we lay our scene
From ancient grudge break to new mutiny
Where civil blood makes civil hands unclean
From forth the fatal loins of these two foes
A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life"*

*Below: Sean O'Connor
and Aoibhin McGreal*



*Right:
Stephen Power
and Anna Stewart
in Romeo and
Juliet*

Anna Stewart is Juliet

Have you ever seen such a performance as the fifth years modern take on Romeo and Juliet? I think not! Directed by ex-High school pupil Jack Olohan and produced by wonderful Denise Lui with 'loads' of help from her assistant Joanna Burke. The wonderful cast consisted of around thirty students from fifth year, with Stephan Power as Romeo and Anna Stewart as Juliet.

The play was my best experience at High School so far. During rehearsals everyone worked really well together. After our late night rehearsals we would leg it down to Fortes, the chipper, in Rathgar. I guess it was a reward after a long tiring day.

There were performances from Stephan Power, Mercutio (Neil Smith) the

villain Tybalt (Rob Stratton), the peace-maker Benvolio (Rooney) Lady Capulet (Aoibhin McGreal) and old Capulet (Sean O' Connor). Kiva Murphy was also amazing as the nurse and my friend.

The fabulous director Jack created a great sense of style, the setting, the mood and more. He gave up all of his time to work on the play and although he is very modest about it, all those long hard nights paid off in the end!

He was a little too nice at first with the cast i.e. "no probs man" and he always made us believe that we were doing great even when we weren't up to scratch. By the end, he was fairly stressed as is completely normal. It's not easy to try and get the stage, cast, music, lights, costumes and the rest

sorted out for the performance evening.

The set design was created by the artistic and talented Holly Brennan and Eva Monaghan and of course the much loved Gregor! Of course 'the lads' helped out with any construction that needed doing. They were constantly hammering, sawing, painting and drilling.

I must mention the music selected for the performance. It added to the atmosphere and included artists such as: the Rolling Stones, Christina Aguilera, the Pixies and the Prodigy. Quite a mixture but it definitely worked, and always coincided with the action on stage. Well done Jack and Co. for your great taste.

We went to the ends of Dublin to try and find some real guns to really add a realistic sense of danger to the play. It wasn't easy to try and organise the licence and no one would believe us in the police station when we said that the guns were for a play. It gave the lads a strong sense of power to be able to hold and use real guns and Tybalt's death scene came alive with people in the crowd holding on the edge of their seats.

Thanks again to all the cast and crew who helped make this an exceptional performance, also not to forget the teachers who lent a hand when needed.

All I'm going to say is, good luck to the fifth years next year, it's not easy!

**Anna Stewart
and Joanna Burke.**



Above: Elliott Leavy, Shane Prunty, Ryno Zwartz, Rob Stratton and Stephen Power

Below: Neil Smith, Barry Walsh and Kiva Murphy

Denise Lui on being student producer ... it's a lot of work!

Opening night, and the Reynolds Hall was jammers. As nerves set in, emotions were running high. After a final pep talk in the basement from the director, the atmosphere was electric. As the curtain went up, I held my breath with anticipation. But to see every thing come together so seamlessly, made two months of hard work, stress and sleepless nights all worth while.

In saying that, there was never any doubt that it would be anything but a success, with such a great cast, crew and of course director the man of a thousand words, Mr Jack Olohan, who gave life to the production.

At 8.00 p.m. on Thursday, 28 November 2002 the curtains opened on what has been said to be one of the best plays that The High School has ever put on. I felt so lucky to have had the chance to

be part of such an amazing production, although it has to be said that it was never a bed of roses even at the best of times. I have a few words of advice to all future student producers: expect the unexpected, you're in for a roller coaster of a ride! But don't worry, the ups defiantly out weight the downs and once it's all over and you finally get your head around everything that you've accomplished you'll want to do it all over again, I know I did.

Finally I think I speak for the entire production team

when I say that we couldn't have pulled it off without the support from the following pupils and staff members: Gregor Timlin, Lora Dolan, J.J. Rolfe, Paul Macken, Rebecca Nelson, Mrs Milne, Mrs Pearce, Miss Stevenson, Mr Duffy, Mr McMullen, Mrs Geoghegan, Mr Davis, The Office Staff, The Catering Staff, Sarge and Tommy, John and Dougie.

**Denise Lui,
Student Producer.**



Christian Union

"Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven".

Matthew 5.16

If the Christian Union has an object to their being, this would be it. Through our attitudes, our deeds, the way we treat people, we try to display God's love to the best of our ability.

It may come as a surprise to many of the students here in High School, that a Christian Union even exists, but it's true, it's there and has been for many years now. This year we met weekly (most of the time), with a small group of students from fourth to sixth year on Tuesdays at lunchtime in B8, and would simply talk about how things were going or if anyone had something from the bible or an issue that they had been thinking about we could talk about it. Several speakers came in over this last year also and spoke to us.

In the years that I have been part of the Christian union, I feel that this year in particular we accomplished something. It was the first year that we actually motivated ourselves to do something productive in an effort to share our beliefs and our thoughts with other students.

We arranged for a panel of five people to come in and answer questions on God, life, religion, creation, evolution, morality etc. On the Tuesday that we held the session, Johnny Pardoe, Nicky Cinnamond, Robyn Palmeter, Derek Switzer and Luke Carey comprised our panel of five, with a little help from Ms Ritchie at times. They are all members of churches in the city centre and were willing to tackle whatever questions were thrown at them.

Even though at times there was tension to be felt, the atmosphere was good. From listening to people's questions, one could clearly see that people are searching for something else. They are striving to find a higher meaning to life. Though some people didn't really know why they were there, there were many genuinely interested students who wanted their questions

answered. The students provided many excellent and thought provoking questions. The panel attempted to answer all questions as best they could, but the restriction on time prevented everybody's questions being answered. It was frustrating for the panel as they were willing to stay but the bell was calling us to our classes.

There were many people who left without their questions answered and as we had written on the posters that 'Your questions will be answered', we felt we had to stay true to our word. So to accommodate those extra questions, we held another meeting on the following Friday to give some people a second chance. There was a similar panel, this time helped out by Richard Carson and Ms Ritchie, who made her way up the line and got herself a seat on the panel.

This was a much more relaxed session than the first one, with everyone respecting each other's right to talk and to be listened to. The panel handled the questions well and were able to back up their answers, which were helpful as in today's society, we demand proof before we will accept or believe something.

Hopefully everybody's questions were answered and no one went away completely dissatisfied, but we can't be expected to know everything. Thank you to all who helped organise it, everybody that came and most of all to those few people that gave up their time to sit on that panel and answer our questions.

And lastly, a big thanks to Ms Ritchie and Mr Wilkinson for their help throughout the year.

**Joanna Burke,
Fifth Year.**

What a difference a day makes!

Trocaire Fast

Congratulations to all junior pupils who deprived themselves of food on the 28 February to help raise money for Trocaire. Trocaire is dedicated to helping the most impoverished people in the world, an example of which are the Ethnic Highland people of Ratanakiri in Cambodia whose way of life is being

threatened. Thanks to the support of people, Trocaire has been making a difference to the lives of those most in need for the past 30 years.

Poetry

by Susan Barrett

The Room That Was Bare

I walked into a room,
And there was nothing there,
Just the wooden floors,
And the walls that were bare.

Ages of dust,
Sweeping down the wall,
Ages of dust,
Continuing to fall.

The room had one window,
Rays shone through so bright,
The room seemed happier,
And it filled with such light.

The room is very different now,
It seems no longer bare,
The dust remains undusted,
But I don't notice it when I'm there.



Right: Artwork by Claudine Murphy

The last week of the play

There was a day when I felt like a lonely lost child,
Or maybe I was being childish,
I wanted to scream and dance and go wild,
But at the time was I being selfish?

There have been days I felt like crying,
There were days in which I cried,
There were days I wished like dying,
There have been days in which my heart died.

It will all be over soon somehow,
I have been counting down the days,
It's just I feel so tired and weary now,
But it will all be worth it in some ways.

A gust of wind

A gust of wind,
Brushes past,
A gust of wind,
Sweeps by fast.

A gust of wind,
Shakes a flower,
A gust of wind,
Has such power.

A gust of wind,
Disappears in the sky,
A gust of wind,
Makes me wonder why.

A gust of wind,
Chills me cold,
A gust of wind,
Can unravel gold.

A gust of wind,
Runs through the air,
A gust of wind,
Blows through my hair.

A gust of wind,
Brushes past,
A gust of wind,
Sweeps by fast.

Where I belong

I sit in the water,
Hearing it call my name,
My hair part of the foam,
Burying my toes in the sand.

I feel the ripples as you enter,
Stepping into my world,
I feel you pass through me,
Not knowing that I'm there.

You are now my slave,
You are trapped in the watery cage,
Waves tripping you,
You find it hard to breathe.

I pity you as I look,
I forget what it feels like,
The world of land and people,
It frightens me and I dive.

Set you free and let you out,
Bury myself in the waves,
Live the rhythm of the sea,
I know that's where I belong.

Funnies

Fifth Year's Loudest Band

**Judy Czerniak,
Fifth Year.**

My best Chat up lines (guaranteed not to work!)

I may not be the best looking fella in the room but I'm the only one talking to you.

Hello, my name is Mr. Right I believe you've been looking for me.

*You may not be the best looking bird in the place, but beauty is only a light switch away!
(So turn off the lights)*

-Will you be with me?

-No

-I'm sorry you must have misheard me, I said you look fat in that skirt.

I seem to have lost my phone number, can I borrow yours?

It must be a sin to look that good (aw bless!)

Hi, I'm new in town; can you give me directions to your place?

My best bits of useless information!

- If Barbie were life size, her measurements would be 39-23-33; she would stand 7ft 2" tall, and have a neck twice the length of normal humans! (Not so perfect after all!)

- If you yelled consistently for 8 years, 7 months and 6 days, you would produce enough to heat one cup of tea (too much effort)

- However, if you fart constantly for 6 years and 9 months, enough gas is produced to create the energy of an atomic bomb (now that's more like it)

- Americans, on average eat 18 acres of pizza every day!

- The average chocolate bar has eight insect legs in it. (Have I turned you off chocolate for life?)

- Donald Duck comics were banned in Finland because he doesn't wear pants.

- More people are killed annually by donkeys than are killed in plane crashes.

- If the population of China walked past you in single file, the line would never end because of their rate of reproduction.

Elliot Leavy and Adam Brennan formed rock group 'The Village Idiots' after a moment of inspiration on the 123A. They ran into trouble early on when they couldn't find a suitable drummer, they tried the best, then the rest and so had to settle with Padraig Smith, the 'pretty boy'. Elliot leads with questionable vocals and guitar while Adam is on bass and backup vocals, Padraig drums and Eoin Cullen is on guitar. The band prides themselves in their stage presence and see themselves continuing long after High School is over because 'they are great'. The band had many anecdotes to share, including one time when Eoin attempted to kill Adam with a school blind, thus earning him the nickname, Side-show Bob. When I asked them what we can expect at Duff Gardens they said to expect some surprises.

The bands influences include *The Doors*, *Jimi Hendrix*, *The Police* and *The Foo Fighters*. They currently practice at Elliot's house after some bad experiences at Padraig's (lack of nourishment). The group had some negative things to say of the other school bands namely 'W Card' no that's too obvious... say 'Wild C'. Adam says the band is 'a cross between Eoin's innovativeness and Elliot's creativeness'... they fired Eoin three weeks after the interview!

Conal O'Meara.

Yo mama's so fat...

- Her nickname is DAMN!

- She sat beside everyone in the class.

- When she sits around the house, she sits AROUND the house.

- She tripped up on Grafton St. and landed on O'Connell St.

- She wore a Mr. X Tee-shirt and a helicopter tried to land on her.

- She went out in high heels, and came back in flip-flops.

- When I tried to drive around her I ran out of petrol.

- When she stepped on the weighing scales, it read 'one at a time'

- She jumped in the air and got stuck!

Interviews

Joe O'Callaghan



First day: Forgot 'twas a half day and turned up at Ms McCartney's maths class after school had ended!

Funniest Moment: Sudha's speech on 'the sport of kings'.

Embarrassing moment: In first year, hitting a sixth year with a book by accident. He was not happy.

Lasting memory: Going to Mountjoy with Mr McClure.

Richard Dempsey

First day: getting lost and walking into the wrong class and getting shouted at by a load of sixth years.

Funniest moment: The time in fourth year when a tunnel of death happened in Mr Irwin's room and Andrew Grimason ended up on the floor with a load of desks on top of him just as Mr Irwin walked in.

Most Embarrassing moment: The time in crafts in fourth year when I was sick after I'd eaten some dodgy cake and my face went totally green.

Fondest memory:
The Burren in general.



Rachel Bates

First day: It was pretty much a blank, I just remember feeling funny compared to everyone else with a bag half my size!

Funniest Moment: All the stories that Mr Giles would tell us, they were classic. And the time all the lads hid down the back of Mr Giles class for the whole thing without him even noticing they were there.

Embarrassing moment:
Oh, there are so many! But the time I got hit in the back of the head with an apple when I was having lunch. I'm always getting hit by things accidentally!

Lasting Memory: Some teachers will stick out for the funny stuff that

they have said or done. I'll probably always remember hiding or running away from Mrs Geoghegan or Mr Duffy for uniform violations!



Sixth Year

Richard Owens

First day: I went into the wrong class and Ms Larkin wouldn't let me leave. I had to sit for 20 minutes with a class of scary second years.

Funniest moment:

When Claire met Sudha!

Embarrassing moment: Tippins pulled my chair from under me in Irish and I got a huge bruise on my posterior!

Lasting memory: Italy trip to Capri. The water was that weird colour like you'd see on tv.



Laurence Brooke

First day: Keego sitting next to me and singing in the first class.

Funniest Moment: In first year, we all got Jon Dockery with eggs and flour on the last day and Jack was grabbed by Mr Fennell with his arm levered behind his back because he was about to throw a water balloon. Jack turned around to shout at whoever was holding his arm. He nearly died of shock by the look on his face!

Embarrassing Moment: On the way home from some party, getting sick in Grace's car and telling her 'its ok, its ok, its all out the door'.

Lasting Memory: Food fights in the common room, circles of death until we had the common room, and WWF wrestling down the back of C13 in first, second and third year!



Brian Sargent

First day: My bag was almost the same size as me!

Funniest moment: Daryl being thrown into a pond on his birthday.

Most embarrassing moment: In second year I was locked in a cupboard for around 10 minutes before class, thanks Rosco.

Lasting Memory: Fight club on the last night of Finland and circles of death on the A floor.



sixth Year

David Thompson

First day: Pretty boring, just walked around with my big bag of books.

Most Embarrassing moment:

When Ed Kenny emptied a whole bag of sawdust over my head in the sixth year room. It was so bad that I had to go to the gym for a shower.

Funniest moment: The morning after our cup match, Glenn, Louis, Ian and I hid in Mr Giles language centre. While we were there he was slaging us behind our backs and at the end of class we all snuck out while he had his head in his paper.

Lasting Memory: The stories that Mr Giles told us!



Andrew Grimason

First day: The whole of first year in the canteen with our bags on our backs, and everyone else laughing at you!

Most embarrassing moment: Mr Kirby's PE class when we were doing the horse, I went for the long jump but came up short and was wedged over the box. I scrambled on to the end while the whole class burst out laughing.

Funniest Moment: In my Irish class in fourth year we had a substitute teacher, Ms Cavendish, you know what she's like! We had been making paper airplanes (as every good Irish class does). She was saying 'someone is going to get their eye taken out'. Then Jack Smith made an airplane out of a cardboard folder. He was standing right beside her. He threw it but it took a vicious swerve and hit her straight in the eye!

Lasting Memory: The long feud between various gourriers in the 'bag bandits'. When we got Kealan Kellys with duck tape, his whole bag was covered with about three layers.



Ciara Fahey

First day: I was late for school on my first day in HSD and hadn't a clue where I had to go, so I ended up wandering around for ages until Ms Geoghegan took pity on me and brought me to Ms Dowsett.

Funniest Moment: Witnessing Rachel Bates get skulled in the head with an apple while she sat innocently eating her lunch in the common room. Or the time Ms Bourke fell off the platform during Irish and nearly fell out the window.

Embarrassing moment: Probably the time when we were coming back from a music trip walking down Zion Road, not paying any attention. I walked straight into a post box giving myself a black eye!

Lasting Memory: The Finland trip. The rock pop shows, when a certain student got caught in the gents' toilets with a group of girls. And when Jonathon Dockery got covered with eggs, flour and water balloons on the A floor corridor!



Keith Flower

First day: The first teacher that I saw was Ms O'Sullivan. She became the reason that I came to school every morning!

Funniest moment: Kate Higgs enthusiastically singing bass in assembly. When Ms Geoghegan made Barry 'Cowman' Walsh shave and he cut his face so bad he had to go home.

Most embarrassing moment: I got sick on the school bus!

Lasting moment: The 'dangerous' circles of death, the sixth year room food fights, and any locker gatherings with everyone getting together making noise and causing trouble.



chat

EYP

International

6 a.m., 8 November, Dublin airport. There we stood, the Irish delegation of the 41st International Session of the European Youth Parliament – five delegates from St Michael's and us five High Schoolers – Eoghan Maginn, Kerrie Wynne, Holly Burke Naughton, Eoin Tippins and Meabh Cryan.

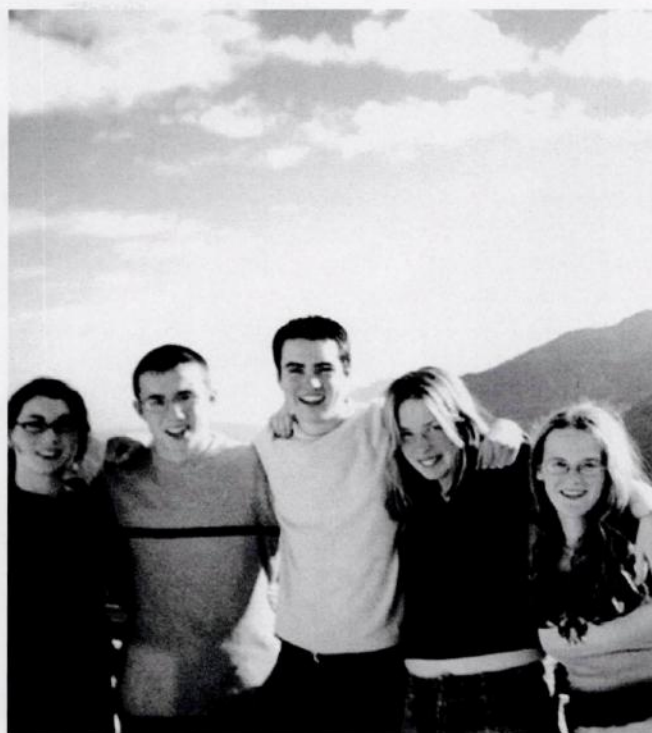
After two selection conferences during fifth year the time had finally come. There were mixed emotions, mainly excitement, nervousness, and apprehension, not to mention exhaustion. We were about to spend ten days, ten days that would prove to be the most memorable and that would change how we think, how we form opinions and how we treat others forever.

We spent our first three days teambuilding with our respective committees in the Alps outside Turin. Here, I think the rest of the delegation would agree, we witnessed the most spectacular and magnificent setting imaginable. We had various activities and games with our committees, which were great fun, often intellectually, and physically challenging, but having the desired effect – breaking down barriers between fellow delegates. This teambuilding was very important, as we would be working intensively with these people for the duration of the session. These three days were truly wonderful. There we met other delegates from twenty seven different countries, which is really a once in a lifetime and unique experience.

Our committee work was held in a school in the centre of Turin. After opening ceremony, it became serious. We began discussing our topics in order to make a resolution that was to be debated at general assembly. We had three days in which to do this, which sounds like plenty of time, however, the time flew. This was such an interesting part of the entire session, as the committee focuses on reaching the same goal, but all having different ideals on how to reach this common goal.

General Assembly was held in a university in Turin. For two days, we debated the resolutions that each committee had made the previous days. This was a very formal occasion, as the resolutions, which were carried, would be passed onto the European Parliament for consideration when discussing what new legislations will be implemented in the EU.

