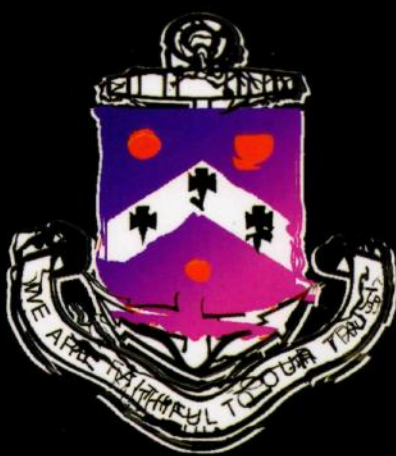


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Our memories. Often blamed for failure in the quest to remember everything (or anything), but in fact they do their job well. To quote Oscar Wilde, "memory is the diary that we all carry about with us." Just like a diary, only the important things are noted down and logged; there's no point in remembering that you burnt your tongue on 20th June. Next time you get angry for forgetting something, just think to yourself that it probably was not important anyway.

Then there are some things you would rather forget. Though the death of Pope John Paul II was a very sad occasion, he has been remembered and honoured for his part in helping to bring an end to communism in Europe. The tsunami disaster of South East Asia is another prime example. Following the wave of destruction on St. Stephen's Day, over 300,000 people were killed. This is not a pleasant thought to behold, but an event like this is important to keep in mind as it shows us how fortunate we really are. Being the fortunate ones, the wealthy countries of the world stepped up to help the unfortunate. Though it may seem like it takes the donations of a whole country to make any difference, this is not true at all. By doing something small it is possible to make a tangible difference. Sir Bob Geldof has encouraged this thought in his promotion of the Make Poverty History campaign and Live8 in the run up to the G8 summit which began on 6th July.

The student council obviously believed in this too when they set about organising a non-uniform day to help sufferers of the tsunami by buying a boat for them. Every student in the school giving only a handful of coins has made a huge difference to someone's life. Another showcase of the belief that every little bit helps would be the 4th years who founded the Greenschools organisation. They have set up an easy system for recycling paper and cans, which over the years it will be in place, will make a large difference to the amount of waste produced by the school.

Both these groups have achieved great things, but it is only through the commitment of their members that they have been successful. Throughout the school there are many organisations, teams and committees of both students, teachers and the other staff who keep the school running smoothly and everybody within it happy. Without each person in these groups giving it their all, everything would go to pieces. In fact, it was revealed on 25th June that many countries had fallen short in paying the money they had pledged to charity in the wake of the tsunami. This lack of commitment on the part of such countries as Australia, France and Germany is going to force the charities to make another push for funds in the coming months in order to be able to continue with the rebuilding of South East Asia.

It is clear that commitment is important in any group but the final vital part of every situation is to enjoy it. Particularly in school, fun should be an element of everything you do. These years, which are the best of our lives, could be wasted if everything was dull and boring. So try to enjoy yourself; spend time with friends, eat a battered Mars Bar, head into town or start to read the one hundred and fifth edition of *The Erasmian and Diocesan Times*.

Go on, you'll enjoy it!

Frank Moriarty, 5th

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Intro



High School is FUN!!!!

This Year's Yearbook Committee was superbly led by Frank Moriarty, who worked extremely hard in his role as Editor. He was ably assisted by a very hard-working committee, made up of Rachel, Laura, Mengxi, Roxanne, Ruth, Rob, Harry, Grace, Laura-Anne, Davey and Adam. I would like to say well done to one and all, and that all that hard work was worth it in the end. By hard work I mean such tasks as scanning and captioning photos, typing articles and proof-reading.

The idea for this year's cover came from Harry McEvansoneya, who, along with the designer, Alan Phelan, has come up with a very simple but extremely clever design.

Well done Harry as you really did manage to get us out of a rut!

As ever with a production this large mistakes are bound to go unnoticed. I accept full responsibility for these and I apologise in advance for any spelling mistakes or incorrect captioning.

Finally in order for this Yearbook to be published there are a number of people who need to be thanked. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff members, the students, the office staff and all the parents who have made this production possible. I must give some individual thanks to Alan Phelan, designer, for all of his hard work in making this yearbook look as good as it does, and also to Mr B Duffy (Principal), Mrs J Geoghegan (Deputy-Principal), Mr P Prendergast (am still extremely mortified over last years omission), Mr J Swan, Mrs G Mellon (will miss our chats), Mr J Davis, Mr R Davies, Mr L McBride, Mrs V King, Mrs V Barry, Mrs D Tate, Mrs H Kane, Mrs D Pfeiffer, Mr G Draper, Mr T Neiland, and Mr B O'Donovan.

Please enjoy the 105th Erasmian and Diocesan Times.

Barry McNamara
Production Coordinator.

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Principal's

BT Duffy, MA, H Dip Ed

2003/2004
Report

National Developments

Ireland remains one of the lowest investing countries in education in the OECD, despite being one of the wealthiest countries. It is widely acknowledged that a great deal of our economic success is due to good educational provision in the past, despite the poor investment. With the appointment of a new Minister for Education & Science, Ms Mary Hanafin TD, it is essential that the government give immediate priority to investing in the future well-being of our country. Even in the general provision of teachers to schools, we remain far worse off than we were in the 1980s and it is time that position was remedied with a general drop in the pupil-teacher ratio back to the level of the 1980s, when the ratio was 15:1 instead of the present 18:1, as recommended by the McGuinness report into teacher allocations. The same report recommends that there should be a guidance counsellor for every 400 pupils, instead of the current 800. Such reports should not just gather dust! Schools like ours have also been promised state funded chaplains for many years but no resources have been provided to enable us to appoint them.

As always, the government has embarked on some worthy programmings and legislation in recent years and months. The passing of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004, although not a full rights based law, has gone a long way to ensuring that the needs of the most vulnerable students in the country will be better catered for in the future. The Act has established the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) which has appointed a team of Special Education Needs Organisers (SENO) to work with individual schools to ensure that they are equipped with the resources to cater for students with special needs, although there are caveats pointing out that such resources are limited. Experience will show how effective the service is and, more importantly, how well resourced it is.

The National Education Welfare Board, established under the terms of the Education Welfare Act, remains grossly underfunded and is unable to fulfil its remit of ensuring that students attend school regularly and obtain their full entitlement of educational provision. While the board is doing its best with its meagre resources and is quite correctly targeting disadvantaged areas first, it is a political decision that is depriving it of the funds it badly needs.

I am pleased to report that some of the problems which were experienced in the early years of the National Educational Psychological Service have been ironed out and that it is becoming easier to access educational assessments. However, there is still no programme of nationally provided psychological support for troubled teenagers, except through the health service where there is usually a waiting list of more than six months. With the greatly increased stresses which the nature of modern society places on teenagers, this must surely be a priority in any caring country.

After a decade of lack of progress, the Teachers' Council is at last being established. This body will act in similar ways to the Medical Council and will supervise the teaching profession, registering qualifications, providing for professional development and standards, regulating quality control in the profession and providing support for teachers with welfare problems. Elections for the body will take place shortly.

The national broadband programme for schools was announced with great fanfare in May 2004. The purpose of the programme is to provide broadband connections to the internet to all schools and to assist them with networking their buildings so that access is available throughout the school. The use of a variety of technologies to provide for every type and location of school is proposed. Such a development

is welcome but there must unfortunately be a cautionary note. This school has had a broadband connection and a network for many years and it is interesting that the specifications being proposed for national implementation are a quarter of the speed we currently provide, which would be completely inadequate. The level of financing being offered for networking is also about a quarter of what it actually costs to provide a network. There is no provision being offered for employing an ICT coordinator or technical support staff. The main reason for the success of our ICT development at The High School is that we make a large investment in such provision and we are lucky to have half a dozen members of staff on the ICT team who are willing to contribute their skills and energy. One wonders where schools which do not charge fees are to obtain the remainder of the finance - from cake sales?

The broadband programme is also supposed to provide an enclosed virtual learning environment, in other words a website with links to lesson plans, pupil resources, other interesting websites, safe e-mail facilities for students, information for staff, parents and managers, as well as centrally managed services such as anti-spam and anti-virus filters. All schools would welcome such a system, provided that it is comprehensive and professional in its approach. The development will require a large, permanent staff at the National Centre for Technology in Education (NCTE) if it is to succeed. Sadly, such good ideas are very rarely properly resourced in this country and the first thing I would like to see is a business and strategic plan published nationally, with guaranteed and specified funding over a realistic period of perhaps fifteen years. NCTE has operated such a portal website for many years (www.scoilnet.ie) but a casual visit is enough to see that it still has very little material available.

School Developments

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. The staff training day last November established three staff task groups to work on development plans for student learning needs, rights and responsibilities and staff professional development. These groups are proceeding with their work as part of the continuing review of the School Plan, a collection of documents required by the Education Act. Currently, new policies are being developed for guidance and special needs while our information and communications technology policy is being reviewed. A very favourable report on the Irish department was made by visiting inspectors towards the end of the last school year.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is also a vital part of the long term planning processes 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. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but one example is the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development

work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee. There have been some major changes in the buildings during the summer, with two of our five laboratories being completely rebuilt and refitted. This is phase one of a programme which will see all of the laboratories rebuilt over the next few years. There was a lot of work completed in the Information and Communication Technology area, too. Twenty eight new PCs were installed in the ICT department and the network software serving the whole school was updated to the latest standard. In addition, some new areas of the school are being networked using a combination of wired and wireless technology to provide banks of computers for specific use in guidance and learning support. Individual PCs and data projectors are being provided in some of the classrooms as part of our continuous expansion of ICT provision. We plan to complete the networking of every room in the school during the coming year. A new learning support room has been provided which will facilitate small group and individual work. Our thanks are due to Administrator Mr J. Davis, Chairman of the Grounds & Property committee Dr J. Reid and the team who supported their efforts. It is seldom understood that the time between the end of the Leaving Certificate and the opening of term is a very short slot in which to achieve major work of this kind. Parents will be glad to hear that all of the above work was completed on time, to budget and from within planned school resources, so there will be no need for fund raising, due to the excellent planning of the Finance Committee, chaired by Mr S. Mason. The Education Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr D. Meredith, coordinated the work of the school planning task groups and the arrangements for staff training. It was decided to introduce Classical Studies in the junior cycle and to phase out the teaching of Latin. The Sports Committee, chaired by Mr R. Meates, continued to monitor the implementation of the sporting programme and philosophy of the school. All of these committees report to the Management Committee of the Board of Governors, chaired by Mr F. Sowman.

The school council is a very valuable body 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. Last year, the issues covered included uniform, sport, maintenance, lockers, changing rooms, the school bus and school council communications.

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. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellor is available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

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, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2 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 Association has recently purchased a new computer system which will assist with the running of the parent-teacher meetings.

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.highschoolDublin.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. This year the Union held a wine tasting evening, a talk on China, carol singing, a talk on the archives of the Erasmus Smith Trust and the school, a cookery demonstration and two dinners.

staff

We are sad to see four of our longest serving teachers retiring this year, but would like to thank them for their enormous contribution and wish them and their families the very best in the future.

Mr R. Miller taught here since 1963. He taught Greek, Latin, Classical Studies and Business. In addition, Mr Miller has been the school Guidance Counsellor running a comprehensive careers course, a Form Teacher, Year Head and in charge of the arrangements for scholarships.

Mrs D. Larkin taught general subjects in the junior school (of which she was Headmistress) and Art in the senior school since 1979. She has been co-ordinator of the Art Department and Transition Year Co-ordinator since the inception of the programme.

Mr J. Toomey taught Chemistry, Biology and Science since 1970 and has also served as a Form Teacher, Year Head and Co-ordinator of the Science Department. He made a large contribution to the coaching of athletics.

Mrs M. Dowsett taught Biology, Chemistry, Science and Health Education since 1980 and also



served for many years as a Form Teacher.

We would also like to send our good wishes with Ms C. Ritchie who is beginning a career break this year and with Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Phelan, Mrs Bena Hanly and Ms Watson who have left us.

We welcome as new staff Mr P. McCaughey – Classical Studies, RE, History, Games; Mr L. McBride – Biology, Science, Maths, Games; Dr C. Whitford – Science, Chemistry, Biology; Ms H. Killane – Art, Technical Graphics, Photography, Portfolio; Ms N. Boyce – French; Ms K. Cramp – Economics, Business, Accountancy; Mr M. Sweetnam – English, Maths; Ms S. Brennan – resource teacher, Ms E. Delaney – special needs assistant; Mr J. Egan – supervisor.

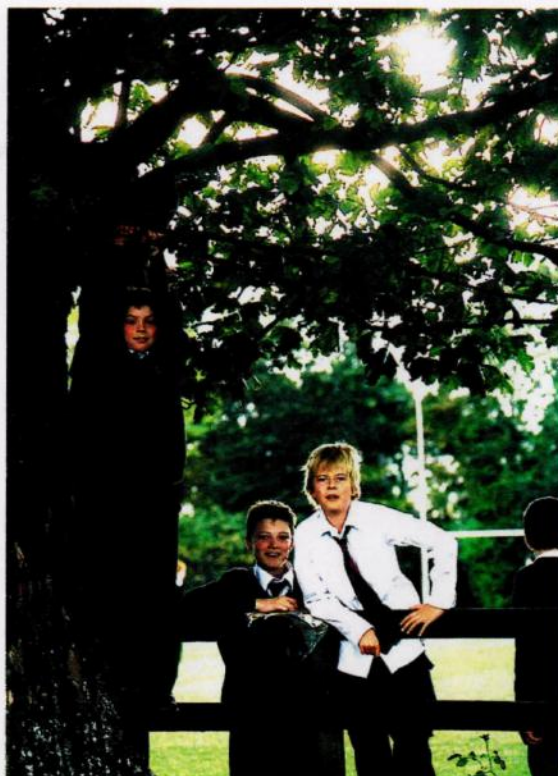
Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2004-2005 is 782. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2004, 115 pupils presented 803 papers in 21 subjects. 507 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 80% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.74% of all papers. These results are among the best the school has ever had.

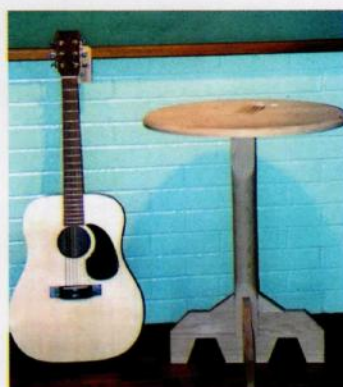
In the Junior Certificate, 134 pupils presented 1108 papers. 901 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 87% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1% of all papers. When the number of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level is taken as a percentage of the total number of papers, it (71%) represents the best set of Junior Certificate results the school has ever had, beating our previous best of last year.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous 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 yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication which is produced by Form 5 pupils. 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.



Construction Studies Projects



Clockwise from left:
Mirror - Sarah Reynolds,
Lead Guitar - Elliott Leavy,
Bass Guitar - Mark Lew,
Guitar - Noel O'Meara,
Table - Daniel Murphy.

Charity Cheques



St Luke's Cheques

Top: Mr E. Doherty (St Luke's Hospital), Mrs V. King, Sean Nicholson, Mr J. Swan, Holly Warren, Ms T. Jones, Dr I. Fraser (St Luke's Hospital).

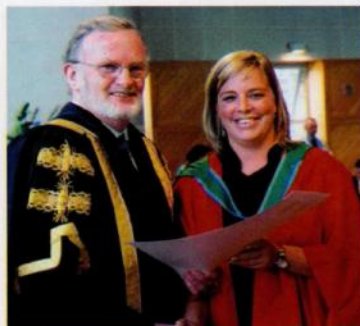
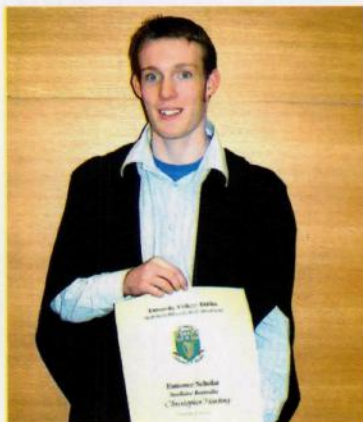
Dr Fraser receives a cheque for €790 raised through the Charity Christmas Swim.

Above: Holly Warren presents a cheque to Dr I. Fraser and Mr E. Doherty of St Luke's Hospital for €450 raised through the Andrew McKay Memorial Hockey Tournament.



Left: Cathy Jones with Mrs J. Geoghegan receiving her scholarship.

Below left: Chris Harding with his scholarship certificate.



Above: Rebecca Griffin receives her Phd from Dr Gerry Wrixon, UCC.



Prize Day &

Principal's Speech

20 October 2004

Mr Chairman, Mr Wallace, ladies and gentlemen, pupils of the school.

As we celebrate all sorts of achievement here tonight, we reflect on our own school and its long history and we also look to the future, both here in Rathgar and in the education system as a whole. We have a new Minister, so where now?

I was privileged in 1994, just before I came to High School, to represent all of the schools under Protestant management at the National Education Convention. This was a remarkable exercise in consultation in which 42 stakeholders in the Irish education system came together for three weeks to make presentations, answer questions and participate in detailed analysis seminars on every aspect of the Irish education system. It was chaired by Professor John Coolahan of Maynooth University, one of the giants of Irish education in the 20th century and he wrote a superb and detailed report. It was followed by similarly detailed consultations on regionalisation and since then there has been a continuous process of consultation and engagement with every aspect of Irish education, by successive governments.

There has also been a plethora of legislation, with the Education Act, the Education Welfare Act, the University Act, the National Qualifications

School Entrance Scholarships 2004

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Nicola Spendlove
Rathfarnham Parish National School

School Scholarships:

Sebastian Adams
Sandford Parish National School

Michael McNulty
Taney Parish National School

Iain Irvine
Sandford Parish National School

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh
Rathfarnham Educate Together National School

Ellen Walsh
Loreto National School, Grange Road, Rathfarnham

Music Scholarships:

Sebastian Adams
Sandford Parish National School

Patrick King
Zion National School



Above: Mrs J. Geoghegan (Deputy Principal), Mr R. Wallace (Guest Speaker), Mr F. Sowman (Board of Governors), Mrs K. Eppel (PPU), Mr B. Duffy (Principal), Mr G. Heather (PPU).

Authority Act, the Teaching Council Act, the Vocational Education Act, among other pieces of legislation which have also had an effect on education. These new laws have established many worthy objectives and provided for many new bodies with a authority delegated from the Department of Education & Science and the result should be good quality implementation of the ideas which came out of all of the consultation, through well resourced new statutory authorities. However, the reality is different. While progress is being made, it is all too often badly planned and grossly under-resourced. I drew attention to the severe lack of resources available to a number of agencies last year so I don't propose to go over them

Parents' Evening

all again, but I would like to highlight how this particular school is being affected by the yawning gap between declared government policy and the reality of the lack of provision of money.

The McGuinness report recommended a sharp reduction in the pupil teacher ratio to bring it back to the level of the 1980s. We should be asking very loudly why that has not happened. We are working with a significantly worse pupil teacher ratio than when I entered the teaching profession in the early 1970s. There are not enough guidance counsellors in our schools. As societal problems have got worse over the years, the number of guidance counsellors provided by the state has declined.

The National Competitiveness Council reports directly to the Taoiseach on issues affecting our competitiveness as a national economy. I don't subscribe to the view that education should be controlled by economic or vocational requirements but the system must take them into account, so when the NCC says something one would expect the government to be listening. The NCC has been highlighting for years the decline in the number of students taking science subjects at third level – an absolutely key requirement for the success of our economy in the era of the knowledge society. Ireland is moving from being an agricultural economy with a little manufacturing to an economy which sells knowledge and services. Scientific knowledge is fundamental to the future success of that economy. Yet, says the National Competitiveness Council, the report of the Task Force on Physical Sciences has not been implemented by the government. That task force worked hard to analyse the reasons for the decline in interest in science and made specific recommendations for an extensive development programme in schools and elsewhere. The response was to provide a small amount of money for science equipment in schools which already had laboratories, such as this school. We received that money and we put it towards restocking our laboratories but we also needed to rebuild those same laboratories because they were over thirty years old. The funding provided to us was 1/7th of the cost. You paid for the rest through the good budgeting of our Finance Committee in providing from the fees a reserve fund for refurbishment. We have completed two laboratories and hope to finish another two next summer, with the fifth sometime later. This lack of finance would be a national joke if it was in any way funny, but still we have a government intent on tax reductions for the already rich while lack of investment throttles schools and hospitals!

I am currently chairing a committee for the Joint Managerial Body which is negotiating with the Department and the National Centre for Technology in Education over the installation of broadband internet access and networking infrastructure in schools throughout the country. You will have read about this programme in the newspapers as a major investment, yet of the €18million to be spent, €15 million is coming from industry and only €3 million from the government. The funding being provided for the networking is approximately a quarter of what it actually costs to install a network throughout a school building. Schools are being promised a sealed virtual learning environment where students can safely access approved links on the internet. Yet the NCTE has been working on just such a portal since it was first founded. Visit it – www.scoilnet.ie – and

Prizes 2003-2004

Form 1

Class Prizes:

1-D
Deborah Blair
Mark Savage

1-G
Jamie Ryan
Alicia Smyth

1-H
Emily Kinlan
Rhiannon Ryan

1-OH
Robert Browne
Jack O'Kennedy

1-P
Jack Kelly
Stephen Shaw

Progress Prizes:

1-D
Phoebe Laing
Niall Smith

1-G
Tessa Meade
Emma Satchwell

1-H
Hilary-Cole-Pidgeon
Eva Richardson McCrea

1-OH
Patrick Butler
Sam Kavanagh

1-P
Hannah Leavy
Daragh Monaghan

Form 2

Class Prizes:

2-F
Andrew Howell
Sarah McDermott

2-G
Evanna Mills
Valerie Sexton

2-S
Pauline Carney
Anita Murphy

2-T
Clare Guy
Hanah Mesallati

2-W
Ciara Butler
Rowan Lacey

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2-F
Joann O'Meara
Alain Lui

2-G
Laura Oliver
Emma Tallon

2-S
Niamh Mitchell
Darragh Sweetnam

2-T
Sian Cooley
Graham Field

2-W
Amy Smart,
William Hanlon

see just how little is actually there after years of under-funded work by NCTE staff.

What we need is a serious commitment to well resourced implementation rather than continuous consultation by governments. Principals and teachers around the country metaphorically threw their hands in the air last year when the then Minister Dempsey announced yet another round of consultations and travelled all around the country to his Your Education System meetings, concluded just before he ceased to be Minister! Will we see any list of items to be implemented emerging from those meetings? I don't think so. Our new Minister, Mary Hanafin, may have a different approach but what has her first major action in

office been? She has announced a nationwide series of consultation meetings about how best parents should be represented in the education system. I don't know how many times I have heard the various bodies make their views known to the Department and successive Ministers on that issue over the last fifteen years and I am sure the views will still be the same.

Of one thing among all this uncertainty we can be sure, however. That is that the governors of the Erasmus Smith Trust, aided by our very capable staff and parent representatives at all levels of management in this school, will continue to provide the sort of foresight needed to plan the best we can afford for the pupils in our care. We plan to meet each new challenge, analyse it and formulate a way in which we can implement it, in a continuing process of partnership. I am very pleased that Ronnie Wallace, who has written a major hardback history of the Trust and The High School, has agreed to address us this evening and I am looking forward to hearing him put in context how we are continuing a history of educational provision which began about three and a half centuries ago.

In a few minutes Mrs Geoghegan will be reading the names of those who have won prizes this year and I would like to congratulate you all. In the prize system we try to reward different types of people, those who achieve academically, those who work hard, those who succeed at a variety of subjects, those who do well in sport, music and drama and those who show initiative. I hope she doesn't mind me saying this but tonight will be the last time Mrs Geoghegan will be in this position because she will be heading for a well deserved retirement next summer. I could describe all the amazing work she does but really I would just like to say that she has been the best Deputy Principal I could ever have hoped for and I would like at this public occasion tonight to place on record all of our sincere gratitude.

I would like to conclude this evening with a reference to the Treasurer of the Erasmus Smith Trust, as the Chairman of the Board is correctly known. Frank Sowman, who has filled this position for the last five years, is retiring next summer as he has already told you. I can not pay a high enough tribute to Frank for the work he has done in that role. Frank has had a major career in the law in Dublin and we are very privileged that he has found time to serve the Trust and the school voluntarily, as do all of the governors, over a long period of time. I am probably uniquely placed to fully understand the role that the governors play, the way in which they look ahead and anticipate the needs of the school, plan for many years to finance it, act as a steadying influence in difficulties, implement popular and unpopular decisions which are in the best long term interests of the school, offer their expertise from their careers without any recompense and even suffer me complaining. Frank, we owe you a great debt of gratitude and wish you the very best in the future, hoping of course that you will remain on the Board when you cease to be Chairman.

BT Duffy
Principal

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best performance in Junior Certificate):
Beth Kelly

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Lauren Turner

Business Studies - SS Evans Prize:
Gemma McRann

Civic, Social & Political Education
- Parents' Association Prize:
Larry O'Connell, Fionn Fitmaurice, Suzanne McCoy

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Beth Kelly

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Eoin Silke

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:
Christopher Blair

German - German Government Prize:
Jessie Elliott

History - Casserley Prize:
Eoin Silke

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Suzanne McCoy

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:
Beth Kelly

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:
Iain Cobban

Materials Technology (Wood)
- Parents' Association Prize:
Max Prendergast

Music - Diocesan School Prize:
Jonathan Browne

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:
Beth Kelly

Technical Graphics
- Parents' Association Prize:
Cian Kinsella McLennan

Progress Prizes:
3-D
Kate Ryan, Stephen Spoor

3-HE
Sam Bennett, Madelaine Boyle

3-G
Laura Nelson, Patrick O'Connor

3-W
Killian Rogan, Isobel Scally

3-T
Fergal O'Connor, Kim Taylor



Above: Beth Kelly receives her prize from Mr R. Wallace.



Above: Mr R. Wallace presenting a prize to Eoin Silke.



Above: Iain Cobban receives his prize from Mr R. Wallace.



Above: Mr R. Wallace presents a prize to Killian Rogan.

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):
Ronan Loneragan

Class Prizes:

Isabel Baker, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Al Grogan, Peter May, Julie McRann, Tariq Mesallati, Liam Reidy, Steven Rorke, Michael Sexton, Ian Thom, Richard 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)
Jennifer Carr

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:
(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)
Macdara Ó Seireadáin

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

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:
(next best performing pupil)
Padraic Smith

John Bennett Memorial Prize:
(next best performing pupil)
Christopher Harding

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:
(best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)
Stephen Mahon

Accounting:
John McDermott

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:
Christopher Harding

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Anna O'Hare

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:
Lyndsey Watson

Business - SS Evans Prize:
Ciara Fitzgerald

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:
Ben Senior

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:
Drew Dover



*The school orchestra being conducted by
Mr M. Wisener*

**Construction Studies -
Parents' Association Prize:**

Tim Mills

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Stephen Rooney

English - Bessie Bury Prize:

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

French - McNay Prize:

Aoibhinn McGreal

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Lyndsey Watson

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Cathy Jones

German - German Government Prize:

Stephen Rooney

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Kiva Murphy

Home Economics

- Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Rebecca Rolfe

Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize:

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:

Jennifer Carr

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Sean O'Connor

Physics:

Ben Senior

Spanish:

Aoibhinn McGreal

**Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's
Prize:**

Ben Senior

Class Prizes:

Zoe Allott, Aileen Blackwood, Genevieve Boyle, Lorelle Brownlee, Joanna Burke, Peter Burns, Mary Dowds, Stephen Dowling Turner, Steven Duggan, Alice Keogh, Aengus Walton

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

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

Barry Walsh

PPU Debating Medal:

Ruth Roseingrave

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Robert Bradish

**for his outstanding work in helping with the
organisation of Fourth Year Productions**

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:

John McDermott

Head Girl:

Orla Walsh

Jean Scott Trophy:

Denise Lui

Old Boys' Cup:

Sean O'Connor



*Above: Sean O'Connor and
Denise Lui receiving their prizes.*



*Top left:
Macdara O
Seireadain
receives the
Glorney Cup
from Mr R.
Wallace.*



*Lower left:
Mr R. Wallace
presents a
prize to
Lyndsey
Watson.*

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The Principal (school website)

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Mr I. Wilkinson

(Administration, SCT)

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Boys' cricket

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Mr B. Quinn (Under 13)

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Lockers

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Model United Nations

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Mr M. Wisener

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Punctuality

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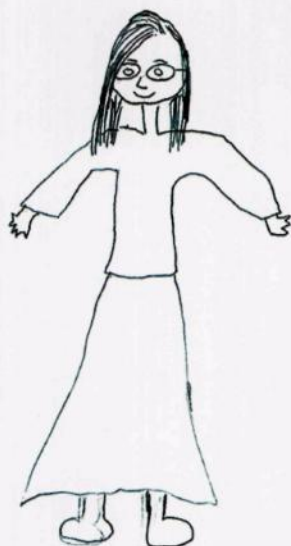
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Ms G. Fitzgerald
Mr R. Giles

Teacher

Interviews

(with self-portraits)

Ms Boyce



We met Ms Boyce on a cold and wet afternoon in A6. Ms Boyce was born many years ago in the also cold Canada. She lived there before moving to Boston, and then Galway, of all places. If she were a fruit, she would like to be a banana. Should we be worried about her? When she wakes up in the morning, along with her husband and four kids, she eats porridge with cinnamon, and an Actimel. Very healthy.

She is a fanatic Liverpool supporter, and if she had any superpower, it would be to give Benitez the power to make Liverpool win the Championship every year. Good choice (cough, cough).

Ms Boyce started teaching in The High School two years ago as a substitute, and loved the school so much that she came back. According to Ms Boyce, the thing that has changed the most since she was last here is that there is a lot less smoke in the corridors. She thinks the best things about The High School are the pupils and the staff. Her favourite teacher is Mr Swan, and out of all of the staff, he would be the one she'd take on holiday.

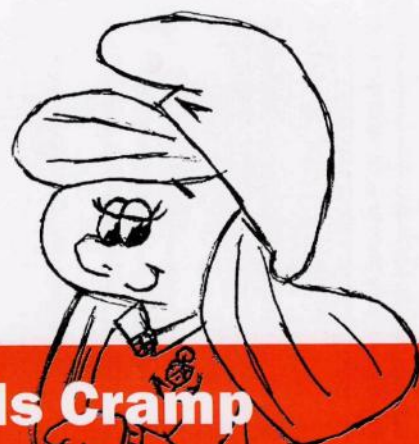
In class, she thinks that it's best when there is a relaxed atmosphere, and that it should be fun for 1st years. She hopes that this will help them to enjoy learning. She hates clicking pens, and her class catchphrase is "BE QUIET".

Her most embarrassing moment in The High School happened while she was teaching on the A floor. She waved at some 1st years in the Home Economics room across the courtyard. When asked by her 5th years as to who she was waving at, Ms Boyce said that the 1st years "are yummy". Upon seeing her pupils' puzzled faces, she tried to recover, saying "Their buns are yummy!"

When asked to describe herself in three words she said "sociable, scatty, I'll come back to the other one later". Her favourite colour is "definitely not pink," but as it turns out, it is. She absolutely refused to do a differentiation sum for us. She may not be able to do maths, but she can sure speak French. "Evidence?" I hear you ask. Well if you insist- "Bonjour. Je m'appelle Madame Boyce". A brilliant mind at work. And of course, how could we interview a teacher without asking what three items they would bring to a desert island? Well, Ms Boyce would bring soap, a Swiss army knife and some flares. Good choice, Ms Boyce.



**Rachel O'Byrne
and Grace Cummins,
5th**



Ms Cramp

1. You were a student in High School and now you teach here. Do you like it better as a teacher or student?

I much prefer it on a teaching side. I've never realised how much a teacher could see everything. The classroom becomes much smaller and a lot more work goes into a class. You don't realise how much preparation goes into each class.

2. Why did you choose teaching as a profession?

Since I was a child, I said: "Mommy, I want to be a teacher." I decided to do Business subjects in college, I'm not an office 9-5 lady, I am a people person. Also I never shut up.

3. If you could have any Super powers, what you like to be able to do?

To be invisible, to be able to see what goes on behind closed doors. Enough said.

4. Do you have any embarrassing moments?

Most of them would be x-rated, but one day Mr Hickey thought I was a student. I do some very blonde things sometimes once I thought there was 385 days in a year.

5. Do you have a motto you live your life to?

I can't remember it now, I often think up new mottoes. Commit to every day like its your last one.

6. What is your favourite colour?

Pink! I'm wearing pink shoes!

7. Is there anything that you did in your schooldays that you would punish your students for doing now?

I wouldn't punish students but I'd warn them, I was constantly passing notes to my friends, I enjoy reading them though when I find them. You learn a lot about people.

8. Is there anything you dislike about High School?

Wolf whistles from male pupils. It irritates me when I'm walking down the corridors.

9. Name three things you can't live without.

Make-up case, the weekend and shopping.

10. If you were stranded on a desert island and could bring a member of staff with you, who would it be?

I can't choose, male or female? They're all too nice! Ha ha ha! Probably someone from the corner of the staff room where I normally sit.

11. What do you see yourself doing ten years from now?

Teaching, shopping, hopefully not having a mid-life crisis.

12. Do you have any nicknames?

Trampy and Crampy or together...

13. What star-sign are you? Do you take your horoscopes seriously?

Cancer, sometimes give and take, if it's good.

14. Do you have any hidden talents?

Too many to mention! But on a serious note, my cricket. I love baking, I'm a good cook, I like to cook.

15. What's your favourite meal?

Indian and a glass of red wine.

16. What kind of music do you listen to?

I'm a pop-queen but yet diverse, for example, on my Walkman I have Britney, Snow Patrol, Maroon 5 and Beyonce.

17. Describe yourself in three words.

I can describe myself in one. Perfectionist! I was called it by a teacher in 1st year and it stuck.

18. Finally, Britney or Christina?

Britney obviously! Christina's trashy and I love bopping to bit of Britney Spears on a Saturday Night.

**Roxanne Brownlee
and Mengxi Hu, 5th**



Ms Killane

What's the most embarrassing thing you've ever done?

First date with a guy. I was trying to impress. Went to Bewleys café for hot chocolate – snowing outside. Date was going really well – I was trying to play it cool. Went outside café and said goodbye. As I turned to leave, I slipped in the snow and ended up flat on my backside! Very embarrassing! (But I did go on second date with the guy.)



If you had a super power what would it be?

I would have the powers of Superman because he's my favourite.

What's your favourite catchphrase?

The glass is half full, not half empty.

Where did you go to school?

I went to High School for one year. Mrs Geoghegan, Mr Hickey and Mr Wright were some of her teachers.

What was your first impression of teaching in High School?

Really big, loads of students, loads of new names to learn and now it's like working in fame academy because everybody is so talented. Not really a disciplinary school because students are allowed to speak for themselves.

If you were a fruit what fruit would you be?

Raspberry because they're my favourite fruits.

What's your favourite possession?

Family, because I couldn't live without them.

Which teacher would you like to be stuck on a desert island with? Why?

Mr Cryan because he would be able to build a boat so we could get off the island.

Most memorable moment of your life?

My 21st birthday party. It was at the end of a summer in America with lots of Irish and American friends.

What's the most challenging thing you've ever done?

Potholing with Mr Wright because I'm claustrophobic.

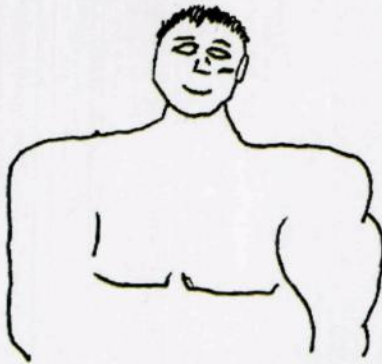
Who is your biggest role model?

Roy Keane, he's a very good mascot for Ireland. He isn't a bragger and you never see him all over the papers. He's an inspiration. He loves what he does and he isn't a show off.

**Rachel McCoy
and Úna Ní
Eigeartaigh, 5th**



Mr McBride



What subject do you teach and why?

Biology and Science. I also teach Maths and Applied Maths but I'm not this year. Well, I was always very good at Biology and Science, but really had to work at Maths. Well for the fun, the boys are great but definitely academically girls. I have to say it's great here though because you get both!

Where did you go to school?

I'm from Donegal, so up there, then I came to Bray.

What is the most embarrassing thing you have ever done?

I don't know if I should tell you this!!! Hmmm alright, well I was the captain of the senior rugby team and I didn't wear tight enough shorts (you work it out)!

Have you got any hobbies?

Sports: rugby and water sports. Also I like computer programming.

If you could choose any super power, what would it be?

Hmmm, to see the future, you could know the lotto numbers, and with the money you would never have to work again.

If you were a piece of furniture, what would you be?

I would be a lamp and provide light for people!

Do you have any hidden talents?

(After a long deliberation and a few things we can't publish) I've a good aim....!!!

Why High School?

It has a very good academic record and it's a rugby school!

Who's your idol?

Sports wise: Jean Pierre Reives, no. 7 for France in the 70's he broke his shoulder 17 times in the same match, told no one until after the game and kept putting it back in its socket.

Academically: Hawkins, he is one of the few who admit it when they are wrong.

