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In common with other schools around the country, The High School closed on Friday 14 September 2001 as a mark of respect for those people of many nationalities who died and were injured in the appalling terrorist atrocities perpetrated in the United States of America on 11 September 2001. In addition, at the request of our pupils, a special assembly was held on 13 September 2001 to pray for the victims, their families and friends and those who are engaged in rescue and recovery work. A book of condolences was administered by the Student Council and was delivered to the Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland. As we reflected on any violence or hatred which might be in our own hearts, one of the prayers used at our assembly was the famous prayer for peace of St Francis of Assisi, which was read by **Jonathan Walker**, one of our own American students:

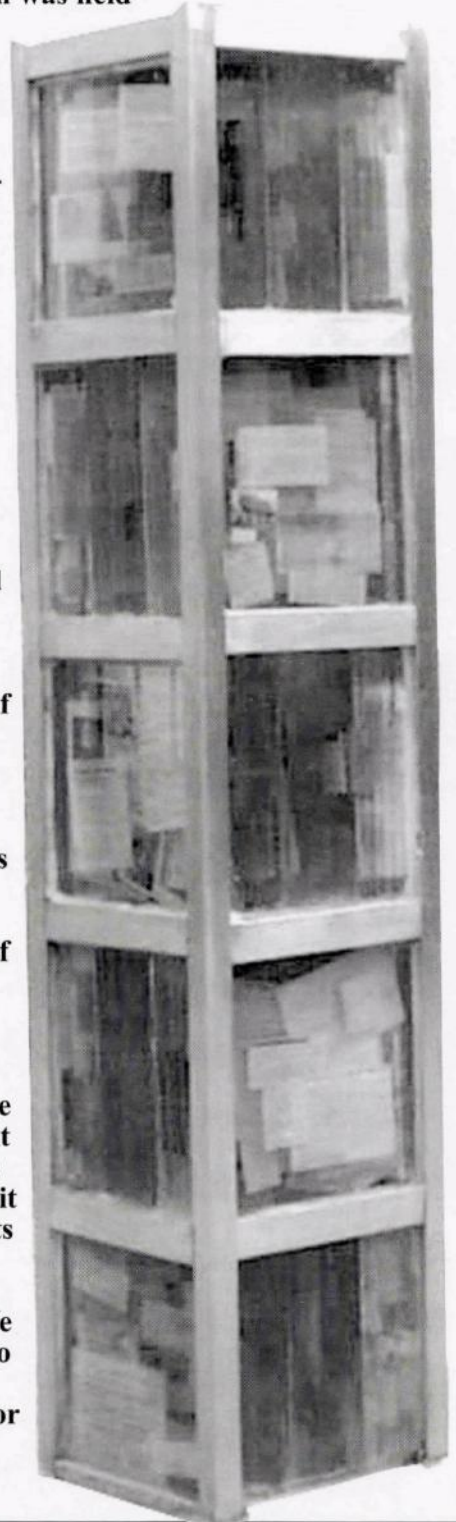
LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE;
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME BRING YOUR LOVE;
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, TRUE FAITH;
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT; AND
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY.
O, DIVINE MASTER,
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE
CONSOLED, AS TO CONSOLE;
TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND;
TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE;
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE;
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED;
AND IT IS IN DYING TO OURSELVES THAT WE ARE BORN
TO ETERNAL LIFE.



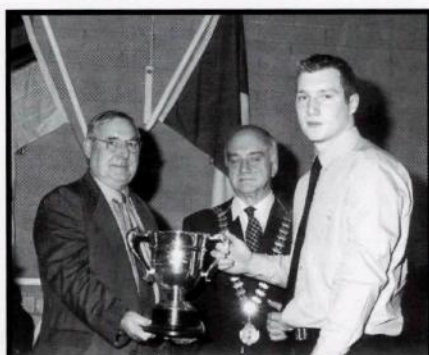
A scene from ground zero in the aftermath of the attack

MILLENNIUM SCULPTURE

A competition was held for the students of the National College of Art and Design sculpture class to provide a sculpture for the Millennium Garden in the centre of the school. The competition was won by Pam Corrie who designed a large solid glass obelisk constructed from sheets of glass welded together. Interleaved between the sheets of glass are selections from pieces of literature which pupils of the school have enjoyed studying. The sculpture is lit from beneath so that when it is dark it casts a green/blue light into the courtyard. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for funding the competition.



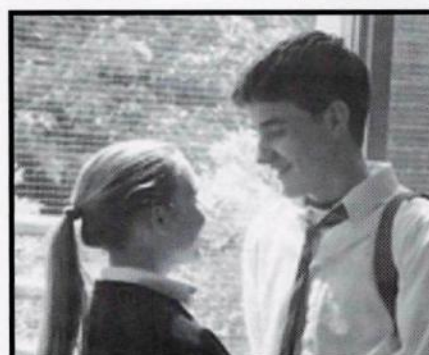
Front Cover Main Photo: Mrs. J. Geoghegan (Deputy Principal) and Mr. B. Duffy (Principal) welcoming you to The High School



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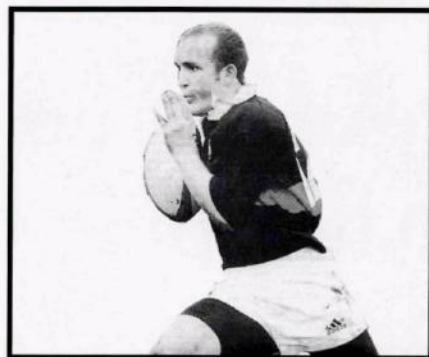
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Welcome to this year's edition of the Erasmian & Diocesan Times. Compiling a record of the events taking place in The High School over the year is an enormous undertaking and is only possible with the help of very many people.

The Erasmian team of fifth years (pictured below) are an outstanding group of students who worked tirelessly over the year to collect and write the material in these pages. **Sudha Rao** did an excellent job organising the team.

I would also like to acknowledge the following for their contributions:

- Mr. B. Duffy (Principal) for access to his stock of past newsletters and scanned images,
- Mrs. J. Geoghegan (Deputy Principal) for organising the class photos,

- Mr. R. Walker (Sports Co-ordinator) for organising sports team photos,
- Mr. I. Blackmore (School Photographer) for providing an ample supply of photographs that are used throughout the publication,
- Mr. R. Davies (Computers) for setting up the computer facility for use by the Erasmian team,
- The office staff,
- The teaching staff for writing many of the articles, organising pupils to write material and providing names used as captions on the photographs and
- Classes 1G and 2M who typed up a huge amount of material.

I think that's everyone. I hope you enjoy reading the 2001/2002 issue of **The High School Yearbook**.

K. Mills (Production Co-ordinator)

Meet the Press....

YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

Seated (L-R): Jennifer Kane, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Louisa Earls, Susan Walsh, Simon Houston, Sudha Rao.

Standing (L-R): Debbie Keogh, Roberta Harris, Eoghan Maginn, Ben Frazer, Kerrie Wynne.



Editorial

And so we come, dear friends and readers, to the one hundred and second issue of our illustrious school's yearbook. As I sit at my keyboard trying to think of inspiring words that future generations will read with awe and wonder, a thought springs to my mind; writing an editorial is perhaps not as easy as I first thought it would be. Yes, the Erasmian and Diocesan Times is indeed a harsh taskmistress.

But really, all things considered, I have no excuse for being at a loss for words. The past year has been by no means an uneventful one for the school. Read on and you will find that this volume is saturated with fascinating and informative articles, not to mention the last outpourings from the pens of the most promising writers and artists that the High School has to offer. But to recount

all these marvels here would be futile - instead I shall ruminate on the happenings outside the school in the past year, which I believe deserve a mention.

On the 11th of September, 2001, an obscure terrorist group conducted lethally coordinated suicidal attacks on American centres of trade and intelligence. In a horrific spectacle the Twin Towers, symbol of global capitalism, crashed to the ground taking a great many innocent civilians with it. Nobody can deny the tragedy of the occasion, but I found the aftermath more deeply disturbing. As if lurking just below the surface, jingoism and militarism spread across America. Perhaps I am overreacting, but to me, calling innocent people unfortunate enough to be in the buildings in question "American heroes" reeks of propaganda. Likewise, President Bush came up

with a handy little phrase "war against terror" which instantly excuses the use of excessive force in retribution - after all, they are at war. If it were treated as merely the hunting down of dangerous criminals, perhaps greater attention would have been drawn to the fact that casualties in Afghanistan as a result of the war far outnumber those in the original terrorist attacks. The events of the past year are both a tragedy and history in the making, but I think they are also a lesson that it is important to keep an open mind and be more suspicious of everything you read. With the exception, of course, of this revered publication. Anyway, enough of this. Allow me to present for your enjoyment the Erasmian and Diocesan Times, for the school year 2001-02.

Benjamin Frazer, 5th.



PRIZE DAY

James Maher (Headboy) with his sister Yvonne Maher (former headgirl)

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2001

**Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship**
**Beth Kelly, Rathgar National
School**

School Scholarships
**Eoin Silke, Rathfarnham Parish
National School**
**Mary Anne Mesbur, Rathgar
National School**
**Jennifer Murphy, Presentation
Convent, Terenure**
**Evan O'Callaghan,
Rathfarnham Educate Together
National School**
**Denise Fagan, Presentation
Convent, Terenure**

Music Scholarships
**Robert Farhat, Rathgar Junior
School**
**Eneko O'Carroll, St Mary's
College Junior School,
Rathmines**



Denise Fagan



Beth Kelly

PRIZES 2000 - 2001 Form 1

Class Prizes

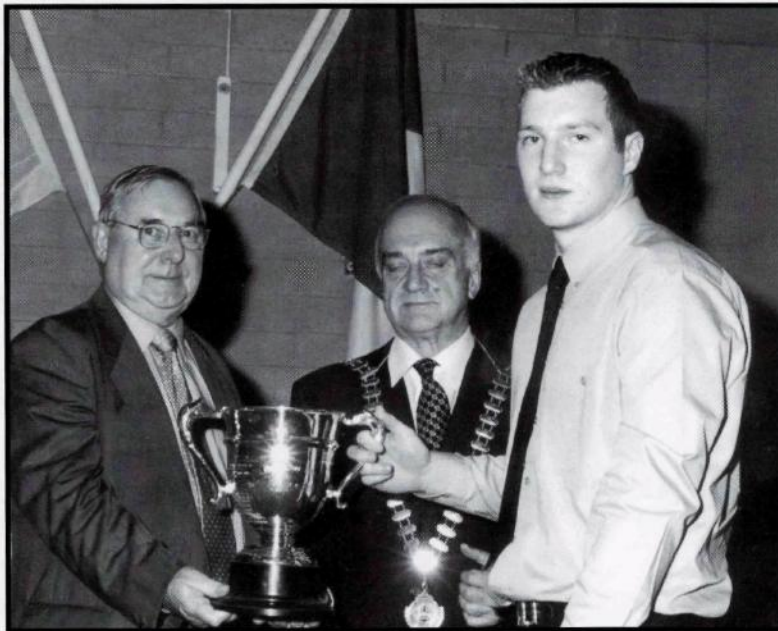
1W
Francis Moriarty, Mengxi Hu
1P
**Timothy Harris, Úna Ní
Éigeartaigh**
1M
Holly Warren, Jill Harding
1D
Katie Smith, David Kelleher
1S
**Christopher Blair, Ailbhe
Donnellan**

Progress Prizes

1W
Neil Barrett, Nadine Eustace
1P
**Eoin Fitzgerald-Kelly, Robert
Hunter**
1M
Dylan Murphy, Avril Nolan
1D
Robert Nason, Amy Munoz
1S
Amy Brennan, Jake O'Brien



Robert Nason



*The head-
boy, James
Maher,
receiving
the Old
Boys Cup
from Justice
Brian
McCracken*

The main theme of our activities during this particular year has been the completion of much of our millennium building programme. The technical and crafts centre, comprising new rooms for Construction Studies, Materials Technology Wood, Technical Drawing, two rooms for Home Economics and external storage facilities went into use at the end of August 2001. There had been a delay due to moisture problems in the floor of the building but heroic work by all concerned ensured that we were using the facilities as soon as possible.

The new boys' changing rooms were also commissioned at the end of August and now provide spacious, modern, bright facilities with two shower rooms and plenty of storage room. As you read this, the pavilion and music centre have been completed and will be in use within the next week, after the October half-term. The pavilion provides a lengthy balcony from which two rugby pitches, the main cricket pitch and the athletics track can be viewed, as well as a large entertainment room with tea-making facilities and an entrance into the new committee room which can be used as an extended hospitality area when necessary. The music centre has a concert performance room which will also be used as a classroom, an additional classroom, individual instrument tuition rooms and the committee room mentioned above which can be used by the music teachers as an additional space when required, for example, to house recording and sound mixing facilities. Throughout the buildings, the emphasis in decor has been on the use of bright, attractive and varied colours to provide a motivational and enjoyable environment for the pupils and staff. In

addition, our school art collection will continue to expand with new works being hung in the new buildings as time goes on.

Beneath the music centre is a new archive area to house the archives of the school and of the Erasmus Smith Trust which owns the school. Trust archives date back to about 1650 and will provide a research resource for scholars and school pupils when they are efficiently available from the new archive facility.

The space which has been released in the main school buildings as a result of these new facilities is being reused in variety of ways. Two new classrooms have been created and a language listening resource centre has been installed. In addition, Form 6 have warmly welcomed the new Form 6 centre. This area is on ground floor level and has been furnished with lounge style seating, raised cafe style round tables and stools, work tables and a variety of food and drink preparation equipment. Form 6 pupils have elected a committee to take responsibility for the operation of the centre. The bicycle storage area has also been refurbished and modernised. It has been equipped with a wire mesh front so that it is visible at all times from the school office.

These magnificent new facilities have been augmented by the construction of our millennium commemorative garden in the central courtyard of the school. The area has been attractively paved with setts and circular raised flower beds have been planted, as well as border beds around the edge of the garden. Seating has been installed and the students of the National College of Art and Design have been commissioned to provide a central sculpture which is being funded by the Parents' Association. The

school has had long links with NCAD, with art education students being trained here annually by Mrs Larkin, co-ordinator of our art department.

The committee in the school which supervised the building programme was the Grounds & Property Committee of the Board of Governors. On behalf of the whole school community, I would particularly like to thank this committee, chaired by Dr J. Reid, the Administrator Mr J. Davis, the design team, the contractors and everybody who was and continues to be involved in the project.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. This year a great deal of our energy has gone into the planing and construction of the buildings mentioned above.

Miss P. Graham and Mr. B. O'Connor welcome guests to the prizegiving



Additionally, new courses at Leaving Certificate level are being introduced on a phased basis in Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Home Economics. There is also ongoing training being provided in Social, Personal & Health Education, English, Civic, Social and Political Education and the Transition Year programme. The new Religious Education syllabus is in operation on a pilot basis in the junior cycle. Pupils who wish to undertake the subject as a Junior Certificate examination will be required to complete additional work to that covered in class. In-career training requires teachers to be absent from school on certain days but is extremely valuable.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning process undertaken in the school. The Education

Committee has continued to guide the review of the educational process. Among its concerns during the year has been the review of the school uniform and school planning processes. The Sports Committee has further reviewed the provision of staff and resources for sport within the school and has agreed a new structure with the staff.

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 council facilitated the invitation of Eoin Ryan, T.D. to the school to hear the concerns of the pupils with regard to industrial action being undertaken by the Association of Secondary Teachers of Ireland. The council was also instru-

mental in the consultative process which led to changes in the school uniform.

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

Form 2

Class Prizes

2.1

Alice Mooney, Steven Rorke

2.2

Rory Forsythe, John Aslanis

2.3

Michael Sexton, Ronan Lonergan

2.4

Liam Reidy, Peter May

2.5

Tariq Mesallati, Ian Thom



Rory Forsythe Philip Deegan

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes

2.1

Michelle Gunn O'Connor, Garóg Holohan

2.2

Philip Deegan, Claire Fry

2.3

Aoife Nic Philbin, David Stevenson

2.4

Barbara Dooley, Olwyn Horgan

2.5

Sorcha Moloney, Orla Tevlin

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate)

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate)

Martha McDermott

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize

Niamh Sheehan-Hammond

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize

Peter Burns

Civic, Social & Political

Education - Parents' Association Prize

Max Olohan

English - Emily Latimer

Memorial Prize

Kate Ashe Leonard

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize

Aoibhin McGreal

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize

Jennifer Carr



Peter Burns

Form 3

German - German Government Prize

Jennifer Carr

History - Casserley Prize

Padraic Smith

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize

Catherine Jones

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize

Macdara Ó Seireadáin

Mathematics - Dillon Prize

Peter Burns

Materials Technology (Wood) -

Parents' Association Prize

Timothy Mills



Aengus Walton

Clíodhna Noone

Music - Diocesan School Prize

Aengus Walton

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize

Ben Senior

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize

Ben Senior

Progress Prizes

3WS

Sharon Taylor, Neil O'Connor

3G

Clíodhna Noone, Stephen

Rooney

3R

Adele Kirwan, Amy O'Byrne

3WK

Grace Nelson, Tonya O'Keefe

3L

Alice Keogh, Scott Wilkinson



Padraic Smith

Sharon Taylor

'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.'
Mr. B. Duffy (Principal), pictured right.

one of the most active associations of any school. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2 and 5, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad hoc committees. During the year the committee organised a lecture on substance abuse by Des Corrigan of the Pharmacy Department of TCD, as part of the school's normal programme of raising awareness of social issues which concern parents. This work brings the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated. An online network exists on the school website at www.high-school.dublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them.

STAFF

Mr Derek Cole retired at the end of the school year, having taught Mathematics at the school since 1963. Mr Cole made a major contribution to rugby coaching and to the administration of rugby over many years. We would like to wish him well in his retirement. Mrs Marjorie Travers has also left us as co-ordinator of the Religious Education department, having taught here since 1988. We wish her the best in her new career. Ms Anita Wilson, Mr Timothy

Gill and Ms Ann Corrigan are taking career breaks this year and we wish them well, hoping to see them back again in the future. Ms Olivia Harvey and Mr Simon Moore have left us after one year and we wish them well in their new jobs.

This year we are pleased to welcome as new teachers Miss Becky Galligan (Art), Miss Audrey Barnett (Science, Biology), Ms Sinead Toolan (Science, Biology, Home Economics), Miss Karen Hennessy (Irish, Mathematics, French), Mrs Norma McGrath (Irish, CSPE), Ms Aingéal Ni Chonchubhair (Irish), Mrs Shuna Hutchinson-Edgar (co-ordinator of Religious Education), Mr Brian O'Hanlon (Geography), Miss Rhonda Jenkinson (Business, French), Mr Roger Elvin (French, History), Miss Grace Fitzgerald (English, History). During the year, we have also wel-

comed Mrs Vivienne Barry as accountant.

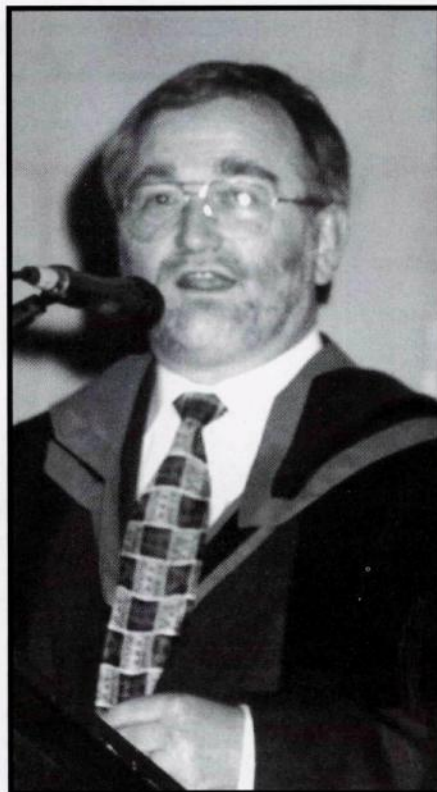
NUMBERS AND EXAMINATIONS

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2001-2002 is 787. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2001, 118 pupils presented 821 papers in 21 subjects. 549 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 74% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 3% of all papers. In the Junior Certificate 131 pupils presented 1213 papers. 850 papers were taken at

higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 84% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Some of the activities of the year were curtailed due to foot and mouth disease and days lost due to industrial action but it is still gratifying to see how much actually took place. We were pleased to hear of the success of Nicholas Nash in winning a gold medal in the computer programming Olympiad, resulting in a trip to Finland for him. 1W and 1S classes were involved in preparing a time capsule with their teachers, Mr J. Ryan and Miss P. Graham, for insertion into the





Emily Holmes receives her prize from Justice Brian McCracken

ceiling of the new Technical and Crafts Centre. The European Studies programme has continued, with ongoing contact between The High School and schools in Belfast and Derry at senior and junior level.

As usual, many educational and field trips took place (foot and mouth disease permitting), including a language tour to Barcelona, a ski trip to Finland, a visit by Form 6 to the Higher Options Conference, caving trips to a number of locations, English department trips to drama productions, a rugby trip to Canada, and a biology field trip to Ardkill bog. Transition Year activities included trips to the Irish Film Centre and Mountjoy Gaol, a Dublin Corporation Road Safety Drama, orienteering outings to Marlay Park, a photography project for Age Awareness.

The Library is large by school standards, with almost 12,000 volumes and multi-media computer facilities. A group of pupils assists our full time librarian, Mrs King, with the organisation of charity fund-raising, displays and competitions.

The Guidance Department is run by a qualified guidance counsellor. There is a guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 with individual career interviews for pupils in Form 6. 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 attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as selecting other college open days of particular interest to individuals. Advice is given to students on college applications and this year the counsellor organised a CAO information evening for parents. The guidance counsellor is available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

We are pleased to maintain our link with the Centre for Talented Youth in Ireland (based at Dublin City University). At least ten of our pupils qualified to attend a residential course held under the auspices of CTYI, after sitting a Scholastic Aptitude Test.

Unfortunately for our Music Department, the Inter Schools Music Festival was cancelled this year due to foot and mouth disease. The orchestra and choir's performances at Prize Day

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5)

Nicholas Nash



Craig Watson Nicholas Nash

Class Prizes

Adam Argue, Cathal D'Arcy, Eamon Garrigan, Oscar Horton, Conor McCartney, Suzanne McEndoo, Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh, Anthony Walsh, Craig Watson

Form 6

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

Tim Czerniak

John Thompson Scholarship: (best performances in English, Classics and Languages of a student who enters T.C.D.)

Genevieve King

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

James Maher

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

Niall Connell

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

Edel Smith

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil)

Vicki Glover

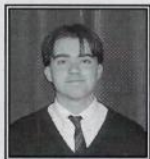
Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize: (best pupil who studies Engineering at T.C.D.)

Jack Dooley



Edel Smith

Niall Connell

Accounting**Nathan Breen****Applied Mathematics -
Evelyn Riley Memorial
Prize****James Maher****Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize****Serafine Gunn O'Connor****Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize****Sandra Bright****Business - S.S. Evans Prize****Vicki Glover****Nathan Breen Vicki Glover****Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize****James Maher****Classical Studies - Etheline****Brady Prize****Graham O'Malley****Construction Studies -****Parents' Association Prize****Steven Day****Economics - Ivan King****Memorial Prize****Robert Carnegie****English - Bessie Bury Prize****Cuan Ó Seireadáin****French - McNay Prize****Genevieve King****Geography - Miss Latimer's
Prize****Emily Holmes****Geology - Ivan King****Memorial Prize****Sandra Bright****German - German****Government Prize****Edel Smith****History - Ivan King****Memorial Prize****Vicki McKenna****Home Economics - Dr****Maurice Anderson's Prize****Gillian Carty****Irish - Casserley Memorial****Prize****Cuan Ó Seireadáin****C. Ó Seireadáin Sandra Bright**

Pictured right: Janet Day
(Past Pupils Union) speaking
at the Prizegiving ceremony

and the Carol Service were greatly appreciated by those present. The musicians of the orchestra also performed in a summer concert which was a very enjoyable showcase for their talents.

The Drama Society presented the musical "Little Shop of Horrors" in November. The acting, choreography and lively music were greatly enjoyed by the audiences. The society also entered "Bittersweet Me" in the one act play competition run by St Andrew's

College. Junior drama club took place weekly and its members staged "While Victoria Lay Sleeping".

Transition Year pupils staged two excellent variety shows in January and in May while the various rock bands in the school participated in the Battle of the Bands competition which has now become an annual fixture. We were pleased to hear during the year that Luke Slott and Jonathan Black, previous participants in this competition had won the national competition and been

offered a recording contract with Sony. Six pupils received school art awards and their paintings and photographs were added to the school art collection.

The Debating Society organised many debates and discussions, at both senior and junior levels. Among the topics discussed were the actions of multinationals and the effect of globalisation on Africa. Five pupils participated in the European Youth Parliament regional selection conference and Cuan Ó Seireadáin represented Ireland in Stockholm at the International Youth Parliament.

The staff and pupils of the school are always involved in raising funds for a wide variety of charitable causes and this year was no exception. Among the projects were the Library Committee's collections for the Irish Cancer Society

and the Cottage Home for Little Children. The profits of the Valentine's Day Post were donated to ISANDS. Transition Year and fifth year pupils organised a mammoth collection of Christmas presents for children in Eastern Europe from this school and from local primary schools under the "Operation Christmas Child" umbrella. They collected 960 boxes and £2,500. Transition Year pupils also sold Santa Bears for the Central Remedial Clinic, sold holly for the ISPCC and organised a non-uniform day for Clann Óg (for

homeless young people). Food parcels were collected for the Simon Community at Christmas. 3G organised a fund-raising soccer tournament in aid of Focus Ireland.

The President's Award (Gaisce) involves undertaking a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the development of a personal skill and a venture project. The community involvement could comprise, for example, working every week with Oxfam, in a nursing home or organising football training for

young children. It is not an easy challenge, entailing 15 weeks of community work and 26 weeks of skill development, but those who undertake it experience great satisfaction and fulfilment. Thirty-one pupils completed the bronze challenge.

SPORT

The 1st XV rugby team had a very good season, progressing to the quarter finals of the league, winning their first cup match against Gonzaga and finally winning the Leinster plate competition (Fr. Hampson Cup). The JCT also had a good season, winning two cup matches against St. Patrick's Navan and CUS but eventually going out to Terenure. While this report concentrates on the major teams due to pressure of space there were also many other teams at senior, junior, U 14 and U 13 level which had good, enjoyable seasons.





*Robert Vard
receives his
prize from
Justice
Brian
McCracken*

The 1st XI girls' hockey team defeated St Gerard's in a replay of the second round of the cup competition but went out to Loreto Beaufort after a brave performance. The Minor A and B teams both progressed to the quarter final of the league while the 1st year A team remained unbeaten throughout the year. In boys' hockey, the 1st XI defeated King's Hospital, St Killian's and Wilson's Hospital in the league, drew with Wesley College and went out of the cup to St Columba's.

Many of the competitive cricket fixtures were affected by the reduction in size of our pitch, due to building work, but the senior team were victorious over St Columba's. The JCT defeated Wilson's Hospital, Terenure and St Mary's, reaching the final where they were defeated by a very strong Belvedere team. Teams were also fielded at Under 14 and Under 13 levels. The senior girls' cricket team reached the semi-final where they were defeated by Alexandra College. The school fielded boys' and girls' tennis teams.

The cross country runners had an enjoyable season, with strong performances in the league season from Sharon Johnson, Claire Fry, Nadine Grunitz, Holly Warren, Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh, Gavin Coleman and Colm Dowds. At the East Leinster athletics champi-

onships Ros Campbell won gold in the shot and Owen Wardell silver in the intermediate mile. Ros repeated her gold at the Leinster finals.

Hillwalkers visited Glendalough, Mullaghcleevaun, Tonelagee, Djouce, Lugnaquilla and undertook some night walks. Caving, basketball, soccer and rock-climbing were also enjoyed by those who participated. Swimming continued on a weekly basis with nine pupils completing the ASA swimming challenge. Pupils participated in canoeing on a regular basis and eight completed level 2 kayak proficiency awards.

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 under the co-ordination of Mr T. Gill. We continue to publish a weekly newsletter and have a comprehensive website which is updated weekly. The website can be viewed at <http://www.highschoolublin.com>.

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' educational experience.

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize
Nathan Breen
Music - Diocesan School Prize
Cuan Ó Seireadáin
Physics
James Maher
Spanish
Genevieve King
Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize
Tim Czerniak

Class Prizes

Stephen Cummins, Mark McMullan, David Fry, Mark McCartney, Drew Prendergast, Richard Somerville, Andrew Rankin, Jennifer Woolhead, Ingrid Ward, Rebecca O'Reilly

SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

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

Dermot Power
P.P.U. Debating Medal
Ria Czerniak-Lebov
McDonnell Prize for the Arts
Gemma Reeves-Erskine

Foundation Day Initiative Awards

Emily Holmes - for her commitment to the ideas of the Student Council and her hard work during the year as President of the Council.
Robert Vard - for his outstanding work on the production of *The Erasmian*.

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

Jean Scott Trophy
Kate Mahon
Old Boys' Cup
James Maher

Bursaries

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



The scene inside the gym during the ceremony to open the Millennium Development



Dr. Garret FitzGerald & Mr. Frank Sowman (Chairman of the Board) unveiling the plaque

Jane Williams and Ivy Crowe (retired teachers) at the reception



Kerrie Wynne, Susan Parkes (Governor) & Miss P. Graham at the reception



The opening of the Millennium Development took place in May. It was officially opened by former Taoiseach, Dr. Garret FitzGerald.

A New Era



Mrs. B. Davin viewing the artefacts on display in the Archive Building

Mrs. Prendergast (parent) & Mrs. C. McCartney at the reception

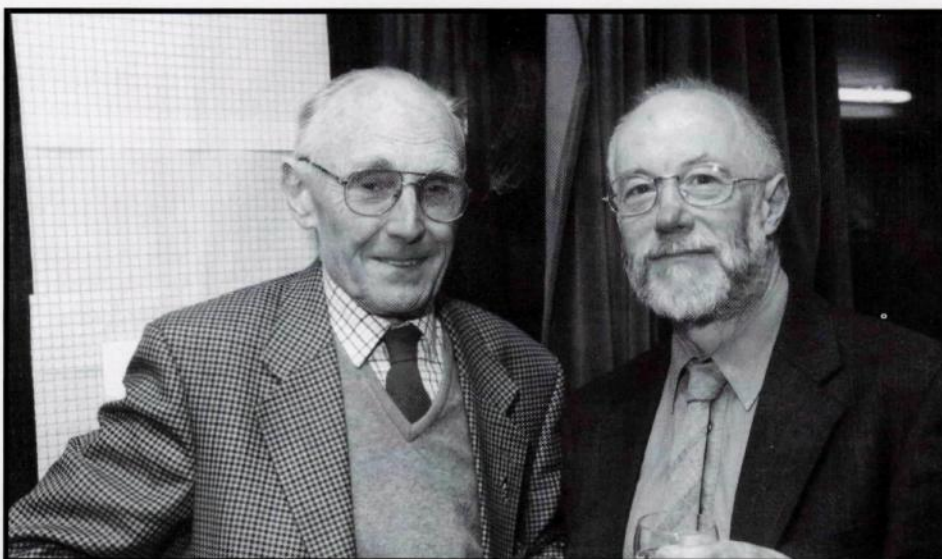


Planning for the Millennium Development began in 1993. Eight years is not an unusual time from inception of such a large project to completion and because of the length of time many of the people involved in the planning have changed. I am not going to repeat the Chairman's thanks to all those involved in the project in the interests of brevity but I do feel a very deep sense of gratitude to all of them and to some others present here today who are no longer directly involved – particularly my own predecessor in this position, Allan Brook, the previous Deputy Principal Bob Fennell whose advice on the sports facilities was extremely valuable and the previous Bursar, David Benson who began the serious part of the planning process with me.

The buildings themselves are fully described in the brochure you have in front of you, so I will confine myself to just a few remarks of elaboration on why the particular projects were chosen. As a school, we believe that the education of the whole person, an oft repeated phrase given much lip service, is actually fundamental to the whole process of developing the potential in people – one of the core values in our school mission statement. Therefore, with the school already well served in the traditionally academic areas, with good classroom facilities and an excellent staff, we felt that the areas of the arts, sport and technical and craft subjects deserved the focus of our attention at this stage in the history of the school.

There have been a few aesthetically pleasing touches added to this Millennium Development, largely through our ongoing fundraising programme. I would like to express my gratitude to the Board for allowing some measure of freedom to spend on the Courtyard Garden which was so beautifully conceived by Esther Schickling and to the Parents' Association for funding Pam Corrie's interesting sculpture which I hope you will find time to see in the middle of the courtyard. Pam's concept was to reflect the buildings and community which are the school and so she asked some of the classes to choose their favourite pieces of work in textbooks and has incorporated these interleaved between hundreds of sheets of glass which have been welded together in the sculpture, which I am told weighs a quarter of a ton. We also commissioned one of our recent past pupils, Sarah Kaye, to produce a painting for the Technical and Craft Building and the theme of this magnificent work in acrylic is "Life is a Jungle and the Jungle is Life" – I hope that you will have time to see that too before you go. After this ceremony is completed, members of the School Council will be waiting in the Reynolds Hall to show you around when you have had some refreshments, so please

Dawns



Mr. Fred Gardiner (former Deputy Principal) talking with Mr. M. Hilliard



Mr. Ronnie Wallace (retired teacher) talking with Mr. R. Miller

avail of our official tour guides.

We are very honoured today that Dr Garret FitzGerald has been able to take time from what I know is a busy schedule of speaking all over the world to perform this ceremony for us. Dr FitzGerald was one of our local TDs for as long as anyone cares to remember and now has a family connection with the school as well, so we are delighted that he is able to join us.

People who enter political life can have a very significant effect on the lives of the young, for good or otherwise, and they are a vital part of the process of growing up for young people. The negative influences cast by public figures have been seen throughout history in the form of extremist youth movements where people were misled by extreme communists, fascists or nationalists into

acts of violence which have never in the long run achieved what peace, co-operation and the democratic process can achieve. But the positive influence can be very strong too.

When I was 18 and in school myself, three fellow pupils and I decided to enter what was then called the European Schools Day competition. In the 70s, multimedia meant knowing how to use a tape recorder and we decided to put together a short documentary tape, complete with interviews, music, our own analysis and the views of the women stallholders of Moore Street on Ireland's entry into what was then called the Common Market, now the European Union. To put the pieces together the only equipment we had was two tape recorders and we copied the segments we wanted in the order in which we wanted them –

pretty basic by today's standards. We were fortunate enough to win the national competition and then the whole European competition with this entry. I felt then, and I still feel now, that one of the key factors in our victory was that a very busy politician, already immersed in a very important career in Irish political life, gave a great deal of time to one of our team for a taped interview on his own views on Europe – and that politician, whether he remembers or not, was Garret FitzGerald.

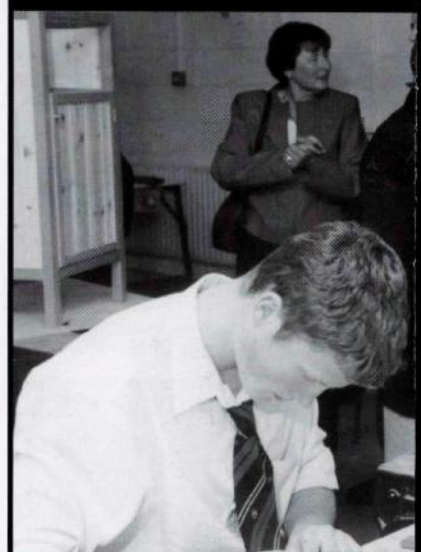
I felt that I learned an important lesson at that time and it is one which I have relearned again and again over the years – that if you facilitate young people in an open and sincere way, you will not be let down, you will, in fact, be rewarded by their success and their enthusiasm.