These ten days have taught us all so much; not just on an academic level, but we have learned so much about

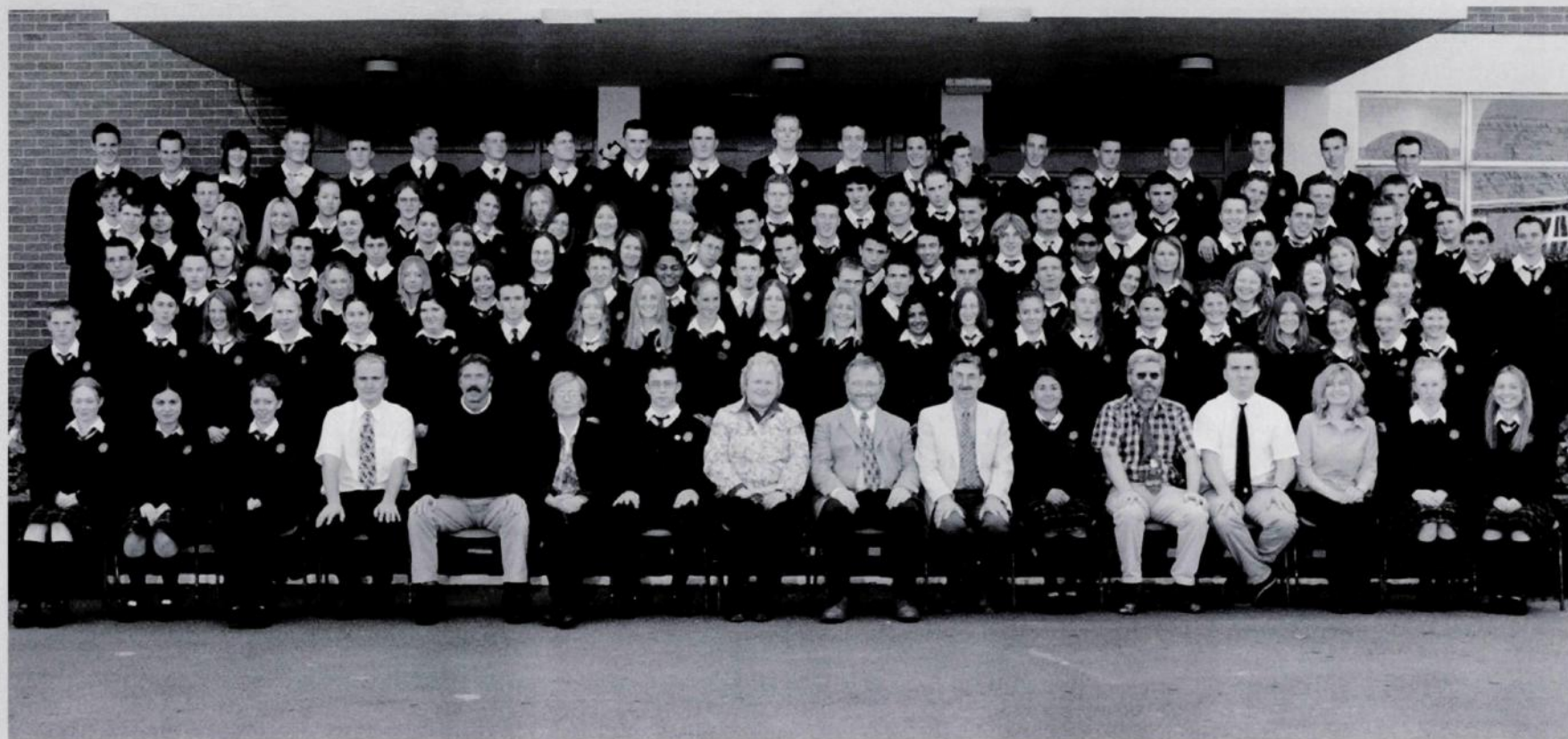


Above: Holly Burke Naughton, Eoin Tippins, Eoghan Maginn, Meabh Cryan and Kerrie Wynne in Italy with EYP

people, their cultures, their beliefs and their way of living. It was an experience that none of us will ever forget. And so, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our sponsors, (namely the Parents' Association and the Past Pupil's Union) and to you all for supporting us – everyone who helped us with the table quiz and made it such a fun night, and our last minute cake sale, which was a great success. But a special thank you has to go to Deborah, Vivienne and Helen in the office, all the teachers who were of so much help and all the sixth years that were so supportive – thank you all so much – we really appreciate it! But an extra special thank you has to go to Mr D. Miller who has done so much for us. Without him, we would never have had a chance to go to EYP.

I really have to urge all the students who are at all interested in EYP to participate in the competition if at all possible. It is so difficult to articulate into words the significance of EYP until you yourself are a part of it. It can take you all over the world and gives you the opportunity to meet wonderful people, and more importantly, the opportunity to make wonderful friends.

**Holly Burke Naughton,
Sixth Year.**



6th

Back Row: Aidan Field, Sean Ward, Sarah Lowe, David Young, Gavin Whyte, Declan McGonagle, David Thompson, Julian Brooke, Cambell Crawford, Martin Anglim, Simon Goldsmith, Scott Haliday, Ed Kenny, Anthony Camilleri, Karl Heaney, Matthew Browne, Ian O'Shea, Eoin O'Reilly, Eoin McGinnty, Daniel O'Byrne, Peter Horan.

Row 2: Steven Keegan, Lawrence Brooke, Karl Kavanagh, Daryll Hoy, Fiona Trayner, Ashleigh Tobin, Claire Foster, Jenny Nannan, Matthew Bennet, Elaine Laing, Vicki Wright, Meabh Cryan, Pamela Pimiento, Elaine Victory, Fiona Keller, Gavin Murphy, James Toomey, Kealan Kelly, Christopher Sommerville, Andy Hoi, Ruairi O'Connell, Tom Kennedy, Brian Morton, Paul Webster, Richard Owens, Luke Maguire, Rob Horne, Matthew Barrett, Ross Condon, Sam Quinn, Rob Smyth, Niall O'Shea, Andrew Grimbleson.

Row 3: Benjamin Frazer, Rachel Bates, Glenn McNeill, Daragh O'Driscoll, Aoife O'Donogue, Ruth Kelly, Rebecca Nicholson, Eoin Monaghan, Lewis Doyle, Alex Feldman, Shivan Pillay, Ralph Prendergast, Sam Abraham, Nuala Sheehy, Triona Curran, Rhiannon Gleeson, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Tom Cassidy, Eamonn Cassidy.
Row 4: Stuart O'Meara, Zara Whyte, Grace Tallon, Rachel Danieffer, Aoife Surgeon, Brian Sergeant, Sudha Rao, Richard Dempsey, Robbie Thackaberry, Keith Flower, Davy Holmes, Wesley Mahon, Louisa Earls, Rachel Walker, Lara Hickey, Kate Higgs.

Row 4: Stuart Maguire, Holly Bourke Naughton, Jenni Day, Sarah Cobbin, Carolyn Gouldon, Aimee Wilkinson, Simon Heuston, Leah Burke, Suzanne Cairns, Rachel McSharry, Nickola Sutton, Aisling O'Toole, Tania Hashme, Susan Walsh, Deborah Keogh, Kerrie Wynne, Ciara Fahey, Sarah Walsh, April Kavanagh, Roberta Harris, Meabh Willoughby, Claire Murphy.

Front Row: Andrea Burgess, Jenni Bradford, Sarah Tobin, Mr Griffin, Mr McClure, Mrs Milne, Eoin Tippins, Mrs Geoghegan, Mr Duffy, Mr R. Miller, Donna Lui, Mr Kelly, Mr D. Miller, Ms Burrowes, Jennifer Kane, Ciara Farrell.

Debs

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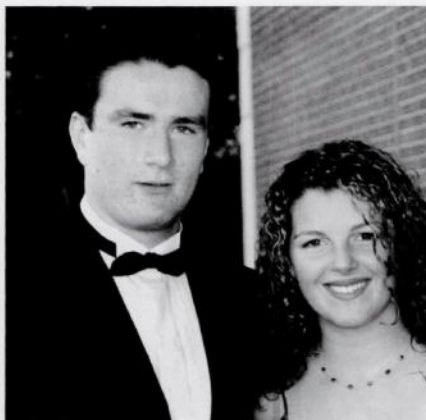
This year the Debs was a great success, the night starting as all the debutantes met at the school with teachers and parents. Without exception everyone looked fabulous, well glammed-up since those not too distant school skirt days. After the photographs we all got on a coach and headed off to the Killiney Court Hotel.

The meal was gorgeous, after which the band set up. After an hour or two the serious dancing kicked off as a DJ set up. Most of us boogied the night away, while some faded a little earlier.

Then, at about 5 a.m. breakfast was served, before we all headed to the dart station, longing for our beds, after what had been an amazing night that few of us will ever forget.

On behalf of the class of 2002, I would like to thank the debs committee who did a fantastic job of organising everything, and everyone else who helped to make it all possible.

Ria Czerniak.



Simon Goldsmith and Sarah Walsh



Philip Lyons and partner



Mark Kelly and partner

Where are the '92 class of now?

I asked a few of the students who left High School ten years ago to answer some questions about their school days and about what they're up to now.

Here's what they said...

Gary Jacobs

Since leaving High School, Gary has obtained a diploma in auctioneering and has been working as an estate agent for the last six years. His job involves valuation and sales of residential properties.

Gary's most significant achievement since leaving school has been bringing up his son.

Gary fondly remembers rugby trips with Mr Cole and Mr Wright who were his favourite teachers. His least fondly remembered aspect of school life is exams. He made a lot of strong friendships at school but regrets not working harder, as he feels that a lot of doors shut in your face if you

Emma-Burke Kennedy

Emma has completed a portfolio PLC in art & multimedia at Ballyfermot Senior College. She has also done a four year degree in visual communication, majoring in graphic design and photography in DIT.

As well as doing freelance photography for many well know magazines and newspapers and magazines, including The Irish Times, The Observer and Wallpaper Magazine, Emma has worked for several graphic design companies. She is currently taking personal project photographs, as well as freelancing.

Emma's most significant achievement since leaving school has been bringing up her 9 year old son, Tadhg, she's very proud of him.



don't get a good Leaving Cert. He doesn't think that school prepared him very well for life afterwards.

He has recently spent 6 months in Spain. He's happy with his job and he enjoys playing football.

Matt King

Matt has recently graduated with a law degree. He has spent a lot of time abroad since leaving school, mostly in Europe. He's thinking of going on to study for his Masters, then he might think about getting a job and creating his empire!

Matt is a keen keep fit enthusiast and boasts of his fine six-pack. We're not sure if this is indeed true, but we'll have to take his word for it.

He feels that High School gave him a valuable grounding in the skills he needed for life after school. His favourite teacher was Mr Prendergast, who is a genuinely nice guy in spite of being a West Ham fan. His fondest memories of school were the summer holidays. He would have liked to have been given a wider range of subject choices in school, such as politics, law and philosophy which all greatly interest him.

She remembers High School as Grange Hill come to life, and still sees a few of her school mates. Her favourite memory of school was the view of the treetops from the windows, but she disliked the uniformity of traditional education. She feels that kids should be assessed for their interests and aptitudes so that they can study the subjects that are most suitable for them.

Her main interests are sleeping (!), travel, film, reading and photography.

Emma recently spent a year in Cadiz, Spain. For the future, she plans to steer towards the film industry by studying cinematography, and hobnobbing with the crème de la crème!

Warren Bell

Warren has been living in France for the last seven years where he met his wife and is the proud owner of an Irish bar in Tours. He married Chrystelle in the summer of 2000 at what is widely acknowledged as the wedding of the decade! He played rugby in school and is still a keen sportsman, and has spent time coaching tennis in South Africa and Ireland. He also plays the guitar.

Warrens regards the High School as a great school. His favourite teacher was Ms Graham, and he regrets not taking history for Leaving Cert. as he loved her classes and found them interesting. His fondest memory of school was fifth year, and his least fond memory was losing the semi-final of the Senior Cup. High School taught him that it is always possible to improve on every aspect of everyday life, and he would love the chance to go back and do it all again.

The most significant thing that has happened to Warren since he left school has been meeting his wife. He loves his job and everything that goes with it. He has no plans to change direction career-wise.

Deborah O'Neill

Deborah is a qualified chartered accountant and is currently studying part time for her Masters in Investment & Treasury at DCU. She has been working as a trader in IIB Bank for the past two and a half years. Her job involves trading on interest rates and providing risk management advice. She loves her job.

She remembers her school days fondly and is still in touch with lots of her fabulous school friends. Deborah says High School is a great place, although sixth year was a nightmare. The only thing she regrets is not doing sport, but she is making up for that now by spending quality time in the gym!

She feels that High School prepared her reasonably well for life, although it didn't help her to decide what she wanted to do. Her favourite teacher was Mr Irwin, because he's such a nice guy and she loved history.

Her main interests are shopping, socialising and going on lovely holidays.



Left and above: Some images of High School students from the 1992 Erasmusian

Finn Gillespie

Finn is currently working for the Sunday World newspaper as an assistant editor, until May of last year he was working at the Star newspaper. His job involves planning and designing news and feature pages, and liaising with the editor. He's very happy with his job.

He worked for Mary Robinson in the early part of her presidential campaign, providing a photographic documentary of her life on the campaign trail. He found it a hugely interesting insight into political life. He has also worked as a journalist.

Finn thinks that High School is a great school for self-starters. He met some great friends there, and found that there was an interesting mix of cultures and backgrounds which has benefited him greatly. He's still in touch with his school friends. Mr Irwin was his favourite teacher because he's a good teacher and great craic! His fondest memories of school were the many enjoyable social occasions, his least fond memory the long walk up Zion Road on a Monday morning. With hindsight though, if he could go back and do it again he probably would have applied himself more to his schoolwork.

A big thank you to all who contributed.

**Dearbhaile O'Neill,
Sixth Year.**

Leaving

Cert 2002

Argue, Adam
 Baird, Kelly
 Barber, Sian
 Barry, Killian
 Begley, Keith
 Bell, Elizabeth
 Blackwell, Benjamin
 Boles, Annette
 Brandsma, Natalie
 Browne, Alan
 Brusey, Jennifer
 Burns, Robbie
 Byrne, Caroline
 Cairns, Ian
 Carey, Graham
 Caswell, Karl
 Cobban, Emma
 Coleman, Gavin
 Collery, John
 Collins, Fiona
 Connor, Lucy
 Cooney, Francis
 Cramp, Rory
 Czerniak-Lebov, Ria
 D'Arcy, Cathal
 Dawson, Justin
 Dawson, Mark
 Dodd, Stephen
 Doherty, Emmet
 Donoghue, Colin
 Donovan, Stephen
 Doogue, Matthew
 Dooley, Sam
 Dowds, Colm
 Draper, Rory
 Duggan, Alan
 Eager, Thomas
 Egar, Tennyson
 Elliman, Alistair
 Fitzsimons, Paul
 Flanagan, Emma
 Foran, David
 Gallagher, Sinead
 Garrigan, Eamon
 Geraghty, Noel
 Gillen, John
 Gilmore, Aindreas
 Gleeson, Lauren
 Goldsmith, Simon
 Gray, Donald
 Gray, Victoria
 Hall, Natasha
 Hilliard, Jane
 Hogan, Daragh
 Horton, Oscar
 Humphreys, Kate
 Jewell, Simon

Kelly, Mark
 Kindness, Ashley
 Kohlmann, Stephen
 Lawlor, Donal
 Leahy, Adam
 Lew, Clive
 Lim, Baijun
 Lloyd, Jeremy
 Loane, Simon
 Logan, Brian
 Lyons, Philip
 MacGarry, Stephen
 MacNamara, Jamie
 Maguire, Kim
 Manley, Ruth
 Massey, Rebecca
 Masters, Steven
 May, Natalie
 McCartney, Conor
 McDarby, Aoife
 McEndoo, Suzanne
 McGinley, Sean
 McIlwaine, Eoghan
 McNally, Eoin
 McNeill, David
 Mellon, Brian
 Meredith, Nikolaus
 Metcalfe, Alan
 Milne, Aisling
 Milotte, Caoimhe
 Milton, Barry
 Misstear, George
 Morrissey, Eoin
 Murphy, Karen
 Nash, Nicholas
 Nason, Jennifer
 Nicholson, Elizabeth
 O'Byrne, Rachel
 O'Connell, Alex
 O'Connor, Iain
 O'Hare, Edward
 Oatway, Jessica
 Pemberton, Brian
 Power, Ruth
 Senior, Rachel
 Sexton, Breffni
 Sheridan, Daniel
 Simmons, Holly
 Staines, Michael
 Stroughair, Richard
 Tadros, Emma
 Tallon, Adam
 Thom, Howard
 Tierney, Robert
 Vard, Daniel
 Vard, Robert
 Walker, Jonathan
 Walsh, Anthony
 Watson, Craig
 Williams, Kevin
 Ó hÉigearthaigh, Seán

Junior

Cert 2002

Ahern, Edward
 Anglim, James
 Aslanis, John
 Baker, Isabel
 Bannister, Andrew
 Barry, Evan
 Bass, Alison
 Blackwell, Kate
 Blackwell, Michael
 Blakely, Averil
 Borland, Ruth
 Brady, Ruth
 Briggs, Fiona
 Bright, Tara
 Browne, Rachel
 Carroll, Niamh
 Collins, Vicki
 Condren, Ciaran
 Coughlin, Stephanie
 Cullen, Patricia
 Daly, Ayodele
 Daly, Barry
 Deegan, Philip
 Dempsey, Scott
 Dixon, Conor
 Dooley, Barbara
 Douglas, Karen
 Duffy, Philip
 Dwyer, Lauren
 Earls, Patrick
 Elliman, Rachel
 Elliott, Kim
 Fallon, Richard
 Fernandez-Brennan, Leon
 Fitzgerald, Carla
 Flower, David
 Forsythe, Rory
 Fox, Sean
 Froudish-Walsh, Sean
 Fry, Claire
 Fullarton, Robert
 Gilbert, Saoirse
 Glynn, Emily
 Goldsmith, Jane
 Gordon, Nicholas
 Greene, Aoife
 Grogan, Al
 Gunn O'Connor, Michelle
 Hale, Ciaran
 Hamilton, Katie
 Hanan, Scott
 Hanlon, James
 Hogan, Niamh
 Holohan, Gearoid
 Horgan, Olwyn
 Houston, Laura
 Hughes, Ashling

Hutchinson, Beverley
 Jackson, Ian
 Johnson, Ross
 Judge, Marc
 Kelly, Brian
 Kelly, David
 Kelly, Karl
 Kenny, Ronan
 King, Daniel
 Kinlan, Grahlan
 Lane, Stephen
 Lawless, Brett
 Lett, Alison
 Loane, Alan
 Loneragan, Ronan
 Long, Ercus
 Lowe, Ross
 Lui, Andrew
 Lynch, Jo
 Marconi, Simon
 May, Peter
 McCormick, Anna
 McDarby, Niall
 McGonagle, Paul
 McGuckin, Gregor
 McNair, Zoe
 McNeill, Scott
 McRann, Julie
 McSharry, Miriam
 Meehan, Sarah
 Meredith, Samantha
 Mesallati, Tariq
 Milotte, Mallaidh
 Mitchell, William
 Moloney, Sorcha
 Mooney, Alice
 Murphy, Claudine
 Murphy, Susan
 Murray, Rebecca
 Nelson, Steven
 Nic Philbín, Aoife
 Nowlan, Hugh
 Nwosu, Augustine
 O'Byrne, Jordan
 O'Callaghan, Sarah
 O'Donoghoe, Michelle
 O'Toole, Ciara
 Okonji, Michael
 Phelan, Brendan
 Quinlan, Jonathan
 Rankin, Craig
 Rath, Michael
 Reidy, Liam
 Rorke, Steven
 Sexton, Michael
 Sheridan, Glenn
 Silke, Joseph
 Slacke-Fitzpatrick, Jonathan
 Somerville, Jonathan
 Sookram, Cein
 Stevenson, David

Suiter, Cillian
 Synnott, Adam
 Synnott, Holly
 Tevlin, Orla
 Thom, Ian
 Thompson, Alan
 Traynor, Ross
 Walsh, Richard
 Walsh, Steven
 Wann-Pierce, Anthony
 Ward, Pia
 Wardell, Owen
 Warren, Jeffrey
 Webster, Pamela
 Whelan, Melanie
 Whitaker, Lucy
 Wilson, Robert

Shrek

on stage

Well, where do I start?