Who's your favourite female teacher?

Oh! I thought you were going to ask who my favourite teacher was!!! I was going to say Mr Wright cause he always knows where to find a pub!! So I suppose Mr Wright in a dress!! Only messing, no really if I had to choose it would be Ms Boyce - she is really witty!

What's your catch phrase?

Have fun, but get it done!



What's your favourite food?

Shepherd's pie, anything savoury.

Do you like the view from your room?

No, its too distracting with all the people walking by and I'm stuck looking at a wall through most of the windows anyway.

Who's your favourite male teacher?

I suppose that'd be Mr McCaughey because I've known him the longest. He's actually very funny!

**Laura Anne Stewart
and Aimee Black, 5th**

Mr Sweetnam



Q: What were your first impressions of the school?

A: My first impressions - which were subsequently borne out - were that it looked like a very nice place. The staff looked as though they might be quite friendly, but not vastly different from any other school.

Q: Was this the first school you taught at?

A: Yes.

Q: What super powers would you like to have?

A: A photographic memory would be very useful with the ability to speed-read. That, and being able to see through walls.

Q: What is your catchphrase?

A: There's a number of catchphrases...basically anything from Dad's Army; like Don't panic!

Q: What do you think of the students in general?

A: The students are generally grand, just one or two give a bit of hassle.

Q: What would you say is the worst year for students?

A: Second year, definitely.

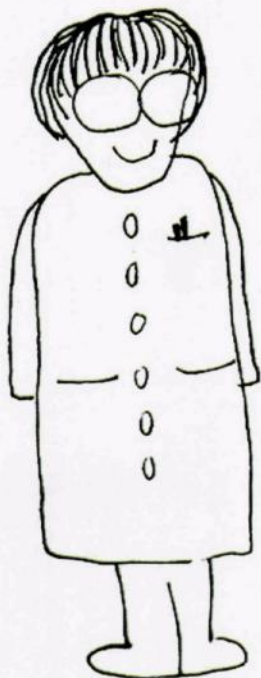
Q: If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you bring?

A: A copy of the bible, a computer with satellite Internet (so it would work on the island) and a generator to power the computer.

Rob Hunt & Daragh Walsh, 5th



Dr Whitford, I Presume?



As we ventured into the relatively unknown realm of C2 in the hopes of obtaining a rare interview with the elusive Dr Whitford, we didn't really know what to expect, a mad scientist; certainly. Such qualifications surely go with the job, but a Newcastle fan? We were entering dangerous waters indeed...

Dr Whitford is of medium height with brown hair, glasses and a fixed smile. We are greeted with a despairing, "Oh no! That's today?" Pens poised and questions ready, we pull up a couple of lab stools and take a seat. Dr Whitford looks a little nervous... perhaps she's hoping that our questions won't be too invasive. Wishful thinking; this is, after all, a STUDENT publication. After the preliminary, "Don't worry, It'll be fine", we ask our first question. It turns out Dr Whitford has never been imprisoned. We are asked to keep questions of this sort to a minimum. We can't really argue; the woman has access to deadly chemicals after all. So on to something lighter, while delving into

the details of Dr. Whitford's past we discovered that she grew up in London and went to Newcastle University, where she was adopted as an honorary Geordie (in an attempt to quell the look of confusion on our faces after this, she throws in the fact that Ant and Dec are from Newcastle, a "Geordie", it seems, is a Newcastlean). While in Newcastle, she achieved a PhD stayed on at the university to do research. But enough on personal details, here's what she thinks of us, "High School is a lovely environment, far more civilised than some places (Newcastle perhaps?)" Her favourite aspect of the school is the pupils and she doesn't yet have a least favourite aspect (hopefully she never will). Now on to the interesting and important questions:

- **If she were a fruit:** She'd be a banana because they live in hot places.
- **Superpower of choice:** Warp speed to avoid traffic.
- **Motto:** Doesn't really have one, instead, sings "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" to melancholy bystanders.
- **Embarrassing Moments:** Dr Whitford once tripped while playing on stage and fell backwards, and ended up going through the middle of a bass drum.
- **Three things to bring to a desert island:** Hairdryer (goodness knows what she'd plug it into), Piano, Bible.
- **Favourite Element:** Sodium (it's just such a nice, friendly element, not like mean old chlorine...).
- **No bad habits** (that we know of).
- **Three words to describe herself:** A Chemistry Teacher. (She's imaginative too!).

In a no-holds-barred deathmatch between Pie and Tart (the desserts), Dr Whitford maintains that Pie would emerge victorious. She pronounces tomato the non-American way and says 'potato' (not po-tah-toe). Also, she is right-handed.

Fun Fact! Dr Whitford's London accent leaves her incapable of saying

"iron ions", instead she must say, "ion ions".

Dr Whitford, being a pleasant amenable person has no least favourite teacher.

When asked if she likes her shiny new lab, (C2 was refurbished during last summer in anticipation of Dr Whitford's arrival), we found out that she does.

More Dr Whitfordisms

• Her last teaching post was on the other side of the tracks (Luas tracks, that is), in Alexandra College.

• In ten years time, Dr Whitford hopes to be still here (In High School), teaching Chemistry.

• As for an inspirational super-hero or super-heroine, Dr Whitford admires Mrs. Incredible (a character from the Disney/Pixar feature film, The Incredibles, now available on Disney Video & DVD nationwide.)

• If Dr. Whitford discovered an element, in honour of her favourite player on the team she supports (Newcastle United), she would call the element 'Givenium'. (Having turned down the suggestions Whitfordium and Elementarium)

• On being asked for any more information about her, she told us that she had begun show jumping. However, after some slight deliberation, she informed us it couldn't really be called show jumping, because all she was doing was clinging on to the horse. So we were asked to change show jumping to read 'horse-riding'.

Thus, we conclude the interview, "There, that wasn't so bad, was it, Dr Whitford?", having promised not to publish any of the information we gained about her 3 year career as a Las Vegas croupier and subsequent embezzlement scams.

Ooops... Oh well.

Davey Kelleher & Frank Moriarty, 5th



Mr Swan Interview

What originally attracted you to HSD?

I had been working and travelling abroad for 4 years and came back to Ireland with no money and no job, and I was most fortunate to be offered a temporary job here in The High School. However at the end of my first year, a full time Geography teacher got married and left so I got her post. I have always been most grateful to Mr Brook for employing me and giving me the opportunity to work here in HSD.

What is the best thing about HSD?

The relationship between the staff and pupils is very open here in HSD and I feel that staff are very approachable for students if there is any problem or they want to discuss any matter. I think that there is a very positive attitude among the vast majority of HSD students. I also feel that HSD has an excellent staff and many excellent young teachers, so I see the future as being very bright.

What is your most memorable experience of HSD?

Rescuing Mr Prendergast in a canoe on the Liffey during a staff canoe outing!

What has been your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

On one occasion I went into a very noisy class of form three and having expressed my displeasure at their behaviour I proceeded to teach/demonstrate the movements of the earth round the sun. On a number of occasions during my demonstration a particular student (who is now a doctor) tried to intervene politely with a comment, but in my present mood, I was having none of it. At the end of the class I set the homework and invited the student to ask his question- "I just wanted to tell you that you did all this with us yesterday!!" he said.

Who would you consider to be your favourite teacher here?

I was most fortunate to have a lot of very supportive teachers when I came to HSD so rather than a favourite teacher, the most important thing is that teachers are supportive of each other.

Is there anything you would change about the school given the chance?

I think that HSD has been very open to change over the last twenty years and huge developments have taken place.

How do you spend your spare time?

I enjoy DIY and usually try to have a project lined up for each summer. I enjoy hill walking with friends. I also swim every Sunday in the Forty Foot. Like most people, I enjoy travelling. I always take at least one night course during the winter.

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go and why?

I would love to go to base camp in the Himalayas and also to the Antarctic because both of these are adventure type holidays.

What has been the most interesting thing that has happened during The Presidents Award?

Every year is different and every year brings up different situations where people try new challenges and skills and it's always interesting to get to know

students outside of the classroom and see another side to them. Students in HSD are involved in an enormous variety of activities outside school (many of which I may not be aware) and it is through the President's award that I would come across this side of their life.

Are you aware that you are many teachers' favourite teacher? How does that make you feel?

{no answer}

How many ties do you own?

A lot. (Not alot!!!)

How many penalty points have you got?

None and I hope to avoid them, as it would have an effect on my insurance.

Did you develop an interest in canoeing and swimming solely because your surname is Swan?

I took over canoeing after Mr Broad left and I said that I would do it for one year -- that was in 1980!!

What would you have done if you hadn't become a teacher?

I never considered any other career but I think that I would have enjoyed the business world or a job that would have involved travel.

Why are you happy all the time?

I suppose I try to see the positive side to most situations.

Any words of wisdom?

As one of the posters in my room says, "No one can do everything but everyone can do something."

Anything else you'd like to add about yourself that would please the general public?

Teaching is an exciting and challenging career. It has a huge variety and although it may seem very repetitive, we have to keep reminding ourselves that students are always young and therefore each situation is new to them. And yes, the holidays are a great bonus!

*Grace Cummins
and Chloe Stacey, 5th*



"Very sound man. Very knowledgeable and a great guide to my career in The High School. Many an enjoyable trip to the corners of the Earth"

- Mr Wright

"Simply the King! He loves his clipboard!! Incredibly obliging but I'd prefer it if he was a bit shorter!"

- Mr Prendergast

"One of the nicest, most genuine men that I've met. He tries to find out about people and know them for what they're interested. He's tall and a big time patriarch."

- Mr McBride

"A gentleman and a scholar. A delightful colleague."

- Mrs Garvey

"A gentleman. Very helpful and courteous."

- Ms Hennessy

"Very professional. A well organised perfectionist."

- Mrs Geoghegan

"Although he looks like Igor Stepanovs of Arsenal fame, he is as graceful as George Best, as gentlemanly as Bobby Moore and as groomed as David Beckham. An absolute first on anyone's team sheet."

- Mr O'Hanlon

Retirements

Mrs Geoghegan

What has been your favourite experience during your time at the High School?

On the Burren trip one year, when the group was at the Cliffs of Moher, I was explaining why and where the different types of birds nest on the cliffs. I thought that I had had done quite well, until one student came up to me and, in all seriousness, said, "Can I ask you a question? Do the birds have a great head for heights?"

The other lasting memory was when a prank had been played on Mrs Milne. A student had put an empty beer can on his desk before Mrs Milne came into class. When she came in she accused him of having drunk it, but of course he denied it. Mrs Milne however wanted to take some revenge, and came to Mrs Dowsett and I for help. So we brought some carbon dioxide indicator (purple liquid which when blown into, will turn yellow) up and told the boy that we were going to test if he had taken alcohol. So, he blew into it, and of course, the indicator turned a lovely yellow!

How do you think global warming will affect The High School?

I've checked my map and I think that the High School should be fine; we're up just high enough! Though I do think the jumper rule might have to be relaxed, it'll be a bit hot for jumpers!

What are your plans for retirement?

I sometimes wonder now how I have time to go to school at all! I'm involved in a lot of craftwork, I enjoy working with my hands, so when I retire I'll continue with that. We also have a dinghy, I

live by the sea, but I don't usually get a lot of time to use it. Hopefully I'll get some more use out of it now. My grandchildren are moving here from England for school next year and I plan to see more of them.

Are you going to travel?

I have a short trip coming up soon and I have a holiday planned to Australia next May to help my family there with the olive harvest.

What would it take to keep you here? Is the glass half empty or half full?

Unfortunately, time has run out on me. So the only thing that could allow me to stay would be if you could turn the clock back. And the glass is very definitely half full.

How many uniform violations would you say you have handed out?

Oh, I'd have to say too many! Several files full anyway.

What was it like when you were working in Kenya? Any memories you'd like to share?

I worked in Kenya in the late 50's and again after graduating from Trinity in the early 60's. Kenya got its independence in 1963, so there were a lot of celebrations there then. Coming from Ireland, which at that time did not have many people from other cultures was a shock to find oneself in such a multi-cultural environment. We spent a lot of time outdoors; climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, drove to Lake Turkana and camped there.

My best memories were once when we were camping near Lake Turkana. I woke up and saw a train of camels trekking along the horizon with the

sun rising behind them. The other was when we woke up one morning and outside the tent there was lion spoor all over the ground. Life was exciting back then!

Is High School your favourite school that you've taught in?

Yes, the High School is my favourite school; it's very well equipped.

What is the biggest change you have noticed in The High School since coming here?

Well, there have been many big changes; the all-weather pitches have been added, the millennium development. One of the things I notice is the decorating; there used to be dead white walls and the floors were a horrible grey colour. Now we have lovely colourful corridors and classrooms.

I remember the bursar used to leave all the lights off in the corridors and if one was turned on he would come down and turn it off again. So one day I was walking down the A corridor and in the dim light I saw Sarge with another person coming down towards me and we exchanged pleasantries. It was only when I had walked on about ten paces that I realised that walking beside Sarge was a gorilla! He had been brought in to serenade one of the teachers for their birthday.

What do you think has been the greatest achievement during your time here?

Well there have been many achievements. Several students have won 1916 scholarships, the competitions and sports prizes have been won. However what I think is the really important achievement is what happens to each individual student. It is very rewarding when the people that have left the school become balanced, self-confident adults with fulfilling careers. It's great at reunions when I meet all the past students and they say how much they've done with their lives after school.

What would you say to inspire young people to become teachers?

I did not start in teaching myself, but for those who enjoy it, it can be very rewarding.

Frank Moriarty and Rachel O'Byrne, 5th

Questions for Mr Hilliard



1. How long have you been a teacher at The High School?

A long time - since 1970. 35 years.

2. Why did you become a teacher?

When I was in 5th form I decided it would be a nice thing to do. I was worried that there wouldn't be

enough money, but it turned out to be adequate.

3. What will be your lasting memories of your time here?

I have lots of good memories, and have been very happy here. The ones that will last the longest are the memories of the friendships with the staff and the people here.

4. What will be your most embarrassing memory of your time here?

One day I was talking about the architecture of the school to a class, complaining about the narrowness of the corridors, and saying how stupid it was that they were that narrow. After talking eloquently for some length, and digging myself a lovely hole a boy in the back of the class put up his hand and said "My father was the architect."

5. How has the school changed since the first time you came here?

I first came here, as a junior, in 1950. In fact, for a few days I was the youngest pupil in the school. Since then, the school has changed completely. The only things that are the same are the name The High School, and the red and black colours. I also think that making the school to co-educational was a change for the better.

6. What do you like the most about this school?

The friendliness.

7. What do you like least about the school?

Ego trippers.

8. Have you taught in any other schools?

Only briefly. I taught in Oxford School while I was doing my diploma in England.

9. What would it take to keep you here?

Nothing, I wouldn't stay. I am very happy that I am going to be ordained and wouldn't give up the chance for anything.

10. What are your plans for retirement?

I am not really going to be retiring, just going into a new career. I will be doing a 3-year course resulting in a degree in theology, and then being ordained.

11. Where would be your ideal holiday destination? Spain.

12. If you could change the school in one way, what would you do?

I would like to see more culture in the school. I feel The High School is very anti-intellectual, and that intellectuals are regarded as fancying themselves and needing to be taken down a peg or two.

14. Is the glass half empty or half full?

Depends on the mood.

15. What would you say to inspire young people to become teachers?

It's a good job, but don't do it just to make money. It's the type of job you should only do if you really want to do it. Don't let anyone discourage you, or be discouraged by the amount you're paid. The money's not too bad.

Rachel O'Byrne & Davey Kelleher, 5th

Mr McMullen

1. How long have you been a teacher at The High School?

35 years

2. Why did you become a teacher?

Loved Germany, France, Austria etc and wanted to teach other people about them.

3. What will be your most embarrassing memory of your time here?

Ski trips - never quite mastered the art. I often ended up not being able to go either forwards or backwards.

4. What has been the biggest change in the school?

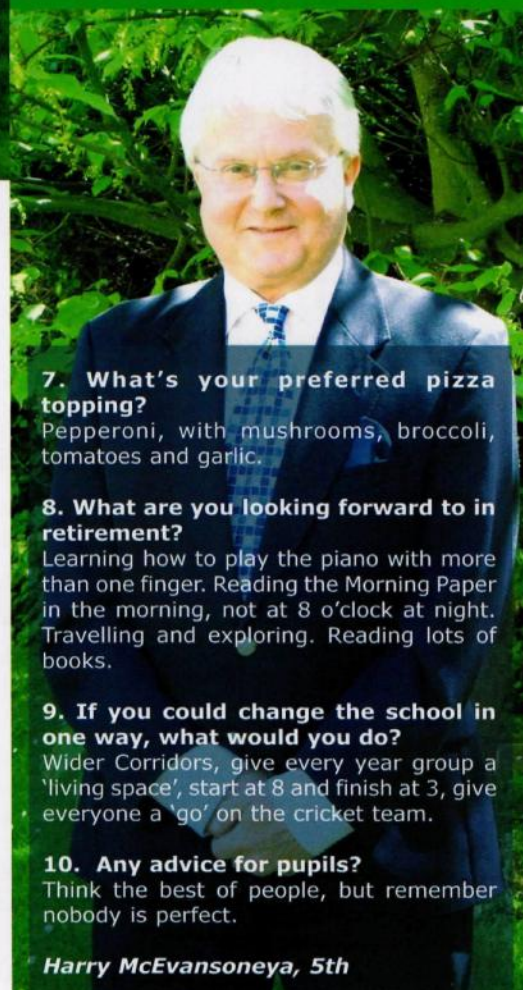
When I came there were only boys, no girls. The boys were called by their surnames.

5. What do you like the most about this school?

The pupils, the staff, the surroundings, the friendly atmosphere, achievements.

6. Where would be your ideal holiday destination?

The top of an Alp (in early summer) or the Tuscany hills (preferably with a large plate of pasta). My favourite city is Paris.



7. What's your preferred pizza topping?

Pepperoni, with mushrooms, broccoli, tomatoes and garlic.

8. What are you looking forward to in retirement?

Learning how to play the piano with more than one finger. Reading the Morning Paper in the morning, not at 8 o'clock at night. Travelling and exploring. Reading lots of books.

9. If you could change the school in one way, what would you do?

Wider Corridors, give every year group a 'living space', start at 8 and finish at 3, give everyone a 'go' on the cricket team.

10. Any advice for pupils?

Think the best of people, but remember nobody is perfect.

Harry McEvansoneya, 5th

Mrs Mellon Interview

How long have you been working in the High School?

The number thirty-four rings a bell or is that my age?

What is your most embarrassing moment at High School?

Thankfully I can't think of many! When I started teaching we were instructed that if the fire alarm went we had to immediately march our class out of the school and across the road (Adelaide Road) to assemble. In those days the girls had to wear thick green knickers and white shorts for PE. Can you imagine the embarrassment as all the cars stopped while I crossed the road with my class.

What is your most memorable moment here?

I got really excited back in 1974 when we were informed of the amalgamation of the two schools (The High School and Diocesan School for Girls.) I have a lot of great memories of the excitement of winning the senior league in 1989, 1990 and 1991 having had the disappointment of losing the finals in 1985, 1986, 1987 and 1989. However I can't forget the excitement with the other cup winning teams over the years, the ones that were nearly there but didn't quite make it. I remember them all.

What is the thing you will miss most?

The pupils, most of them anyway! Also I'm sure I'll miss walking up and down the hill to the hockey pitches several times a day. It kept me fit.

Who is the person you'll miss most?

The person that the second years constantly tell me I look like. Have you guessed? Yes it's Mrs McCartney! We have kept each other going over the years, both of us having reared 3 children at a time when working mothers were not as acceptable as they are today.

What's it like working with your son?

Brilliant, he loved to remind me to do things that I've been doing for years. I guessed it slipped his mind that I'd been doing them long before he was born! Seriously though it was great to have him there during my last year.

If you were stranded on a desert island which two items would you take?

Well Mr Fitzpatrick brought me to his island last year (Erasmian 2004) so I guess it's my turn to bring him and I would hope one of the pupils would lend me an ipod so that when I got tired of hockey talk I could listen to music.



What is your party trick?

How about a headstand?! Believe it or not I can still do one!

What is your best team result?

That's a difficult one. I suppose it has to be the senior team that had been completely changed to the previous year and had lost every match up until their first league match. Suddenly they went from losing to winning over night. They went on to win the senior league 3-0 in the final.

What are your other interests outside school?

Socializing (don't forget to call and see me!), golf, music, travel and whatever else comes along!

Do you play Hockey outside school?

Yes a little- this year my game to remember was against Glenanne at their grounds. It happened to be straight after Glenanne's Senior Men's training so with a certain person (Mr Fitzpatrick) staying to watch I had to put on my best performance!!

What schools did you attend?

A small, one-teacher Primary School in Carnew, Co. Wicklow (the number of students was 22). From age eleven to eighteen I attended Wesley as a boarder. No late nights for me then! 6 pm-9 pm was homework time, then it was off to bed for me. It was lights out at 10 pm.

Why did you decide to become a hockey coach?

Well, you know how good Wesley pupils were at hockey, especially in the 60's. At that time most of the teams there consisted of boarders. I felt it was only fair to pass on this knowledge of hockey from Wesley to High school pupils! Now it's time to stop before some new pupil comes to me and says "Miss! You taught my granny!"

What are your plans for the future?

Who knows! See the world, play golf, climb some hills, keep in touch with friends and relations and enjoy my cooking and cleaning at home. I'm happy to hear some other suggestions!

Any final comments?

I wish you all the very best, I will always have fond memories of High School. Don't worry you have not seen the last of me yet! I'm looking forward to seeing the senior girls win the cup next year!

Please draw a self portrait.

I have never managed at school to answer every question so since technically I'm still at school I have decided this is the question I am not going to answer. Good bye!

What is your favourite food?

A stir-fry with all kinds of vegetables!

Rice Krispies or Corn flakes?

Neither that's chicken feed- A bowl of porridge for me!!

Where did you get your springy shoes?

They just arrived at the front door!! I'm not sure where they sprung from!

Laura Mahon and Ruth Jones, 5th

Matron

How long have you worked in The High School?

10 years.

What is your fondest memory at The High School?

All the friends and pupils, just generally everything.

What thing will you miss most?

As above.

Who is the person you will miss most?

Everyone.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what two items would you bring with you?

Radio with an unlimited supply of batteries and a long sharp knife so I could catch food and build shelter.

What are your plans for the future?

To learn how to use computers, to get back into painting, learn how to play bridge and my grandson is going to teach me to play chess.

Did you work as a matron anywhere else previous to The High School?

Yes, I worked in Wesley directly before coming here. Also in Columbas as a stand in.

Do you have any party tricks?

No, very dull.

What's your favourite food?

Dark chocolate.

Do you ever eat junk food?

Yes, chocolate.

What schools did you attend?

Alexandra school and college (Age 5-18)

Why did you decide to become a matron?

Because I was a stand in for someone in Wesley who was sick and I liked it.

Any final comments?

I'll miss everyone and I've been very very happy here.

Please draw a self portrait.

I couldn't possibly draw a self-portrait!

Ruth Jones, 5th

New Deputy Principal

The Board of Governors is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Richard Davies, B.A. (Mod.) (T.C.D.), H. Dip. Ed. (Hons.) (T.C.D.) as Deputy Principal to succeed Mrs J. Geoghegan who will be retiring at the end of August.

Mr Davies has been teaching Science, ICT and Physics at the school since 1989, apart from a short break during which he worked as Head of the Physics Dept. in a school in Botswana. Mr Davies has coached, refereed and umpired rugby and cricket over many years and has acted as a Form Teacher, Safety representative and recently as Co-ordinator of Science. He also acts as ICT Co-ordinator and in that position has been responsible for the advances in ICT provision in the school in recent years.

We wish him well in his future responsibilities.



Library News

"All books are divisible into two classes: the books of the hour, and the books of all time."

John Ruskin

The Library Report 2005

Happily the library continues to thrive at being the literary oasis of The High School. Our collection is constantly growing and new features continue to make the library an exciting place. The library is keen to promote awareness of contemporary events of historical anniversaries. This is done by a very willing team of the library committee.

This year we celebrated the Year of Physics-Einstein year. World Book Day, the annual celebration of all things literary took place in March and we invited the author Aubrey Flegg to the library. He gave a most interesting talk about his book *The Cinnamon Tree*. Shakespeare's birthday was also celebrated on 23rd April and Europe Day on 9th May. At Christmas we held an Art Competition.

The library has been responsible for numerous fundraising events this year including Daffodil Day and "Feed The Pig" in aid of the Cottage Home for Little Children in Dun Laoghaire. Thank you to all who contributed. The 2005 library prize of the traditional "Complete Works of Shakespeare" for the best overall reader in first year was awarded to Sebastian Adams (1W).

Valerie King,
Librarian



World Book Day



Above: First years listen intently to writer Aubrey Flegg in the library on World Book Day.

The Library Committee Report 2005

Another year has come and gone for the Library and what a year it has been. We've had our regular events like Shakespeare's Birthday and Feed The Pig, as well as a visit from author Aubrey Flegg.

Not to mention our regular competitions like Country of the Moment and Word of the Week. Thanks to the new first years we've had many new displays and artwork, like the Poetry Tree.

Of course the library wouldn't be the same without our Librarian Mrs King, who made sure we all had cards on our birthdays and eggs at Easter.

I hope next year will be at least half as good as this year was.

Alicia Smyth, 2G



Above: Some of the library committee in front of the nature display with books written and donated by Eanna Ni Lamhna: C. Drakeford, A. Smyth, G. Flaherty, S. Kavanagh, J. Harding, H. Speller, M. Kabadya, I. McGuckin, A. McGovern

Left: Aoife Kearney and Holly Taylor.

Shakespeare's Birthday



Above: Bill O'Cleirigh, Stephen Dowling, Diarmuid Kennedy, Graham Flaherty.



Above: "Shakespeare Heads", Alex Lawson, Rob O'Callaghan, Mrs M. Milne, Mr L. McClure.



Above: Mengxi Hu, Frank Moriarty, Rachel O'Byrne.



Above: Reading Shakespeare always brings a tear to the eye, eh Alan. Graham Flaherty, Alan Ball, Stephen Dowling, Diarmuid Kennedy.



Above: "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo," said Mrs M. Milne.



Above: Mrs V. King says to herself, "I'll just help myself to a small slice."

First Year

The First Year of Many

It's been a long running tradition that all first years must be hated, and this class for us was no exception...just kidding! When we popped into their Irish class, they seemed like a normal bunch of ordinary kids until they opened their mouths. The first question we asked them was to describe their year as a fruit...so much for our sanities! Their response was a varied assortment of banana, mango, apple and basically every fruit you could possibly think of. Their final decision was to merge a banana and melon and form a banana flavoured melon... mmmmm.

Mr P and the canteen served to satisfy as the collective answer for this year's favourite features of the school. Mr P again topped their poll when asked to suggest their most beloved teacher, possibly due to the fact that he was heading the room at the time...



These opinionated individuals also expressed their dissatisfaction with the present uniform. The boys suggesting shorter skirts for the young ladies, and the girls in turn demanding the gentlemen also wear skirts.

All in all, it seems to us these youngsters have a bright and indeed interesting future ahead of them and we wish 1W the best of their merry years to come in High School.

**Roxanne Brownlee
and Mengxi Hu**



Above: First years moshing.

1C



Back Row: Rebecca Mills, Stephen Whelan, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Richelle McDonnell, Craig Hanan, Alex McLaughlin-Callan, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Aoife Kearney. **Middle Row:** Josh Reichental, Cameron Ridyard, Michael Adye-Curran, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh, Nicola Durrant, Steven Chapman, Keenan Lacey, Sophie Mitchell, Holly Taylor, Brian Liston. **Front Row:** Martin Flower, Neal Hickey, Luke Byrne, Naomi Reid, Ben Harding, Michael O'Shea, Susan Kinlan, Luke Evans.

1G



Back Row: Katie Hyland, Tess McCann, Vanya Eccles, Stefanie Lodola, Scott Condon, Joshua Purcell, Aaron Sturdy, James Hawe, Eoin Keenan. **Middle Row:** Robert Savage, Andrew Gilbert, Katie O'Connor, Daire Hunt, Eva Nugent, Freya Breen, Mark Evans, Cian Twomey, Nicola Spendlove, Darragh Tate. **Front Row:** Sam Williamson, Daniel Connell, Lorcan Murphy, Niamh McDonagh, Alex Dakin, Marie-Claire Foley, Louis Gregg, Ian Duggan.

1T



Back Row: David Kernan, Michael Scanlon, Nicholas Jones, Mark Coffey, Liam MacNamara, Dylan Farrell, Rebecca Conalty, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Tom Roseingrave. **Middle Row:** Suzanne O'Connor, Daniel Cooke, Lisa Meehan, Simon Smith, Matthew Ware, Owen Carroll, Gavin Mullan, Aoife Loftus, Aoife Ryan, Nicole Campbell, Aisling Kiernan. **Front Row:** Guy Prendergast, Sarah-Kate McConnell, Mohammad Kabadaya, Robbie McGuinness, Stuart Gray, Archie Heaslip, Michael McNulty, Sarah Burns.

1W



Back Row: James Harding, Diarmuid Kennedy, Sarah McCoy, Stephanie Moore, Emmet McBride, Miles Reilly, James Beahan, Cal Howick. **Middle Row:** Mark Weston, Graham Flaherty, Alex Daly, Laura Martin, Molly Hughes, Una McSharry, SORCHA CRILLY, Kevin Browne, Alan Ball, Josh Tobin, Patrick King. **Front Row:** Adam Ryan, Clive Drakeford, Etan Kinsella-McLennan, Aoife Gordon, Sebastian Adams, Bill O'Cleirigh, Kit Connolly, Stephen Dowling.

1WK



Back Row: Andrew Donovan, Susan McRann, Andrea Murray-Byrne, Simon Ludden, Stephen James, Mark Rogan, Darragh Herlihy, Milo Mays, Oscar Bowling. **Middle Row:** Ellen Walsh, Daniel Corbin, Georgie Twamley, Zara McElvaney, Ruairi Nugent, Lara Madden, Christopher Wyse, James Liddicoat, Sarah Cunningham, Brian Speller, Mark Horgan. **Front Row:** Ian Irvine, Camilla Hanney, Danyal Fox, Lorcan Ahern, Lee Murray, Megan Earls, Simon Wright, Sarah Brennan.

Italy Trip

The first and second year trip to Italy was a great experience for all involved. We arrived in the Leonardo DaVinci airport in Rome on Wednesday the 23rd of March.

Later that day we saw one of Italy's most famous landmarks, the Colosseum, and that night we visited the Trevi fountain. Next morning we visited the Vatican City. We saw St Peter's Basilica, the Sistine Chapel, and the Vatican itself. After two days in Rome we set out for Sorrento with a brief stop at Mount Vesuvius. Our next visit was to the blue grotto in Capri. The water was so clear that we could see the fish and the water looked green. The following day we were back on the road travelling to Rome, with a stop at Pompeii to split up the journey. The weather was great and so was the food, especially the ice cream and pizza. On Monday we made our way back to Dublin airport. All in all, the trip was very enjoyable! We would like to thank all the teachers who took part in organising this trip, Ms Hennessy, Mr Mc Namara, Ms Fitzgerald, Ms Toolan, and Ms Thorpe.

Kevin Browne, 1W
Daniel Cooke, 1T
Ruth Shannon Doyle, 2D
Shona O'Toole, 2G



A scenic Boat Trip.



I wonder how long they kept it up.



All the Italy Trip people gather in front of the Colosseum.



Above: I wonder what the message is?



Above: Richard Whelan reflects on the Renaissance.

Below left: Couldn't you just dive in?

Below: Sam Williamson sits on the side of a cliff.



Second Year



Above: 'Where's me jumper', said the group to KATIE TALLON!!



Above: We'll wear our jumpers, just let us out, please!



Above: This is what happens when you don't cut your hair.



Above: What's cookin'? Another day of Home Ec. for the Second Years.



Back Row: Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Phoebe Laing, Leah Quirke, Josephine Geoghegan, Gillian Carr, Colin Ledwith, Kevin Smyth, Samuel Browne. **Middle Row:** Mark Savage, James Barber, Stephen Carter, Joan Somers Donnelly, Jessica Gamble, Alison Walker, Debbie Blair, Laura Garland, Jane O'Donohoe, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Mattias Slattery. **Front Row:** Ayesha Carrim, Niall Smith, Ryan Morgan, Damiano Fuscaldi, Adam Elliott, Ian Levine, Joe Comerford, John Willoughby. **Absent:** Doina Lloyd, Ronan Hennessy.

2G



Back Row: Iain Lane, Alan Day, Ross Finn, Miles Campbell, Rebecca Wright, Emma Connell, Niall Noonan. **Middle Row:** Ms E Roulet, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Saoirse Hogan, Tiarna Brazil, Simon Kinneen, Alicia Smyth, Peter Hunt, Grant Murphy, Emma Satchwell, Conor McGinley. **Front Row:** Denis O'Connor, Alison Meeke, Fiona Flaherty, James Ryan, Matthew O'Rourke, Tessa Meade, Conor Craig, Aoife Daly. **Absent:** Shona O'Toole.

2H



Back Row: Saurin Kenny, Linda Silke, Sam Moore, Garreth Fallon, C  il  n O'Connell, Shay Arias-Paz, Alex Conroy, Rhiannon Ryan, Daniel Moore. **Middle Row:** David Kavanagh, James O'Connor, Clare Cryan, Jake Jackson, Paul O'Kelly, Zoe O'Regan, Olivia McEvansoneya, Hilary Cole Pidgeon, Rachel Regan, Ther  se Anglim. **Front Row:** Amy Jones, Emily Kinlan, Rory Simms, Graham Mills, Thomas Burke, Eva Richardson McCrea, Hannah Carabine, Rachel Bishop.

20H



Back Row: Ciaran Collins, Graham Young, Kieron Men, Shane Grehan, Sean O'Riordan, Grainne O'Brien, Declan Fergus, Robert Browne. **Middle Row:** Jonathan Walker, Conor O'Donnell, Sam Kavanagh, Aoife McGovern, Ishbel McGuckin, SORCHA Williams, Katie Tallon, Sinead Smith, Olwen Smith, Sarah Morgan, Sarah Cox, Jack O'Kennedy. **Front Row:** Grace Collins, Catriona Grimes, Michael Metoudi, Richard Whelan, Patrick Butler, Sean Keating, Joshua Burdon, Amber Baruch.

2P



Back Row: Lydia Cosgrove, Helen Speller, Ruth Bourke, Bentley Allison, Robbie O'Brien, Aislinn Coghlan, Candace Horton, Alexander Mulcahy. **Middle Row:** Charlotte Leonard-Kane, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Linda Callaghan, Jack Kelly, Benjamin Boles, Keith Gray, Shane Webb, Thomas Emo, Michael Gray, Daragh Monaghan. **Front Row:** Stephen Shaw, Karen Lew, Hanna Phelan, Lucy Bennett, Sophie Madigan, Katie Murtagh, Hannah Leavy, Jonathan Kinlan.

A School Outing

He went into English class at the usual time on Thursday and we all settled down to read our books. Then Mr McClure addressed us, "Next week we're going to go to a curtain factory as a school tour. It will be part of your curtain safety awareness programme for the Junior Cert." An almighty cheer went up from the class and James Barber who had joined our class for this story exclaimed "Ah deadly Bosco!!!" in his best impression of a north-side accent.

The rest of the class went by smoothly barring the moment when a fifth year was thrown through our window in the classroom beside Conor McGinley. For the rest of the week all the class could talk about were "Stargate SG 1" and of course, the trip to the curtain factory.

Eventually the big day arrived and 2G and James Barber were looking forward to what was shaping up to be the most exciting and dangerous school tour ever undertaken in High School history. Grant Murphy wasn't sure why everyone was so afraid of curtains.

"Back in Utah everyone I knew had curtains. Are they different here in Ey-er-leeand or something?"

"Yeah American curtains aren't dangerous," said Denis knowingly. "Oh, and by the way, I sailed around the world."

"Shut up Denis, you're always saying that," said Jamie who was smiling...as usual.

"Shut up Jamie, ya bogger," said Denis hitting back hard.

"Damn you Denis! I'm not a bogger, but I know who is a hillbilly though."



Above: Joshua Burdon.
Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to school we go.

Short story

"Oh shut up Jamie, I hate you," said Emma C. dramatically. She ran onto the waiting bus ready to take us to the curtain factory. As James, Jamie and I walked onto the bus, the bus driver gave Jamie a shifty look.

"I'm watching you smiley," he said unblinkingly. We went to the back where Alan and Emma S. were sitting.

Jamie started singing: "Gonna take my seat a-right way back, oh get this train back on track." As he saw no one was joining in he stopped...there was an awkward silence. Then James and I began to continue his song, "Gonna bring it on home, bring it on home to you." Now there was an air of anticipation as James and I got out our air guitars and began the chorus: doo doo doo doo doo, doo diddle doo doo doo. Soon the entire bus was rocking to the sounds of Led Zepp.

Soon they arrived at the curtain factory. Everyone was glad to get off the bus because Mr McClure had been describing Sunderland's most recent win in which Michael Bridges scored (a great return for a striker - one goal in four years.)

The class entered the curtain factory and approached the other end of the room. The room was quiet and there was no one in sight. Just then a baby curtain dropped onto Alan from the ceiling.