I have admired your career over its

Students at the computers in the new Technology Room



Mark Kelly working on his project in the Construction Studies Room





**Mr. Frank Sowman (Chairman of the Board)
with Mr. Roly Meates (Governor)**

many years, Dr Fitzgerald, and I would like to draw a second and what I believe to be very fundamental point from your presence with us today. In my own teenage years, the politicians whom we admired or indeed criticised, as one does, seemed largely to be people who had entered political life for good reasons, people represented in leadership by Jack Lynch on the Fianna Fail side and yourself on the Fine Gael side. You made this point not long ago yourself in the Irish Times when you wrote a very fine article about the death of Eoin Ryan and how he represented a generation of politicians with high ideals. You certainly wouldn't have had the temerity to include yourself in your references to honour in political life, but I have that freedom today.

The status of political figures as people who inspire us has declined in

more recent years and there is a great danger for democracy in that process, for if we do not trust our elected leaders whom do we trust? I feel that there have been two reasons for the decline – firstly and obviously that a few rotten apples have been discovered in the barrel over the last while. That is now being dealt with and we should congratulate our society that it can deal with such corruption, even at the very highest levels, while still reminding ourselves that it is a very small number of rotten apples. But the second reason and a much more insidious one, I believe, is that a particularly undesirable form of journalism and of television and radio interviewing has developed in some quarters, where the goal is to provide so-called news or even so-called entertainment, by regularly shouting down, interrupting, ridiculing, and writing inaccuracies

about politicians, all in the interests of selling papers or increasing viewer figures. This is a process we have to see through and not be influenced by in order to accept that the vast majority of political figures are decent ordinary people trying to do a decent job for the benefit of this country. We must stop buying such newspapers and we must turn off such programmes until the message gets through that we want balanced reporting in the media.

You set very high standards of integrity, leadership and service in your own career in public life as a Senator, TD, Opposition spokesman, Minister and Taoiseach, and we are very pleased to have you with us today. We look forward to hearing from you."

Speech delivered by Mr. B. Duffy (Principal) on Open Day

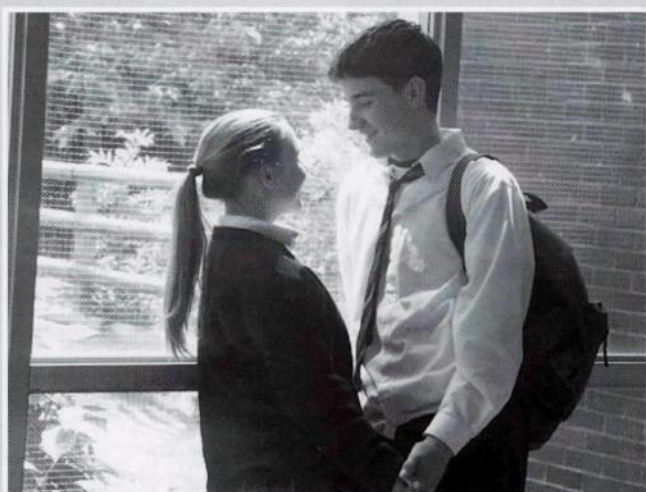
**Mr. B. Quinn (left) and Sarah Walsh (right) in
the Home Economics Room**



Not Another Teen Love Story



A short story of love, treachery and really bad acting



Chris and Ciara are a happy couple who are students at The High School. As they gaze into each other's eyes in a long, loving stare, Ciara asks, "What are you getting me for Valentine's day, love?" "Just wait my love, just wait and see," replies Chris.



Chris decides to make Ciara a card and starts working on it in his next class. "This will be the best Valentine's card ever!", he thinks. Meanwhile Richie, Ciara's ex, is forming a plan to get back with Ciara. A plan starts forming in his head.....



Richie manages to become part of the Valentine's post committee and volunteers to go class to class to collect the Valentine's post. "Put your cards in the box," shouts out Richie. "Ciara's really going to love this card. I spent a long time working on it," says Chris innocently as he puts his card into the box. "I'm sure she will, I'm sure she will," smiles Richie.



Later on that day everyone is gushing over the love poems and romantic messages sent by their partners or secret-admirers. Ciara wonders why Chris has sent her nothing. "Does he not love me? He must be seeing somebody else. If he thinks I am going to stand by and continue to idolise the ground he walks on, well he is in for a rude awakening."



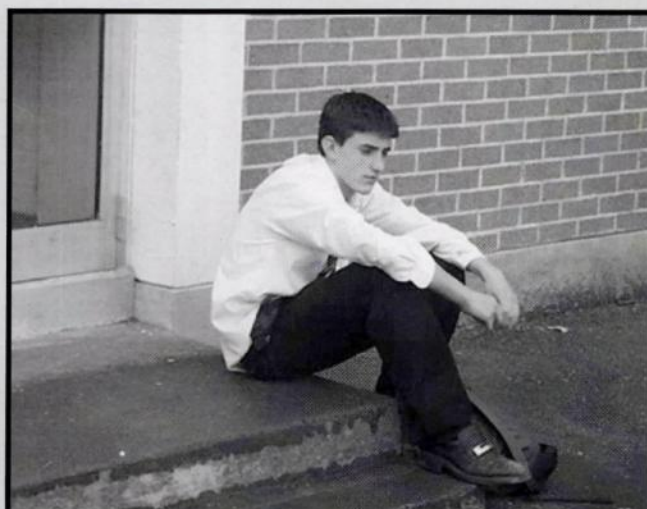
After class, Ciara confronts Chris demanding to know why he did not send her a card. "I sent it to you, I swear I did," protests Chris. Richie looks on thinking that his plan is working well.



Chris storms off. "Look, believe whatever you want. I can't deal with the soap-opera implications of what you are saying!," retorts Chris. Ciara is left on her own. Richie's mates urge him to make his move on Ciara.



Richie walks over and tells Ciara that everything is OK and offers a shoulder to cry on. "Its alright, you don't need him anyway," he says. "Maybe you are right, Richie, maybe you are right," sobs Ciara.



Meanwhile, Chris is outside pondering what happened. "I gave that girl the best six weeks of my life! I spent over fifteen minutes working on her Valentine's card. And all for nothing."



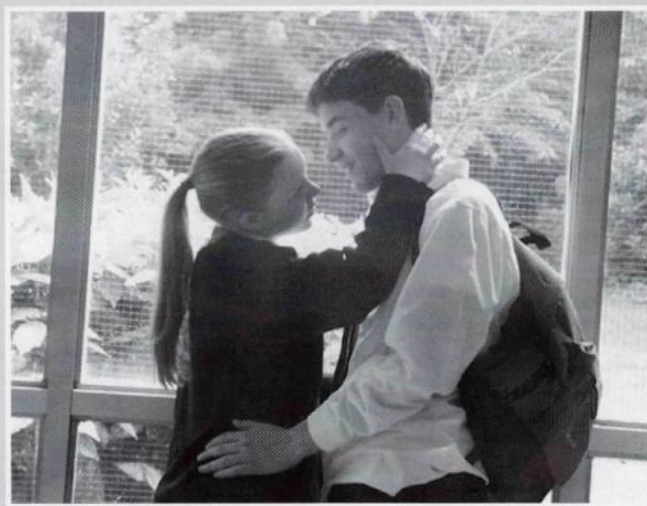
Then along comes Keith (the hero of the story) and tells Chris what really happened. "Here, this is what really happened....," he explains. Chris listens intently with horror – the anger building up inside him. "I should have known what happened. What a fool I am!"



"There's the guy!," exclaims Keith. Beads of perspiration form on Richie's forehead as he realises that he has been exposed. Chris tells Ciara everything. As the truth is unveiled Ciara's love for Chris is renewed and she is filled with regret at the way she has treated him.



Chris and Ciara walk away arm in arm gazing into each other's eyes. Richie asks Keith why he stabbed him in the back. "I was doing the right thing. Who would I be to stand in the way of true love?," explains Keith. Keith is such a nice guy (He also wrote this story.)



"Why didn't I believe you, Chris?," laments Ciara. "I found it hard to understand, Ciara. I acted like a perfect boyfriend. But I never thought Richie could be so devious. We're lucky that Keith is such a good guy."

United again – the photo says it all.

The Cast



Rachel McSharry, Chris Somerville, Ciara Farrell, Eoghan O'Reilly, Richard Dempsey & Keith Flower (Director, Producer, Writer and a good all-round guy)

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MEET THE FIRST YEARS

The transition from primary to secondary school is always a difficult one. However, High School is such a friendly place that the first years seem to settle in very quickly. In fact, this present bunch appeared to be very comfortable in the place after a fortnight. The Erasmian team visited some first year classes to get their view of the place.

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HSD Rules

The first thing that struck me when I walked in to 1HE was how well everyone was getting on with each other. By mid-February everyone had settled in and had made good friends. Everyone in 1HE said that the most important thing in HSD was their friends.

Alan, Max and Tom at the back joked about filling the office with pigeons and forcing all the girls to wear skirts again. I left quickly and talked to Suzanne and Sabina. They told me that Wesley guys were cuter and, insulted, I left.

Sam, Jamie, and Katie all from Rathfarnham Parish told me that HSD was much bigger and that it has its bonuses. They all loved rugby, soccer, basketball, and hockey but they weren't big fans of people being skipped in the lunch queue.

I then got talking to Larry, Sean and Ruairidh. They told me that they loved art, music class and woodwork. They approved of the uniform; "the best there is". The guys said that they really liked rugby and that they definitely had improved since their first week or two.

Finally Katie, Susan, Jennifer and Sadhbh all told me how they came from a mixture of primary schools and were all good friends. They wanted a longer lunch to spend with their friends. I asked them if they could say one thing about their new school, what would it be? : "HSD RULES."

Eoghan Maginn

Entertaining, Sociable and Friendly

Under the watchful eyes of Ms. Garvey and their form teacher Miss Graham, an energetic 1G sat in anticipation of their chance to participate in the Erasmian class interviews – the first time ever that all first year classes have had the



Above: Hannah Jennings and Robyn Fitzpatrick of 1G enjoying their lunch



Left: David O'Connor (1D) contemplating a mathematical conundrum during class

chance to voice their opinions to the yearbook. I also think that they were thankful for the class interruption!

We began with general questions about their initial opinion of The High School and we received the usual answers – big, scary, different etc.. Most of the class, like all first years before them, experienced some nerves. Continue on to all the problems that come with being a new addition to a school – getting lost, confusing classes and, of course, falling going up and down the stairs. (And we have all done it).

As the newest year, 1G were asked their opinions on all the new facilities recently provided at High School. A united chorus of approval was heard for our new T block, music centre and sports facilities.

As the outgoing class got more daring, we ventured into the areas of

discipline and uniforms. Prefects and teachers (particularly Miss Graham) got the thumbs up and the new "trousers for girls" policy was praised. High School's uniform in general proved a great success in 1G, although the gallant Keith Ellman, who is known for offering his school jumper to cold females, believes that the boys should be allowed to wear skirts.

As we drew to an end, we just managed to note that 1G are proud supporters of the SCT (Alex Feldman in particular for the girls) and that the canteen, library, Junior Drama and in general, High School, are great.

1G are an incredibly entertaining, sociable and friendly class. I wholly enjoyed interviewing them and wish them all the best in their next five years in The High School. Oh, and Andy Stevenson, I really hope that you accomplish your goal of becoming head girl.

Jennifer Kane

1D



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

1G



Back Row: Iain Cobban, Aicha Aboudinar, Kate Lyons, Lucy Keogh, Jamie Wright, Jenny Murphy, Laura Nelson, Caitriona Ryan
Middle Row: Darren Edmonson, Keith Ellman, Julie Kavanagh, Robyn Fitzpatrick, Hannah Jennings, Jack Mays, Sam McKenna Barry, Kirsten McCann, Patrick O'Connor, Miss P. Graham
Front Row: Shane Herlihy, Sam Horgan, Cian Kinsella, Lana Mitchell, Deirdre McClean, Gemma McRann, Andrew Stevenson, Andrew Lohan, Sinead Martin
Missing: Ian Morton

1HE



Back Row: Alan Cairns, Lochlainn Mahon, Elizabeth Glynn, Sadhbh Donnellan, Madeline Boyle, Katie-Jane Barry, Susan Brusey, Ruairidh McGuckin, Sean O'Neill

Middle Row: Max Lane, Tom Meredith, Joelle Grogan, Jonathan Browne, Sam Bennett, Robert Farhat, Beth Kelly, Katie McCann, Laura Price, Mrs Hutchinson-Edgar

Front Row: Jennifer Moore, Suzanne McCoy, Sabina Kerr, Anna McNally, Fionn Fitzmaurice, William McConnell, Jamie Kelleher, Suzanne Tallon, Larry O'Connell

1T



Back Row: David Wilson, Barbara Daly, Katie Marconi, Andy Smyth, John Kilbey, Jessie Elliott, Diana Donnelly, Niamh Holohan, Eoin Silke

Middle Row: Fergal O'Connor, Eneko O'Carroll, Alan McMurray, Jack Kavanagh, Melissa Hanney, Elizabeth Stewart, Graham Johnson, Claire Fergus, Mr. J. Toomey

Front Row: Leanne Farrel, Eoin O'Leary, Sean O'Donohoe, Kim McNair, Jonathan Sergeant, Zachary Fairman-King, Harri Grunitz, Claire Nelson, Lynsey McFarland

Missing: Flynn Benaksas, Caiomhe Good, Kim Taylor



Back Row: Nicola Cantan, Alison May, Sean Nicholson, Katherine Kiernan, Beverley Egar, Mary Ann Mesbur, Robert Rath, Kyle Gleeson, Mark McNulty

Middle Row: Ben McNally, Jonathan Senior, Nigel Kinlan, Lauren Turner, Janine Levine, Elizabeth Surgeon, Conor Barry, Luke Mulligan, Mr. O'Hanlon

Front Row: Max Prendergast, Anne-Marie Jordan, Richard Kiernan, Colin Keegan, Simon Burgess, Isobel Scally, Nicholas Stevenson, Killian Rogan, James Nerney

Missing: Faye Simms

A Sleepy Class Awakes

I met with a very sleepy 1T at 9:00 on a miserable Wednesday morning, and while Mr. Toomey bustled around his lab, I tried to revive them by asking them about their first impressions of secondary school – probably not the best topic to start with! But eventually we extracted good reports about various aspects – teachers, prefects and timetables.

With Mr. Toomey's (much appreciated) encouragement, 1T awoke and began to bombard me with their opinions on anything and everything to do with High School life. I found 1T to be an extremely busy class, as many sang the praises of the various rugby and hockey teams. We had great comments on the abundance of activities provided for them – swimming, the library, chess club and especially Junior Drama, about which many people commented about it's great ability to help them meet new people and make new friends. The now enthusiastic 1T also talked about how they would like more new books in the library and more opportunities to avail of the computer room.

On the topic of uniforms, I received a great approval, particularly with the girl's trousers, and I quote "our uniforms are the best in the world".

As the interview progressed, I discovered 1T to have many members in Junior Drama, the school choir and our award-winning orchestra. We spent so much time on 1T's activities that we had little time for anything else!

Other topics that arose as we concluded our meeting were their dislike of members of older years taking advantage of their "seniority". The girls mentioned Rob Smyth and Eoghan Maginn as pupils they liked, while the boys deliberated on what they would do if they were Principal for a day - eventually deciding simply to close the school.

Once they woke up, 1T proved to be a very co-operative, easy-going and friendly class with many opinions to express, in particular Andy Smyth and Flynn Benaksas. They were a pleasure to interview and I hope they have many more happy years in HSD.

Jennifer Kane



Julie Kavanagh (1G) and Lana Loane (1D) strolling down the corridor



Larry O'Connell and Ruaridh McGuckin of 1HE busily working away during class

OUR TOWN



Above: *The full cast of Our Town*

Left: Ben Frazer as the narrator of *Our Town*



Our Town is an American classic set in 1901, before the Great Wars, before the world's innocence was lost forever. It is in this setting that the love story of George Gibbs and Emily Webb unfolds. It's a play of three acts, each one very different. It is set in the small town of Grovers Corners, New Hampshire. The town is filled with good, substantial folks and we watch them as they learn about love, life and death.

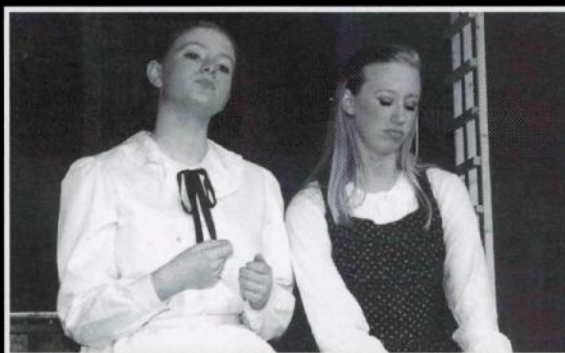
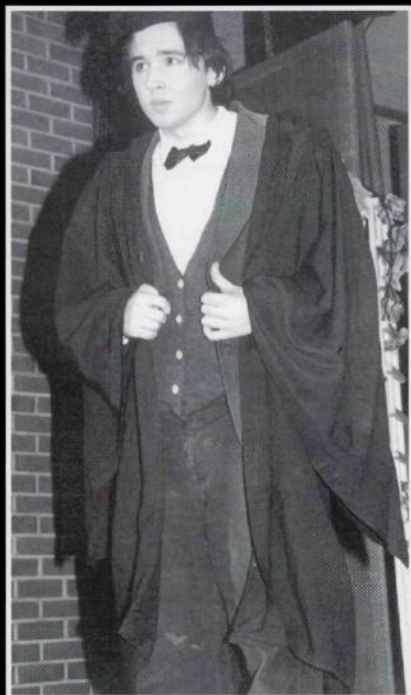
While this play says amazing things about the truth of human existence, rehearsing the same lines over and over every day can blind you to their real meaning. So we had to find other ways to keep ourselves entertained backstage! There were many fans of the luxurious couches in the wings for example. This became an area for the tired, overworked actors to relax before and after their scenes, poor dears. Backstage was also a popular place for canball to be played. There were even some hidden canball sessions in the basement. It was here that the boys bopped along to "Technorocker" as they waited for their cues. The atmosphere in the girls changing room was less calm as costumes and make-up were being pulled together at the last minute! As well as the many talented actors involved there were people on set design, make-up, light, sound and stage hands whose part should not be underestimated.

Every single person involved put in a huge amount of effort in making the play so enjoyable and memorable. No one could help filling with pride at the reaction the play received on all three nights we performed. The buzz after each night, and particularly at the party, showed just how rewarding the experience was for everyone.

Well done and thanks to every pupil and teacher, especially Mrs Milne, that made the play so successful!

Scenes from Our Town

Left: *Luke Maguire as Prof. Willard*
Below: *Lara Hickey and Jennifer Kane*
Right: *Chris Somerville and Ciara Farrell*



Q U A K E

The play portrays the predicaments of five women who are wives of engineers in South America.

Quake was this year's High School Entry into the 14th annual St. Andrews College one-act drama festival, which took place between the 5th and the 7th of February. It is a five-scene play written by the English playwright Anthony Booth, and is a popular choice for festival entry; hence we decided to have a go! The auditions were held during the Christmas exams, so by the time we arrived back after the break, we were organised and ready to rehearse.

The play portrays the predicaments of five women who are wives of engineers in South America. After an earthquake causes their bus to crash and their driver to die, they are left stranded in the forest, leaving them alone to fend for themselves in an extremely dangerous situation – their own company. Their chances of rescue are slim, but the five extremely contrasting women set up camp in an old shelter and set about attempting to attract the attention of a rescue team, all the time straining to keep the peace between themselves. The differences in character made for many amusing conflicts along the way, but to quote the programme, "as they head towards an unresolved future, they must learn mutual respect" – lovely wording Ms. Milne!

The five women varied greatly in manners, temperaments, social ranking, and in the case of the character Sheena, intelligence. The leader, according to position, was Ellen the camp superintendent's wife. This character was played excellently by Elaine Victory. One of the more difficult characters to play, Ellen was the oldest of the wives who eventually found that titles and rankings were nothing in comparison to good character, good judgement and good teamwork. Throughout the play, Ellen grew to realise that she could be an asset to the group, and was instrumental in the final outcome. Elaine herself was commended on the night for her moving soliloquies and was a key character in this successful production.

However, the leader by determination and strength of character was the fiery Marcia, played by Dearbhaile O'Neill. Marcia was the opposite of Ellen in many ways and opinions, causing the show to be rich in confrontation. The two strongest of characters, their squabbles would eventually result in a truce at the end of the show, only proving that even the most difficult of relationships have a common ground. Marcia's tequila party brought many laughs in the play, and her character was vital in the provision of the electric atmos-

phere of "Quake" that lacked in so many other plays during the festival (in my opinion!). Dearbhaile, with a great determination and personality not incredibly unlike Marcia's (sorry derv), brought this difficult, yet extremely entertaining character to life with a vivacious passion, and was praised for doing so in the judges final comments.

The sex-crazed extrovert Sue was played by Claire Murphy with a surprising ease! The character, not as upfront as the previous two, was nevertheless responsible for many laughs throughout the scenes, particularly with her suggestive poses and interests in the abandoned "girlie" magazines, which she found under her mattress. Constantly finding new ways to shock the characters, audience and even judges, Sue was of great value to the overall effect of the play and in the demonstration of how the most different of people can get along. Claire was very involved in the production and must be thanked for her enthusiasm and her many costumes and props. She was the perfect choice for the character and gave a great diversity to the final result.

Sheena was the youngest member of the group, and was played by Jennifer Kane. Lacking in experience, patience and overall

And who could forget Hagrid's elegant and somewhat statuesque mother, otherwise known as our own Mr. Clarke – just ravishing.



Mr. J Clarke lifts Rachel O'Byrne in a scene from Harry Potter

Eventually we arrive at Hogwarts and are met with a wonderful reception from all four houses – Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Ravenclaw and even Slytherin. The sorting hat was a great delight to the audience, particularly to young members who participated voluntarily in the sorting! I must commend Davy Kelleher on his great performance as the wise Dumbledore, not forgetting his imitation of a certain Principal... Hermione Granger was portrayed by the very talented Joelle Grogan, and Hogwarts famous trio worked excellently together to bring this children's story to life.

But every story has it's bad guy, and Zoe McNair took on the role of the potions teacher, Professor Snape, which was one of the most accomplished performances of the evening. And who could forget Hagrid's elegant and somewhat statuesque mother, otherwise known as our own Mr. Clarke – just ravishing. The script allowed for the introduction of different characters, so everyone had a well-known and important part, no matter how small – even Bilbo Baggins made an appearance!

and the audience was pleasantly surprised at the abundance of theatrical talent in our youngest members of the school, which I hope will be used in many more productions to come. Everybody has their favourite character, mine just happens to be Hagrid, who was played superbly on the night by Frank Moriarty. But the undeniable star of the night was Neil as the lead Harry Potter. Such a great performance from such a young actor, and we hope to see a lot more of him in years to come!

Harry Potter could never have gone ahead with out the help and support from so many people. We must thank Sarge, Tommy and the cleaning staff for their efforts and patience! Thanks to the various fifth years who gave up their time to help out and to Ms. Fitzgerald and Mr. Clarke for their contribution. A big thank-you to all the parents for all their help with the fabulous costumes. But the biggest thank-you goes out to Ms. Burrowes, for her incredible work and effort that resulted in this amazing success, that raised over one thousand Euro for Tallaght Hospital. Thank you Ms. Burrowes and to all the cast for their

wonderful show!

Jennifer Kane

This year the actors from Junior Drama put on a magical adaptation of J. K. Rowling's books entitled Harry Potter School Days. At the beginning of the year, Ms. Burrowes' room was filled with students, eager to be part of the production. Yet as time past, people dropped out, and a more manageable group of players emerged.

Everyone involved with the production gave up a large amount of their time but also thoroughly enjoyed taking part. After much shouting, arguing (and reading of lines) the play ran smoothly on the night. Many laughs were had, especially when a very tall Mrs. Hagrid (Mr. Clarke) walked on stage.

I'd like to thank Mr. Clarke for being a woman for one night only! Finally, a special thanks to Ms. Burrowes, whose commitment to the play was huge and without her, it couldn't have been done. Good luck to all who were involved!

Junior Drama Club

The show brought great enjoyment,

Turning arguments into equations, thinking of the children.....

This year's debating team were certainly an interesting group

Pictured (L-R): Annette Boles, Sean O hEigartaigh, Suzanne McEndoo and Ria Czerniak-Lebov



This year's concern debating team enjoyed a very successful season. The team consisted of Ria Czerniak-Lebov (captain environmental enthusiast), Sean O hEigartaigh (our political/historical expert), Suzanne McEndoo (the only person I know who can turn every argument into an equation) and Annette Boles ("Won't somebody please think of the children?").

We lost our first debate against Sandford Park's A Team, but then, (more determined than ever) went on to beat both Sandford Park's B team and Stratford College unanimously. This put us on top of our group, getting us through to the second round of the competition, something which the schools debating team hadn't done in over seven years! In the second round we were beaten by a

deserving Terenure College, bringing to an end our High School debating careers (all of us being in 6th year)

I'd like to congratulate my teammates on all their hard work and dedication throughout the years. This team has been an absolute pleasure to be part of. I'd also like to thank Mr D. Miller for all his support and lastly to encourage any one interested in senior debating to see him in B7. I really can't recommend it enough.

Ria Czerniak-Lebov (Captain)

JUNIOR DEBATING

On a dark, dreary day in September, a handful of first years entered A22, ready for 20 minutes of what was meant to be debating. What they got was a gang of third years (including auditor Zoe

McNair) demanding their names and immortal souls. (Which, to a tiny first year, is slightly unnerving). However, as the weeks progressed, we grew to actually like debating. Every Tuesday lunchtime, we argued over such motions as, "The Death Penalty in Countries such as America should be Abolished". On our last day, we held a competition with the motion "The fact that Jean-Marie Le Pen got a high vote in the French Presidential Election is a worrying sign." Following excellent debates from both sides, Kellie O'Flynn triumphed and won...a medal. Finally, everybody would like to thank Miss Hutchinson-Edgar (better known as Miss HE) for giving up her lunch break every Tuesday. Thank you!

Beth Kelly (1HE)

AROMA OF LOVE

By Kiva Murphy

Isn't it strange

That when you're all alone
in your house
Every car sounds like it's
stopping outside your
window

Isn't it strange

That whilst you're walking
down your street at night
All the houses seem to stare
at you

With huge menacing yellow
eyes

Isn't it strange

That when you're drifting off
to sleep
You begin to see glaring
faces
Coming out of your floral
curtains

Isn't it strange

That if you're stealing a
biscuit from the jar
Every board seems to creak
Almost accusingly

Isn't it strange

That while your in your car
looking out the window at
night

The moon seems to be
following you around every
corner

Isn't it strange

That someone you love very
much

Seems different when you
find out that in another life
they were an ex-convict

Isn't it strange

That you write unceasingly
to someone every month
But then seems reluctant
when you find out their
background

Isn't it strange

How someone you knew
always seemed so clean
Appears to be filthy when
you listen to their thoughts

Isn't it strange

When at a job interview
The mood seems to change
as you tell them you where
you grew up

Isn't it strange

That when you ask for a
raise of salary your boss
looks away
Supposedly concentrating on
a crack on the wall

Isn't it strange

The way a blind person
looks at you straight in the
eye
Or how a deaf person seems
to listen to what you are
saying

Better than anyone else

Isn't it strange

That everyone hears

But no one really listens
Isn't it strange

That everyone sees
But no one pays attention

Isn't it strange

How everyone can touch
But no one really feels

Isn't it strange

How nice a colour smells
How appetising a view can
be

Or how sweet a sound love
can be

Who says how the world
works?

Who tells people to kill and
destroy?

Who orders others to hurt
people?

No one says these things,
People do them of their own
accord

Why do they do it?

Isn't it strange

...It is!

2

MEET THE SECOND YEARS

Second year can be a good time - you are no longer the new kids on the block and you know your way around the school. Our Erasmian reporters visited 2P and 2W to get a feel for how second years view the school and their place in it. Here's what they had to say.

2

Shrek seems more Interesting

When we visited 2P the boys and girls had been split up for SPHE. We visited the boys first but they didn't have too much to say. They were busy watching "Shrek" to celebrate Ms. Hutchinson Edgar's last day of the year and you'd have to say that they preferred watching to talking. The boys did say that they preferred second year because everyone had settled in and they weren't looked down on as much. Not wanting to interrupt the boys any longer we visited the girls.

The girls in 2P seemed the exact opposite of the boys - too chatty!! The girls in the class seemed very sporty. Una, Ruth and Sarah all seemed to play a combination of hockey, tennis and cricket. Nicole told us that she preferred art. However, the girls didn't like the bathrooms and asked me to put in a

word for a mirror in their bathroom. Sarah and Aisling said that they weren't involved in any clubs, only the "secret club". On that note we left the wonderfully weird world of 2P.

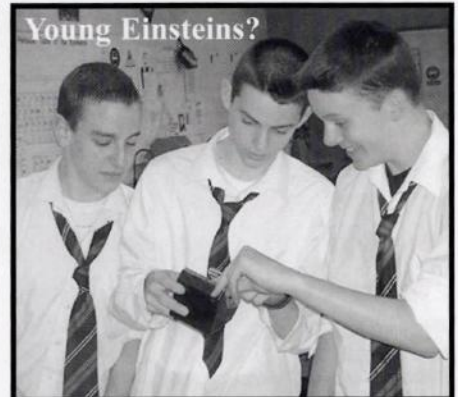
Louisa Earls & Eoghan Maginn

What's the Dideo?

Aprile, Debs and myself went to interview 2W for the Erasmian. They had a lot to say! The main scandal this year seems to be the murder of Cockie's pet stone, Harvey. The class suspects the culprit to be Neil Barrett or Kim Weekes. There was no chance of anyone owning up as the blame got passed around the room. But still 2W's best memory of High School is the last project they did with Mr. Ryan - the Time Capsule. Neil says hopefully, "we plan to take it out in a

few years". When asked for quotes "What's the dideo" seemed to be a favourite with Mark Rooney. Class joke? All in all, 2W are a really outspoken class.

Roberta Harris



Jamie O'Neill, Edward Flaherty and Dylan Murphy trying to figure out what they are doing during a 2M Science class

2D



Back Row: Katie Smith, Aoife Green, Amy Coghlan, Paul Jones, Shane Hennessy, John Humphreys, Sam Boles, Manus Cronin

Middle Row: Robert Nason, Harry McEvansoneya, Robert O'Brien, Alex Wilson, Sinead Frizzelle, Fergus Keane, Billy Parkes, Robert Bradish, Mr. Davies

Front Row: Suzanne Burke, Lorna O'Rourke, David Coughlan, Andrew Cobban, Paddy O'Shea, Simon McAree, Michael McSweeney, Amy Munoz, Rachel McCoy, David Kelleher

Missing: Daniel Staines

2M



Back Row: Dylan Murphy, Avril Nolan, Edward Flaherty, Karen Sutton, Josef Opdebeeck, Niall Milton, Ronan Keller, Karl Browne

Middle Row: Ciaran O'Callaghan, Rebecca Tadros, Sarah Clarke, Chloe Stacey, Sam Cogan, Joseph Scanlon, Alex Cole, Gorgi Hill

Front Row: Jenny Keane, Jill Harding, Laura-Anne Stewart, Aisling Bridgeman, Holly Warren, Sam Fitzpatrick, Andrew Pollock, Derrick Denby, John Tobin

Missing: Jamie O'Neill

2P



Back Row: Ellis Czerniak, Danny Reeves-Erskine, Robert Hunter, Luke Begley, Catherine Alexander, Emma Laing, Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly, Simon Coyne

Middle Row: Karl Cabena, Daniel Coughlan, Conor Hyland, Barry Browne, Fionn Fitzpatrick, Aisling Barry, Grace Nugent, Nicholas Glacken, Danny Finn

Front Row: Tim Harris, Mark Nolan, Scott Kohlmann, Neal Columb, Joshua Plunkett, Nicole Kirby, Ruth Jones, Una O hEigearthaigh, Nadia Carrim

Missing: Sarah Boutiche

2S



Back Row: David Laing, Sarah Lodola, Sean O'Gorman, Robert Hunt, Ailbhe Donnellan, Gerard Prunty, Daragh Walsh, Sam Sherwood

Middle Row: Kevin Finnegan, Nicola Gregory, Megan Leonard-Kane, Freda O'Donnell, Amy Kenealy, Amy Brennan, Benn Satchwell, Jordan Ralph, Joe McGuire

Front Row: Ruarc O'Boyle, Daryl Winslow, Jake O'Brien, Jenny Weekes, Amy Ward, Scott O'Malley, Christopher Blair, Michael Willoughby, Nicholas Wynne, John Kirkpatrick

Missing: Adam Hurley

2W



Back Row: Kellie O'Flynn, Mark Rooney, Ben Duffy, Stefan Slattery, Luke McSharry, Frank Moriarty, Nathan Barber

Middle Row: Shane Sergeant, Mengxi Hu, Christine Boyle, Kim Weekes, Aidan Hunt, Bevan Carr, Ciaran Brennan, Elizabeth Donnelly, Ruth Roseingrave

Front Row: Neil Barrett, Robin Leavy, Peter Jackson, Aimee Black, Nadine Eustace, Nicola Daly, Grace Cummins, Christopher Stewart, Phelim O'Reilly





1G on East Timorese Television

1G studied the situation in East Timor in their CSPE studies. In 1975 Indonesia invaded East Timor and remained in occupation until 1999. During this time they committed numerous atrocities resulting in the deaths of 250,000 people, around one-third of the population.

The world largely ignored the plight of the East Timorese until a massacre took place in Santa Cruz cemetery during a funeral killing hundreds of people. The massacre was secretly filmed and shown all over the world. An Irishman called Tom Hyland viewed the massacre on television and was sufficiently moved to start a campaign to free East Timor from its oppressors.

Eventually the Indonesians granted the East Timorese a free election in which they overwhelmingly voted in favour of independence. The Irish connection is still very much valued by the East Timorese.

Oran Doyle continues the work of the East Timor Solidarity Campaign and regularly visits **1G** to talk about the situation. He has twinned **1G** with St. Pauls, a school in Dili, the capital of East Timor. **1G** have written letters to this school telling them about life in Ireland and enquiring about their lives. On his last visit, Oran filmed the class in preparation for Independence Celebrations in East Timor in May. On that day they became the newest nation to be recognised by the United Nations.

Oran brought the film over to Dili where it was shown on East Timorese TV. St. Pauls gathered in their school to watch their Irish penpals. They loved every minute of it, but laughed at the Irish accents trying to communicate in tetum, the East Timorese language.

The link with schools on opposite sides of the world has been extremely useful for both school communities. It looks set to continue for a long time.

Main picture: *Form 1G make the victory sign during filming for East Timorese television.*

Recycle and Reuse

Pupils from Form 1 took part in a trip to the National Environmental Education Centre in Knocksink Wood, Enniskerry on April 24th. As well as having a good day out they learned about looking after the environment. Rachel Kavanagh of the NEEC told them about the different ways to recycle rubbish, and she explained the energy consumed getting products we use everyday such as paper, bottles, plastics etc to the shops. The message everybody went home with was "Recycle and Reuse".

Pictured right: *On the NEEC visit were Jonathan Browne, Katie McCann, Beth Kelly, Joelle Grogan and Eoin Silke*



What is CSPE?

CSPE = Civic, Social and Political Education

Out of the many activities that took place during the Year, the Erasmian chose four events: **Recycling**, a mock **General Election**, a study of the **RNLI** and a link with an **East Timorese** school (see previous page).

Saving Lives

Form 3.3 carried out their CSPE action project on the RNLI

The groups which had a particular task to do accomplished something. The groups were Information, Survey, guest speaker and fundraising groups. The information group gathered information from the internet and from the RNLI website. The group also obtained posters which went on display outside the Reynolds Hall. They put together a portfolio and submitted it to our CSPE teacher, Mr. D. Miller.

The fundraising group raised prizes from businesses by persuasion and assuring it was for a good cause and telling them what they wanted to achieve. They stated facts about the RNLI and that it had stations dotted around the coast of Britain and Ireland. To raise money from the prizes the group decided to organise a raffle. They sold raffle tickets outside the Reynolds Hall in February and then held the raffle after two days of selling tickets.