First of all I want to congratulate all the cast, the set designers, the whole production crew and of course not forgetting Ms Burrowes who put so much work and effort into this years junior drama 'Shrek', the result... a magnificent play that was loved by all!

I went a bit early to interview the cast members before their debut performance (really to get a good seat!) I walked on stage and a mob of people attacked me either in half costume or waiting to get some make-up on. Strangely enough some of the boys seemed very good at it... a little bit too good!

Chris Stewart bombarded me with all these stupid jokes insisting that I listen to him as he told me all about his 4 costumes. I decided to escape by climbing the stairs (with some difficulty) and check out the changing room. It was supposed to be the girls' room but for SOME reason it was swarming with boys. The atmosphere was buzzing but no one seemed very nervous. I asked them pretty regular questions, do you relate to your character, are you nervous, will you miss it, etc. Most of them agreed with each other, saying that Ms Burrowes was a great director but quite strict (I can see why, they're totally MAD) they were very funny really and I was getting all the backstage gossip.

Below: Ms Burrowes directing



It's not easy to be a mirror, to make your own pig noses, put on make up and learn all those lines and scene changes, but I think that everyone took it in their stride. According to my sources the funniest moment was definitely when Zoë fell off the stage. And she is not denying it!

I left the madness of the changing room and took my seat anticipating the debut performance. The opening scene revealed a brilliant set that got better as the play unfolded. The crowd got very involved in the play shouting and screaming and oohing and awing at all the appropriate times. Also well done to the brilliant curtain pullers (I was told to say that!) All the actors and actresses were very professional and I'm sure everything that happened was deliberate, especially Pinocchio's nose falling off. So realistic!

It was thrilling from the death-defying lava scene (brilliant idea for the lava by the way) to the ingenious way that Farquard was made short, all the way to the changing of the two Fiona's and not forgetting the VERY scary sunflowers (I wouldn't like them in my garden!).

Towards the end all heads were turned to the back of the room and I saw a flash of orange running down the aisle. Amid the GRRRR's and ARRRG's of the terrifying beast, and much laughing from the crowd, the dragon ran down the centre of the Reynolds Hall, to successfully save Princess Fiona. The curtain closed and a huge round of applause erupted from the audience.

The clapping was brought to a standstill with the karaoke, the big finale, and a perfect way to end a spectacular production. The entire cast were dancing and singing to 'YMCA', and I could see in their eyes that they had fun rehearsing and performing (or else they are REALLY good actors!).

Well done to everyone, it was great fun to watch, and I can't wait to see you perform Shrek 2!

**Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.**



Above: Davey Kelleher



Above: Kate Ryan

Below: Louise Blakely





Above: The Dragon (operated by Frank Moriarty) made by Rebecca Murray, Form 4, assisted by Averil Blakely and Katie Hamilton

Top: Jake O'Brien
Below left: Elizabeth Stewart



One Act Play

Ms Fitzgerald and twelve seniors are rehearsing to perform "Early Man", a forty minute play for the St Andrews play competition. You may have seen some of the cast in other plays such as "Our Town" and "Romeo and Juliet" or else just on the corridors. It's basically about a group of 12-13 year olds who go to a museum and are totally bored! The main attraction is a bog boy, played by Ben Cantan who was sacrificed 2,000 years before. He somehow comes to life and falls in love with Sam, played by Jenny Kane. All the while there is lots of fighting, flirting and friendships lost. The play was performed at St Andrew's school in Booterstown on Wednesday 12 February.

**Kiva Murphy,
Fifth Year.**

Below: Aoibhin McGreal, Ciara O'Toole, Kiva Murphy, Rebecca Murray, Ciara Farrell, Neil Smith, Stephen Rooney, Chris Lawson, Philip Deegan, Jenny Kane, Ben Cantan

Past Pupils' Union

I do not propose presenting a lengthy report on the activities of the Past Pupils' Union for the past year; rather I believe I should leave it to the Joint Presidents to do that as it is their year.

I will however list the events that were organised by the officers and your committee during the year:

off by the onerous task as he has indicated he is prepared to continue in the role. Although numbers were down marginally on past years, this year the dinner recorded a profit.

February was marked by a very

This year thanks to a great deal of hard work by committee members, attendances at all of the events were up on past years and it is hoped that this trend will continue. It is also hoped that the average age of attendees at the various events reduces and the PPU is seen to be something of interest to a wider cross-section of past pupils of the school and their friends.

The Hon. Treasurer will cover the state of the PPU finances later but two items of expenditure in the year are worthy of mention:

New dies were made to produce the past presidents tie-pin and brooch. Both of these now bear the same wording "The High School and Diocesan PPU" These cost a total of €1117 including two impressions of each.

Printing and Postage of the Erasmian to PPU members cost €4970 this year, a considerable increase on past years mainly due to the increased content. Your committee will be seeking ways to mitigate some of this cost in future years by having more copies hand delivered and any other possible cost savings.

Finally could I thank the presidents, Janet and Norman especially but also the whole committee for their encouragement and support. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.

Alan Squires,
Hon. Secretary.



In **September** the annual Golf Outing was held at Rathfarnham GC. A separate golf report will follow.

October was marked by a very successful and enjoyable Wine Tasting evening which raised €275.

In **November** we held a Silent Auction in aid of the Motor Neurone Society and following an excellent evening a donation of €1600 was made to the society.

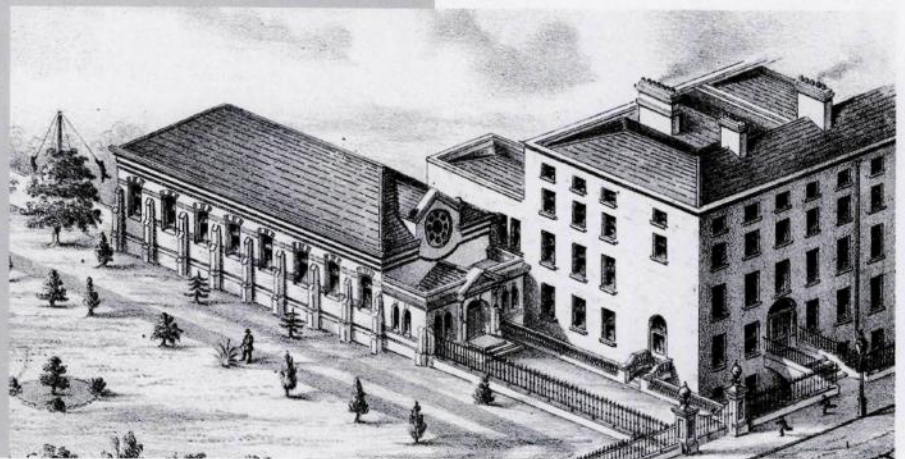
The Annual Carol Singing at the Orwell Nursing Home took place as usual in **December**.

The Annual Mens' Dinner in **January** was as always a great success. This year a new dinner secretary in Jonathan Miller was at the helm with the expert guidance of President, Norman Kilroy and Patron, Harry Booker on hand. Jonathan was obviously not scared

interesting evening ... a talk on Reiki which I will leave it to our Joint President Janet to explain.

A theatre outing took place in **March**.

Finally 77 members enjoyed the Annual Ladies Dinner in the Royal St George YC at the end of **April**.



Presidents' Letter

What a year it has been! Support for the Union has been excellent this year with record attendances at most events. This success is due chiefly to the enthusiasm and hard work of the committee and we take this opportunity to thank them all for their time and commitment. There is always room for more members in the Union, so if you are a past pupil please come along any time and join us.

We have attended many functions over the year, the first of which was the retirement reception in the school for Bill O'Connor, a teacher who has given many years of service in the classroom. We wish Bill well in his retirement.

Another very enjoyable event was the Annual Prize Distribution on Wednesday 23 October, where Janet had the pleasure of presenting the Jean Scott Trophy to a very worthy winner, Jenny Nason. Many thanks to Peter Boyle who filled in for Norman on the night, and who spoke so well about Tennyson Eggar, the deserving winner of the Old Boys' Cup.

The Mens' dinner was as always an outstanding success with its usual blend of excellent speeches and musical entertainment. The toast to the guests was proposed by David Rowell and was responded to by Caleb Powell.

Jonathan Miller is to be congratulated on carrying out his newly acquired role of Hon. Dinner Secretary with great efficiency and as always Maurice McDonagh put together excellent musical fayre for the assembled gathering.

The Royal St. George Yacht Club was again the venue for the Annual Ladies' dinner on the 25 April. It was a very enjoyable evening, and the food and service were excellent as usual. Our guest speaker, Dr. Grace O'Donovan, herself a past pupil of both High School and Diocesan, entertained us with many stories of her work and exploits in South America and Indonesia. Many thanks to Alison Hunt who once again helped with the organisation of the dinner.

Trevor Lloyd is retiring from the



Above: Norman Kilroy and Janet Day, Joint Presidents

position of Honorary Treasurer this year, and we thank him most sincerely for many years of keeping the accounts in order. Thanks also to Alan Squires, in his first year as Honorary Secretary, and also to Marina Pearson for her work as membership secretary.

We are very grateful to Brian Duffy and his staff for their helpfulness throughout the year, and also for the continued use of the school facilities.

We wish every success to the incoming Presidents, Carole Walsh and Peter Boyle, and ensure them of our best wishes and support for the coming year.

**Norman Kilroy,
Joint President
and
Janet Day,
Joint President.**

Left: Old school buildings - The Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, Adelaide Road and below The High School, Harcourt Street

30 YEAR CELEBRATION of HSD and DSS

SEPTEMBER 2004

Have you organised a class reunion or are you in touch with classmates from your year? If so can you please forward any names and addresses by email to the undersigned so that they can participate in a celebratory weekend which will be held on the 18/19 September 2004.

The weekend will start on the Saturday, 18th, with a tour of the school, sporting events and a function in Moran's Hotel in the evening.

On Sunday, 19th, there will be 'School Assembly' in the Reynolds Hall.

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janetedgely@hotmail.com
mpearson@tcd.ie

Your help is very much appreciated.

Parents' Association

The 59th Annual General Meeting of The High School Parents' Association was held in October, and the committee for 2002-2003 was Richell Duggan (President), Ann O'Connor (Hon. Secretary), Derek Hanan (Treasurer), Ruth Dover, Jo Meade, Valerie Duffy, Deirdre Lyder, Roger Keller, Brian McSherry, Trevor Wynne, Harvey O'Keefe.

Mr Brian Duffy, Principal, attended the meeting and outlined for the parents in attendance details of school policy and ongoing developments. The PA greatly appreciates Mr Duffy's giving of his time and his participation with the Association generally.

thanks all involved for the approach taken.

Parent-teacher meetings for Forms 1, 2 and 5 were again held with the support of the Association. These meetings demand a considerable level of time and commitment from all those involved and this year I as President wish to thank everyone in particular Ruth Dover for their time and effort on behalf of the Association. In line with the Association's ongoing support and interest in the concept of parent-teacher meeting events, the Association has continued to endeavour to deepen and widen the sense of partnership in the education

all the necessary details.

The committee, represented by Roger Keller, helped parents of sixth form to organise a party in Lansdowne Tennis Club after the graduation ceremony which was held on the last day of sixth year. Another party will be held for the 2003 third year students on the night of their Junior Certificate results.

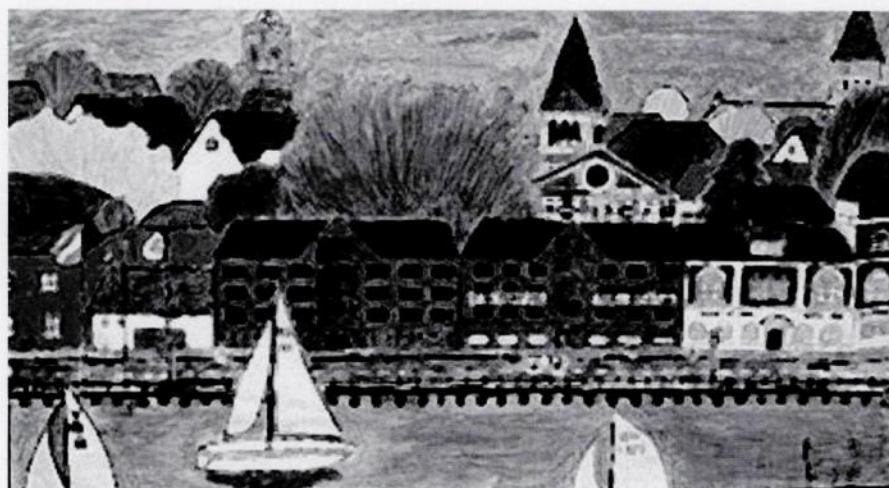
In March the PA was invited to send a representative to a meeting, focused on under-age drinking and its consequences, organised by the Principal of Alexandra College. The objective of the meeting was to co-ordinate an approach by local schools to tackling the problem of under age drinking. It was an interesting and informative meeting which involved a presentation on the interim report by the *Strategic Task Force On Alcohol*. The primary focus, however, was on meeting the challenge related to such early drinking habits and it covered such aspects as, Parent/School Role, Identity Cards, Policing and Penalties and the way forward. The next step for the organisers is to arrange a meeting with the Minister for Justice Mr McDowell to discuss the concerns of the community.

The PA, as with other sections of society, is aware of and is deeply concerned with the rise in under age drinking and the effects that this behaviour is having on young people's lives. It was because of this concern that, on the 20 March, the committee distributed to all parents a note from the National Association of COMPASS which outlined their concerns and made tangible suggestions specifically in relation to the organising of students *Leaving School Holidays*.

The Staff-Parent cricket match was once again held in May near the end of the summer term. With Eric Rankin managing and Mark Duffy captaining the parents' team took to the crease in hopes of turning the tables on the teachers this year. On a night of mixed weather a thrilling encounter ensued but alas for the parents the teachers ran out victors by two runs. Once again the game was preceded by light refreshments which were organised by Valerie Duffy and members of the committee.

Finally, at the conclusion of my first year in the post, I would like to record my appreciation to all the members of the committee for their efforts, on behalf of all parents in the school, throughout the year.

**Richell Duggan,
President of the
Parents' Association.**



Above: Artwork by Ian Jackson

The PA continues to be represented on many of the subcommittees in the school. Richell Duggan and Derek Hanan attended the Board of Management meetings throughout the year while Ruth Dover, Jo Meade and Harvey O'Keefe represented the Association at meetings of the Parents and Finance, Education, Grounds and Property and Sports subcommittees.

The full committee met with Mr Duffy and the Chairman of the Board, Mr Frank Sowman, and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr Stan Mason. Once again the opportunity to exchange views, ideas and information on all aspects of the school community with the Principal and Board of Governors is greatly appreciated and the Association

process by seeking an extension of the meetings to encompass more class years. Discussions between school management are continuing in this regard.

April saw the, by now annual, Mock Interview event for fifth year students. The interviews, which are aimed at giving the students a realistic experience of participation in job/course interviews, involved 115 students and fifty six interviewers, an overall increase on the numbers in 2002. It is always gratifying to see the number of parents, old school members and colleagues who give of their time for this event. The event was organised on behalf of the Association by Valerie Duffy. Deirdre Lyder and myself. Ms Thelma Jones provided her usual stalwart effort in ensuring that the students provided the interviewers with

IT@highschool.ie

Left and below: Students in the computer room



The computer room has continued to evolve throughout the year with several new initiatives.

The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) has been long established as a benchmark of computer literacy in the business world. The school has been teaching the syllabus for several years in the Transition Year. This year, several staff members were trained as examiners, the computer network passed a quality examination and High School became an official ECDL Test Centre. We are now able to train and examine students in the certified exams. It will be possible for many of our students to complete the seven modules required for the ECDL. During Transition Year most of the students will have passed at least two modules. This year a dozen of the fifth years passed all seven modules and are qualified at ECDL level.

The computer club met regularly after school on Tuesday under the guidance of Ms Hearne. Several of the Transition Year students used this time to further their ECDL studies. This knitted well with a technical requirement for the President's Award. Some of the students involved in this venture have 5 ECDL modules completed. Other

students used the computer club to surf the web and generally improve and learn new skills with help at hand.

The Internet connection was upgraded to ADSL. The speed of the internet was increased twelve-fold. The new 1 megabit connection enables classes to look at video in real-time and makes the internet a live and exciting place.

The internet can be a fun and learning place but it can also harbour undesirable locations and malicious intent. The new fast broadband connection opened up this new exciting world but also exposed the school to the "dark-side" of the cyber world. There was a challenge of getting the balance between the maximum exposure to the good while protecting ourselves through censorship and monitoring. The solution to this was through using a Linux based system. All the internet traffic passes through this "box" (a proxy server) and is vetted from a database. Forbidden sites are blocked. All internet addresses that are entered are logged. Students can now use the internet at all times for research or recreation.

There are other by-products of this new Linux box. All students now have their own personal email address of the form user@highschool.ie. This email can be for personal use or may be used in the future for handing in homework! Details of this new email are in every student's home-area on the network.

Also, all students now have their own personal web-space. Their web address will be of the form <http://www.highschool.ie/~user>. This web-space can be used for project work or for displaying a page about their interests.

The new network in the technical block is in use. The new CAD program *Autodesk Inventor* is an industry standard programme capable of the most sophisticated 3-dimensional drawings.

The computer room and facilities continue to grow. The integration of I.T. into different subjects and the general syllabus is ever increasing. Business and spreadsheets, Irish and Websites, Geography and PowerPoint Presentations, Careers and Qualifax, English and Websites, Keyboarding and Mavis Beacon, Technical Graphics and CAD, Road Safety and Driving Test Exam, Web Design and FrontPage, and everybody uses the internet and email.

The computer room is left open at all times, before school, during breaks and after school. The students have always treated the facility with respect. This is a credit to them.

Mr R. Davies.



Ken Nielsen

Remembered

Ken Nielsen had a gift for taking a problem and solving it in a practical way, messing with machines I'll call it. He was born under the sign of Taurus the Bull. He was always a sucker for anything with a sense of the very silly. Monty Python made an awful lot of sense to Ken, and a dark moment could often be lightened by the introduction of the ridiculous. He had a great eye for nature and would get up horribly early in the morning. Camping in Glenmalur, he came back, once, having witnessed a fox taking a pheasant in the dawn mist. The mountain trips developed the need for outdoor tools, and year on year, the knife would get bigger, until he finally ended up with a cross between an axe and a scimitar, suitable for felling trees. 'That ain't a knife, that's a knife' comes to mind. As he got older, this bull, born in the Chinese year of the Tiger, roamed the urban woods. He was very brave, occasionally, perhaps, a little foolhardy. During fireworks at the Halloween party one year, he gave a fine demo of the best use of holding a banger till the last moment, until, yes, you've guessed it, one went off in his hand and made smite of that very long thumbnail of his. He did not even wince, but coolly examined the damage. I paraded the bloody digit for the kids as a warning, probably to little effect. He was a practised pyromaniac and always enjoyed our excellent efforts at trying to blow the neighbours habitations to Kingdom come during the Halloween rooftop fireworks. There was the large mortar that went horizontally instead of vertically. Someone else's fault, actually.

Ken followed his sister, Julie, into High School, which was a long old haul from Swords. Our house in Terenure was often a flag of convenience within easy reach of the school. I remember wrestling matches becoming increasingly difficult to win and felt he should be playing rugby. But he felt he would be much better hiding out in the 'sound box' at the back of the Reynolds Hall, in those days, where the techies hung out. With the help of some electronic trickery, I believe he arranged a fabulous fanfare to welcome Mr Brook onto the stage for morning assembly. He got bigger, rangier and tougher, and very smart with the maths. He went down to Clare with Cocky Wright on geology field trips returning with fabulous stories of caving and under

ground chambers. Despite warnings to the contrary, he said he just had to make a palmprint with white mud on the pristine wall of some magical subterranean cavern that no one else was mad enough to enter. Without doubt, he did many other things, despite warnings to the contrary. He did what seemed to be a minimum to the eternal mock-despair of his mother, and relied on his very plentiful brains.