"Ah-ah it's biting me!" he cried in agony. His classmates began to run to his aid but the curtain scowled at them and they backed away.

"Go on without me," he said trying to break away from the curtain.

"A good teacher never leaves a man behind," said Mr McClure.

"Don't try to be a hero," butted in the bus driver who had come inside with us. "that's my job!" There was gasp from the class as the bus driver wrestled

the curtain off Alan and sent it flying across the room howling in pain. Everyone was amazed and Jamie started singing, "Hail to the bus driver, bus driver, bus driver." Again no one joined in and there was another awkward silence. Then James and I started, "Hail to the bus driver, bus driver man." Soon the entire party was singing along except Alan who had a huge bite taken out of his left shoulder. Mr McClure noticed this and stopped singing abruptly.

"Alan we need to take you to the hospital," he said worriedly.

"Ah, it's only a flesh wound sir," groaned Alan and then he collapsed dead on the dusty ground.

"Nooooo!" Jamie howled. "He was my only love." Everyone stared perplexed at Jamie on his knees by the dead body.

"What?" he said jumping to his feet and dusting himself off. "I meant as a friend...honest."

The group went on, leaving Alan's dead body where it was. Mr McClure paid the admission and gave the receptionist a little tip to put the body 'out of the way'.

The tour began and ran smoothly except for a few odd bites and scratches here and there. When it was over everyone got back on the bus and went back to school.

James changed his identity to Alan's for it was thought that he wouldn't be missed by everyone as much.

Ross Finn, 2G

Third Year



Above: Best friends forever.



Above: There's something random in my book.



Above: Some handsome devils!



Above: Alex Lawson, Carl McHugh, Valerie Sexton and Evanna Mills, the students from 3G who sold ribbons for breast cancer awareness.

3F



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

3G



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

3S



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

3T



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

3W



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

Time Foolery

What's in a title? Well, usually a little teaser about the play, but one that still leaves you thinking for hours "What could it be about?" (trust me, I had many a restless night pondering this). After all my time spent considering the possible plot of Time Foolery, I was greatly anticipating the show.

Fighting my way through the throngs of students into the Reynolds Hall, I was well rewarded with a great view of the performance. A hush soon descended over the audience after our appreciation was shown for the locations of the fire exits (got to love those fire exits). The curtains opened onto the first of many fantastic scenes we were to witness that night. The costumes stood out as bold and perfectly suited to the plot, while the set was simple, yet very effective. It could easily be seen, from even just the first scene, that a lot of work had gone into these two aspects. However, the unmistakably brilliant feature of the play had to be the acting.

For such a young cast, it was truly an amazing performance. From the dancing witches (Lara Madden, Sarah Kate McConnell, Sinead Nolan, Anita Murphy and Alison Walsh) to the valiant Lorcan Murphy as King Arthur (with his unforgettable catchphrase), every actor on stage performed fantastically. Alex McLaughlin Callan as the Great Wizard Strogroth and Sarah Corbin as the Good Witch Wilhemina pulled off a hilarious double act with much skill, while Niamh McDonagh as Woolly Witch shone through as a real act to watch out for in the future. Then there was the most named (as well as the most incorrectly named) person on programme: Aisling Barry. As well as taking on the role of three characters (with many more costume changes to boot), she somehow found the time to also work out the choreography, design the set, be an assistant stage manager and help with the costumes- quite a feat!

As the play came to an end to much raucous applause from the audience, the bows were taken and the speeches made, I slipped away to try and nab the cast for an exclusive Erasmian interview. Though they were a bit disappointed that I was not from The Irish Times, the actors still agreed to answer my questions. To begin with, they thought I should know that Prince Tristram is in fact actually a metrosexual (confirmed by democratic vote). They were all very happy that they had taken part in the play but were disappointed it was over and that it only ran for one night. The cast were more than happy to inform me that they intended to go and party after the interview, but were more reluctant to give me an invite. As for embarrassing moments, there was a dress split all the way down at the back, a fall down stairs and a certain Prince breaking his scepter on the first day he had it. And after a few cries of "Is that it?" and Lorcan saying his catchphrase about four more times, the interview ended, the cast eager to get to their party.

I would like to congratulate all the actors, all those involved in set and costumes and the stage managers. But a special congratulations has to go to Leslie Hogan, the director and author of the play who according to the cast is "crazy, but loved by everyone". Her contribution was huge and without her, the play would not have been possible. Well done to all involved and I look forward to next year's production!

Frank Moriarty, 5th



Above: Louis Gregg and Joan Somers-Donnelly



Above: Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Molly Hughes, Hilary Cole Pidgeon, Keenan Lacey



Above: Just because we're mean people.

Fourth Year

4W TY Outings

During the year Mr McClure's Transition Year English class went on three outings. Our first trip was to the cinema to see 'Million Dollar Baby', a film about a female boxer. We all went in not knowing what to expect but came out impressed by great performances from Hilary Swank (who later won an Oscar for her role), Clint Eastwood and Morgan Freeman. It was a touching story and many of us were in tears by the end. It was a good movie and an enjoyable outing.

Coming up to Christmas we all went to 'Up Christmas on Ice' at the RDS for an afternoon of ice-skating. We were all excited as we piled onto the mini-bus on our way to the RDS. When we got there everyone ran to get their skates and to be the first on the ice. With a slippery start, everyone soon got the hang of it with some catching on quicker than others (especially the boys!). Some great skills were displayed by Lana Loane and Rob Rath who made it look easy. There were lots of tumbles and falls but it was a good laugh!

In the Easter Term we were doing a project in school on Crime and Punishment. Part of this project involved a visit to Mountjoy Prison in February. We were taken on a tour of both the men and women's prison facilities. We were brought into the men's visiting area where



we were informed of rules and told the history of the prison. We were then given a tour of the cells, bathrooms, kitchens and a padded cell on one of the lower floors! None of us were impressed with the conditions of the facilities as we were all used to our luxuries. We continued out to the yard and we were told how the prisoners spend their days. Finally we visited an old hanging house, which is still located outside the yard. We were all very interested while one of the officers told us how the hanging procedure used to take place many years ago. We then moved on to the women's prison, which had recently been redeveloped, into the Dochas Centre. There they are approaching the punishment system differently. The new building contains

decent rooms for the female prisoners, a gym, classrooms, kitchens for home economics, photography rooms and basketball courts. A friendly councillor gave us a tour and explained how a good education and decent facilities could be the best approach to rehabilitation. Many of us agreed but were disappointed to hear the new building is soon to be knocked down due to the moving of all the prisoners to the new site replacing Mountjoy Prison. After our tour we all came back with new information for our project and we would like to thank Mr Loneragan, the governor, and the prison staff for making this visit possible.

Ali May & Gerry Murphy, 4W

4G



Back Row: Patrick O'Connor, Jamie Kelleher, Andrew Stevenson, Samuel Bennett, Iain Cobban, Andrew Lohan.
Middle Row: Mr R. Giles, Kier Johnson, Jessie Elliott, Kim Taylor, Alex Carey, Lucy Keogh, Hannah Jennings, Barbara Daly, Jamie Wright.
Front Row: Katherine Kiernan, Elizabeth Surgeon, Benjamin McNally, Nicholas Stevenson, Stephen Spoor, William McConnell, Simon Burgess, Claire Nelson.

4HE



Back Row: Kim McNair, Andrew Caulfield, Samuel McKenna Barry, Fergal O'Connor, Andrew Smyth, Alan O'Keeffe, Shane Herlihy. **Middle Row:** Mrs S Hutchinson Edgar, Kate Ryan, Caitriona Ryan, Thomas Meredith, Eoin O'Leary, Rowan Stokes, Cian Kinsella McLennan, Jack Kavanagh. **Front Row:** Karen Meade, Madeline Boyle, Susan Brusey, Laura Nelson, Jonathan Mathers, Elizabeth Glynn, Janine Levine, Faye Simms.

4L



Back Row: Nigel Kinlan, Alan Cairns, Kyle Gleeson, Darren Edmondson, Tycho Armstrong Block, Fionn Fitzmaurice, Jack Mays, Max Prendergast. **Middle Row:** Ciaran Maginn, Cara Mulcahy, Evan O'Callaghan, Isobel Scally, Kate Lyons, Aicha Aboudinar, Roger Persechini, Larry O'Connell, Ms D Levis. **Front Row:** Deirdre McClean, Lucy Dooley, Denise Fagan, Niamh Holohan, Jennifer Flanagan, Cameron Brownlee, Nicola Cantan, Katibeth Rendek.

4S



Back Row: Lauren Turner, Toby Lyons, Conor Barry, Graham Johnson, Max Lane, Sean Nicholson, Mark McNulty, Kathryn Barry. **Middle Row:** Jonathan Browne, Richard Kiernan, David Lusby, Claire Fergus, Laura Price, Katie Marconi, Gemma McRann, John Kilbey. **Front Row:** Katie McCann, Lynsay McFarland, Shane Gould, Beth Kelly, Robyn Fitzpatrick, Melissa Hanney, Harri Grunitz, Joelle Grogan.

4W



Back Row: Tony Lee, Ruaridh McGuckin, Robert Farhat, Robert Rath, David Wilson, Robbie Bannister, Killian Rogan, Eoin Silke. **Middle Row:** Keith Ellman, Sadhbh Donnellan, Julie Kavanagh, Aisling Burke, Jennifer Murphy, Niamh Sleator, Eneko O'Carroll, Flynn Benaksas, Alison May. **Front Row:** Anne-Marie Jordan, Anna McNally, Carol-Ann Sherlock, Jonathan Sargeant, Luke Mulligan, Sean O'Donohoe, Lana Loane, Suzanne Tallon.

TY

Awards 2003-2004

Gaisce - President's Award

Bronze

Neil Barrett
Robert Bradish
Karl Browne
Suzanne Burke
Bevan Carr
Andrew Cobban
Grace Cummins
Ailbhe Donnellan
Elizabeth Donnelly
Danny Finn
Sam Fitzpatrick
Sinead Frizzelle
Tim Harris
Mengxi Hu
Rob Hunt
Aidan Hunt
Adam Hurley
Fergus Keane
Davey Kelleher
Amy Kenealy
John Fitzpatrick
Emma Laing
Rachel McCoy
Sara Miller
Frank Moriarty
Dylan Murphy
Robert Nason
Una Ní Éigeartaigh
Jake O'Brien
Rachel O'Byrne
Ciaran O'Callaghan
Sean O'Gorman
Scott O'Malley
Lorna O'Rourke
Jordan Ralph
Ruth Roseingrave
Katie Smith
Laura-Anne Stewart
Karen Sutton
Daragh Walsh
Amy Ward
Jenny Weekes
Michael Willoughby
Alexandra Wilson

Canoeing Awards

Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award

Andrew Cobban
Rob Hunt
Paul Jones
John Kirkpatrick
Jake O'Brien
Ciaran O'Callaghan
Jordan Ralph
Daragh Walsh

Young Entre- preneurs Scheme

Aisling Barry
Robert Bradish
Ciaran Brennan
Karl Cabena
Grace Cummins
Nicola Daly
Elizabeth Donnelly
Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly
Aoife Green
Nicola Gregory
Timothy Harris
Aidan Hunt
Davey Kelleher
Ronan Keller
Emma Laing
Megan Leonard-Kane
Simon MacAree
Grace Nugent
Robert O'Brien
Rory O'Connor

Bursaries

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Judo

White Belt Awards

Nathan Barber
Barry Browne
Naadiya Carrim
Samuel Cogan
Manus Cronin
Kevin Finnegan
Amy Kenealy
David Laing
Dylan Murphy
Scott O'Malley
Phelim O'Reilly
Jordan Ralph
Benn Satchwell
Katie Smith
Michael Willoughby

Yellow Belt Awards

Danny Finn
Karl Cabena
Derrick Denby
Sam Fitzpatrick
Tim Harris
John Kirkpatrick
Robin Leavy
Andrew Pollock
Sam Sherwood
Una Ní Éigeartaigh
Nicky Wynne



Right: TY Home Economics
- not just for girls!!

Transition Year

Everybody has heard rumours about Transition Year, some good, others bad. Either way, you can't know what Transition Year is like until you have experienced it. Transition Year is different for every person, and every person gets something different out of it – as long as they try something! At the beginning of the year, I was unsure what to expect, but I had decided to try my hand at everything (well, not quite everything), and this yielded its own rewards.

In the last term of 3rd Year, I had signed up for the President's Award, and I threw myself into this straight away. I started my community service first (each candidate has to do 15 weeks of this). I had decided to work up at the DSPCA shelter in Rathfarnham, and this proved to be a good choice, mainly because I am so interested in animals. A general rule for choosing activities in every section of the award is to choose something you are interested in! For instance, if you hate animals, don't work in the DSPCA! I did enjoy my community work though, because I was able to interact with the animals so much. My work ranged from walking dogs or working in the office to washing puppies (this was my favourite job). I completed my fifteen weeks here, and I found it both useful and rewarding.

I decided to tackle the physical section of my award next (twelve weeks). I started off playing in a water polo club – this was certainly a huge challenge, as I was new to the game, and it is a tough one. I played my first match with the club, which was an even bigger challenge, but I loved it! Unfortunately, the club disbanded after a short while, but I am grateful for my time there – it was difficult, but an incredible experience. I took up swimming with High School instead, which I enjoyed just as much as the water polo. I gained two certificates here – the Endurance Swim and Irish Water Safety. So, I learned new useful skills!

I was a little late in starting my personal skill – it takes twenty-six weeks to complete so you should definitely begin early! I took up the saxophone for this, and this was an excellent choice. It is an entertaining instrument, both to play and to listen to. It was satisfying to be able to develop a skill that will stay with you forever. A musical instrument is an excellent choice for the personal skill, as it is a skill that will never be forgotten, and it is always exciting to be able to make music for yourself.

I began training for the venture to Kerry on late September, when the first hillwalk took place. For me, the hillwalks were the most challenging part of the whole reward, but the feeling of pure elation when the hill (actually, it was more of a mountain than a hill!) has been conquered is so rewarding. It was definitely a worthwhile activity. As well as this, the hillwalks are in fact a great social occasion, and the camaraderie is wonderful. Everybody struggles together, and you will talk to whoever happens to be walking beside you! Yes, the hillwalks are hard, but they are also very entertaining (especially when you happen to fall shoulder-deep into a bog hole!). These culminated in the Kerry trip in April, where we were unfortunately unable to scale Carruntuohill, due to ice. This was a marvellous trip nonetheless.

The President's Award was by no means the only thing on offer. Transition Years are also allowed to take part in the Concern debates. Several Transition Years took up the challenge, and though we worked

hard and argued well, we unfortunately failed to make it past the first round (by the slimmest of margins, I might add). However, it is a good idea for Transition Years to take part in the debates, as you have time to prepare your topic, and it teaches you vital skills of public speaking, and how to work under pressure. This also prepared us for the Model United Nations later that year. A team of five TYs represented Haiti. We debated issues such as the question of Tibet, human rights issues, deforestation, and many more. We tried to resolve problems in these areas, and after days of heated arguments, produced a booklet of resolutions that aimed to change things for the better.

Transition Year is the time to begin new things, and what better way is there to do this than to found a new organisation. After an inspiring geography class, spent discussing the environment, Mr. Irwin and ten or so TYs founded the Green Schools group. This was established to promote environmental awareness within the school, and make it more environmentally friendly. In its first year it was very active in the school, making paper and can recycling facilities widely available. It is exciting to be a founding member of something – you are involved in all the organisation, and everything is fresh and new. The Green Schools group, however, will still provide all its future members with opportunities to be creative, and break new ground in a worthwhile area.

By this stage, it was November, and time to start planning for some Christmas projects. The two projects I was involved in were Operation Christmas Child and the Fair Trade Fair. Operation Christmas Child entailed collecting shoeboxes full of presents to send to children in Eastern Europe, to make their Christmas a little brighter. The people involved had to collect the boxes in school, and check that they were all acceptable. Then a lucky few were allowed to go to the huge warehouses set aside for the shoeboxes and work there for a morning. The boxes were flown to the continent, and distributed just in time for Christmas. This was one of my favourite things to work on this year. It is always sad when thinking about those who will receive the boxes, but rewarding to know that you have done some good. The Fair Trade Fair involved even more organisation! All those who took part split onto groups for publicity, purchasing, and other organisational activities. Once all the merchandise had arrived, we set a date for the fair, and everybody spent a very entertaining evening decorating the Reynolds Hall! The day after that, it was time to sell! It is important to remember that we were not raising money for a charity – we were simply providing a market for fairly traded goods. I worked selling tea and coffee, but we had numerous stalls, and each one was successful. All in all, it was an excellent day!

On the last day before Christmas, a more daunting task faced the members of 4S – we were going for a midwinter swim at the Forty Foot, which, for those of you who don't know, is the sea (yes, mid-winter!)! We drove out to the Forty Foot, a little apprehensive about what was to come. Some people decided to lower themselves down the ladder, while others (myself included) simply charged into the water! We thought it was easier to get in this way as we wouldn't know how cold it was for a while – this plan worked (especially as I didn't even have to think about diving down – I fell over a rock and was submerged instantly!) However, we all raised

a good deal of money for St Luke's Hospital, and enjoyed the morning, despite the cold! And thanks must go to the bringer of hot chocolate!

After Christmas, there was still just as much to do. One of the first was a driving course in Mondello Park. A small group of 16 left the school for the racecourse one morning, to experience a driving lesson. First we watched a road safety video, and then it was time to hit the road. Two or three people were in one car, with an instructor. We learned the basics – how to start the car (always useful), how to drive forward, reverse, go over a hill, and of course stop. The highlight of my lesson was reversing in a perfectly straight line – over the cones. While the others were driving, we were allowed to sit in the back seats and observe. Next, it was time for a tour of the museum; housing old rally cars, and even Formula One cars. Even if you have virtually no interest in cars, this would be entertaining. Finally, we all sat in a stationary car to test our reaction times. The quickest was just over three seconds, but only a few people managed to take the test – I broke the machine! Again, this was an excellent day, and made me want to learn how to drive even more!

Later that term, about twenty Transition Years went on a trip to Killowern Outdoor Education Centre. Situated in the heart of the Mourne Mountains, this offered a wide range of adventure sports and different activities. The first one I experienced was rope traversing – this involved performing a mini bungee jump off a riverbank and sliding over a rope to the other side, across the river. When we had got used to this process, the instructors let us hang from the rope over the river, and we swung back and forth from the rope – some of the group even managed to turn upside down and skim the water with their heads! The next activity was a nightwalk – this was fairly easy, and was made more entertaining by the abundance of snow. It was not so much a nightwalk as a giant snowball fight! The next morning, we sampled rock climbing and abseiling. I took to the rock climbing straight away, and loved it! It was a fairly easy slope to ascend, and I soon moved on to the abseiling. I found this harder – I think I was put off by having to lean off a rock face into nothingness – but soon got into it and enjoyed the experience. That afternoon we canoed, lashing two boats together and playing some form of canoe polo. The night brought a beach walk, and we then settled down to watch a movie and make our own food in a small kitchenette – this made for some interesting smells and food mixtures. It was made even more interesting by the lack of plates and cutlery! The next morning brought the last activity – bouldering. The closest I can come to describing this is calling it a sort of lateral rock climb along riverbanks – take from that what you will! Anyway, it was one of my favourite activities, as I had never even heard of it before trying it, and it was both challenging and fun.

The two-week work experience took place in the Easter term, and people experienced a huge range of jobs, some even going abroad to Spain to work in hotel, or to Switzerland to work in the UN. I myself went to the Isle of Man for two weeks to work with a vet, and I will always remember it. If you make an effort to complete tasks and pay attention to your employer, you will be provided with invaluable experience. The fortnight I spent in the Isle of Man was wonderful, and it made me even keener to work towards my goal. If you choose a work placement that you are interested in, the time will be even more useful. I also had to learn how to live abroad with a different family, whom I had never even seen before, and adjust to their lifestyle.

At Easter, forty Transition years went on holiday to Poland! We spent five days in Warsaw and Krakow, exploring the cities and enjoying the sights. We also visited Auschwitz and the Wieliczka salt mines. The whole trip was incredible, one I will never forget. At Christmas, Transition Years were also offered the opportunity to go skiing in Boston. If there is a trip abroad when you are in Transition Year, take advantage of it – you will never forget it!

The summer term brought canoeing and rock climbing. In canoeing, I worked towards my Level 2 Certificate, which I attained – this involves performing different strokes, and capsizing. Capsizing on purpose is definitely a little unnatural, but extremely enjoyable after you have done it once! I am happy to say that everybody passed the test. For the last week, we held a race for the Dodder Cup. This was

won by Mark McNulty, and Lizzy Surgeon was awarded Canoeist of the Year. We also held a novelty race, where four people were crammed into one space on the river – we started backwards and had to work our way from one end to the other. I managed to win by not bothering to turn around and letting everyone else get tangled in each other! If you have never canoed before, you can start in the winter term.

Rock climbing was a fairly new experience for me, but I couldn't wait to get started. We drove out to Dalkey Quarry one Friday afternoon, donned special climbing shoes, and walked up to the slopes. We soon discovered that some were easier than others, but the feeling after conquering a more difficult one is amazing! We also tried our hands at abseiling – my favourite one involved abseiling down past an overhang, so I was suspended in mid-air from just two ropes. I wasn't even touching the rock! Rock climbing was an incredible experience and I advise everyone to give it a go.

This term also brought a new sport to High School – tag rugby! Fourth Years can take part, and many did. Matches were played and many people found a new sport that they loved. I'm sure it will grow and grow. It is definitely still important to keep up sport in Transition Year, and stay with your team. Many teams involving Fourth Years were successful this year, with the TY rugby team reaching the final of their league, and the girl's basketball Cadette team winning an All-Ireland bronze medal. These were by no means the only successes!

Transition Year is not just about extra-curricular activities, however. All TYs can choose to try new subjects in all their options, and some of the revolving options make for a welcome change. Everybody can take up a new language, such as Spanish, or try their hand at creating a business. Thursday and Friday afternoons provide the opportunity to try judo, woodwork, drama, music, dance, web design, or even take part in the rock/pop show (both shows were hugely successful this year). Judo participants received at least a white belt, and took part in a competition, where all teams performed well. So, though extra activities were marvellous, school subjects provide a change too! Even subjects that have been experienced before, such as English, are approached differently.

Looking back on Transition Year, I feel that I have taken so much from it. I experienced so many new things and took advantage of all the opportunities available. Though I was busy throughout the year, I found every new experience both useful and rewarding. Even those who did not try any new school activity enjoyed the year – they had time to get on with their own projects outside school. After experiencing the year, I feel that I am ready to go into fifth year, having had a refreshing break from normal school life. Everybody appreciated the different approach taken in school. So, I can safely say to all future Transition Years, if you use your time well, this will be the most different, interesting year of your life.

Beth Kelly, 4S

Driving Lessons

The tenth of May was a fun day.

Not only was it my birthday (and Bono's) but it was my first ever driving lesson. The lesson took place on the hockey grit pitch, with two students to a car. Although there was limited space, everyone did a terrific job and the instructors were very impressed. The students took it in turns, in their pairs, to drive for the first half hour, and observe from the back seat for the next half.

We practised changing from first to second gear to neutral and we practised U-turns and weaving in and out of cones. We also practised accelerating diagonally down the pitch. The braking was tricky for some people, as sometimes the cars cut out. But after practise, the braking was perfect.

Overall, it was a great experience, and it was much easier than it looked!

Lauren Turner, 4S

Above: Julie Kavanagh at her driving lesson.



Left: TY students at the Early-Drive course in Mondello Park.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

Imagine if you suddenly lost your sight. Your entire world would be turned upside down and you would have to learn a new way of living. It is here that the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind offer a helping 'paw' and give people the chance and confidence to carry on with their lives.

This Christmas we managed to raise €920 in aid of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. We achieved this by selling Christmas cards, calendars and badges. Every year the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind spend €35,000 on each puppy they train. Most of these are Labradors and Golden Retrievers but sometimes, Alsations, Boxers and Border Collies are used.

Forty per cent of the puppies don't make it through the training program which means only twenty-eight make it each year. At the moment 165 people in Ireland have guide dogs. In Ireland altogether there are eighty volunteer branches which means there are 300 people who help the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. There are celebrities involved such as Roy Keane and Ronan O'Gara but extra help is always needed.

Finally, we would like to thank Ms Graham, the students of 3G and everyone who bought Guide Dogs merchandise.

Thanks a lot!

Aicha Aboudinar & Deirdre McClean



Above: Deirdre McClean and Aicha Aboudinar.



Anti-Litter Squad

Back Row: Jessie Elliot, Katherine Kiernan, Barbara Daly, Claire Nelson, Kim Taylor, Alexandra Carey, Stella Hawe, Hannah Jennings, Jamie Kelleher, Nicholas Stevenson, Steven Spoor.
Front Row: Samuel Bennet, Kier Johnson, Andrew Lohan, Simon Burgess, Jonathan Senior.



Above: TY Artists - Tom Meredith and Jonathan Sargeant.

Below: TY Musicians - Kathryn Barry, Tycho Armstrong-Block, Katie McCann and Joelle Grogan.



Greenschools

In September 2004, inspired by one of Mr Irwin's geography classes, a group of Transition Years decided to set up a Greenschools group in High School. Our aim was, and still is, to make the school a cleaner, more environmentally friendly place for everyone in it.

Our first meeting took place soon afterwards, with the attendance of about ten people. These formed the core Greenschools group for the rest of the year. At this first meeting, we ourselves learned what the project was about and made some plans for change! The next day an ad hoc committee was set up consisting of staff, management, grounds staff and of course, three Greenschools members (actually, the first three members that Mr Irwin happened to see in the corridor!).

The next step was to decide on one initiative to implement. Being an ambitious group, we decided to skip straight to Step 2 on the "7 Steps To Greenschools Success Plan" and implemented it straight away, as opposed to completing a review. We deemed it a better plan to start by taking action, as this would motivate our members and get the whole school interested in the project.

The first initiative tackled paper recycling (this is naturally a big problem in a school!) With the help of Messrs Dolan and Irwin, we ordered large reusable cardboard boxes, one for each classroom. The group had an enjoyable afternoon making up the boxes. We worked as an efficient production line, cutting the lids into the correct shape, labelling them, and of course making towers and forts as we went along... Eventually they were distributed throughout the school, and were more than full when the collection took place. This action was a success!

After we had completed the first project, we received a visit from a member of An Taisce (who set up the national Greenschools project) who looked at the work we had already done and advised us on what to do next. Our paper recycling was praised, as were our plans for cans (read on!), but she also gave us more to think about. She also informed us about how to get our green flag - we weren't ready



for this at the time, but hopefully it will be awarded in the future.

Later in the year, a theatre group came to the school to present a play on recycling! The Greenschools members took place in a workshop after this. We were encouraged to invent our own dramatisations of the waste problem in Ireland- this included the quiz show, a transport sketch, and a parody of the 'Rage

Against Waste' ad, including a literal race against waste... this was excellent entertainment for all involved!

At this point, we decided it was time to implement a new project. We reviewed problem areas and collectively decided to tackle the area of cans next. This allowed the group to be creative, as we wanted the can bins to be distinctive. One of Mr. Dolan's technical graphics classes designed large wooden structures in the shape of (surprise, surprise) CANS! For those of you who haven't seen or used one yet, there is a hole in the top of each that is exactly the right size for a can to fit through. The can falls through into reusable bag, which can be removed and replaced easily. The bright, colourful designs seen on the cans are courtesy of one of the forth year art classes, who took the time to paint them for us (my personal favourite is the one of 'Popsi!'). The 'Can Man' was also created (by Robert Savage) to promote the bins and can recycling. The bins were placed around the school and, judging by the volume collected, this was another great success!

As the original founders of Greenschools move to fifth year, we hope an equally dedicated (yes, we were dedicated!) group will fill the void. Thanks must go to Mr Irwin and Mr Dolan, who coordinated the group and spearheaded initiatives - they were invaluable to the group. Finally I will leave you with this message - use the paper boxes, use the can bins and look out for the Greenschools noticeboard (hint: it's the green one beside the Reynolds Hall!)

Beth Kelly, 4S

Rock-Pop Show

The first rock-pop show was put on by this year's Fourth years and took place in December 2004. It involved many different acts and talents including a dance class and other dances by smaller groups.

From the rock-pop class there were singers, musicians and the presenter, Jack. It included a huge range of ability and incorporated many different styles of music. Everyone was quite nervous before the show but the audience were a great support.

This year's group covered all aspects of the show including sound, lighting, and performances.

The first rock-pop show was a huge success thanks to all involved.

Lucy Keogh & Hannah Jennings, 4G



Award Report 2005

For me the Award started during the summer term of third year. When the excited group entered the demonstration theatre - that is where it all began. When the infamous little pink books were handed out no one had any idea what was happening, there were many confused looking faces around the room. Once Mr Swan started to speak everything rapidly came clearer. Once we filled in the required weeks and handed our ready books in at the end, it was done, we had committed!!! Starting the first of September the President's Award would begin for the class of 2005. Our only mission for the summer was to find a place for community service; find a new skill to learn; think of a physical challenge to attempt and hope that you would be accepted for the school hill walking.

I decided on doing hockey coaching for the community service, the new skill would be the ECDL after school on Tuesday and at home when necessary. Physical challenge was school swimming, which, I knew I would enjoy. Luckily I was selected for hill walking in the school. There were a set amount of walks to be done each term and although a big commitment, it was the best option for me.

The hardest part of the award for me was getting everything started, especially the community service, I found it difficult to learn every child's name and gain their respect. At the start, coaching children I didn't know was odd, a new experience but I thought to myself that is what the award is all about.



I felt proud when I remembered being in the under twelve's and having a young senior as my coach, I really looked up to him. It was difficult for me to realise that now I was that person that all those young people looked up to. Once I got over this fact, the sessions went much smoother with everyone improving - getting exercise and most important at such a young age having fun. It felt good working for the community.



Above: President's Award participants who climbed Lugnaquilla in County Wicklow accompanied by Ms Levis and Mr Cryan (below).

Other than the community service, I had to practice ECDL, it was held every Tuesday after school. This wasn't a great time for me as after school on Tuesday I also had hockey training. Up until Christmas I managed to do ECDL in school before I'd go to hockey, but after Christmas with the Cup fast approaching it became impossible for me to do ECDL. I commenced to practice at home, whenever I had the chance. This part of the Award was by far the most challenging for me, I found it very difficult remembering each individual command, it slowly came as I did more and more work in school and at home.

Out of all I must say that the physical challenge was the most enjoyable for me. It involved Tuesday nights in Rathmines swimming pool. At the start of the weeks I was a little hesitant, I don't really know why, once I got into the water I loved every second of it. As weeks passed I enjoyed it more and more. I started looking at it in a positive way, for me it was a way to build strength, gain fitness and also

relax. Never once did I leave the swimming pool stressed or in bad humour.

Without a doubt, I sacrificed the most for my venture activity. The Sunday walks took up to eight hours from the start to finish and therefore left no time to do anything else that day. As a result I missed several hockey games and rugby sessions. I knew in the long run missing my regular Sunday activities was worth it. The

President's Award was a great achievement. Even though after every walk I returned on the bus tired, wet and muddy, I enjoyed the views, challenges as well as the spending time in the fresh Wicklow air with friends.

The President's Award has been an incredible experience for me; I have learnt so much about my physical boundaries, mental boundaries and even more about myself as a person. Even though it has been hard, I've enjoyed every minute of it, having fun in new ways with the many friends I made during the outings on Sundays. More than once I found myself struggling at the back or needing a break, I thought myself to carry on and strive to be the best I can be. I loved the new challenges and experiences I embarked. That is what I understand the President's Award to be all about.

Patrick O'Connor, 4G

Report on the Trip to Kerry

In preparation for the main part of the venture, I had to participate in several other challenging hillwalks. These included a number of hillwalks on Sunday mornings which lasted until the mid-afternoon during the first term. The minimum number was two, however I attempted to do more in order to increase my proficiency before the difficult ascent I knew Carauntoohil would be. I am not the most athletic of people, and often the climbs were difficult for me (it was often that I was among the last people to reach the top!), but the fact that I was amongst friends helped me to continue, where otherwise I may not have.

Also included in the venture was one nightwalk, which I did at Lough Bray in the spring term. It was a relatively simple walk, however intimidating it felt because of the darkness. At one point I found myself scrambling up a muddy slope on my hands and knees, but after that, the terrain was relatively flat.

The final stage before the weekend away in Kerry was a hillwalk at Loughnaquilla, which had to be completed to qualify for the Carauntoohil trip. This was, I felt, the most difficult of all the hillwalks, but I'm glad I persevered as the top of the mountain was covered in snow, and I enjoyed myself immensely up there. It was a sort of material expression of the inner praise I gave myself for climbing this mountain. I was somewhat apprehensive as we were told that Carauntoohil was three times the size of Loughnaquilla; if I found Loughnaquilla as demanding as I did, I couldn't imagine how I would be able to conquer Carauntoohil.

So it was with this feeling of unease and anxiety that I packed my bags for the trip to Kerry on the weekend of the 8th to the 10th of April. As one of the main objectives of the President's Award is to help cultivate independent individuals, I packed my own bag for the three days. We were to be staying in the Aghadoe Hostel, which would mean that we would have to prepare all of our own meals for the duration of the trip. I organised with two of my friends to share the responsibilities of preparing two dinners, two lunches and three breakfasts.

We took the bus down to Kerry, which took several hours. Some of us took the train, and from the train station they took a bus to our hostel. After having some food, we went to bed, to wake up at around seven o'clock for breakfast. I packed my bag for the day, including my lunch, rain gear etc. and then got changed into my hillwalking clothes. We left the hostel and proceeded towards Carauntoohil by bus.

The first part of the day's walk was along the relatively flat area from where the buses left us, past the Hag's Tooth, to the foot of Carauntoohil, the first part of which is called the Devil's Ladder. It seemed a rather fitting name, as the incline looked quite forboding, seeming to become almost vertical near the top. Nevertheless, with the promise of lunch at the top of the Devil's Ladder, we began our slow ascent. The rocks were very loose, meaning that we had to be careful not to dislodge them; as if we did they might fall onto the people below. As we got higher, there was more snow, and beautiful icicles had formed on some of the rocks. We were moving at a very slow pace, which meant I found it much less difficult than I had envisaged, enjoying both the climb and the beautiful scenery. However, I tried to avoid looking down, as it was quite an intimidating drop.

About three quarters of the way up the Devil's Ladder, we encountered a problem. There were thick sheets of ice covering the final stretch to the top. It proved impassable, meaning we had to go back the way we came. This was a little daunting, as the rocks were loose and I had a slight feeling of vertigo, but I managed it. When we reached the bottom, we had lunch.

As a substitute for climbing Carauntoohil, we then decided to climb another peak. It took us about an hour and a half to wind our way up the face of this mountain. It got colder the further we progressed, but the air was perfectly clear. I was told that this was the clearest it had ever been with a group in the many years they had been doing the Kerry trip. We could see Carauntoohil clearly, and the path we would've followed had we been able to.

I was completely exhausted by this stage, and felt rather acquiescent and relieved when we began to descend. We proceeded back the way we came to the bus, and then went back to the hostel. We cooked dinner, which consisted of pasta in a tomato sauce. I found myself to be very hungry, probably due to exerting my body in a way I wasn't accustomed to doing. I slept very easily that night, as the main part of the venture was over. The following day was occupied by an easy walk through the Gap of Dunloe. It was quite sunny (for Ireland!) for this mainly flat walk, and I found it quite relaxing after the events of the previous day.

All in all, I found it a very rewarding experience. Not reaching the top of Carauntoohil did not seem in any way a failure to me. Rather the very fact that I was there, and that I was willing to climb it showed me that I do have in me the willpower necessary to complete such a task, if I just find the way to summon. In a way, this is a lesson which echoes throughout all my President's Award work, and even if that is the only message I take away from this experience (and I am certain that it isn't) I think all the effort was worthwhile.

Eoin Silke, 4W



Left: Fun in the snow on the Kerry Trip.

Why would forty High School students possibly be in Dublin Airport at the sinful hour of 5am? They were going to Poland, that's why! Yes, a group of Transition Year students were going to spend five days in Poland, viewing the sights of Warsaw and Krakow, with some detours along the way!

As we had left Dublin so early, it was still morning when we arrived in Warsaw. First we drove around the city, seeing embassies, palaces, and a clock tower (which the inhabitants dislike because it was a gift from Russia, and the Poles were made to pay for it!). We got out at one of the many city parks to view the impressive Chopin memorial, before driving on to the old city. As the whole of Warsaw had been destroyed during World War II, the old city had been rebuilt exactly as it had been in pre-war times. We took a walking tour of this part (where we discovered that it was "Wet Monday" – the boys of the city made it their job to squirt water at passing girls!) before lunch and continued it after. We saw, among other things, a memorial to the resistance in Warsaw, before we travelled to our hotel for the night (sampling some questionable meat!).

The next morning, we rose early again, as we had a long drive to Krakow ahead of us. We stopped on the way in Czestochowa, the site of the monastery Jasna Gora. We were led round this viewing the opulent chapel, the Black Madonna and the medieval swords and musical instruments. We bought small souvenirs and were blessed by our tour guide (he was a brother in the monastery!). We continued on to Krakow and checked into our new hotel there. That night, as our hotel was in the city centre, we walked around the main square, the Rynek, and the surrounding streets in the dark!