The survey group organised a survey consisting of short questions answered by Yes or No and submitted the ques-

tions to a number of classes. The results were:

Q1 *Have you ever heard of the RNLI?*
55% Yes 45% No

Q2 *Should the government fund such an organisation?*
87% Yes 13% No

Q3 *Could you call the rescue services if in trouble?*
77% No 23% Yes

Q4 *Should there be more lifeboats?*
82% Yes 18% No

Q5 *Do you know any of the rescued?*
77% No 23% Yes

The guest speaker wrote a letter to the RNLI station in Dun Laoghaire asking them to come and visit the school do talk about the RNLI and to do a Questions and Answers session. A girl in our class who knew some people at the station asked them if she and her friend could ride in a lifeboat with someone videoing. This was later shown in class and the guest speaker gave the talk. One class from second year and one class in fourth year attended. This was done in February 2002.

Conor Dixon

General Election

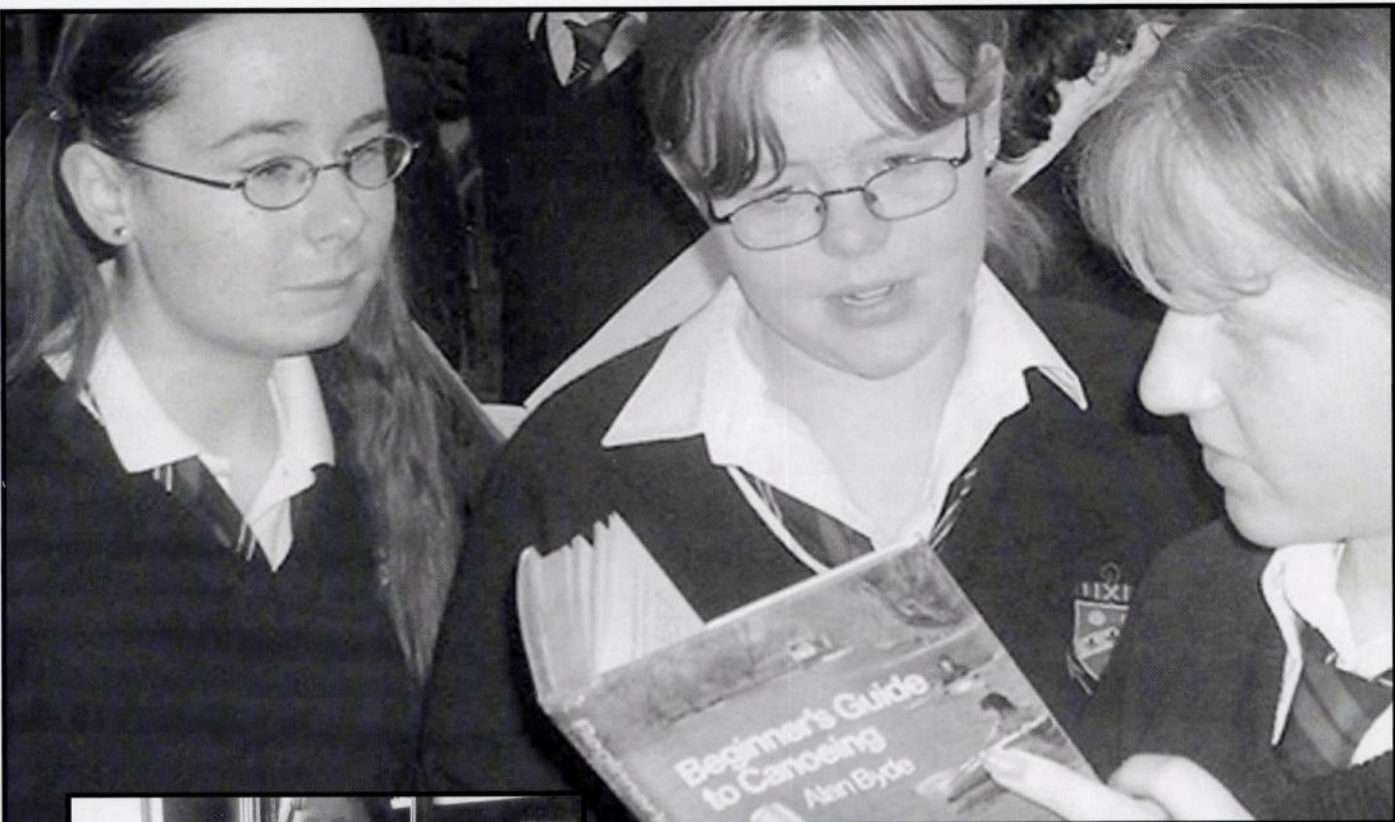
FF Win Again

Form 3.1 held a mock general election on 1 May for Forms 1, 2 and 3 of the school. For this purpose, the school became a single seat constituency and the method of election was proportional representation by single transferable vote.

After the first round and, we hear, some tactical voting, the results gave Fianna Fáil a slender lead over Sinn Féin, followed by the Green Party, Labour, Fine Gael, the Progressive Democrats and the Socialist Party. As is normal in P.R., when the leading candidate did not reach the quota (which in this case was 193 votes) the lowest candidates were eliminated and their votes distributed among their second preferences. It wasn't until the 5th count, following the elimination of Sinn Féin, that Fianna Fáil was elected with 44.27% of the vote, followed by the Green Party with 36.46%.

Congratulations to 3-1 and their teacher, Mr Irwin, for organising the election.

The Erasmian visits the Library



At the library we caught up with Katie McCann, Beth Kelly and Joelle Grogan reading a book on canoeing. Later on in the Erasmian you will see them putting theory into practice as they paddle down the Dodder



Happy Birthday Shakespeare
Joelle Grogan showed us one of the many displays put on this year

This year saw a period of varied activity in the library. Major acquisitions included the "New World Book Encyclopaedia", the latest literary novels, works of non-fiction and the prescribed leaving certificate novels, plays and poetry.

For "World Book Day" last March we were privileged to have the poet Julie O'Callaghan present a talk and recital to a selection of pupils. We thank her for her witty and subtle selection.

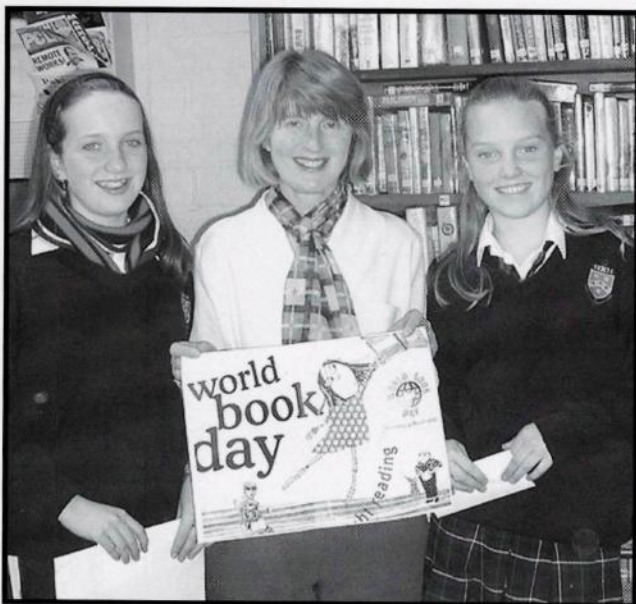
As usual, we had a number of displays in the library this year. The most popular was a display around the work of J.R.R. Tolkien. This tied in with the release of the popular cinematic adaptation of "the Lord of the Rings". Other displays included a feature on the Euro and a Christmas art competition on the theme "Peace on Earth". The library committee puts all the displays together. Indeed, the committee also organise regular features such as "Book of the Week", "Word of the Week", "Riddle of the Week", "Country of the Moment" and the "Divination of Runes".

I would like to thank the Tierney family for their extremely generous gift of a large number of fine-art books. These will certainly make our collection of Fine-art one of the strongest in the library.

This year I am pleased to report a noticeable improvement in the standard of reading. As a result, for the first time ever, two prizes for best reader were awarded. These were Owen Silke for his varied selection of reading over the year, and Beth Kelly for her fine appreciation of the library's collection of fiction.

As usual, I would like to thank the Board of Governors for their continued support of the library.

Valerie King, Librarian



Book Review Competition Winners
Jessie Elliott, Mrs. V. King & Elizabeth Stewart



Internationally renowned poet Julie O'Callaghan (centre) receiving a presentation from Mrs V. King (left) & Mrs. M. Milne (Co-ordinator of English)



Lord of the Rings Display
Christopher Blair & Darragh Walsh

BOOK OF THE WEEK

Book of the Week is pretty self-explanatory, or at least it should be. Perhaps it used to be Book of the Week, but under my control it seemed to become Book of Whenever I Can Get Someone To Write A "Book of the Week" For Me, which was a whole lot less. That's not to say that I didn't get some nice entries, I did receive some lovely (if rather infrequent) "Book of the Weeks" and also I got a review on a set of books which I'm told has never been done before.

The "Book of the Week" basically consists of a book, which the reviewer found interesting and a review to go with it. Due to my bad organising, general apathy, alien conspiracies, etc. I seemed to get a lot less reviews than was presumed at the sign-up. Even the lure of a delicious chocolate bar or something of that calibre didn't help.

So I've decided to start working to make my display better; hopefully it will have improved by the time you read this. And if I am still in charge when you read this, please (watch me get down on my knees here) please, PLEASE come down to the library and write a "Book of the Week" for me.

I'm desperate!

In the meantime, keep on reading!

Eoin Silke

TOPIC OF THE WEEK

One of the most interesting displays on Topic of the Week was the **Nine Years War** by Sam Fitzpatrick and Jack Kavanagh. This display involved a brief summary of the Nine Years War (divided into several pages) and many interesting pictures. We decided to do this topic because it was the anniversary.

Sam Fitzpatrick

B12

Every day, before school and during break-times, a small group of intelligent life-forms gather...in the library. The library (which refers to not only the actual room B12, but also the swarm of intelligent beings which inhabit it) I find, is a great way to get away from the "strenuous" school life or the dullness of the classroom. Here, one may challenge ones knowledge by participating in competitions, quizzes and sagacious tasks such as "Word of the Week", "Book of the Week" and "Riddle of the Week", along with various geographical quizzes and language contentions. The language ones are my personal favourite!

Don't be discouraged by macho, pompous underdogs and their judgemental commentaries. They only envy the knowledge you possess, or scorn the fact that you are willing to obtain knowledge.

Jessie Elliott 1T

GENERAL DISPLAYS

During the year we hosted a lot of displays in the library such as: "The Lord of the Rings", "Our Green Planet", "Halloween", "Art", "Euro", "World War 2" and "Science". The Science display was set up by William Mc Connell. I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson, Mr Kelly, Mr Davis and of course if it wasn't for Mrs King there would be no displays at all.

William Mc Connell

FUTHARK

In the library, I do a competition I like to call the Futhark Competition. It is based on a Nordic script. Futhark is the name of the Runic alphabet after the first six letters. I take pieces of famous literature and write them in Runes. I then post them in the libratorium and wait for translations from fellow students. I plan on also doing some competitions in phonician and banskit.

Jessie Elliott

LIBRARY CHIEFTAIN

The library is so much more than just a room filled with books. It is a collective consciousness of like-minded people, all of whom are different, and all of whom are special. We have people with brown eyes, and people with blue eyes. We have people with long hair and people with short hair. But to the library, these points are insignificant, because we work together like a harmonious machine, to keep the library ticking over. Though we may not always get along (you know who I mean), we bury our differences, and work together for a better library. If only the worlds leaders could do the same.

Thanks to Mrs. King for her dedication.

Zoe McNair (Library Chieftain)

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the week is, as the name suggests, a word chosen each week. (I mean it's so obvious, why did I have to tell you). Anyway, a word is chosen and anyone can enter three guesses, to win a brilliant prize, eg. A bar of chocolate, if they guess the word right. There is also a prize for the funniest guess.

This year there were some difficulties eg. people looking up the words in the dictionary (totally illegal), people trying desperately and failing every time to make funny guesses to do with Osama Bin Laden, which frankly were completely rubbish.

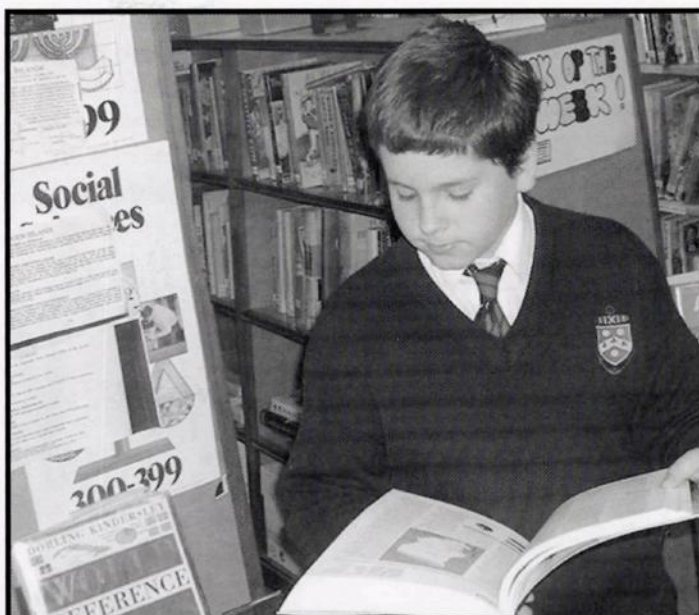
RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

At the beginning of this year, deep in the depths of the library, two girls invented a competition – the Riddle of the Week. Actually, we didn't have anything to do at the time. However, we decided to do a trial run to see if it was worth continuing. We put up the first riddle nervously, wondering (and hoping) that it would be a success. Fortunately for us, it was. Since then, the riddle has grown in popularity, and whenever it is put on the board it is pounced upon by all present. We also have 'Treasure Hunts' which involve participants creeping round the library looking for clues. The clues are hidden inside books and this challenge generally goes on for days. That's about it really, except:

Think of three words that end in GRY. Two of them are 'angry' and 'hungry'. There are three words that end in GRY in the English language. What is the third?

And that's for you to find out!

Beth Kelly and Joelle Grogan (1st year)



William O'Connell gets in a spot of reading



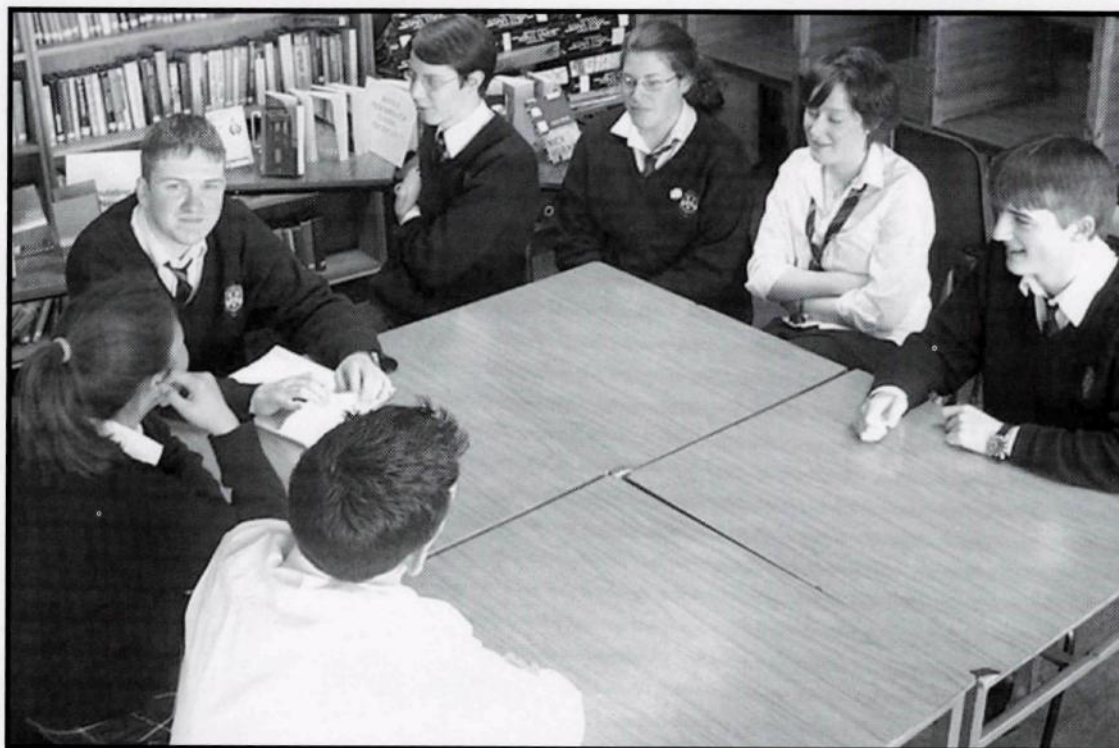
Library Art Competition Winners

Nicole Kirby & Ruth Roseingrave



Mr. J. Ryan was a frequent visitor to the library with his classes. Mrs V. King makes a presentation to Mr. Ryan on his retirement

Council in Session



Pictured (L-R):
Council members
Ian O'Shea,
Donna Lui, Karl
Caswell, Edward
O'Hare, Jane
Hilliard, Emma
Flanagan and
Nicholas Nash

This has been an eventful year for The High School, with the grand opening of the new technical block and music centre at which former Taoiseach Dr. Garret Fitzgerald unveiled a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion and an open day which gave guests an opportunity to view the new buildings.

The Student Council was involved with the planning of the open day from a very early stage. In fact, as far back as 2001! At meetings with the school administration we discussed what could happen on the day and planned our participation.

The whole idea behind the Student Council is to provide all the students of HSD with a means to communicate with the School Administration and a way for the School Administration to do the same regarding the pupils. Unfortunately, not all ideas forwarded to the Council can be implemented, but many good suggestions

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

President: Karl Caswell

Vice-President: Emma Flanagan

Secretary: Holly Burke Naughton

Form 1: Ben McNally, Lochlann Mahon, Kirsten McCann, David Lusby, Leanne Farrell

Form 2: Neal Columb, Amy Coghlan, Jamie O'Neill, Robin Leavy, Scott O'Malley

Form 3: Gus Nwosu, Evan Barry, William Marshall, Steven Rorke, Scott McNeill, Zoe McNair

Form 4: Barry Walsh, Pat Anglim, Rory Bannigan, Graham Cooley, Lyndsey Watson

Form 5: Brian Sargeant, Holly Burke Naughton, Donna Lui, Kerrie Wynne, Ian O'Shea, Méabh Cryan, Ciara Farrell, Sarah Walsh

Form 6: Rory Draper, Emma Flanagan, Nicholas Nash, Karl Caswell, Rachel O'Byrne, Graham Carey, Stephen Dodd

Ex-officio: Cathal D'Arcy (Head Boy), Jane Hilliard (Head Girl).

have been discussed and have indeed lead to changes, however small, to school policies which have made life in HSD that much easier for all.

The Student Council is still in its infancy with a proper constitution only recently written up with input from the members of the Council. Because it is so young, I feel that if it is ever to achieve the sort of

success that most people expected of it when it was first created, the members of the Council and the pupils of the school need to maintain a united front regarding the issues that concern them.

In the last year, however, it has been my experience that most people will complain about such an issue, and then, when asked to follow that complaint

through to action simply can't be bothered.

Unfortunately, the Student Council cannot function this way. In order to effect change, pupils must follow through their complaint and in numbers. More than once, while talking to the school administration, I have been asked if a complaint I have brought up is something that is felt by a large number of pupils.

In order to avoid this, suggestions that are submitted to the Council should be done so in written form to a class representative and should be signed by members of the class. I know that a lot of people feel the Council to be a means by which the school administration keep the pupils happy by giving them what appears to be a say. But I assure you that, if presented in a mature way, suggestions will and indeed, already have, been considered to their fullest.

Karl Caswell
Council President

When I was a Boy

Jim Ryan retires from a wonderful teaching career

*"And still they gazed, and
still the wonder grew,
That one small head could
carry all he knew"*

**The Village Schoolmaster
by Oliver Goldsmith.**

These words could well have been written about James W.F. Ryan, who retired from The High School, Dublin, in October 2001. This knowledge was conveyed to the students with many a humorous story which he used to lighten what might otherwise have been a heavy English or History lesson.

Mr. Ryan's teaching career began in 1954 when, as a junior master, he joined the staff of Brook House in James Terrace, Clonskeagh. When that school moved to Ashton Park in Monkstown, in 1955, Mr. Ryan moved with it and stayed there until 1958, teaching History, English and Irish and coaching Rugby and Tennis. One of his most memorable encounters during those early years was with Douglas Bader, who came to the school to present prizes and somehow found himself sitting at the back of one of JWFR's classes!

Having gained his B.A. and H.Dip. between 1958 and 1960, Mr. Ryan taught full time in St. Columba's, followed by a year in Warwick Public School in England. He returned to Ireland in 1961 and did a probationary year's teaching at Wesley College in St. Stephen's Green and at The High School in Harcourt Street. In 1962 he got an M.A. from Trinity College and became a full time and permanent member of staff at Wesley, where he coached the First XV in Rugby, started Boys Tennis and founded the Civics Society, which is still going strong - many pupils from that era will remember "Ryan's Walks".

Between 1971 and 1973 he acted as Head of History at Sandford Park; from 1973 to 1974 he was Headmaster of Sutton Park and then returned



Jim Ryan in conversation with Ms. Milne

to The High School at the end of that year and became Head of First Year. In 1977 he was awarded a M.Ed. by Trinity College, having presented his thesis on "Mergers in Second Level Schools in Ireland and

Connacht and in 1953 was narrowly beaten in the Irish Boys Final of Table Tennis. He was the first Irishman to win the Connacht Open Table Tennis Championship and also played Tennis for

Many pupils found themselves at the door of C4, seeking advice, help, or even tuition. He was always there providing "a listening ear".

the U.K." - he got a First for this! He was then appointed Headmaster of Masonic Boys School in the same year and stayed there until 1980, when the school closed. In September of that year he returned once again to High School, where he taught History, English and CSPE, coached the Under 13s and Under 14s and, later, took the JCT.

Mr. Ryan's interest in sport took him beyond the school. He played Table Tennis for

Connacht as the No. 1 Singles player. He is still playing tennis today!

His love of and enthusiasm for sport often spilled over into the staffroom, where, the morning after a match, colleagues would be entertained by re-enactments of various aspects of the match, all told in a most jovial manner. Indeed, this early morning banter became the norm in the staffroom with Jim taking the lead: he always had a story and we always had a laugh.

He found some of his greatest satisfaction in the classroom. He was meticulous in his preparation and "the love he bore to learning" knew no bounds. This was where he was in his element - inspiring, encouraging, leading and motivating his pupils. Upon entering C4 one was bombarded by books, posters, projects, models of crannogs, aqueducts, monasteries - all attesting to the calibre of the man. He had a special way of imparting knowledge and many pupils in his History classes would learn about the past as he reminisced about the early days ("when I was a boy") to the present - again there was always a story. His passion for learning often took him outside the classroom: English classes visited the theatre, History classes travelled to Kilkenny Castle, Kilmainham Jail, the National Museum, and many other places of historical interest. His latest project, with two History classes, was the organization of a Time Capsule, which was placed in the ceiling of the new Technical Building.

Jim Ryan's ability to relate with pupils made him an obvious choice as Year Head. In this capacity he gave unstintingly of his time and energy. Many pupils found themselves at the door of C4, seeking advice, help, or even tuition, between 8.20 am and 9.00 am. He was always there during these times, providing "a listening ear". The "listening ear" was also extended to colleagues, who found in him not only a man of high professional standards but also a "good friend and wise counsellor".

Jim has been an inspiration to both colleagues and pupils. We would like to thank him for all he has contributed in The High School and wish him and his wife, Joan, many healthy, happy years of retirement.

Miss P. Graham

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Bill O'Connor leaves the stage

This year marks the retirement of Bill O'Connor. Bill began his career as a student teacher at The High School in 1962 and as well as his teaching duties at that time he was involved in the coaching of athletics and rugby along with the administration of boxing in the school. In 1968 he organised the last inter-schools boxing competition between The High School and the Royal School in Armagh.

In 1969 Bill and his wife went to Canada where they taught for two years. When they returned in 1971 Bill resumed his teaching career at The High School in the new buildings at Danum.

For many years Bill has been the subject co-ordinator in the Irish Department of the school. In that

time the number of pupils taking higher-level papers in Intermediate, Junior and Leaving Certificate examinations increased considerably. During his long career he was involved in the inter-school's debating competitions (as Gaeilge) and the ecumenical Irish Language church services in Christchurch Cathedral. For over 20 years he brought students of Irish to Dún Chaoin and the Blasket islands and in more recent years to the Aran Islands. Many former pupils will have fond memories of these excursions.

As well as Irish, Bill also taught English, Geography, Business Studies and took classes in Careers. Amongst his other contributions to the school was the organisation of

the Hobbies Exhibition, the last of which took place in 1988.

Bill was a prominent member of the A.S.T.I. during his period as school steward, a post from which he returned in 1994. He looked after the interests of his fellow teachers in union matters.

Bill has been a great colleague and a wonderful friend. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

*Uasual ceird an oide:
Mar ri ar imeall trá,
Chuir ar toinn na soithigh
'S sheol go hoscailt bá
(ón dán An t-Oide
le Séamas Ó hAodha)*

A Parle

MARJORIE TRAVERS

Marjorie joined the staff of the High School in Sept. '88 as a part time teacher of R.E. Her previous experience of teaching had been in Kilkenny College and Mt. Temple Comprehensive. Marjorie started her teaching career as a P.E. teacher but more recently was drawn towards the challenge of Religious Education. When Janet Barcroft retired Marjorie took over as co-ordinator of the Religious Education Dept. Last year Marjorie left The High School to allow herself more time to



pursue her newly found niche in counselling.

Highlights of her years here included times that pupils rallied when a reader or singer was needed for

assembly or collectors were needed for charity collections.

She had fun preparing plays, candle holders etc. for the annual carol service.

There were many moments of enlightenment in the classroom when a pupil came up with an idea that had never occurred to her. She especially remembers those times when pupils showed concern for other pupils.

Marjorie doesn't miss the journey through the city centre traffic every day or the stress of wondering if the assembly speaker would turn up but she does miss the friendships

formed with staff and the energy of High School pupils.

While Marjorie was in The High School we became good friends – I really miss her support and friendship in the school. She left me a keepsake, which epitomises for me her generous nature. It is a handmade wooden plaque with the following inscribed:

*Keep inside your heart
A place where dreams
may grow*

We wish you well in your new life Marjorie.

T Jones

Jenny Kane met the New Teachers

Name

Sinead Toolan

Subjects

Biology, Science,
Home Economics

Hobbies

Badminton, Cooking,
Eating Out, Reading



How have you found your first year in High School so far?

I've really enjoyed it. The first couple of months were difficult because you are trying to get used to a new school and are getting to know new classes. But everyone has been so friendly and helpful – that made it easier.

How does it compare to either previous positions or your own schooling?

I went to an all-girls school and the last school I taught in was all-boys, so that's probably the biggest difference.

What aspects of High School do you most like and dislike?

It's great having my own room, though I hate walking out to it in the lashing rain!

Did you always want to pursue a career in education?

No. I never saw myself being a teacher. I always planned to go into research. I tried that for a while but found lab work boring. That's when I decided to try teaching.

What is your most embarrassing memory, either in HSD or in other schools?

I don't embarrass easily!

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three items or people would you want to have with you?

A computer with modem and power source, a library and my husband. (ahhhh!)

And finally, what plans do you have for the future?

For the foreseeable future, I see myself in High School. After that, I don't know. I'd love to live in a country with a better climate.

Name

Rodger Elvin

Subjects taught

French, History

Hobbies

Music,
Socialising

How have you found your first year in High School so far?

Very enjoyable. The staff and the pupils are great – very friendly.

What aspects of High School do you most like and dislike?

I like the community atmosphere.

Did you always want to pursue a career in education?

Yes.

What is your most embarrassing memory, either in HSD or in other schools?

I was mistaken for a pupil three times on my first day.



Name

Grace Fitzgerald

Subjects taught

English, History,
C.S.P.E.

Hobbies

Music, Theatre,
Reading, Yoga.

How have you found your first year in High School so far?

I have really enjoyed it. It is lovely to teach in a school with such a warm, friendly atmosphere. I found all the staff very welcoming and I suppose the students are not that bad either!

How does it compare to either previous positions or your own schooling?

It compares very favourably, but it is nice to have a half-day mid-week on a Wednesday.

What aspects of High School do you most like and dislike?

I most dislike the stairs, I most like the ... pupils!

Did you always want to pursue a career in education?

Of course!

What is your most embarrassing memory, either in HSD or in other schools?

My most embarrassing moment would have to be in a past school where I was so enthusiastic and motivated by a lesson that, in my exuberance, I walked backwards and into an open cupboard!

If you were stranded on a desert island, what

three items or people would you want?

I would not need three items. I would just bring MacGyver as he could be relied upon to get us out of any situation!

Editor's note: MacGyver was a devilishly handsome 80's cult action hero with his own programme who could save the world with a rubber band and a paper clip - literally)

And finally, what plans do you have for the future?

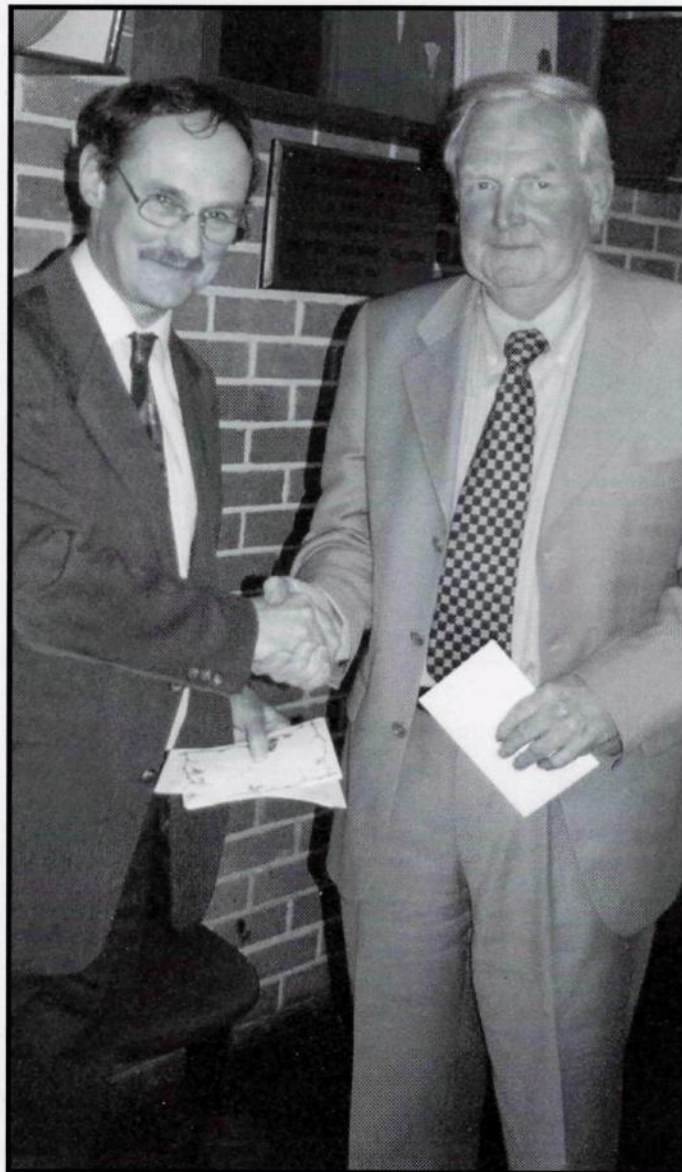
I plan to continue teaching and eventually travel the world.

Playing the Numbers Game

Cockie Wright pays tribute to his mentor and friend, Derek Cole, after a long career of teaching and coaching rugby

Eric Derek Cole, known to most students as 'Coler', started his education as a pupil in that well-known country establishment of Kilkenny College. Not much is known of his school days – he keeps that private. His teaching career in High School (after a brief spell in what was then known as Mountjoy!) began in – well, to quote Derek himself – "I have been there for more years than I care to remember." Well he was certainly there when I arrived in Harcourt Street in 1966. Actually having searched the archives and blown away cobwebs and centimetres of dust I found it was 1964.

In the classroom Derek taught Mathematics, English and I believe that he dabbled in History from time to time. He certainly must have been a good Maths teacher because he managed to get me a B grade in Honours Maths in my Intermediate Certificate and considering my understanding of Maths before High School that was no mean achievement. I can't speak for his English and History classes as I did not have that pleasure but certainly in games of Trivial Pursuit and at table quizzes he knows all the answers to the literature and history questions.



*'Derek was a great tactician who applied his mathematical brain to forward planning with profit'.
Don Lewis (Capt. of 1973 team)*

However, when it comes to most High School students of the era, what Coler became famous for was his brilliance as the Senior rugby coach. To speak personally, I have been coached during my rugby career by brilliant coaches such as Roly Meates (ex-Irish coach and advisor to the present

Leinster team) and Ollie Burke (brother of ex-President Mary Robinson) and without a doubt Derek stands up there with them. He coached rugby like a Mathematician always thinking how to create extra numbers. Now everybody knows that three does not equal eight, so High School put three in a

Des Johnson, President of the Parents Association makes a presentation to Derek Cole at the reception to mark his retirement.

scrum in a cup match against Kings Hospital's eight. Naturally the KH pack pushed High School back so fast that the KH scrum-half was caught unawares allowing Deryk Vincent to pick up the ball and score under the KH posts. In another year Coler devised a move where in a forward penalty move, our three back-row players would sneak out behind the centres and winger and when the ball was moved wide, well it was quite simple three does not equal six. Don Lewis, captain of the 1973 team, recalls that Derek was a great tactician who applied his mathematical brain to forward planning with profit.

When asked about the greatest side that he ever coached it wasn't the cup winning side of 1973 but the 1967 side under the captaincy of Bryan Lewis. This team included three interpros: Bryan Lewis, Stuart Lloyd and of course Phil Orr. However, as fate would have it, High School was drawn against Blackrock in the first round. Having dominated the game for sixty minutes, High School led 5-3 – what happened next – well on their second attack of the half Blackrock scored a try and won 6-5. Other great sides, which Derek recalls, were the 1971 one-hundred anniversary side, under the captaincy of Mike Gault, which played the Rest of Leinster only to lose by a score in the last minute. The 1972 team with Arthur Godsil as

hooker made it to the semi-final only to lose 8-4 to the eventual winners Belvedere. Of course, the cup winning side of 1973 must rank in there somewhere, and Derek certainly deserves much of the credit for that achievement. On to 1985, another great side which outplayed and led Blackrock until an injury-time try gave them a 9-7 victory. Finally the semi-final side of 1991 under the captaincy of John

Caird can't go without mention as being another great one.

Rugby is not Derek's only sport, he is a great golfer playing out at Rathfarnham Golf Club and of various courses in Spain and Portugal, and now I believe the USA! Derek loves the outdoor life; he is a keen camper as well, having spent much time camping in France, although after sampling some of the fine vintages

he ended up camping in the car. While in France, Derek became a bit of a gourmet especially in seafood where oysters were his speciality (we won't say anymore!). His gardening expertise can't go without mention. He won many a competition in the gardening world and I must admit I never saw a dandelion.

Finally, I would like to wish Derek a great retirement. He was not only a

great mentor to me in the world of rugby while I was a student in High School but became a great friend of mine when I started teaching in High School. I hope that he will have many more years of golfing wherever it may be; many years of sampling Riojas, Penedes and so on; and of course oysters! Derek – thanks for everything.

Cockie Wright



Erasmian Interview: Miss P. Graham

Where did you go to school and university?

I went to the Collegiate School in Monaghan and graduated from Trinity College.

Did you always want to go into teaching?

Yes. I have always wanted to teach. I remember one particular Christmas when my parents bought me a black-board – I became the teacher, my sister the pupil as we played school. She wasn't a very willing participant! Apart from wanting to impart knowledge, the other aspect of the teaching profession which has always appealed to me is pastoral care.