Would he? Wouldn't he? He did. He got into Trinity to do computers. The lecturer suggested 20 books for reading. Ken had already done 18 of them. He hadn't been that lax.

days, arrives back looking haggard, but satisfied. About this time, he registered as wolf@ireland.com. During all this time, he was becoming less and less enchanted with what the teachers were telling him he should be doing. The attendance side of the balance was rising high in the air, clearly outweighed by the absences. Bewley's became more and more central to his being, until he finally was no longer a part of college. He now had some money in his pocket, a nocturnal existence and a penchant for easing the existence of the down and outs by heading leftover food and fresh coffee in their direction. Ken was always on the side of the angels.



He met Cian and others and proceeded to rewrite the rulebooks for personal entertainment, as the rite of passage to the mad world of adulthood. First tattoo in Limerick while checking out computer houses. He got a job in Bewley's and made some money. He had been turning the attic in Swords into a personal cave, terribly well built. It had a brilliant train service at one stage. He installed a computer in the attic and set about transforming himself into a high-rise, nocturnal troglodyte. He had mysterious things to do and to attend to. He arrived at our house on more than one occasion, thoroughly drained and starving, like the cat who hasn't been seen for four

After a long stint at Bewley's, he thought there's a lot of lesser mortals out there making loads of money. He got a job at Gateway. If you had a difficult problem with your machine and you were about to explode, 'Maurice' calmed your nerves and fixed the problem. He was performing at a level way beneath his capabilities. He would say 'I'm not going to bother going in to work today. We thought 'Oh no' he's going to lose the job if he's not careful. This was not the case. When he didn't turn up in his wide-brimmed leather hat and fancy boots to sit balanced on two chairs facing a screen, chomping coffee, they said 'here's some more money, it would be great if we could see you again.'

It probably opened up his eyes as to how employable he was.

All the while Ken's sense of sartorial elegance was developing. As the money came in and the decent-sized motorcycle became possible, the style developed in the traditional black leather, he always carried it off with panache. He really was such a cool blighter. He cut a fine dash and he knew it. We can only imagine the un-named hordes of disappointed ladies left behind in the slipstream of his dash.

There was one beautiful and equally cool lady who knew how to handle his nonsense. I can't remember exactly when I first met Ciara. But I do remember what I saw to be her cool steady calm. He was smitten. Typically he raged against destiny and almost got away several times. Plans for life in the west of Ireland were coming into focus. Ciara, we are all so sorry.

Kenneth had no time for fakery and he loved quality smart items. You could never imagine him in a new Nissan Micra, beige in colour and the plastic kept on the seats to preserve them. Harley-Davidson in black, with its custom components swapped or replaced after each tumble, and refined to give a unique beast of a bike. Some important parts of the silencer system seem to have been irretrievably lost, never to be replaced. He frequently went off down the continent on his black Harley. Wolf on the move.

He loved to be at one with the elements and he had a dog called D'Arcy. When he arrived in the clearing in Glenmalur, there was a blur of Speedo clad madness flying through the air somersaulting into the icy waters and then roaring like a grizzly at bay when the shock of his mad actions froze his finer sensibilities.

And there was the ass-roasting championship. The large armchair was sitting in the middle of the bonfire at Halloween. Everyone had had a go and had retired after too much singeing and it was down to the very few. Ken braved the high flames and was the champion; the flames died down to red embers and the leather-clad backside of the host took



the honour. Never to be beaten, the cotton-clad rear-end of Ken was subject once again to trial by fire. Heretofore, you sat and the count had been 1,2, 3. The final winning sit lasted for a count of two before a most amazing acceleration of 0 to 60 in .25 of a second.

Who knew Ken best? Probably his sister Julie. They were great buddies despite his eccentric forays. She could always point out some suitable line of good sense even if it was notoriously ignored. Ken and Julie had a great understanding and it was lovely to see them nattering about this and that when they got together. His mother Susan gave Ken so much love that he was always destined to turn out well. She stroked his nerves and you could always see him calm visibly if things had been rough.

Ken lived the dream of his age. Fast bikes, computers and other fancy gadgets and beautiful women who loved him. The men also loved but rarely boasted about their beauty. His most recent work was writing eloquent software for a leading Irish Bank. He loved the motorcycling tribal ethos and he lived it. If you are playing the Eagles, think of Ken and turn the sound up a few notches. If you are out on the straight with the wind in your face, think of Ken and gun the motor a little.

There aren't enough sorrys to go around. He would have made a great 80 year-old because he was certainly a great 29-year-old. But it was not to be. He loved life and lived it to the full and

we are the better for knowing him.

We are thinking of a web-site. If you knew Ken, and have a memory, send an email to wolf@ireland.com

Iain Barber.

Far left: Ken at a Harley Owners gettogether

Above: Ken on the right playing air (or inflated) guitar with some friends

Others Remembered

Gillian Byrne, who attended High School from 1973-1979 was tragically killed in an accident in September 2002.

Richard Frederick Crabb, who attended High School from 1962-1969 died peacefully in September, 2002.

Archives

of the Erasmus Smith Trust



Top: The door number and lock from the old HSD premises in Harcourt St



Above: One of oldest items in the collection - a wax seal from a property document dated 1580



Top: The display cases in the Archive

Middle: The new storage room

Above: A storage area before the archiving process began

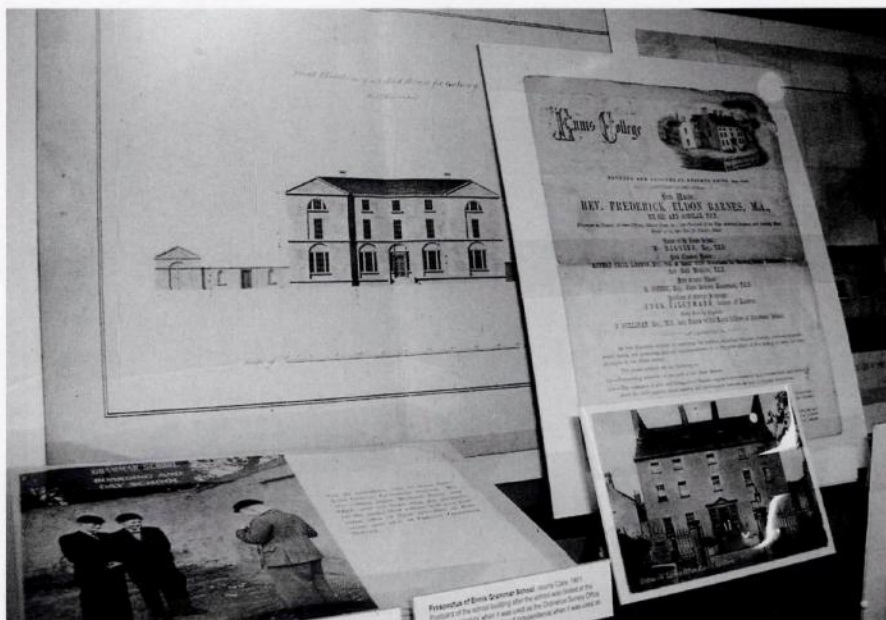
The Archive is a unique repository of Irish educational history which holds records not only from the High School but also the Grammar Schools in Galway, Tipperary and Drogheda established in 1669 when the Trust was founded and over two hundred primary schools known as 'English Schools' dating from 1776. Records include minutes, ledgers, letters and reports from inspectors and teachers regarding the running of the schools as well as architectural plans for many school buildings (for further details see P. 79).

The mission of the Erasmus Smith Trust Archives is to maintain, develop, organise and preserve the papers, maps, plans, photographs and other items associated with the Governors of the Schools Founded by Erasmus Smith Esq. for optimal use. The Archive aims to provide access to and delivery of information resources to researchers, past pupils, students, staff, and the general public.

The Archive is located on the grounds of High School in a customised facility where a five year archiving process is now nearing completion. The building was officially opened by Mr Ken Hannigan, Keeper at the National

Archives on Wednesday, 5th March, 2003. Mr Hannigan gave a very interesting and informed speech which noted the important place the Archive holds in Irish history. Guests included various members from the Society of Archivists, Dublin City Archives, RCB Library, KH Archive, members from the Board of Governors and researchers who used the Archive over the past few years.

Work completed during 2002-2003 included the final arrangement of Estates, Board of Governors and English School records; cataloguing and preservation of architectural plans and maps; and the sorting and preservation of HSD and DSS photographs. There was also a constant flow of queries from Ireland and abroad concerning Trust and school matters, some of which included research into English Schools in Meath, Donegal and Sligo. Connections were also made with Ennis Community College concerning Ennis Grammar School and the RCB Library, which holds the bulk of the records from the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls. The Archive also assisted with conservation reports for the restoration of former Trust school buildings by providing access to the original architectural plans for Galway Grammar School, Cahir, county Tipperary and Pallas, county Limerick. Past pupil queries included research on behalf of the biographer of Prof. A. N. Jeffares, a post-graduate scholar from Wisconsin



The Collections of the Erasmus Smith Archives as listed in the Directory of Irish Archives:

Administrative records of 'The Governors of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith Esq.' including: legal papers 1671-1959; accounts, 1673-c.1970; minutes of the Board of Governors, 1674-c.1970; material relating to scholarships, exhibitions and appointments in Trinity College, Dublin, 1712-1951; minutes of the Standing Committee, 1803-1961; letter books, 1810-1951; and correspondence, 1850-c.1970.

Records of the Trust's estates including: rentals, 1658-c.1970; maps, 1711-1971; valuations, c.1815-1947; correspondence 1859-c.1970; land agent letter books, 1862-1911; Southern Estate leases and property deeds 1672-1966; Western Estate leases and property deeds 1672-c.1970; Irish Land Commission 1879-1937.

Records of the Trust's grammar schools: Drogheda Grammar School, 1680-1956; Galway Grammar School, 1715-1962; Tipperary Grammar School (The Abbey School), 1760-1939; Ennis Grammar School 1832-1930; and The High School, Dublin, 1870-.

Records of the English Schools [primary schools funded by the Trust located in all counties except Leitrim] including architectural plans (for 64 buildings), leases and maps, 1803-1920; master's and inspector's reports 1851-1936; and correspondence 1824-1947.

Material relating to secondary schools aided by the Trust including: Christ's Hospital, London 1651-1912; King's Hospital, Dublin, 1807-1941; and Great Brunswick Street Commercial School, Dublin 1871-1899.



writing a thesis on W.B. Yeats and various HSD past pupils organising reunions over the next few years. Ronnie Wallace, a former teacher at HSD, is now nearing completion of his book on the history of the Trust and HSD. It is hoped that it will be published in the autumn of 2004.

**Alan Phelan,
Archivist.**

For further information: contact the Archivist at (01) 492 2611 or email: archives@highschoolsdublin.com web: <http://www.highschoolsdublin.com/erasmus.htm>

The Archive is open Monday to Wednesday, 10:30-17:00 by appointment only.



Above left: Some items on display in the Archive from Galway and Ennis GrammarSchools

Above right: A cabinet card group portrait of Form 6, Spring 1881 from HSD Harcourt Street

Left: A DSS Gym Display c.1937

Far left: HSD school concert c.1950 with G. Smith and P. Mogerley

Below left: Ken Hannigan, National Archives, Alan Phelan, Archivist and Susan Parkes, Governor

Below right: Guests at the launch



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Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh

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Sharon Johnson

Basketball - Boys

Donal Lawlor

Basketball - Girls

Natalie Brandsma

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Rory Cramp

Cricket - Girls

Suzanne Cairns

Hockey - Boys

Brian Mellon

Hockey - Girls

Natasha Hall

Rugby

Tennyson Egar

Soccer

Jeremy Lloyd

Tennis - Boys

Sam Quinn

Tennis - Girls

Sarah Walsh

Athletics

Jinxed Again but Fighting On

It's been an encouraging season of athletics at HSD this year.

After losing most of our seniors from last year, the team started out with John and myself. We had no problem taking on the rest of Leinster by ourselves at races (Yeah Right!) but our wise coach Mr Toomey advised us to recruit more athletes.

Sure enough come the hour, come the men and within two weeks we had a Motley Crew of fit (ish) runners. John "Noddy" McDermott and Mark "The Beast" Lew were our sprint demons. Neil "Blorange" O'Connor, "Smokey" Pete Horan and myself Captain X (as in X-Country) made up the distance specialists.

The league kicked off

really well for us with great performances from Neil at Benilda's, Mark in the latter part of the season and no one will forget Pete's amazing 400m sprint at Blackrock until he realised that it was a three mile race and finished the race on half a tank. We were second in the league with a real medal chance but unluckily last year's voodoo came back to haunt us and we ended up in fourth place again (Thanks Sean).

The Columba's relays were a great distraction at Christmas. Nod was unable to race so Neil took his position at Anchor leg and had a good run even though the pretty boy had been doing the school play for the last month or so. The team had a great performance against

tough opposition but we couldn't get rid of that jinx, we ended up fourth just like last year (Thanks again Sean).

Aidan Walsh, the most successful HSD athlete ever, popped in at Christmas from New York to say Hi and give the team some great advice. The East Leinsters proved unlucky again. Yep, you guessed it, fourth but amazingly Owen Wardell qualified individually for Leinster even though he'd been out with a back injury all season.

On the Inter team Brendan Phelan, Al Grogan and Will Mitchell really stepped up to the challenge producing some real class performances on both Track and X-Country, all of them will be key to the

future success of next year's senior team. The track season was one of the best this year with numerous qualifiers for Leinster and Niall McDarby who qualified for All Ireland in the High Jump. The girls had an excellent season as well and of course Sharon showed us all how it should be done, winning silver in the individual league rankings for X-Country.

To finish up I'd like to thank Mr Toomey for everything associated with athletics at HSD especially for getting me into the sport in fifth year. It's been a pleasure. Respect goes out to the style-guru Mr Irwin who attracted all the girls, with his highlighter trousers but organised races and gave us advice from his years of athletic experience and finally Tommy who gave us a great laugh on the bus journeys. Good Luck to John and the rest of the lads from Peter and myself (Break the Jinx Please!!!)

Sudha Rao, Captain.



*Above:
Brendan Phelan*

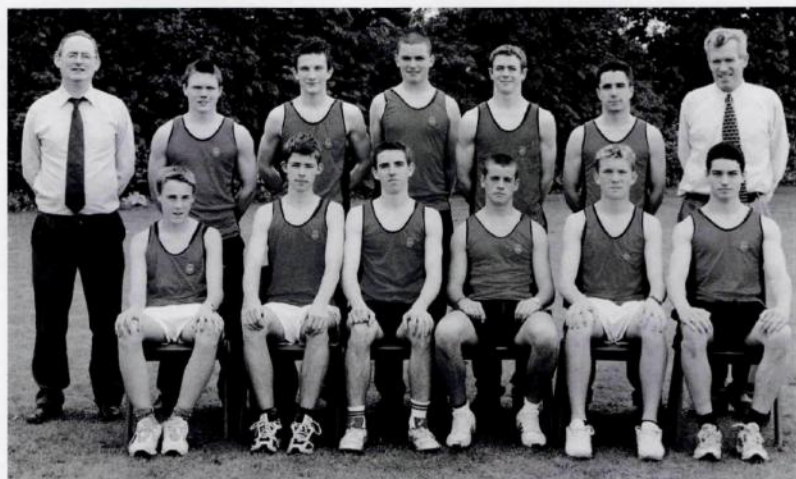
Sports Day

The school championships took place on Wednesday 30 April in the afternoon. Thanks to all staff who assisted and well done to all who participated.



*Above: High-jumper
Jessie Elliott*

*Below:
Kiran Woolhead,
Gavin Coleman, John
McDermott, Mark Lew
in the pupils vs. past
pupils race*



Senior Track & Field Team

Back Row: Mr. Philip Irwin, Matthew Darcy, Ben Leonard Kane, Ben Cantan, Mark Lew, Steven Duggan, Mr. John Toomey

Front Row: Graham Jones, William Mitchell, John McDermott, Niall McDarby, Brendan Phelan, Leon Fernandez-Brennan



X-Country Runners Perform well at Leinsters

Well done to everyone who competed this year at cross-country and athletics events. With good performances from Holly Warren, Amy Kenealy, Kellie O'Flynn, Ruth Roseingrave, Katie Smith, Amy Coughlan, Ruth Murray, Miriam McSharry, Clare Fry, Nadine Grunitz and Anna Stewart. Also to Robyn Fitzpatrick and Sharon Johnson who represented the school in the Leinster Schools cross-country.

Sharon Johnson.



Senior Cross Country Team

Back Row: Nadine Grunitz, Anna Stewart, Kelly O'Flynn
Front Row: Amy Cohan, Sharon Johnson, Holly Warren, Una Ní h-Éigearthaigh, Ruth Roseingrave



Senior Cross Country Team

Back Row: Brendan Phelan, Jamie Bonney, Owen Wardell, Peter Horan
Front Row: Neil O'Conner, Mark Lew, Sudhakar Rao (Captain), William Mitchell



Intermediate Cross Country Team

Robert Wilson, Al Grogan, Brendan Phelan, William Mitchell



Minor Cross Country Team

Back Row: Ruth Murray, Ciara Butler, Ellen O Cleirigh
Front Row: Annalise Murphy, Evanna Mills, Leah Moore, Amy Hughes



Junior Cross Country Team

Back Row: Jessie Elliott, Jennifer Murphy
Front Row: Cara Mulcahy, Denise Fagan, Robyn Fitzpatrick

Badminton

U14

Our **U14 girls** team had a very successful year.

Laura Oliver, Lauren Turner, Nora Mooney and Lyndsay McFarland reached the quarter-finals of the Leinster School Badminton League. Presentation, Terenure snatched the girls' chance of winning a place in the semi-final. The girls worked and trained very hard this year and hopefully next year they will be more successful.

Triumphs over Pres and Sandford

The **U14 boys** team came across tough competition this year from Holy Child and St Andrews and were triumphant over Sandford Park. Toby Lyons, Jonathan Senior, Rowan Stokes, Daniel Alkin and their substitute David Whyte worked very hard and put a tremendous amount of effort into every match. They also look forward to a more successful season next year.



U14 Badminton Team

Lauren Turner, Lyndsay McFarland
Nora Mooney, Laura Oliver

Interview

Leah Moore, captain of the first year A's hockey team, competes in running and other field events in her spare time.

When did you start running?

When I was ten. I won a race at Sports Day in fifth class and when my mum saw me running, she thought it would be a good idea for me to join an athletics club. I liked the idea, so I did.

Before joining the club did you follow athletics at all?

Yes, I used to always watch the running on TV.

What's the name of your club?

It's Rathfarnham WSAF.

Is anyone else in your family athletic?

Well, my parents have always kept fit, but they're not seriously into sport. I think I'm the first one in the family to show a big interest in it.

Are there any sportspeople that have an influence on you?

Sonia O'Sullivan!

How many field events do you do?

I do sprints, relays, hurdles, discus, high jump, long jump... My main interest is in sprinting and hurdles though, and obviously hockey.

How often do you train?

Five days a week. I practice different things each day.

You obviously like athletics a lot?

Yes, I love it! It keeps you fit, it's great fun, you make friends with people from other clubs, and your fitness really shows on the hockey pitch.

Are there any downsides to it?

Sometimes training is hard, especially at the beginning, but you get fit and you get used to it.

Are there many other young people your age in your club?

Yes, there are plenty, especially at the moment because of the Community Games. This is when people from one community come together and practice running and various field events to compete

with other communities. So a lot of young people have recently begun training for this.

What kind of things have you won?

My greatest achievements are winning the Leinsters (school league) for hurdles, coming fifth in Ireland in the sixty metre sprints (club league) and winning the Dublin Athletic League (club league).

I also have five trophies and six Dublin Championship medals – four for sprints, one for hurdles and one for long jump.

What is your ultimate aim in sports?

I'd love to play hockey for Ireland or run for Ireland some day.

You seem to be on the right track, Leah. Good luck!

Martha McDermott, Fifth Year.

Below: Leah Moore centre of picture



Basketball

Senior Girls

Last year's basketball season was very good.

The team put in loads of effort and practice. Everyone's hard work paid off and we made it all the way to the semi-finals, where we played against St Andrew's. They were a good competitor, and with only a few minor injuries, we lost by a mere nine points. The team was disappointed to be out of the league but proud of our achievement of getting that far.

Well done to all the girls on the team and thanks Ms Kavanagh for a great season.

Lanine Levine.

The seniors had a difficult season as we won one match. All the other teams had been playing much longer than us and were tough opponents. The girls never gave up when we were losing – so well done for trying your best.