On the morning of day three, we saw Krakow in the daylight. We took a walking tour around the centre, viewing the Wawel castle and adjoining cathedral, which had dragon bones hanging outside. Inside we climbed up the winding wooden stairs

Poland Trip

through the belfry, along with many comments about feeling like the Hunchback of Notre Dame. When we reached the great bell at the top, we all wished on it. Our guide then took us back into the square, where we viewed the extremely ornate cathedral there, where a bugler plays every hour. He seemed to enjoy our warm reception, waving at us with his bugle! We then spent a few hours shopping, and proceeded to the Wieliczka Salt Mines. We saw how the mines worked, as well as the statues and chapels built completely of salt! We spent the night in the same way as the last.

Beth Kelly & Katie McCann, 4S



Transition Year Orienteering

This year an Orienteering League was introduced to each module. Competitions were held in the school grounds, Street "O" in the surrounding area and in Marley Park. These proved very successful with a competitive response from the students.

In Module I overall were: 1st – David Lusby, 96pts; 2nd – Jamie Kelleher, 98pts; 3rd – Fergal O'Connor, 102pts; 4th – Tom Meredith, 103pts; 5th – Conor Barry 110pts and 6th – Janine Levine, 112pts. Awards were given for the first three places.

Of the girls: 1st – Janine Levine, 112pts; 2nd – Niamh Sleator, 124pts; 3rd – Deirdre McClean; 4th – Catriona Ryan, 132pts. Awards were given for the first two places.

In Module II overall were: 1st – Jack Mays, 115pts; Joint 2nd – Jonathan Mathers and Mark McNulty, 131pts; 3rd – Evan O'Callaghan, 132pts; Joint 4th – Aisling Burke and Sean Nicholson, 133pts; 5th – Sean Herlihy, 134pts and 6th – Killian Rogan, 135pts.

Awards were given for the first three places.

Of the girls: 1st – Aisling Burke, 133pts; 2nd – Elizabeth Surgeon on 159pts. An award was given to Aisling.

Students from both modules competed in the Irish Schools Orienteering Championship held in J F Kennedy Park, New Ross, Co. Wexford. The weather was very good, which contributed to a very successful day for everyone.

Orienteering Certificates were presented to all the students by the principal, Mr B T Duffy at the Transition Year awards ceremony in the school.

Michael Kellett
Orienteering Coach

Fair Trade Fair

The Fair Trade Fair is all about promoting Fair Trade in the developing countries all over the world. Each year the school holds a fair that sells all Fair Trade products and anything we feel is worthwhile. This year we not only sold Fair Trade products but we also erected an Amnesty stand, Concern stand and a Tearcraft stand which were all selling products.

Before I get into the details about the actual day I suppose I should tell you how it all began. The first meeting was about two months before the actual day and Mrs Pearce found herself surrounded by a good thirty students give or take a few.

We all signed up to be parts of different groups, whether it be publicity or helping with choosing stock. We put a lot of work into the whole affair over the months, meeting up every now and then. After hard preparation we finally found ourselves on top of the first day, all trying desperately to get everything done that we'd forgotten to do in the last week.

The big day arrived on a good old fashioned, wet and rainy Irish Saturday. Everybody made their way to the hall for nine o'clock bearing cookies (for the customers) and wearing ridiculous Christmas hats. We spent the first two hours setting up our stands, (everybody making sure that their stand would do the best.) Before long we were ready for our customers and when 11 o'clock came, so were the customers.

The selling went great and when three o'clock finally came we all dropped into our chairs, exhausted until we realised that it was time to count the money. Everybody guaranteed everybody else that their stand did the best and then the counting began. We raised over €5,000 in total and everyone was really happy with all the work. I'm sure you are wondering which stand raised the most... Well, it's a secret!

All in all, the whole event was a great success and I just want to thank Mrs Pearce, the faculty members, the parents and all the students involved.

Tamryn Reinecke, 4HE



Top: Nicola Cantan, Madeleine Boyle and Janine Levine.

Middle: Some teachers enjoying a Fair Trade coffee.

Above: Mr Hillard decides on what to get.
Right: Fergal O'Connor, Kathy Kiernan and Claire Nelson.



The Burren

Always popular, always educational and always very much fun: The Burren Trip! Almost fifty students, four brave teachers and our legendary bus driver, Mr King, set out on May 11th en route to the Burren, Co. Clare. After a couple of stops, we arrived in limestone country and stopped in several places including Bishop's Court Beach and Alliwee caves. We arrived at our hotel in Lisdoonvarna with Paddy O'Shea at the front of the bus singing the famous Christy Moore ballad over the PA system.

Following a hearty breakfast (with the hazardous eggs), we set off to do our shore survey. As soon as we had finished this, some students (and some teachers) set about pitting hermit crabs against each other in fights to the death. After this fun and merriment we arrived for the highlight of the trip; the caving in Pollanagollum. Everyone emerged from the cave covered in white calcite war paint on their faces, scaled the rope ladder and headed back to the bus.

Below: The whole Burren Group.

Below left: Not touching, can't get mad.

Chloe Stacy, Ciarán Brennan, Karl Browne, Adam Hurley, Grace Cummins.

Below right: Max Prendergast, aka 'The Cookie Monster'.

Fifth Year



For our final day we packed up the bus and headed to the Cliffs of Moher. Many photo opportunities were taken, overpriced souvenirs observed and death defying leaps not taken. Our final stop before the long road back to Dublin was the aquarium in Lahinch. It was very enjoyable, though most found the wave machine more amazing than the sea creatures.

I would like to thank Mr Gill, Mr Wright, Dr Whitford and Ms Levis for bring us on such a wonderful trip and giving us a song on the way home.

Frank Moriarty, 5th



Row 5: Danny Finn, Geoffrey Keating, Joe Maguire, Harry McEvansoneya, Shane Sargeant, Andrew Cobban, John Kirkpatrick, Robert O'Brien, Mark Nolan, Peter Jackson, Michael Willoughby, Benn Satchwell, Andrew Pollock, Jamie O'Neill, Rory O'Connor, Ciarán Brennan.

Row 4: Aisling Barry, Christine Boyle, Robert Nason, Scott O'Malley, Nírdin Eustace, Nicola Gregory, Sarah Lodola, Rebecca Tardos, Sarah Clarke, Avril Nolan, Amy Kenealy, Mary Lim, Alexander Cole Pigeon, Phelim O'Reilly.

Row 3: Neil Barrett, Suzanne Burke, Lorna O'Rourke, Sarah O'Reilly, Robin Leavy, John O'Connor, Jennifer Keane, Jennifer Weekes, Tamanna Rahman, Naadiya Carim, Una Ní Eigeartaigh, Grace Cummins, Roxanne Brownlee, Kellie O'Flynn, Sam Fitzpatrick.

Row 2: Emma Laing, Chloë Stacey, Amy Brennan, Mengxi Hu, Rachel Lyons, Aimee Black, Laura-Anne Stewart, Grace Nugent, Amy Ward, Nicola Daly, Rachel McCoy, Jill Harding, Aisling Bridgeman, Ruth Jones.

Front Row: Mr C O'Ryan, Ms D Fahey, Ms S Quinn, Mr R McMullen, Mr B Duffy, Mrs J Geoghegan, Mr B McNamara, Mr P Prendergast, Mr B Quinn.

5th



Back Row: David Kelleher, Dylan Murphy, Josef Opdebeek, Elis Czerniak, Karl Browne, Niall Milton, Gerard Prunty, Stefan Slattery, Daragh Walsh, Bevan Carr, Paul Jones, Robert Hunt, Fergus Keane, Sean O'Gorman, David Laing, Daniel Staines.

Row 8: Robert Bradish, Simon MacAree, Sam Boles, Karen Sutton, Barry Browne, Mark Rooney, Ronan Keller, Luke McSharry, John Humphreys, Francis Moriarty, Josh Plunkett, Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly, Nathan Barber, Luke Begley, Jordan Ralph, Karl Cabena.

Row 7: Scott Kohlmann, Ruth Roseingrave, Ailbhe Donnellan, Derrick Denby, Katie Smith, Samuel Cogan, Samuel Sherwood, Manus Cronin, Jake O'Brien, Ruairc O'Boyle, Billy Parkes, Aidan Hunt, Edward Flaherty, Gorgi Hill, Michael MacSweeney, Adam Hurley, Ciaran O'Callaghan.

Row 6: Kevin Finnegan, Timothy Harris, Freda O'Donnell, Catherine Alexander, Megan Leonard-Kane, Rachel O'Byrne, Elizabeth Donnelly, Laura Mahon, Holly Warren, Alexandra Wilson, Sinead Frizzelle, Sara Miller, Christopher Blair, John Tobin, Patrick O'Shea, Simon Coyne.

Careers

Mock Interviews

A strange sight occurred on the evening of 12th April 2005 when over 100 overly eager 5th Years descended upon High School clutching folders. They were all about to face an untimely death... Just kidding, but on a serious note we were about to be subjected to numerous invasive questions administered by total strangers, or so we thought...

Instead, we got a large amount of understanding professionals willing to talk to a bunch of shaking fifth years about their chosen career. The whole experience was very helpful, the interviewers were very sympathetic to nervous students and I can safely say that all of us learned something whether it good or bad.

So in conclusion and in hindsight, the sleepless nights and the hair loss were totally worth it. My advice for next year's fifth years is to include every substantial positive fact about themselves on their CV, to dress well and to make sure that they find out as much as possible about their chosen course or job. Finally- relax, it's not almost as painful as you expect it to be!

Mengxi Hu, 5th

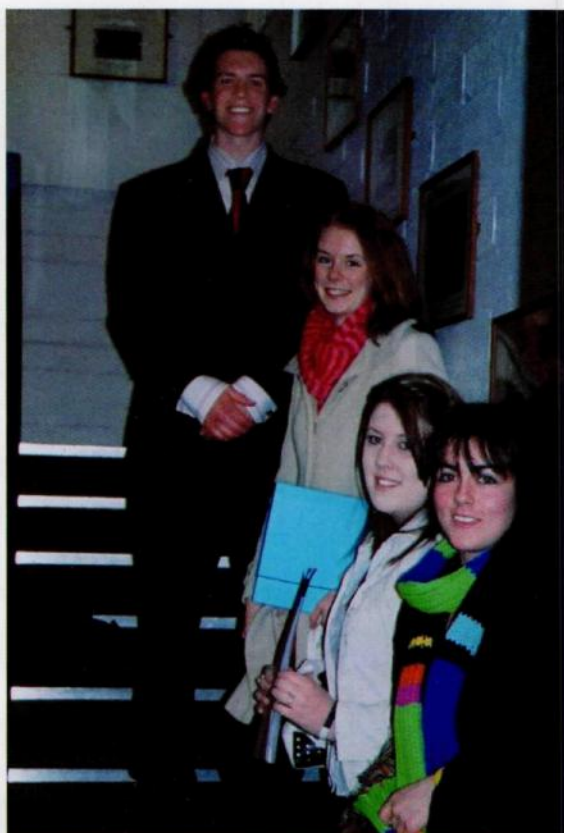


Above: "What do you think of the Pacific Rim economy?
I think it has nowhere to go but up.
Indeed."

Simon Coyne and Robert Bradish.

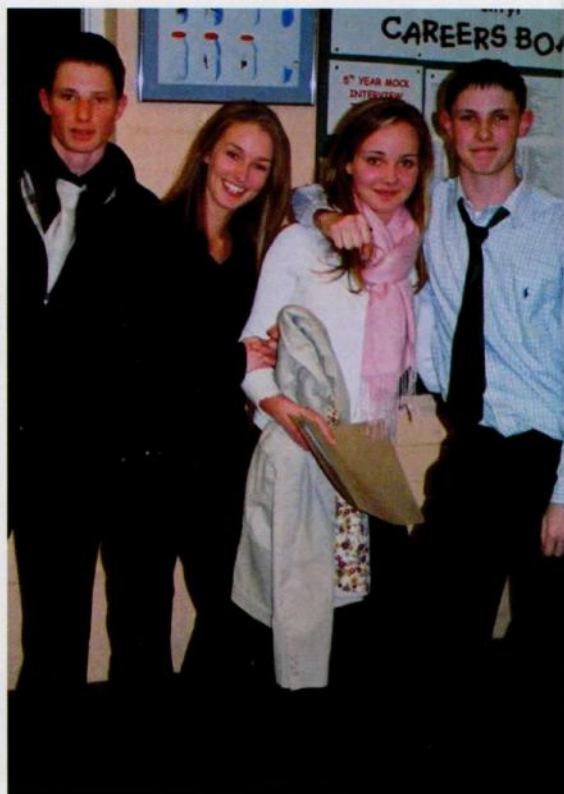


Right: Future
CEOs of
Ireland: Amy
Ward, Kellie
O'Flynn,
Ailbhe
Donnellan.



Above: What a dashing road block...
From the top: Seán O'Gorman, Ruth Roseingrave,
Elizabeth Donnelly, Aimee Black.

Below: When do we stop posing?
Georgi Hill, Kim Weekes, Sarah Lodola, Barry
Browne.



NH Ski Trip 05

Lugging the large bags filled with the warm clothes that we would need to fend off the icy chill of Boston, a group of 4th and 5th years students and five teachers set off on the trip of their lives! Following a brief stop over in scenic Shannon Airport, where we experienced our own little chunk of America at US immigration, we were in for the long haul on our journey across the pond.

And so after many hours, one terrible in-flight movie and a bus journey, our dwelling for the week was reached, Woodward's Resort, Lincoln. The motel was well equipped with swimming pool and sauna, a games room and a restaurant, where we were treated to many a delicious meal over the week.

Day 1: Off we went to the slopes to collect our skis and snowboards and were then divided into different class groups. The groups were split on the basis of experience and whether you were skiing or riding. Although everyone seemed to have an enjoyable start, by lunchtime our spirits had been well and truly dampened by the freezing rain, which had been inflicted on us. Seeing as though it was New Year's Eve, nothing could keep us down; the thoughts of the rocking party that awaited us on our return to the resort kept us going through the rest of the day. And what a party it was! One man and his guitar playing the songs of yester year, the party horns and hats being handed out and the dancing of the American residents of the motel kept us going all night (in the opposite direction).

New Year's Day brought a good day on the snow, however we were torn away early for some retail therapy! We were so delighted to be told that we had nearly FOUR hours to shop but our hopes were dashed when one of our number discovered that because of the day that was in it (New Year's) the shops were shutting their doors two hours early. But we still managed to spend a small fortune, perhaps with a little too much running involved!

After this we had three more days on the slopes of enjoyable skiing and riding, an evening out to the film *Meet The Fockers* and another evening tubing on the pistes. Tubing consists of lying down on a rubber inflatable ring face down and flying down a carved ski slope at very high speeds with very little control and lots of collisions!

For our final day in the States, we travelled to Boston for half a day of shopping and on to the airport. The night flight destroyed our sleeping pattern for days to come but got us home safe and sound to our waiting relatives at Dublin airport!

Aimee Black & Frank Moriarty

España y el fútbol en España

España es un país muy bueno. Es muy grande y está en el sur de Europa. Hay muchas personas en España. La población es de 40 millones. Hace buen tiempo allí. Hace sol y hace mucho calor. También, hay muchas ciudades bonitas. Madrid es la capital de España y es una ciudad maravillosa. Está en el centro de España.

A los españoles les gustan los deportes. Hay muchos deportistas excelentes en España. Sergio Garcia tiene aptitud para el golf y Raúl es un futbolista fenomenal. Pero, el fútbol es el deporte más popular en España. Hay muchos equipos brillantes en España. Juegan en 'La Liga'. Es una liga muy prestigiosa en Europa. Real Madrid, Barcelona y Valencia juegan en la liga y son equipos fantásticos. Actualmente, Barcelona es el primer equipo de España. Hay estadios enormes en España. El Nou Camp (donde juegan Barcelona) es el estadio de mayor capacidad en España. El

Bernabou (donde juegan Real Madrid), es un estadio muy grande también. Me gusta Barcelona más que Real Madrid porque me gusta Ronaldinho (un jugador de Barcelona) y el estadio de Barcelona, el Nou Camp, mucho. Ronaldinho es un futbolista de Brasil y es muy popular en Europa y en América del sur.

En conclusion, me gusta España mucho - las personas, el clima y el fútbol de España. Es una país estupendo.

Shane Sargeant, 5th

5th Year Study Skills Seminar

This years Study Skills Seminar took place on Saturday 22nd January, before we were just lowly fifth years, not having a single clue how to study. But now we do, thanks to the two gentlemen who gave up that Saturday from their schedule to teach us how. The men were cheerful in their approach and they came from all angles to help each and every one of us. At lunch I had a sandwich, it was delicious. After that, we came back in; unaware we had just tipped the iceberg, and there were a whole load of other things none of us had ever thought of, like how goal setting and alternate ways of taking notes can help you study better. All of these methods were faster than the ones we did for previous exams. I would like to thank both of them for the invaluable knowledge they passed on to us. We can now face the Leaving Cert somewhat less stressed.

Daragh Walsh



Story

A Fairytale For The Masses

Once upon a time, they all lived happily ever after.

Actually, that's a lie, but anyway, once upon a time, there lived a beautiful Princess, named Melinda. Melinda had an angelic face, lush blond hair and long leggy legs. The beauty of her earlobes out-shone the sun, on cloudy days.

One day, Melinda was sitting in her room, stroking her best friend, Dave. By a curious coincidence, Dave was also her only friend.

"That feels good," he said as Melinda's fingertips caressed him. Dave was noted for his ability to talk, mostly because he was a raven.

Melinda sighed. She was noted for sighing, mostly because she specialised in great heaving sighs, involving her entire upper body.

"I hate my life," she announced suddenly.

Dave shrugged his bony raven shoulders and said he didn't blame her.

"I can't believe he'd do this to me," Melinda continued.

"I can," said Dave. "Your Dad's a nutcase."

It was true. King Albert the Divinely Sane of Hippopotamia was stark-raving mad... At the banquet following his coronation, he had announced the formation of a private bodyguard made up of his extensive stone collection.

Fifty tables of guests went semi-silent. The atmosphere was tense, uncertain. Fortunately, the Archbishopric Meddler, religious head of the country, saved the day.

Forcing his walrus-like bulk to a standing position, he proclaimed, "It is not madness, but divine sanity."

All doubters were silenced, and King Albert earned himself his unique sobriquet.

"It's not fair," Melinda complained, twenty years after that fateful day. "Him saying he'll give my hand in marriage to whoever makes him the best offer..."

King Albert's ever-fertile mind (which is a nice way of comparing it to a heap of compost) had realised that Melinda was so beautiful her husband wouldn't care if she came without a dowry. In fact, suitors would pay to marry her.

"I'm not a good, to be bought or sold," Melinda told Dave. "I'm a woman."

Before Dave could reply, there was a knock on the door.

"Melinda!" King Albert's voice boomed through the old, rotting wood.

She opened the door, adopting her petulant face.

"Yes, Daddy?" she said.

King Albert the Divinely Sane strode majestically into the room. Fine gold lettering on his tunic proclaimed 'I'm With Stupid.' His constant companion, the Archbishopric Meddler, loathed that tunic. He also loathed the King's habit of shaving off his eyebrows while he slept, just because centuries of inbreeding had deprived the King of all facial hair. It could have been worse – the King also lacked a chin.

"What's that knife for?" Melinda asked, closing the door behind her father.

"What knife?" said King Albert guiltily.

"That one," his daughter said. "The one you're trying to hide behind your front."

"Oh yeah..."

The King looked at the knife. It was long, and looked like the tooth of some unimaginably horrific beast, possibly one that ate bread. "Well, you know when I promised your hand in marriage to the highest bidder?"

"Yes..." said Melinda slowly.

"Well, aha!" shouted Albert.

He moved with the speed and suddenness of a human mon-goose, grabbing Melinda's slimly

fine wrist, and hacking at it with the knife.

Melinda shrieked. Dave watched with dry, carrion-eater interest. He liked the sight of blood.

"You're holding it the wrong way around!" Melinda yelled, slapping her father in the face. He reeled backwards, and dropped the knife. It landed on a rug in a spray of blood.

"The oldest mistake in the book!" Dave exclaimed excitedly. "Getting the blade and handle mixed up."

Albert stared at his bleeding hand. Melinda seized the opportunity to pick up the knife and toss it out the window... five hundred metres below, the chief cook was giving out to an incompetent underling.

"You wouldn't know a bread-knife if it fell on you from a great height!" the cook declared. How right he was.

Meanwhile, Albert had recovered his composure enough to yell for the Archbishopric Meddler.

"Help!" he screamed. "My daughter attacked me!"

"I hate my life," Melinda muttered to herself, some hours later. She was sitting gloomily in the bottommost cell of the bottommost dungeon. It was gloomy, dark and dank. There was a clump of straw in one corner to serve as bed, chair and toilet.

"I don't blame you," said Dave.

"What was he trying to do, anyway?" Melinda grumbled.

"Oh," said Dave, "that was quite clever. I was listening to him and the Archbishopric Meddler talking before I flew down here to find you... The whole 'hand-in-marriage' business. They were planning to actually marry your hand to some dark and mysterious Prince, take the cash, chop off your other hand and do it again to some poor sucker. Very clever..."

"What dark and mysterious prince?" said Melinda.

"He's called Luther, apparently," Dave told her. "Dresses in black all the time, wears a gloves and a mask... Has riches beyond those of any human."

"Luther..." Melinda echoed. She savoured the word. To her fine female senses, it tasted like whirlwind romance and adventure. She hated it immediately.

"By the way," said Dave, "you know there's only stones guarding you. I could go get the key, if you wanted."

"Sure, whatever," Melinda replied, thinking disparaging thoughts about Luther.

"I bet it's not even his real name," Melinda continued to herself after Dave flew out through the bars of the door. "I bet he was called Tommy or something until he was eighteen, when some stupid old wizard revealed his 'true destiny'."

She mentioned this to Dave when he returned, keys swinging noisily from his beak.

"Dave's not my real name," he said, dropping the keys into her hand. "Like all talking ravens, I'm supposed to be called Quoth."

Melinda unlocked the door, and asked Dave why talking ravens were supposed to be called Quoth.

"I dunno," was his reply. "Maybe because we quoth things."

He followed Melinda out of the cell and up the passage. They walked out of the castle in stealthy silence, though when they sneaked past the stones manning the drawbridge, Melinda muttered, "He can't have been a good prince at all if he didn't try to rescue me."

Actually, Luther didn't know Melinda had needed rescuing until the Archbishopric Meddler burst into the King's private dining quarters with the news that she had escaped.

The King had been entertaining Luther to dinner... Albert took the word entertaining quite literally, so when the Archbishopric Meddler flung the door wide open, puffy cheeks red from the exertion of living, his first words were, "Oh God no, not that..."

The King of Hippopotamia was jogging on the spot on his seat, juggling cutlery and baked potatoes. It was his party trick.

Luther watched, horrified by the thought of having this man as his father-in-law. Behind his mask, his face was contorted with terrible bewilderment and social panic.

"Sire, no! A thousand times no!" the Archbishopric Meddler shouted. He lurched forward, relying on his vast weight for momentum. He crashed into the King, knocking him to the ground.

"Sire!" the Archbishopric Meddler said. "I have bad news!"

"Bad news?" said the King, getting to his feet and picking forks out of his bib.

"Melinda has escaped from the dungeons!" the Archbishopric Meddler declared.

"What?" said Luther. "What did you say about my fiancée?"

Oops, thought the Archbishopric Meddler. Should have phrased that more subtly.

The King stood silent for a moment, gazing into a void of thoughts only he could see, until he said, "It is as I have feared. My stones are traitors."

He left the room, barking at his servants to round up the Regiment Of Stones and cast them into the moat, weighted down with irons.

"What?" said Luther.

"Inbreeding," the Archbishopric Meddler told him by way of explanation.

And so, as Melinda and Dave were making their way towards a discreet little tavern where they could hide for the night, King Albert the Divinely Sane stood on the brown-planked drawbridge, watching men throw stones into the moat. Most of the stones were chained to heavy iron balls... They sank instantly into the grey-flowing moat

In the meantime, the Archbishopric Meddler was hiding in his rooms, praying earnestly for a drastic improvement in the King's mental health, such as death, and Luther was trying to find out from him where Melinda was and what was going on.

If they'd bothered to go down to the drawbridge, they'd have seen the King begin to cry quietly. He was caught in the grip of remorse as sharp and painful as the jaws of an ice-tiger.

"My stones, my beautiful stones..." he sobbed. "What have I done? Oh my poor stones... I must save them."

He leapt into the water, holding his nose closed, and fittingly, sank like a stone.

It was an ancient custom of Hippopotamia that, following the death of the King, his heir would be grabbed by a mob of citizenry and dragged to the throne room to be crowned. Accordingly a mob of citizenry arrived at Melinda's tavern the next morning and broke her door down, shouting, "The King is dead, long live the King!"

Seizing the startled Princess – who was sure Mincess Prelinda had been a good enough fake name to avoid detection – they carried her all the way to the castle, and into the throne room.

The Archbishopric Meddler and Luther were waiting there. Luther was pacing up and down behind the throne, and now he saw her – the gorgeous Melinda, made even more beautiful, if that was possible, by the ugly, leering faces of the citizenry. Any doubts about his planned marriage were replaced by furious indignation – some of those men were actually touching her!

The mob dumped Melinda on the throne. Before she had a chance to make herself comfortable, Luther tapped her shoulder with a black-gloved finger.

"Hey," he said, in his most seductive voice. "I'm Luther, but you can call me dark and mysterious, because you and me, baby, we're gonna be married!"

He whipped off his mask, revealing a face so intensely handsome that it was actually rather bland and uninteresting.

"Isn't that right, Archbishopric Meddler?" Luther called out. The worried, vomit-stained figure of the Meddler looked over at the Prince.

"Well, the late King Albert did promise you Melinda's hand in marriage," the Archbishopric Meddler said reluctantly, looking around for a handy knife. Unable to find one, he said, "A promise that we shall of course keep, in honour of the King, long may he stay dead."

An expression of royal horror formed on Melinda's face. Being King is one thing, she thought, but marrying this leech...
NO!

She looked for Dave for help, but the raven was still sleeping in the tavern.

"Ahem," said the Archbishopric Meddler loudly. "Shut up, the lot of you."

The mob of citizenry stopped singing the national anthem.

"Long live King Melinda!" someone shouted from the back of the crowd.

"Wait!" the Archbishopric Meddler said. "There is a complication. According to The Convoluted Book Of Statutes And Laws, a woman cannot be King."

A deathly hush greeted his words. A lone voice in the crowd cried out, "Boo-urns!"

Luther gripped Melinda's hand reassuringly and told her it didn't matter, he still loved her.

Melinda pried his hand off hers. She hopped down from the throne, and grabbed The Convoluted Book etc. from the Archbishopric Meddler's hands.

"Let me see this," she said, running her gaze down the page. "Aha... A woman can't be King, right?"

"Right," agreed the Archbishopric Meddler.

"But it says here that the King is legally a man..."

"Right..."

"So if a woman becomes King, then she's not a woman, right?"

The Archbishopric Meddler considered this.

"All hail King Melinda!" he proclaimed.

"Hurrah!" the mob of citizenry responded loudly, throwing their boots in the air... In more educated countries they threw hats, and don't get concussion.

Melinda smiled with radiant radiance as the Archbishopric Meddler lowered the ancient crown of Hippopotamia onto her head.

"I'm so sorry," she told Luther, "but we won't be able to get married. I'm a man now, we wouldn't be allowed to..."

"You're a man?" Luther exclaimed. This was news to him... Recent events had left him severely confused... And now his fiancée was a fiancé. Something was wrong with this kingdom.

Melinda nodded solemnly. Luther spun away and marched out of the throne-room, never to be seen again in Hippopotamia.

And so they all lived happily ever after... until they died horrible lingering deaths from the plague.

THE END IS NIGH

THE END

Chris Blair

One Act Play

St Andrews's

On the night of Wednesday 9th February, a large part of the audience in the St Andrew's theatre hailed from The High School. They were all eagerly awaiting the beginning of the High School's performance of the One Act Play 'Totally Over You' by Mark Ravenhill. With a host of talented actors filling the roles, this cast didn't disappoint.

This play centres around four girls; Kitty, Rochelle, Sinita and Hannah, who are obsessed by fame and fortune - in a word, celebrity. Led by Kitty (and their horoscopes, they dump their boyfriends, (Jake, Dan, Framji and Tyson in search of... yes, you guessed it, celebrities! Upset, the boys, inspired by their "friend" Victor, decide to exact their revenge. In the blink of an eye, they have become "Awesome"-the boy band that are rocketing their way to the top - or so the girls believe. Victor becomes the group's manager, and the shy, nervous Letitia transforms herself into a confident, domineering PA.

By now, the girls think that they have made the biggest mistake of their lives. They sneak into the band's launch, borrowing designer dresses from the fabulous Michael on the way. After the performance of their "unique" first single "Totally Over You", the girls have the chance to put some questions to the boys in the hope of getting them back. It works for everyone - except Kitty.

She is forced to talk directly to Jake, and though she is horrified when he reveals that none of Awesomes' fame is real, manages to tell him how she really feels. He responds in the same way, and though they are both quite confused about their relationship, they walk away together. And as for Victor? Is he forced to again become the friendless loser? No, he too finds love with Letitia!

Kitty was played by Tamryn Reinecke, who ably showed us the character's leadership qualities - from her portrayal we learn that Kitty is used to being in charge, and she is the boss. However, Tamryn was also able to show Kitty's vulnerable side when we see her confusion about Jake. The next character in the foursome was Rochelle. Hannah Jennings shone in this part, moving the audience to collapse in stitches of laughter before she spoke even one word. Roxanne Brownlee, in the part of Sinita, gave another humorous portrayal of a highly-strung, easily excitable character. She also managed an excellent Indian accent! Rachel McCoy, playing Hannah, completed the quartet. Though she was not as outspoken as the others, this actress made her character's presence felt and rounded out the group.

The boys complemented their female counterparts impeccably. Robert Bradish, Philip Deegan and Ciaran Maginn were Framji, Tyson and Dan respectively. All three showed the audience a huge transformation from dejected rejects to 'pop stars'.



Well, they're prettier than Boyzone.

Even when answering questions at the press conference from the girls, they made us believe that they are 'totally over' them, unmasking their true feelings. Jake, as Kitty's boyfriend, stood out. Davey Kelleher put across Jake's resentment at being dumped, his eagerness to get revenge, and his final weariness of the scheme as Letitia tries to keep up the pretence. We can see the changes in him, as the play builds up to his final confrontation with Kitty. We see a range of emotions, dominated by confusion, in both characters, and both actors excelled.

However, Victor and Letitia are not to be ignored. Jake O'Brien, as Victor, added a comic element throughout, and was vital to the play. He contrasted with the other characters, and managed to change himself. He added to the fast-paced energy of the play. Letitia, like Victor, showed a drastic change in her character, and Joelle Grogan made us sympathize with her. Thanks to Joelle's acting, we were constantly willing to see Letitia succeed, and she put across Letitia's transformation



Above: What a motley crew.

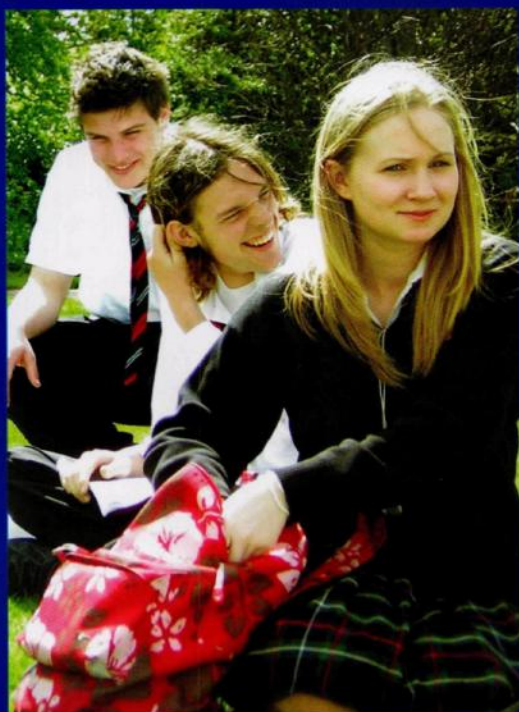
Ms Missen, Robert Bradish, Rob Hunt, Rachel McCoy, Davey Kelleher, Joelle Grogan, Eoin Silke, Tamryn Reinecke, Scott O'Malley, Hannah Jennings, Jake O'Brien.

from shy student to confident PA, and her consternation when the game was over.

The drama class - Nicola Cantan, Scott O'Malley, Eoin Silke, Frank Moriarty and Rob Hunt - doubled as press reporters, and added to the overall atmosphere. Michael, the stylist, played by Eoin Silke, was exaggerated to perfection. The play's director, Ms Fitzgerald, was invaluable. To 'quote' one of the actors, "Ms Fitzgerald's undying hope in the play and belief in us as actors gave us the confidence and inspiration to make the play what it was. Thank you Ms Fitzgerald!" This says it all really!

The play was a fast-paced comedy, and the audience was enthralled throughout. The actors gelled together to produce this under the director's guidance. The result was a highly entertaining, well-polished performance.

Beth Kelly, 4th



Left: Now that's what I call laughing behind someone's back... Kevin Finnegan, Daniel Staines and Nadine Eustace

Top right: Listen to us sing, we are ever so brilliant!!!

Ruth Jones, Amy Kenealy and Emma Laing in a moment of singing passion.

Right: The girls took time out from their busy gossip session to give us a fun pose.

Thanks ladies. Laura Anne Stewart, Chloe Stacey, Grace Cummins.



High School

Likes it Hot!

First of all, when I'm talking about the fifth year play, one fact should be kept in mind – I was one of the small group in my year who had absolutely nothing to do with running/organising/acting in the play. This is due to many things... well, one: laziness. So, being uninvolved, I had decided I would be as impartial as possible when judging the actual performance. Sure, I'd lie to my friends who were involved if it sucked, but I'd still try and decide, for myself, whether it was actually any good or not. I turned up on the opening Thursday prepared to be as harsh as possible – and was blown away.

The above paragraph is basically a long way of saying that all my careful neutrality was completely unnecessary. This year's fifth year play was not only a fantastic show, but also exceptional even by the high standards of High School, and staff and pupils alike have agreed that this year's play marked a high point for the school. The old and familiar story of 'Some Like It Hot' – music, cross-dressing, and forbidden love – gained a new lease of life this year.

All those involved in the police and gangster roles – Bevan Carr as Toothpick Charlie, Rory as Mulligan, Rob Hunt as Chief of Police, Harry McEvansoneya as the gang lord Spats Columbo, Danny Finn as Mozzarella – brought a strong and (hopefully) completely acted antagonism to their roles. Even the smaller roles, like Néidín Eustace as the waitress and Mark Rooney as the drunk, all added something to the play, with no one dragging the production down. Roxanne Brownlee as Nellie, Mengxi Hu as Estelle Poliakoff, Aisling as Sweet Sue and of course Frank Moriarty as the charmingly bespectacled Jack Bienstock, all made Jerry and Joe's transition into the world of all-female bands a hilarious journey. And of course, the three main characters kept up a tremendous standard of acting. Davey Kelleher as Jerry/Daphne and Adam Hurley as Joe/Josephine raised the bar for any further High School theatrical stars, and Jill Harding was devastating as Sugar Kane. The show was nearly stolen away from these three, however, by the dirty-old-man antics of Jake O'Brien as Osgood, a truly hilarious performance. Few will forget Jake and Davey dancing up and down the stage to musical accompaniment (provided by Rachel O'Bryne, Sean O'Gorman, and Paul Jones).

Of course, those connected with the organisation also share the credit. Robert Bradish as the student producer (a very stressful job, or so I'm informed), and the many people connected with running things backstage. And of course, Ms. Milne as the teacher in charge of pretty much everything, who also made a guest appearance as the humorously crippled old lady who appears at a convenient time for Jerry and Joe.

Overall, I am left in awe of the talent on display by those in my year who appeared in or helped with the play, and I hope some of them at least will continue to work in theatre of some form.

Sam Fitzpatrick, 5th



Above: Jazz – head-banging for the 1920's.

Davey Kelleher, Adam Hurley.



Above: Who wears the trousers in this relationship? Grace Nugent, Amy Ward, Davey Kelleher, Jake O'Brien, Christine Boyle.



Above: One of these stunning beauties may not, in fact, be a woman.

Davey Kelleher, Jill Harding.

Left: Will somebody please think of the children!?! Adam Hurley.


SOME
LIKE
it
HOT

FIFTH
YEAR
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Above: Girls Aloud, 20's Style.
Sarah Clarke, Ruth Roseingrave, Laura-Anne Stewart, Emma Laing, Una Ni Eigartaigh, Jill Harding, Aisling Bridgeman, Frank Moriarty.



Above: Jill Harding, doing a great job as Marilyn with Emma Laing and Ruth Roseingrave showing off their musical talents.