Have you always had an interest in History?

Yes. I have always loved the subject. As a child my father brought me to historical sites. I was especially fascinated by the 'Big House' – how people lived long ago, the tools, instruments, and utensils they used.

My mother had an elderly friend who, in her young days, worked as a seamstress in a castle. She used to tell me stories about life there.

What period of History do you find the most interesting to teach?

Difficult to say – it is all so interesting. When I think about it, there

are actually two periods which I enjoy teaching. The first is the Age of Exploration. The Early Explorers had a great thirst for adventure and a determination to succeed. Their exploits make fascinating reading and I particularly enjoy watching the interest aroused among the younger pupils in these stories. The fear among the early sailors of sea-monsters, the fact that they might fall off the edge of the Earth if they ventured too far out to sea, and of course their encounters with new peoples all help to stimulate the pupils, and when pupils' interests are aroused it can be most encouraging and rewarding.

The second period of interest is the Second World War. Leaving Certificate students can do a Research Topic for the exam and many choose topics or events from World War Two. Some have carried out research on the refugee children who came to Ireland after the war; examined life in Belfast when it was bombed; studied a major battle like the Battle of Berlin; the role of Irishmen in the Spanish Civil War or a character from the period. The Research Topics make interesting reading and they always prove to be a learning experience for me!

I believe that you taught in the Diocesan School for Girls before it merged with The High School. What have you noticed that is different about a co-educational environment (aside from the obvious)?

I think it is much more healthy for

pupils. Gender no longer matters as far as subjects like Home Economics and Material Technology are concerned. They are now popular with both sexes.

Is The High School very different now than when you started teaching here?

It depends on what you mean by "very different". Yes – in that we have some beautiful new buildings added to the existing site. No – in that pupils come and go as they always have, but their needs are still the same – a happy environment with good teaching and a caring staff – and that is The High School.

What is the single most important thing that you have learned as a teacher?

You never stop learning.

What are your favourite books/films?

Favourite books: History books naturally and biographies. On a lighter note I have just read *It's a long way from Penny Apples* by Bill Cullen.

Films: New and old. I'm looking forward to seeing the new *Star Wars* and I like some of the old classics like *Gone with the Wind*, *Sense and Sensibility* and the old Fred Astaire films.

Any hobbies or interests of note?

I enjoy the occasional game of badminton, travelling, gardening, music and cars.

In conversation with Ben Frazer

Andrew McKay

1972-2002

To say that Andrew liked hockey would be an understatement! He loved hockey. His passion for the sport - particularly playing but also coaching - is a memory of Andrew many people will have in years to come. But it's not the only memory that those of us who knew Andrew in his time at High School will have.

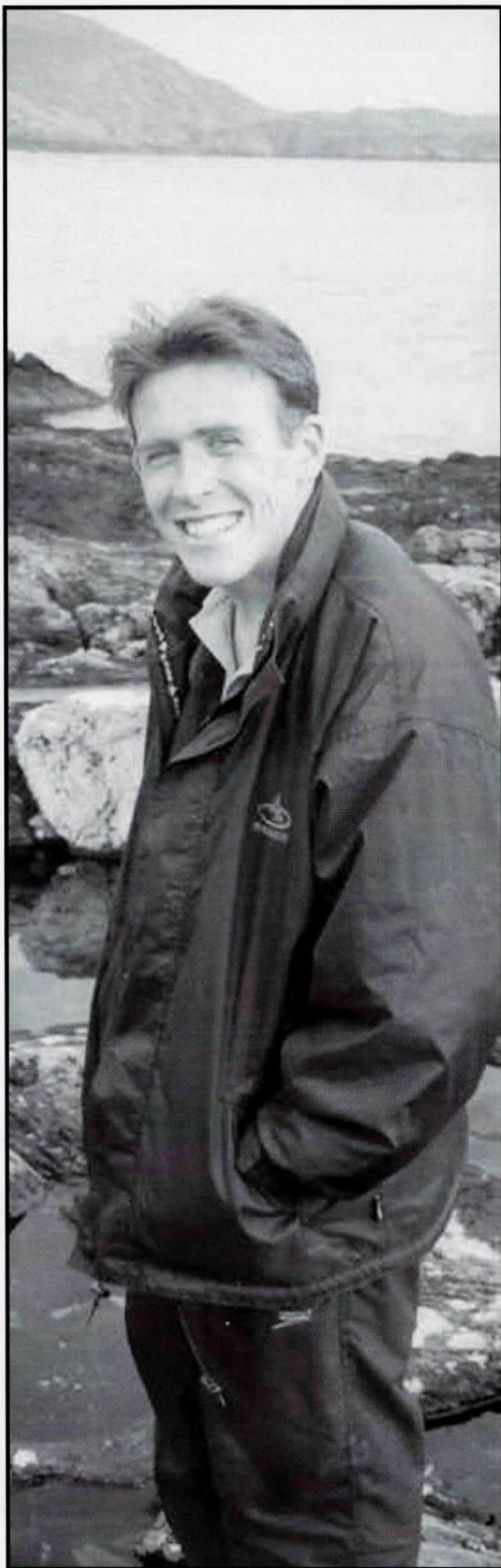
Andrew joined the staff as a Business and Economics teacher in High School in 1998. In teaching Business and Economics to Leaving Certificate level and Business in Transition Year Andy had contact with many students at the school, a fact reflected in the large numbers of students, past and present, who attended his funeral in early July. Those that had not been taught by him in the classroom may have known him on the hockey pitch, or the tennis courts or even the ski slope. Apparently Andy's passion for sport included careering down a mountainside at a ludicrous speed without really knowing how to stop safely (so say his fellow enthusiasts from the trip to Bulgaria in the Spring of 2000).

Although the school hockey season only runs from September to St Patrick's Day, as a player and coach for UCD hockey club, Andy's hockey season seemed to last all year. And as soon as Andrew joined High School he also became an enthusiastic member of the hockey coaching staff coaching both boys' teams and girls' teams. Andrew thought little of standing out on a hockey pitch all Saturday morning in the depths of winter - that is as long as his goals were scored and his team won! Andy was definitely an attacker and not a defender (his favourite role on a team was that of left wing as goals were fairly well guaranteed in that position). However one of his girls' teams - a senior seconds or thirds - developed a defensive tactic called 'Formation' which they can remember even now.

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Andrew away in Cork with the 1st XI hockey team



The many faces of Andrew



Pictured clock-wise: Andrew as a teacher,as a skier,as a performer, as an Irish football supporter

These were employed in friendly matches and cup matches and led to some degree of success in the league. That same team went on tour to Cork that year and memory says they defeated both opposition teams (but that may not be true!)

One member of staff in remembering Andy remarked on his smile that always seemed to be present even in the difficult years of his illness. Andrew was an extremely positive, friendly and open person who would chat with anyone about anything. He was a loyal friend and colleague and was always interested in the lives of those he met. He was very proud of other's achievements and when a friend and teaching colleague was a member of the Irish hockey team attempting to qualify for the Summer 2000 Olympic games in Australia he nicknamed her Sydney much to her

embarrassment and amusement! Although he always appreciated the care and concern of others while he was ill he didn't like to focus on his illness unless it was to reassure his friends that he was fighting it and was determined to return to full health. Instead, he would analyse the weekend's hockey matches or the performance of his favourite soccer team with staff and students. He attended many of the Irish national team's football matches at Lansdowne Road even those against obscure opposition!

Andrew's family was a huge part of his life. One of his great pleasures and passions in life was the greeting card company that he and his younger sister Heather established two years ago. With Andrew's business background and Heather's massive artistic talent the company went

from strength to strength, winning entrepreneur awards and enjoying good commercial success. You have probably seen Head in the Clouds cards in at least one shop and may have sent or received one without realising you knew a director! In fact many of the cards sent in the school Valentine's post this Spring were from Andrew's company. During the years when Andrew was too ill to teach he was able to devote much more time to the company and was very proud of its success and certain of its potential to be a significant player in the Irish market.

Although Andrew taught at High School for a little over two years he maintained contact with the school throughout his illness. He will be sadly missed as a colleague, as a teacher and as a friend.

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Year Head: Miss A Parle
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Year head: Mr M Hilliard
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Year Head: Miss C Ritchie
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Form 5

Year Head: Mr R Miller.
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Year Head: Mr R McMullen.
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 Mr B MacNamara: Under 13B

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 Mr. I. Wilkinson: 1st. year coach

Cricket (Boys)

Mr. R. McMullen: in charge, 1st. XI coach
 Mr. R. Walker: JCT coach
 Mr. R. Davies: Under 14 coach
 Mr. B. Quinn: Under 13 coach

Cricket (Girls)

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Transition Year Co-ordinator: Mrs D Larkin

Trophies: Mr. J. Hickey

.... in the headlights.... in the long nights... by the roadside .. I hear your voice calling me...



Johnny, Luke, Andy, Declan and Anto of Melaton

The MELATON Phenomenon

Flicking through the pages of my 98/99 yearbook I come across an article entitled 'Battle of the Bands.' The article features two photos, one of Luke Slott, the other a shot from the balcony of Luke Slott, Jonathan Black, Anthony Mooney, Declan Garvey and Andrew Brennan - Melaton. Little did anyone know how far the winners of this High School competition would go....

Luke Slott and Jonathan Black are past pupils of High School. Melaton were formed after Jonathan asked Luke to join the band he was in, **Purple Haze**. Purple Haze played covers of **Smashing Pumpkins**, **Radiohead** and **Jimi Hendrix**. However, they

realised they could write their own music. The name was changed to Melaton - taken from melatonin ('melatonin is not fully understood, but it seems to be involved in biological rhythms such as ovulation, sleep and activity patterns, and sexual maturity' says my Leaving Cert Biology textbook).

Luke left school at seventeen so he could practice his music at home while teaching himself for the Leaving Cert. Luke said he never wanted to be a singer until he realised his voice wasn't going to change. Before this he wanted to be a vet. The other members of this band were on their second last day of school when they were signed by the record company Sony.

The website www.melaton.ie was set up at this time. On this website Melaton sent out free CDs to anyone who requested one. It only had two tracks but it was a sample of the outstanding talent possessed by this young band. The original idea was to make about 2,000 but in the end over 7,000 were delivered.

Melaton have now played many gigs all over this country and in the UK. They headlined a gig at The Temple Bar Music Center on the 4 April 2002, which I had the privilege to attend, and I was blown away by their incredible live performance. Their EP '*Falling Star*' was released on the 19 April here, and the 22 April in the UK. It charted

at number 26 in the Irish Charts and being the fan I am, I bought it the following day in Tower Records where they were playing a short gig to promote it. (Outstanding performance it was too!)

Melaton are set to go far. And as the new website says 'Melaton are a tangle of glorious contradictions that beg to be discovered in their own terms'. Go and check them out for yourself if you don't believe me. Realize the phenomenon that is Melaton.

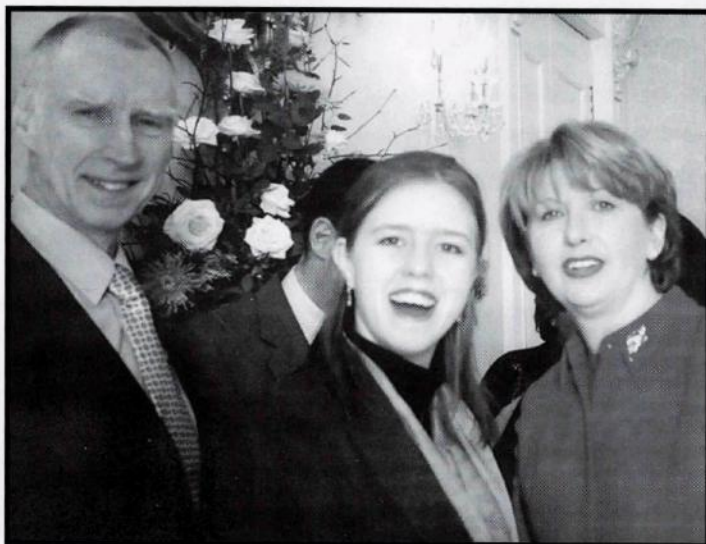
As I type this article I have Melaton playing loudly.... in the headlights.... in the long nights... by the roadside .. I hear your voice calling me...

Carolyn Goulden (5th)

The Challenge of the PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Kiva Murphy takes you through the steps towards achieving this very prestigious award

Photo: Stephanie Taylor (centre) at Áras an Uachtaráin where she received her Gold Award from President Mary McAleese (right). Mr. J. Swan (left) supervises the award for the school.



It's the end of third year; the main thing on everyone's minds was...the Junior Cert., the biggest thing to happen to our lives up until that point. It was all anyone could talk about. We weren't actually dreading it, but we definitely couldn't wait until it was all over so that we could go on holidays!

One morning when we were all half-asleep in assembly, Mr. Duffy announced that any third years (at these words we amazingly woke up) who would like to do the President's Award, please go to B1 after assembly. There was a huge turnout. I don't know if that was because of the interest in this new thing or if it was just an excuse for getting off class! Anyway there was a gang of us waiting with anticipation. Mr. Swan spoke and told us about this award that we could all receive if we were dedicated enough to stick it out. After a brief explanation whoever

was still interested signed a sheet and returned back to class.

A few days later there was a more detailed talk about it. We got some information and were told to go home and think about it. The sheets described in detail that there were four sections to this award: Community service, personal skill, physical skill and (not everyone's favourite) physical CHALLENGE.

We filled in the forms and handed them up to Mr. Swan who was to become our President's award leader (or PAL).

We came back to school the following September, and to be honest a lot of us had forgotten about it. We were given a deadline to meet when we had to be organised and have everything ready to go. It wasn't exactly very easy to meet it (you have no idea how complicated these things can be!). It was to our benefit to get started as soon as possible. There was-

n't a lot of time to spare.

We were given little red books in which to record our events (they were very easily lost). As I asked around there was a huge variety of the things that people had chosen to do as an activity.

The physical skill wasn't too demanding. Most people played sports such as basketball (where we won ALL of our matches) or running, many did swimming and badminton, although some did more skilful things such as table tennis or golf lessons.

For the personal skill we had to do twenty-six weeks and with all the school holidays that we get (not that I'm complaining) it was a bit of a tight squeeze. The variety of activities couldn't have been more different. Everyone certainly learned a new skill and they are much more knowledgeable in that field now than they were before. Some people are very embarrassed about what they did, so I

GOLD AWARD FOR STEPHANIE

Congratulations to **Stephanie Taylor** who recently received her gold award from President Mary McAleese at Áras an Uachtaráin. Stephanie is currently studying Classical Studies at the University of St Andrew's in Scotland. For the gold award, she undertook community, physical skill and venture challenges.

Her community work consisted of working as a volunteer at Tallaght Hospital in the childrens' playroom and the coffee bar while her physical challenge was swimming organised by Mr Swan.

Stephanie chose an unusual but entertaining skill, developing her bell-ringing talents and for her venture challenge she walked Hadrian's Wall in four days, no mean achievement.

In describing the tremendous challenge which is the Gold Award, Stephanie emphasises the importance of mutual support and particularly thanks Mr Swan for his supervision and encouragement over the years.

won't say any names. You know who you are. The activities went from dancing to ballet to playing all kinds of instruments, to coaching gymnastics! Some people are now skilled in keyboard skills (which I badly need!) to sign language to professional actors and even life saving. Altogether everyone would be very useful on a deserted island!

For community service most people worked in charity shops or else in youth clubs such as cubs or brownies and others coached football. Some were so kind and they helped out in shelters. Everyone says not to work with animals and children, so I wonder if there are any regrets?

Finally there was the Physical CHALLENGE. It certainly tested our stamina to the limit.

The majority did hill-walking (not everyone will agree that they were hills!) while some people were a bit more daring and ventured the seas either swimming or working on the sailing boat, the "Asgard". Hill-walking was organised through the school and you had to agree at the start that you would undertake three walks, one night walk and then finally climb Carrauntoohil in April. It seemed so far away that everyone agreed and pushed the thought out of our heads. The walks were long, tiring, cold, steep and of course WET (it's Ireland what do you expect!). They were brilliant fun and everyone enjoyed themselves, though most people only realised this when they were safely back on the ground, or nice and warm in the bus.

In the morning you packed your bag for the worst weather and it normally was! Most people

had soup, which was a huge treat at the top of a windy mountain with only a pile of rubble as your shelter.

we were all to defeat, with as much dignity as possible.

All who went had a

Once we were on the top of the mountain looking down on all the people below you, knowing that you were the highest person in the entire country, it seemed worth every puffing and panting minute

The year progressed and the little red diaries were becoming tattered and full. Mr. Swan called us for a meeting and told us of the final deadline. It hit you like a lead weight on your shoulders. We were given an official President's Award book which our coaches or employers had to fill in as

very enjoyable time, from the bus journey down complete with singing all the way to the final afternoon. We enjoyed every bit of it, even the climb was fun. Once we were on the top of the mountain looking down on all the people below you, knowing that you were the highest person in the

GAISCE PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2000/2001

**Sam Abraham
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Triona Curran
Caroline Daly
Jennifer Day
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Clair Foster
Carolyn Goulden
Jennifer Kane
Fiona Keller
Ruth Kelly
Donna Lui
Eoghan McIlwaine**

**Claire Murphy
Ian O'Shea
Ralph Prendergast
Sudha Rao
Nicola Sutton
Sarah Tobin
Sarah Walsh
Susan Walsh
Paul Webster
Zara White
Amy Wilkinson
Maeve Willoughby
Vicky Wright
Kerrie Wynne
Heidi Walsh**

honestly as they could. I'm sure no bribery occurred! We also had to organise the trip to Kerry. It was looming up ahead of us like an unwanted nightmare. The anticipation grew, as the time became closer. No one really knew what to expect; we had all heard stories of this 'beast' of a mountain that we were to climb over two days but we were completely in awe of this monster which

entire country, it seemed worth every puffing and panting minute, well sort of!

After that weekend, we had to write a report on the trip and get our books signed. The highlight of the trip was most definitely the climb. That's just a matter of opinion, others will say it was the social aspect of the weekend. I can nearly certainly tell you that the worst part

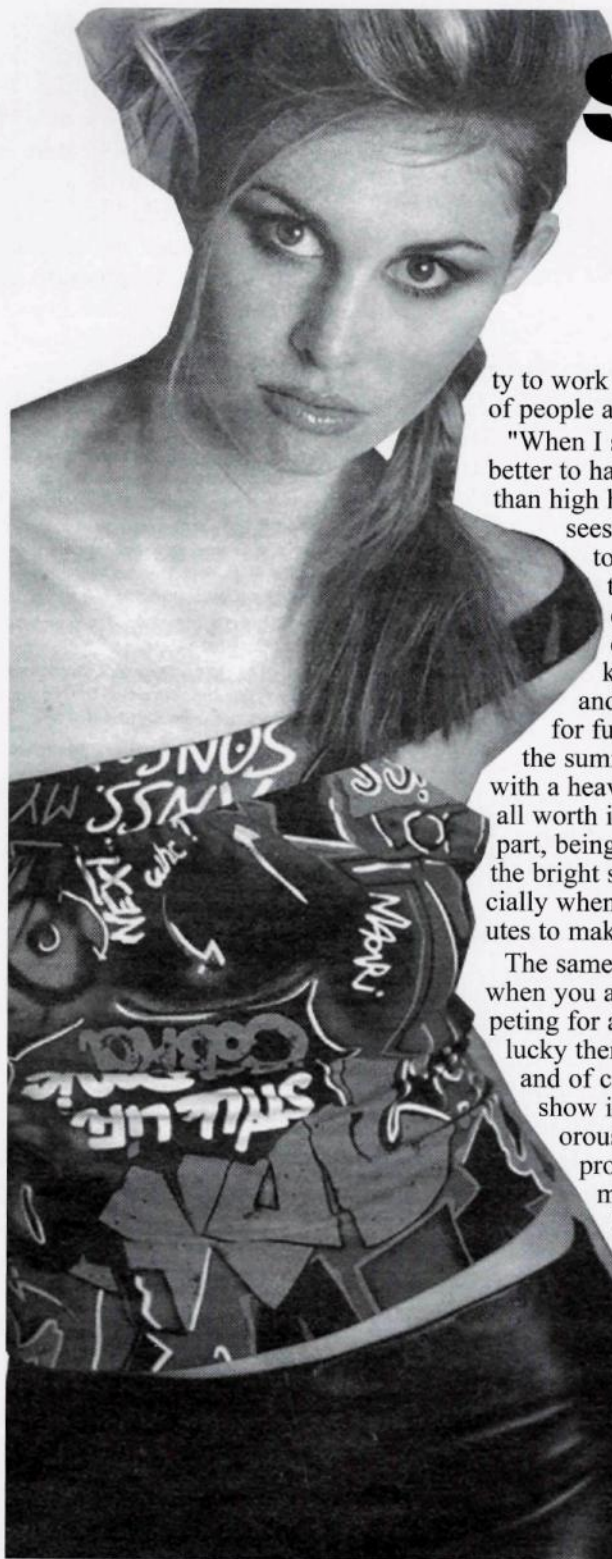
was the washing up, not that there was that much to do really. Dinner-time was good fun, there was a wide range of foods eaten, pasta and mini muffins seemed to be a big hit!

Soon after that we had to wrap it all up. Everyone was scrambling at the last minute to get everything finished. Some people were probably very organised. I wasn't one of them!

All in all not one person had a terrible time (I think). At certain points it got a little tough but no one said the award was going to be handed to you on a plate. You had to work hard at it and the sense of achievement is tremendous. The final time you fill in that red diary you feel such a sense of accomplishment. At the end of third year, when we were all so eager to do this award, most people thought it sounded like a great time. I can tell you that most people then would have told you that they would go the whole way to the Gold award.

Now that it's all over and it's done and dusted, I'm not very sure that there will be such a high turnout for the silver award. It really was fun and all those that did it I'm sure (well I hope) don't regret it that much. I'd just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the teachers who helped us out throughout this award and to all the owners and managers and coaches who gladly took on inexperienced (or experienced) help and willingly gave up their time for us all. A special thank-you must go to Mr. Swan for helping us through this entire project - you were always there to give us all the encouragement that we needed when we needed it most.

Supermodel DANIELLE



ty to work with many different types of people and personalities.

"When I started out I found it was better to have a good pair of runners than high heels when going on 'go-sees'. 'Go-sees' mean you have to bring your portfolio/book to photographers, PR agencies, department stores and clients, so that they get to know you and who you are and then, hopefully, use you for future jobs. I spent most of the summer running around Dublin, with a heavy book, but I suppose it's all worth it in the end!" Looking the part, being well groomed and keeping the bright side out is demanding, especially when you only get a few minutes to make an impression.

The same can be said for 'castings' when you are one of a number competing for a job. Then, if you are lucky there is the fitting, rehearsals and of course, the shows. The show is, perhaps, the most glamorous side and, usually, with a professional doing hair and make-up. "There is a great buzz at a show because it's live!" One of the more exciting shows she did recently was the John Rocha Spring/Summer show 2002. It was a very glamorous occasion, and more so by the lighting and music used throughout the show.

Being a model means a lot of work goes into preparing your book. What most agencies or clients look for is experience. "I found that when I went to London, they said I needed more editorial work. An editorial is about a 6-8 page fashion spread and only now that I have a full year under my belt I am able to get more editorial work- finally! My first break was with Hot Press and since I have been featured in Image, Social & Personal, Irish Tatler, dSide, IQ and the newspapers".

Danielle is putting her career on pause for fifth and sixth year but

hopes to keep her hand in during holiday breaks.

Some of the highlights have been when she was used as the face of Impulse campaign and the Arnotts Swimwear for Summer 2002. Her covers include Arnotts, Clerys, Dunnes Stores, and the Penneys and Marks & Spencers shows. She has recently done the Pretty Polly campaign and an editorial for a Spanish in-flight magazine.

When asked what is the most important thing she has learned from her work experience, she answers, "Not only do I have to watch my appearance but I have learnt how to do my taxes and basically run a small business. This is not just a hobby, but a career, I'm selling my image, my look, and I'm only as good as my last job. It's not like school that if I'm sick I can take the day off. No matter what, if I'm booked for a job then I must arrive on time and look my best! This year I've learnt a lot about the working world, I suppose! It's tough, and I've had days when I just want to stop and relax and do nothing, eat whatever I want and go hang out without having to say 'no sorry I can't, I've got work early in the morning'. But I am very lucky to have had this year, so that I know what to expect once I'm finished school and college".

"I am very grateful to the school for their support during Transition Year as it has allowed me to learn more about the many aspects of this career and industry".

One funny incident happened while she was doing the *Late Late Show*. She had to stuff sports socks into shoes which were a size too big!

She has worked with photographers such as Jean Baptiste Mondino, Parry Ogden and Koto Boloto. She has appeared in a variety of high profile magazines like "Vogue", "Marie Claire", "Elle", "Arena", "Face" and "GQ".

On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Danielle all the best in the future. This 5'9 beauty is set to take the world of modelling by storm!

Kerrie Wynne 5TK

Fresh from her appearance as one of the models on "The Late Late Show's Young Designer Fashion Awards" Danielle Donnelly talks to us about both sides of the fashion industry.

Some magazines have described her as one of Ireland's youngest rising stars with a glittering future ahead in international fashion. Behind these words Danielle is quick to point out that the modelling industry has two sides. Glamour and fame is well written about but behind the scenes there is a huge amount of hard work, preparation, attention to detail and the abili-

Football Fever

Young entrepreneurs of the future

Football fever was a soccer competition run by Mr. Kirby's transition year business class. This project consisted of the whole class working together as a team to try and organise a business, to fund it, manage it, run it and deal with all the problems that we came across on the way.

It started with deciding who would have each position in the company. There was an election to decide the managing director, which Gregory Sheridan won. After that, positions such as secretary, sales manager, production manager and of course finance were elected. Peter Burns was given the job of managing the money. Managers were given deputies who were supposed to work alongside them.

Our first role as a business was to get some funds. We did this by selling shares to our families and friends (robbing them blind). We all bought some, paying 50p a share. After deciding to do a football competition, it was down to business. (Literally)

Each person was allocated a job to do and we began organising it. There was quite a lot to do considering it was only a competition for 3rd and 4th years. After weeks of sorting things out it was time to begin. Each form had to fill out a list of their team with the minimum of 2 girls on each team and

each player had to pay £5. (Very difficult to organize)

It all began on a cold Friday afternoon (Very cold!). Seven teams had entered and we had a plan set out. The teams played and we stood on the sidelines selling drinks, which were robbed by our MD, and Mars bars.

Each match was 20 minutes long and two matches were played at a time on different pitches. Many teams got knocked out and eventually there were four teams left for the semi-finals, 4I, 40S, 3.2 and 3.5.

Nobody scored in the semi-finals, so penalty shots were taken. 4I and 3.5 made it to the final after a very enjoyable match (Zzzzzzz!!!!). Nobody scored in the final (were they trying to kill us with boredom?!) so again there were penalty shots. Finally a winner emerged. Halleluia. This team was 3.5. There was a slight delay in getting their prizes because SOMEONE forgot to bring them in and went home. Well done to everyone who participated in trying to make our business successful.

We'd like to say thank you to Mr. Kirby for putting up with us, and Mrs. Geoghegan for letting us use the pitches for the matches.

Kiva Murphy & Joanna Corbett



Class 3.5: Winners of the Soccer Competition

David Flower, Nicholas Gordon, Rebecca Murray, Miriam McSharry, Owen Wardell, Cillian Suiter, Rory Forsythe, James Anglim, Marc Judge, Ross Traynor

THE SCIENCE OLYMPIADS

Once every year, there is a great convergence of young scientists at Dublin City University for the annual Science Olympiad. In contrast, the 'mathematicians' of our fast progressing state meet once a week for a series of lectures and the occasional test. I was present for the Physics Olympiad, which had been advertised as a fun event where amateur academics could try their hand at a couple of tricky problems. This idea appealed to me. I was mostly interested in meeting some like-minded individuals with whom I could discuss a subject which I feel strongly about, i.e. the pursuit of a comprehension of nature. But upon my arrival, I was greeted with shock. Students were individually cramming from Leaving Cert. text books with worried expressions on their faces! These books write about the wonderful course of Physics where we learn the 'separate' laws of heat, mechanics and sound and about how magnetic effects are caused by magical lines which pervade all of space!

The first paper was mildly interesting, despite a serious error involving charges spreading out and an irrelevant part of a question involving unit conversion. The other participants and I were treated to an interval during which I did not get to talk about Physics, rather the terrible amount of pressure some of the contestants were under. The Olympiad had lost its fun side and was now an obvious competition. The second paper was a disgrace to the pure goal of furthering human knowledge and would not have been out of place in a school of engineering. Looking around the room I noticed that no one was enjoying themselves, or learning anything.

Nowhere in professional science is there a parallel to the science competitions and yet mathematical and scientific competitions are quite abundant. How can society hope to develop thinkers who are capable of solving the mysteries of nature which take years to unravel when all of our emphasis is on 90 minute tests where winning and beating their colleagues is all that matters. Our society should not equate scientific curiosity to a competitive spirit. I call for an end to (or a reduction of) the emphasis placed upon competitions and perhaps the establishment of more scientific clubs where deep ideas can be learnt and discussed.

And no, I didn't do particularly well at the Physics Olympiad, but I didn't actually hand up my second paper.

Howard Thom

The Task

*There he is
Staring back at me
His big black eyes
Ready to kill
I'm sure I
Saw him move
He slid to the right
Or was it just a trick of the light
I'm too quick for him
I pounced on him first
I grabbed him by the neck
And twist it round and round
He cries for help
But none hear his silent plea
I scoop out his head
Ooh it's all gooey and red
I slap him down
And he spreads around*

*It's all over
The task is now done
My bread is now red
With a layer of
Thick,
Gooey,
Oozing
Strawberry
...Jam*

Kiva Murphy

THE SKIES AT NIGHT

*I delight in gazing at the skies at night,
From twilight blues to midnight blacks,
And with clouds of grey, or black, or white,
And the moon sparkling like a silver pearl,
Dropped into the depths of a deep, dark, ocean,
Mixed with stars that shine like lights 'neath the
waves.*

*Comes soar through never-ending darkness,
With ethereal trails stretching in their wake.
Far away, planets soar through the blackness,
In a never-ending cosmic ballet.*

*Man cannot compete with such beauty,
So sits and watches in silent awe.*

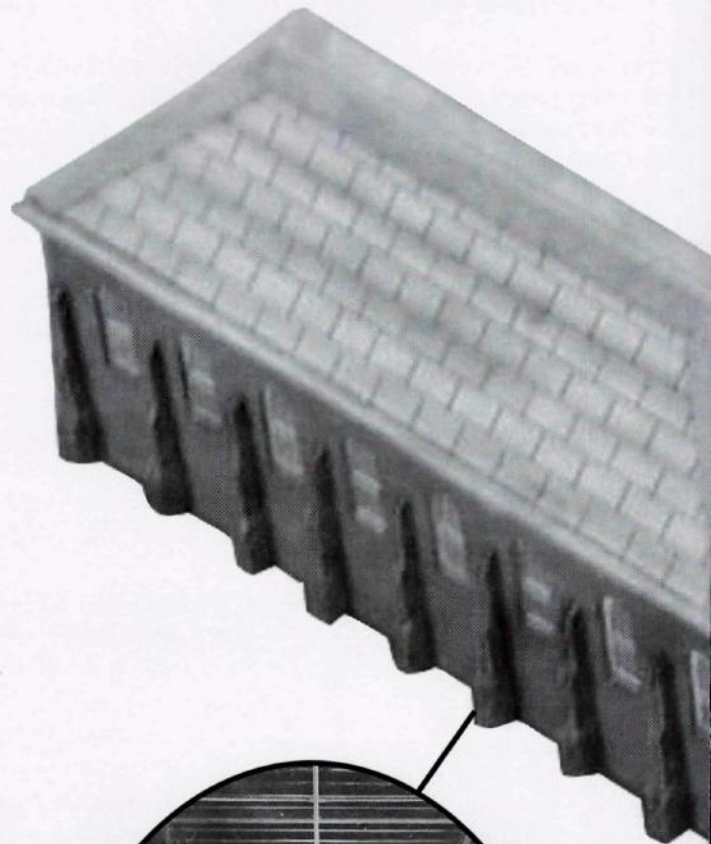
Max McLaughlin-Callan

GAMES WE PLAY

*I lost the game
You knew that
What you didn't know
Was how I felt
I was ashamed, and depressed
Nothing really, I was young
It was a stupid game;
I was upset because of the game
I was crying because of you.*

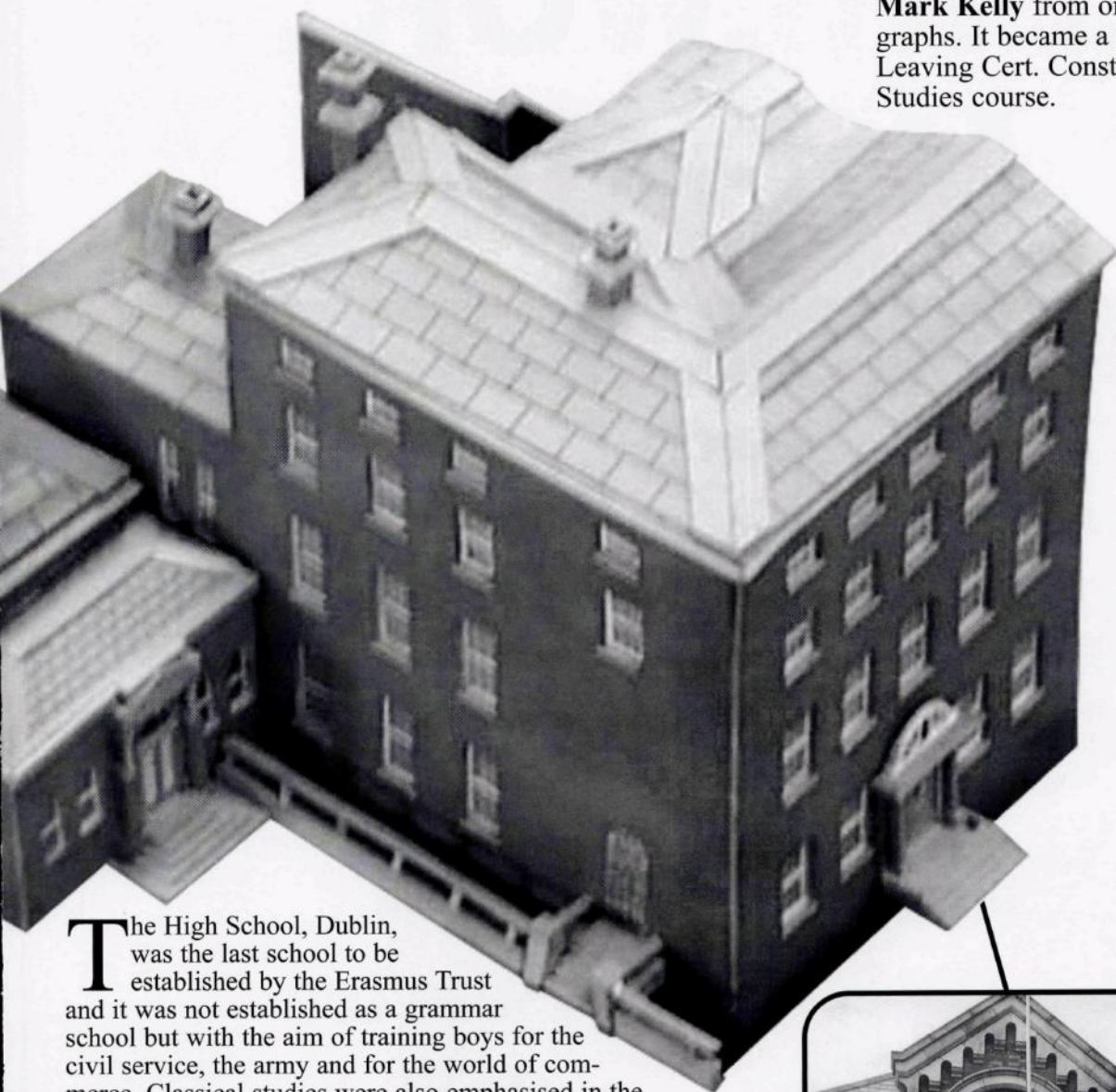
Paul Fitzsimons

40, Harcourt St.