Thank you Mrs K. Kavanagh for all your help and hard work this season, for coaching us and organising all the matches we played.

Ashling Hughes, Captain.

No Surrender for Seniors



Senior Team

Back Row: Holly Brennan, Louise Duggan, Mandy Lowe, Anna O'Hare, Lorelle Brownlee, Sara Collins, Mrs Kate Kavanagh
Front Row: Zoe Allot, Ruth Roseningrave, Aisling Hughes (Captain and MVP), Holly Warren, Rebecca Murray



Junior Team

Back Row: Elizabeth Surgeon, Caitriona Ryan, Julie Kavanagh, Cara Mulcahy, Katie Jane Barry, Hannah Jennings, Mrs Kate Kavanagh
Front Row: Jennifer Murphy, Anne-Marie Jordan, Janine Levine (captain), Robyn Fitzpatrick, Denise Fagan, Suzanne McCoy,
Missing: Beth Kelly, Karen Meade, Katherine Kiernan, Beverley Egar

Above right: Girls practice session in the gym

Right: Boys practice outside



Minor Girls

The first year basketball team did brilliantly this year. We played lots of friendly and league matches (Beaufort, Loreto Balbriggan, Scoil Catriona, King's Hospital, St Columba's and many more). We reached the semi-finals in our league but unfortunately were beaten by a very strong Old Bawn team. Everyone played really well this year, especially Fiona Collins who was the well-deserved winner of the MVP (most

Minors Hold Strong

valuable player) award. Well done to the team for playing so well and for getting so far, hopefully we will play as well or even better next year.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our brilliant coach Mrs L. Kavanagh for organizing the matches and for encouraging the team throughout the year.

Triona Connell, Captain.



Minor Team

Back Row: Mrs Kate Kavanagh, Sophie Higgs, Caoimhe McDonnell, Jade Breen, Fiona Collins, Ruth Murphy, Emma Tallon, Sarah McDermott
Front Row: Siobhan Margolis, Niamh Mitchell, Saoirse Hickey, Triona Connell, Ruth Senior, Christine Rorke, Fiona Collins

Cadet Team

The Cadet Team had an amazing season this year, winning all our league matches and reaching the final against St Andrew's College, which we won. We then entered the All-Ireland qualifying round where we won all of our games except the last match against St Joseph's, Athboy. The score after the last quarter was 42-42, and we had to go into extra time. After a really tense five minutes the whistle blew, ending the game at 46-47 to St Joseph's.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mrs K. Kavanagh for her coaching and support. To get this far was a huge achievement for the team and I'm sure we'll do just as well next year.

Ruth Roseingrave.

Wins All Season for the Cadets - all the way to the All-Ireland Qualifiers



Cadet Team

Back Row: Chloe Stacey, Caitriona Ryan, Julie Kavanagh, Aoife Green, Mrs Kate Kavanagh
Front Row: Lorna O'Rourke, Una Ni Eigearthaigh, Amy Coghlan, Holly Warren, Ruth Roseingrave

Canoeing

The Dodder and Beyond

First year canoeing takes place on the Dodder every Saturday morning at 8.45 a.m.

This was our first time that we had the chance to do canoeing. Every Saturday we would start off bleary eyed carrying our canoes in pairs from the canoe shed down the hill, out through the back gate, over the hump-backed bridge and finally hit the water. Enough to awaken even the most sleepy!!! There, our brilliant instructors Ms Toolan and Ms Jones would teach us how to canoe and do the various strokes. At first it was a question of how to go in a straight line but we progressed fairly quickly on to slap strokes and sweep strokes. We even managed to go backwards, to go in circles and be able to

decide where we wanted to end up and get there! Every few weeks our enthusiastic instructors would make us capsize into the freezing river and hope we would still be alive after our dunking. It was great fun. Some memorable moments included going down weirs and the big waterfall at the crossroads.

The canoeing year ran over two separate periods of time; one from September to Christmas and then from St Patrick's day until the end of the summer term. Best of all, was last Saturday when we all went on a trip to the Grand Canal where we were canoeing beside barges, nesting swans and fishermen. We had loads of fun that day and we finish up this



Saturday with a race for the Broad Cup. The competition is fierce now as we are all able to go fast and don't care any more about falling in. We will continue canoeing and have been given a great introduction. We appreciate the help given to us by Tim Harris and Mr Swan and we would like to thank especially our instructors Ms Toolan and Ms Jones.

Richard Jones and Daragh Sweetnam.

Above: Evanna Mills and Ruth Senior

Right top: David Meade and Daragh Sweetnam

Right centre: Aimée Jones O' Connor

Left: Tim Harris



Canal Docking

On Saturday 19 October, a group of Form 2 pupils went canoeing on the Grand Canal between Hazelhatch and the 12th Lock.



Killian Rogan, Patrick O'Connor, Beth Kelly, Nicola Cantan, Joelle Grogan, Tim Harris, Ms Jones, Ms Toolan



*Above:
Stefan Hanly and Andrew Stevenson canoeing*



*Above: Ms Jones
and Ms Toolan*

Cricket

Under 14

The already short season was further truncated by one of the wettest Mays on record. The team achieved just the one victory, a walkover against St Andrew's College. The training began in the gymnasium in March. The emphasis was on skills development and teamwork.

There was a training game in April that involved the whole squad. The enthusiasm and positive attitude of the players warranted using a squad system for the league fixtures. Just like Manchester United and Arsenal, High School would be rotating the players to give everyone an opportunity.

The first match was against Skerries, played at The Hills Cricket Club, Milverton. High School bowled first and did well to contain the opposition to 100 runs. Killian Rogan was the most accurate bowler getting four wickets, whilst Keir Johnson's pace bowling caused some upset. Skerries' International opening bowler caused us some serious difficulties early on. The middle order rallied and Paddy O'Connor and David Wilson were involved in some brisk partnerships that worried the opposition. Unfortunately, when the opening bowlers returned, we were bowled out some thirty runs short of the target.

The last match was played against the section winners, CUS. Put into bat the School just managed thirty five runs against a very accurate attack. The opposition scored the runs easily. The fixture against St Mary's was cancelled due to bad weather. St Andrew's gave us a walkover.

The season was memorable for a tremendous enthusiastic and positive attitude from the squad. The spirit and sporting nature in which our matches and nets were played is something the players can be very proud of. Most of the team will continue to play cricket this season in Leinster Cricket Club and YMCA Cricket Club. I wish them every success and enjoyment.

Short but Good Season



Above: The Pavilion at "Danum"

Finally, I would like to thank Tommy for driving the bus, Brendan for preparing the ground and wickets, Mr McMullen for organising the administration and Mrs Gourley for making the teas.

Mr R. Davies.

U14 Team

Back Row: Colin Keegan, Eoin O'Leary, Alan O'Keeffe, Alan Cairnes, David Wilson, Tom Meredith, Luke Mulligan, Patrick O'Connor, Rowan Stokes

Front Row: Stephen Spoor, Jonathan Sargeant, Sean Nicholson, David Lusby, Jamie Kelleher, Andrew Stevenson, Kier Johnson, Mr R. Davies

Missing: Killian Rogan



JCT

The 03 season was very short this year, with the late fall of Easter. We started by beating Sandford away convincingly by five wickets. Ben Satchell put in a very strong batting performance with a good bowling attack from Ben Duffy and Kier Johnson.

Unfortunately we were beaten by a strong team from Belvedere at home. We finished the season again with a defeat against Wesley away. Everyone put in a good performance which came to a tight finish.

We enjoyed the season very much and a special thanks must go to Mr McMullen for his work and assistance.



1st XI

Back Row: Simon Coyne, Ross Johnson, Ben Duffy, Robbie Wynne, Peter Burns, Rob Hunter, Graham Kinlan.

Front Row: Steven Walsh, Will Mitchell, Niall McDarby, Philip Duffy, Gerome van Jaarsfeld, Mr R. Walker

We would also like to thank Mrs Gladys Gourley as for supplying the teams with tea!

J. Somerville.

42 Run Win for U13



Under 13

Back Row: Mr B. Quinn, Colin Sheridan, Richard Jones, Ronan Fox, Sean Tevlin, Brian Traynor
Front Row: Darragh Sweetnam, Andrew Stevenson, Andrew Gray (Captain), Mark Collins, David Meade

In our first match we played against Belvedere. We lost but we enjoyed it. Brian Traynor made two brilliant catches and Rowan Stokes batted very well. Then we played King's Hospital in the first round of the cup. Unfortunately we lost to a very good side but Andrew Stevenson batted well. Our third match was against CUS. We won by 42 runs. Gavin Sadlier batted well. Andrew Gray had three wickets and Darragh Sweetnam fielded brilliantly.

We would like to thank Mr Quinn for coaching us this season.

Andrew Stevenson.

South Africa

I left Dublin Airport on 17 Jan about to spend ten weeks in South Africa, alone! Getting there wasn't easy, but I finally arrived in East London the next morning. I was staying in a house with three other people, all in their early twenties.

I attended the first term of Cambridge High School. Cambridge was co-educational. School started at 7:30 a.m. each morning, with assembly sometimes going on for half an hour. School ended at 2:00 p.m. every day except for Wednesdays when we had a half-day.

I played cricket four days a week for the school first team. The standard of

cricket is a lot higher over there so I found it very tough to keep up. I travelled to a few places with the school including Port Elizabeth and of course, visited a game reserve with loads of wacky African animals. The Cricket World Cup was taking place while I was over there so I was able to see a few matches at Buffalo Park, the stadium at East London. All my free time was spent at the beach or going out with girls. I finally landed back in Dublin on the 31 March in the rain, which was depressing as I was in 35° heat sixteen hours before. I wasn't particularly thrilled to be home because I had such a great time and I know I'll never forget it!

Niall McDarby.



2nd XI Girls

This year's season went well for the seconds. Although we only won two out of four matches, we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. The team consisted of many different players from

many different years, but we gelled very well together. We had so many entertaining players on the team who ensured our season was a fun-filled one, for both our team and the opposition. I'm sure the rest of the team will join me in warmly thanking Mrs Mellon for her time and dedication.

Lucy Whitaker.



U15 Team

Back Row: Kier Johnston, Ben Duffy, Sean O'Gorman, Alan Cairns, Jonathan Sommerville, Michael Willoughby

Front Row: Nicky Wynne, David Lusby, Ben Satchwell, Simon Coyne, Robert Hunter, Mr R. McMullen



Seconds

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Lucy Whitaker (Captain), Claudine Murphy, Miriam McSharry, Katy Hamilton

Front Row: Ruth Borland, Karen Meade, Jenny Kearns, Karen Douglas, Ciara O'Toole, Aisling Burke



Left: U15 Team Finalists

Back Row: Nicky Daly, Nicky Gregory, Freda O'Donnell, Katherine Alexander, Christine Boyle, Mrs G. Mellon

Front Row: Karen Meade, Sara Lodola, Amy Kenealy (Captain), Holly Warren, Megan Leonard-Kane.

Centre: 1st XI Team

Back Row: Ciara Nugent, Nicky Daly, Gillian McMurray, Ros Campbell, Orla Walsh, Mrs G. Mellon

Front Row: Jenny Kearns, Lyndsay Winslow, Rebecca Rolfe, Amy Kennedy, Sophie Hare, Holly Warren

Missing: Suzanne Cairns (Captain), Rachel McSharry



First Year Girls

Wesley College. We had some great bowling by Jade Breen, Valerie Sexton, Nicki Burns, Caoimhe McDonnell. Well done to our wicket keeper, Sian Cooley for catching some excellent balls. Unfortunately we lost by 4 runs. The score was 45-49. We had an excellent season and on behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for organising our matches and where would we be without our coach Mr Fitzpatrick? Last but not least, I would like to thank the team, they played brilliantly and I hope they keep it up.

Laura Cooley, Captain.

Our first two matches we played against Muckcross and Alex, which we won. Our third match was against St Columbas, which we won by 91 runs! This took us through to the semi-finals. We had some great fieldings by Ruth Senior, Evanna Mills, Christine Rorke, and Triona Connell. Our semi-final was played against Wilson's Hospital, which we won by 35 runs. The final was then played against



First Year Team Finalists

Back Row: Ruth Senior, Nicky Burns, Evanna Mills, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton

Front Row: Sian Cooley, Triona Connell, Laura Cooley, Caoimhe O'Donnell, Jade Breen

Hockey

1st XI

This year's hockey team consisted of a number of experienced senior players from previous years and a number of new players. We really gelled as friends this year, and had a laugh, on and off the pitch. It was obvious from the start that we had potential, with a squad full of personality, talent and good team spirit, we couldn't have not done well.

Our team consisted of firstly our strong sweeper Ciara Nugent (Shakira), enthusiastic, making crucial tackles during the year, and a great asset to our defence. Next we had a most dedicated and determined left back, Sophie O'Hare returned to us from over seas to support

our defence. At right back was Susan Walsh, the nurse of the team, versatile on the pitch, and always up for it. We had Donna Lui and Rebecca Nicholson helping each other in the centre, Donna's hard working attitude steady marking and never giving up on a tackle was vital to our team set-up. Rebecca 'Manner-z', polite on and off the pitch, her happy attitude was a significant contribution to the squad.

The mid-field consisted of myself in centre mid, in right mid was Orla Walsh, determined and dependable, always gave the opposition cause to worry. In left midfield was Maeve Willoughby, a skillful enthusiastic reliable player, and a

vital member to our team.

The forward line comprised of Lyndsey Watson, the perfectionist, indomitable in attack, who created opportunities and scored many goals. In left wing was Suzanne Cairns, our goal-scoring opportunist, attacking up the left side of the field leaving players eating dust. Finally Roz Campbell, our centre forward, super-talented, who menaces every time she got the ball much to the opposition's regret. She kept the team spirit high with her great sense of humour.

We borrowed Julie McRann permanently from the juniors much to our benefit. She



Above: Maeve Willoughby (right)

played an attacking right back, creating a strong force up the right side.

We had much help also from other from other players during the year. Namely Sharon Johnson, Holly Warren, Ally Lett and Christine Boyle.

The league started for us at the end of September.

We discovered that we had quite a tough group, but we came out on top beating Loreto Foxrock 2-1, Wesley 3-0, Beaufort 1-0, Mount Sackville 5-2, and drawing 1-1 with Loreto Bray.

In mid December we played Mount Anville in the quarter final of the league. Unfortunately we lost 2-0, this was disappointing, as we had just beaten the same team two weeks earlier. Now our team was forced to concentrate our efforts solely on the cup.

The highly anticipated cup came in late January. We had trained hard, practiced our set pieces, and perfected our short corners. At this time we were performing well as a team together, we had



Left: High School attacking during the semi-final match

gotten to know each other more, as friends and as players.

In the first round we were drawn for a home match against Holy Child Killiney, we beat them a comfortable 6-1. The second hurdle faced us soon after, we were drawn against St Gerards at home on a Tuesday afternoon. Another triumph here, 4-0, leaving us quite confident that we could achieve our goal for the season.

Finding out that we were drawn against Muckross in the quarter final of the Leinster Cup left us feeling quite anxious. We had played them already this year, drawing 3-3, so we didn't know quite what to expect. Again we were lucky enough to get another home draw.

We trained hard leading up to this match; we knew it would be tough. This was the most exciting match for most of the players and supporters all year. A large group gathered for both teams.

Muckross got tip, and scored within seconds, leaving us all speechless – we definitely weren't expecting that. We fought back hard and found ourselves 3-1 up at half time, two goals from Roz and one from Suzanne, every member of the team was showing full enthusiasm and drive, and it was paying off. The defence was working hard and the mid-field were linking well.

In the second half we worked hard, but as people got tired, concentration began to lapse. Muckross came



1st XI Team

Back Row: Sharon Johnson, Sophie O'Hare, Ciara Nugent, Julie McRann, Roz Campbell, Lyndsey Watson, Orla Walsh, Donna Lui, Ms C. Ritchie

Front Row: Allison Lett, Sara Walsh, Maeve Willoughby (Vice Captain), Rachel McSharry (Captain) Suzanne Cairns, Rebecca Nicholson, Gillian McMurray

back with two goals together in a short period of time, levelling the score 3-3. With only seven minutes left for a winner to emerge, the tension was high. The marking got tighter in defence, and every opportunity was seized. Everybody was putting everything they could into the last bit of the game. The ball was passed into the circle to Roz, a quick shot into the bottom right hand corner, slipping past the goalkeeper, separated us by one goal. Muckross continually failed to penetrate our defence. When the final whistle blew, emotions were running high and we had got through to the semi's!

Two weeks later we made our way up to Grange Road for the semi's against St Andrew's, not much can be said about this match, we didn't play to our potential and our dream for winning

the Cup was shattered when Andrew's scored a messy goal, due to a dodgy refereeing decision. The team was upset, but we had our trip to London to look forward to.

We played an indoor hockey tournament in St Andrew's. This was the first time a lot of us had ever played indoor hockey. Here, we got through our section, and then went on to beat St Andrew's in the semi's, but then lost the final unfortunately. Here, a couple of bloody injuries were received!

At the end of the season we also played in another tournament hosted by Muckross Club, we came out top in this tournament beating Our Lady's, Rathdown and St Gerard's, many prizes were claimed by High School also.

This season was a memorable and exciting one, losing only 3 out of 27 matches

this year, they're statistics to be proud of. Being a member of the 1st XI this year is also something to be very proud of, to achieve what we aimed for (well, nearly) and been able to build the friendships, and of course the celebrations and parties after every game!

Congratulations to Roz, the top goal scorer with 20 goals, and to Maeve who won player of the year. Much gratitude is due to Maeve, she was a brilliant vice-captain and a good friend all year. Good luck to the team next year, I hope you do brilliantly!

Many thanks are due to Ms Ritchie, so encouraging and dedicated to us all throughout the year, despite sending us home early from training for the lack of concentration on the odd occasion, she always had faith in us. She suffered all the emotions we did, but

probably double, during our crucial matches.

Thanks are also owed to the other coaches, parents and supporters who came to our matches, and gave us a lot of support during the year. Extra thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick, for the help given to our team when asked for it, and for the tips and small improvements that helped us each individually and as a team to improve our game.

Personally I have enjoyed this year so much, and this hockey team was so much fun, I'm glad to have finished my hockey days in High School with a team I can be so proud to have been a part of.

Rachel McSharry, Captain.

2nd XI

This year was very exciting year for the second's. The team worked well from the start and we had great team spirit. We won most of our matches early in the season and with hard work and determination from all the players, we found ourselves in the quarterfinals of the league against Mt Anville, who had beaten us earlier in the season 4-1. It was a superb match, but at full time the score was still 0-0. Five minutes into extra time Mt Anville were awarded a penalty and scored. Our spirit never broke, and with a minute to go there was a lovely crossover by Jenny Kearns to Rebecca Rolfe, who scored to equalise the match. The final whistle blew, with the rematch to be

played the next week. After hours of extra dedication from everyone we were ready for the replay. We had excellent support, cheering us on and at the end of the nail-biting match we were into extra-time again. As the cheering became louder the pressure increased. Unfortunately Mt Anville won the match.

It was a tough season and I would like to thank all the supporters throughout the year.

Thanks Ciara for organising a brilliant Cork trip for us at the end of the season! Thanks to all the players for their dedication and teamwork and especially to Ms Mellon whose great coaching got us so far.

Seconds Unbeaten till Quarter Finals

The season started off with a bang. We were unbeatable throughout the year until we reached the quarter final of the 2XI Leinster League. We showed Mt Anville in the quarter final that we certainly weren't going out without a fight, even though we were underdogs, to the extent that our match was brought to a replay! The replay was played in High School, with dozens of supporters behind us we were ready to put up a fight. After a sixty

minute nail biting game with no score the match went into extra time. At this stage the team was feeling the pressure and in the last ten minutes of extra time the tiredness kicked in and we lost to the Mounties. Thank-you to everyone especially our coach Mrs Mellon - through all the laughs, sweat and tears we had a great season. We owe it all to you. Don't worry we'll get them next year.

Sharon Johnson and Margaux Kenny.