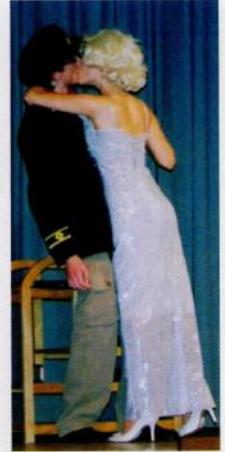
Above: Ooh... nice pearls! Jake O'Brien, Davey Kelleher, Adam Hurley.



Above: It's just a jump to the left...
Christine Boyle, Megan Leonard-Kane, Katie Smith, Amy Ward, Alex Wilson, Lorna O'Rourke, Ailbhe Donnellan, Jenny Weekes.



Above: Piece of cake, this assassination business!
Neil Barrett, Rachel McCoy, Jenny Keane, Bevan Carr, Danny Finn.



Above: Purely platonic.
Adam Hurley and Jill Harding.



Left: Sarah Clarke dazzles us with her singing.

Below left: Next stop, the Betty Ford Clinic.
Megan Leonard-Kane, Katie Smith, Christine Boyle, Grace Nugent, Amy Ward.

Below right: Oompa Loompa doompadee doo,
I've got a little puzzle for you.
Megan Leonard-Kane, Grace Nugent, Katie Smith, Catherine Alexander, Christine Boyle, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ailbhe Donnellan, Alex Wilson, Holly Warren, Amy Ward, Lorna O'Rourke, Jenny Weekes.



Photo Story

Not Much Ado About Anything



1. It was just another school day for students Brad and Janet.



2. Unfortunately for them, dark storm clouds were gathering, heavy, black and pendulous. They would signify the beginning of a series of events they would remember for a very long time.



3. With terror in their hearts and spinach in their teeth, the students face the most diabolical criminal mind they had ever faced...



4. Dr PhD and his villainous familiar, Artemis. A duo more terrifying than Ben Affleck and Matt Damon, about to do the same thing they did every night... Try to take over the world...



5. With a manic cackle, Dr PhD had no qualms about shooting the students with his latest invention: The Mind Warp, a device so diabolical that Bill Gates himself had the opening bid. Essentially, the ray switched the brains of its victims, leaving them trapped in the each other's bodies.



6. With their malicious plan well underway, Dr PhD and Artemis left the scene in a flash of well-edited photography and a skin crawling chuckle.



7. What the...? Hmmm... Our Dynamic Duo find their brains switched and themselves locked in each other's bodies. Brad checks out his new breasts...



9. The mayor is awoken from his drunken, DRUNKEN stupor by the anxious ringing of the Mayor phone.



11. The Mayor quickly takes control, grabs the siesta phone and calls on everyone's favourite superhero, Senorita Siesta! Surely she can save the day...

8. Mama Mia! Italian Foreign Exchange Student, Guiseppe, receives a shock and immediately rushes to tell the mayor.



10. Guiseppe relates the ghastly details of Dr PhD's evil plot...



12. Unfortunately the mayor called during Senorita Siesta's Siesta Time, so she was, well, Siesta-ing in the Siesta-Cave (A little too much tequila perhaps?).



13. Make way for *The Pacifier*! Senorita Siesta's trusty sidekick, with the Siesta-Phone. The town is in peril (again). To the Siesta-Mobile!



14. Hey, back off man... This is MY picture. Like I was saying... To the Siesta-Mobile!



15. Meanwhile, back at school, Brad settles into his new body...



16. And Janet settles into hers...



17. At the Siesta-Cave, Boris (The Siesta-Mechanic) tells our Intrepid Heroes that the Siesta-Mobile is in the shop.



18. So they await their noble steed...



19. Their waiting is interrupted by the arrival of Resident Drifter, purveyor of tinfoil hats, umbrellas, rollerblades and STDs (Some Tortilla Dip)



20. So, as any keepers of the peace would do, Senorita Siesta and The Pacifier beat up the homeless lady and take her stuff.



21. Now onward! To fight our foes and if we have time, buy some tortilla dip. That hobo was fresh out...



22. So, in a cheap knock off of a shot from *The Lord of the Rings*, our cowboys have themselves a showdown.



23. With kicking...



24. And punching...



25. And in an unforeseen turn of events, Dr Ph.D's weapon is turned on him and Artemis...



26. Switching their bodies, and saving the day!



27. Thanks Senorita Siesta! The world is safe at last...



28. ...or is it?



Clockwise from top left:
Rob Hunt,
Roxanne Brownlee,
Davey Kelleher,
Harry MacEvansoneya,
Rachel O'Byrne.

The Cast



From the top:
Frank Moriarty,
MengXi Hu,
Laura Mahon,
(moustacheless) Frank Moriarty.

Poetry

Vampires. And Monsters.

(Part I: Advertisement Nauseum)

People

saying slogans
sound stupid
like they should be
spinning in

-around and
around –
in circles
the same thing
(said it say it)
a thousand times over and

again

(and again)

(Part II: We are all friends, Now.)

and again and again

It is – okay
We are all friends, Now.
Which is a good
(reason?)

to say yes
to marketing campaigns
and no to
hallucinogenic drugs and things
that grow plump in the night –
vampires. And monsters.

After all, we are all
(friends?)
NOW

(Part III: Where Wolf?)

Snug, and secure,
in our enclaves
(it's okay, it's okay)
we are all friends now
we have no culture now
work will set us free now.

So keep the wolf from the door
and watch him on tv
with the b-list vampires.
And monsters.
We are all friends now.

Repeat ad nauseum

Repeat
Repeat
Repeat

Chris Blair

Sixth Year

In a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Two Ewoks and a Wookiee
Their love could never be
For one was tall and one was small
And one lived in a tree

The death they exploded
And then their love imploded
But when they all got loaded
They knew it had to be

And so a dance troupe they did form
And fashioned each a dodgy perm
Then loved around the forest moon
But it ended all to soon

And so they their separate ways
The Ewoks on their planet stayed
The Wookiee on his falcon flew
With Han and Luke and Leia too

Melanie Whelan



Biology Field Trip

On Thursday 23 September Mr Gill's Form 6 biology class went on an ecology field trip to the rocky seashore at Sandycove. Our aim was to conduct an analysis of the animals and plants that live there in order to find out how they interact with each other and with their local environment.

As well as identifying 12 different species of seaweed, we also found limpets, shrimps, crabs, cushion starfish and sponges. However, for most of the class, the highlight of the trip was a stop at Teddy's for a 99 on the way home!

Top: Mr T Gill, Chris Lawson and David Flower.

Middle: Alison Lett, Samantha Meredith, Sarah O'Callaghan, Mr T. Gill.

Left: Just chillin'.

Row 4: Robert Fullerton, Richard Walsh, Al Grogan, Liam Reidy, Gregor McGuckin, Brett Lawless, Richard Fallon, Ross Traynor, Ian Jackson, Evan Barry, Jonathon Quinlan, Cein Sookram, Andrew Lui, Graham Kirilan, David Flower, Alison Bass, Nicholas Gordon.

Row 3: Daniel King, Pia Ward, Samantha Meredith, Jane Goldsmith, Susan Murphy, Stephanie Coughlin, Kim Elliott, Lucy Whittaker, Saoirse Gilbert, Vicki Collins, Isabel Baker, Sarah O'Callaghan, Emily Glynn, Ekaterina Zaverchinskaiia, Scott Hanan, Michael Rath.

Row 2: Zoe McNair, Anna McCormick, Pamela Webster, Niamh Hogan, Melanie Whelan, Aoife Green, Karen Douglas, Ciara O'Toole, Louise Bowers, Patricia Cullen, Sorcha Moloney, Zoe Carabine, Ashling Hughes, Michelle O'Donohoe.

Front Row: Mr J Dolan, Mr D Miller, Mrs M Milne, Ms M Burrowes, Julie McRann, Mr B Duffy, Mrs J Geoghegan, Craig Rankin, Mr M Griffin, Mr L McClure, Mr A Kelly, Ms R Milissen.

6th



Back Row: Ross Lowe, Paul McGonagle, Ian Thom, Michael Sexton, Conor Dixon, Peter May, Rory Forsythe, Ciarán Condren, Patrick Earls, Alan Thompson, William Mitchell, Andrew Bannister, Simon Marconi, Ciarán Hale, Steven Walsh, Jordan O'Byrne, Ronan Kenny.

Row 7: Sarah Meehan, Miriam McSharry, Scott McNeill, Tariq Mesallati, Sean Fox, Edward Ahearne, Niall McDarby, Alan Loane, Sean Froudish Walsh, Jonny Somerville, Ercus Long, Adam Synott, Ayo Daly, John Aslanis, Brendan Phelan, Philip Deegan, Ross Johnson.

Row 6: Barry Daly, Orla Tevlin, Niamh Carroll, Tara Bright, Steven Nelson, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Owen Wardell, Cillian Suiter, Gus Nwosu, Ronan Lonergan, James Anglim, Jeffery Warren, Claudine Murphy, Brian Kelly, Averil Blakely, Aoife NicPhilbin.

Row 5: Robert Wilson, Gearóg Holohan, Glenn Sheridan, Joe Silke, Alice Mooney, Hugh Nowlan, Steven Rorke, Maeve Corcoran, Jo Lynch, James Hanlon, Philip Duffy, Marc Judge, Scott Dempsey, Stephen Lane.

Head Boy

It started in August 2004, when we both received phone calls from the school, one call to Craig who was working in the Wicklow Mountains, the other to Julie somewhere on a beach in Spain! We accepted the positions of Head Boy and Head Girl without too much thought, and then the realisation of what had happened only hit us on the first day back at school after the holidays! Throughout the year we had various jobs to do and roles to perform.

One of our ongoing roles as head pupils was to organise the prefects each morning so that all the jobs that needed doing were done. These jobs included ringing the bell at assembly, writing the names of late comers into the late book for Matron and guarding the various doors of the school through which latecomers often try to slip through the net! We distributed rotas to all the prefects every 6 weeks or so to ensure that everybody knew what they were supposed to do each morning, however the cruel nature of certain prefects (who shall remain nameless) was evident when taking the names at the door became their favourite duty and would sacrifice themselves and their valuable assembly or class time, several times a week to do this job! All the prefects worked extremely hard throughout the year to get all of these jobs done each morning, no matter how boring they might have been and we had no serious problems with these duties.

Speaking of rotas, another job of ours was to devise a cleaning rota for the 6th year common room. It's hard to believe, but that room was cleaned twice a day by the students of 6th year! This rota soon became the least popular notice on the notice board and could have been easily ignored (and would have been) if not for our year head's reminders of when we had to do our cleaning. Thanks Mr Miller.

While Julie presided over the Old Girls Dinner, seated at the head table, Craig along with Jonny Somerville and William Mitchell hung coats at the Old Boys Dinner. Unfair you might say, but the tips were not bad and having split the money three ways, the lads did not go home empty handed!

Prize Day was the only event during the year when all the prefects had to be present so as to ensure the smooth running of the evening's events, the most important night in the school's calendar. The prefects were put to work all over the school, some in the car park showing people where to park even though it was lashing rain! Others were scattered throughout the school with various roles to perform. Our duty at the event was to welcome the guests of honour to the school and then to lead them up to the hall at the appropriate time. We then led them onto the platform where they were to be seated. During the prize distribution our job was to hand the right prize to the guest who was distributing the prizes. These prizes had to be handed out in order so as everybody got the right one, not as easy as it sounds! However we managed to do this without too much of a problem!

Our final duty as head pupils was to be present and make a speech to the year, the parents and staff at graduation. This was an incredibly nerve-wracking experience for both of us. Standing in front of hundreds of people (some of whom would rather



have been watching the Champions League Final!) talking about the year group and our experiences while in High School is not as easy as it looks!!! Julie's speech concentrated on the sporting achievements of the year group and social aspects, whereas Craig's speech dealt with the music, drama, memories and experiences of our years here in High School. We were both incredibly relieved once these speeches were over, but we had enjoyed the experience.

It has been an honour serving as head pupils this year. We both have really enjoyed the year and feel that we have learnt a great deal while in the position of responsibility. We would like to thank Mr Duffy, Ms Geoghegan, the teachers and the pupils for giving us this opportunity. We would also like to thank all those who helped us to perform our roles, including Mr Miller (our year head), Matron, the office staff, Sarge, and of course the prefects who were always there to support us. We wish next year's head boy, head girl and prefects the best of luck in their positions.

Craig Rankin, 6th



Prefects 2004-2005

Top: William Mitchell, Owen Wardell, Jonny Somerville, Patrick Earls, Simon Marconi, Steven Walsh, James Hanlon, Michael Sexton, James Anglim, Ian Thom, Peter May, Gus Nwosu, Cillian Suiter, Niall McDarby.

Middle: Aoife Nic Philbín, Claudine Murphy, Alison Bass, Holly Synott, Averil Blakely, Ronan Lonergan, Scott Hanan, Sam Meredith, Pia Ward.

Front: Kim Elliott, Pamela Webster, Karen Douglas, Saoirse Gilbert, Craig Rankin, Julie McRann, Aisling Hughes, Claire Fry, Niamh Hogan, Isabel Baker

Head Girl

It was in late August when I received a phone call from Mr Duffy inviting me to be Head Girl. I was stunned and delighted - I realise that it is the ultimate honour my year group and staff can give.

Craig and I met Mr Duffy at the start of term and he informed us of our duties. We have been fortunate to have wonderful prefects to support help us with our jobs.

Our first duty was to meet and greet the first years and give them the guided tour of High School.

This was a significant year in the history of The High School as it is the 30th anniversary of the amalgamation of Diocesan School and The High School and we represented the pupils of The High School at the celebrations held in the school.

Prize Giving is one of the most prestigious events in the school calendar and it was a great honour to play such a prominent part in the occasion.

Craig and I together with all the prefects participated in the Carol Service at Christmas doing readings and generally assisting with the social side of the night.

I was delighted to be invited by the Past Pupils Union of Diocesan School to their annual dinner held in the Royal St George Yacht Club where I met the President and former Presidents of the Past Pupils Union. I also had the pleasure of meeting some past pupils and hearing of their school experiences. I was presented with the new High School/Diocesan scarf.

Our final duty was on graduation night, which was a very special occasion when Craig and I delivered our 'end of year' speeches. The night was a great success.

These were some of the very important occasions during the year that Craig and I have represented The High School and it has been a great honour.

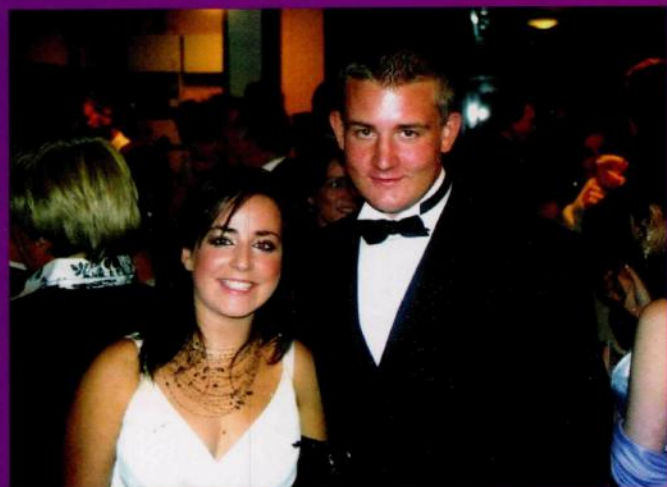
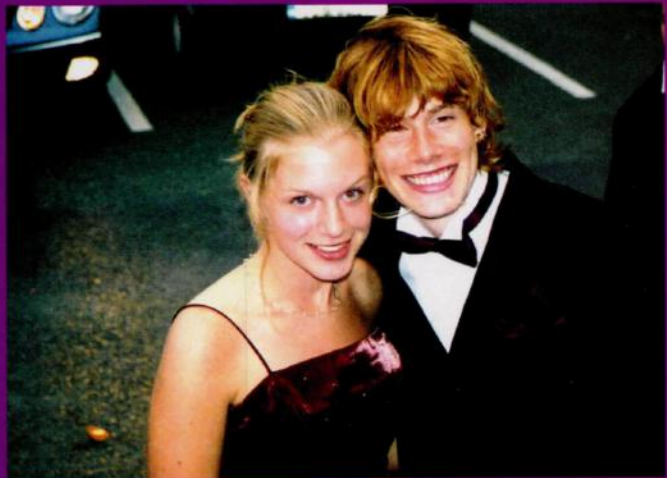
Together with the prefects we have had the duties of time keeping, bell ringing and generally assisting the staff when required. I have to thank Craig at this point as his organisational skills far outweighed mine and ensured the smooth running of the rotas.

This year has been the most wonderful experience as Head Girl and it is a very proud way for me to leave High School.

Finally, we would like to thank Mr Duffy, Mrs Geoghegan, teachers and all the pupils for all their help and support and making this such a memorable year for us.

Julie McRann, 6th

Debs



Top: Elliott Leavy and Pamela Webster
Middle: Lyndsey Watson and guest
Above: Ciara O'Toole and David Lee

Leaving

Cert 2004

Allott, Zoe
 Anglim, Patrick
 Bannigan, Rory
 Barrett, Susan
 Bell-Fahy, Jessica
 Blackwood, Aideen
 Boutiche, Lee
 Boyle, Genevieve
 Brennan, Adam
 Brooke, Jason
 Brownlee, Lorelle
 Burke, Joanna
 Burns, Peter
 Byrne, Robert
 Campbell, Rosalind
 Cantan, Benjamin
 Carr, Jennifer
 Cooley, Graham
 Corbett, Joanna
 Cullen, Eoghan
 Curran, Donal
 Czerniak-Lebov, Judith
 D'Arcy, Matthew
 Daly, Carl
 Donnelly, Daniel
 Dover, Drew
 Dowds, Mary
 Dowling Turner, Stephen
 Duggan, Louise
 Duggan, Steven
 Ellman, Alan
 Fahy, Kerril
 FitzGerald, Ciara
 Grunitz, Nadine
 Hannon, Bryan
 Harding, Christopher
 Holder, Ross
 Horton, Sally
 Hunter, Neal
 Johnson, Sharon
 Jones, Catherine
 Kearns, Jennifer
 Kenny, Margaux
 Keogh, Alice
 Kerr, Graham
 Kirwan, Adele
 Lawson, Christopher
 Leahy, Matthew
 Leavy, Elliott
 Lee, David
 Leonard-Kane, Ben
 Lew, Mark
 Lowe, Mandy
 Lui, Denise
 MacDonald, Jamie
 Mahon, Stephen
 McAuley, Evan
 McAuliffe, Christopher
 McDermott, John
 McGeeney, Shelley
 McGreal, Aoibhin
 McLaughlin-Callan, Maximillian
 McMurray, Gillian
 Meaney, Andrew
 Mills, Timothy
 Mitchell, David
 Mullan, Patrick

Murphy, Daniel
 Murphy, Kiva
 Nelson, Grace
 Noone, Cliodhna
 Nugent, Ciara
 Ó Seireadain, Macdara
 O'Byrne, Amy
 O'Connor, Neil
 O'Connor, Sean
 O'Hare, Anna
 O'Hare, Sophie
 O'Keeffe, Tonya
 O'Meara, Conal
 O'Meara, Gillian
 O'Meara, Noel
 O'Rourke, Daniel
 Oatway, Freya
 Olohan, Max
 Persechini, Julian
 Power, Stephen
 Prunty, Shane
 Rath, Gillian
 Reynolds, Sarah
 Roantree, Daniel
 Rolfe, Rebecca
 Rooney, Stephen
 Senior, Benjamin
 Sheehan-Hammond, Niamh
 Sheridan, Gregory
 Sherwood, Robert
 Smith, Neil
 Smith, Padraic
 Smyth, Eilish
 Stafford, Jennifer
 Stewart, Anna
 Taylor, Sharon
 Tector, Julie-Anne
 Toner, Alice
 Van Jaarsveld, Gerome
 Walsh, Barry
 Walsh, Orla
 Walton, Aengus
 Watson, Lyndsey
 Whyte, Jeremy
 Wilkinson, Scott
 Williamson, Kerrie
 Wynne, Robert
 Zwarts, Ryno

*Below left: Do you think
 this counts as cooking
 experience on my CV?
 Daniel King and Brett
 Lawless*



Cert 2004

Junior

Aboudinar, Aicha
 Ahmed, Rawan
 Bannister, Robbie
 Barry, Conor
 Barry, Kathryn
 Benaksas, Flynn
 Bennett, Samuel
 Boyle, Madeline
 Browne, Jonathan
 Brusey, Susan
 Burgess, Simon
 Burke, Aisling
 Cairns, Alan
 Cantan, Nicola
 Carey, Alexandra
 Caulfield, Andrew
 Cobban, Iain
 Collins, Nicola
 Daly, Barbara
 Donnellan, Sadhbh
 Donnelly, Diana
 Dooley, Lucy
 Edmondson, Darren
 Egar, Beverley
 Elliott, Jessie
 Ellman, Keith
 Fagan, Denise
 Farhat, Robert
 Farrell, Leanne
 Fergus, Claire
 Fitzmaurice, Fionn
 Fitzpatrick, Robyn
 Flanagan, Jennifer
 Gleeson, Kyle
 Glynn, Elizabeth
 Gould, Shane
 Grogan, Joelle
 Grunitz, Harri
 Hanney, Melissa
 Hawe, Stella
 Herlihy, Shane
 Holohan, Niamh
 Horgan, Samuel
 Jennings, Hannah
 Johnson, Graham
 Johnson, Kier
 Jordan, Anne-Marie
 Kavanagh, Jack
 Kavanagh, Julie
 Keegan, Colin
 Kelleher, Jamie
 Kelly, Beth
 Keogh, Lucy
 Kerr, Sabina
 Kiernan, Katherine
 Kiernan, Richard
 Kilbey, John
 Kinlan, Nigel
 Kinsella McLennan, Cian
 Lane, Max
 Lee, Tony
 Levine, Janine
 Loane, Lana
 Lohan, Andrew
 Lusby, David
 Lyons, Kate
 Lyons, Toby
 Maginn, Ciarán

Mahon, Lochlainn
 Marconi, Katie
 Mathers, Jonathan
 May, Alison
 Mays, Jack
 McCann, Katie
 McCann, Kirsten
 McClean, Deirdre
 McConnell, William
 McCoy, Suzanne
 McFarland, Lynsay
 McGuckin, Ruairidh
 McKenna Barry, Samuel
 McMurray, Alan
 McNair, Kim
 McNally, Anna
 McNally, Benjamin
 McNulty, Mark
 McRann, Gemma
 Meade, Karen
 Meredith, Thomas
 Mesbur, MaryAnn
 Mitchell, Lana
 Mulcahy, Cara
 Mulligan, Luke
 Murphy, Jennifer
 Murray, Ruth
 Nelson, Claire
 Nelson, Laura
 Nerney, James
 Nicholson, Sean
 O'Callaghan, Evan
 O'Carroll, Eneko
 O'Connell, Larry
 O'Connor, David
 O'Connor, Fergal
 O'Connor, Patrick
 O'Donohoe, Sean
 O'Keeffe, Alan
 O'Leary, Eoin
 O'Neill, Seán
 Persechini, Roger
 Prendergast, Max
 Price, Laura
 Rath, Robert
 Reinecke, Tamryn
 Rogan, Killian
 Ryan, Caitriona,
 Ryan, Kate
 Sargeant, Jonathan
 Scally, Isobel
 Senior, Jonathan
 Silke, Eoin
 Simms, Faye
 Sleator, Niamh
 Smyth, Andrew
 Spoor, Stephen
 Stevenson, Andrew
 Stevenson, Nicholas
 Stewart, Elizabeth
 Stokes, Rowan
 Surgeon, Elizabeth
 Tallon, Suzanne
 Taylor, Kim
 Turner, Lauren
 Wilson, David
 Wright, Jamie

Below: Sam McKenna





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Karen Eppel and Don Beck

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Aoife Nic Philbín

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Ruth Jones, Joshua Plunkett

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Julie McRann (Head Girl)

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Gus Nwosu, Ayo Daly, Jeff Warren, Céin Sookram, Aoife Nic Philbín, Stephen Lane, Scott Hanan, Stephanie Coughlin

Joint Presidents Report

This year has been quite an amazing year for the PPU and what a great time it has been, we celebrated the 30 year amalgamation of the Diocesan Girls School and the High School. There is more to follow about this weekend later in my report.

The year started off with the ASU (Association of School Unions), this was held in Wanderers Rugby Club. It was a great opportunity to meet other Presidents representing other schools.

Then we were invited to the High School end of year dinner this was held in the school, it was an extremely enjoyable evening.

The 30th Anniversary Celebration weekend was started on the morning of the 18th September 2004, with a hockey match versus the select school team; the result is still under dispute!!!! The school very kindly had a reception after the match for all the players and supporters. Then came the dinner in the evening which was attended by over 250 Past Pupils. Those of you who were there will know what a tremendous evening it was. The following morning a School Assembly was held in the Reynolds Hall followed by a reception and a tour of the School.

The PPU owe a great gratitude to both Janet Edgely and Alison Hunt for their endless organising of this wonderful event. Also many thanks to the Headmaster Brian Duffy the Bursar John Davis and Gillian Mellon for their help during the organising of the weekend. (Photographs of this momentous weekend can be seen on the website)

During the year we attended various dinners from other Past Pupil Unions, these were also very enjoyable occasions.

Within our own PPU we organised several events, we had a great night at 'The Dogs'. Carol singing was up to its usual standard and everyone had a great evening. Although it was disappointing that two of our events had to be cancelled - the Antiques Road Show and the Business Lunch.

The Men's Annual Dinner took place in January in the school, and for the very first time all the Presidents both male and female were invited.

The Sportsman's Service took place in Taney Church. It was a great occasion.

Then came the Diocesan Hockey Club AGM, which I chaired. Many congratulations to the club who again had a very successful session even if the 1st XI gave all their supporters heart failure every week. I was absolutely delighted that the 1st XI has retained Senior status.

The Ladies Dinner took place on Thursday 21st April. It was a great evening, and my thanks to all those who made it such a success. We were delighted that Joan Geoghegan was able to attend and on behalf of the PPU she was presented with a silver picture frame. The Head Girl was also present at the dinner and was presented with a Past Pupils Union Scarf.

Please keep an eye on the High School website by clicking on to the Past Pupil Union pages. We are a very active PPU and details of past and current events are available on the website.

If you are a Past Pupil please get in touch, also we have a new PPU Tie and Scarf available.

It has really been a great honour and privilege to have been Joint President with Don Beck this year. We both have thoroughly enjoyed our year. I would like to thank Don for his support during the year and also I would like to thank the wonderful Committee that we both worked with.

I would like to wish Linda O'Connor and David Pierce, our new Joint Presidents the very best during their year in office.

Karen H Eppel & Don Beck
Joint Presidents High School & Diocesan PPU

30th Anniversary Celebration Weekend

Saturday 18th September 2004 arrived at last. After years of planning the day had finally arrived. The sun was shining and conditions were perfect for the first event of the weekend which was the pupils vs. past pupils hockey match. It was a close and very enjoyable match, which when the final whistle blew gave the present pupils a 1-0 victory. Refreshments, kindly provided by the school were served afterwards in the pavilion and were most welcome.

Then it was home to prepare for the Gala Dinner in Moran's Red Cow Hotel at 7:30. Nearly 250 past pupils of all ages from High School and Diocesan and the amalgamated school gathered to renew old friendships and make new ones. People traveled from Canada, America, Brussels, England, Isle of Man and from all parts of Ireland to attend. Attendees included Enid Oldham and Harry Booker who were pupils in the schools in the 1920's, current and past members of staff who were also pupils and younger past pupils who were not even born when the two schools were united. We also had family groups of parents and children including Harry Booker Senior and Junior, Des Oakes with Julie, Stevie and Marty, Janet Edgely (organizing committee member), her daughter Jean and son Keith, Juliet Eppel and daughter Karen (Joint President of the PPU 2004/2005), Marina Pearson, (membership secretary) and daughter Ann, Frank Hutchinson and daughter and current teacher Shuna, siblings like the Lynch sisters Theresa, Angela Caroline, Edith and Jennifer, the Cobban family of Ray, Bobby, Sue and Paul, the Crosse sisters Meriel, Denise and Avril, the Hemmingway sisters Joy and Carol and 15 married couples where both partners had been pupils of the schools. Don Beck (Joint President of the PPU 2004/2005) and his wife Joan and Alison Hunt (organizing committee member) and her husband Brian were included in the couples.

We were delighted to also have in attendance Mr Brian Duffy, Principal, his predecessor Mr Allan Brook, Diocesan and now High School teacher Ms Patricia Graham, Chairman of the Board of Governors Frank Sowman, Administrator John Davis, and Archivist Alan Phelan. The buzz of conversation as people arrived was deafening. There was much amusement when Wayne Sheridan turned up wearing his old school uniform. The atmosphere was great and cameras clicked at a furious rate.

We enjoyed a lovely meal during which a presentation of photographs was displayed. There were pictures from the archives, the Erasmian and Diocesan Times magazines through the years, the photos taken at the hockey match that morning and even some taken during the evening. These were much enjoyed by all and thanks are due to Karen Eppel and Alan Phelan for this. The formalities were kept to a minimum with loads of time for chat. In fact it was daylight before the last people left at around 6am the following morning.

The weekend was brought to a close by the "School Assembly" in the Reynolds Hall on Sunday at 1 pm. This was led by the Rev Mark Gardner and



Above: The PPU Hockey Team.

was attended by local clergy of all denominations, the principal, Mr Brian Duffy the head girl Julie McRann and the head boy, Craig Rankin. Music was provided by Barbara Dagg.

It was great to see some more people there who had been unable to attend the other events. Refreshments were followed by tours of the school. Every one was delighted to view all the new facilities that have been added to the school in recent years including the Music Center, the Technical Block, the Home Economics Rooms, the refurbished science labs, sports pavilions and the Erasmus Smith Archives.

Many friendships were rekindled during the weekend celebrations and phone numbers, addresses and emails were swapped with promises to keep in touch. Although this was planned as a celebration of the amalgamation of the two schools it is hoped that it is the start of a dinner for those who went to the co-educational High School. The plan is to hold another one in October 2007 and we hope that even more people will be encouraged to come by those who enjoyed the 2004 event.

A big thank you is owed to the organizing committee members who put so much time and effort into ensuring that the weekend was a huge success.

Alison Hunt

Below: The Gala Dinner.





Top left: School Assembly.
 Top right: Harry Booker with Enid Oldham.
 Middle: Mr Wright and Juliet Eppel.
 Above: Don Lewis and Bryan Wilkinson.
 Left: PPU vs HSD Hockey match.

Ladies' Dinner

April 2005

The George Yacht Club,
Dun Laoghaire



Top: Janet Edgely, Karen Eppel and
Marina Pearson.

Middle: Sandra Watkins, Barbara Strong, and
Victoria Large.

Above: Juliet Eppel, Sheelagh O'Donoghue, and
Karen Eppel.

Parents' Association

The 61st Annual General Meeting of The High School Parents Association was held on 27th September 2004, and the committee for 2004/2005 was confirmed at that meeting. The committee members are: Harvey O'Keeffe (President), Brian Hunt (Hon Secretary), Derek Hanan (Treasurer), Jo Meade, Deirdre Lyder, Caroline Canton and Ian MacKay and newly elected members, Bill McConnell, Deirdre Kennedy Jack O'Brien and Mary Louise Murphy. At the beginning of the summer term Jack O'Brien had to resign from the committee advising us, that as a result of a change in his work circumstances, he can no longer stay on the committee. I would like to thank Jack for his time and commitment while working with us.

Mr Brian Duffy, Principal, attended the meeting and spoke to the parents in regard to school policy and ongoing developments. He also partook in a Question & Answers session with the parents. We greatly appreciate Mr Duffy's attendance each year and the ongoing support, which he and his staff give to the Parents' Association. The PA continues to be represented on many of the subcommittees in the school. Throughout the year Harvey O'Keeffe and Derek Hanan attended the Management Committee meetings and were also present at meetings of The High School Board of Governors. Derek also attended Finance Committee meetings.

The following Association committee members attended meetings of the various subcommittees that relate to other issues of school management - Jo Meade on Grounds and Property, Jack O'Brien on Sports and Caroline Canton on Education. Ian MacKay acted as the Association's representative on The National (post primary) Parents association - Compass.

One of the year's first events for the Association each year is the organisation in September of the Junior Cert Students results night party. This occasion, which is very popular with the students, providing them as it does with an opportunity to enjoy the evening in a well-organised and safe venue. Unfortunately difficulties were encountered last year in relation to ticket availability, where a number of students were unable to secure tickets. The organiser had undertaken to provide tickets, but due to licensing laws and safety requirements he had to reduce the total number of tickets available. The organiser has now however, committed to issuing The High School Parents assoc. with sufficient tickets for this year's Junior Certificate students.

Mr Matt McDermott Certified professor of Child Psychotherapy at the Mater Hospital was our guest speaker on 5 April. He delivered a presentation and spoke on 'Communicating with Our Teenagers' and in keeping with parents interest in such a topic, similar to last year, there was standing room only in the lecture theatre.

On the 10th May 2005 the committee met with the Chairman of the Board, Mr Frank Sowman, the incoming Chairman of the Board Mr Leslie Ruttle 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. This included the issue relating to the requirement to increase School fees again for 2005/06 school year. The Chairman of the Finance committee fully explained the need and the extent of increase. Indeed the Parents Assoc. through the Treasurer Derek Hanan where given the opportunity by the Finance committee to express our views and were consulted, before the final level of increase was arrived at. The Parents Association committee is very appreciative of and values our access to, the Board of Governors by way of our representation, both on the Board and it's sub committees, which ensures as parents that we are kept fully informed on school matters and activities. The full PA committee also availed of a separate opportunity to discuss such matters with Mr Duffy on the 16th May 2005.

Parent-teacher meetings for Forms 1, 2 and 5 were again held with the support of the Association. In my first year as President I wish to thank all those involved in the organization and administration of these very important events. In particular, The High School office staff and committee members Deirdre Lyder and Caroline Canton for their time and efforts on our behalf. The engagement and commitment of the teaching staff to these meetings is very much appreciated by the Parents Assoc. as we consider them to be one of the most important school activities that Association is involved with. We have now purchased a new computer software program, which has proven to be a very worthwhile investment as it has significantly improved the efficiency of the organisation and operation of this important school calendar event.

The annual Mock Interview event for 5th year students took place on the 12 April this year. The interviews, which are aimed at giving the students a realistic experience of participation in job or course interviews, involved one hundred and ten students and fifty-six interviewers. The event continues to prove to be a very positive experience for all involved. I would like to thank all the parents, past pupils and friends of the school who gave of their time for the benefit of the students, without who's, involvement and commitment this event would not be possible. A special word of thanks to committee members Bill McConnell, Deirdre Lyder, Caroline Canton and of course Thelma Jones the career guidance counsellor.

Our committee member Ian McKay was the Parents Assoc organiser for this years 6th year party, in co-operation with the 6th year head Mr D. Miller. A private party including food and a disco, for the one hundred and twenty students, was held in Old Wesley RFC following the student's graduation ceremony in the school on the 25th May. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The annual Staff-Parent cricket match was held on the 17th May. Eric Rankin managed and Mark Duffy captained the Parents' Team, with the teachers winning back the trophy after a very enjoyable and tightly contested match. The teachers' Team was managed and directed by Richard McMullen for the last time as Richard is retiring this year. Mark Duffy made a presentation to Richard on behalf of the parents to mark this occasion. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, with the supper and desserts organised by Deirdre Lyder. Members of the committee provided the sustenance for the gallant efforts displayed by both teams.

Finally, at the end of another year I would like to thank, on behalf of all the parents in the school, all the members of the committee for their time, commitment and effort, throughout the year. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM in October this year and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend, as your support and involvement is essential.

Harvey O'Keeffe
President

Obituary

Address at Funeral Service of William Samuel Cunningham

Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

by Victor Griffin, former Dean of St. Patrick's Cathedral

The Psalmist asks "Lord who may dwell in your tabernacle? Lord who may rest upon your Holy will?" and answers "He who leads an incorrupt life and does the thing that is right and speaks the truth from his heart".

That really sums up the life and work of Bill, or as he was sometimes called, Billy Cunningham.

Bill was a person of many talents which he used to the full and always in a positive and praise worthy manner. He paid great attention to detail, exactness, to correctness, always adhered to the highest principles, to complete honesty and integrity in all his dealings.

Bill was born and brought up in Killiney where his father was the Town Clerk of the Urban District Council and his mother came from Carlow. After local schooling in Killiney, he attended The High School and from there won a scholarship into Trinity where he studied Classics and became a Classical scholar. On leaving Trinity in 1927 to become an articled clerk in Craig Gardiner & Co., Chartered Accountants, he rapidly moved up the ranks, making many visits to the U.K., becoming a partner in the firm in 1944 and eventually senior partner. He had an adaptable mind with wide interests, literature, particularly poetry and Seamus Heaney, the theatre, sport and especially golf.

In his Trinity days, he was a great friend of Samuel Beckett. They played golf together, walked the Wicklow Hills and went cycling around Ireland. Bill told me once that when attending the theatre with Sam, he and others in the vicinity were the embarrassed witnesses of very audible and critical remarks emitted by Sam at what was taking place on the stage!

Although spending a lifetime in Craig Gardiners, Bill was never interested in money as an end in itself. He was always sympathetic, generous and any idea of corporate or individual dishonesty for the sake of greed was totally abhorrent to his nature.