The Clockroom

This building is a model of the original High School in Harcourt Street. It was constructed by **Mark Kelly** from original photographs. It became a project for his Leaving Cert. Construction Studies course.



The High School, Dublin, was the last school to be established by the Erasmus Trust and it was not established as a grammar school but with the aim of training boys for the civil service, the army and for the world of commerce. Classical studies were also emphasised in the school, with several of the school's headmasters being particularly gifted in that area. Its original building, which also contained the offices of the Board of Governors, was situated in 40, Harcourt Street, in Dublin's city centre.

This building was purchased by the Governors on the 8 January 1869 for £4,000. It was sold exactly one hundred years later for £400,000. The building had been owned by Dean Pakenham, the last man to be Dean of both the Dublin cathedrals at the same time. After it was bought renovations took place to make the building suitable as a school. The most important alteration is the addition of a large schoolroom, eighty foot long and twenty-eight foot wide which became known, to generations of schoolboys, as the Clockroom. The new school opened its doors on the 1 October 1870.

Like many of the other city centre secondary schools, The High School, Dublin, moved out to the spacious grounds at 'Danum' in Rathgar in 1971. The school became co-educational in 1974 on its amalgamation with The Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, Adelaide Road, Dublin.



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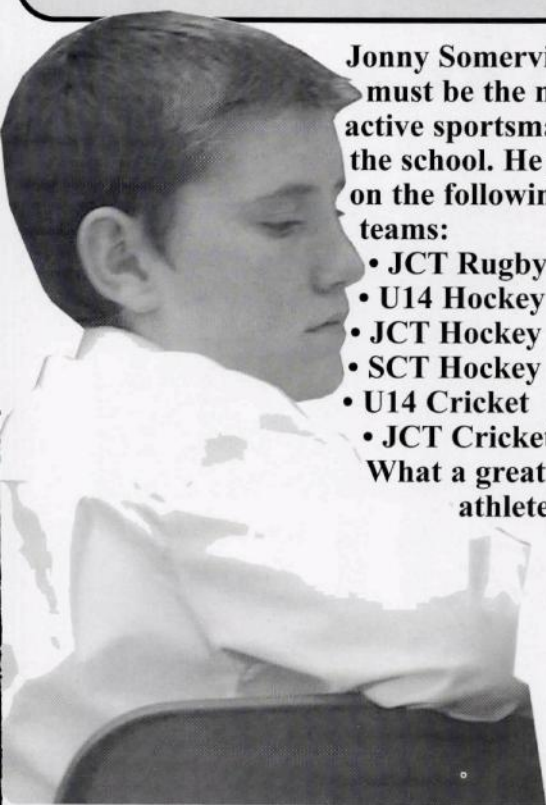
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MEET THE THIRD YEARS

Third year can be a pressure year with the students facing their first big state exam. This year's Junior Cert. bunch managed to cope well through dedicated work in the classroom and their more relaxing pursuits on the sports field. Proof for this can be seen in our two model students below.

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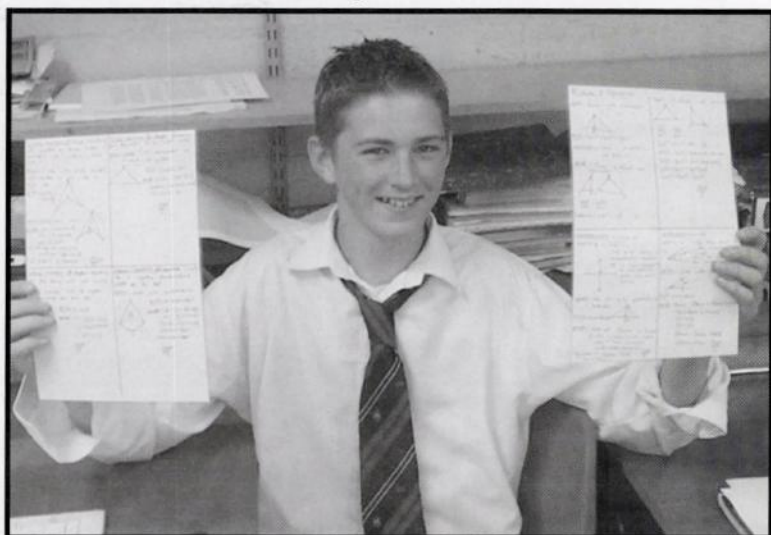


Jonny Somerville must be the most active sportsman in the school. He plays on the following teams:

- JCT Rugby
- U14 Hockey
- JCT Hockey
- SCT Hockey
- U14 Cricket
- JCT Cricket

What a great athlete!

‘I Love my Theorems’



Alan 'Pythagorus' Thompson developed an obsession for theorems in his third year. Each day he wrote them out and showed them off to the rest of the class

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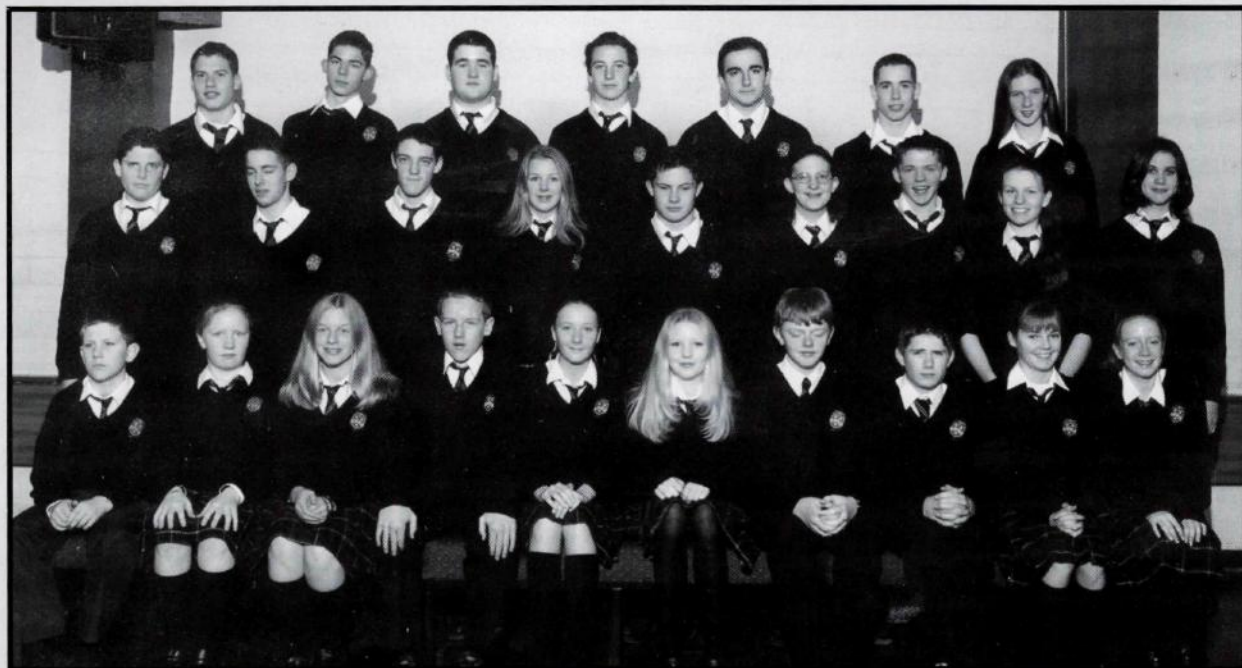
Back Row: Robert Wilson, Steven Rorke, Tony Wann-Pierce, Ercus Long, Niall McDarby, Alan Loane, Leon Fernandez

Middle Row: Hugh Nowlan, James Hanlon, Micheal Okonji, Joe Silke, Sean Froudish-Walsh, Micheal Rath, Rachel Browne, Stephanie Coughlin

Front Row: Julie McRann, Ciara O'Toole, Patricia Cullen, Niamh Hogan, Michelle Gunn O'Connor, Gearoid Holohan, Barry Daly, Ronan Kenny

Missing: Holly Synnott, Alice Mooney

3.2



Back Row: Cillian Suiter, William Mitchell, Brett Lawless, Rory Forsythe, John Aslanis, Owen Wardell, Miriam Mc Sharry

Middle Row: Phillip Deegan, David Flower, Sean Fox, Kate Hamilton, Ross Traynor, Tara Bright, James Anglim, Rebecca Murray, Pia Ward

Front Row: Nicholas Gordan, Katie Blackwell, Pamela Webster, Marc Judge, Susan Murphy, Averil Blakely, Richard Walsh, Jonathan Quinlan, Claire Fry, Karen Douglas

Missing: Carla FitzGerald

3.3



Back Row: Stephen Lane, Ronan Lonergan, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Claudine Murphy, Aoife Nic Philibin, Ross Lowe, Conor Dixon

Middle Row: Brendan Phelan, Sarah Meehan, Sarah-Jane O'Callaghan, Beverly Hutchinson, Alison Lett, Saoirse Gilbert, Michael Sexton, David Kelly, Isabel Baker, Michelle O'Donohoe, Jonathan Slacke-Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Ashling Hughes, Jonny Somerville, Cein Sookram, Karl Kelly, Evan Barry, David Stevenson, Scott Hanan, Robert Fullarton, Graham Kinlan

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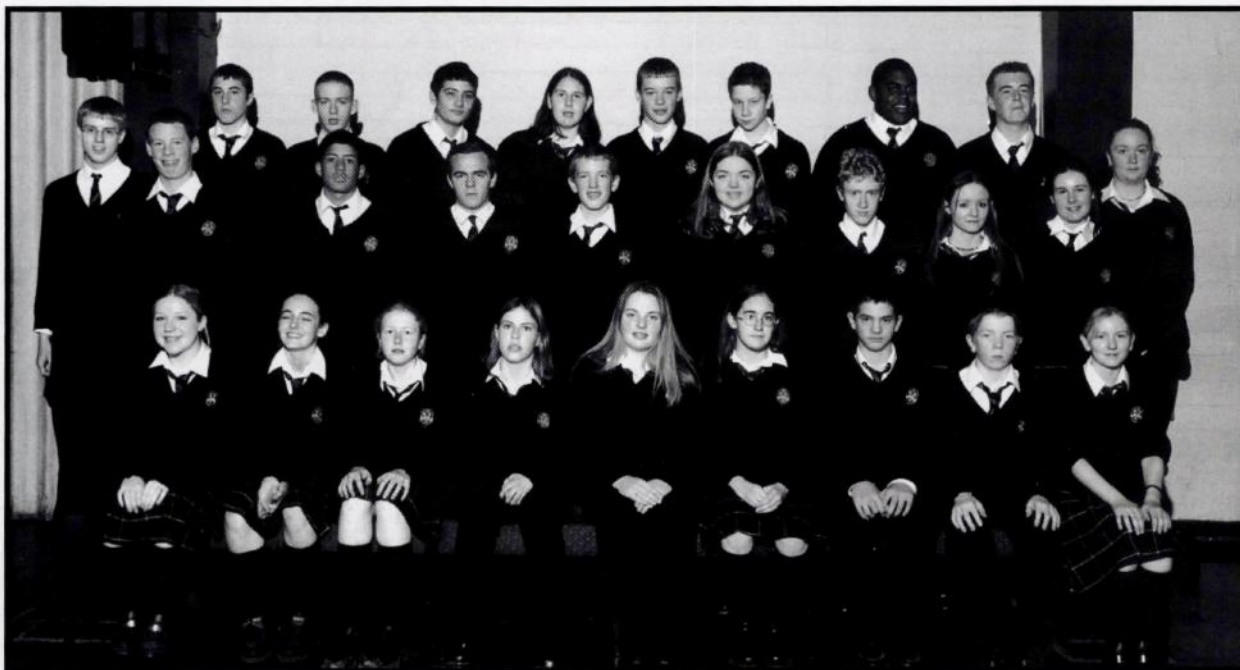
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Middle Row: Andrew Bannister, Ian Jackson, Ruth Brady, Gregor Mc Guckin, Ruth Borland, Steven Walsh, Zoe Mc Nair, Jordan O'Byrne

Front Row: Andrew Lui, Aoife Greene, Liam Reidy, Philip Duffy, Richard Fallon, Adam Synnott, Ross Johnson, Melanie Whelan

Missing: Barbara Dooley, Jo Lynch, Mallaidh Milotte

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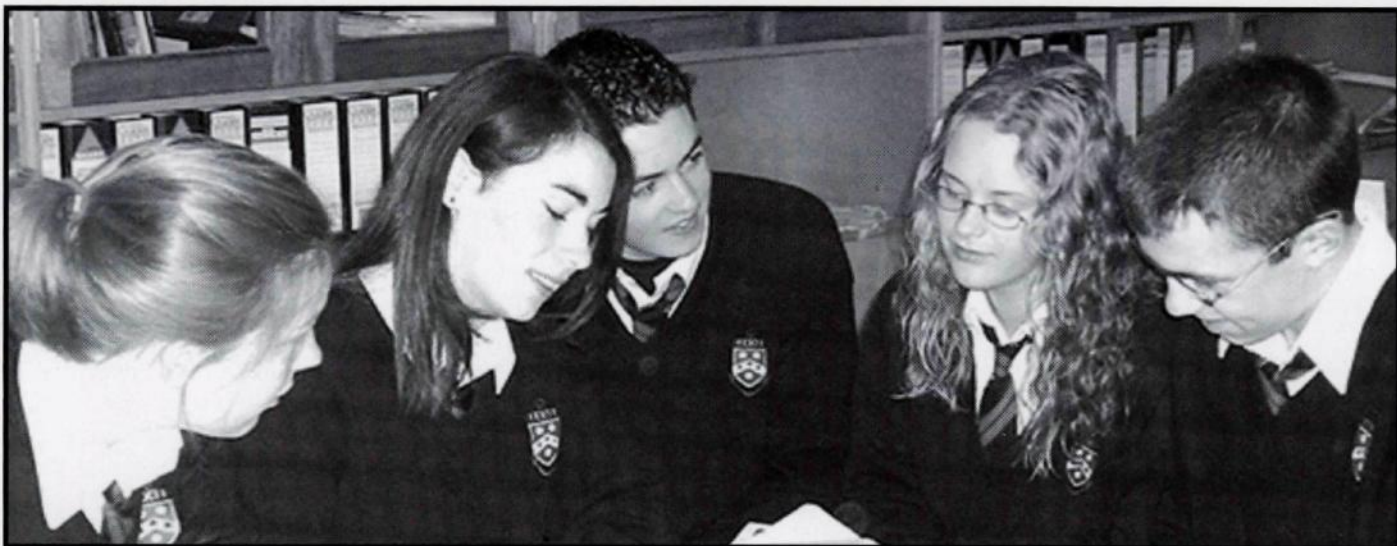


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Middle Row: Ian Thom, Simon Marconi, Ayo Fakinle, Brian Kelly, Glenn Sheridan, Samantha Meredith, Al Grogan, SORCHA Moloney, Kim Elliott

Front Row: Vicki Collins, Lucy Whitaker, Rachel Elliman, Emily Glynn, Lauren Dwyer, Anna McCormick, Daniel King, Micheal Blackwell, Laura Houston

Missing: Jane Goldsmith, Orla Tevlin



High School EYP team to represent Ireland in Italy

This year's preliminary selection conference was held in Alexandra College on the 15-17 February. Delegations from all over the country were there representing their school, including five first time EYPers from The High School. There were: Kerrie Wynne, Holly Burke-Naughton, Eoghan Maginn, Méabh Cryan and Eoin Tippins, all fifth years.

That Friday we were all split up and assigned to our separate committees. It was a new experience for all of us and were completely unaware of the consequences that Fridays team-building would bring, like the quote published by the journals, made by an anonymous High Schooler (Meabh Cryan) - 'Wet those lips and spell kumquat with your tongue' (best not to ask!). Various other games like passing fruit in the most imaginative of ways and rolling around the floor upon one another resulted in any inhibitions anyone may have had to be banished.

But it wasn't all fun and

games. Saturday morning was Opening Assembly where guest speaker Mary Hanafin T.D addressed us all. The ambassadors of each delegation made a speech to introduce the team and their school before listening to the European Anthem. Our President for the weekend officially declared the con-

parliamentary-style resolution.

After all that hard work, we were all rewarded with a well-deserved 'Romeo and Juliet' theme disco. Of course we can't forget High School's lively rendition of 'Nous Sommes Les Rouge Noirs' and how we entertained everyone with a karaoke special of 'I'm a

for what was to be a day of a very high standard of debate. We were elected to do various things by our committees like making the friendly amendments and operative clauses, defence speeches, summation speeches and points of information. Members of the floor could make attack speeches, of which The High School proved very fond of doing. We all truly shone during general debate and participated enthusiastically. All of our resolutions were passed with the exception of one, which was tied.

It was time for closing assembly. Our president addressed us for a last time and we all stood for the European Anthem.

Everyone then joined hands and sung the EYP unofficial anthem of John Lennon's 'Imagine', which proved quite evocative. It was time to say goodbye to all our new friends. As a result of this weekend, the team were selected to compete in the National Finals of the competition in Clongowes Wood College during the Easter holidays about which we

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ference open and it was time to get to work. The day was spent in intense concentration, debating every issue related to our topic with our committees, e.g. 'How to combat terrorism in the 21st Century' and 'Euthanasia: The question of the ethical issues confronting health care providers and patients', before putting together a

Believer'. The evening came to an end with everyone singing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' headed by the alumni.

Sunday morning came and it was time to reflect upon all of our hard work from the previous day for General Assembly. We sat with our separate committees in the assembly hall, all anxious to get started

were delighted.

We were each given a brand new topic to research prior to the finals. These included: 'The question of the integration of migrant industrial labour into the EU: A framework for action', 'The problem of nuclear waste disposal: An EU strategy' and 'The question of a suitable punishment for those who commit crimes against children', so the holidays were spent doing as much research as possible as we knew the standard of the competition would be high.

Upon arriving in Clongowes, we were all full of excitement and apprehension of what the forthcoming weekend would bring, not to mention eager to check the place out as it would be our home for the weekend. Friday nights' activities went down well as we settled in comfortably with

each of our committees. Our President, following an inspiring speech from guest speaker Ruairi Quinn T.D. officially declared the weekend open on Saturday morning. The weekend was similar to the last, but we all agreed it was so much better, especially for a certain High School delegate who got his much sought after peck on the cheek from an oh so lovely alumni member! And of course, we still managed to bring the house down on Saturday night with a memorable performance of 'Greased Lightening'.

G.A. (General Assembly) proved a great success for all on Sunday as each of the resolutions we had made the previous day were passed. High School's contribution to defence and summation speeches, as well as attach speeches were well received. We left Clongowes that evening

with a great feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment. We were all proud of ourselves to have reached that stage in the competition and were grateful of the experience that we know would stand to us.

Two days later in school, we got word that The High School were chosen to represent Ireland at the 41st International Session of the actual European Youth Parliament to be held in Italy next November. This is a major achievement and we're all thrilled and honoured to be representing Ireland and the school at such a prestigious event.

On the Friday of the Preliminaries in Alex when we were all still naïve to what it was EYP was all about, we were told by Louise McSharry (past High Schooler) that we'd probably have the best weekend of our lives and that we would never see Europe in the same way

again. At the time, I for one was unable to imagine what it was she was talking about, but looking back, I can honestly say that on behalf of the team, she was definitely right. I really hope that more students take the opportunity to get involved in the EYP in the years to come. EYP can take you all over the world. You get a chance to meet so many different people and make wonderful friends. And don't worry, it's not a bunch of politically crazed teenagers, it's in fact the best fun you'll ever have.

Many thanks are due to Mr. D Miller for his continued enthusiasm, encouragement and support, and especially for his contribution to methods of sponsorship (potential sponsors please take note!!!). We all really appreciate it. Fingers crossed for Italy!.....

Holly Burke-Naughton

School Orchestra



The orchestra has been performing to its usual standard this year, which is, needless to say, exquisite. But with the arrival of a pack of talented young musicians in the school this year, it has risen to even greater heights. The orchestra is larger than it has been for many a year and we can only hope that some more prodigies will arrive this

Autumn.

We have performed dazzlingly at all the usual school functions - prizegiving ceremony, carol service, as well as the Grand Opening of the new buildings earlier this year. And of course, we won first place at Wesley College Inter-schools Music Festival. Our forceful rendition of "Grand March from Aida" effortlessly cowed

the other orchestras into submission. I suspect that this piece was selected in order to make the most of our expert trumpeter, Jane Hilliard, who has unfortunately left us this year. On several occasions the pupils have been treated to recitals in assembly for which I am sure they are grateful. On the whole the orchestra has been flourishing under the expert tutelage of Mr Wisener and numerous opportunities to display our musical might.

Benjamin Frazer, 5th

Pictured left: *The orchestra practicing in the new music centre*

Pictured right: *Jane Hilliard playing the trumpet*



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MEET TRANSITION YEAR (TY)

TY is a great year for experiencing new challenges. After the pressures of the Junior Cert. TY allows students to sample all types of activities not normally offered in the standard curriculum. Students who throw themselves fully into these activities reap enormous benefits. It really is a fun year.

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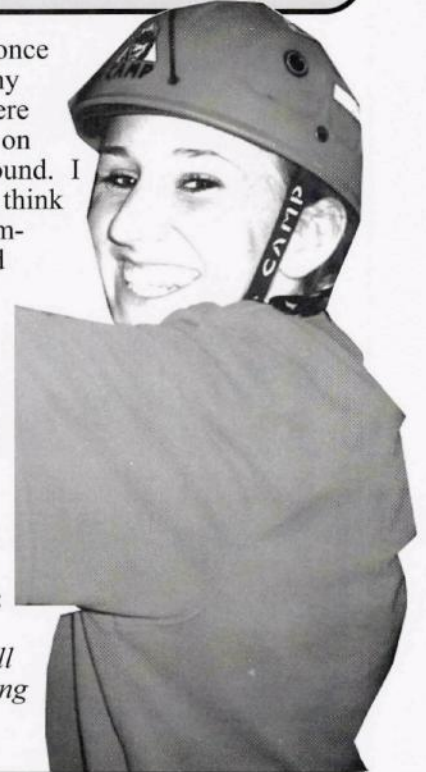
During the year, three weekends were organised for Transition Year students to experience adventure sports at an outdoor pursuit centre. The first weekend, for 37 pupils, was completed just before half term and hugely enjoyed by all. Among the activities were abseiling, climbing, kayaking, orienteering and hillwalking. Many thanks to Ms Ritchie and Ms Jones for organising the trip. Shane Prunty has written a description of abseiling below:

"Until this adventure weekend I never quite realised how much I am actually afraid of heights. Though when I stood on top of the cliff face I started to tremble and had butterflies in my stomach (but not the sort of butterflies you get on Christmas Eve). I almost felt sick. I was

tempted to just walk back down but I had to prove something to myself and of course the two girls in our group who had already done it. As I was clipped in and secured I had to turn around and step backward to the edge of the cliff. I asked the instructor to help me to the edge because if I even glanced downwards and saw how high 60 feet actually is, I probably would have wet myself or something. I was determined not to look down, and I didn't. I had to lean right back; I started to let the rope slip through my tight grip. My legs were like jelly. They were shaking so bad that I couldn't even move. I wanted to get to the bottom as fast as possible but my legs were stuck at the top. After a moment they became loose and I slowly made my way to the bottom without looking

down once until my feet were firmly on the ground. I like to think I accomplished something that day, a fear I never knew existed."

Photo:
Ruth
Connell
abseiling



4G



Back Row: Andrew Meaney, Zoë Allot, Marc Lew, Andrew Lett, Carl Daly, Shane Prunty, Graham Cooley

Middle Row: Adele Kirwan, Susan Barrett, Jason Brooke, Matthew D'Arcy, Jamie McDonald, Stephen Mahon, Grace Nelson

Front Row: Lisa Marshall, Gillian Rath, Conal O'Meara, Alice Toner, Christopher Lawson, Freya Oatway, Louise Duggan, Joanna Burke, Amy O'Byrne

Missing: Lee Boutiche, Sarah Collins, Sharon Taylor

4I



Back Row: Adam Brennan, Donal Curran, Ben Leonard-Kane, Julie-Anne Tector, David Lee, Peter Burns, Genevieve Boyle

Middle Row: Daniel Roantree, Stephen Rooney, Noel O'Meara, Eoghan Cullen, Max Olohan, Nadine Grunitz, Martha McDermott, Kiva Murphy

Front Row: Jenny Stafford, Daniel Donnelly, Evan McAuley, Jenny Kearns, Anna Stewart, Lorelle Brownlee, Eva Monaghan, Rory Bannigan

Missing: Joanna Corbett, Sharon Johnson, Ross Murphy

4OS



Back row: Paddy Mullan, John McDermott, Ben Cantan, Robbie Wynne, Daniel Murphy, Robert Sherwood, Barry Walsh

Middle row: Jeremy Whyte, Drew Dover, Aengus Walton, Stephen Power, Jessica Bell Fahy, Robert Moore, Shelley McGeeney, Scott Wilkinson, Ms. G. O'Sullivan

Front row: Mary Dowds, Ruth Connell, Orla Walsh, Kerril Fahy, Sally Horton, Eilish Smyth, Judy Czerniak-Leboy, Alice Keogh, Kerrie Williamson

Missing: Ciara Fitzgerald, Sophie O'Hare

4R



Back Row: Gillian McMurray, Daniel O'Rourke, Danielle Donnelly, Sean O'Connor, Graham Kerr, Robert Byrne, Robert Stratton, Ross Holder

Middle Row: Pat Anglim, Neil Smith, Max Callan, Margaux Kenny, Steven Duggan, Clíodhna Noone, Elliott Leavy, Neal Hunter

Front Row: Greg Sheridan, Denise Lui, Rebecca Rolfe, Kate Ash-Leonard, Cillian Meldon, Aoibhín McGreal, Catherine Hilliard, Alan Ellman, Mandy Lowe

Missing: Catherine Jones, Callan McLaughlin

4W



Back Row: Roz Campell, Matthew Leahy, Chris Harding, Chris McAuliffe, Simon Jones, Karl Hill, Anna O'Hare

Middle Row: Richard Begley, Niamh Sheehan-Hammond, Julian Persechini, David Mitchell, Macdara O Seireadain, Bryan Hannon, Ben Senior, Jenny Carr

Front Row: Lyndsey Watson, Padraic Smith, Tonya O'Keeffe, Aideen Blackwood, Sarah Reynolds, Holly Brennan, Stephen Dowling Turner, Ciara Nugent

Missing: Sarah Hennessy, Tim Mills

PPU goes from Strength to Strength

The 2001/2002 Committee again offered a wide variety of pleasurable occasions to members of the Past Pupils Union.

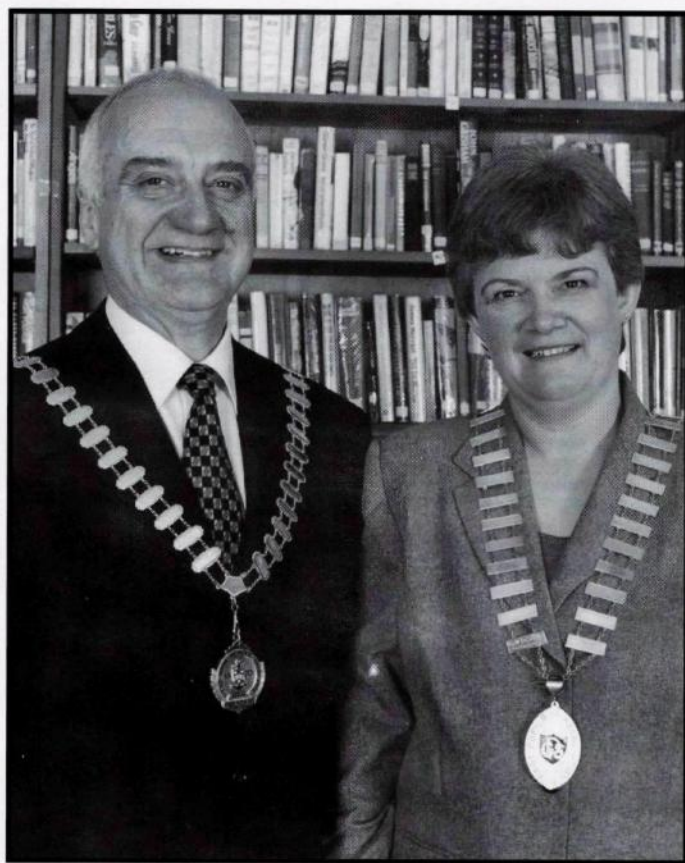
Our Annual fixtures were, in chronological order:

The golf outing at Rathfarnham Golf Club, the men's dinner in the School, the ladies' dinner in the Royal St. George Yacht Club, and carol singing in the Orwell House Nursing Home.

The Golf Outing and Carol Singing each have their own loyal supporters, but the support seldom overlaps! A report from the Honorary Golf Secretary is given separately. The Carol Singing is something that is very much enjoyed and appreciated by the residents of the Orwell House Nursing Home and our thanks go to Ruth Farrell who leads the "choir" and to Vivienne Sainsbury who plays the piano.

The Ladies' dinner was again held in the Royal St. George Yacht Club and by all accounts was a very enjoyable evening. Over 90 ladies were present and the guest speaker was Mrs. Justice Susan Denham. The evening was well organised by the Lady President, Hilary Armstrong, the dinner secretary Alison Hunt and other enthusiastic helpers.

The Men's dinner was held as usual in January in the Reynold's Hall. Once again there was a full house and a waiting list. Albert Rance presided, Bobby Brophy was the guest speaker and the evening was another great



Joint Presidents Albert Rance & Hilary Armstrong

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Joint Presidents: Hilary Armstrong, Albert Rance

Presidents-Elect: Janet Day, Norman Kilroy

Hon. Secretary: Richard Graves

Hon Treasurer: Trevor Lloyd

success. With an attendance of nearly 300 the organisation has to be exceptional and we have been fortunate in having Wayne Sheridan as dinner secretary for the last number of years. Wayne has now retired from this position and I think it is only appropriate that we should place on record our thanks to him for the work he has put in over the years. But we should also acknowledge the guiding hand of Harry Booker behind the scenes. His experience on how things should be done

helps very considerably in maintaining the dinner to the highest of standards.

In addition to the annual events we arranged:

- A talk on bird watching, given by Maurice Bryans
- A Charity table quiz
- A wine tasting evening with Henry Anderson
- A fund raising evening

The fund raising event was a Dinner & Auction. This was a very good evening and over 2,000 euro was raised.

These events were successful and enjoyable and I

would like to say a big thank you to the Joint Presidents who organised them so successfully.

It would of course be preferable if there were more people attending the events, other than the ever popular dinners, so do try to spread the word that they are well worth going to.

In 2004 it will be the 30th Anniversary of the amalgamation of the High School and the Diocesan School for Girls. It will also be the tenth Anniversary of the amalgamation of the Old Boys' Union with the Old Girls' Association into the High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union. The Union is planning to celebrate with a dinner on a Saturday evening preceded by perhaps a sports event in the School and probably concluded on the following day with a service. Janet Edgely is leading a committee to organise this and I'm sure it will be a great success.

I would like to conclude my report by thanking both Hilary Armstrong and Albert Rance for the excellent way in which they served as Joint Presidents and to the Committee for their enthusiastic support during the year.

As I am standing down as Secretary of the Past Pupils Union I would like to say that I have enjoyed my two years as Secretary very much. It has been a pleasure to renew school friendships and to get to know far more Diocesan Girls than I ever did when I was at school!

Richard Graves
Honorary Secretary

All the President's Men



Dinner 2002:
Principal Guest
Speaker Bobby
Brophy seated
second from
right with The
President's Men.

Hilary and I look back on a very enjoyable and eventful year as joint Presidents of the Past Pupils Union. Thanks, of course, is due to a very active committee, particularly Richard Graves, Trevor Lloyd, David Cooke, Harry Booker and Marina Pearson.

Our first official function was in the school on 6th June 2001, when we attended the Retirement buffet reception for Derek Cole and Jim Ryan. Derek and Jim gave many years distinguished service to the School both in the classroom and on the sports field and we wish them well on their retirement.

Another trip down memory lane was attending the Annual Prize Distribution held in the Reynolds Hall on Wednesday 24th October 2001. A special thanks to Janet

Day, who deputised for Hilary, and spoke so well while presenting the Jean Scott Trophy to Kate Mahon. It was a great pleasure for me to present the Old Boys Cup to James Maher.

We attended many other P.P.U. dinners including the Association of Schools Unions and it was indeed a pleasure to reciprocate the hospitality received to the Chain Gang at our Old Boy's Annual Dinner in January.

The Annual Old Boy's Dinner was held on Saturday 26th January 2002. A special thanks to Harry Booker for his excellent organisation, to Bobby Brophy and Don Beck, well done, two excellent speeches, and to Frank and Michael, great music.

As we go to press I would like to take this opportunity to wish Hilary Armstrong well

for her Ladies Dinner on 26th April 2002.

During the year we had varied social events, from an enjoyable talk on Bird Watching by Maurice Bryans to a splendid Wine Tasting evening with Henry Anderson. A charity quiz raised money for the R.N.L.I., and a fundraiser was held, many thanks to Maurice McDonough and all concerned for their help and organisation.

Sincere thanks to John Davis for his help during the year and to the School for use of their facilities and refreshments.

We wish Janet Day and Norman Kilroy every success for their year in office and assure them of our support for all their projects.

*Albert Rance and
Hilary Armstrong
(Joint Presidents)*

Golf Secretary's REPORT

During 2001 the School was represented at the UIS Golf Outing at Milltown Golf Club on the 12th April and at the ASU Outing in Beech Park Golf Club on the 12th July. Graham Richards organised a very good turnout by High School on the day.

The main event of the golfing calendar was the annual outing in Rathfarnham Golf Club on the 12th September and whilst numbers were down on previous years a good day was enjoyed by all and over 40 people had dinner that evening. Dave Priestman won Albert Rance's President's prize and the cups were won by Alan Squires and Graham Richards.

The 2002 UIS Outing was cancelled due to weather conditions and is re-scheduled for the 24th June. The 2002 Outing in Rathfarnham Golf Club is arranged for Wednesday 11th September and hopefully numbers will increase as it will be the first High School Outing on Rathfarnham's 18 hole course.

Brian Priestman

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MEET THE FIFTH YEARS

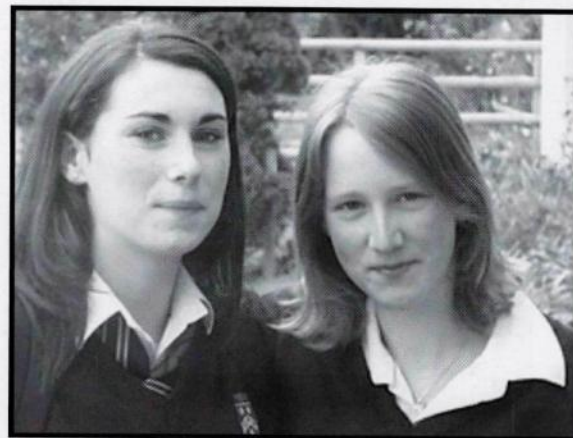
The fifth years seem to do everything that happens in the school - the school play, the school yearbook, European Youth Parliament... It is amazing that they have any time left over for their studies. Throughout the Erasmian they are seen everywhere so we will use this page to see them through pictures. Well done, year five - you have made a great contribution to the school.

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Hangin' Out with Miss Garvey



Miss Garvey gladly obliged the Erasmian team by posing for a photo with Brook Campbell-Crawford



Holly Burke-Naughton & Jennifer Day



Aislinn Dunne, Caroline Daly & Fiona Traynor



Beware! Danger in the Lab

Left: Professors Somerville and Flower carrying out an experiment in C2

Right: Aislinn O'Toole & Suzanne Cairns

Bottom Left: David Thompson & Aoife Surgeon

Bottom Right: Ross Condren flexing his muscles



Fifth Form



Row 1 (Back): Martin Anglim, Karl Heeney, Anthony Camilleri, David Thompson, Daniel O'Byrne, Niall O'Shea, Brook Campbell Crawford, Edward Kenny, Fiona Condren, Clair Foster, Méabh Cryan, Vicky Wright, Ruairi O'Connell, Paul Webster, Luke McGuire, Joseph O'Callaghan, Benjamin Frazer, Matthew Bennet, David Garvey.