2nd XI Quarter Finalists

Back Row: Denise Lui, Ciara Fahey, Anna Stewart, Margaux Kenny, Catherine Hillard, Ruth Connell, Sharon Johnson

Front Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Jenny Kearns, Rebecca Rolfe, Vicki Wright (Captain), Sarah Hennessy, Tanya Hashmi



3rd XI Team

Back Row: Joanne Burke, Debra Keogh, Nadine Grunitz, Nicky Sutton, Jessica Bell Fahy, Mary Dowds, Freya Oatway

Front Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Andrea Burgess, Fiona Keller, Rhiannon Gleeson, Ger Boyle, Susan Walsh



Junior A

It gives me great pleasure this year as captain of the Junior A team, to report on our team's accomplishments. We had strength in all areas on the pitch firstly with Ally Lett our very dependable goalie who conceded very few goals this season and she was always a great source of encouragement to the defenders.

Ally was also selected for the Leinster U/16 squad. Our defenders were Megan Leonard-Kane, our very solid sweeper who played consistently well throughout the season, Christine Boyle, who was our right back and has had a wonderful year, having achieved a place on the U/16 Leinster squad. Not only did she defend superbly but she also created great opportunities up the right side of the pitch. Grace Nugent as centre back always defended excellently and prevented any likely goals from happening as did Vicki Collins who played left back. Vicki played on the junior A's last year.

Our midfield was made up of the talented Holly Warren who played centre mid, Holly also played on the Leinster U/16 squad this year. Nicci Daly was our determined and unstoppable left mid and she created a lot

of short corners that we scored from. Katie Smith joined our team in the second part of the season and she added strength to our team. Our attacking forward line was Ruth Jones, Amy Kenealy, Nicola Gregory and Katie Hamilton who worked well together and attacked as a strong unit all season. Averil Blakely was our substitute who trained with us and came to all of our matches.

We started training as soon as we got back to school in September with our new coach Mr Fitzpatrick. We had a

tough physical programme and Mr Fitzpatrick consistently worked on developing our hockey skills. We were well prepared for our league matches when they began in October.

We were absolutely delighted at Christmas to find out that we were leading our group going into the junior cup qualifying matches. We had a long break before we played our first match and everybody showed their absolute commitment by working hard and training through bad

weather conditions.

In the quarterfinals of the cup we played Loreto Foxrock at home and we drew 1-1 in a very tight match having gone into extra time. The following week the replay was in Loreto Foxrock where we had another exciting match. We were awarded a penalty flick in extra

time, which I was fortunate to score from. We were all totally committed to winning this match and this showed when we scored a second goal in extra time.

The semi-final was against Loreto Beaufort in Beaufort where a lot of supporters came to cheer us on. While we

Cup Winning Team Great Victory for Junior Team



Junior A Cup Winning Side

Back Row: Nicola Daly, Holly Warren, Amy Kenealy, Katie Smith, Averil Blakely, Megan Leonard-Kane, Mr P. Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Jessie Elliott, Ruth Jones, Grace Nugent, Julie McRann (Captain), Christine Boyle, Katie Hamilton, Vicki Collins, Allison Lett.

Left: XI 4th Year Team

Back Row: Claire Fry, Lucy Whittaker, Miriam McSherry, Saorise Gilbert, Isabel Baker, Anne McCormick

Front Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Niamh Carroll, Michelle O'Donoghue, Kim Elliott (Captain), Ciara O'Toole, Claudine Murphy, Aisling Hughes



Above: Junior A
H. Warren, with R. Jones, N. Daly, K. Smyth

were the dominant team on the day, we found it difficult to score a goal. We were determined to win and this was proved once again when Katie Hamilton scored an excellent goal to ensure our place in the final.

The 5 March had finally come and it was the day we had been waiting for all year long. While we were confident, we were also very nervous but we knew we had the support of the school, the teachers and our families and friends.

We had a great team talk with Mr Fitzpatrick where he motivated and reassured us. There was a great atmosphere with drums and people chanting.

Both teams were fighting for the cup from the starting whistle. We won a short corner within minutes, which I scored from. We maintained this lead up until three minutes from the end where Mount Sackville equalised. We were

devastated but we were not going to give up. It was in the last minute when we were awarded a short corner. The pressure was on as this was to be the final strike of the game. This was to prove the most dramatic end to a brilliant final as I scored the final goal.

This has been a most wonderful year for me. I was honoured to captain the junior A team that brought the junior cup back to the school after 18 years. I thoroughly enjoyed playing hockey this year with the girls as we became more than team-mates, we became good friends. This year I was also part of the Leinster U/16 team and I was fortunate to get trials for the Irish U/16 squad.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for believing in us and taking us all the way. He made our training challenging and fun and we couldn't have got as far as we did without him. We would also like to

thank Ms Mellon and Ms Ritchie for their continued support and encouragement throughout the year.

Finally we would like to thank Mr Duffy, the teachers and all the supporters for being behind us all the way.

**Julie McRann,
Captain.**



*Above: Junior A
R. Jones, A. Kenealy*



Above: Captain, Julie McRann receives the cup



*Above: Julie McRann,
Captain of the Junior A team receiving the
trophy above and being carried aloft*



Above: A. Lett, K. Hamilton, K. Smyth, H. Warren, M. Leonard Kane, N. Gregory, V. Collins, A. Blakely, J. Elliott, A. Kenealy, Mr P. Fitzpatrick, R. Jones, C. Boyle, J. McRann, G. Nugent, N. Daly.

Junior B

The Coaches



Coaches Mrs G. Mellon and Mr Fitzpatrick



Junior B Team

Back Row: Amy Munoz, Rachel McCoy, Sarah Lodola, Aoife Green, Freda O'Donnell, Mr P. Fitzpatrick,

Front Row: Karen Douglas, Katie Smith, Catherine Alexander, Averil Blakely, Ruth Borland, Amy Coghlan



Left: Hockey supporters with Ms Jones

Only Quashed at Quarter Finals

Junior C

This year the Junior Cs had a very good season. We started out well winning almost all our friendly matches and headed into the league with confidence and enthusiasm. We got to the quarter-finals of the league but unfortunately lost to a very good Alex side, an exciting match that was very close until the end.

All in all, we had a very successful season and on behalf of the team we would like to thank

Mr Fitzpatrick for putting a lot of time and effort into training and improving our skills, and for giving us the support we needed to get so far in the league.

Also we would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the season and for the many lifts that they gave us.

Orla Tevlin and Sam Meredith.



Junior C Team

Back Row: Suzanne Burke, Emma Laing, Orla Tevlin, Karen Sutton, Rebecca Tadros, Jill Harding, Mr R. Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Kim Weekes, Lorna O'Rourke, Chloe Stacey, Ailbhe Donnellan, Samantha Meredith, Una Ní Éigearthaigh, Ruth Roseingrave

Tough Group Draw for the Minor A's But a Strong Team Does it's Best

Minor A

The Minor A's had a tough year this year. We trained hard through all weather conditions on Monday afternoons. The team put in a great effort and improved immensely on skills and team work throughout the year. We had a very hard section in the league including Alexandra College, Muckross, St Andrews and Our Lady's Grove but still the Minor A's were enthusiastic to do well and play our best. We improved more and more in each match. Our goalkeeper Jessie and our great backs Katie, Lucy, Mary-Ann and Lana defended brilliantly and let in few goals all season. Our mids Karen, Leanne and Gemma defended really well and supplied great ball to the forwards. Our forwards Jenny, Julie and Niamh scored many goals and attacked brilliantly. Finally well done to Leah from first year who played in every position and scored some great goals. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all the work, time and effort



Minor A Team

Back Row: Mrs. G. Mellon, Niamh Holohan, Julie Kavanagh, Jenny Murphy, Katie Marconi, Leah Moore.

Front Row: MaryAnn Mesbur, Leanne Farrell, Jemma McRann (Captain), Zana Loane, Karen Meade, Jessie Elliott

she put in throughout the year. Thanks also to Mr. Fitzpatrick who supported us in our matches and trained us on numerous occasions. Well done to the team who played super and improved enormously throughout the year.



B's Fighting on Minor B

The Minor B's of 2002/03 played until the play-offs that would have lead us into the quarterfinals. Unfortunately we lost against Mt Sackville 1-0. Everyone played excellently and it was a very tense game.

Before the play-offs we played a number of friendly games, most of which we won. We wouldn't have achieved this without the help of Mr Wilkinson and all his efforts in helping us all to get better at hockey. Thanks.

Hopefully next year we will do better and get further than the play-offs. Well done to all the girls for playing brilliantly during the year.

**Elizabeth Stewart,
Second Year.**

Left: Hockey players

Right: Hockey supporters

Minor C

This year the Minor C did really well in their league and managed to reach the quarter finals against Muckcross. Unfortunately we lost that match and we were very disappointed. Nevertheless we were pleased to have got that far. There are so many names to mention but here it goes. Well done to Laura for her endless determination, Claire Nelson and Kathy for their perfect hits no matter where they played, Lyndsey and Claire Fergus always running at the wings, Stella and Melissa always ready at the back and of course our main goal scorers up at the front, Jennifer and Suzanne. Thanks a million Mr Wilkinson for your time and your

C's Make it to League Quarter Finals



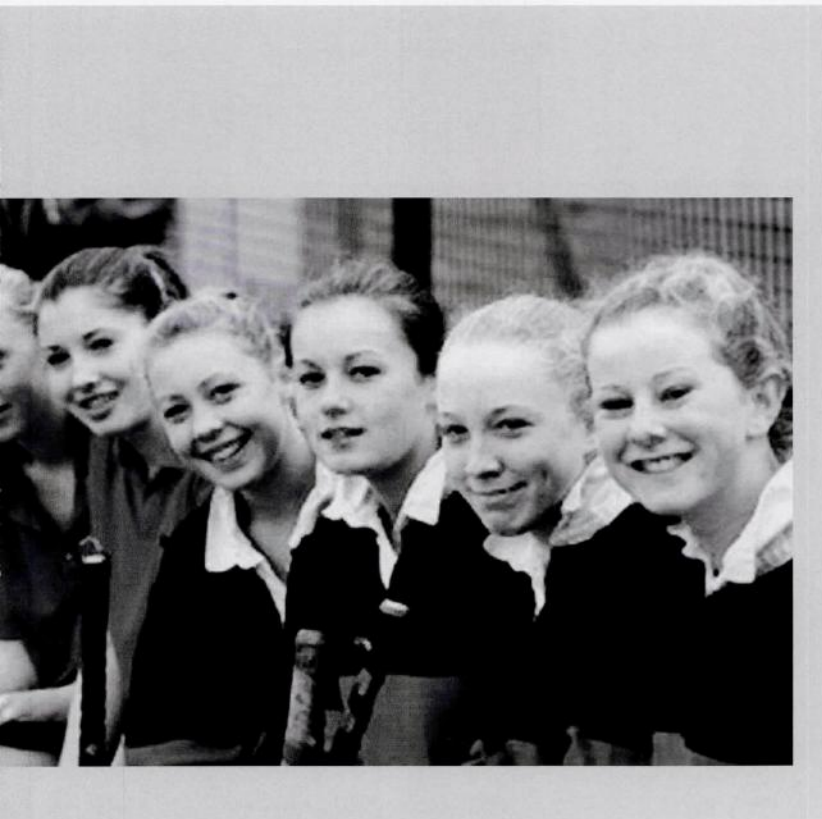
training, congratulations girls you make a great team.

**Hannah Jennings,
Second Year.**

Minor C Team

Back Row: Mr Wilkinson, Stella Howe, Alex Carey, Aisling Burke, Laura Nelson, Cara Mulcahy, Melissa Hanney, Lauren Turner, Claire Nelson, Denise Fagan.

Front Row: Lynsay McFarland, Suzanne McCoy, Katherine Kiernan, Jennifer Flanagan, Hannah Jennings, Aicha Aboudinar, Claire Fergus, Barbara Daly



Above: Minor C Hannah Jennings

First Off League Winners - Great Hopes for the Future

First Year

The first year hockey team won the Leinster Hockey League.

The year started off with everyone in different teams. There was Mr Fitzpatrick's team, Mrs Mellon's team and Stuart Mellon's team. We all Played a number of friendly matches to determine which of us would be best suited to either the A, B or C team.

After Halloween the A team was chosen, it was mostly experienced players, but not for long. For about a month there was a lot of switching from the A team to the B team for some people. After a while we had a strong determined team.

We had some close league matches; the first one was against Wesley College. Both teams were very equal, but we scored in the first half. Near the end of the second half Wesley kept the ball in our half but the midfield and the backs held them off till the end.

Another close match was against St Gerard's Bray. We were close in the first half - High School 1-1 St Gerard's. In the second half we pulled away scoring two goals.

Our quarterfinal was against Muckross Park. We won 3-0. The final was amazing; it was on a Monday we were playing Loreto Beaufort Rathfarnham and they were all over us! It looked as we had no chance in the final and Beaufort looked as

if they would score soon, but at half time it started raining heavily with thunder and lightning. The match was called off and was to be played on Friday. On Friday we were much more determined. The first half was very intense, both teams having their fair share of the ball. Near the end of the first half Jade hit a lovely free into the circle and Valerie hit the ball into the goal!

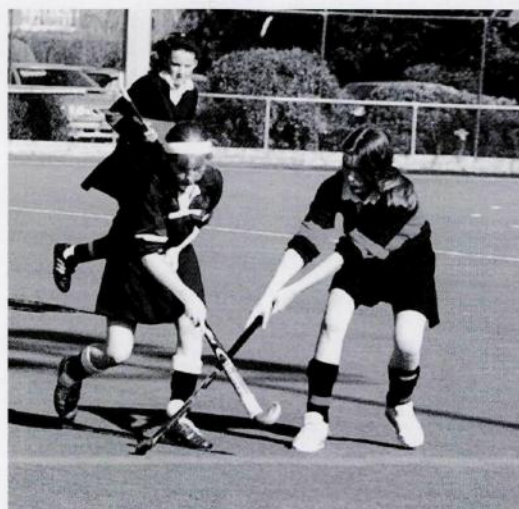
The second half was very close but we held our lead till the final whistle. We had won, we were so happy!

Thanks to our coaches Mr Fitzpatrick and Mrs Mellon and to all the supporters!

Leah Moore.



Leah Moore receiving the trophy



Christine Rorke tackles, Jade Breen in background



1st Year A Cup Winners

Back Row: Mrs. G. Mellon, Genevieve Deeley, Hanah Mesallati, Valerie Sexton, Ciara Butler, Katie Anglim, Jade Breen. **Mr P. Fitzpatrick**
Front Row: Sarah McDermott, Christine Rorke, Louise Blakely, Leah Moore (Captain), Evanna Mills, Amy Hughes, Ruth Senior



Genevieve Deeley receiving her medal

First Year Bs

The first year B team had a great season this year. We played lots of friendly matches (KH, Wesley, St Gerards, Our Lady's Grove, Mt Anville, Mt Sackville and many more), most of which we won! We won our league matches against King's Hospital, Alex and Muckcross but unfortunately lost against Beaufort. We played Wesley in our pre-quarter finals and we had to win this match to make the quarter finals. We beat them 3-0, all three goals were scored by Sarah Donnelly, our brilliant centre forward.

Next we played St

Killian's in the quarter finals. We beat them 4-0. Sarah Donnelly scored two goals and I also scored two. We played Our Lady's, Terenure in the semi-finals and after full-time the score was 0-0. Our Lady's came close to scoring many times but couldn't get the ball past our star sweeper Niki Burns. Unfortunately we lost the match in penalty flicks.

Well done to the team for playing so well all year and getting so far, especially to Sarah Donnelly for scoring lots of great goals. Thanks to our coaches Mrs Mellon and Mr Fitzpatrick for all their help during the year.

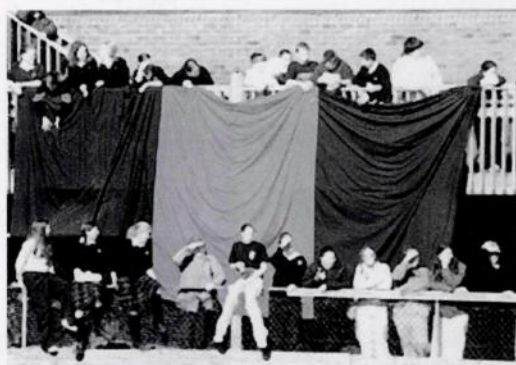
Triona Connell, Captain.



1st Year B Semi Finalists

Back Row: Mrs. G. Mellon, Ellen O' Cleirigh, Grainne Milton, Sian Cooley, Sarah Donnelly, Annalise Murphy, Nicky Burns, Laura Cooley, Mr P. Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Emma Tallon, Saoirse Hickey, Niamh Mitchell, Triona Connell (Captain), Laura Ann Douglas, Louise Blakely, Amy Hughes



1st Year C Team

Back Row: Mr. P. Fitzpatrick, Tanya Allison, Sarah Corbin, Sinead Nolan, Olwen Reina, Ashling Barry, Miriam Kerr, Laura Oliver, Alison Walsh, Mrs G. Mellon

Middle Row: Emma Tallon, Claire Guy, Anne Earls, Hannah Lunn, Caoimhe McDonnell, Karina McConnell

Front Row: Alex Taylor, Pauline Carney, Susan Casey

Ground:

Ruth Murray, Anita Murphy



Above left: HSD supporters

Left: The winning 1st Year Team

Girls Hockey Trip to London

The 1st XI set off on a long anticipated London tour on the morning of Friday 11 April with Ms Ritchie and Ms Missen in tow.

Once we arrived in London and we walked through town to get to our hostel we looked like a stampede coming through, with suitcases, wheelies, hockey bags, goalie bag...

Our first sighting on our journey towards Piccadilly was Andrea Corr!

We got safely to our hotel (eventually!) and even though six of us in reality couldn't turn around without bumping into each other in our 'cosy' room, once we realised how ideally situated we were for shopping, all our worries were forgotten.

The first match we played was against Uppminster HC which we won comfortably 6-1 and was great fun, but afterwards the question was "when do we get to go shopping?".

We played Wimbledon in our second match, drawing 1-1 being the nice people we are.

We saw the sights: Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, The Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and went to see *Phantom of the Opera*. We saw the beautiful Covent Garden, where we were serenaded! Not forgetting of course the multi floored Top Shop, and if asked what was the best thing we saw? I think I know what would win.

It was definitely a very memorable tour, the endless fun on the tube and the midnight trips to the sweet shop and of course trying to find "Mr. London". This is all due to Ms Ritchie and Ms Missen who without the enormous amount of work and effort they put in, we would never have seen and done as much as we did. We all really appreciated it. Thank you!

Maeve Willoughby.

Poor Start Made Up by Win against Newpark

JCT Boys Hockey

At the start of the season there was a very low turn out for the JCTs and we recorded some poor performances in early league matches. However, with the

arrival of new coach Mr Wilkinson that soon changed as numbers for training went up and a win in the league coming our way the next match! With eight people from fourth

year and three or four other players who had experienced J's hockey previously our squad began to take shape.

Ross Johnson proved to be a much valued



JCT Team

Back Row: Mr. D. Miller, Chris Sommerville, Gavin Whyte, Michael Sexton, Sean O'Connor, Johnny Sommerville, Andrew Grimason
Front Row: Daniel King, Luke McSharry, Brian Sargeant, Davy Holmes, William Mitchell, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Ralph Prendergast



Junior II JCT XI Team

Back Row: Michael Willoughby, Christopher Blair, Liam Reidy, Michael Sexton, Peter May, Karl Browne, Jonathan Somerville, Mr Ian Wilkinson
Front Row: Jonathan Sargeant, Daniel King, Luke McSharry, William Mitchell, Jerome Van Jaarsveld, Patrick O'Connor, Sam Cogan

Great Game Against League Leaders St Andrew's for JCT

member of the squad as he pulled off the odd save when he fell over his loose kicker and Johnny Sommerville was one of the outstanding players of the year at sweeper while Liam Reidy became our top scorer with I think, about five goals! Two other strong players throughout were Gerome Van Jaarsveld at right/left back and Peter May in right mid/wing. Michael Sexton did a lot of work in midfield and combined well with Liam and Peter to create plenty of chances. As the season progressed our backs got increasingly confident and worked very well together.

In the league we had four matches left and for two of them we had a much under strength team but thankfully won one and drew the other. After these we were back to full strength and won our next match comfortably against John Scottus 3-1.

Next up were top of the league Wesley who despite being in the B-league had at least one player on the Leinster squad and many more with trials. We had to win this to be in with a chance of qualifying for the league quarter finals, and on a wet and windy night we were very unlucky to lose 3-2 as we were every bit as good as Wesley on the night, so that was the end of our league hopes.