Bill's educational interests were not confined to St. Patrick's. In the wider field of the Church of Ireland he, as Chairman was responsible for a survey of the Church of Ireland Secondary Schools and how the needs of our young people could best be served by improved organisation of the system. His loyalty to his Alma Mater The High School, was abundantly shown by his membership of the Board of Governors from 1960-1977 and his Chairmanship from 1977-1981.

Bill was a loyal son of the Church of Ireland. He did not shout his religion from the rooftops but he said his prayers everyday. He was quietly content with the Book of Common Prayer. The excesses of fanatical fundamentalism were not for him. Above all his Christian faith found expression in the life he lived and the example he gave.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to Nancy, his loving wife and to all of Bill's family whom he has always cared for, attended to and loved so much.

We shall miss him but we are thankful for a life full of years and wisdom, the remembrance of much friendship and happiness.

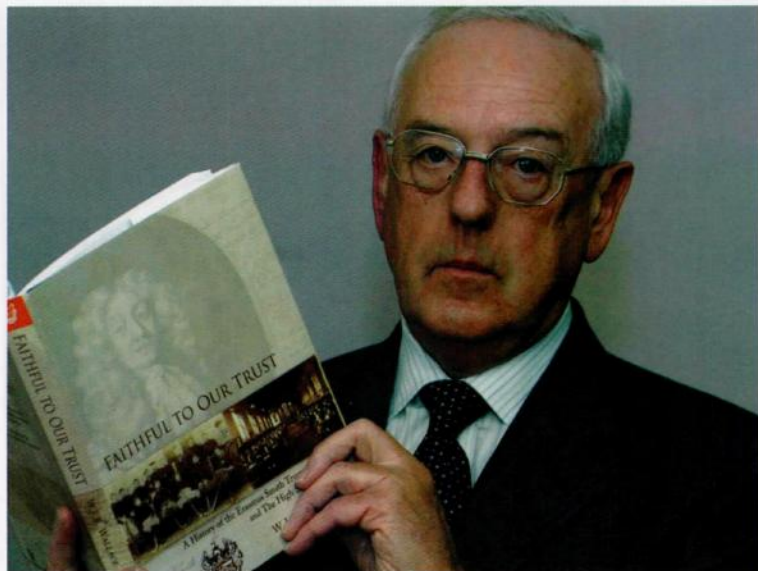
"Well done good and faithful servant."

May he rest in peace.

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Book Launch



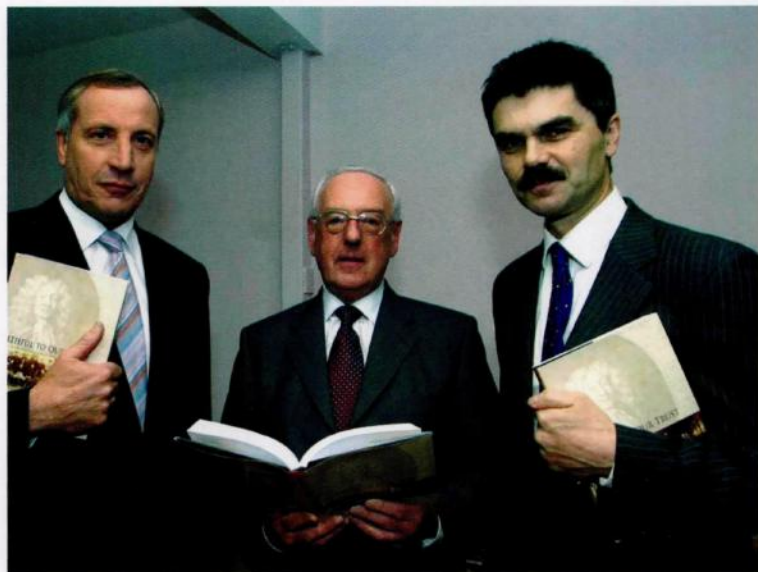
BOOK OFFER

The Archive is pleased to announce the publication of a book charting the history of the Trust and High School:

Faithful To Our Trust
A History of the Erasmus Smith Trust and The High School, Dublin
by W. J. R. Wallace

Hardback, 290 pages, illustrated
Published by Columba Press, Dublin

The book is available from Alan Phelan, Archivist, at the school address at €30 (which includes postage with Ireland and the UK only). If you would like to order a copy, please contact the Archive for details, tel: 01-4922611, or email: archives@highschoolublin.com



DVD OFFER

The High School, Dublin, 1971
16 mm film transferred to DVD
Black and white, no sound
Approx 28.5 minutes in duration

A short film was made in 1971 prior and during to the move of the High School, Dublin from Harcourt Street to 'Danum' in Rathgar. The silent 16mm film follows a day in the school with students arriving, assembly, various classes, recreation, staff, detention, and the opening ceremonies at 'Danum' presided over by Jack Lynch, the Taoiseach.

The film was directed by Nigel Cox, co-directed by Niall Moore, edited by Sebastian Delmonte and produced by Ian Broad.

The film has been transferred to DVD and is now available for sale at €30 per copy. Contact the Archivist for ordering details.



Book Launch 17th November, 2004

Top: Mr Ronnie Wallace with his book.

Middle: Board Chariman Frank Sowman, Ronnie Wallace and Alan Ford.

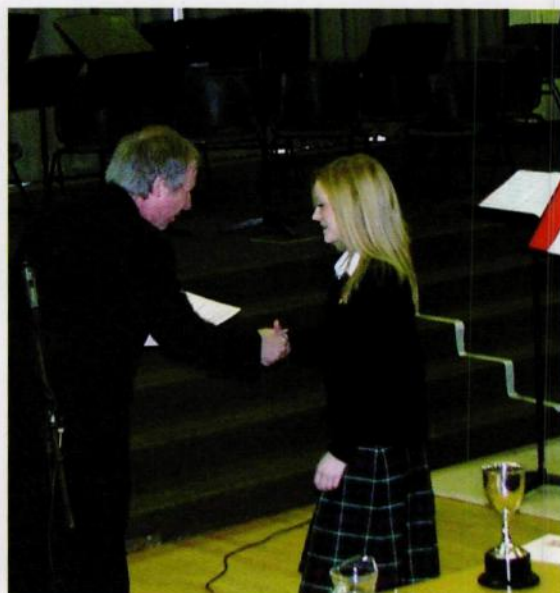
Left: David Rowell, Frank Sowman, Alan Ford, Ronnie Wallace and Brian Duffy.

Music

Concert



*Above left: The School Orchestra.
Top right: Roberts Farhat at the grand piano.
Above right: Alex Taylor playing piano.
Left: The School Girl Band!!*



Above: Sorchia Moloney receiving an award from Gareth Hudson at the Inter School Music Festival on behalf of the orchestra which was placed second in the competition.



*Clockwise from top left: Flautist: Katie Hyland,
Violinist: Sophie Higgs,
Violinist: Sorchia Moloney,
Flautist: Tim Harris.*

2004-2005

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Sharon Johnson

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Ashling Hughes

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Steven Walsh

Cricket - Girls
Rebecca Rolfe

Hockey - Boys
Gerome van Jaarsveld

Hockey - Girls
Sophie O'Hare

Rugby
Steven Duggan

Tennis - Boys
Matthew Leahy

Tennis - Girls
Isabel Baker

Athletics

Report

Warning to anyone who despises a challenge: DO NOT READ THIS ARTICLE! Athletics and cross-country are extremely difficult and demanding sports. But if you love a challenge, like our fellow athletes and us, then read on, cross-country is for you.

As we previously mentioned, running can be difficult, but do not be intimidated, you'll be granted with many rewards. Every Monday during the Christmas and Easter terms, we go out with Mr Toomey for our weekly run. Usually we run a lap around the upper pitches, stretch and attempt another two.

This can be very demanding but is more than worth it. It not only develops your fitness quickly, but also your stamina. Every time you go out you'll feel like stopping. However, if you overcome this, your skills will quickly develop.

If you really get into cross-country, Ms Hearne is very encouraging with her Thursday. Mr Irwin's games session is also extremely helpful in developing your running ability.

This year runners took part in a number of events, including the Dublin minithon, the east Leinster championships and the Phoenix Park athletics meeting.

The Dublin minithon was not a very competitive race, but was more of a race to beat times and have fun.

In the Phoenix Park, a number of first years took part in the long distance track races, each with about 80 athletes. The High School did very well, with Ross Finn just missing the qualifying 12th place.

The East Leinster Championships were held in Irishtown Stadium. Arriving on the school bus, we began warm ups. After a long wait, races began. We did quite well in the 80m sprints and the 1100m event.

Well done to Brendan Phelan who qualified for the Leinster Final at 800m Senior Boys, Leah Moore who qualified in 100m and 200m Intermediate Girls and the Intermediate Girls relay Team who also made the Leinster Finals (Leah Moore, Ciara Butler, Valerie Sexton and Evanna Mills).

Sports Day took place on Wednesday the 18th of May. It was great for all who took part. The day began with the hilarious tug of war events, with the students winning for the girls and vice versa for the boys. The afternoon was jam-packed with different events: sprints, relays, middle-distance runs, long-distance runs, shot putt, high-jump and long-jump. The climax of the day was the novelty three-legged race again, hilarious. In conclusion, the day was one of great enjoyment, even for those who just came as spectators.

Oh behalf of everyone who took part, we would like to thank Mr Toomey, Mr Irwin and Ms Hearne for cross-country, and Mr Griffin and Mr Gill for their Athletics coaching. Everyone had a great sense of humour and they were very encouraging.

Steven Shaw and Jack Kelly



Senior Boys Athletics
Robert Rath, Brendan Phelan, Sam Cogan.



Junior Boys Athletics
Back Row: Lorcan Ahearn, Simon Ludden, Diarmuid Kennedy, Patrick King, Liam McNamara, Cian Twomey, Sebastian Adams.
Front Row: Bill O'Cleirigh, Ian Duggan, Josh Purcell, James Hawe, Iain Irvine, Mr M. Griffin.





Senior Girls Athletics

Leah Moore, Kellie O'Flynn, Holly Warren, Amy Kenealy, Valerie Sexton, Ciara Butler.



Junior Girls Athletics

Back Row: Mr M. Griffin, Ciara Butler, Valerie Sexton, Leah Moore.
Front Row: Megan Earls, Marie-Claire Foley, Alex Dakin, Aoife Ryan, Freya Breen, Laura Martin.

Simon Community Fun Run 05

This year for the first time a group of High School pupils entered the Simon Fun Run to raise money for the Homeless. We set ourselves a target of €1000 and tried to encourage as many pupils as possible to give up their Sunday afternoon and to try and raise at least €50 sponsorship each.

On the day itself we had twenty-six pupils in our group as we set off for the run in the Phoenix Park. Everybody finished in their own time and when the money was counted up we had raised €1800 which was a great total!! We would like to thank all the pupils, teachers, parents and friends who supported us and showed such generosity.

In the schools competition to see which school could raise the most money we came third but next year with your help we hope to be pushing for third place!!

**Holly Warren
and Séan O'Gorman,
5th Year**



Left: Cross-Country Group

Back Row: Megan Earls, Alex Dakin, Lauren Turner, Amy Kenealy, Ruth Roseingrave, Alison May, Laura Martin, Aoife Ryan.
Front Row: Jack Kelly, Sebastian Adams, Stephen Dowling, Daniel Cooke, Milo Mays, Stuart Gray.

Far left: Cross-Country Winners
 Ciara Butler, Evanna Mills, Leah Moore, Valerie Sexton.

Badminton

Seniors

There was a good turnout for the sport of kings this year. It was our first year in the league, but it all went down hill after we thrashed St Mary's in our debut. Although we lost as a team (with style, mind), the majority of the blame can rest on our Captain Peter (the Raging Bull) Jackson who annihilated over a dozen severely overpriced rackets before, during and after matches. The team consisted of Peter, Aidan (the mounted gun) Hunt, Myself, Karl (the curling iron) Browne who brought up the rear, and finally Alex (the bench warmer) Cole Pidgeon, our never implemented substitute. Even with this 'extreme' team, we were out of the league by the third game.

The in-school league was a complete success for all (especially myself); I don't mean to brag, but I single handedly brought home both the singles and doubles cups with a little help from Rowan and Tamanna.

All joking and arrogance aside, the whole team would like to thank both Ms Hennessy and Ms Thorpe for coaching this noble sport.

Ciarán (the Moustache) Brennan



Juniors

Back Row: Euan Mackay, Mark Cabena, Romano Fusciardi.

Front Row: James Hickey, Daniel Cooke, Nick Fitzpatrick.



Senior Boys

Back Row: Alexander Cole Pidgeon, Ciarán Brennan.

Front Row: Peter Jackson, Karl Browne, Aidan Hunt, Ms K. Hennessy.



U16

U16 Boys

Back Row: Rowan Stokes, Cian Kinsella McLennan.

Front Row: Jonathan Browne, Darren Edmondson, Toby Lyons, Ms K. Hennessy.

This year the U16 boys badminton team was made up of Toby Lyons, Rowan Stokes, Jonathan Browne, Darren Edmondson and Cian Kinsella-McLennan. We had a good season in which we came up against De La Salle, Sandyford and Terenure. All of us would like to thank Ms Hennessy and Ms Thorpe for a great year.

Jonathan Browne

Senior Boys

Although success in the All-Ireland League was just beyond us this season, it was yet another tour-de-force by all concerned.

The well-drilled systematic machine that is our team did have some prominent wins, however. Most notable among these was a mid-season encounter with St.Columba's, when players like Karl Brown and Ciaran Brennan displayed steady determination that led to a 54-49 triumph. This militaristic approach to game play was, perhaps, motivated by our 'drop-zone' styled arrivals at opposing schools, when the lift home was contingent on success in our games!

The whole team had a great deal to be proud of from this season and I would like to give special credit to those who were able to make the transition to senior basketball, while still playing on the U-16 team. I would certainly expect this squad to rank among the best in Dublin in the near future.

Ronan Lonergan



Senior Boys

Back Row: Alexander Cole Pigeon, Conor James, Karl Browne, Marc Evans

Front Row: Ciarán Brennan, Daniel James, Ronan Lonergan, Brian Traynor, Andrew Stevenson

Senior Girls

The senior girls had a great season this year, playing in three leagues against tougher teams than we've ever played before. Through gaining plenty of match experience we learned how to work as a team and progressed through the South Dublin B League to get to the final.

The final was held in the Arena in March and thanks to the encouragement of our High School supporters, we defeated Balinteer and became the South Dublin B League champions - a perfect end to a brilliant year. A huge thanks to Mrs K Kavanagh who dedicated so much time and effort to the team as always - thanks from all of us!

Ruth Roseingrave



Senior Girls

Back Row: Julie Kavanagh, Jenny Murphy, Caitriona Ryan, Mrs K. Kavanagh

Front Row: Una NiEigartaigh, Ruth Roseingrave, Nicola Cantan, Robyn Fitzpatrick

Basketball



Minor Girls

Back Row: Mrs K. Kavanagh, Aoife Ryan, Suzanne O'Connor, Aisling Kiernan, Stefanie Lodola, Aoife Loftus

Front Row: Eva Nugent, Lara Madden, Sarah Burns, Aoife Gordon, Sarah McCoy, Nicole Campbell

Minor Girls

This year the minor girls were in the South Dublin C league. We won all our matches, which meant we were in the semi-final. Our semi-final was played in the Basketball Arena in Tallaght against Cluny. It was a very tight match, both teams played very well but in the end we won the match 18-10, which meant we were in the final! Our final was played on April 20th against St. Lawrences. We were all very nervous but with our high spirits and our great defence, we won the final, meaning that we were the winners! I would like to say a huge thank you to our coach Mrs K Kavanagh and the whole team for their superb work through out the season.

Sarah Burns

U-16 Boys

We started our season well with wins in a friendly against Oatlands College and in the League against Drimnagh. However, we had our first setback and loss in the 'B' League, when we lost to Templeogue by 14 points. We picked ourselves up though with a run of consecutive wins in the League and a hard-earned victory in the Cup, when we travelled to Belfast and beat Our Lady's- St Patrick's. This win put us through to the All-Ireland semi-final because we had got a bye through the first round. Thanks to our run of wins in the League we had also advanced to the quarter-final of the Leinster League. We won the quarter-final and then beat Gormanstown College in a very close semi-final, to secure a place in Leinster final against Templeogue College. We fought hard in this match and we led until the last 5 seconds of the game, when Templeogue scored and despite a brilliant effort from the whole team, it was the decisive score. Even though we lost, we progressed to the All-Ireland League Qualifier against Gort Community College. It was a solid team performance that won us this game, 64-44.

At this stage, we were now in the All-Ireland Cup final and the final stage of the All-Ireland League, having beaten Dungannon in the semi-final. On Tuesday 1st February, we played local rivals, Templeogue College, in the All-Ireland cup final. Having lost to them in the previous two encounters, we were determined to beat them. The National Basketball Arena was packed with supporters as hundreds of pupils from both schools came to support. We didn't get off to the best start and were trailing by about 8 points going into the second quarter. In the following quarters we battled hard but it wasn't our day and Templeogue lifted the Cup.

The following Saturday we travelled to University of Ireland, Limerick, to try and finish the season with some silverware and wins against Our Lady's,



Under 14

Back Row: Justin Zehnder, Coilin O'Connell, Miles Campbell, Daragh Monaghan.

Front Row: Robbie O'Brien, Jack Kelly, Shane Webb, Michael Gray.



U16 Boys

Back Row: Marc Evans, Gareth Austen, Conor James, Seán Tevlin

Front Row: Daniel James, Graham Field, Andrew Stevenson, Stephen James, Brian Traynor

Castleblaney, and St Nathy's, helped us into the semi-final of the All-Ireland League, to yet face old rivals, Templeogue College. Once against their class showed and we were beaten by a taller, stronger team. Despite not winning any cups this season, we have advanced to the 'A' league for next season. This is a great achievement seeing as we only formed a team in the 'C' League last year. Many of our players played up for the U-19 team and performed well throughout the season. Also, two of our players, Conor and Daniel James, were selected to play for the Irish U-15 team.

On behalf of the whole team, I would like to thank Mr Joey Boylan for coaching us, Mr Walker for driving us to all the matches, and to all the pupils who supported us in the final.

Andrew Stevenson

Minor Girls League Winners



Above: The winning team.



Junior Girls

Back Row: Mrs K. Kavanagh, Aoife McGovern, Sam Kavanagh, Aislinn Coghlan, Sarah Cox, Alison Walker, Alison Meeke.

Front Row: Hannah Carabine, Hilary Cole Pidgeon, Sophie Madigan, Candace Horton, Katie Murtagh, Saoirse Horgan, Ruth Bourke



1st Year Girls

Back Row: Aoife Loftus, Sarah McCoy, Eva Nugent, Suzanne O'Connor, Freya Breen, Nicole Campbell

Front Row: Richelle McDonnell, Molly Hughes, Lara Madden, Sarah Burns, Aoife Gorgon, Stefanie Lodola, Aoife Ryan



Cadettes

Back Row: Katie Murtagh, Alison Walker, Candace Horton, Fiona Collins, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Surgeon, Mrs K. Kavanagh.

Front Row: Beth Kelly, Laura Nelson, Julie Kavanagh, Tamryn Reinecke, Janine Levine

Junior Girls

This year the junior girls had a brilliant year. We came back after the summer determined to do well. This year we were ready for the league. We trained hard and practised all our moves. Our first match of the year was a friendly against Loreto Beaufort which we won quite convincingly, this gave us confidence going into the league and we won virtually all our matches to bring us to the semi-final against Muckcross.

The match was played in UCD, we arrived nervous but confident. This was a very intense competitive match. The match began, and we didn't get off to a good start and at the end of the 1st quarter Muckcross were ahead. In the 2nd quarter we fought back with some baskets but Muckcross stayed ahead. In the 3rd quarter we fought back we started to play basketball and by the end of the quarter we were about even. Then in the final quarter we shot ahead with basket after basket and denied Muckcross the ball and defended brilliantly. The final whistle blew and we had beaten them quite comfortably in the end with a final score of 33-19.

Then it was the final. Unfortunately we were against a very strong team from Cluny. We arrived at Cluny and the match began. Again we got off to a slow start but after a while we really tried our best to level the score, but Cluny pulled away to win the game. Although we lost I think we played excellently and a particular congratulations to Katie Murtagh for playing a stormer of a match and being deservedly awarded the M.V.P.(Most Valuable Player). I would like to say well done to the whole team everyone improved on their skills and worked brilliantly as a team. The power of Katie Murtagh, the skill of Alison Meeke and the tight defence of Alison Walker helped us all year. Finally on behalf of the team, I would like to give a huge Thank You to Mrs K Kavanagh for being an excellent coach and being there for us all year.

Candace Horton

Cadette Girls

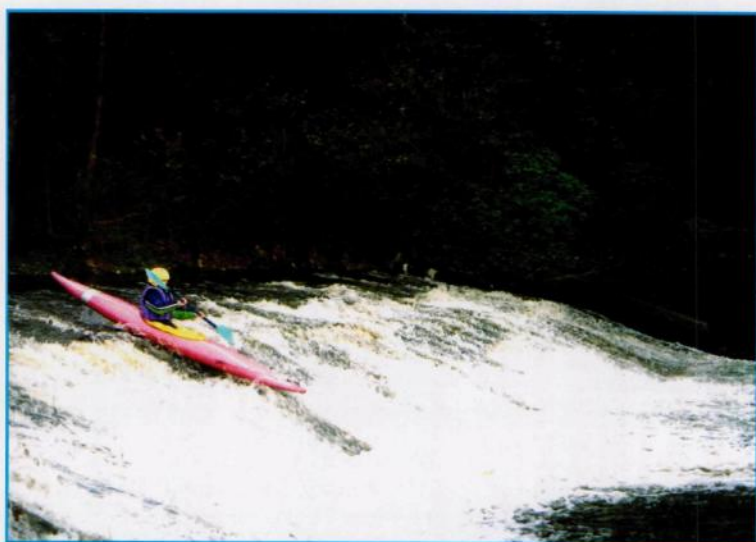
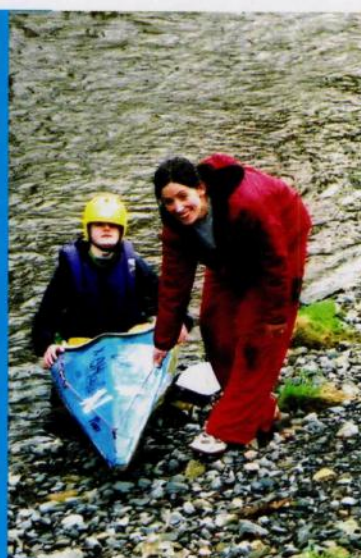
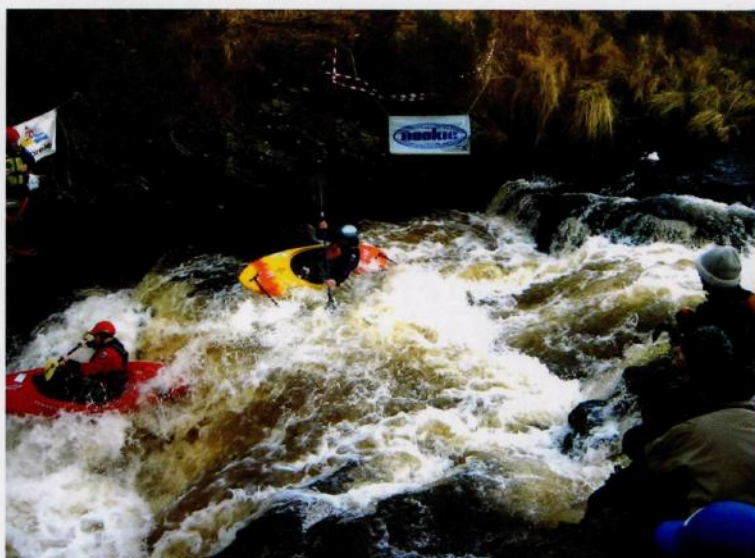
The Cadette Team has been very successful this year with the team improving immensely as the year progressed. Winning all our cup games including our quarter final against Scoil Mhuire. Then we reached the All Ireland semi-final. We travelled down to Tipperary to play against a very tough team, Scoil Aine Kylemore. Sadly we were beaten, but all was not lost, as the team found this experience thoroughly enjoyable and we learnt a lot from it.

Back in Dublin, we won all our games in the South Dublin League. We then proceeded to beat Cluny in the final in the National Basketball Arena. It was a very exciting game and there was a great atmosphere created by all The High School supporters.

I would like to thank all the team for their dedication throughout the year and also to our great coach Mrs K Kavanagh.

Julie Kavanagh

Canoeing



Top right: Liam McNamara and Ms S.Toolan.
Above left: Lizzie Surgeon.
Left: Mark Coffey and Josh Reichental.
Below: Sam Williamson and Andrea Murray Byrne.



1st XI Boys

This year's cricket season was a short and disappointing one for The High School. It started quite late due to the long rugby season but we set hard at work right away all the same. The annual joint trip north of the border with Sandford Park to play Coleraine Institute was cancelled due to the lack of a date on which all three schools could fulfil a fixture. The annual Old Boys fixture suffered the same fate, as they were not able to field a full team. This left us a problem with no games to warm up with before the start of the league season.

The league soon arrived and we drew St. Andrews, King's Hospital and Skerries CC. in our group with the winner taking a place in the Leinster final. Our first fixture was St Andrew's at home. We (I) lost the toss and we were put in to bowl to the delight of all the team. We took to the field with great enthusiasm and started well with some excellent diving fielding from veteran Alan Thompson. With the game reduced to 30 overs a tight bowling effort, especially Ross Johnson with 4 wickets for just 11 runs, kept them down to an easily attainable 89. We quickly reached the total with Niall McDarby scoring a rapid-fire 65 and putting 5 balls into the car park.

Our next game was away against King's Hospital and it proved to be the downfall of our season. We batted first and set a meagre total of 79 due to a poor batting performance all round. With reporters from the Evening Herald around, we can blame intense media pressure for our lack of runs. They had no real problems chasing the total we set and we returned home losers on the day.

As a result we needed to beat Skerries comprehensively and hope for a washout at St Andrew's to go through to the final. We bowled first and started well with Seán O'Gorman taking 2 early wickets. On a good batting track at the Hills CC we did well in the field to limit them to 132. We set about this task well (and on empty stomachs much to the dismay of Alan "Five Pies" Thompson) with Ben Satchwell and Niall McDarby supplying a solid finishing on seventy-two. Unfortunately King's Hospital beat St Andrew's and we missed out on a return to the final this year.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Walker for all the effort he put into the organisation and coaching of this squad not just this year but throughout out time in The High School. He has been an excellent coach to us and we look forward to seeing him come out of retirement in the near future to play for the mighty YMCA. we wish him all the best.

Also, on a different note, we would like to wish Irish international Niall McDarby the very best of luck in qualifying for and participating in the U-19 World Cup in Sri Lanka with Ireland next year.

Steven Walsh, Captain



First XI Boys

Back Row: Mr R. Walker, Jonny Somerville, Seán O' Gorman, Alan Cairns, Simon Coyne, Kier Johnson.

Front Row: Ross Johnson, William Mitchell, Steven Walsh, Niall McDarby, Phillip Duffy, Alan Thompson.



Second XI Boys

Back Row: Jonathan Senior, Sam Cogan, Rowan Stokes, Jonny Somerville, Killian Rogan, Simon Coyne, Kier Johnson.

Front Row: Andrew Stevenson, William Mitchell, Seán O'Gorman, Alan Cairns, Andrew Lohan, Mr R. Giles.

Senior Seconds Boys

This year a seconds team was introduced to the seniors. Our first game was against CUS With little practice and a few new players to the game we lost. After this we played Sandford. After a great batting display from Sam Cogan the match was rained on. Next we play St Mary's. We won the match thanks to some good play from Alan Cairns and Sean O'Gorman with both the bat and the ball. Our fourth and final game was against Clongowes and the match was lost on the last ball. But the game will be remembered for David Lusby's amazing bowling and batting. I would like to thank everyone who played this season and our supporters, notably Michael McSweeney who was at every game. A special thanks must go to Mr R. Giles whose knowledge of the game and great leadership qualities helped us to perform so well.

Benn Satchwell, Captain

JCT Boys

The JCT Cricket team had an unlucky season this year. Our first match was against CUS. Despite us getting a few early wickets, notably Darragh Sweetnam getting three and Colin Sheridan getting three, CUS came back to win the match. In our next match against Sandford our top batsmen got out early leaving Sandford with an easy total to beat. When we played our next match we were very unlucky. We made a good total and it came down to the wire. Gonzaga beat us in the last over. Morale was low and our next match against Colombus did not go well. We only had nine players and the weather turned against us.

Our final match was possibly our best performance. It was against King's Hospital. The Captain of their team plays on the Ireland U15s Team. Congratulations to him for getting a century on us. We bowled very well. Kier Johnson got an amazing 5 wickets. Despite all this Kings Hospital left us with a tough 148 runs to beat. A few of our batsmen had to leave at halftime but we continued nonetheless. We batted exceptionally well; Andy Gray, Mark Collins and Kier Johnson all got over twenty runs each. Unfortunately it was not enough and we could only summon 112 in total. It was an end to a disappointing season. Thank you to all who took part in the team and to Mr R. McMullen our coach who stuck with us.

Darragh Sweetnam

U14 Boys

The U14 cricket team has improved much from last year but unfortunately we didn't come out with a win. The first match we played was against a strong battling team, Malahide. We lost this match but had an excellent score of 83. Our second match was away against King's Hospital. We lost this game, but had a great performance. During this match Mark Rogan got two wickets and Ciarán Collins fielded well, catching two people out. The third match was the highlight of the season. This was our final match, and we played CUS in Merrion Cricket Grounds. With only nine men we got a strong score of 72, thanks to a great batting performance by Graham Mills. Overall, we were pleased with our performance and we enjoyed every match. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Imram for coaching us, and Mr Prendergast for managing the teams and organising the matches.

Niall Noonan



JCT Boys

Back Row: Mr D. McMullen, Gareth Austen, Gavin Thornberry, Sean Telvin, Kier Johnson, Brian Traynor, David Kenny.

Front Row: Andrew Stevenson, Rowan Stokes, Richard Jones, Darragh Sweetnam, Colin Sheridan, Mark Collins, David Meade.



U14 Boys

Back Row: Sam Moore, Ciarán Collins, Saurin Kenny, Joshua Burdon, Mr R. Walker.

Front Row: Richard Whelan, John Willoughby, Niall Noonan, Ryan Morgan, Graham Mills, Paul O'Kelly.

Below left: First Year Boys

Back Row : Mr B. Quinn, Bill O'Cleirigh, Robbie McGuinness, Oscar Bowling, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Mark Coffey, Guy Prendergast, Mohammed Kabadaya, Ben Harding.

Front Row : Dylan Farrell, Peter Williamson, James Hawe, Mark Rogan, Ian Duggan, Josh Purcell, Steven Chapman.

1st Year Boys

During the cricket season we played three matches, the first one against CUS. It was a great match. We didn't get many runs, but the pressure was all on them. Josh Purcell bowled very well. We lost the match but it was really just a training match for the one against St Mary's in the Cup. The match was at home and we batted first, with some great performances from Hugh O'Marcaigh and myself. We got 119 runs in total, and Mary's couldn't reach it, so we were through to the next round against none other than CUS. This time the pressure was all on us, and we only got 21 runs and CUS reached that in a few overs. Overall we had a good season, but the most thanks goes to Mr B. Quinn for coaching us all the way to the end.

Mark Rogan

Senior Girls



Above: Lucy Whittaker delivers another fast bowl.
Below: Christine Boyle keeping wicket.



Senior Girls

Back Row: Holly Warren, Nicola Daly, Kathryn Barry, Megan Leonard-Kane, Christine Boyle, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Catherine Alexander, Sarah Lodola, Lucy Whittaker, Amy Kenealy, Freda O'Donnell, Jade Breen.



2nd XI Girls

Back Row: Tamanna Rahman, Susan Brusey, Kathryn Barry, Stella Hawe, Suzanne Tallon, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Gemma McRann, Sian Cooley, Jade Breen, Karen Meade, Laura Cooley.



Junior A Girl's

This season was short but fun. We jumped straight into our league playing only three matches against St Andrew's, King's Hospital and Wesley. Although we played amazingly against St Andrews we lost to King's Hospital and Wesley, this meant that we were out of our league. I would like to thank Mr P. Fitzpatrick for coaching us this season, also well done to Katie who bowled fantastically and Valerie who battled amazingly this season and to wish everyone good luck for next season.

Nicki Burns

Junior B Girls

We had a very enjoyable season this year. Although we didn't win all of our matches we played well and had fun. First of all we played Alexander College, we weren't very prepared but we gave it our best but unfortunately we lost 55 to 56. In the second match we played Sutton. We were very determined and we had some great batting from Abi getting 28 runs. It was close but Sutton won 104 to 91. We were playing Mt Sackville in our third and final match. There was some great batting and bowling that day, with Olwen getting 28 runs and Ayesha and Shona getting 6 wickets between them. We won 61 to 60 with half our batters still to come. Everyone played really well throughout the season. Thanks to Mr P. Fitzpatrick and Mrs G. Mellon for their great training and encouragement.

Aoife McGovern



Junior A Girls

Back Row: Amy Hughes, Ellen O'Cleirigh, Valerie Sexton, Christine Rorke, Ruth Senior, Mr P. Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Alison Meeke, Katie Tallon, Nicola Burns, Aoife Daly, Caoimhe McDonnell.



Junior B Girls

Back Row: Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Ayesha Carrim, Tessa Meade, Emily Kinlan, Candace Horton, Charlottle Leonard-Kane, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Laura Garland, Emma Satchwell.

Front Row: Debbie Bliar, Katie Tallon, Sorcha Williams, Aoife McGovern, Shona O'Toole, Phoebe Laing, Olwen Smith.

1st Year Girls

Our cricket league started off a bit shakily as most of the players hadn't played cricket before. We lost our first match against Alex, but we bounced back to win our next match against St Columba's, with one of our players scoring a dramatic point from the boundary line. Our final match resulted in a narrow defeat by King's Hospital which knocked us out of the league. I would just like to thank Mrs Mellon for teaching an inexperienced team, and thanks to the brilliant team for their enthusiasm.

Sarah McCoy



1st Year A Girls

Back Row: Rebecca Conalty, Una McSharry, Molly Hughes, Stefanie Lodola, Susan McRann, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Alex Darkin, Freya Breen, Sarah McCoy, Susan Kinlan, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent.

Hill Walking, President's Award 2005

Powerscourt

The day began on Sunday at 9 am outside High School. A bunch of tired, overloaded teenagers were ready for take off. We were well underway by 10:30 am, and the first section of the trip was pretty easy going. However, we were a bit worried when we came to the waterfall and passed signs saying "Danger" and "Treacherous". After much scrambling and falling we found our way to the top.

I was under the impression that we were going HILL walking, however this HILL was fairly larger than any HILL I had ever seen. We began the tiring ascent, and by the time we reached the top we were ready to collapse. The wind was so strong up there that we found ourselves sitting in air. After our break we were ready for our descent through the bog. By the time we reached the buses we were ready to go home and sleep. The whole event was tiring, muddy, but worth every step.

Tonglelee

We began this walk at 9 am on an average Sunday morning. After a long fuss and a few entertaining moments we were underway. The whole affair was rather muddy and disgruntling, but once again when I reached the top I was overwhelmed with my accomplishment. The walk was definitely worth it – as always- and I had a great time.

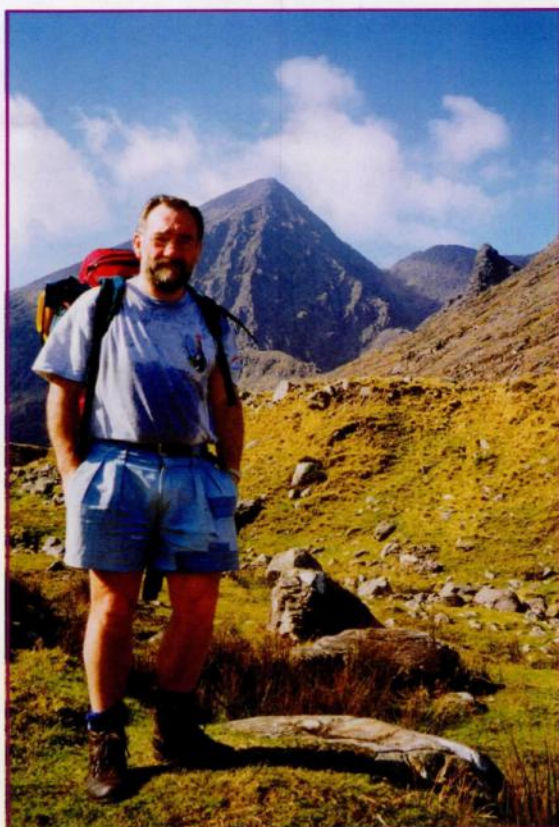
Night Walk

This was definitely an eventful trip. Rather than starting on a Sunday we began at 6pm on a weekday. Everyone was buzzing with excitement. I lacked a few essentials, namely my torch, but I survived without a scratch. There were a few memorable moments, like trying to decide the difference between my face, and the ground. It was also entertaining spending half an hour trying to scare people by hiding in a bush wearing a bright blue jacket, rather difficult! All in all the event was a great new experience and I had a great time!