Row 2: Scott Halliday, Jamie Bonney, Richard Owens, Aidan Field, Eoghan O'Reilly, James Tuomey, Sean Ward, Daryl Hoy, Eoin Tippins, Sam Quinn, Peter Horan, Aoife O'Donohoe, Ruth Kelly, Alison McHugo, Triona Sheehy Curran, Pamela Pimiento.

Row 3: Gavin Whyte, Ian O'Shea, Ralph Prendergast, Rob Horne, Brian Morton, Karl Kavanagh, Tom Kennedy, Holly Burke-Naughton, Rachel Walker, Lewis Doyle, Alex Feldman, Ross Condren, Sarah Lowe, Stephen Keegan, Laurence Brooke, Keith Flower, Davy Holmes.

Row 4: Eoghan Maginn, Elaine Victory, Dearbhaile O'Neill, Fiona Keller, Kealan Kelly, Gavin Murphy, Richard Dempsey, Chris Somerville, Eoin Monaghan, Shivan Pillay, Jenny Hanan, Elaine Laing, Sam Abraham, Chung Lam.

Row 5: Nuala Sheehy, Rachel Bates, Lara Hickey, Louisa Earls, Jennifer Bradford, Sarah Tobin, Nicola Sutton, Rebecca Nicholson, Aislinn Dunne, Ashleigh Tobin, Fiona Traynor, Caroline Daly, Rachel Denieffe, Wes Mahon, Sarah Cobban, Sarah Walsh, Jennifer Kane.

Row 6: Sudha Rao, Aislinn O'Toole, Brian Sargeant, Donna Lui,

Kate Higgs, April Kavanagh, Glenn McNeill, Roberta Harris, Shalini Columb, Amy Wilkinson, Andrea Burgess, Carolyn Goulden, Kerrie Wynne, Thomas Cassidy, Simon Houston, Stuart O'Meara, Grace Tallon, Zoe Quinn, Deborah Keogh, Zara White, Rhiannon Gleeson, Claire Murphy, Tania Hashmi, Maeve Willoughby, Eamon

Cassidy, Ciara Farrell, Susan Walsh, Stuart Maguire, Ciara Fahey, Andrew Grimason.

Row 7 (Front): Rachel McSharry, Leah Burke, Suzanne Cairns, Mrs Milne, Ms. Burrowes, Mr Clarke, Mr D. Miller, Mr R. Miller, Mr Duffy, Mrs J. Geoghegan, Mr McClure, Mr Blackmore, Mr Kelly, David Young, Robert Thackaberry, Daire O'Driscoll.

LEAVING CERT. GRADUATES 2001

Addie, Darren
Anton, Gordon
Anton, Robert
Bass, Trevor
Bird, Hazel
Black, Jonathan
Breen, Nathan
Bright, Sandra
Brusey, Sarah
Cadoo, Sheena
Camier, Adele
Camilleri, Christopher
Carnegie, Robert
Carroll, Brian
Carty, Gillian
Cattermole, Jenna
Collins, Jennifer
Conlon, Gareth
Connell, Niall
Cox, Roisin
Cummins, Stephen
Czerniak, Timothy
Day, Steven
De Barra, Philip
Dolan, Lora
Dooley, Jack
Dover, Neil
Doyle, Colm
Dunne, Alice
Feldman, Harry

Ferguson, Aimee
Fisher, Sarah
Fitzgerald-MacAllister,
Fiachra
Flanagan, Stephen
Flower, Joanne
Fry, David
Gilbert, Robbie
Glacken, Jack
Glover, Victoria
Gordon, Andrew
Gordon, Ian
Gould, Daphne
Grimason, James
Gunning, William
Hale, Aisling
Hamilton, Amy
Hanbidge, Gordon
Hannafoord, Paul
Hannon, Stephen
Hickey, Jennifer
Holmes, Emily
Horan, Rebecca
Hutchinson, Adam
Hyland, John
Jenkinson, Andrea
Jones, David
Kaye, Sarah
Kelly, Emma
Kelly, John

Keogh, Sarah
Kerr, Stephen
Killoran, Shane
King, Genevieve
Kutner, Lee
Laing, Kathryn
Lloyd, Tristan
Lysaght, Sarah
Maguire, Olga
Maher, James
Mahon, Kate
Mannix, Eamonn
Mc Auley, Alexander
Mc Cartney, Mark
Mc Coy, Mark
Mc Dermott, Eoghan
Mc Dermott, John
Mc Donnell, Adam
Mc Garry, Oisín
Mc Kenna, Vicki
Mc Mullan, Mark
Mc Sharry, Louise
Meldon, Aoife
Millar, Bernice
Miller, Katherine
Mooney, Sarah
Nicholson, Anna
O Seireadain, Cuan
O'Brien, Tony
O'Byrne, Niall

O'Connell, David
Gunn O'Connor, Serafine
O'Malley, Graham
O'Meara, Kevin
O'Reilly, Rebecca
O'Shea, Conor
O'Sullivan, Ronan
Okonji, Ben
Pardoe, Sarah
Patterson, Gillian
Power, Dermot
Prendergast, Drew
Prunty, Karen
Rankin, Andrew
Reddy, Roslyn
Reeves-Erskine, Gemma
Reynolds, Michelle
Ruddle, Graham
Scott, Richard
Smith, Edel
Smyth, Mark
Somerville, Richard
Sookram, Conor
Walsh, Andrew
Walsh, Mark
Ward, Ingrid
Whelan, Gillian
Wong, Benton
Woolhead, Jennifer

JUNIOR CERT. GRADUATES 2001

Allott, Zoe
Anglim, Patrick
Ashe Leonard, Kate
Bannigan, Rory
Barrett, Susan
Begley, Richard
Blackwood, Aideen
Boutiche, Lee
Boyle, Genevieve
Brauer, Karis
Brennan, Adam
Brennan, Holly
Brooke, Jason
Brownlee, Lorelle
Burke, Joanna
Burns, Peter
Byrne, Robert
Callan McLaughlin, Max
Campbell, Rosalind
Cantan, Benjamin
Carr, Jennifer
Collins, Sarah
Connell, Ruth
Cooley, Graham
Corbett, Joanna
Cullen, Eoghan
Curran, Donal
Czerniak-Lebov, Judith
D'Arcy, Matthew
Daly, Carl
Donnelly, Daniel
Donnelly, Danielle
Dover, Andrew
Dowds, Mary
Dowling Turner, Stephen

Duggan, Louise
Duggan, Steven
Ellman, Alan
Fahy, Jessica Bell
Fahy, Kerril
Fakinle, Segun
Fitzgerald, Ciara
Forde, Emmet
Gillespie, Thomas
Grunitz, Nadine
Hannon, Bryan
Harding, Christopher
Hennessy, Sarah
Hill, Karl
Hilliard, Catherine
Holder, Ross
Hunter, Neal
Johnson, Sharon
Jones, Catherine
Jones, Simon
Kearns, Jennifer
Kenny, Margaux
Keogh, Alice
Kerr, Graham
Kirwan, Adele
Lawson, Christopher
Leahy, Matthew
Leavy, Elliott
Lee, David
Leonard-Kane, Ben
Lett, Andrew
Lew, Mark
Lowe, Mandy
Lui, Denise
Macdonald, Jamie

Maguire, Sarah
Mahon, Stephen
Marshall, Lisa
Mc Auley, Evan
Mc Auliffe, Christopher
Mc Dermott, John
Mc Dermott, Martha
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Mc Greal, Aoibhín
Mc Murray, Gillian
Meaney, Andrew
Meldon, Cillian
Mills, Timothy
Mitchell, David
Monaghan, Eva
Moore, Robert
Mullan, Patrick
Murphy, Daniel
Murphy, Kiva
Murphy, Ross
Nelson, Grace
Noone, Clíodhna
Nugent, Ciara
O 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, Noel
O'Rourke, Daniel
Oatway, Freya
Olohan, Max

Persechini, Julian
Power, Stephen
Prunty, Shane
Rath, Gillian
Reynolds, Sarah
Roantree, Daniel
Rolfe, Rebecca
Rooney, Stephen
Ryan, Saoirse
Senior, Benjamin
Sheehan-Hammond,
Niamh
Sheridan, Gregory
Sherwood, Robert
Smith, Neil
Smith, Padraic
Smyth, Eilish
Stafford, Jennifer
Stewart, Anna
Stratton, Robert
Taylor, Sharon
Tector, Julie-Anne
Toner, Alice
Vard, Andrea
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Walsh, Orla
Walton, Aengus
Watson, Lyndsey
Whyte, Jeremy
Wilkinson, Scott
Williamson, Kerrie
Wynne, Robert

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It is always sad to see the sixth years depart. It only seems like yesterday that they came into The High School as innocent first years in awe of this wonderful school. We took a very small sample of this group to ask them about their memories of their stay in the school. We wish them all the best in the future.

School Prefects

Head Girl: Jane Hilliard

Head Boy: Cathal D'Arcy

Robbie Burns, Gavin Coleman, John Collery, Francis Cooney, Stephen Donovan, Rory Draper, Thomas Eager, Tennyson Egar, John Gillen, Donald Gray, Brian Logan, Jamie MacNamara, Conor McCartney, Alan Metcalfe, Iain O'Connor, Edward O'Hare, Caroline Byrne, Emma Cobban, Fiona Collins, Ria Czerniak-Lebov, Sinead Gallagher, Victoria Gray, Natasha Hall, Katherine Humphreys, Aoife McDarby, Suzanne McEndoo, Aisling Milne, Caoimhe Milotte, Rachel O'Byrne, Jessica Oatway, Holly Simmons

**ADAM TALLON**

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

My first day of school was strange; it was sunny outside and pitch black in the school. I got lost all day and sat in one class for three hours.

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

My most embarrassing moment would have been when everyone thought I sent a Valentines Card to myself in first year. But you were all wrong cause I didn't.

What is your funniest moment in HSD?

My funniest moment was making a complete sod outa myself trying to sing "Damit" at Duff Gardens.

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

My one lasting memory would be getting my first and only detention for pouring iodine over Aoife's shirt in first year.

ALAN DUGGAN

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

Everyone's so big, where am I? For the first month you could be late to every class and just say you got lost. Certain people were still "lost" at Christmas.

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

My foot sliding between the bench slats in the pavilion, Burns nearly wet himself laughing while I was extracting myself in a lot of pain.

What is your funniest moment in HSD?

Mr. Dougie Miller's attempts at skiing in Finland 2001. And the Domino effect he managed to start for his class.

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

Mr Kelly's Maths class. The best teacher I ever had.

**EOGHAN MC ILWAINE**

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

All very big, scary, etc. Nothing too interesting.

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

1st year P.E., I forgot my gym shorts and, being afraid of the big bad uniform rules and all, went out in the fresh air in my white cotton boxers – Miss Sixmith didn't seem to mind though...

What is your funniest moment in HSD?

German Leaving Cert oral: I forgot the word for "living room" and I told the examiner "Ich habe eine crobe liebenzimmer" – what's a "Love room"?

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

4th year Irish trip to Aran. I missed the "Corrib Cruise" and got lost in Galway City.

**NIKI MEREDITH**

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

All I remember is not knowing where the boys toilets were!

There were no signs on the doors.

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

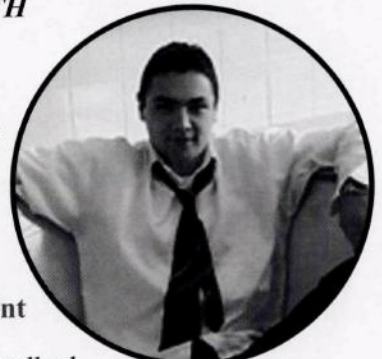
Early one morning I walked into a classroom and sat down, then I realised I was in the wrong class! I was tired!

What is your funniest moment in HSD?

Robbie Burns trying to get out of detention by saying to Mrs Davin "but Miss I'm a rugby player!" Good one Burns!!

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

The awakening aroma of the 6th year room at 8:30 in the morning! I'll never forget that!



ROBBIE BURNS

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

Simon Loane was suspended on our first day for beating up a locker, way to go Simon.

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

Most embarrassing moment was declaring to

Mrs Davin, 'But Miss I'm a rugby player' - did I really think I'd get out of trouble?

What is your funniest moment in HSD?

My funniest moment has to be the priceless moment in first year C.S.P.E. when Fintan Gillespie lodged the little blue top of his bic pen in his ear. He panicked so bad and to this day I could swear he was on the verge of crying. Funnier still was his returning from matrons with the top of the pen wrapped in tissue like a kid after losing a tooth. An honourable mention must also go out to Alan Duggan who ran in a close second for funniest moment with the whole leg through bench incident in the rugby changing rooms, a laugh for all who witnessed it.

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

My fondest memories will always lie with Mr O' Connor in B2. His priceless sayings will be something I'll still be able to laugh at in thirty years time.



DONAL LAWLOR

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

What I really remember was my friend falling on his back with his bag which was full of books and with all the books his bag was too heavy and couldn't get up off his back. He looked like a turtle on his shell

What was your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

On lunch time detention in A21, back in first year I went to sit down on one of the square science lab stools but its wooden top wasn't

screwed down so I fell down through the frame of

the stool and my trousers pocket got caught and one whole leg of my trousers ripped right off. I had to go to the matron to have them sewed up.

What is the funniest memory of HSD?

Its probably my most embarrassing or my first day in HSD

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

My one lasting memory of HSD would have to be Sarge. When I saw him for the first time ever as a first year, he struck the fear of God into me. But now that I know he's harmless he makes you laugh at least once a day. Even if you suffered from amnesia you'd never forget Sarge.



CATHAL D'ARCY

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

Yeah, I balled my eyes out!

What is your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

Imagine my first day in hockey. I was trying real hard but I just kept falling on the ASTRO. By the end I was more bloodied than I

ever was due to a rugby match. Of course the girls thought this was real funny. I was infrequently called TRI-hard. I felt pretty embarrassed because hockey is meant to be a girls game.

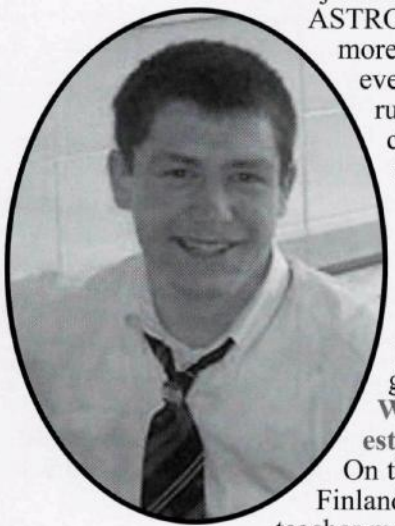
What is your funniest moment in HSD?

On the ski trip to Finland an unnamed teacher managed to ski down

the whole baby slope in the snowplough position. I was laughing so much I nearly fell off the ski lift I was on. (The unnamed teacher is male and from Wexford, I'll leave the guesswork to you!)

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

Mr. Hickey's Maths class, what a legend!



EAMON GARRIGAN

Can you remember your first day in HSD?

On my first day, I remember that some girl mistook me for a fourth year even though I was tiny and looked about eight years old.

What was your most embarrassing moment in HSD?

I tend to forget the embarrassing moments but I do remember getting stuck up a tree as one of the 'soups' (supervisors) was on their rounds.

What was the funniest moment in HSD?

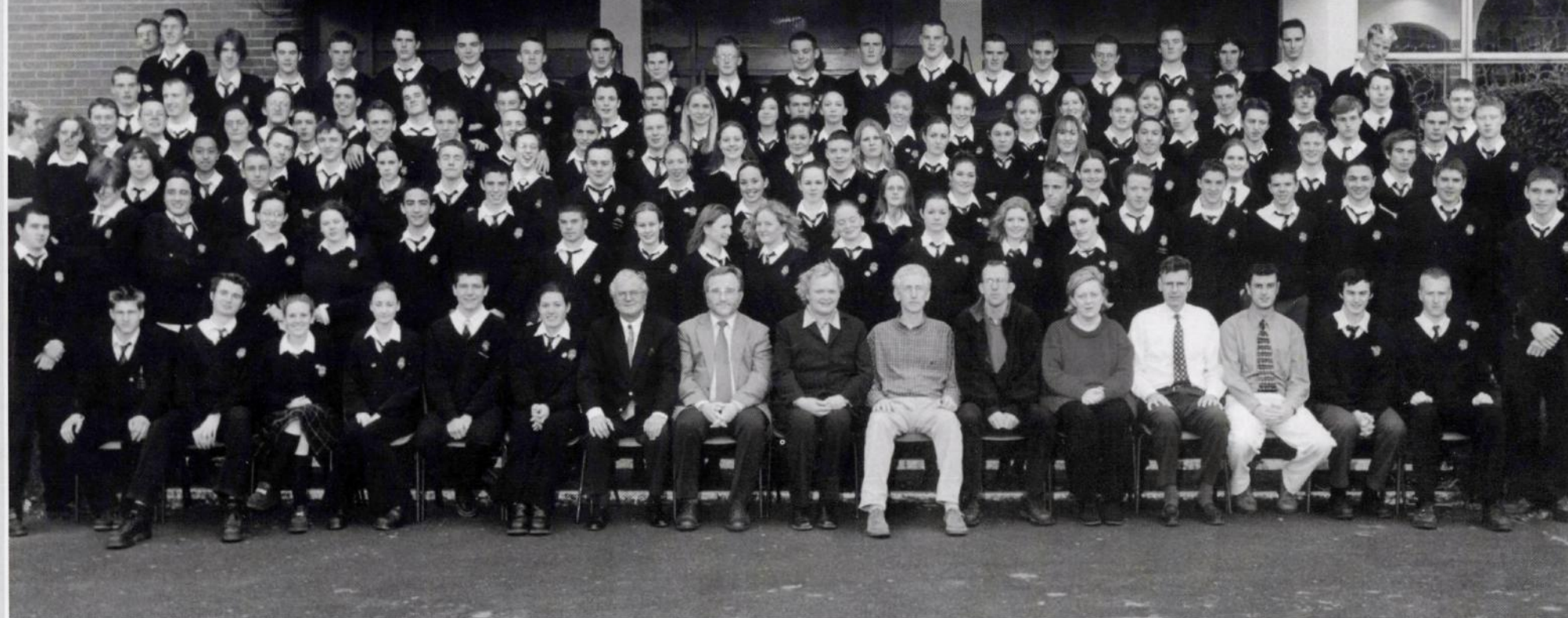
I remember in fifth year games class with Mr. Toomey, a group of us would wade across Dodder on the two mile run in an effort to beat the school record.

What will be your one lasting memory of HSD?

My lasting memory of High School will be a happy one, full of visits to the tuck shop and the little stationery shop run by the larger than life Mr. Hickey, full of the battles waged against the Sergeant and of a school where years are called forms.



Sixth



Row 1 (Back): Barry Milton, Eamonn Garrigan, Killian Barry, Stephen Donovan, Thomas Egar, Conor McCartney, Oscar Horton, Anthony Walsh, Tennyson Egar, Simon Loane, Alan Metcalfe, Robbie Burns, Simon Goldsmith, Adam Leahy, Sean McGinley, Iain O'Connor, Jamie McNamara, Eoghan McIlwaine, Emmet Doherty, Robert Tierney, Brian Mellon.

Row 2: Aindreas Gilmore, Matthew Doogue, Ian Cairns, Craig Watson, Jonathan Walker, Sam Dooley, Alan Duggan, Stephen Kohlmann, Natalie May, Lauren Gleeson, Justin Dawson, Natasha Hall, Fiona Collins, Daniel Vard, Aisling Milne, Breffni Sexton, Brian Pemberton, Katie Humphreys, Simon Jewell, Kevin Williams, Stephen McGarry, Edward O'Hare, Karl Caswell.

Row 3: Micheal Staines, Mark Dawson, Graham Carey, Annette Boles, Ben Blackwell, Richard Stroughair, Eoin Mc Nally, Francis Cooney, Brian Logan, John Gillen, George Misstear, Ruth Manley, Emma Tadros, Noel Geraghty, Natalie Brandsma, Ruth Power, Rachel Senior, Rachel O'Byrne, Daniel Sheridan, Alistair Elliman, Howard Thom, Colm Dowds, Ashley Kindess.

Row 4: Rebecca Massey, Keith Begley, Kevin Lim, Steven Masters, Nicholas Nash, Liz Bell, Stephen Dodd, Robert Vard, John Collery, Jessica Oatway, Kelly Baird, Lucy Connor, Jennifer Brusey, Caoimhe Milotte, Alex O'Connell, Victoria Gray, Suzanne McEndoo, Mark Kelly, Daragh Hogan

Row 5: Donal Lawlor, Paul Fitzsimons, Philip Lyons, Emma Flanagan, Sian Barber, Eoin Morrissey, Clive Lew, Jeremy Lloyd, Karen Murphy, Jennifer Nason, Kim Maguire, Holly Simmons, Aoife McDarby, Caroline Byrne, Ria Czerniak-Lebov, Rory Cramp, David McNeill, Sean O'hEigeartaigh, Niki Meredith, Colin Donoghue, Alan Browne.

Row 6 (Front): Donald Gray, Rory Draper, Sinead Gallagher, Emma Cobban, Cathal D'Arcy (head boy), Jane Hilliard (head girl), Mr. Mc Mullen, Mr. Duffy, Mrs Geoghegan, Mr. Cryan, Mr. Prendergast, Mrs. Bergin, Mr. Quinn, Mr. McNamara, Gavin Coleman, Adam Tallon.

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SPORTS CAPTAINS 2000-2001

Boys Cricket: *Aindreas Gilmore*
 Girls Cricket: *Rachel Mc Sharry*
 Boys Tennis: *Gordon Anton*
 Girls Tennis: *Fiona Collins*
 Boys Athletics: *Gavin Coleman*
 Girls Athletics: *Sharon Johnson*
 Boys Basketball: *John Hyland*
 Boys Hockey: *Mark Mc Mullan*
 Girls Hockey: *Adele Camier*
 Rugby: *Steven Day*
 Soccer: *Robert Anton*



Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup

JUDO WHITE BELT AWARDS

Brook Campbell-
Crawford
Eamonn Cassidy
Shalini Columb
Alex Feldman
Simon Heffernan
David Holmes
Debbie Keogh
Eoin Monaghan
Conrad Nicholson
Joseph O'Callaghan
Aoife O'Donohue
Daire O'Driscoll
Dearbhaile O'Neill
Richard Owens
Shivan Pillay
Ralph Prendergast
Eoin Tippins
James Tuomey

School Trophy Winners 2000-2001

BADMINTON

Junior Boys: Liam Reidy
U/14 Junior Girls: Kellie O'Flynn

CANOEING

Broad Cup Form 1: Holly Warren
Canoeist of the Year: Donna Lui
Junior Liffey Cup: Ralph Prendergast

BOYS CRICKET

Davies Second Eleven:
 Aindreas Gilmore
Dawson Form 2: Steven Walsh
de Vere Shortt Batting: Rory Cramp
Hanly Fielding: Brian Mellon
Jacobson Bowling: Robert Wynne

HOCKEY

Neville Davin Senior Boys:
 Mark McMullan

Diocesan Minor Girls: Katie Hamilton

Jean Scott Junior Girls:
 Maeve Willoughby
Jean Scott Senior Girls: Adele Camier

RUGBY

Dawson Form 2: John Aslanis
de Vere Shortt Player of the Year: Philip deBarra
Evans Place and Drop:
 Robbie Burns
Turner Most Deserving Team: Steven Day (Captain)

TABLE TENNIS

Evans: Gordon Anton

TENNIS

Harcourt Junior Boys: Scott McNeill
Jagoe Junior Girls: Julie McRann
Sealy Senior Boys: Matthew Leahy

A.S.A. HONOURS

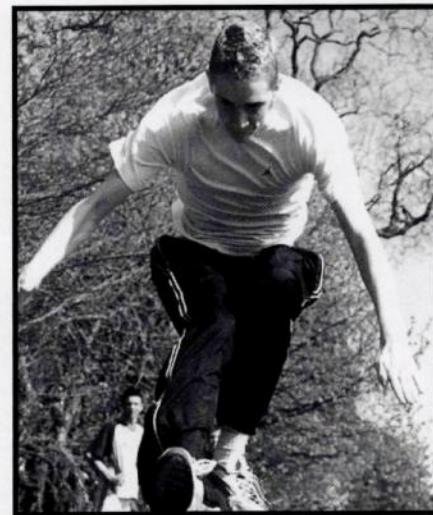
Swimming Challenge

Sarah Cobban
 Méabh Cryan
 Ciara Farrell
 Fiona Keller
 Donna Lui
 Ian O'Shea
 Ralph Prendergast
 Brian Sargeant
 Susan Walsh

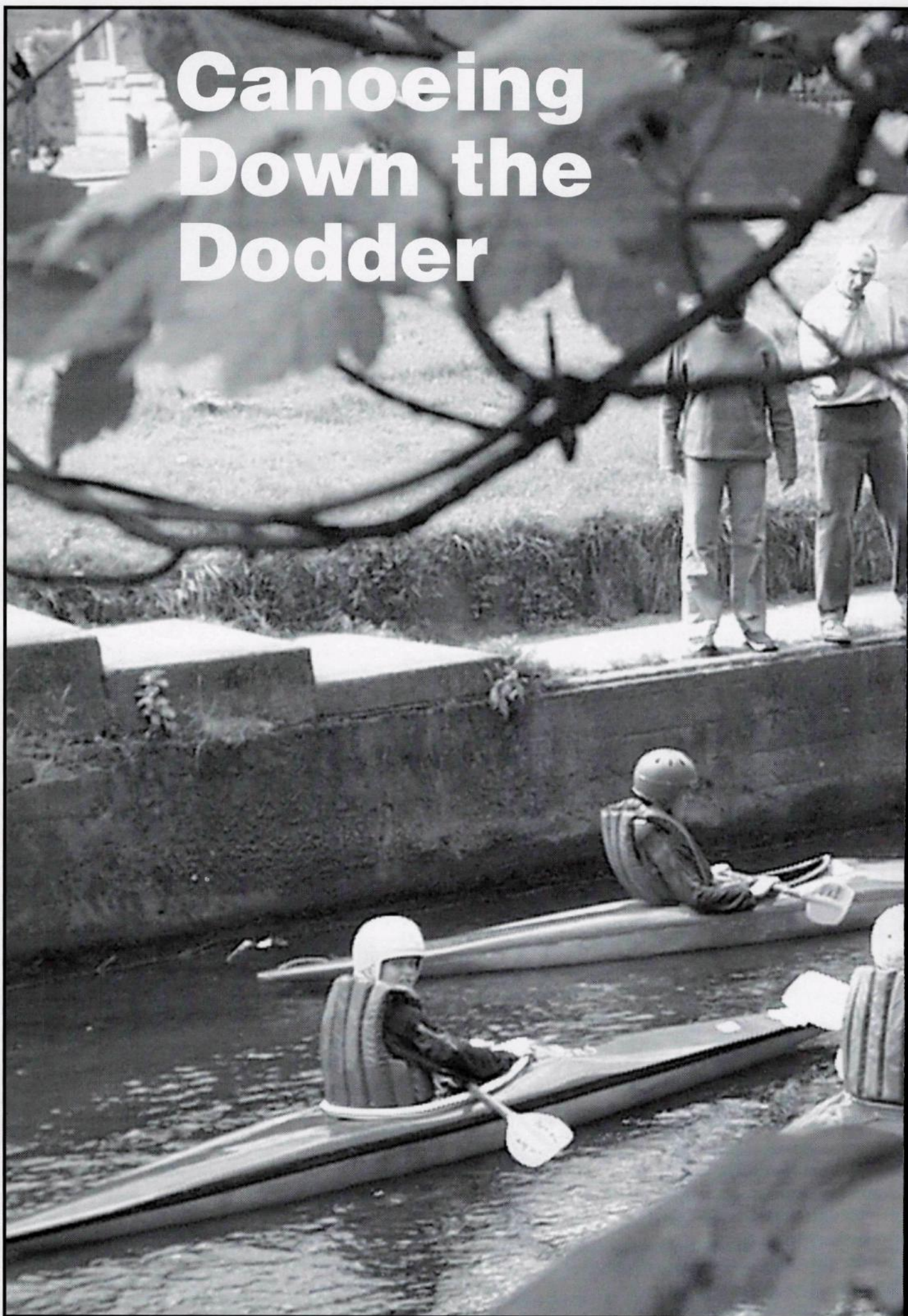
CANOEING AWARDS Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award

Sam Abraham
 Jennifer Kane
 Donna Lui
 Joseph O'Callaghan
 Shivan Pillay
 Ralph Prendergast
 Sudha Rao
 Méabh Cryan

Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup.....Sports Roundup



Canoeing Down the Dodder



Cap sizing three times on your first day is not what you'd call successful, or very smart to say the least. Neither is going out on freezing Saturday mornings in Winter to be soaked in the Dodder. But that didn't matter to a small band of first years that braved the weather to learn how to canoe. After a slightly shaky start, everybody was flying up and down the river. Learning new strokes and visiting the waterfall near the Dropping Well were part of our 'adventures'. We also rafted over a weir, which was great fun. Then, at Christmas, came the big challenge – the (other) waterfall. Helmets, splashguards and life jackets were all checked (as usual) and we waited at the top, from which the fall looked a lot bigger. Joelle was the first. She nervously got into her canoe and paddled forward while the rest of us waved madly at her. She did it perfectly, and we all cheered. Finally everybody came over safely, and it was finished.

The last day before Christmas, capsizing (for real) was on the agenda. However, I was the only person with dry clothes, so I had to do it. First I had to be turned upside down, then reach my arms around and bang on the bottom of the canoe three times. Finally, I had to undo my splashguard and scramble out. This all had to be done while under dark water with closed eyes. This may not be what you would call fun, but I really enjoyed it.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. Swan and Mrs Jones for giving up their Saturday mornings and encouraging us. Also I would like to thank Méabh Cryan for demonstrating how to go over a waterfall and helping you to capsize with style. I know we can't wait to get back on the river!

Beth Kelly (1HE)



HILLWALKING

Previous Page:
Canoeing down the Dodder
Mr. Swan and Mrs. Jones conduct a Friday afternoon session with first year canoeists. And who are these canoeists?

Pictures left to right: Patrick O'Connor, Beth Kelly, Nicola Cantan, Joelle Grogan & Ruairidh McGuckin



HILLWALKING 2000-2001

Hillwalking was badly hit by the foot and mouth crisis and the restrictions placed on where it was acceptable to walk were strictly adhered to, even though they sometimes defied logic and even common sense. In order to complete the President's Award scheme, part of which entails a set number of hill walks, the candidates were allowed to call a walk from Howth village, around the head and along the sea-side to Dollymount Strand/Bull Island a "hillwalk". It was a beautiful day and a very enjoyable walk but so much concrete was hard on the feet.

HILLWALKING 2001-2002

It was good to get back on the hills and this year's group of President's Award pupils proved to be most enthusiastic and most able. We had our usual one walk per month routine visiting the usual haunts of Kippure, Tonelagee, Maulin by Powerscourt Waterfall and the Shankill firing range and the quartet of Seafin, Seefingan, Corrig and Seahan.

All these were accomplished without incident and at a brisk pace. After Christmas we had our two night walks, which involved a good deal of slipping and sliding in fairly wet conditions, but everyone got safely back to the buses thanks to the magical navigational skills of our intrepid leaders one of whom led himself into a bog hole which immersed him in water up to his waist.

Lugnaquilla was our next challenge, which was met and overcome with aplomb. One of those strange days weather wise - beautiful sunshine for most of the day but accompanied by a blisteringly strong, and viciously cold, wind at

HILLWALKING

*Kippure, Tonelagee,
Maulin, Seafin, Seefingan,
Corrig, Seahan...*



times. Throw in a shower of horizontal hailstones as we began our descent and the mixture is almost complete. Normally we break into two groups on this walk - the faster group doing an "extra" peak so that we all return to the buses about the same time, but this group stayed together so well that we had no need to exercise this option.

Then the trip to Carrauntoohil, April 11, 12 and 13. There was some anxiety about the weather - not only because the infallible forecasters had promised it fair - but also because the last five trips have all enjoyed untypical Kerry weather. In the event Swan's luck held out and exceptional views were available in all directions - even as far as the Dingle Peninsula and the Blaskets. Beautiful sunshine most of the time, the summit only disappearing for very short periods in mist, we ascended to the cross in excellent time. Here the 32 strong group separated into those who wished to go back by the spectacular ridge walk to Beenkeragh - only 29 metres less high than Carrauntoohil itself - and, those who felt more comfortable retracing the route we had come by - the Devils Ladder.

A record number chose the former route, and for some it was a magnificent achievement to overcome their fear of the dizzy heights and sheer drops on either side; others took it "in their stride" with no qualms whatever; but all were overawed by the scale of these hills, amplified by the clarity of light.

The next day's walk through the gap of Dunloe was enchanting in a more relaxed style as we viewed the mountain from below!

Mr. I. Blackmore

Pictured Left: *Matthew Leahy on a hillwalk*

The defence broke down most of the opposition's attacks and the mids linked well together in order for the ball to reach the forwards which resulted in a goal from Jenni in the first half and one from Fiona in the second.



Left: Natasha Hall (captain) receives the trophy

Below: Maeve Willoughby who was selected for the U18 Leinster Girls Hockey team

PLATE WINNERS

On the 14th of March, we played the Plate final against Foxrock. The team played well from the start writes *Natasha Hall*. The defence broke down most of the opposition's attacks and the mids linked well together in order for the ball to reach the forwards which resulted in a goal from Jenni in the first half and one from Fiona in the second. Although we had a very tough second half, we managed to keep the opposition from scoring and we won the match 2-0.

This year's team had a basis of six players from last year's team. Natalie May, our ever-reliable goalie, returned to her position as goalkeeper. Sarah Walsh and myself continued as defence at centre-back and left-back. Rachel McSharry was a basis for our midfield as she plays centre-mid and Jenni Nason and Fiona Collins began the year up front as left and right wing.

We were very happy to receive four players who moved up from

Juniors to join us (three of whom had already had experience of 1st XI hockey). Ciara Nugent moved in as a strong sweeper, Maeve Willoughby used great skill to secure her place as right-back, Orla Walsh joined Rachel in mid-field as right-mid and Ros Campbell, our Diet Coke loving friend, became our fast, strong centre-forward.

Suzanne Cairns and Holly Simmons shared the position of left-mid during the League and



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1st. XI

Back row: Miss C. Ritchie, Donna Lui, Ciara Nugent, Julie McRann, Roz Campbell, Rachel McSharry, Suzanne Cairns, Maeve Willoughby, Orla Walsh

Front row: Gillian McMurray, Sarah Walsh, Jenni Nason, Natasha Hall, Fiona Collins, Holly Simmons, Natalie May.

proved to be brilliant assets to the team.

Our first League match was in October against Alexandra College. The match started really well as the team put a lot of pressure on the opposition, which resulted in two goals from Rachel and Ros. After half-time, Alexandra picked their game up immensely and came storming back to equalise, ending the game at 2-2.

Our next match was against Mount Anville (one of the strongest teams in the League). We were quite anxious about the match because we knew we were up against some tough competition. The game started off badly for us as Mt. Anville attacked early on and managed to secure three goals within 15 minutes. We fought back and were able to hold off the opposition for the rest of the game until a few minutes before the end when they scored one more which left the score at 4-0.

We knew we had to win our next match in order to have a chance to get into the quarter finals so we went up against St. Andrews with great determination. It was a very aggressive match, resulting in one of their players being sin-binned for an

attack on goalkeeper, Natalie. But, we came out victorious with a 2-1 win.