In the first round of the cup we had a bye which set us on our way to our best run yet, straight into the quarter final! In the quarters we met Newpark who with goals from Liam Reidy, Peter May and myself, we won 3-0 and that was us in the semi-finals! Unfortunately in this round we met the St Andrew's A team who were lying second in the division above us. With the help of the ever present seven or so supporters from the girls senior eleven we managed to take an almost unbelievable two goal lead within the first five minutes with great shots from Liam Reidy and Johnny Sommerville. This was rubbed in by the fact that they had just missed two open goals in the same amount of time. In about the twelfth minute their centre forward (Irish 16's last year and this year) got a lucky goal from a deflection and a few minutes later was given a penalty flick, which he hastily converted. Though they had many chances in the first half we held our own and did very well to come out of it only 4-2 down. In the second half it seemed that we could not hit a pass to our own men and they just kept attacking. Gerome did an excellent job marking their centre forward but their organisation proved too much for us this year. Though they scored another four goals in the second half



U14

Back Row: Shane Gould, Andrew Gray, Stephen Spoor, Robbie Bannister, Alan Cairns, Mark McNulty, Mark Collins, Mr. D. Miller
Front Row: Shane Sargeant, Ciaran O'Callaghan, Richard Jones, Patrick O'Connor, David Lusby, Andrew Stevenson, Sam Cogan



U13

Back Row: David Kenny, Robert Callaghan, Rowan Lacey, Sean Tevlin, Daniel Sheridan, Jack Madden, Andrew Howell, Mr. D. Miller
Middle Row: Fionan Keenan, Richard Jones, Andrew Stevenson, Andrew Gray, Mark Collins, David Meade, Conall Walsh
Front Row: Brian Traynor, Mark Mesbur, Gordon Lai, Colin Sheridan.

nobody stopped playing and this was rewarded as we scored one more in the last ten minutes, a second year even came on to make his debut for the team and before the final whistle went he had time to skin at least two of their players. Although we were beaten 8-3 in the end it showed that with a little bit more organisation we could

contend with one of the best schools in Leinster!

The Team would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for all of the time and effort he put in, Mr Miller for helping out now and then but most of all the supporters who turned up rain or shine and we hope to see you all back again next year.

**William Mitchell,
Captain.**

Rockclimbing Hillwalking

This year was one of the worst we have had weather wise. About 20 pupils put themselves forward for the great challenge of going up a vertical cliff face when there is a perfectly good set of steps only 50 yards away. Those who scoff will never know the tremendous pleasure (perhaps 99.9% relief) of reaching the top of a climb and breathing in the wonderful sea-fresh air and feasting their eyes on the vista of Dublin Bay and Dalkey Hill on a sunny day. Unfortunately we did not have too many of those sunny days and more than one of our six trips had to turn back when we reached the Quarry or even cancelled before we started.

Once again, I thank the unselfishness of the past pupils who offered themselves as instructors: Darragh

Summer Trip Up (and down) Dalkey Cliff



Curran, Donal O'Shea, Conor O'Shea and Bruce Cooper. They made the whole operation possible on a scale which is viable.

Ian Blackmore.

*Above: Eoghan
Maginn*

*Below: Mr C. Cryan
and Donna Lui rock-
climbing during
summer term*



Up the Airy Mountain Down the Rushy Glen

A very strong group of walkers for the President's Award and a few hardy souls who were independents completed the usual task of one walk per month during the year. We started with the Powerscourt Waterfall/ Maulin Walk in September – a sunny day with high winds. Pupils competed on the summit of Maulin to see who could lean over most horizontally into the gale before falling down. Those who used their jackets as sails could almost achieve lift off. On our descent to the Dargle, many deer were sighted as expected: I have never failed to see deer in this area of the mountains.

We usually have such good weather for walks recently, that I was rather pleased that on the day of our Shankill Walk the weather was less than pleasant. Too often some pupils have not taken the advice on essential clothing for hill walking seriously but have got away with it because the weather was benign. Not on this October Sunday. Persistent medium-heavy rain/drizzle and a cold wind found out those who thought they

knew best, and there were some pretty miserable campers at the end of the trip, but they had learned their lesson. For the sake of any future walkers let me reiterate – you must have clothes and equipment which are suitable for the worst conditions you might encounter – proper waterproof wet gear and, if possible, walking boots and if not possible, one of the alternatives as suggested. Fashion should not be a consideration! So many walkers this year turned up in thin cotton tracksuit bottoms with zipped legs – worn with the zips open and the lower part of the trouser leg trailing in the dirt and muck, soaking up water from puddles which by capillary action soon has their entire legs saturated. I began to understand the term fashion victim. This is the walk that begins with Seefin, which has a largely intact passage grave similar in style to Newgrange and dating from four to five thousand years ago. Pupils can crawl through a tunnel entrance and look for carvings on the stones which are difficult for

the amateur to spot. The circular route continues with Seefingan, Corrig and Seahan and we were lucky that for most of the time the driving wind and rain was pushing us from behind. Pupils who took part in this walk made a better effort with their gear, so it was a good experience for them – it could have been worse!

Our other walks in Wicklow/Lugduff/Glendale/Toneleagee and Lugnaquilla all went off with considerable enjoyment in excellent weather and without incident.

Yet again we had swan's weather for our assault on Ireland's highest peak. Although we started the walk along the river in thick mist it was soon burned off and we could see the cross on the top of Carrantohil before we reached the foot of the Devil's Ladder. As we ascended the last long steep slope we became aware of one variation – we were actually above a vast ridge of cloud, through which the nearby peaks in the range popped their heads. The sky above the cloud was clear blue and we could see as far into the distance as was possible for the human eye. There really was the impression of being in

another world – an Elysian wonderland separated from the world of mere mortals below by a carpeted floor of whitest fleece. As soon as each of our group reached the summit he/she got out his/her mobile phone to reassure folk in Dublin that we had not vanished completely from the face of the earth!

As usual the party separated into two and even more climbers than the previous year opted for the Beenkaragh Ridge experience, none of whom I am sure regretted taking the challenge. What more than one regretted however, was not bringing enough water. The day was sunny, many showed some sign of slight sunburn and there is no opportunity to replenish our water carriers after the early stages of the Devil's Ladder. Nonetheless we survived and our thirst may even have prompted us to find a quicker and less exhausting route than usual back to that life saving river.

My thanks to Mr Swan for the meticulous attention to detail in organising and supervising these trips to Kerry that makes everything go so smoothly – and for the weather.



Above: William Mitchell, Steven Walsh, Jeff Warren, Philip Duffy, Johnny Somerville, Glenn Sheridan

As this is my last report on hill walking in HSD I reflect on thirty years of "Up the airy mountain/down the rushy glen" which I would certainly never have done had I not been a teacher and 'forced' into it.

I have many happy memories of tramping over the hills with my colleague Con Cryan who in recent years organised the day walks, and with whom between us we settled many a world problem. Even more world problems were summarily dealt with when we were joined by John Swan and Claire Ritchie whose good humour in taking richly deserved slaggings by Con were a source of considerable merriment.

But many of my most vivid memories revolve around my first partner-in-crime and my hero Fred Gardner. Stories too many to recount here but one at least I cannot resist repeating. On a bitter winter walk on the top of Moanbane, Fred gathered the group to caution them against

testing the thickness of the ice on the bog holes, when a sharp crack was heard from nearby – yes, a boy could not forbear and was now waist deep in freezing water. Two years later in similar weather on the very same spot Fred gathered the group to caution them, with the addition of the practical example of earlier experience, when a sharp crack was heard from nearby... Of course it was typical of Fred's unselfishness that on both occasions he insisted on being the one to escort the boys (it was not the same boy) back to the bus to recover some warmth and dry clothes. On another trip to Connemara he went back to the hostel with a pupil who felt unwell at the start of the walk, thus denying himself one of the most glorious walks in which we completed the circle of Benns (unexpectedly) in the most beautiful weather conditions one could imagine. Fred's encyclopaedic knowledge added to the richness of each walk – I often wish I

had remembered one tenth of all the learning he imparted so conversationally, it disguised the wealth of information.

I owe Fred a great debt of gratitude for the example he set me in so many ways. Fred organised our first trips to Snowdon where we encountered icicles which formed horizontally in the fierce wind and where a blizzard forced us back to the hostel at midday – the only time we had to face such extreme conditions. In more recent years in Wales the frozen snow forced us to find the least steep descent and we didn't manage to get back to the hostel until 9pm!

Great memories! Good luck and happy walking for all in the future.

Ian Blackmore.

Left below:
Ronan Lonergan,
Jeff Warren,
Scott Hanan
blown away
by the experience



Rowing

Interview

Cliodhna Noone, fifth year, rows for Neptune Rowing Club, on the Liffey at Islandbridge.

When did you start rowing?

I started rowing when I was 15, in third year.

Why?

I had been canoeing for a while by then and after seeing rowing on TV decided to try it, as they're quite similar. When I started I didn't really realise how much commitment was involved, but I'm still glad that I've kept it up.

What do you mean by commitment?

Well, I train for about an hour and a half every day.

Do you find it physically demanding then?

Yes, definitely. In the summer the training gets harder as there are regattas (rowing races) all the time and you constantly have to improve your speed on

the water. It's also more time consuming in the summer as we train on the water then and that takes much longer than gym work.

What do you like about rowing?

It keeps you fit. It also keeps you motivated, because you know you have to balance your time between training and study. You also make a lot of good friends because you spend so much time around the club.

Do you have any achievements?

We've won a fair few times at the smaller regattas. Last year in Ghent International Regatta in Belgium we came fifth, which is quite good as the standard on the continent is quite high. We've won Neptune Head of the River twice and Galway Tribesmen Head of the River. We also came second in the Irish National Championships in the Women's Junior 18 quad.

Do you row in crew boats?

Well this year we're racing a four (4 person boat), and I've started racing a single scull as well.

Are there many other women rowers?

The club I row for has always been mainly male dominated. Actually it was the last club in Ireland to accept women in 1992. At the moment though we have a good few women, and hopefully the group will grow so we can get some good competitive crews. I think that a lot of women think that rowing would be too hard and they get put off.

Do you have any influences?

My grandmother has always influenced me. She has always been very active and still runs and does weights.

Do you see a future for you in rowing, or is it just a hobby?

Just a hobby. It's really hard to make a career out of rowing. It doesn't get a lot of recognition in Ireland in comparison to say rugby or football. It's more popular in places like Germany, France and Australia. But at the moment there are people working really hard to raise the profile of Irish rowing.

Martha McDermott.

Final Battle Against KH proves to be Biggest Test

SCT

This was a long season. It started with pre-season training during August but only started in earnest with a practice match against St Andrew's. After this we had a very tough friendly against Templeogue, a team we got to know very well before the end of the season. This first time we emerged on top with a hard fought 8-7 victory. The team was looking settled at this stage and with several experienced players in key positions. We were shaping up well.

Our league campaign started with a great victory over Wesley by 30-8 and was closely followed by another convincing victory over Gonzaga 47-7. All this meant we had qualified for the league quarter-finals with one group match remaining. With a lot of cancellations in fixtures we had an unwanted three week break before we had to travel down to Roscrea. Travelling never brought out the best of this team and on the day we were well beaten by 18-3. Although we still

qualified for a home quarter-final against Kilkenny, we were disappointed with this performance.

Before the quarter-final, we enjoyed a very successful tour to England and Wales, where we won our matches 17-10 against Ruthin and Wyrill. On our return we got a wake up call when we played what probably was our worst game of the season against Pres. Bray, which we lost 19-5.

After that, training really started to get tough. It paid off though when we stepped out to play Kilkenny at 'Danum' in lashing rain. We were ready and it showed as we took an early 8-point lead. With great spirit and commitment, we just about held on for a 8-7 victory.

We entered the semi-finals against Castleknock as underdogs, which suited us fine as we were confident in ourselves. Castleknock were a very tough physical team but on the day we played



Rugby

Long Season - Well Played



SCT Team

Back Row: Alex Feldman, Pat Anglim, David Lee, Brook Campbell-Crawford, Chris Harding, Eoghan O'Reilly, Aiden Field, Rob Horne, Shane Prunty
Front Row: Mr. D. Wright, Ben Leonard-Kane, Dave Thompson, Rob Smyth, Mathew D'Arcy (Captain), Steven Duggan, Bryan Hannon, Eoin Tippins, Ross Condon

back in the second half but didn't get close in the end, going down 26-10. We were not as organised in defence as usual on the day and this cost us big time. This was a very disappointing defeat as we really felt after our league campaign we would mount a challenge in the cup, but it didn't work out.

We reached our second final of the year by beating Gonzaga in the semi-finals of the cup. Frustratingly we once again lost the final going down to KH 19-0. Overall losing two finals in one season was very disappointing for everyone but getting to both these finals in one season was an important break that we should now build on. So I would like to congratulate and thank all the members of the team for their exceptional commitment, effort and dedication. I would like to wish the lads leaving this year all the best in the future, it was a pleasure playing with you. Thanks to Mr Duffy and all the staff. All our supporters, but most of all Cockie, Hugh Hogan and Mr Walker, thank you all very much for all the time and effort they invested in us and for bringing us so far this season.

Matthew D'Arcy.

Below right:
Matthew D'Arcy

Below: David Thompson

probably our best game of the season and emerged 17-13 winners in front of a great High School crowd cheering us on.

The final was in Templeville Road against Templeogue. With both teams having never won the competition, it was a very nervy game. Although we took a three point lead early on a very strong Templeogue pack made us pay for some slack defending and we were 10-3 down, which was very disappointing, but Templeogue deserved it on the day.

With the cup still to go we had our final match before Christmas against Sligo Grammar School away. The last play of the game and

we were 7-3 down. Showing great confidence and spirit we used our secret weapon 'Bok ball' which hadn't let us down all season and once again it paid off and we emerged 8-7 winners. Although this move was later stolen off us by an unnamed school from the northside, who got credit for scoring in the cup with it, the move is a High School innovation through and through! After Christmas with only three matches before the cup, the intensity went up again in training. We beat St Joseph's, Galway away, 45-0 and completed a double at home over a very good Sligo team, who went on to win the Connacht Schools Cup. Our last friendly was against KH at home. In a tough

match we narrowly lost 8-7, but felt ready to take on Castleknock in the cup.

Come the 5 February, we walked out onto Donnybrook ready to take on Castleknock for the second time. This time though they were mentally very strong and prepared. Going 20 points down in the first half we staged a mini come-



Seconds Have Tough Transition but Progress Well With Three Wins in the League

2nds



2nd XV Team

Back Row: Brendan Phelan, Ross Traynor, James Anglim, Alan Loane, Pat Anglim, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Simon Marconi, Ercus Long, Niall McDarby, Mr. R. Walker.

Middle Row: Eoin Tippins, Cillian Suiter, Alan Thompson, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Aidan Field, Karl Cabena, Gus Nwosu, Stephen Lane, David Flower

Front Row: Andy Lui, Graham Kinlan

It was a mixed year for the seconds this year. We started off badly as most of the team were making the transition from junior to senior rugby. However we won a few against Pres. Bray, CUS and St Columba's before Christmas. After then the team began to improve and we started the league in which we lost narrowly to KH, but gained victories again where James Anglim charged down a kick and chased it over the line in the dying seconds to leave Aidan Field a difficult pressure kick to win by just 26-25.

Unfortunately we lost to Terenure, which meant they progressed to the next round instead of us and they went on to win the competition.

Special mention to Aidan Field our outstanding captain, centre and top scorer in the league who also led the table for most dump tackles in one match and all season and our utility player Eoin Tippins whose back row of James Anglim, Karl Cabena and Alan Loane between them put in some solid performances and Graham Kinlan who improved throughout the year and Alan Thompson who made some great runs from full back.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Johnny Ellis and Mr Walker for coaching us this season.

Aidan Field, Captain.



Matthew D'Arcy breaks in the 1st XV cup match



Matthew D'Arcy (Captain) is held by a Templeogue player



Lineout in the semi-final of the plate



Away Win Over Wesley - a great boost to U16 Team

U16

The previous season's Junior Cup Squad had finished strongly: the 'A' team had lost in the quarter finals, but the 'B' team had reached the semi finals, and were playing with confidence.

We were fortunate, therefore, in selecting U16 teams from a strong squad through out the autumn. All the players were keen to play rugby, and to win matches, which they might have lost in previous years. It was not easy to witness the top five or six players regularly being called up to play for the 2nd XV. Nor was the prospect of playing against some older, bigger 'senior' teams particularly appealing. But each time we managed to field a team and pulled off some big wins.

time, was also particularly pleasing.

We lost just twice: against a Terenure U16 side, away, and against Merchistown Academy from Edinburgh. The latter match was very close, but in the end the piper (in full regalia) that led them onto the field proved too intimidating for us.

Andy Lui, the captain, was no match for Rob Smyth at full belt in training. Every individual had impressive moments, and the introduction of a new brilliant combination of Ayo Daly and Brian Kelly gave us exciting options out wide. But the best solo effort was by Alan Loane against St Columba's, which sent ultra-violet waves through the Dublin Hills.

I should like to thank the whole squad for their efforts over the season. Thanks also to Mr Walker for his commitment and for his constant involvement in the coaching.

Andy Lui.



U16 Team

Back Row: Mr. R. Giles, James Anglim, Alan Loane, Ercus Long, Simon Marconi, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Niall McDarby, Brendan Phelan, Brian Kelly, Ross Traynor.

Front Row: Graham Kinlan, Stephen Lane, David Flower, Cillian Suiter, Andrew Lui (Captain), Alan Thompson, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Karl Cabena, Gus Nwosu



U 14 Team

Back Row: Alan Kearns, Mark McNulty, David Wilson, Jamie Wright, John Kilby, Ian Cobban, Tony Lee, Jamie Kelleher, Luke Mulligan

Middle Row: Mr. Griffin, Alan McMurray, Graham Johnson, Paddy O'Connor, Robbie Bannister (captain), Nigel Kinlan, Tom Meredith, Alan O'Keefe, Ben McNally

Front Row: Evan O'Callaghan, Kier Johnson, Jonathan Sargeant, Harry Grunitz

JCT

The junior cup team had a mediocre season. We had a very young team, as Ben McNally, Tom Meredith, Tony Lee, Nigel Kinlan and Andy Loane are all second years. We had a rocky start to the season. Our first match was against a good Templeogue team to which we lost through bad mistakes.

We lost the next few games but then the league came about which gave us more of a drive. Our first league match was against Wesley in which the team performed brilliantly and won 21-17. Our

Narrow Victories and Tight Losses but A Strong Side Proves Hopeful



JCT Team

Back Row: Mr. O'Hanlon, Michael Willoughby, Evan Barry, Mark Rooney, Robert Hunter, Shane Hennessey, Sam Sherwood, Tony Lee, Alan O'Keefe, Andrew Lohan, Nigel Kinlan

Front Row: Nathan Barber, Phelim O'Reilly (Vice Captain), Luke Begley, Luke McSharry, Cillian Suiter (Captain), Ben McNally, Thomas Meredith, Shane Sargeant, Simon Coyne



next league match was against Gonzaga but we went out with no confidence and lost heavily.

Then our next match was against CUS in the league. We were missing a lot of key players due to injuries, and despite being ahead by a good margin at the break, we lost 20-17. Then our last league match was against a brilliant Roscrea side, but despite playing well we lost 29-10.

We then went through a good spell and started training with a lot more determination and serious things began to click. We were becoming more organised as a team

and began to pick up our game and grind out good performances. We faced an English touring side and after a tough match drew 5-5. The team went on to face St Andrews winning 41-5 and again winning against St Gerards 46-15. The cup was fast approaching but we still had a lot of work to do. We faced the U16 in a tough and gritty match and after a good performance lost narrowly.

We had a lot of tight matches before the cup against the U16's, K.H, and Sligo Grammar, losing marginally in all. In our last match before the cup we were playing

against Gonzaga who hammered us in the first half but we came back with a great effort to win 12-7.

Then the cup match came. We were to play Skerries CC. We were a bit too cocky and went out overconfident. We went out expecting a walk over but received quite the opposite and after a poor performance from the team we lost 6-3.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coaches Martin, Rory, and Mr O'Hanlon for all the time and effort the put in for the team.

Cillian Suiter.

Good Performances at the end of the Season



Above: Nathan Barber with Ben McNulty about to take a kick.