Lugnaquilla

Lugnaquilla, at just under a thousand feet, was definitely a little difficult compared to the rest. The walk began like any other at 9 am on a Sunday morning. The beginning was fairly easy, but then we started heading up. We had our break, and just as we were off again snow came out of nowhere. This is where Mr Swan's advice about being prepared for any change in weather comes in handy. The snow came down quite heavily, but when it slowed down I had a major boost of energy and was right at the front getting to the top. The view wasn't great because of the fog but the top was beautiful, covered in pure white snow. We walked along a bit more and came to the very tip of the mountain to find ourselves posing for the camera. Even after the tiring ascent we were ready for a good old-fashioned game of snowball fighting. Once we left the snow we were out in the sunshine for an east descent. By the time I got home I was absolutely wrecked but I was really happy with my accomplishments, after all Lugnaquilla is the tallest mountain in Wicklow!

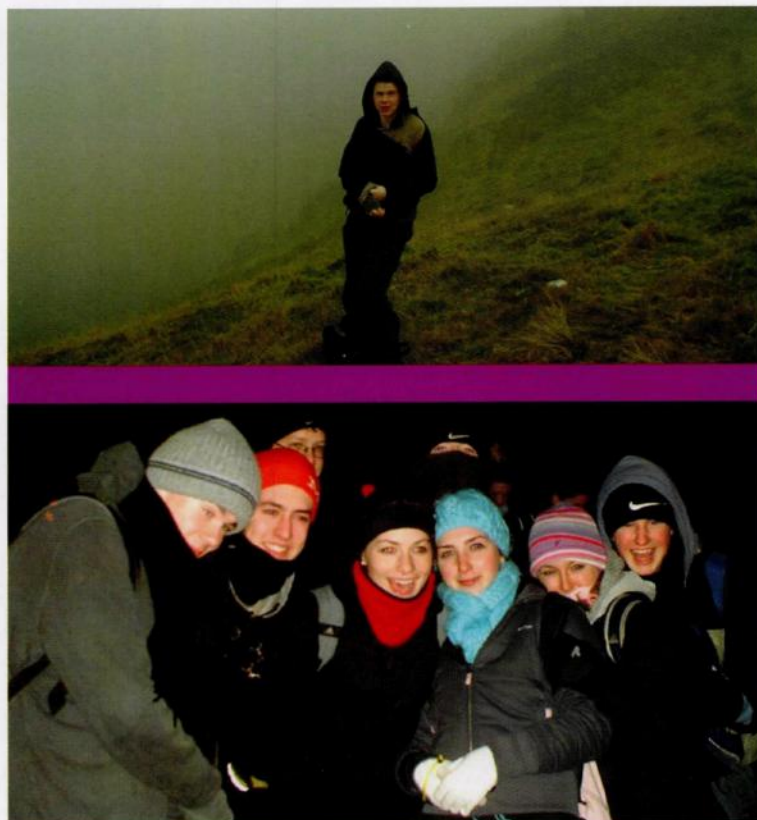
Tamryn Reinecke



Above: Mr Ian Blackmore taking a photo opportunity.

Below: Brrr, Sam Horgan on a chilly hill!!!

Bottom: The Night Walk Gang.



Hillwalking

Hillwalking Loss

For the first time in over thirty years The High School Mountaineering Club has lost a compass. Its magnetism has been diminished.

Although Mr Ian Blackmore retired as a teacher two years ago, we hillwalkers were slower to allow him to depart our company. He very kindly agreed to lead us for another few miles during the '03-'04 school year. This is our first year to have to manage without the benefit of his immense experience and unerring judgement. It is only in his absence that we realised what a contribution he has made. He was never one to position himself to be noticed, but always got the job done. We took so much for granted.

His minibus driving effortlessly defied space and time. One seemed to arrive at destinations in no time. And this was not merely to do with his interest in Formula One racing (one of a thousand fascinating topics) but even more to do with conversations, stories and debates along the way.

On the hills Mr I. Blackmore was the leader. His amazing ability to navigate, even in extreme conditions such as thick mist or heavy snow, meant we never felt in any fear of becoming lost. However all navigators know that there are times when you are unsure or when you are waiting for landscape to unfold as you expect it to. But the great leader doesn't allow that uncertainty to become a cause of anxiety to his flock.

Mr I. Blackmore was also an accomplished rock climber and was often to be seen on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning during the summer term scudding up the cliff faces of Dalkey Quarry with pupils in tow. He could perform moves that a ballet dancer would be proud of and that would confound pupils a quarter of his age.

It has been my pleasure to accompany Ian Blackmore on numerous trips to Wicklow and farther a field on weekend trip to the mountains of Kerry, Donegal, the Comeraghs and the Mourne, Connermara and Snowdonia. Colleagues and pupils alike all have the fondest memories of those trips. In earlier years they included the company of Mr F. Gardner whose influence on us all will never be forgotten (if I had recorded a tenth of his lore and knowledge, I would be the wiser for it).

I am happy to report that Mr Blackmore is still an active hillwalker. Our loss became the Rambler's gain. I know he will not be able to resist the urge to lead; somebody has to know where they are going!

And as he might say himself: What else would you be doing anyway?

Mr C. Cryan



*Top: Reaching the top of the world (well kind of).
Above and below: Talking a well-earned break for some food
and to enjoy the view on the way.*



1st XI Girls

The Dream Team!!

It has been an incredible experience being captain of the 1st XI this year. This team has an enormous amount of talent and courage and it has been an honour to lead them out on the pitch every week. I would like to briefly acknowledge all the individual contributions my teammates have made this year.

Leading our defence was our great goalie Jessie Elliott who performed very well throughout the year and played on the Leinster U/16 Interpro Winning Team.

Next in line was our star sweeper, Holly Warren who was so dependable and reliable all year round and who we relied on many occasions to be an attacking force too with Holly scoring many vital goals during the season.

Holding the centre back position was Grace Nugent, who not only motivated us with her determination and aggression, she saved us on many occasions and made some amazing clearances out of the circle and off the goal line.

At left back was Gemma McRann whose powerful hits got us out of trouble on numerous occasions.

At right back, both Katie Smith and Catherine Alexander were very strong and made many great tackles during the year.

At left-mid, the skilful (or as the press called Dashing Daly!) Nikki Daly was known for running rings around her players and scored some fantastic goals, notably in the semi-final of the cup against KH. Nikki represented Leinster at the U18 Interpros this year, along with myself and Christine Boyle.

Christine Boyle, a talented all-round player took up the right-mid position proving to be a very dangerous attacking force. She set up some excellent moves and was powerful as our first runner in defensive short corners.

Our forward line consisted of Ruth Jones, who played very well throughout the year and scored some important goals.

At right wing we had the speedy and the skilful Valerie Sexton, who also played on the Junior Cup Team and was unstoppable in her attacks.

Below: Time out – the girls senior XI talk tactics during the cup final.



As Vice-captain, Megan Leonard-Kane was another of our skilful forwards. I would like to thank her for all her help during the year.

Lucy Whittaker was a very strong forward and put herself physically on the line on many occasions and suffered a number of injuries for the cause.

Sarah Lodola was involved in our short corner strategies, which were a crucial part of our attack.

Our super subs Leah Moore and Tessa Meade showed great determination and dedication and will be the stars for the future in High School.

When we started our training in September, we were optimistic and determined. Mr Fitzpatrick had new skills and tactics for us to learn. Our initial league matches were very successful but we knew our match against Our Lady's Terenure would be very competitive and this proved to be true. We drew the match after extra time and we had to replay a week later. The replay was in High School and we won, taking us into the semi-final. We played against Mount



SCT Girls

Back Row: Valerie Sexton, Lucy Whittaker, Sarah Lodola, Katie Smith, Leah Moore, Ruth Jones, Mr P. Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Tessa Meade, Megan Leonard-Kane, Grace Nugent, Julie McRann, Nicola Daly, Gemma McRann, Jessie Elliott.

Anville in Three Rock and were most unfortunate to be beaten 1-0 in the last few minutes of the game. We were bitterly disappointed.

We weren't prepared to let our cup dreams slip through our fingers and we made this our number one priority. We trained hard coming up to it and were focused on the challenge ahead. After beating Newbridge we were faced once again with Our Lady's Terenure in the quarterfinal. In an evenly matched, nail-biting game, we came out on top, reaching the semi's against KH.

We played a great game against a tough side, which brought us even closer to achieving our dreams as cup champions.

We were confident going into the final, but we knew it would be a hard contest. Unfortunately, Alex got an early goal from a short corner. Disappointingly at half time we were 3-1 down but we were determined it wouldn't stay that way. Holly Warren scored a great goal, bringing the score to 3-2. However suddenly Alex broke through which resulted in a short corner, ending out cup winning dreams.

The team, however, came back to great success, winning the indoor

Hockey

cup, to end an exciting and fulfilling hockey season.

We would like to sincerely thank Mr Fitzpatrick for all his hard work and inspiration throughout the year; we couldn't have got there without him. A special thank you to Mrs Mellon who, as the centre of hockey in High School, has been a great source of encouragement and motivation all along the way. A big thanks to all the supporters who were very encouraging and came out to support us on numerous occasions. Thanks also to all the staff who were very helpful and co-operative throughout our journey.

As captain of the 1st XI, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of my team members who have been absolutely wonderful and a pleasure to play hockey with. I feel proud and honoured to be part of such a brilliant team, and I wish you all the best of luck for next year.

Julie McRann



Above: Lucy Whittaker takes on King's Hospital.

Below: Holly Warren and Christine Boyle in action at the senior cup final.



1st XI Hockey Victory

After narrowly missing out on winning the Senior Cup earlier this year, we were determined to bring back some kind of silverware to High School before the end of the season. We did so at the end of March, by winning the St Andrew's Indoor Hockey Tournament. We played four matches in total, the first two early one Saturday morning, beating both Muckcross and Mt. Anville easily to qualify for the finals, with Ruth Jones scoring 5 of our 10 goals on the day. After a few minutes of the first match, the team had settled on the pitch and gained confidence with excellent attacking from the forwards and solid defence lead by our goalie, Tessa Meade, who quickly broke down any counter-attacks or shots on goal. Christine Boyle and Holly Warren also held strong positions in their central roles as pivots, and created a lot of opportunities from midfield. The finals were again held out in Andrew's the following Wednesday and a slightly different team arrived, with Jessie Elliot and Nicci Daly replacing the losses of Catherine, Christine and Tess. We faced defending champions, Loreto Dalkey, and St. Andrew's themselves on the day, both with strong reputations in the competition.

We were drawn against St Andrew's for our first match, which proved quite a challenging tie, with Lucy Whittaker and myself scoring the only goals of the match. With only a few minutes break, our next opponents were Dalkey and we quickly took advantage of our match by scoring early goals to gain a strong lead. Dalkey fought back but we remained solid, preventing them from closing the gap and holding on for our win. I'd like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for all the time and effort he put into teaching us the game, his coaching throughout the competition, but most of all, for giving us the opportunity to finish our season on a high. We look forward to defending our title next year.

Megan Leonard-Kane

2nd XI Girls

The seconds consisted of a good mix of 6th, 5th, and 4th years, which resulted in the benefits of both experience and youth. We started out well with wins over Andrew's, Alex, Mount Sackville, KH and Dalkey.

One of the more notable matches that really deserve a mention is when we played against Andrew's. Our usual goalie, Aisling, was sick so in replacement we had our squealing captain who could certainly show the pros a thing or two. Everyone had a good laugh at her expense, and the two goals that slipped by were very unlucky and I know that seeing the two teams bent over laughing were a great support to her!

Another match that would be hard to forget is when we played against Our Lady's, Terenure, and we were pummelled 4-1. We only had about four of the original team and at half time we were feeling a bit down to be losing 4-0. But Mr Wilkinson's half time talk fired us up and gave us the encouragement to go back out and "make him proud"! And that we did! The ball was brought up the wing by Nikki who passed it into the centre where Catherine swept it in from the top of the D. Even though we lost 4-1 we were the happier team by far, we had made Wilko proud!

Training sessions were rather gruelling but due to the huge level of commitment shown by the team, we managed to enjoy them come rain or shine. There were many a Friday morning when Lana was to be heard berating whichever team member had dared to miss training the previous afternoon.

A huge thank you has to go to Mr Wilkinson for putting up with us through it all. I will never forget some of the advice you gave us "...let the ball do the work..." We all hope that in years to come you will still be wearing the funky hoodie given to you by the 2XI '04/'05! Also thanks to Stuart Mellon for coaching and reffing us. And of course a huge thanks to the team for making it such an enjoyable season. Especially to my vice captain Sarah who was a huge help throughout the year.

Lastly I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for all the work she has

done and all the support she has given during my six years in HSD. I have really enjoyed playing hockey and I have so many good memories that will stay with me for a long time. Best of luck in your retirement.

Miriam Mc Sharry

2nd XI Girls

Back Row: Mr I. Wilkinson, Niamh Holohan, Nicola Gregory, Freda O'Donnell, Miriam McSharry, Lana Loane.

Front Row: Karen Meade, Amy Kenealy, Sarah Meehan, Sarah O'Callaghan, Karen Sutton, Ashling Hughes.

3rd XI Girls

This year was a very exciting year for the 3rd XI. There was great team spirit, which encouraged us through our league.

Throughout the season we trained well, which helped us win our first league match against Santa Sabina, Sutton. Unfortunately we lost the next one against Raheny but drew the next match against Mount Sackville.

In our last league match against Alex, we had strong forwards with Carol Ann, Niamh and Ciara working together. Helping from behind, we had great play from Lucy and Una.

Unfortunately even with a great match from our goalie Katibeth, we lost 1-0 to Alex, which ended our hockey season.

We would just like to thank our captain Ciara O'Toole, for encouraging us all the way through the season and most importantly our coach Mr I. Wilkinson who supported us through every match!

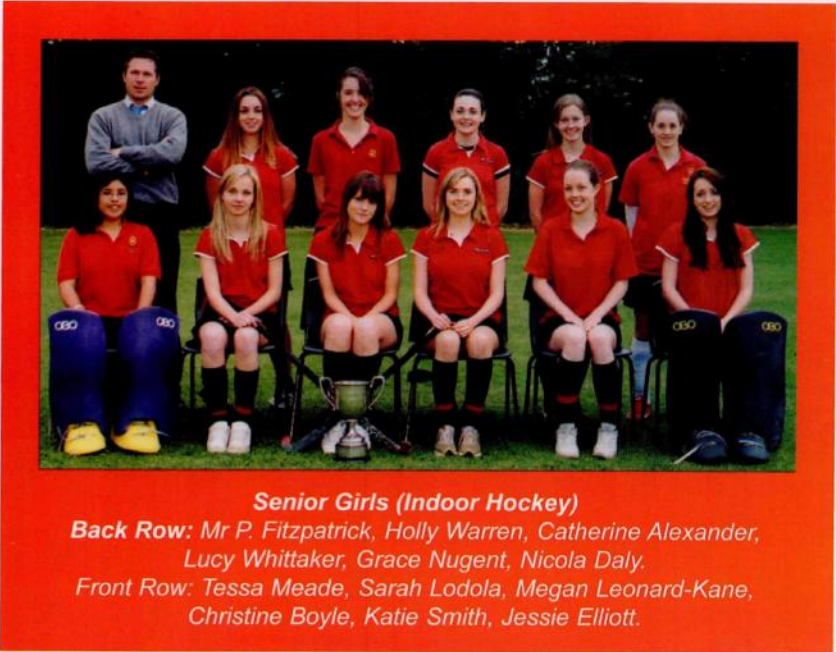
**Lucy Keogh
and Niamh Holohan**



3rd XI Girls

Back Row: Carol Ann Sherlock, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ruth Roseingrave, Niamh Carroll, Jennifer Murphy, Caitriona Ryan, Orla Tevlin, Aicha Aboudinar, Niamh Holohan.

Front Row: Katibeth Rendek, Lucy Keogh, Karen Douglas, Ciara O'Toole, Lorna O'Rourke, Chloe Stacey, Una Ni Eigeartaigh.



Senior Girls (Indoor Hockey)

Back Row: Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Holly Warren, Catherine Alexander, Lucy Whittaker, Grace Nugent, Nicola Daly.

Front Row: Tessa Meade, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard-Kane, Christine Boyle, Katie Smith, Jessie Elliott.

Junior A Girls

From the beginning of the year we knew our squad would be strong, consisting largely of the winning 1st year A team of 2002/2003 but lacking in experienced Junior players from last season.

We began our season with dreams of keeping the Junior Cup in High School for the third year running and living up to the legend of those who had gone before us. This seemed entirely plausible when our team beat Mount Sackville 3-1 at the beginning of the year.

We became more hopeful still later on, beating Wesley 2-0 away. This gave us huge confidence heading into our next match, against our most formidable opponents yet, Beaufort. We fought hard and with brilliant teamwork we managed to attain a 1-1 draw, with which we were quite satisfied.

Our next challenge came from Alex, the team that would go on to win the Junior Cup. We played well but they were a stronger team overall, with very versatile defence and we were beaten 2-0.

At this stage, however, we still had enough points to qualify for the quarter finals of the league, which we were thrilled with. We would face Muckcross, which we knew would be a challenge as their team comprised hugely of fourth years in their second year of Junior hockey.

The match got off to a bad start with Muckcross scoring early in the first half. We soon equalised and further goal opportunities were made by Ciara and Leah who had some amazing runs and connected well with the forwards.

However Muckcross' experience really showed in the second half and they scored the winning goal, ending our hopes of keeping the cup in High School.

We had a really great time this year and we got on really well. The team is crammed full of amazing people. The ever eager Ellen now comes to mind. What can I say? Ellen has always kept us entertained with her numerous "hash-ups", lettuce fetish and her increasingly worrying doorphobia (the unparalleled fear that on attempting to push a door open, you will come to the harsh realisation that it is, in fact, a "pull" door, and vice versa). Oh, and Elle, you can't hide it forever; we know it's you who's been submitting those always amusing "Healthy Corners"!!!

I won't say that Evannah's the emotional one; she'll get too upset (!) and kick me with her hemp boots or bombard me with tofu.

Jade. Shut up. Go back to your scarf-wearing school in your rocket car. Nobody cares that your house is made of solid gold. I hope your yacht sinks. But seriously, Jade was a brilliant player, taking many wonderful "free'sin", she really controlled the play in midfield, with the help of Leah and Ciara (formerly the Powerpuff girls). It was these players who supplied the fabulous Katie Anglim and the wonderful fake Tan-Marie with her loveable rogue of a boyfriend, who wiped out the oppositions defence together!

Then there's all our amazing subs from the minors.



JCT Girls

Back Row: Mr P Fitzpatrick, Valerie Sexton, Evanna Mills, Katie Marconi, Ruth Senior.

Front Row: Anne-Marie Jordan, Ellen O'Cleirigh, Jessie Elliott, Leah Moore, Ciara Butler, Katie Anglim.

A strong bench is so important to any squad and I'd really like to thank Olwyn, Tessa, Debbie, Allie and Amy for keeping us on our toes!

Finally there's Mr Fitzpatrick. All I can say is there must be something really interesting behind that hill, cause you can't seem to keep away! Thanks a million for all the time and effort that you gave us throughout the season- I'm liking your work.

Thank you to the team for being so amazing (and putting up with me), and I can't wait to play with you again in the next few years.

Jessie Elliot

Below: Senior Girls during a second round match.



Junior B

This year started off by playing teams such as Alexandra, King's Hospital, Muckross and Mt Anville in friendly matches. When our league started we beat the late entry, Threasians, and when we finally played Rathdown, we also beat them. Our greatest victory was against Dominican Wicklow A's, beating them 8-nil. Although we lost to St Josephs Cluny A's, we came through to the pre-quarter final against Alex. Although I think we played well, Alex came out on top (due to some poor decisions on the ref's part). I would like to thank Ms Levis who worked with us through the season, even through all the moans about 9am games! Also, thanks to everyone on the team, who played so well this season, especially Christine Rorke (who was voted player of the year). I would also like to wish everyone luck in next year's season!

Nicola Burns

Junior C

The Junior C's started off a new season, eager to get up to the top again. We were all ready for the new season and were training hard with the great help and support we received from Ms D. Levis.

We started our League with our first game against Alex. We won 1-0, which was a great confidence booster. We played all the teams in our section of the league, winning against all of the schools except St Killian's who were a strong team, managing to beat us 1-0. After that, we were determined to train even harder. In our league section Alex beat St Killian's, so it was a three-way tie. These two matches were both away, so this time Alex and St Killian's came to High School. We won against Alex 1-0, and then St Killian's beat Alex 2-0. Finally, we played St Killian's, which resulted in a draw. St Killian's advanced to the quarterfinals and we qualified for the pre quarterfinals against Loretto Beaufort. They were a very good team and we lost 2-0. The whole team played brilliantly throughout the entire season.

We would all like to thank Ms D. Levis and Mrs G. Mellon for all their support during the season. Without them we would not have been half as successful. Thank You.

Annalise Murphy

4th Year Hockey

This year we could have made it further in the league with a little more persistence and more training but the work we put into the matches and the victories we had, were well worth the time and effort. However there were some minor fallbacks like people's commitments to school, such as the President's Award. All in all I would like to congratulate all the people on the team the people who subbed for us the odd time and thanks a million to Mrs G. Mellon, our coach who stuck with us.

Aisling Burke



Junior B Girls

Back Row: Genevieve Deeley, Nicola Burns, Christine Rorke, Niamh Mitchell, Louise Blakely, Laura Cooley.

Front Row: Ms D. Levis, Annalise Murphy, Amy Jones, Sian Cooley, Triona Connell, Sarah Donnelly, Sarah McDermott.



Junior C Girls

Back Row: Emma Tallon, Laura Cooley, Anna Earls, Clare Guy, Grainne Milton, Tanya Allison, Susan Casey.

Front Row: Sarah McDermott, Karina McConnell, Amy Hughes, Annalise Murphy, Saoirse Hickey, Joann O'Meara, Ms D. Levis.



Transition Year Hockey

Back Row: Janine Levine, Alison May, Cara Mulcahy, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Katibeth Rendek, Katherine Kiernan, Jennifer Flanagan, Aisling Burke, Deirdre McClean, Lynsay McFarland.

Minor A Girls

We had a very good season this year, even though we had been drawn in a very hard league group. The group consisted of Muckross, St Andrew's, Our Lady's Grove, Alexandra College and St Gerard's. We had a very strong team with a good solid defence. First we played St Gerard's, it was a good match and Eva, Ali and Susan scored the three goals. Our next match was against Our Lady's Grove. We were up in their circle for most of the match but we could not break their defence. The final score was 0-0. Next we were drawn to play St. Andrews. This was the toughest match. Both teams were very even and both dominated the play. Andrew's had a very strong attacking line, but with many good saves and a persistent defence they could not score. All in all we had an enjoyable season and I would like to thank our coach, Mrs G. Mellon, for all her help and support throughout the season.

Tessa Meade



Minor A Girls

Back Row: Aoife Daly, Alison Meeke, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Olwen Smith, Una McSharry, Mrs G Mellon.

Front Row: Debbie Blair, Susan McRann, Grace Collins, Tessa Meade, Ayesha Carrim, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent

Minor B

This year the Minor B team did really well in their league and managed to reach the semi finals. Our group consisted of Alexandra College, Santa Sabina, Wesley, Mount Sackville and King's Hospital. Our team consisted of our amazing goal saving goalie Alex, our great sweeper Emma, our great defence, Karen, Ali and Shona, our brilliant mids Phoebe, Katie M, Hannah, and Katie T., our really great goal scoring forwards Candace and Amy. Last but certainly not least Eva who plays everywhere and is brilliant at every position! Our first league match was against Alex. We played really well but as we were only getting used to our team we didn't play as well as we could. We managed to get a draw. It was an even match. Santa Sabina was the next school we played. This was a pretty easy match but unfortunately we were only able to score 1 goal. Eva scored the goal! Next we played Mount Sackville which was an even match ending in a nil all draw. We then played King's Hospital. This was a brilliant match for The High School and we won 5-nil. We then faced the hardest team in our group, Wesley, but we played amazingly and came out on top 1-nil. We came top of our group in front of Wesley. Next was our quarter final against Beaufort. This was a very hard match with the ball in both circles for large amounts of time. They managed to score in the first half but this only made us more determined to score. Amy Jones then scored a great goal in the 2nd half to make it a draw. It went into extra time with both teams getting their share of the ball. They unfortunately scored in the first period of extra time. We were now really determined. Our defence was brilliant at keeping the ball out of our circle. Even though Shona got hurt she kept on playing brilliantly, passing the ball up the right. 50 seconds before extra time was over our amazing Eva scored a brilliant goal. Then we were into flicks. Alex our goalie didn't have much practice but we knew she would do great! Shona and Amy scored amazing flicks. Our other takers didn't but they did their best, and Beaufort's goalie was really good. The flicks ended 2-1 to us. Alex saved amazing goals and she did brilliantly! We were all so happy that had we played great. We had an early start the next day to play our semi final



Minor B

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Eva Richardson McCrea, Candace Horton, Alison Walker, Katie Murtagh, Emma Satchwell.

Front Row: Alex Dakin, Phoebe Laing, Amy Jones, Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Karen Lew, Hannah Leavy, Katie Tallon.

*Below: Nikki Daly takes a shot.
Far Right: ???*

Ruth Shannon-Doyle



Minor C

The Minor C had a very successful season. We had very good scores in all our league matches to bring us through to the top of our section. Our pre-quarter match was against Mt. Anville. In our best match of the season we had a 0-0 draw against a strong Mt. Anville side. In the replay the score was still 0-0 after extra time! We won on penalty strokes. Our quarter finals match was also a very tough match, drawing 2-2 against Wesley College and causing great excitement when we equalised in the last few minutes of the game. The replay was a tough game and Wesley won in the end. On behalf of the whole team we would like to thank Stuart Mellon, Mr Fitzpatrick and our supporters for their help and support throughout the year. We would especially like to thank Mrs Mellon for all she put up with and we would like to wish her all the luck in the future. She will be missed. Thank you!

**Lydia Cosgrove
and Helen Speller**

1st Year A

The first year A's this year won all their league matches against Notre Dame 1-0, Rathdown 4-0, King's Hospital 3-0 and Our Lady's Terenure 1-0.

Our toughest match was against Our Lady's. We were determined to beat them and we pulled away as Aimee Jones O'Connor together with the forwards scored a great goal. Our Lady's showed no weakness. We were put under a lot of pressure in the second half but our defenders and midfielders showed their strength and skill, with the help of Alex Dakin in goal securing our place in the quarter final, as the whistle blew full time.

We played the quarter final against Alexandra College at home. They scored an early goal but we came back to score with a great play from Freya Breen, Sarah McCoy and Una McSharry. It was 1-1 at full time so it went into extra time. After training so hard all year it was unfortunate that Alexandra College scored again in the second half of extra time, knocking us out and making the final score High School 1, Alexandra College 2. We were all very disappointed but thoroughly enjoyed the hockey season.

Through all the matches we had a very strong team with Alex in goal, Una, Suzanne and Ellen in defence, Eva, Sarah and I in midfield, Aimee, Freya and Naomi in attack and Laura, Sarah, Lara and Megan as substitutes.

Alex Dakin, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent and I were lucky enough to play with the minor teams in their league.

We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs Mellon and Stuart Mellon for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

Susan McRann



Minor C

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Eva Richardson McCrea, Tierna Brazil, Grainne O'Brien, Gillian Carr, Zoe O'Regan, Hanna Phelan.

Front Row: Therese Anglim, Rachel Regan, Helen Speller, Sophie Madigan, Laura Garland, Lydia Cosgrove, Jane O'Donohoe, Emma Connell, Olivia McEvansoneya.



First Year A

Back Row: Rebecca Conalty, Ellen Walsh, Laura Martin, Suzanne O'Connor, Lisa Meehan, Una McSharry, Megan Earls, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Alex Dakin, Naomi Reid, Sarah McCoy, Susan McRann, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent, Sarah Brennan.



1st Year B

As captain of the first year B hockey team, I have been asked to write a bit about the team so here it goes. First of all, I would like to thank Mrs Mellon, Mr Mellon, and Mr Fitzpatrick for coaching us. Then I would like to say well done to all the team members, but most of all to Lara, our goalie, who only started playing goalie this year, this year she played so well during the hockey season. I would also like to tell the team that just because we lost the quarter finals, it doesn't mean we're bad. We all played our best, but it just wasn't good enough. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank the subs such as Megan Earls, who played whenever she could and Etan Kinsella who came for the quarter finals against Mount Anvil and especially Tess McCann who joined the B's for the last few matches, you played great! Just one more thing, thank you to anyone that scored in any of our matches, we couldn't have gotten as far as we did without you.

Sarah Brennan

1st Year B2

The first year B2 had a fantastic season with some great matches and some not so great matches! Although we didn't win our league, we had some memorable matches that made us feel great!

One of our best matches was against King's Hospital. With some great goals, from Etan Kinsella-McLennan and Katie Hyland, we finished the match 5-0 (which really made us feel wonderful!)

One of our not so great matches against Mt. Anville was an unpleasant afternoon, but overall we had a great season. We had lots of fun and long, cold nights of hard training from our excellent coaches, Mrs Mellon and Miss Levis. Thanks a lot for a great season!

Molly Hughes



First Year B

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Megan Earls, Lisa Meehan, Tess McCann, Nicola Durant, Niamh McDonagh.

Front Row: Lara Madden, Aoife Gordon, Stefanie Lodola, Sarah Brennan, Marie-Claire Foley, Laura Martin, Aoife Ryan.



First Year B2

Back Row: Zara McElvaney, Laura Martin, SORCHA CRILLY, Katie Hyland, Sophie Mitchell, Rebecca Mills, Camilla Hanney, Holly Taylor.

Front Row: Lara Madden, Katie O'Connor, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Molly Hughes, Etan Kinsella, Sadhbh Soper, Mrs G. Mellon.



1st XI Boys

This year we had a strong team with seven players in 6th year and many others playing club hockey outside school. Our first game came after only one training session together. Luckily it was against a weak Newpark team. However, it was obvious that we had not played much hockey and made hard work of it narrowly beating them 2-1 with goals from Liam Reidy and myself. The next week we had to go to Booterstown to take on what was said to be a strong St Andrew's team. We got an early goal from one or two lapses in concentration but some quick reactions and great stick stops from Benn Satchwell in goal ensured that we never lost the lead. We went on to win 4-0 with our next three goals coming from Liam Reidy (2) and Neil Barrett (aka - Crash) who took his opportunity well to slip the ball into the near corner. The game also saw the introduction of Shane Sergeant to the senior team for the first time. He played as well as anybody else on the pitch and is an upcoming High School talent! We were pleased to win but knew that we should have scored more.

Our next game was far tougher as we faced King's Hospital on a cold wet day in High School. We started out with a very offensive attitude but after ten minutes this proved costly as we let in a scrappy goal. Fortunately our midfield was working well together with Michael Sexton and Scott McNeill putting in great effort and creating a lot of space on either side of the pitch. It was a frustrating first half of playing well but not getting any reward for our persistence. Even though our short corners were working well it just didn't seem to be going our way, with Jonny Somerville hitting the post or having shots



narrowly deflected wide. Thankfully we got a short corner on the stroke of half time, which came back to me to slap into the side netting. In the second half we dominated the possession and no matter what their attack tried it failed to beat the trio of Sam Cogan, Christopher Blair and Luke McSharry at the back. We soon got another goal from a penalty stroke that I stepped up to take. Our third goal came after a good piece of work from Liam to get into the circle, a couple of shots and the ball landing in front of me with just the keeper to beat. We ended up 3-1. It was a great team performance and everybody knew it. Next up was Drogheda. It was on a grit pitch, which just made the fact that we had been in the bus for a couple of hours even worse! It was not a great looking game but we ended up easy 5-1 winners with goals from Daniel King (aka - Burn), Liam, Michael Sexton and two cracking shots from Peter May taken from the edge of the circle. The thing we all remember from the trip is what Mr Wilkinson was going to take for a picnic! (Might want to think before



SCT Boys Hockey

Back Row: Mr I Wilkinson, Liam Reidy, Michael Sexton, Peter May, Scott McNeill, Samuel Cogan, Daniel King.

Front Row: Karl Browne, Neil Barrett, Luke McSharry, William Mitchell, Jonny Somerville, Christopher Blair, Benn Satchwell.

Below left: The Winning Team.

you shout things out next time Sam).

The closest game of the season by far was against St Killian's who had beaten us last year in a 3-2 thriller! This tie was no disappointment to the spectators. Like us, they only have one senior hockey team and so have a very mixed group of players some of whom were playing first team hockey at club level. The teams were very evenly matched and we were set for another tough tie! We conceded a goal in the first minute due to some sloppy passing in midfield and an unorganised defence. Nobody played particularly well in the first half and we were 3-0 down going into the second. However Mr Wilkinson with his inspirational "they can't score if we have the ball" talk got us back to our best and the second half was one of the best games that I have been involved in. The second half saw the introduction of Mark McNulty who played out of his skin and didn't put a foot wrong which was incredible considering the game's pace and that it was his senior debut! Every single player gave absolutely everything and threw themselves at Killians, which led to us scoring twice without reply to bring the score back to 3-2 with goals from both Daniel King and Peter May. Unfortunately Killian's scored straight away to get to in front again but High School just attacked again and with outstanding play from Peter May managed to grab another goal. Disappointingly, that was how the score stayed. It was hard to take but great to be part of none the less.

With nearly two months till the next match we had plenty of time to get organised and it was of great help as we were against Wesley who were a well-drilled team with players who had recently been part of the All Ireland winning squad. It was an exciting game with eleven goals! Despite conceding four we never seemed in danger as none of their opportunities came from open play but rather from shorts or frees inside the twenty-five. Myself, Jonny, Phil Duffy, Peter May and Luke scored with Liam continuing his goal scoring form, netting two more. Luke's goal however was by far the most impressive of the day as he started from inside our half, skinned at least three of the Wesley players and then slammed it home from the top of the D leaving the keeper standing still! In the end we were 7-4 winners. It was easily the most enjoyable game of the season.

Last up was Dundalk who were also hopeful of league success. It was a dull match which we should definitely have won, but only drew 2-2. Though we were meant to play Sutton Park in the final game of the season they were unable to field a team at any time that we were available. This meant that we were equal with St Killian's on points but won the league on goal difference as we had the impressive tally of twenty-four in six games.

In the cup, we drew Sutton Park's 1sts, who had been doing well in the division above us! I was amazed at just how well we played despite unluckily going down 4-0 in the first half. I had never seen a High School team play so well and we thoroughly deserved a score on several occasions. Everyone played exceptionally well and I could honestly say I was proud of the team's performance. It finished at 5-0 but that could not have mattered less to me.

Before the acknowledgements I want to say just how well Peter May played this year. He was far and away our most important and consistent player all year long and on many occasions carried the team. Top work mate.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for all of the time he dedicated to us, Gareth for helping us out and fine-tuning the squad and Stuart Mellon for coaching/umpiring throughout the season. Finally I would like to say how grateful I am to the entire team. You have been a great group to play with I wish you all the best of luck in the future. I'm just glad that we have something to show for our six years of playing together. Thank you.

William Mitchell



JCT Boys

Back Row: Evan O'Callaghan, Richard Jones, David Lusby, Mark McNulty, Patrick O'Connor, Samuel Cogan, Max Prendergast, Mr I. Wilkinson.

Front Row: Fionan Keenan, Andrew Stevenson, Seán Tevlin, Mark Collins, Jonathan Sargeant, Shane Gould, David Meade.



Under 14 Boys

Back Row: James Barber, Patrick Butler, David Kavanagh, Jack O'Kennedy, Ciarán Collins, Paul O'Kelly, Damiano Fusciardi.

Front Row: Richard Whelan, Ronan Hennessy, Jonathan Walker, Niall Noonan, John Willoughby, Keith Gray, Josh Purcell.

Junior Boys

The hockey team this year had a great season. We had lot of players from the past 2 years. Our first match of the season was against Wesley and we came out winners with great goals from Mark McNulty, Steven Spoor and David Lusby. When we started the league we were unlucky to lose Andy Gray in a prior rugby match for half the season.

We then played Newpark in the League and won 4-2, we also played Kilkenny, Kings Hospital and St Gerard's winning 4-0, 3-0 and 4-0. We then had a tough game against St Andrews and fell asleep at the start going a goal down but an amazing goal from David Lusby and a controversial goal from Mark McNulty won it for us.

This season for all our League and cup games we had a strong defence held together by Sam Cogan. We played Wesley again in the League and Andy Gray returned. We were up 3-0 when as Andy Gray split their defence yet again; he was tripped and injured again. We won 4-2 and this brought us through to the semi-finals.

Before we played the semi's we started our leap and in a tough match it was 0-0 in time and in extra Sam Cogan gave away a flick in it and it was 1-0. Despite this we kept our heads up and a goal came. It went to flicks and after four great saves from D Meade, Paddy O'Connor's powerful flick was good enough. We won 2-0 on flicks.

We then played Columba's in the quarterfinals and we did not play our best but were 1-0 up at half time. We had a terrible performance in the second half and because of a last minute goal we lost 2-1.