A few days later, we came up against Cabra and again we played well as a team. It was great to have Junior player, Lynsey Watson, playing for us on this occasion and herself and Roz scored a goal each to give us a 2-0 win.

We were excited to find out that we came second in our group and we were up against Wesley College in the quarter finals. The team went out hoping for a win to get us to the semi-finals and we started out well with an early goal from Ros but Wesley came back strong and broke down our defence and put away goals that were unsaveable. We went away with a loss of 4-1.

After Christmas, we came back ready to face the challenge of the Cup. Due to ill health, Natalie could no longer play so we recruited Junior goalie, Gillian McMurray. Julie McRann, a Junior player, also joined us and proved to be a very dedicated and reliable mid-field player. We got a bye into the second round of the Cup and came up against Mt. Anville. We were quite positive about the match and we were look-

ing forward to it. On the day, the teams were quite even but Mt. Anville got an early goal from a penalty flick. But we came back to equalise. The team played an amazing match (probably one of the best of the year) but unfortunately Mt. Anville scored two more goals ending the match at 3-1. Well done to Gillian for an excellent game.

We were very surprised to get into the Plate but very excited. Our first match was against Newpark which we won 2-0 - goals from Jenni and Suzanne.

Then we played Beaufort, which was a very tough match as they were one of the best teams this year but with two lovely goals from this year's top goal-scorer, Jenni Nason, we defeated them and moved onto the semi-final against St. Gerard's of Bray.

We played them on a very wintry morning in March and they were tough competition but the team proved their skill and agility and we finished the game with a 3-0 win.

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Congratulations to Roz, Rachel, Maeve and Orla who received Leinster trials and attended various Leinster Under 18 development squad sessions throughout the season. They reached the final development training session of just under thirty players and Maeve travelled to Belfast with the reserve Leinster Under 18 squad to play a very strong side in February.

I'd like to congratulate the team on a very successful year. I found it very enjoyable and that was down to the friendliness and humour of the whole team.

Thanks to Natalie May (vice-captain) for her encouragement and support throughout the season. Thanks also go to the pupils and staff who supported us. A big thank you must go to the parents who drove us to matches and cheered us along on cold mornings. Thank you to all the



Action from the 1st XI cup match against Mount Anville with Julie McRann, Fiona Collins and Orla Walsh

subs for their hard work and dedication.

And last but not least, we'd like to thank Ms. Ritchie for her coaching throughout the year, for giving up a lot of time and never giving up on us

and for her guidance and perseverance.

Finally, I'd like to wish next year's team the best of luck and hopefully next year you'll win the Cup!

Natasha Hall

Senior hockey trip to Glasgow

5.45 a.m. in Dublin Airport, Aer Lingus check-in is littered with 34 hockey bags, 2 goalie bags and large amounts of clothes to last a month! We were off to Glasgow for the weekend!!

Arriving in Glasgow Airport at 8.15 a.m. we travelled by bus to Glasgow city centre. After dropping off our luggage at the EuroHostel we were free to explore the city.

We travelled by taxi to the match against Hutchinson Grammar School where the tiredness caught up with us and in our exhausted state we were defeated - no comment on the score!!!

Other highlights of the weekend included shopping ourselves into debt, a trip to the cinema, dinner at Pizza Hut (with the displacement of many balloons), a visit to the Burrell Collection at Pollock House and sending Miss Ritchie into a field of Scottish mountain beasts! A good time was had by all.

We would like to thank Miss Ritchie, Mrs Jones and Miss Jenkinson for such an enjoyable weekend!

Carolyn Goulden, Deborah Keogh and Andrea Burgess



Come on out

Ciara Fahy, Maeve Willoughby, Ciara Farrell, Margaux Kenny, Rebecca Nicholson, Fiona Keller on tour in Glasgow

Dancing Tania Raises Spirits

2nd. XI



Back row: Mrs T. Jones, Anna Stewart, Vicky Wright, Fiona Keller, Genevieve Boyle, Carolyn Goulden
Front row: Donna Lui, Suzanne Cairns, Aoife McDarby, Holly Simmons, Ciara Fahey, Tania Hashmi.

3rd. XI



Back row: Debbie Keogh, Caroline Daly, Triona Curran, Margaux Kenny, Nicola Sutton, Ruth Kelly, Freya Oatway
Front row: Debbie Walker, Andrea Burgess, Rhiannon Gleeson, Susan Walsh (Capt.), Ciara Farrell, Nadine Grunitz.

This season was a very mixed one for the 2nd. XI. We had a few teething problems to start off but gradually everything clicked in to place. We had great aspirations for the league and felt that we had a very good chance in it. We had some excellent games and some, not so excellent games. We won three of our five league matches, losing only to Loreto Dalkey and Rathdown 1st. XI by very narrow margins.

Our spirits remained untainted and we all continued to do what we did best, have fun. Even through the toughest of matches we slogged on mainly courtesy of Tania's elephant dances which always made losing so much better and more fun. I would like to thank Mrs Jones for all her hard work and support, Miss Ritchie for organising our tour to Glasgow, Nicola Sutton, our team mascot and cheerleader and of course Tania, for all her entertaining elephant dances at crucial moments during important matches.

On behalf of myself and Aoife McDarby, I would like to take this opportunity to wish next year's team the very best of luck, and we hope they have as much fun as we all did!
Holly Simmons (captain)

Debbie's Charges Make Progress

The team this year was very dedicated and worked hard throughout the season. Although we did not get to play as many matches as we hoped, we played well as a team in the matches that we did play.

We all improved during the year, as we had to play against teams of a higher standard as not all schools had a 3rd. XI team.

I would like to thank those on the team who were dedicated and committed throughout the year. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Debbie Walker for all her help during the year. I would also like to thank the teachers who organised the trip to Glasgow. It was enjoyed by all!

Susan Walsh (Captain)

Juniors Winning Formula

Andrews victory was a memorable match

■ This year's Junior A's was made up of a combination of two of last year's Junior A players and ten new enthusiastic players. In comparison to other schools we were quite a young team but we were determined to do well.

Gillian McMurray, our skilful goalie, stood strong in goal throughout the year. Our backs were made up of Vicky Collins as sweeper, the ever-reliable Jenny Cairns played right-back alongside our brilliant centre-back Denise Lui and left-back Kim Elliott. Julie McRann played centre-mid and was influential as always. I moved in from the wing to play right-mid and Grace Nelson played left-mid along with Aoibhin

McGreal who unfortunately had to leave the team mid-season. Katie Hamilton played left-wing and worked well with the speedy Sharon Johnson at right-wing. Claire Fry completed the team at centre-forward.

It took us a while to get together but eventually we gelled and achieved our winning formula. We won our first league match 2-0 against St. Gerards, which was played at home. It was a very fast paced game and we were all pleased to have come out on top. Next we played Mount Anville, our arch rivals. We were seen as the underdogs but we all played extremely well and came out with a 1-1 draw.

Another memorable match was against St. Andrews. This was definitely the most exciting match of the year. A very skilful game was played by both teams. However, we played very well and won 2-0.

Unfortunately, with these matches also came losses and we missed out on a place in the quarter-final by a small margin.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for all her hard work and encouragement throughout the year. We could not have done as well as we did without her excellent coaching.

Lyndsey Watson (Captain)

Junior A



Back row: Sharon Johnson, Christine Boyle, Vicki Collins, Julie McRann, Kim Elliott, Claire Fry
Front row: Mrs G. Mellon, Grace Nelson, Jenny Kearns, Gillian Mc Murray, Holly Warren (Capt.), Katie Hamilton, Denise Lui.

Junior B

Back row: Debbie Walker, Kim Elliott, Sarah O'Callaghan, Claudine Murphy, Ruth Borland, Lucy Whitaker, Kate Blackwell

Front row: Aisling Hughes, Averil Blakely, Jessica Bell Fahy, Rebecca Rolfe, Karen Douglas, Ciara O'Toole

Absent: Miriam McSharry.

Unlucky losing Quarter-finalists

This year's Junior B team was a mixture of third and fourth years. At the beginning of the season we didn't mix well, but after a few sessions we started to work together as a team.

We did very well in our league, winning all of the five matches in our round, which included King's Hospital, Newbridge, St Joseph's of Cluney, Loreto Foxrock and Mt Anville. As we won all our matches in our round we got through to the quarterfinals against Loreto Beaufort but unfortunately they scored a goal in the first half and we were unable to come back.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for organising our matches, but most of all to Debbie Walker for giving up her time to coach us throughout the season. Thanks again.

Rebecca Rolfe (captain)

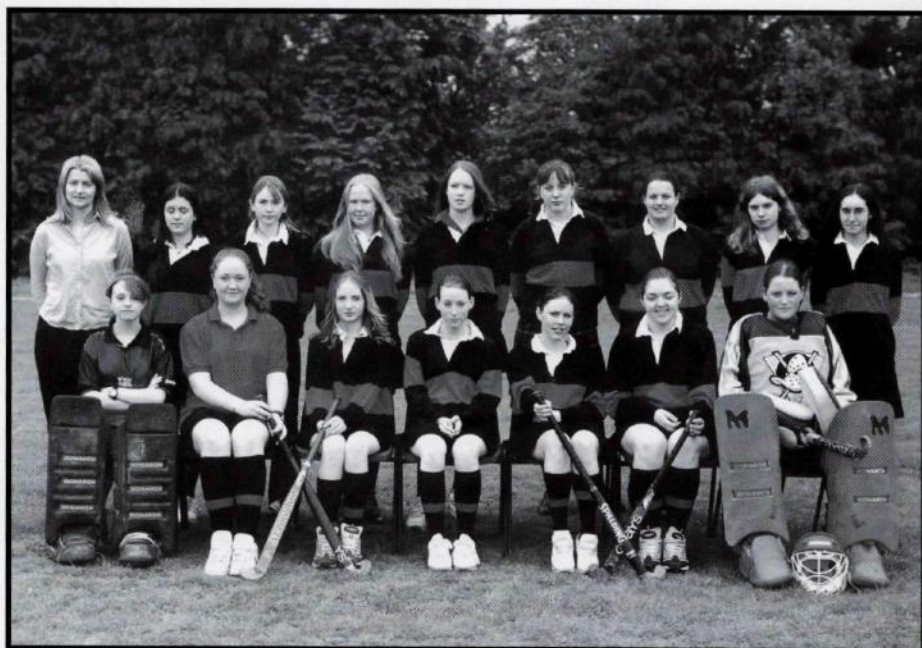
Shot stopping Ally a Star

We had quite a good season this year, and despite hardly ever quite having a full team we still managed to win most of our matches! We never took ourselves too seriously but we did quite well in our league section, beating Newbridge 3-0, Kilcullen 3-0, drawing 0-0 against Cabra and unfortunately losing to Muckcross 2-1 in a very tight match in which we only had ten players.

This got us through to the play-offs where we faced a very strong Alex team. We fought hard during the first half, but after we let in one goal we seemed to give up and Alex overpowered our usually strong defence leaving our brilliant goalie Ally with no chance.

We'd like to thank our coach Miss Barnett, Mrs Mellon and Niamh's dad who cheered us on brilliantly! Oh and Ms. Barnett we still want the McDonalds you promised us!

Aideen Blackwood and Joanna Burke

Junior C

Back row: Miss A. Barnett, Michelle O'Donohoe, Niamh Hogan, Isabel Baker, Sarah Meehan, Olwyn Horgan, Jane Goldsmith, Mary Dowds, Anna McCormick

Front row: Aoife Greene, Orla Tevlin, Michelle Gunn O'Connor, Joanna Burke, Emily Glynn, Sam Meredith, Allison Lett.

Robbed by Flicks

The score was unchanged after extra time so we were forced to take penalty flicks. Holly Warren tells the story of an exciting season for the Minor A's

We began the year weak and disorganised, but with a strong will to do well. Soon the former first year team underwent adjustments by our coach, Mrs Mellon, and we all worked well in both training and matches. We progressed through friendlies and the first round league matches, winning all except two, which we drew. Our goalkeeper, Jessie and our backs, Jenny, Grace, Christine and Megan defended brilliantly, only letting in a few goals all year. The midfield of Katie, Holly and Nicola supported the backs, supplied the forwards and scored countless goals.

Our forwards Amy M., Ruth and Amy K. attacked well and scored many fabulous goals. Finally, Gemma was our super-sub, who adapted well to all positions and also scored her fair share of goals.

The highlight of our year was our successful progression in league to the semi-final against Muckcross. For this match Sarah, Catherine and Nicky Gregory were our extra subs and we had a great crowd of supporters, even though the bad weather was against us. All the practice paid off and the team played their best, but Muckcross' skill and determination

matched ours. By full-time we were tied at nil all, so we proceeded to extra time. By this time we were all wet and tired but we played on. The score was unchanged after extra time so we were forced to take penalty flicks. Holly, Ruth, Katie, Christine and Nicky Gregory took them while Jessie kept the goal. We failed to score any, their goalie saving them all, and unfortunately they scored twice.

Overall the team were very successful and improved dramatically throughout the year. Hopefully we'll do as well next year.

Holly Warren (Captain)

Minor A



Back row: Mrs G. Mellon, Jenny Keane, Amy Munoz, Christine Boyle, Nicola Gregory, Meg Leonard-Kane, Katie Smith, Amy Kenealy, Ruth Jones

Front row: Sarah Lodola, Nicola Daly, Grace Nugent, Holly Warren, Catherine Alexander, Gemma McRann, Jessie Elliott

Minor B

This season has been very enjoyable for the Minor B's with all players demonstrating good team spirit throughout our time together.

Everyone showed great enthusiasm and determination but unfortunately a series of drawn matches left us just short of enough points to qualify for the quarter-finals.

We had a great year and good luck to next year's team. I'd like to thank Mr. Wilkinson for all his help.

Catherine Alexander
(Captain)



Back row: Nadia Carrim, Nicola Gregory, Freda O'Donnell, Rebecca Tadros, Jill Harding, Mr I. Wilkinson

Front row: Rachel McCoy, Sarah Lodola, Catherine Alexander, Aisling Barry, Karen Sutton, Claire Fergus.

Great Coaching Key to Success

Minor C

Back row: Grace Cummins, Kim Weekes, Aoife Greene, Emma Laing, Elizabeth Donnelly, Alexandra Wilson, Sinéad Frizzelle, Suzanne Burke
Front row: Ashling Burke, Susan Brusey, Chloe Stacey, Ailbhe Donnellan, Lorna O'Rourke, Ashling Bridgeman

The minor C's had a good season this year. We played a lot of friendly matches and won quite a few of them. Our best match was against Loreto Bray. Everybody played their best and an excellent result of 5-0 was achieved. Thanks to the whole team and particular thanks to our goal scorers, Chloe Stacey (LM), Lorna O'Rourke (LW), Kim Weekes (CM) and Aoife Greene (CF).

We won a few of our league matches too but unfortunately we came up against a tough side from Loreto Balbriggan and were knocked out. Everybody played really well during the year and we all had lots of fun. I hope we can all play as well next year.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for arranging all of our matches and Mrs. Hutchinson for being a great coach and for helping and encouraging us throughout the year.

Ailbhe Donnellan (Capt.)

1st Year A's



Back row: Mrs. Mellon, MaryAnn Mesbur, Ali May, Jenny Murphy, Julie Kavanagh, Katie Marconi, Elizabeth Stewart

Front row: Kirsten McCann, Karen Meade, Jennifer Flanagan, Claire Fergus, Leanne Farrel, Anne-Marie Jordan, Lana Loane.

Tie-Break win against Our Ladies to reach Quarters

The first year A's of 2001/02 played up until the quarterfinals in the schools league.

Before qualifying to the quarters we had to play a tie breaking game against Our Ladies Grove. After two very intense games we reached the quarters. In the quarters we were beaten by one goal against King's Hospital, but of course none of this would have been achievable without the help of Mrs Mellon and Stuart Mellon. Throughout the year they have helped the team in improving our skills.

Hopefully, next year we will play as well or even better as we played this year.

Lucy Keogh

You Played Brill!

Caitriona Ryan writes about a great season for the first year B's

September! Our first year began at High School and straight away Mrs Mellon started training us for the first year hockey league. We trained twice a week and progressed considerably due to the amount of days put into it! When October arrived Mrs Mellon began to split us into teams accordingly, to prepare us for the hockey matches. Our first match happened to be a friendly against Loreto Dalkey in High School. It was a nail-biting experience as the whole B team were feeling nervous! The wind was against us in the first half but that didn't stop Laura Nelson from scoring a fantastic goal! The team were delighted when the whistle blew for Game Over!

My favourite match was

against St. Marys away in Arklow, the last one before the finals. It took us a long time to get there but we were all really excited as we drove up the drive way towards the pitch! We practised a bit before the game while the captains got ready! The whistle

great goal just to the right of the goalie! We were at an advantage because the wind was with us, and everyone was thrilled when the game ended! Unfortunately, the St. Mary's captain said that it was unacceptable and that we would have to play

*Well done Julie Kavanagh for
scoring some great goals and we hope
you stay centre forward next year!*

blew and the game began! In the first couple of minutes Julie Kavanagh scored a goal leaving the score one nil at the end of the first half. The second half came and the players spread out a bit more leaving Sabina Kerr a chance to shoot, and she got a

another match of ten minutes a side, and if it was still nil-all, it would have to go into flicks! About fifteen minutes later Aicha Aboudinar swiped it up to Suzanne McCoy and she scored a smashing goal! The whistle blew and everyone was happy!

We played loads of matches, some we won some and some we lost but as we came to the final few matches the team continued to play their best! Hard luck in the semi-final, we nearly made it!

Our defence played extremely well and Claire Nelson was a brilliant back! The goal-keeper Claire Fergus made great saves when they got short corners and our sweeper Katie Marconi was excellent. Aicha played great at Mid and we hope she will hold her position! Well done Julie Kavanagh for scoring some great goals and we hope you stay centre forward next year! For all the rest of the team that I haven't mentioned, great team spirit throughout the matches and WELL DONE - you played brill!

Caitriona Ryan

1st Year B's



Back row: Mrs G. Mellon, Sadhbh Donnellan, Catriona Ryan, Aicha Aboudinar, Kate Lyons, Cara Mulcahy, Suzanne McCoy

Front row: Aisling Burke, Sabina Kerr, Anna McNally, Suzanne Tallon, Susan Brusey, Katherine Kiernan, Hannah Jennings, Lauren Turner, Alex Carey

Seated: Jennifer Moore, Denise Fagan, Lyndsey McFarland, Claire Nelson.

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Cockie's HEROES

This season's cup run was one of the most exciting ever. Under coaches Ray Walker and Cockie Wright the SCT first fifteen performed beyond all expectations enthraling the hundreds of supporters who cheered them on.

1st. Round

The High School21
Wesley College10

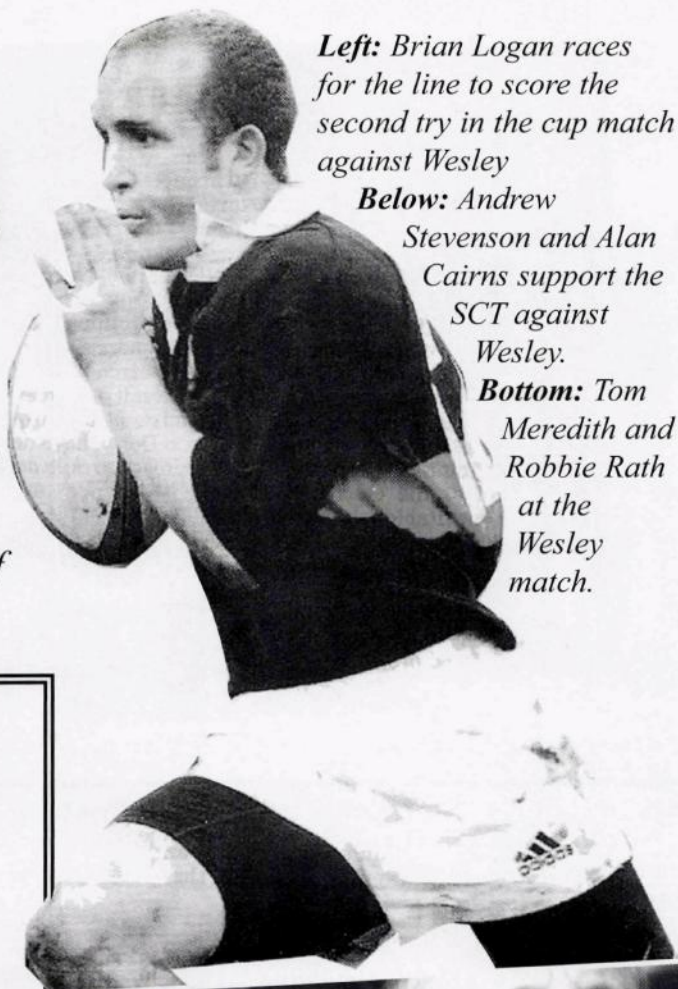
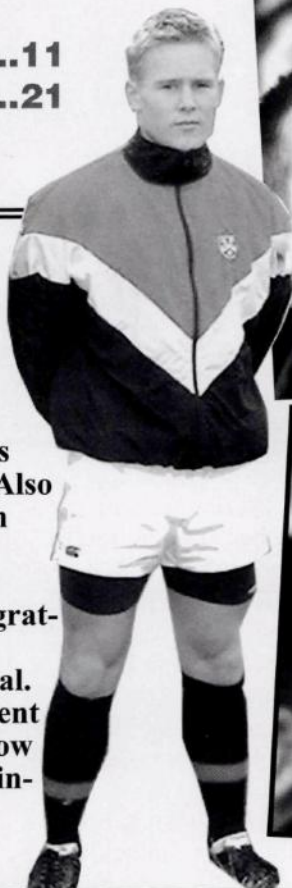
2nd. Round

The High School25
Kings Hospital5

Quarter Final

The High School11
Roscrea21

Congratulations to Rob Smyth (pictured right), David Foran, Robbie Burns and Tennyson Egar who were selected to the Leinster Schoolboys extended squad of thirty. Rob Smyth, David Foran and Robbie Burns went on to represent Leinster. Also congratulations to David Foran and Tennyson Egar who were selected to the Irish under 19's extended squad. A further congratulations to Rob Smyth who received an Irish Schoolboy trial. This is a remarkable achievement by the school and shows just how well High School rugby is continuing to develop.



Left: Brian Logan races for the line to score the second try in the cup match against Wesley

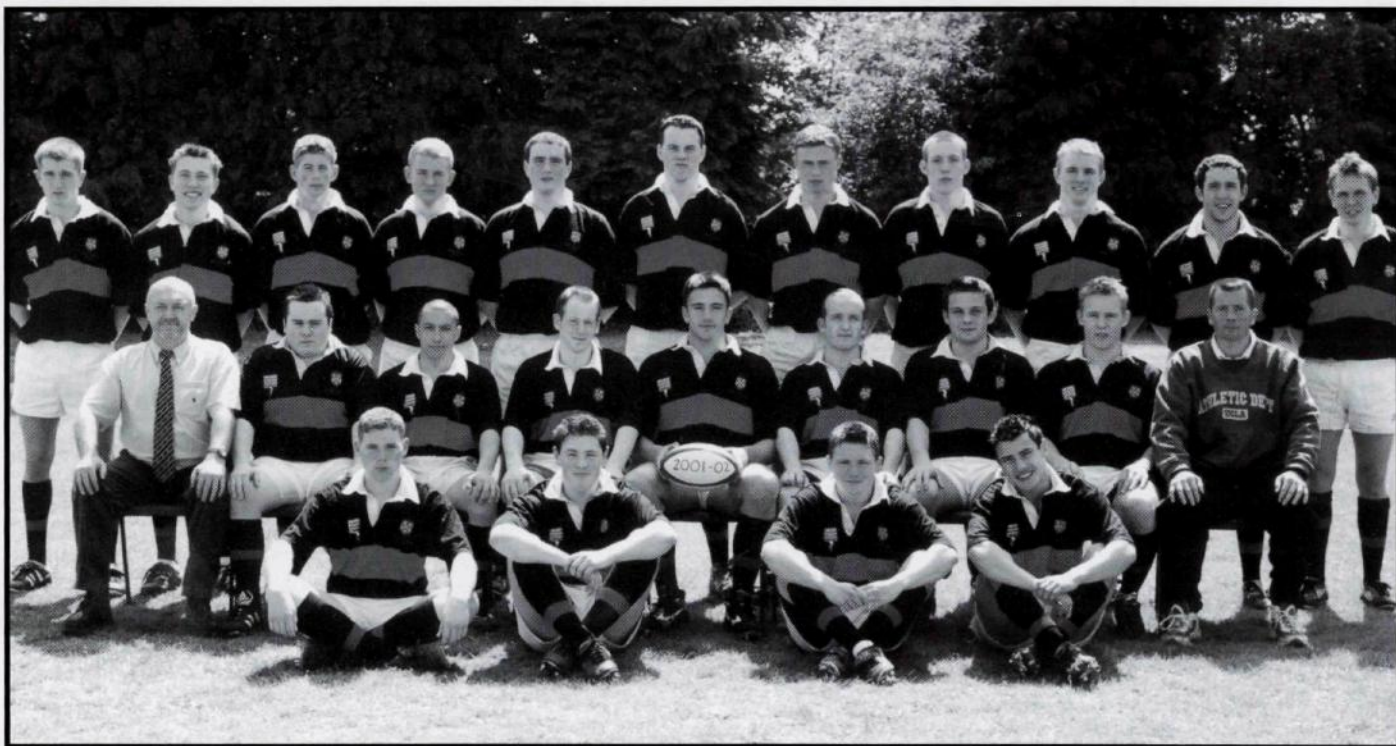
Below: Andrew

Stevenson and Alan Cairns support the SCT against Wesley.

Bottom: Tom Meredith and Robbie Rath at the Wesley match.



SCT



Back row: Niall O'Shea, Robert Horne, David Thompson, David Lee, Simon Goldsmith, Adam Leahy, Thomas Eager, Chris Harding, David Foran, Ross Condron, Eoin McNally.

Front row: Mr D. Wright, John Collery, Daniel Sheridan, Daniel Vard, Tennyson Egar (Capt.), Brian Logan, Robbie Burns, Robert Smyth, Mr R. Walker

Seated: Eoghan O'Reilly, Francis Cooney, Matthew D'Arcy, Alex Feldman.

Our return to school was a little less painful in August, by the prospect of our trip to play a tournament in Worcester, England. An extended squad comprising of many inexperienced players and players returning from last year's team set off full of enthusiasm to face the enemy. Having played three matches and having won only one, many observations were noted. However we had all played with great enthusiasm and it was obvious an exciting time lay ahead. A good trip by all!

Training began seriously on our return as the league loomed ahead of us. Planning tactics such as lineouts and scrums became the order of the day. We played three friendly matches managing one victory over local rival school, Gonzaga.

The League began and the benefits of all our training became apparent. Having several victories and only one defeat by Kilkenny College we qualified for a quarter-final place in the League against C.B.C. Monkstown. Hopes were high on the day and the team played with great resolve. Unfortunately we suffered a close defeat of 17-11. After much juggling of players in different posi-



Francis Cooney sets up a score against Wesley to the delight of his coach, Cockie Wright

tions, eventually we formed a good combination with Eoin McNally wearing the number 10 being fed by Matthew D'Arcy or the talented David Foran wearing the number 9 jersey. Outside McNally was the combination of old reliable Brian Logan, Robert Smyth or David Foran. On the wings we had Daniel Vard who was our number one place kicker and the dashing Alex Feldman. Later Niall O'Shea filled the full-back slot when unluckily

Robert Smyth broke his wrist. The front row combination consisted of Simon Goldsmith or often the younger, but talented David Lee with John Collery or Daniel Sheridan along with myself. The lean bodies of Thomas Eager and Adam Leahy filled the second rows. The back row, our great strength was made up of the "Ballina Men" Frances Cooney along with Mr Wright's undergraduate, Ross Condron. At the back of the scrum was the consistent

Robbie Burns scores a try in the cup match against Wesley.



Robbie Burns. A lot more organised then we were ready for some serious business and tough opposition!

The side showed great flare and skill when we defeated the Ulster Champions Campbell College 13-3. This boosted confidence greatly. Beating Gonzaga again and Sligo Grammar added to our optimism and determination on pre-Cup days.

In the first round of the cup at Donnybrook we met our old rivals Wesley College. Our supporters sang and cheered us to victory of 21 points to 10. The wind didn't deter the team efforts and many players excelled.

The second round was to see us take on King's Hospital at Anglesea Road. After a poor first-half performance we took things in hand in the second-half and finished with a comfortable margin of 25-5 points.

Perhaps the "talk" at half time helped us to focus. The camaraderie and the "buzz" among the team afterwards in the changing room was fantastic, never to be forgotten.

For the quarter-finals we headed to Donnybrook again to face Roscrea, a team we knew to be very strong. Once again the red and black warriors marched out in their droves to support us. A very close contest

ensued and fighting all the way we made sure Roscrea earned their victory. Great credit is due to the team who kept the pressure on the opponents right up to the last minute with a final score of 21-11 to Roscrea.

With the season drawing to a close, a trip to Cork kept us in form. We defeated Cork Constitution R.F.C. by a 50 point margin on a day with a variety of weather. Our last match together was against a top class South African touring side from Hilton College. Despite a good performance by all we were defeated by a brilliant team.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Duffy, the staff and the Board of Governors. To all our supporters who always were there cheering us on we owe a debt of gratitude. Our Coaches Mr Walker and Mr Wright have guided and organised us throughout the season. To them I would personally like to express our gratitude and appreciation for their support and enthusiasm, not to mention the hours they spent coaching. These two men in their own individual way have contributed to our development as students in no small way. Personally I have enjoyed my time as captain of the side and wish my team-mates well. Maybe in future we will team up again.

Tennynson Egar

McCorry Cup Winners

Jonathan Ellis has been captain of the St. Marys RFC U20 team for the past two years. This year they won the McCorry Cup, the most prestigious competition at U20 level in Leinster and very difficult to win. It is good to see the St. Mary's RFC/High School link so strong with a number joining the club in recent years.

Jonathan Ellis has been selected by St. Marys to go to New Zealand over the Summer as part of his future rugby development as he is seen to be a player with great potential. In that respect The High School must take a lot of credit for his earlier development.

Imran Masood continues to show good potential also in cricket and is currently playing for Phoenix CC 1st XI.



Former HSD pupils with the McCorry Cup

Shane Cusack, Imran Masood, Jonathan Ellis (Capt.) and David Campbell

*Mervyn Johnson
Former President St. Mary's RFC*

The DAGGER strikes again

Tierney is High School's Secret Weapon

This year's second's team had huge potential. There were a lot of experienced players coming up from the Juniors such as Shane Prunty, Max Olohan, Chris Harding, Bryan Hannon, and Steven Duggan. We also had a good base from the previous seconds team through David Thompson, Eoghan O'Reilly, Brook Campbell Crawford, Alan Duggan, Kealan Kelly, Daniel O'Byrne and of course our secret weapon, THE DAGGER (Robert Tierney).

We got off to a good start beating St. Andrews by over 60 points. With some good strong forward play, it gave our backs time and space to run in some easy tries. Following this contest, we managed to lose several matches but did manage an occasional win here and there.

Then in came an addition to the coaching staff, Sax, whose method of fitness training prior to matches improved our fitness level.

"The Dagger" proved to be a secret weapon, receiving many "Man of the

We lost narrowly to Wesley, and only for a dodgy referee we should have won in Templeogue.

Match" awards and collecting his well deserved jackpots by putting in solid performances every week.

Our trip to Sligo proved to be a huge success. With the cup coming closer many of us had a point to prove. The whole pack put in every effort and Rob Horne had an influen-

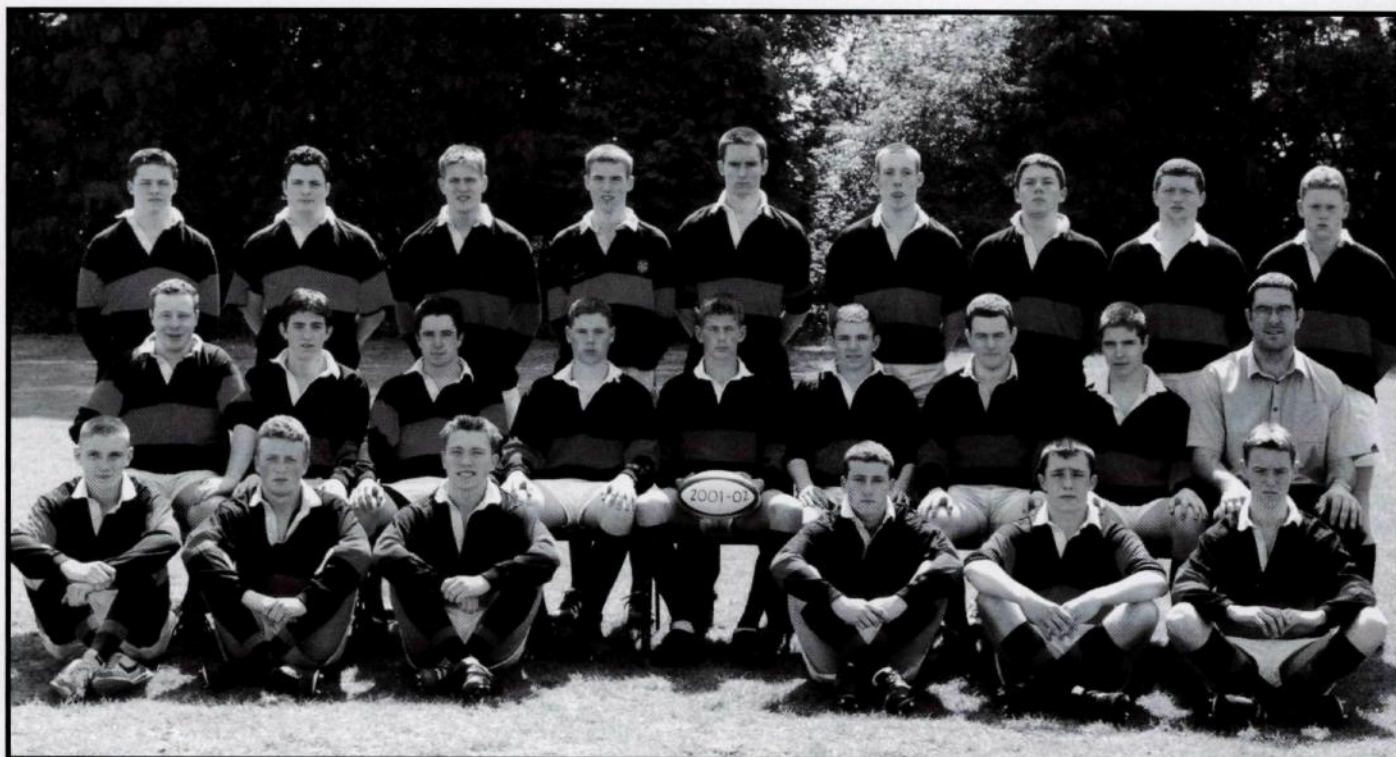
tial game on a very wet pitch. We managed to beat them by over 25 points with some very good forward play.

We didn't manage to feature in the league playing some very poor rugby at times. We lost narrowly to Wesley, and only for a dodgy referee we should have won in Templeogue. Probably our best performance in the league was against St Mary's. Unfortunately the result did not indicate our standard of play with a notable performance by Daniel O'Byrne.

Overall the seconds had a great season. Many thanks must be given to Mr. Clark and to Sax who put in a great effort to make the season more successful and enjoyable for the team.

David Thompson (Captain)

2nd. XV



Back row: Dan O'Rourke, Alan Duggan, Brooke Campbell-Crawford, Dan O'Byrne, Robert Tierney, Chris Harding, Peter Burns, Pat Anglim, James Tuomey

Middle row: George Misstear, Chris Somerville, Steven Duggan, Eoghan O'Reilly, David Thompson (Capt.) Bryan Hannon, Rob Sherwood, Carl Daly, Mr J. Clarke

Front row: Alan Browne, Sam Quinn, Rob Horne, Kealan Kelly, Eoin Tippins, Aidan Field.