Above: Niall O'Shea, Chris Harding and Ross Condron

Far Left: Ben Duffy

U14

We started off the season losing several players to the JCT but with new players joining we were able to field a good team. Our first match was against Templeogue. After a good performance we lost 19-12. Our next two matches were against the strong sides of Gonzaga and Terenure. Losing both, we then found our first victory against St Columba's, which we won convincingly. Two tries coming from Alan McMurray. We then lost to Wesley. Next we had a close game against St Paul's, winning in the end 22-12. We then had a disappointing spell, which ended with a draw against St Fintan's, 17 all.

After Christmas we found it hard to regain our rhythm and lost to Gonzaga and St Fintan's. We went into our next match against

CUS with lots of confidence. We sealed a 22-17 win. The next game was against a better CBC Monkstown team. Despite a big effort from our team we were not good enough to beat them. We lost 10-7.

We went into the St Gerard's game with our head held high as we had just got our JCT players back. The JCT players made the difference and we won 19-5. Next we had Pres. Bray who beat us 32-0. We didn't have much opposition against a weak Sandford team and we left the season on a high note.

I'd like to say thank you to Abe, Patsy, Mr. Griffin, Shane and Chris. I would also like to thank water boy Andy Smith who did not give up on a poor team.



Above: Matthew D'Arcy

Some Great Moments for U13 A in their First Year of Play

First Year

The first year 'A' Rugby Team started training with Mr Dolan and Mr McNamara at the start of the year.

We had a few great games against Wesley, St Paul's, St Columba's, and St Gerard's. Unfortunately, we did not do too well in the league, with hammerings from CUS and St Andrews.

We had some great moments like our down the wire finish against St Paul's, where our flying winger Richard Harrison touched the ball down in the corner for a 15-10 win. We had a 40-5 demolition of St Gerard's. Another down to the wire game was against St

Columbus but we came out victorious in the end with a 21-11 score line.

We had a fiery brawl with Wesley where Mark Evans put in the most crunching tackle of the season, where he dump tackled Wesley's massive No. 8. Unfortunately we did not come out victorious in this match, the score was 29-19, but the score line did not reflect the excitement of the game.

We would like to thank Mr Dolan and Mr McNamara for a wonderful season and all the time and work that they put in.

Sean Tevlin.



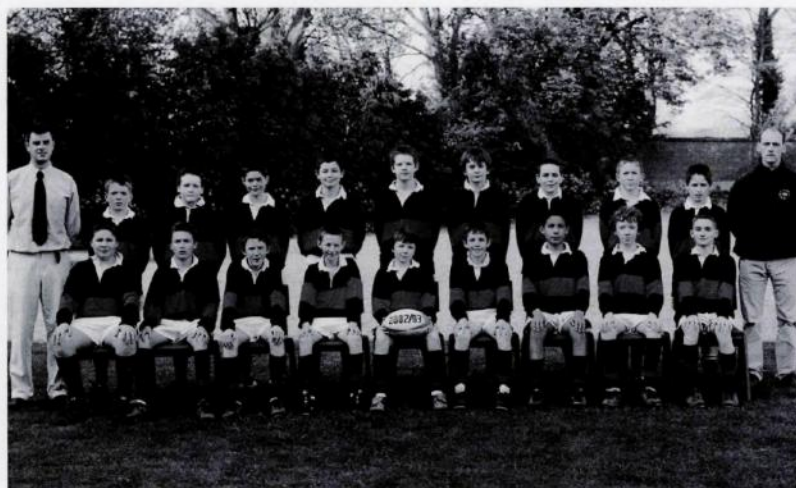
U13, A Team

Back Row: Mr B. McNamara, Andrew Lui, Richard Harrison, Adam Higgs, Gavin Sadlier, Jack Madden, Gavin Thornberry, Ronan Fox, Bruce Misstear, Mr. Joe Dolan

Middle Row: Mark Evans, Joe Comerford, Darragh Keller, Mark Collins, Sean Tevlin (Captain), Andrew Gray, Daniel James, Colin Sheridan, John Woolhead

Front Row: Gareth Austin, William Hanlon, Fionan Keenan, Mark Mesbur

Great Start For First Years New to the Sport



U13 Team

Back Row: Mr B. McNamara, Andrew Stevenson, James Hickey, Edmund Butler, Conall Walsh, Harry Ward, Carl McHugh, Barry Brady, Ben Condren, Thomas Lohan, Mr. J. Dolan

Front Row: Sam Carey, Aron Wade, Ruth Jones, Graham Field, A. Mulholland (Captain), Darragh Sweetman, David Meade, Euan McKay, Aaron Ward

U13B

We had our first game against St Columbus after a couple of training sessions but we were all still quite good, even though most of us were new to the game. It was a brilliant start to the season winning 36-5 and scoring six tries.

Our next big test was facing Wesley College. It was a brilliant match but we lost narrowly 29-16.

We had a mixed season with winning and losing streaks. We got better after every match and players were switched between the As and Bs quite often.

Next we had a tough game against CUS. We

got off to a great start scoring three tries and converting two of them. However, in the second half CUS came back and the final score was in their favour (29-19.) A lot of players switched position from match to match and this showed us a different perspective of the game. We played St Andrews next in a very close and exciting game where we won 29-24.

We went on training throughout the year learning loads of new skills that helped us greatly in our matches. On behalf of the Under 13 Bs I would like to thank Mr McNamara, Mr Dolan and Brian Logan for all their help through the year.

**Barry Brady,
First Year.**

Soccer

League Report

From the beginning of the year, the scene was set for a difficult year for soccer within the school.

Mr Prendergast decided to resign from his post as coach of the senior team and without him the school was in need of a replacement. Precious time was wasted in finding one. One of the supervisors decided to organise a training session, but nothing amounted from it. And so Christmas came and went with no progress.

Into 2003, and along came M. Kirby with a plan for a football tournament. His suggestion was an internal football league between fifth and sixth form students. This was really the only option, since it was

midway through the school year and any external leagues/tournaments would have started by then. So a meeting was arranged and a list passed around to sign up for a premier and prestigious internal football league. Altogether forty names were received. Four teams were drawn up with ten players on each team with the kick-off set for the end of January.

The games took place on the grit pitch in the school grounds. Each match was 8-a-side although the first set of league matches were 7-a-side. Team C, regarded as the favourites to lift the Shield before a ball was kicked, had a slow start losing to Team D who would go on to win all 3 league games to



Above: John McDermott in goal faces Rory Bannigan's penalty

come first. Team B also beat Team C to take second place while Team A bottomed the league with a dismal 9-2 loss to D. The semi-final line-up was for Team D to play Team A and Team B to play Team C. Team D went through with little hassle while C got revenge on their earlier loss to Team B.

The final was now set to take place, but before it could, the third Place Play-Off was played between Team A and Team B. It

turned out to be a fascinating exhibition. After 5-5 at full time it went to penalties, where B rightfully won and secured third place. The final itself was another gruelling encounter. Again it finished 5-5 at full time and again went to penalties. It went down to the wire! The final penalty, taken by Team D was saved by Daniel Donnelly, which clinched the victory and Shield for Team C. Team C may have deserved their win, but Team D can go away

saying they were unbeaten.

In conclusion I would like to thank the school for allowing the tournament to go ahead and the referee who volunteered his time. Finally I would like to thank Mr Kirby. If it weren't for him, football would have been left in the gutter no doubt for the whole year. His time, effort and dedication made the tournament a great success. Hopefully it will continue on for years to come.

John McDermott.



Left: Victory celebrations

Swimming

Fun and Safety Training

Swimming took place on Tuesdays each week at Terenure College Pool. There was an early junior session, followed by a senior session. In the training sessions we were taught survival skills, which would definitely be useful later in life. Ms Jones developed our fitness and competency individual strokes and dives for races. This year culminated in a gala on St Patrick's weekend.

The sessions catered for all swimming abilities. Some people begun the year unable to swim a length, while others were club swimmers. After a strenuous session there was always a relaxation in the form of water polo matches and a lane where sixth years de-stressed, by swimming at a leisurely pace. This helped them forget about exams and other worries.

There was also the opportunity to take swimming exams authorised by the IWSA. An examiner came from the organisation to examine distance swims. The year was very enjoyable and certainly gave us the opportunity to improve our skills. Thanks to Ms Jones and Mr Fitzpatrick for an enjoyable year.

Conor Dixon.



Above: Darragh Walsh jumping into the chilly waters of the midwinter swim at the 40 Foot.

Below: The cheque for €720 raised at the 40 Foot swim being presented to St Luke's Hospital.



Soccer League

Team A

Keith Flower
Glenn McNeill
Matthew Leahy
Kerril Fahy
Gavin Murphy
Daryl Hoy
Greg Sheridan
Daniel O'Rourke
Carl Daly
Andrew Meaney

Team B

Robert Thackaberry
Julian Persechini
Mark Lew
Eoin Monaghan
Robert Wynne
Chris McAuliffe
Stephen Power
Lee Boutiche
Evan McAuley
Sean Ward

Team C

Martin Anglim
Sam Quinn
Patrick Mullan
Noel O'Meara
Wesley Mahon
Rory Bannigan
Matthew Browne
Andrew Dover
Daniel Donnelly
Rob Stratton

Team D

Donal Curran
John McDermott
Scott Wilkinson
Barry Walsh
Darragh O'Driscoll
Kealan Kelly
Daniel Roantree
Peter Horan
Neil O'Connor
Andrew Grimason



*Left :
League winners -
D. Dover,
N. O'Meara,
R. Bannigan,
W. Mahon,
S. Quinn,
M. Browne,
R. Stratton,
D. Donnelly,
P. Mullan,
M. Anglim (injured)*

Tennis

A Great Summer Sport

Boys Tennis

As winners of the Section 3 Cup last year, the Junior Boys Tennis team were promoted and performed well in their group. Marc Judge was probably the most improved player on the team while Andy Stevenson and Scott McNeill did really well in their matches. Scott was a very helpful and efficient captain of the

team. The senior team qualified for the semi finals of the Division 2 cup but unfortunately were beaten by Terenure College. Sam Quinn captained the team and they trained long hard and very enthusiastically during the season. I would like to thank Mr McNeill for his support and help with transport. It was much appreciated.



Boys Tennis

Back Row: Matt Leahy, Alan Thompson, Scott McNeill
Front Row: Andy Stevenson, Ross Johnson, Ronan Loregan, Mr L. McClure

Girls Tennis

Our tennis season was shorter this year because of the late Easter. Even though it was quite short we fitted a lot in. We started the season with a match against Mount Sackville. We lost two matches to one. It wasn't a great start but it made us more determined to win our next one. We focused more. We weren't so lucky but that didn't stop us trying. Each match we played we felt better prepared physically and mentally. On our third match we were ready for hard competition against Alexandra College. Finally our hard work paid off. We defeated them 2 matches to 1! Hopefully we will continue

Summer Season for Minor A Pays off after Slow Start

to do better in the future.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Richie for giving up their time to coach us throughout the season.

Karen Meade

Senior Girls Summer 2003

Back Row: Catherine Hillard, Alice Keogh, Ciara Fitzgerald, Joanne Burke
Front Row: Ms Claire Ritchie, Isabel Baker, Sarah Hennessy, Jessica Bell-Fahy



Minor Girls Tennis

Back Row: Sabina Kerr, Jessie Elliott, Lauren Turner, Anne Marie Jordan
Front Row: Ms Clare Ritchie, Louise Blakely, Suzanne Tallon, Karen Meade (Captain)



Sports Awards

School Trophy Winners 2001-2002

Athletics

Belgrave

200 Metres - Senior Girls
Sharon Johnson

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys
Mark Kelly

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys
Manus Cronin

Diocesan Staff

Points - Intermediate Girls
Holly Warren

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys
Manus Cronin

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys
Matthew D'Arcy

Pakenham Hamilton

High Jump - Junior Girls
Holly Warren

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys
Ben Leonard Kane

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Taylor

Points - Senior Girls
Sharon Johnson

Travers

High Jump - Senior Boys
Owen Wardell

Walker

1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys
Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

Whyte

Field Events - Boys
Tennyson Egar

Badminton

Evans

Mixed
Nicholas Gordon
Alice Toner

Factor

Junior Boys
Simon Burgess

Hennessey

Senior Boys
Nicholas Gordon

Junior Girls

Kellie O'Flynn

Senior Girls

Isabel Baker

Canoeing

Broad Cup

Form 1
Patrick O'Connor

Canoeist of the Year

Joelle Grogan

Junior Liffey Cup

Noel O'Meara

Cricket

Davies

Second Eleven - Boys
Rory Cramp

Dawson

Form 2 - Boys
Ben Duffy

de Vere Shortt

Batting - Boys
Niall McDarby

Hanly

Fielding - Boys
Alan Cairns

Hockey

Neville Davin

Senior Boys
Brian Mellon

Diocesan

Minor Girls
Christine Boyle

Jean Scott

Junior Girls
Gillian McMurray

Jean Scott

Senior Girls
Jennifer Nason

Rugby

Dawson

Form 2
Patrick O'Shea

de Vere Short

Player of the Year
Tennyson Egar

Evans

Place and Drop
Sam Quinn

Turner

Most Deserving Team
Tennyson Egar (Capt.)

Table Tennis

Evans

David McNeill

Tennis

Harcourt

Junior Boys
Patrick O'Connor

Jagoe

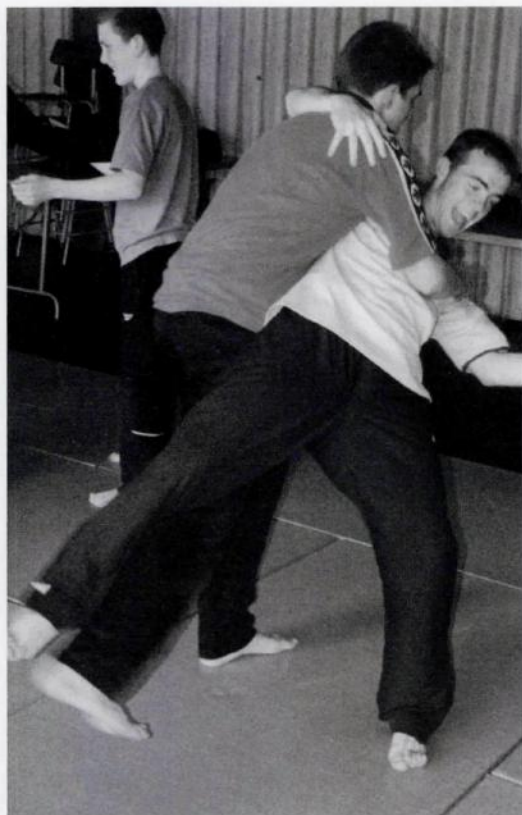
Junior Girls
Kellie O'Flynn

Sealy

Senior Boys
Matthew Leahy

Smith

Senior Girls
Isabel Baker



*Above left and right:
Judo and Table
Tennis in the
Reynolds Hall*



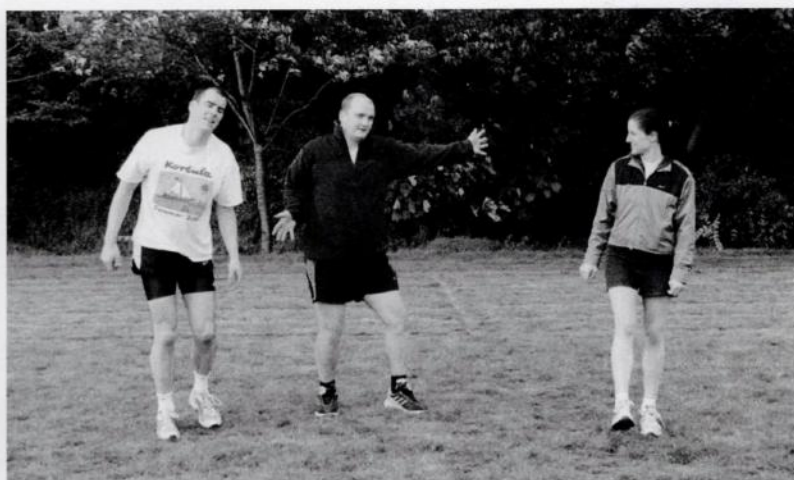
Above: Sports Day Three-Legged Race



Left: Long jumping on Sports Day

Bottom left: Resting in the snow on a night walk

*Below: Teachers recovering after the runaround
on Sports Day*



Snaps

more photos



Above left: Climbing the van in preparation for the trip to Kerry

Left: Resting after the big climb to admire the view

Below left: Mock interviews participants Sean O'Connor, Susan Barrett, Mary Dowds

Below right: Rachel Keogh, Hilary Stevenson, Richell Duggan





Top left: Student group at at Cultra Folk Park and Transport Museum

Above: Averil Blakely, Claudine Murphy and Katie Hamilton on the train to Cultra

Centre right: Kicking the can and tossing the ball during break

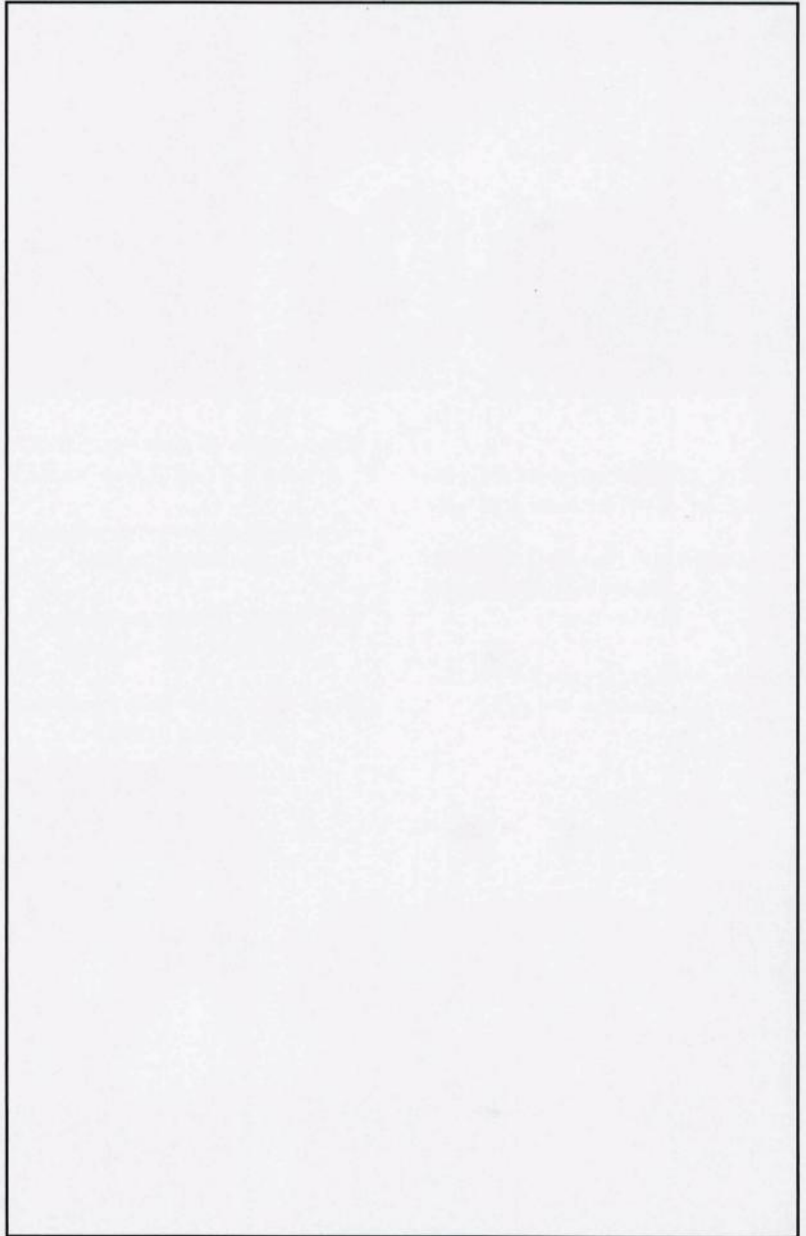
Top Right: An armchair made in Construction Studies

Left: Cheque being presented to the Children's Hospital

Below: Ms Missen and Ms Richie in London for the Hockey trip

Below right: Cake Sale Fundraiser for Focus Ireland



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Signatures

GOOD
LUCK!