We had our semi and we played brilliantly against Sutton Park. At full time it was 0-0 and both teams had players sent off. In extra time we put on a 2nd year, Ciaran Collins who scored the goal and won it for us. Also, our brilliant support featuring Marc Evans ran onto the pitch and picked up our star player Evan.

In the final against St Mark's, we played amazingly, especially David Meade in goals who made the save of the season. However we went 1-0 down and not even the short return of Andy could help us but he hit the inside of the post before a bad tackle by the boys from St. Marks took him down. We unluckily lost.

This season, I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson, Gareth Davis and Stuart Mellon for their brilliant coaching, and of course, our brilliant team.

Mark Collins

U13 A Boys

We had a successful year, making it to our league final and playing Taney. Our goalie Gareth who has now left the school, captained our team as his last time playing for High School. We were unlucky in our final because little things went wrong and they added up to two goals against us. In the end it was Taney's day and they won. But it was good to come away with a medal after beating St Andrew's in a close quarter-final and winning the semi-final. It was a hard clash and finished in penalty flicks with some great saves from our goalie and some well-finished flicks. Our team got what they deserved after a good strong year and things will only get better from here on in.

Josh Purcell

U13 B

This season the Under 13 B, unlike the A, did not play in a league or cup but played a few friendly matches. Our first friendly was against King's Hospital. The match finished 0-0. In the second match against Taney the result was 1-1.

Next season the B will play in a league. The reason we were not entered in a league this year was because this is the first year we had enough players for both an A team and a B team.

A few of the B players got to play for the A this year and really enjoyed it. Next year the B hope to do extremely well in the league.

Mohammad Kabadaya



U13 A Boys

Back Row: Guy Prendergast, Mark Evans, Tom Roseingrave, James Hawe, Eoin Keenan, Mohammed Kabadaya, Lorcan Aherne.

Middle Row: Bill O'Cleirigh, Ian Irvine, Mark Rogan, Gareth Carragher, Josh Purcell, Michael McNulty, Robbie McGuinness.

Front Row: Sam Williamson, Brian Speller.



U13 Boys B

Back Row: Neal Hickey, Lorcan Aherne, Darragh Herlihy, Brian Liston, Josh Reichental, Stephen Dowling.

Front Row: Simon Smith, Lee Murray, Bill O'Cleirigh, Mohammad Kabadaya, Steven Chapman, Gareth Carragher.



Frisbee Flyers

Frisbee Flyers

Back Row: Denise Fagan, Samuel Cogan, Jennifer Flanagan, Stella Hawe, Alexandra Carey, Kate Ryan, Andrew Lohan, Sarah Brusey.

Front Row: Karen Meade, Michael Willoughby, Jonny Somerville, Jessie Elliott, William Mitchell, Lucy Dooley, Cara Mulcahy.

Judo

"Dojo, hajume, mate!" Yes, I expect these words to mean nothing to most of you. Standing on the edge of the judo mats in the canteen in January, they meant nothing to me either. Nevertheless, I was excited to try judo, and was looking forward to the classes.

We started every class with a warm up – after running, this meant that we had to get straight from one side of the mats to the other, in different ways. These involved the straightforward forward and backward rolls, (well, straightforward for some, though I mastered the backward roll in the end!) cartwheels, handstands, falls, piggybacks and other various ways of moving oneself. All this was just the warm up!

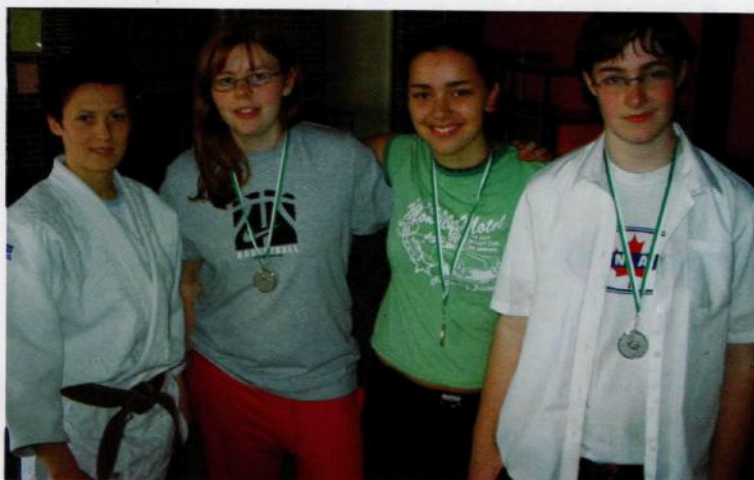
After this, we usually split into pairs. The rest of the lesson was devoted to learning new throws, holds and escapes. There were endless different ways of throwing someone (or being thrown!), involving hooking the foot round peoples' legs in different fashions, blocking knees and feet, as well as hip throws – these involved flipping people over your back! Surprisingly enough, none of these hurt – as long as you remembered to fall correctly, never forgetting the all-important slapping of the mat on landing. We learnt the holds in order to keep people on their backs once they had been thrown – in an actual fight, one of the ways to win is to hold your opponent on his back for 20 seconds. Finally, we learnt how to escape from holds – a vital skill!

Throughout the year, we worked towards the white and yellow belts. For these, we had to learn certain holds, throws, escapes and counters (how to counter or oppose a certain attack). We also had to know



Judo

Back Row: Pavla (the "sensei"), Shane Gould.
Front Row: Samuel Bennett, Graham Johnson, John Kilbey.



Judo

Pavla (the "sensei"), Beth Kelly, Nicola Canton, Kathryn Barry.
Left: TY Judo

some Japanese words related to judo. Happily, everybody completed the exams and was awarded either a white, or yellow belt.

At the end of the year, a girl's team and a boy's team entered a judo competition in Plunkett College. This was our first taste of competition and we were all a little nervous when we saw how many teams there were to compete. After a tough day and hard competition, we were successful. The boys' team (John Kilbey, Graham Johnson, Killian Rogan, Shane Gould, Larry O' Connell and Sam Bennett) reached the semi-final, eventually coming fourth, while the girls (Katie Jane Barry, Nicola Cantan, and Beth Kelly) were awarded silver medals. Not bad for our first contest!

The judo course was an excellent one, and I think that all the participants enjoyed it. It was certainly a different experience. A huge thank you must go to Mr. Swan for organising the competition, Mrs Kavanagh for coming with us, and of course, both the coaches (or sensei), Pavla and Alan, for introducing us to Judo and making it so interesting and worthwhile! Oh, and as for the words at the top, you'll have to try judo to find out what they mean!

Beth Kelly

SCT 1st XV

For the Senior Cup squad, rugby started in August with intense fitness and skill development to get us ready for the up-coming season. With nine players returning from last year's starting XV, we were confident of doing well.

The season began with three friendly matches before the start of our league campaign. We defeated Templeogue with ease, 29-0, followed by another easy victory over St Gerard's 22-7. But we were brought back down to earth in a very tough game against Gonzaga and ended up losing 20-14.

Our first league match came in early October against Newbridge. After they knocked us out of the Senior Cup last year, we had a huge point to prove and we did just that, winning 28-5. We then played our rivals Wesley but they were no match for us and it ended 20-7 in our favour.

We then had a short break from the league where we played CBC Monkstown in a friendly match where we won 20-8. We then went on a short trip over to England and Wales where we played Mold, a Welsh club side and King's School Worcester. At this stage of the season the whole team was playing beautiful rugby and it showed as we beat both teams in very demanding conditions. Mold were quite a weak team and we beat them 21-5, but we knew the next day's game against King's School Worcester was going to be challenging but some great rugby was played and we won 22-8, thanks to a great team try finished by Alan Thompson.

Back in Ireland we were perfectly prepared for our final group match in the Leinster league against Pres Bray. With Ross Johnson scoring two tries, we came out as easy victors, 32-3. This win meant we were through to the league semi-final, so training became a bit more intense and we worked harder in our friendly matches. The work paid off as we got revenge on Royal Armagh after they had beaten us in a very tough match last year. That game finished and gave us confidence to comfortably defeat a mixed Blackrock side 23-11.

However our performance on the pitch on the pitch was beginning to decline and it showed in our next friendly against CUS. Although we defeated them 22-10, we knew we had to pick it up before our league semi-final. Our last friendly before this was against Kings Hospital and after a scrappy match it finished 14-5 to us.

The league semi-final finally arrived and we knew it was going to be tough as it was against Gonzaga. Everyone on the team put in a huge effort and we nearly grabbed a well deserved victory in the dying stages but unfortunately, Gonzaga hung on and won a much enjoyed match, 18-8. Gonzaga went on to win the league.

Next on our agenda was our annual trip to Sligo

Grammar School in which we played some good and some bad rugby but we came out winners in the end, winning 19-6.

In our last match before Christmas we played Kilkenny at home and after a very physical match, we lost 17-12, which was very disappointing, as we knew we could have won. During the holidays we played Campbell College and defeated them easily, 14-3 with a self named Alan "A-bomb" Thompson scoring all the points, but then suffered a heavy defeat against a strong St. Marys team and we left the field on the wrong side of a 34-3 result.

In mid-January, Sligo travelled to us with intentions of a victory but we completed the double with a 29-13 win to give us a boost into our last friendly before the Senior Cup, a grudge match against Kilkenny away. After a promising start, our lack of discipline cost us dearly and we finished the match losing 28-6. The defeat made us train harder and harder for our next match, Blackrock.

Rugby



SCT Rugby

Back Row: Mr R. Walker, Ercus Long, Alan Loane, Ciarán Condren, Patrick Earls, Gerard Prunty, Rory Forsythe, Jonny Somerville, Cillian Suiter, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Manus Cronin.

Middle Row: Mr L. McBride, Ross Traynor, Ciarán Hale, Ross Johnson, Niall McDarby, Owen Wardell, Alan Thompson, Steven Walsh, Mr D Wright.

Front Row: Brendan Phelan, David Flower, Patrick O'Shea, Graham Kinlan, Karl Cabena, James Anglim.

Below: The senior boys trying hard against Blackrock.



Finally, the first match of the Senior Cup arrived and we played the defending champions, Blackrock in a jam-packed Donnybrook stadium. Although we were the underdogs, we felt the pressure, as this was the first year the matches were being televised on Setanta Sports, so we were desperate to perform. We started well and it paid off as we converted two penalties into a half time score of 13-6 down. The second half however ran away from us and after two late tries in injury time Blackrock defeated us 28-6 in a physical but highly enjoyed match.

After this, we had a month break where we did light training before we played our plate quarter final against Castleknock away. We started well again but in the second half our concentration was lacking and it ended up 20-10 against us.

On behalf of the squad I would like to thank all of the students, teachers and parents that supported us throughout the year, it is greatly appreciated. A massive thank you must go to our coaches, Mr McBride, Mr Wright, Mr Walker and Hugh Hogan. Their dedication to us throughout the season was second to none and without them, we wouldn't be the players we are today.

Niall McDarby



Above right and far lower right: The rugby supporters get a little out of hand...

Far right: Owen Wardell makes a break for it against Gonzaga.

Below: SCT in the league semi-final.

Senior 2nd

The seconds had a great start to the year with an impressive four in a row winning streak over Wesley College, St Mary's, CUS and Sandford Park.

The team was strengthened halfway through the season with the fourth years joining. Even though the team lost the next few games there were impressive personal performances from Ciaran "Impaler" Hale and Brian Kelly.

Unfortunately the team had a disappointing league run with losses to Wesley College and St Mary's.

We would like to thank Mr McBride, Mr Wright, Mr Walker and Hugh Hogan.

Graham Kinlan



2nd XV

Simon Coyne, James Hanlon, Ronan Keller, Seán Froudish-Walsh, Luke Begley, Gerard Prunty, Niall Milton, Simon Marconi, Brian Kelly, Nathan Barber.

Middle Row: Mr L McBride, Shane Sargeant, Stephen Lane, Ciarán Hale, Graham Kinlan (Captain), Jonny Sommerville, Thomas Meredith, Samuel Shelwood, Mr D Wright.

Front Row: Alan O'Keeffe, Jonathan Sargeant, Manus Cronin, Graham Kinlan, Evan Barry.

Under 16 and 3rds

Our season didn't start too well with a heavy loss to King's Hospital in the first match of the year. However we recovered with a good 31-3 victory over Gonzaga in a friendly game, with good performances all round.

We then began our league campaign. Our first league game was against St. Gerards at home. We had a great first half but a poor second but won 21-19.

Our next league match was against CUS and after a great team performance we won 44-12. We then had a very tough game against Kilkenny away and after a fantastic defensive performance from the back row in the second half against a strong breeze we came out victorious 21-15.

We then played Castleknock on a horrible wet day at the High School. A great first half performance meant we ran out 35-31 winners and we followed this with a 25-10 victory over Blackrock.

This win meant that we ended the league in first place with a 100% record. This meant that we played Kilkenny in the league final in Newbridge. We were missing some vital players due to injury and other reasons but we did well in the match and had a 17-15 lead with 5 minutes to go after 2 great tries by Tom Meredith. However Kilkenny got a converted try with about 2 minutes to go to win 22-17. It was very disappointing especially after winning every game up until then.

We ended the season against Terenure, again with important back row personnel missing. We went down 19-14 with two outstanding tries by Robbie Rath, but unfortunately attempted ankle taps by Twiggy didn't come off.

On behalf of the team we would like to thank Mr R. Giles and our coach Alan Hilliard.

Andy Smyth and Andrew Lohan



Under 16 / 3 XV

Back Row: Robbie Bannister, Patrick O'Connor, John Kilbey, Robert Rath, Tony Lee, Nigel Kinlan.

Front Row: Richard Kiernan, Alan O'Keeffe, Jonathan Sargeant, Nathan Barber, Andrew Lohan, Alan McMurray, Graham Johnson, Thomas Meredith, Mr R. Giles.

Absent from photo: Jamie Wright, Andrew Smyth, Kier Johnson.



Left: SCT Stephen Walsh preparing to head butt the opposition.

JCT A

The JCT rugby Team had a good strong team this year. We started training early for the cup. We were unlucky with injuries throughout the season. Andy Gray tore ligaments in his knee; Gareth Austen broke his collarbone and Ronan Fox who had a neck injury. We also had a new player in Mark Cabena who had never played rugby before.

Our first match of the season was against St Gerard's. It was a walkover as we won 57-0 with 15 minutes left. We trained hard for the league. We had 2 preparation matches against Gonzaga and Newbridge but lost them both closely. Our first match in the league was against Newbridge, which we performed poorly in and lost. We got ourselves ready for the next league game against Wesley. We beat them 17-7. After this we were confident going into the match against Pres. Bray knowing that a win would see us through to the semis of the league. Unfortunately we weren't ready for the fast pace of the game that Pres. Bray played and lost 32-0.

After this we got our minds back on training for the cup and we trained harder. We played a few matches, first losing to Andrews and Kilkenny but had a great victory against CUS when our speedy winger Ritchie Harrison went over in the dying seconds to leave us 19-17 to the good.

Then we played CBC Monkstown and lost 18-0 despite good performances from Mark Cabena and Mark Collins. Then we trained harder and everyone got more focused, preparing for the fast approaching cup. Our first match in the cup was against CBS Naas. We performed well on a poor day and we put a lot of pressure on them and then Ross Hanan our No. 8 crossed the line for a well-deserved try, David Kenny converted this to leave us 7-0 up. They put on some pressure towards the very end but our defence stayed solid and we came out victorious 7-0.

Our next match in the cup was against St Patrick's Navan. We weren't quite up for this game as much as we could and should have been. We went 6-0 down because of stupid penalties that we gave away in good position. In the second half we picked ourselves and had some great performances from Gareth Austen, Gavin Sadlier and Colin Sheridan.

Gareth Austen scored a try but David Kenny was unable to convert it. In the last seconds of the game we got a penalty on the 10-metre line. The coaches decided that I should attempt to kick for the three points. It was a hard kick but I gave it a shot. It had the direction but the ball dropped about five metres short of the posts. They kicked the ball out of play and the ref blew the whistle to end the game. We had lost 6-5. We were all disappointed and knew that we had the beating of them.

We ended the season beating Sandford and drawing with Templeogue. Our final game was against the U16 who we lost 15-0 to.



JCT A

Back Row: Mr J. Dolan, Ben Condron, James Comerford, Gavin Thornberry, William Hanlon, Sean Tevlin, Daniel James, Jack Madden, Gavin Sadlier, Gavin Meade.

Middle Row: David Kenny, Aron Wade, Richard Harrison, Sam Carey, Marc Evans, Gareth Austen, Colin Sheridan, Ross Hanan, Mark Cabena.

Front Row: Darragh Keller, Mark Collins, Edmund Butler, Alain Lui.

I would like to thank the team, Mr Walker, Mr McNamara, Mr Dolan, Alex and Loggers for their brilliant coaching, without which we wouldn't have got as far as we did.

Mark Evans

Below: JCT supporters.

Bottom: Hectic lineout action in the match against CBS Naas.



JCT B

At the start of the year our team was strong, so strong that our star first time rugby player Mark Cabena made the A team after his first match against Pres Bray. In our league we played two games. The first was against St Andrew's; it was a wet and dismal day. We played well but on the day the St Andrew's team were better. Next we were up against a very strong Blackrock team. We lost two players in the first half but we put up a good fight. Even with a great try from Aron Wade and some strong running by our big number 8, Carl McHugh-Constable, it was not enough to keep the Blackrock players out.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Dolan and Mr McNamara for their coaching and help through our tough league.

David Meade

U14 A

We played our first match against Templeogue, which we won 36-12 with Ciaran Collins getting a brilliant individual try. We then played Gonzaga a team in the previous year that hammered us but with new found form we drew 5-5. We then played Wesley and hammered them 36-0 with Conor O'Donnell getting four tries!!!

Then we played Blackrock and with us putting in a phenomenal performance we won 17-12. Unfortunately in the two next match we played we lost against King's Hospital 17-12 and then St Mary's 42-5.

After Christmas we lost to Gonzaga in our first match. We then played Clogowes and lost 22-15. We then played Templeogue and hammered them 54-0 and St Paul's 48-5. We travelled to Kilkenny and unfortunately we lost 38-0. We then played Castleknock College in a game, which we won 28-12. We then played Wesley again and won 17-5. We played a touring Welsh side Rhyll. We lost to this side 29-27 but we felt that the scoreline didn't reflect our performance. I would like to thank Mr McCaughey, Mr Gill, Dave, Ben and of course Mr Doyle for refereeing our matches.

Sam Moore



JCT 'B'

Back Row: Daragh Sweetnam, Ben Condon, James Comerford, William Hanlon, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Brian Taylor, Thomas Lohan, Andrew Stevenson.
Front Row: Alain Lui, Darragh Keller, Aaron Ward, Aron Wade, David Meade, Richard Jones, Carl McHugh, Harry Ward, Mr J. Dolan.



U14 Boys

Back Row: Shay Arias-Paz, Adam Elliott, Graham Young, Seán O'Riordan, Conor O'Donnell, Conor McGinley, Mark Savage, Simon Kinneen, Saurin Kenny, Mr P. McCaughey.
Middle Row: Mr T. Gill, Matthew Rourke, Ian Lane, Iain Levine, Sam Moore (Captain), James O'Connor, Declan Fergus, Thomas Emo, Steven Carter.
Front Row: Jonny Kinlan, Shane Webb.



U14 B

Back Row: Mr P McCaughey, Shane Webb, Kevin Smyth, Colin Ledwith, Alan Day, Alex Conroy, Robert Browne, Joshua Burdon, Joe Commford, Mr T. Gill.
Front Row: Keith Gray, Matthew O'Rourke, Conor Frizzelle, Jonathon Kinlan, James Ryan, Niall Smith, Ryan Morgan, Graham Mills, Mattias Slattery.

U13A

We started off the year playing Dundalk. We played well but lost. We were just beaten by CBC when they put over a penalty in the last minute to win the game 15-12. We came close to beating Willow Park and Templeogue. We beat Columbus and De la Salle and our season kicked off from there.

When we came back after Christmas we had a good run of results, drawing with Castleknock.

However our A and B teams thrashed Wesley by over 50 points each. The B killed them again in the second match and the A won a tough match.

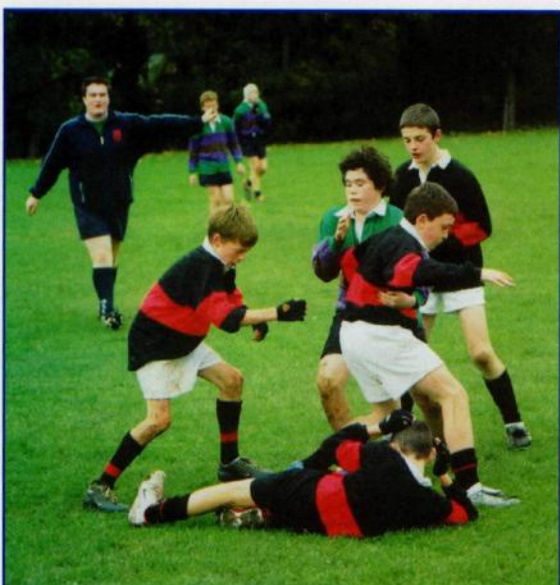
Our last match was against CUS. This was a tough match for both the A and the B but they won.

Many thanks to Mr B O'Hanlon, Mr M Griffin, Simon Goldsmith and Niall O'Byrne.

**Bill O'Cleirigh
and Cian Twomey**

U13B

We started the year with a few training sessions. Most of our players were new to the game but we had a few exceptions who had played previously. Our first game was against Sanford Park which we won 35-7. Our second game was against St Columbu's. There was a bit of a mix-up about a 10-



U 13A

Back Row: Ben Harding, Gavin Mullan, Scott Condrón, Michael Scanlon, Patrick King, Mark Weston, Nicholas Jones, Oscar Bowling, Diarmuid Kennedy.

Middle Row: Mr M. Griffin, Josh Purcell, James Hawe, Cian Twomey, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Adam Ryan, Mr B O'Hanlon.

Front Row: Luke Evans, Iain Irvine, Luke Byrne, Bill O'Cleirigh, Ian Duggan, Simon Ludden.



U13 B

Back Row: Archie Heaslip, Oscar Bowling, Scott Condrón, James Harding, Aaron Sturdy, Emmet McBride, Milo May, Brian Liston, Andrew Gilbert

Front Row: Lorcan Murphy, Steven Chapman, Daire Hunt, Graham Flaherty, Ian Duggan, James Liddicoat, Ruairi Nugent, Martin Flower, Mr M. Griffin

a-side tournament, and ended up as a 15-a-side match, A playing the first match and B playing the second half. We won 36-0 running in 6 tries. Most of our matches were cancelled due to shortage of players and bad weather. Our matches against Templeogue and De La Salle were absolute walkovers running 6 and 7 tries respectively. The rest of the eight remaining matches were cancelled except for two matches against Wesley thrashing them 52-0. The very last match of the season was against CUS. It was the best game of the season by far. A few players were changed between A and B, notably Nicky Jones moving to the A for the second half of the season. The best award went to Liam Kwomey running the ball that Rhyl gave us when they came over from Wales. It was a most enjoyable season with many thanks to Mr Griffin, Mr O' Hanlon and Simon Goldsmith for their great help.

Dylan Farrell and Ian Duggan

Sports Day



Above: Alan McMurray takes a throw.
Top right: High jumper - Robbie Bannister.
Right: Shot-putter - Claire Fergus.
Below: The Staff vs Students Tug-o-War.



Swimming

The swimming year started with a bit of a relocation for both Junior and Senior classes. At our new venue of Rathmines pool, we got to work and set about improving technique and general fitness (having a bit of a laugh at the same time!). We did awards for endurance and survival in the water, as well as several distance swims over the course of the year, and I think we all benefited from the frantic water polo games (where even the weaker swimmers could get their own back on the rest!) and fun days. We all greatly improved, with several High Schoolers competing in city and national events. On behalf of everyone who did swimming this year, I'd like to thank Ms T. Jones, Mr J. Swan, and Emer for all their hard work and effort setting up our awards and training sessions over the past months.

Rob Hunt

Top right: Cian Kinsella-McClennan, Daren Edmondson and Toby Lyons.

Right: The Winter Swim Group.
Below left: Certified Swimmers - Laura Martin, Danny Finn and Ian Thom.

Below right: Niamh (brrrr) Sleator.



Senior Boys

The Senior Boys Tennis team had two good wins in their section beating St Killian's and Gonzaga, but in the important game to decide who came through they lost to King's Hospital. Scott McNeill was a helpful and efficient Captain of the team while Seán O'Gorman returned after several years absence and played well. The Juniors beat Wesley and Stratford but lost to St Mary's. Richard Harrison, Conor James and Daniel James all showed promise in the Senior Boys tournament. Richard Harrison beat Fionn Keenan and in the Junior Boys Paul O'Kelly beat Paddy Butler.

A particular word of thanks goes to Donald McNeill who has helped with transport for matches over the last few years. His assistance was much appreciated.



Senior Boys

Back Row: Ross Johnson, Seán O'Gorman, Mr L. McClure.
Front Row: Richard Harrison, Andrew Stevenson, Daniel James, Conor James.

L McClure

Tennis

Senior Girls

This year's tennis team were very promising with three strong doubles pairs. These included myself and Karen Meade, Katie Smith and Karen Sutton and Jessie Elliott and Anna McNally.

We started the season off well, with a friendly match against King's Hospital where we had some good practice games.

We won our first two league matches 2-1; the determined Katie and Karen battling both out in three sets. We lost our next match 2-1, however we still managed to qualify to the semi-final. We played against a tough King's Hospital team, where a better side defeated us.

Overall, we had an enjoyable season with some great tennis! On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Ms Levis for the encouragement and time she put into the team this year. I would also like to thank Tommy for bringing us to our matches.

Gemma McRann



Senior Girls

Back Row: Anna McNally, Karen Sutton, Katie Smith.
Front Row: Ms D. Levis, Jessie Elliott, Gemma McRann, Karen Meade.

Girls Tennis Awards

Senior Girls Tournament Winner:
Kellie O'Flynn

Runner Up:
Gemma McRann

Junior Girls Tournament Winner:
Genevieve Deeley

Runner Up:
Clare Guy

Minor Girls Tournament Winner:
Susan McRann

Runner Up:
Amy Jones



Junior A Girls

Back Row: Isobel Scally, Laura Nelson, Ciara Buttler.
Front Row: Ms D. Levis, Annalise Murphy, Claire Guy, Genevieve Deely.



Junior B Girls

Back Row: Tamryn Reinecke, Jo Anne O'Meara.
Front Row: Lauren Turner, Anne-Marie Jordan, Fiona Collins, Ms D. Levis.



Minor A Girls

Back Row: Joan Sommers Donnelly, Susan McRann, Linda Silke, Ms D. Silke.
Front Row: Emily Kinlan, Amy Jones, Aimee Jones O'Conner, Zoe O'Regan.



Minor B Girls

Back Row: Aoife Gordon, Tess McCann, Ms D. Levis.
Front Row: Katie Hyland, Lisa Meehan, Susan Kinlan, Sarah Brennan.

Junior Boys

Back Row: Michael Adye-Curran, Matthew O'Rourke, Conor James, Gareth Austen, Patrick Butler, Eoin Keenan.
Front Row: Jonathan Walker, Fionan Keenan, Richard Harrison, Daniel Jones, Iain Lane, Richard Whelan.



Awards

School Trophy Winners 2003-2004

Athletics

Belgrave

200 Metres - Senior Girls
Amy Kenealy

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys
Patrick Mullan

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys
Conall Walsh

Diocesan Staff

Points - Intermediate Girls
Leah Moore

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys
Conall Walsh

Mathers

Points - Junior Girls
Joan Somers Donnelly

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys
Patrick Mullan

Pakenham Hamilton

High Jump - Junior Girls
Evanna Mills

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys
Patrick Mullan

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Taylor

100 Metres
- Senior Boys
Patrick Mullan

Taylor

Points
- Senior Girls
Holly Warren

Travers

High Jump
- Senior Boys
Owen Wardell

Walker

1500 Metres
- Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys
Patrick Mullan

Whyte

Field Events - Boys
Rory Forsythe

Badminton

Evans

Mixed
Aidan Hunt,
Dylan Murphy

Factor

Junior Boys
Mark Cabena

Hennessey

Senior Boys
Peter Jackson

Canoeing

Broad Cup

Form 1
Tom Burke

Canoeist of the Year

Jordan Ralph

Junior Liffey Cup

Ciaran O'Callaghan

Cricket

Davies

Second Eleven
Alan Cairns

Dawson

Form 2 - Boys
Andrew Gray

de Vere Shortt

Batting - Boys
Steven Walsh

Hanly

Fielding - Boys
Benn Satchwell

Hockey

Neville Davin

Senior Boys
Robert Wynne

Diocesan

Minor Girls
Tessa Meade

Karen Eppel

Sportmanship
Rebecca Rolfe

Jean Scott

Junior Girls
Nicola Daly

Jean Scott

Senior Girls
Gillian McMurray

Rugby

Dawson

Form 2
Marc Evans

de Vere Short

Player of the Year
Matthew D'Arcy

Evans

Place and Drop
Benjamin Cantan

Turner

Most Deserving
Team
Andrew Lohan
(Capt.)

Table Tennis

Evans

Matthew Leahy

Tennis

Harcourt

Junior Boys
Daniel James

Jagoe

Junior Girls
Gemma
McRann

Sealy

Senior Boys
Scott McNeill

Smith

Senior Girls
Julie McRann

Golf

The 2005 golf team had a reasonably successful year this year with Andrew "bus ball" Pollock being the back bone of the team. Other members included myself, Ross Johnson and Marc Judge. On our first outing of the year we were defeated in a playoff against CUS. Myself and Ross Johnson who were eventually undefeated throughout the tournament lost out on the third hole of a nerve testing playoff. Andrew Pollock was statistically the longest hitter on tour (average drive 180 yards) and proved this in our next match when he and Mark Judge were victorious against strong Conleth's side. Ross and I matched this victory and our first point of the campaign was secured. In our last game we were beaten by eventual finalists St Michael's. This meant we finished mid-table after a tough series of matches. Thanks to Mr Kirby for helpful tips and inspirational team talks, also Andy Pollock for advice about how to hit the long ball off the tee.

Barry Daly, 6th



Top: Senior Boys

Marc Judge, Andrew Pollock, Ross Johnson,
Barry Daly, Mr M. Kirby.

Above: Junior Boys

Richard Jones, Conor James, Gavin Sadlier.

Editorial Team Haikus

Mr McNamara

Barry has no car
He rides a grey sheep to school
Its name is hammer

Frank

Frank Moriarty
Likes to proof read and edit
What a silly boy

Frank Moriarty

Definitely makes a good
Yearbook editor

Roxanne

Roxanne Brownlee has
Neverending energy
For typing fiction

Roxanne Brownlee is
Extremely insulting to
all minorities

Mengxi

Mengxi stays at home
Watching OC, eating rice
Yes, I hug X-men

Rachel

Rachel O'Byrne is
Obsessed with music and Scott
She plays piano

Laura

Laura Mahon is
Not fond of chickens or
Of morning builders

Grace

Grace Cummins likes God
Goes to CU every week
I'll see you in Hell

Ruth

We can all see that
Ruth Jones had a hernia
At exams this year

Rob

Rob Hunt likes to take
Photos of Ruth Jones when she
Is playing hockey

Harry

Harry likes to make
Websites and stupid comics
For his enjoyment.

Davey

Davey Kelleher
Likes to dress in drag; man I
Feel like a woman

Riddles

1. You throw away the outside and
cook the inside. Then you eat the
outside and throw away the inside.
What did you eat?

2. What goes around the world but
stays in a corner?

3. The man who invented it doesn't
want it. The man who bought it doesn't
need it. The man who needs it doesn't
know it. What is it?

4. I know a word of letters three.
Add two, and fewer there will be.

5. I am always hungry,
I must always be fed,
The finger I lick
Will soon turn red.

6. Until I am measured
I am not known,
Yet how you miss me
When I have flown.

7. Lighter than what
I am made of,
More of me is hidden
Than is seen.

8. Each morning I appear
To lie at your feet,

All day I will follow
No matter how fast you run,
Yet I nearly perish
In the midday sun.

9. You can see nothing else
When you look in my face,
I will look you in the eye
And I will never lie.

10. With thieves I consort,
With the vilest, in short,
I'm quite at ease in depravity;
Yet all divines use me,
And savants can't lose me,
For I am the centre of gravity.

11. As a whole, I am both safe
and secure.
Behead me, and I become a place
of meeting.
Behead me again, and I am the
partner of ready.
Restore me, and I become the
domain of beasts.
What am I?

12. What does man love more than life
Fear more than death or mortal strife
What the poor have, the rich require,
and what contented men desire,
What the miser spends and the
spendthrift saves
And all men carry to their graves?

Laura Mahon, 5th



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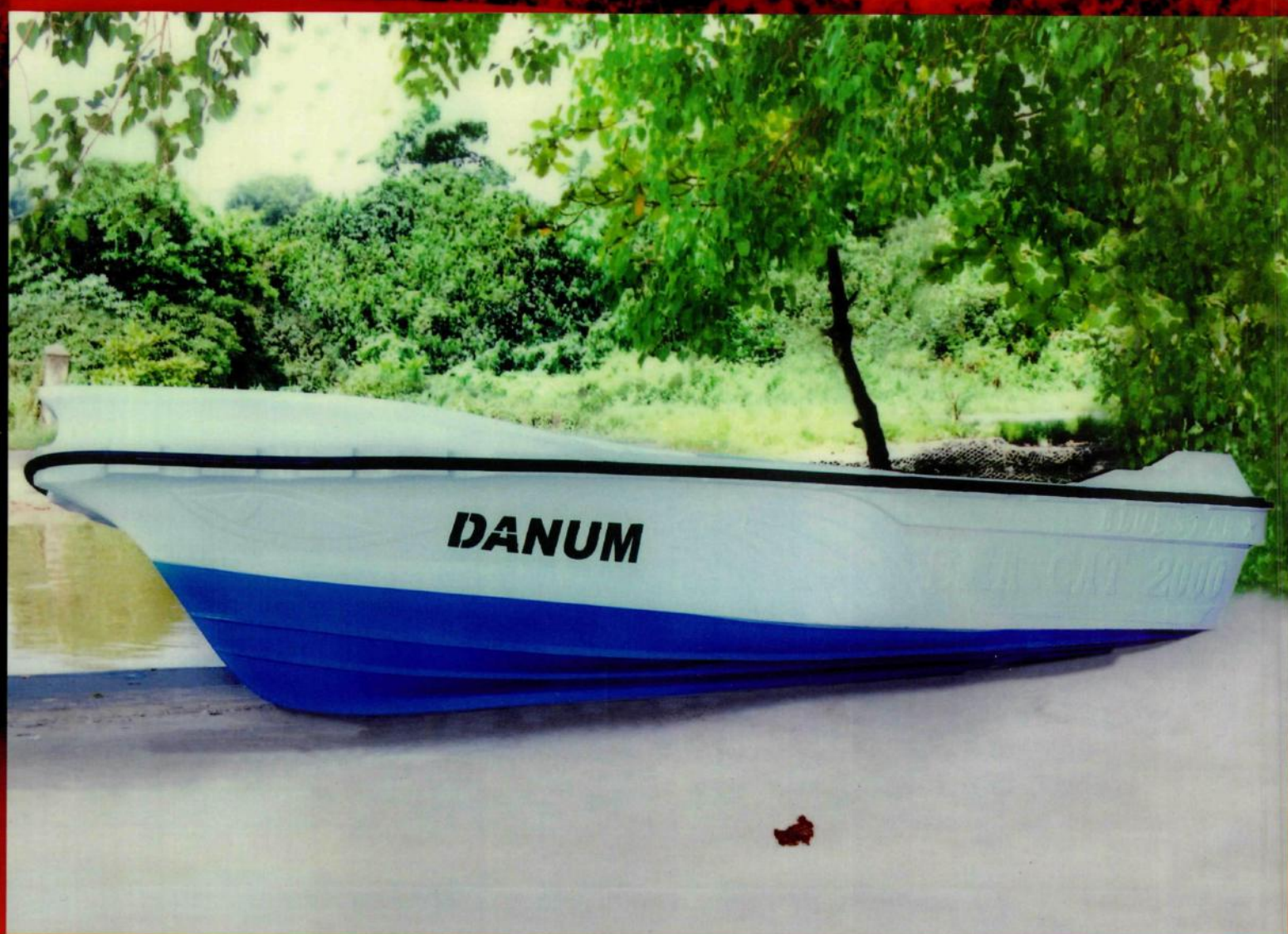
Back Row: Davey Kelleher, Adam Hurley, Frank Moriarty, Rob Hunt,
Rachel O'Byrne, Harry McEvansoneya.

Front Row: Laura Ann Stewart, Grace Cummins, Laura Mahon,
Roxanne Brownlee.

Absent from photo: Mengxi Hu and Ruth Jones.

Answers to Riddles

1. An ear of corn.
2. A stamp.
3. A coffin.
4. Few.
5. Fire.
6. Time.
7. Iceberg.
8. Shadow.
9. Reflection.
10. The letter v.
11. Stable.
12. Nothing.



Above: This fishing boat named 'Danum' was bought with funds raised by the Student Council through a Non-Uniform Day which was held in January of this year. The boat was built locally for fishermen who lost their vessels in the 2004 Tsunami on the coasts of Sri Lanka.