Slip Sliding Away

Paddy O'Shea slides in the mud in the JCT cup match against Gonzaga



....and then it all comes together

We arrived at the start of the year with a low opinion of ourselves following two unproductive years. With the help of our coaches, however, we made a remarkable transformation into a side disappointed not make the semi-finals of the JCT Cup.

We lost every match in September and October, and came to expect defeats. However, morale remained healthy, and the challenge of facing an English touring side, West Hartlepool, during the mid-term break, gave us sharper focus. Despite their aggressive chants in the changing rooms, we beat them 17-14. The team was delirious.

Now that we proved we could win, we then beat Wesley 'A+B' and Blackrock 'B' in two very close games. A fine win over Terenure 'B' was overshadowed by a frustrating performance against King's Hospital and a heavy defeat to Campbell College.

The Cup Competition was looming, and many positions were still undecided. For example, Ross Traynor's line-out throwing and his commitment in the rucks were improving, and Ben Duffy was developing well as a full-back.

In January we lost our discipline and drive against C.B.C. Monkstown to go down 0-17. We then put in a much better performance away to Kilkenny losing 5-10. They had won easily in September. But it was not until the second-half that we found the speed and commitment we knew was there with Andy Lui providing some brutal head-on tackling. A fluent display against our under 16's was a great boost to our confidence before the first cup match against King's Hospital. Here the atmosphere changed. We were silent on the bus and efficient in the warm up. We won the toss and played uphill. Following a charge-down on their out-half by James Anglim, we then

kicked the ball through to Niall McDarby who exploded through to score the first try. By half-time they had equalised, but a downpour of such strength and violence forced the match to be abandoned and re-played at Anglesea Road.

In a way we had lost the advantage of being underdogs but we knew we had to keep the defence rock solid. The first-half ended all square at 5-5. After the break we found our rhythm and confidence, with David Flower scoring a second try wide on the left. They were camped on our line for the final five minutes, but an admiring display of defence super-headed by Cillian Suiter kept them out until the whistle. We went through to the quarter final on a 10-5 victory. This was to be the pinnacle of our season.

Gonzaga were known to be very strong and perhaps we allowed ourselves to be outplayed even before kick-off. From their very first kick it was obvious that they meant busi-

ness. Our position was hopeless before we rallied too late. In the final quarter Brendan Phelan scoring a consolation try. Despite the first-half pessimism we finished with our honour intact.

I would like to thank our coaches, Mr. Giles, Hugh Hogan, and Paul for their huge amount of effort and the hard work they put in. Thanks also

to everyone who supported the cup matches.

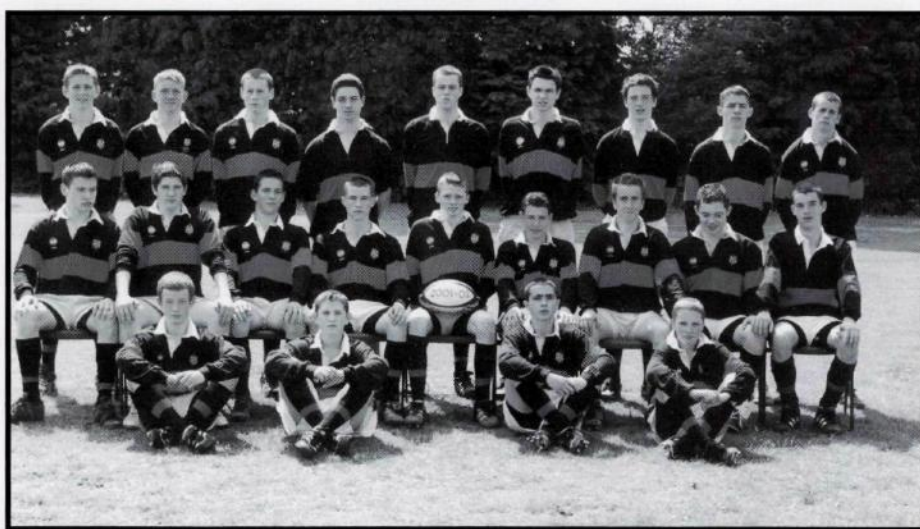
James Anglim (Capt.)

I, in turn, would like to thank James for his captaincy, and Mr. Walker and Mr. Clarke for their invaluable input on Thursdays. In particular, it was through Hugh Hogan's unshakeable belief that a

decent team would emerge from the dark days of the Autumn, and through his own enormous commitment and expertise, that the players ultimately enjoyed such success. I must also commend each member of the squad for their self-belief and 'esprit de corps'.

Mr. Giles

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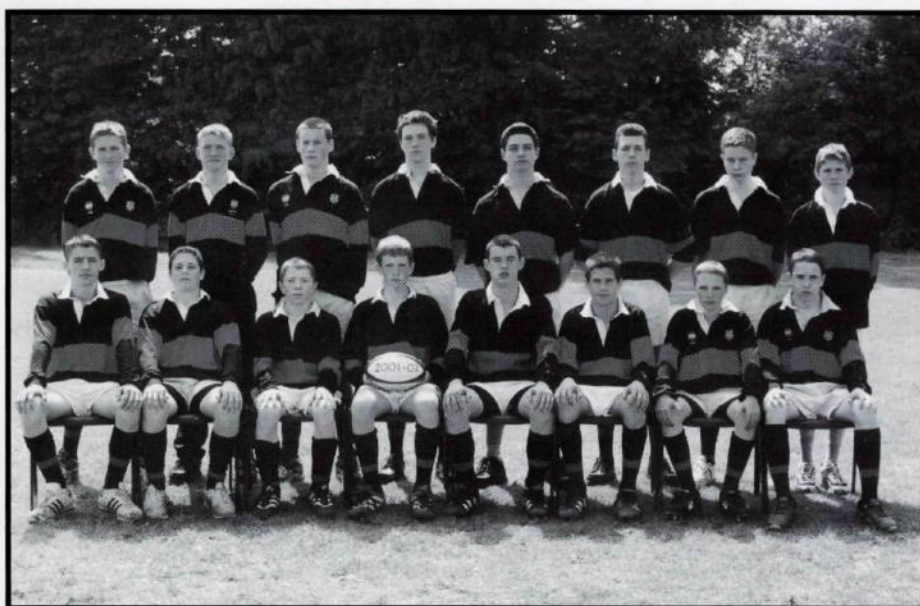


Back Row: Alan Thompson, Brendan Phelan, Simon Marconi, Leon Fernandez, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Rory Forsythe, Ben Duffy, Niall McDarby

Front Row: Cillian Suiter, Ercus Long, David Flower, Karl Cabena, James Anglim (Capt.), Graham Kinlan, Stephen Lane, Ross Traynor, Alan Loane

Seated: Paddy O'Shea, Jonny Somerville, Andrew Lui, Philip Duffy

JCT B



Back Row: Alan Thompson, Brendan Phelan, Simon Marconi, Rory Forsythe, Leon Fernandez, Rob Wilson, Ciaran Hale, Jonathan Quinlan

Front Row: Ben Duffy, Ross Johnson, Michael Blackwell, Glenn Sheridan (Capt.), Alan Loane, Stephen Walsh, Philip Duffy, Evan Barry

Not Present: Gus Nwosu, James Hanlon, John Aslanis, Cein Sookram

Brilliant Thompson Kicks JCT Bs to Success

The JCT B's had a great year this year. Throughout the first half of the year we were only just getting back into form after the Summer break. We played some friendlies and we came out with mixed results winning some and losing others. Then after Christmas we started focussing more and the standard of rugby improved just before the league started. Our first opponents in the league were New Ross who we brushed aside winning 34-0. Our next match was against Gonzaga which ended 31-3 to High School. This was a tough match but we won easily thanks to brilliant performances from Alan Loane, Leon Fernandez and great kicking from Alan Thompson. Our next match was the toughest and the closest score out of all our league matches. It was against Mount Temple's A team in High School.

Marc Judge's injury was a severe blow to our chances

We narrowly won thanks to a good debut from Ayo Fakinle and some brilliant tackles and precise kicking. We went on to beat Terenure and go through to the semi-final, which we lost narrowly to D.L.S.P. Churchtown. We were unfortunate to lose Marc Judge after five minutes with a bad gash to his head. De La Salle won the final. I would like to say thank you to Hugh Hogan and Mr Giles for a great year of rugby.

Glenn Sheridan (Captain)

Twinkle Toes Browne Dances Through Templeogue

We started off the season on a high note by beating both Wesley and St. Columba's with superb efforts from our centres Mark Rooney and Shane Sergeant.

Our next match was against a strong Templeogue College side. We lost 17-12 in the end with Conor Hyland and Manus Cronin crossing the line. The game was tight all the way through with a brilliant performance from Barry Browne (Twinkle Toes).

Our battered and bruised team, without our captain, Karl Cabena and injured prop Nathan Barber, then took on C.U.S., where once again we lost by the narrowest of margins, this time with Eddie Flaherty and Simon Coyne crossing the line.

After that disappointment we had

two very close matches against both King's Hospital and St. Paul's Junior Cup team.

We then took on Bray with Karl Cabena scoring many times in a match we won 67-0. This was to be Karl's last match with us before he was called up to the Junior Cup team.

We then played Mt. Temple's Junior Cup team. There was an amazing performance from Phelim O'Reilly keeping his wing secure and Ronan Keller scoring an excellent try. However, we lost once again by such a small margin.

It was the same story when we played against a huge St. Gerard's team (this time with our old captain Karl back). Karl scored a fantabulous try, as did Conor Hyland,

Robert Hunter and Joey Scanlon. Unfortunately we lost because a strong wind in the second half stopped our kicker Kevin Finnegan from scoring the conversions from the wings.

We travelled to Kilkenny during the year to play against Kilkenny College, missing key players such as Danny Erskine who was doing a C.S.P.E. project in Armagh. However, we managed without him and had some good performances from our forwards like Ger Prunty and Niall Milton.

On behalf of the whole team I'd like to thank Mr O'Hanlon, Trev and Johnny for giving up their time to train us.

Simon Coyne

U14



Back row: Barry Browne, Ronan Keller, Ger Prunty, Stefan Slattery, Luke Begley, Nathan Barber, Mr B. O'Hanlon
Front row: Mark Rooney, Aidan Hunt, Luke McSharry, Shane Sergeant (Capt.), Sam Sherwood, Simon Coyne, Karl Cabena

Seated: Conor Hyland, Phelim O'Reilly, Peter Jackson, Michael Willoughby.

We started the season by losing narrowly to Kilkenny in a tough ten-a-side tournament and then beat St. Columba's in the next tournament. The next run of matches saw us getting defeated by teams like Gonzaga, Wesley, Willow Park, St. Gerards and Templeogue. Finally after tries from Tony Lee and Colin Keegan we found victory against C.U.S, winning 12-10 at Bird Avenue.

We then suffered a loss against St. Andrews and then unfortunately lost to C.U.S and Gonzaga just before Christmas.

We met St. Andrews, Wesley and St. Marys, where we performed well. We then faced King's Hospital and thanks to a run away try from Robbie Rath and a last minute penalty from Tony Lee we won 8-5. We came up against De la Salle and not even tries from Paddy O'Connor and Andy Lohan could help us when we lost 14-13.

We travelled to St. Pauls and won 32-0 with tries coming from Paddy O'Connor, David Wilson, Robbie Rath and Tom Meredith. We played Gonzaga for the third time who proved that they were the better side. We got revenge on St. Gerards winning 7-5, Robbie Bannister getting the try in the end.

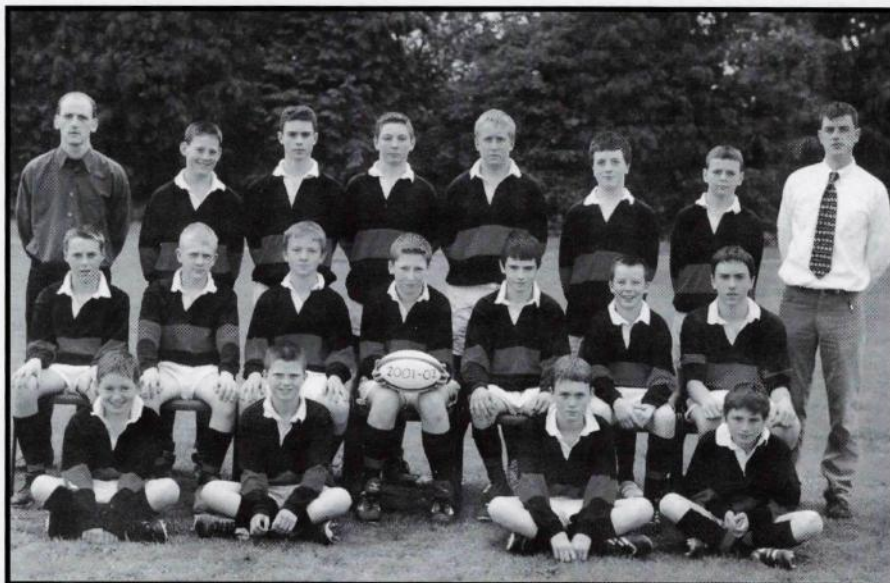
I would like to thank Mr. Dolan, Mr. McNamara, Shane and the team for a great year.

Jamie Wright (captain)

Captain Wright happy with team's efforts

COACHES HELP TO BRING TEAM THROUGH A TOUGH YEAR

U13A

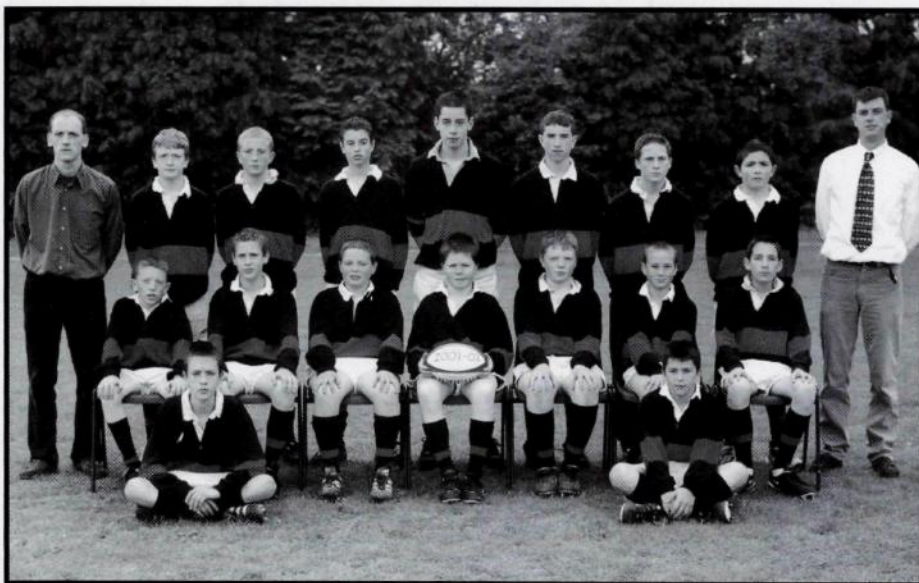


Back row: Mr J. Dolan, Nigel Kinlan, Robert Rath, David Wilson, Tony Lee, Ruairidh McGuckin, Max Lane, Mr B. McNamara

Front row: Graham Johnson, Ben McNally, Thomas Meredith, Jamie Wright, Andrew Lohan, Robbie Bannister, Iain Cobban

Seated: Jonathan Sergeant, Patrick O'Connor, Sean Nicholson, Colin Keegan.

U13B



Back row: Mr J. Dolan, Luke Mulligan, Alan Cairns, Alan O'Keefe, John Kilbey, Kyle Gleeson, Alan McMurray, Killian Rogan, Mr B. McNamara

Front row: Harri Grunitz, Zach Fairman-King, Stephen Spoor, James Nerney, Sam McKenna, Shane Gould, Jack Mays

Seated: Andrew Stevenson, David Insby

We had a good start to the rugby season, beating Wesley 21-19. Despite being inexperienced (most of us not even knowing the rules of the game), we quickly became one of the best B teams in the league, thanks to our coaches. We won some, we lost some, winning more than losing was generally the way the rest of the season went. One of the highlights of the season was beating C.U.S. twice by over 40 points. Our team was extremely varied because we lost and gained players to and from the A team almost constantly throughout the year.

We got used to being in a different position each match which gave us a chance to learn new skills on the pitch. This was a contributing factor to our success.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches on behalf of the team: Mr. MacNamara, Mr. Dolan, Mr. Walker and Shane Murphy.

Zach Fairman King

SCOTT holds his Nerve

Scott McNeill took time out for the Erasmian during one of his practice sessions

Junior Boys take title against Dublin Oak

This has been one of our more successful seasons with the Senior Boys team reaching the semi finals of their competition and the Junior Boys winning the finals of division 3 against Dublin Oak.

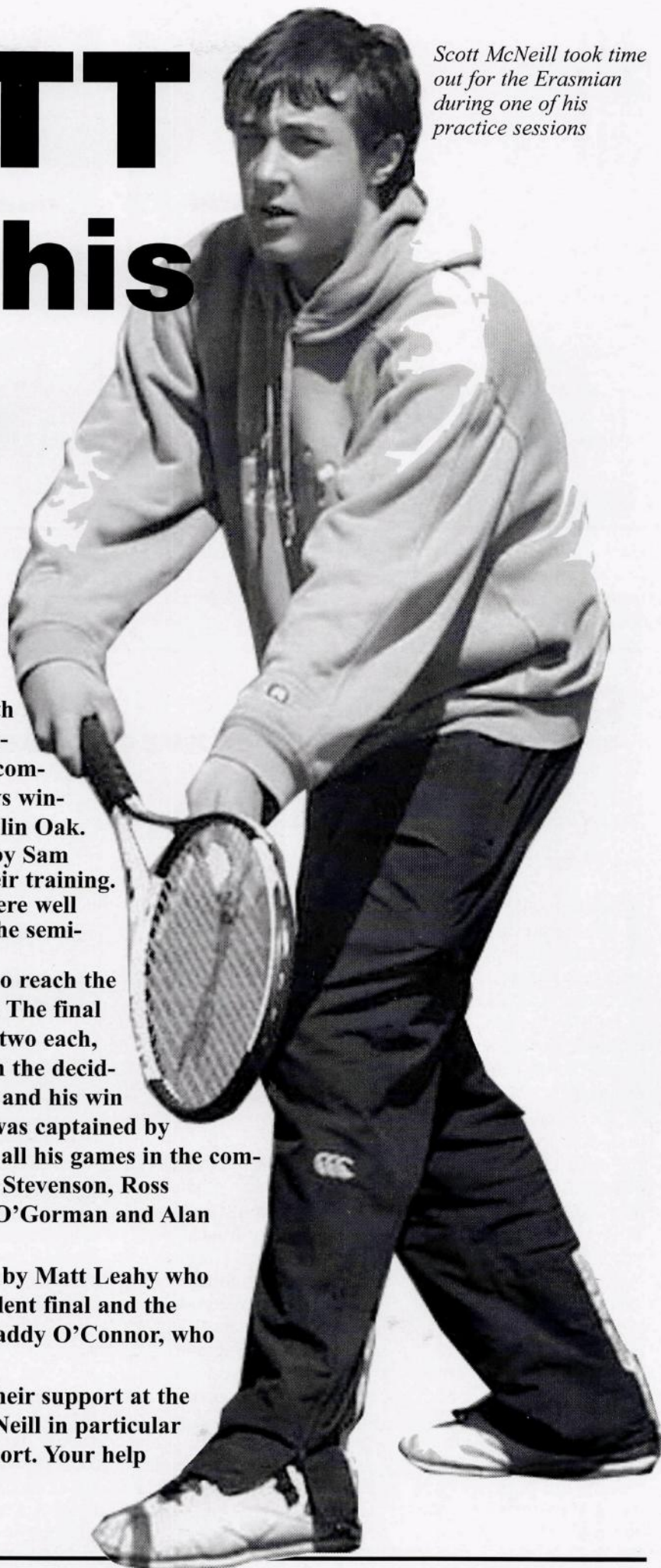
The Senior Boys team was captained by Sam Quinn and they were enthusiastic in their training. We won our section of the league but were well beaten by Castleknock Community in the semi-final of the Cup.

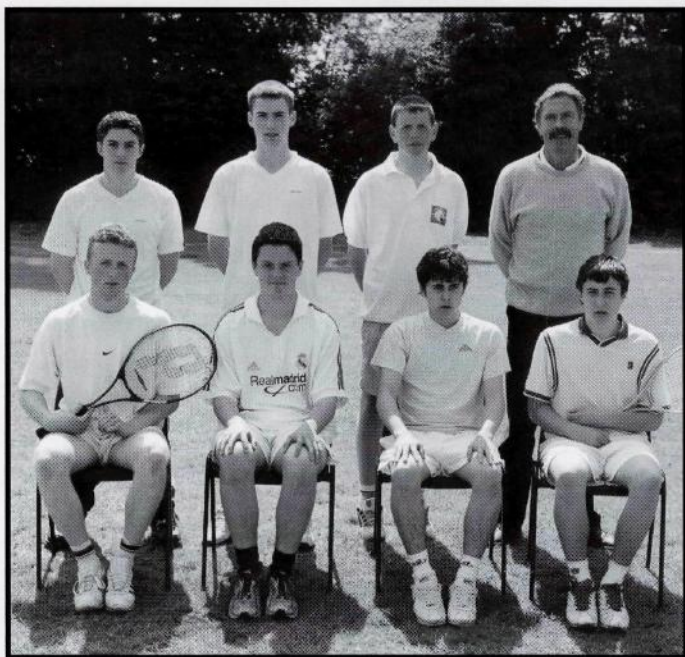
The Junior Boys team did really well to reach the final played at Lansdowne Tennis Club. The final was a tense affair and with the score at two each, all the pressure was on Scott Mc Neill in the deciding match. He showed great composure and his win meant we had won the Cup. The team was captained by Matt Leahy, who had impressively won all his games in the competition. All the team members of Andy Stevenson, Ross Johnston, Marc Judge, Joe Silke, Sean O'Gorman and Alan Thompson played their part.

The Senior Boys tournament was won by Matt Leahy who narrowly beat Scott McNeill in an excellent final and the Junior Boys Tournament was won by Paddy O'Connor, who beat Jack Mays.

I would like to thank the parents for their support at the games and Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. McNeill in particular who were so helpful in providing transport. Your help was much appreciated.

Mr. L Mc Clure



Senior Boys Tennis

Back row: David McNeill, Daniel O'Byrne, Sean O'Gorman, Mr. L. McClure

Front row: Sam Quinn, Matt Leahy, Glenn McNeill, Scott McNeill

Junior Boys Tennis

Back row: Paddy O'Connor, Sean O'Gorman, Alan Thompson, Andy Stevenson, Mr. L. McClure

Front row: Ross Johnson, Matt Leahy (Capt.) Ruarc O'Boyle, Scott McNeill

Sailing to.....

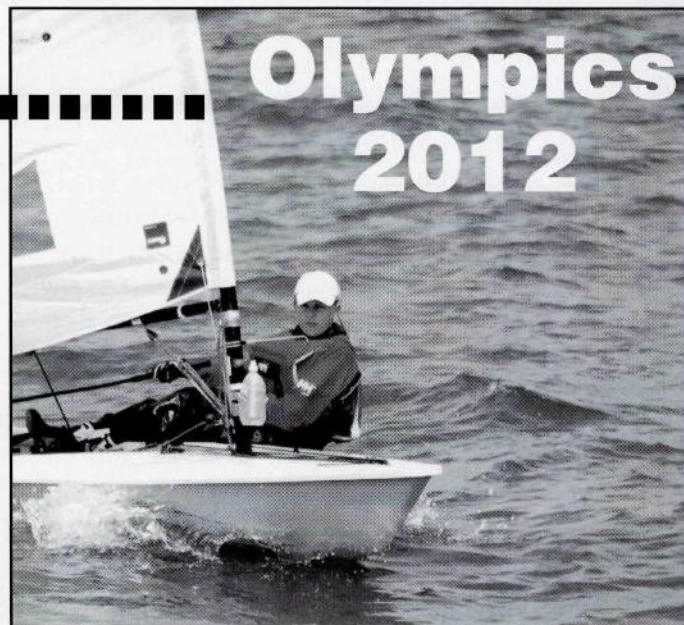
Claudine Murphy writes about her passion for sailing

I started Sailing when I was about nine in an Optimist but gave up after two years. I had been around sailing all my life as both my parents are Olympic sailors and I wanted to do something different.

Last Summer I decided to take it up again because I wanted to see if I liked it or not. I sailed all Summer in the Laser 4.7. Then I started a Winter training series in the National Yacht Club. I sailed every Sunday from September to March. One Sunday, Bill O'Hara, a friend of my parents who sailed the olympic class Finn in the Olympics, arrived down to tell the Laser sailors about the New Youth Strategy he was setting up. Trials to get onto this new Youth

Academy would be held in April. Catherine Hilliard (4th) and I started training hard to get onto this team. The Trials were held in Cork over the Easter Holidays with 48 sailors taking part. I was selected along with Jenny Murray (Cork) as two of the single handed boat class.

The Academy is aimed at improving young sailors chances at Youth world level. We are funded by the Irish Sports Council and the Irish Sailing Association. We go to Limerick University to the National Training and Coaching Centre for sports science education. This Summer I will be going to two overseas events. I am going to Ontario, Canada for the Youth Laser World Championships and the Youth Laser Europeans in



Austria. My long term goal is to make the 2012 Olympics but my aim now is to get to the ISAF Youth World Championships 2003 or 2004. This is the best you can do at youth level. My mum was a very good Laser sailor when she was younger and trains and competes with me now. She went to the Seoul Olympics in 1988 in the 470 womens' double handed class. My father went as Team Coach. I admire my mum and hope

to achieve what she got in the Olympics and more.

I am on a fitness programme at the moment so I hope it helps with my performance in Canada. The Youth Academy is on the Team Ireland Squad which is a new strategy which hopes to improve the 2004 Olympic Squad's performance. Team Ireland is sponsored by Dubarry and Southern Ocean.

Meehan & O'Flynn CHAMPIONS

Sarah & Kellie win school tournaments

Ireland is not the best location for Summer sports. Certainly if we waited until the Summer weather actually arrived then there would never be any tennis in High School. That being said there remains an enthusiastic collection of tennis players who battle the elements to play tennis during the final term of the school year.

Many students are content to play tennis on a social level after school but there is always fierce competition for places on the school teams. This year the school fielded four teams in the Leinster Tennis Leagues – one each at Senior and Junior levels and two at Minor level. In girls tennis each fixture takes the form of three doubles matches of the best of three sets.

The Senior team was captained by Sarah Walsh (form 5) and played three fixtures each of which they narrowly lost. The Junior team captained by Isabel Baker (form 3) played four matches – defeating St

Wolstans in Celbridge but losing overall in their other matches.

There were so many enthusiastic tennis players at Minor (U-14) level that the school had more than

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enough players for the Minor A and Minor B teams. Kellie O'Flynn (form 2) captained the Minor A's in a very competitive section. The High School team consisted mainly of first years and lost all three fixtures but gained much experience. The Minor B team was a second year team captained by Rebecca Tadros. They defeated Our Lady's Grove but were not so successful in their other three fixtures.

Due to the high levels of participation at Minor level the school was able to enter a team in the one-day tournament at Alexandra College. While the team was not placed in the top three it should prove to be a valuable experience for those players in the future.

While the in-school tennis tournaments are always hotly contested it would be good to see more girls from the senior end of the school taking part. As it was the Senior tournament – open to forms 3 to 6 – was won by Isabel Baker from form 3 who defeated Sarah Meehan in the final. The Junior tournament open to forms 1 and 2 had many more competitors with Kellie O'Flynn (form 2) defeating Gemma McRann (form 1) in the final.

Next year the Summer term is very short so any potential tennis players please note that training and trials will be under way very early. Make sure you are ready!

Ms C. Ritchie

SENIOR TENNIS



Back row: Miss C. Ritchie, Genevieve Boyle, Kate Ashe Leonard

Front row: Orla Walsh, Catherine Hilliard, Julie Mc Rann

JUNIOR TENNIS



Back row: Miss C. Ritchie, Jessica Bell Fahy, Claudine Murphy, Sarah Meehan

Front row: Joanna Burke, Averil Blakely, Isabel Baker, Aisling Hughes.

MINOR A TENNIS



Back row: Jennifer Moore, Sabina Kerr, Miss C. Ritchie
Front row: Suzanne Tallon, Karen Meade

MINOR B TENNIS



Back row: Mrs T. Jones, Emma Laing, Aoife Green, Suzanne Burke
Front row: Lorna O'Rourke, Rebecca Tadros, Karen Sutton

Senior 1st Girls Cricket



Back row: Nikki Daly, Nikki Gregory, Megan Leonard-Kane, Ciara Nugent, Mrs G. Mellon
Front row: Christine Boyle, Rebecca Rolfe, Suzanne Cairns, Rachel McSharry, Amy Kenealy.

Amy's 62 n.o. a Personal Best

Junior Cricket team go all the way to the semi-finals

This year's Junior cricket team was a mixture of fourth and third years and also some second years. It consisted of beginners and people who knew the sport well.

Our first league match was against Mt. Anville B's where Amy Kenealy scored 62 not out, a personal best for her, which led to us winning. Our next match was against King's hospital, which was very close but luckily we won. We also played Alex and beat them, which meant that we were in the semi-finals against Mt. Anville A's.

Unfortunately our batting was not strong enough and we lost.

On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mrs. Mellon for coaching us and organising our matches, and I would like to thank Suzanne and Rachel for scoring.

Rebecca Rolfe

Mr. Clarke inspires Novice Cricketers

Brilliant display against Wesley highlight of season for first years

The cricket team played three matches of the league. We enjoyed all our matches and we played very well considering that only three of us had played cricket before. Our first match was home against King's Hospital, which, sadly we lost. We had lots of fun and played our best. Then we played a brilliant match against Wesley, which we won. The next match was against Muckross and we lost that too so we were out of the league. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Clarke who coached us so well and inspired us in the game of cricket.

Karen Meade (Capt.)

Pictured right:

Back row: Claire Nelson, Diana Donnelly, Kirsten McCann, Katy Jane Barry, Katie Marconi, Claire Fergus

Front row: Anne-Marie Jordan, Leanne Farrel, Karen Meade (Capt.), Elizabeth Stewart, Sabina Kerr, Mr J. Clarke.

Senior 2nd Girls Cricket



Back row: Christine Boyle, Gill McMurray, Catherine Alexander, Claudine Murphy, Katie Hamilton, Kim Elliott, Mrs G. Mellon

Front row: Rebecca Rolfe, Nikki Daly, Megan Leonard-Kane, Ciara O'Toole, Karen Douglas, Catherine Hilliard, Amy Kenealy

Junior Girls Cricket



Back row: Claire Fry, Nikki Gregory, Vicki Collins, Julie McRann, Megan Leonard-Kane, Mrs G. Mellon

Front row: Ruth Jones, Christine Boyle, Rebecca Rolfe (Capt.), Amy Kenealy, Nikki Daly.

Absent: Miriam McSharry.

First Year Girls Cricket



Egg Chasers Lend Hand

This season has proved to be an incredibly unique one for The High School football team. We started off very slowly and found ourselves losing to somewhat inferior opponents such as Rockbrook and St. Killians by narrow margins. Following this, a heavy defeat by the rampant and resurgent Rathmines left the league campaign looking bleak, but the cool, calm and collected Mr. P was left thanking his stars that out from behind the bike sheds emerged two young starlets by the names of Simon Jewell and Michael Staines. Jeweller forged the unstoppable partnership with Alex O'Connell up front to the envy of our rival opponents and many a premiership scout. Needless to say, Jeweller was delighted with his contribution, getting two goals for the Bs and a handsome number of tap-ins to his name. This new blood, coupled with the continentally styled Aindreas and the hit and hope Noel Geraghty, meant we were ready to take on the league.

Our first league match was against

Rockbrook. Without the inspirational midfield maestro and captain fantastic Jer Lloyd controlling the midfield, and with our goalie Donald in top form taking the man of the match gong, we found ourselves 4-0 down at half-time. Despite a roaring performance in the second-half we left ourselves with too much to do and eventually lost 4-3.

Next up were St. Joseph's of Cabra and without Jer again, it was left up to Alex to get the team back on track which he did with a roaring three goal performance in a 4-2 victory. We returned to the turf of Rockbrook soon after and after a disappointing 0-0 draw, Mr. P knew drastic measures were to be made with the injured Jer still unavailable. In came the answer, egg chasers! The likes of Dan, Franner, Morrissey, Thompson and Rossco were brought in to add a new dimension to our team. The response was instantaneous with a fantastic 3-1 win over Belvedere.

Two draws against Castleknock later left us in a must win situation against the much fancied Belvedere.

We produced our best performance of the season and with Jer and Alex in inspired form, we ran in a convincing 6-3 victory.

Finally we had a supposed walk-in-the-park match against the pointless St. Joseph's needing only a draw to progress to the final. We produced our worst performance of the season and left with a deserved 3-2 defeat. This left us in third position in the league with nothing left to play for, a disappointing end to an exciting season.

At least the B's had a successful year. In a five game series against St. Killian's, they produced some resounding (and comical) performances and took the spudders league by storm winning three, drawing one and losing the other.

On behalf of the team I'd like to give a special thanks to Mr. P for organising everything for us and having a laugh along the way. I would also like to thank our driver Tommy who made even the shortest journeys last a lifetime!

Jeremy Lloyd & Alex O'Connell

Soccer Team



Back Row: Adam Tallon, Daniel O'Byrne, Aindreas Gilmore, John Gillen, Michael Staines, Eoin Morrissey, Daryl Hoy, Alan Browne, Stephen Kohlmann

Middle Row: Clive Lew, Brian Pemberton, David Thompson, Alex O'Connell, Jeremy Lloyd, Simon Jewell, Francis Cooney, Brian Mellon, Noel Geraghty

Front Row: Tom Quinn, Brian Sargeant, George Misstear, Simon Goldsmith

Athletics/Cross Country

Unluckiest team in Leinster...

...was what we, the High School cross-country team, were proudly crowned this season. How did we reach this incredible distinction? Well, all the credit has to go to me, as the cursed, hard-working team captain (who just happens to live in house No.13). The legend began with the Leinster League.

Strong early performances placed us second in Leinster, but by the end of the season, we got kicked into fourth by some bogger schools who had run all the easy races out in the sticks. Notable high points include Owen Wardell coming third in one intermediate race, and consistently strong performances by Colm Dowds. Notable low points include me getting confused by my 24 hour watch and missing the start of a race (told you I deserved the credit – there's a blond person inside me waiting to get out). Our top finisher in the league, Owen was (you guessed it) fourth.

Eager to continue this incredible streak of luck,

we entered the Leinster Relays. A strong team performance, anchored by a tremendous effort by Gavin Coleman, put us... yup, fourth, out of 25-30 quality teams. That's when we got the honour of being "Unluckiest team in Leinster". Well, at least they gave us chocolate, but we had to share it with the girls who had missed their race by three hours (pfft, women).

But we weren't finished yet. Oh no. We got straight into training for the East Leinsters in February. No mirror was left unbroken, no ladder unwalked-under, no black cat avoided, in our quest to become the Unluckiest Team in the Universe. Would we succeed?



Mr. Clarke looks on in amazement as Jamie Bonney takes off in the Sports Day Long Jump competition

SPORTS DAY GIRLS EVENTS...SPORTS DAY GIRLS EVENTS

U14 500m

1. Robyn Fitzpatrick
2. Jessie Elliott
3. Una Ní hÉigartaigh

U15 500m

1. Kellie O'Flynn
2. Holly Warren
3. Amy Coghlan

BELGRAVE CUP Senior Girls 200m

1. Sharon Johnson
2. Rachel McSharry
3. Miriam McSharry

U14 100m Final

1. Robyn Fitzpatrick
2. Gemma McRann
3. Suzanne McCoy

U15 100m Final

1. Holly Warren
2. Lauren Turner
3. Denise Fagan

100m Senior Girls

1. Maeve Willoughby
2. Katie Smith
3. Rachel McSharry

U17 1000m

1. Sharon Johnson
2. Maeve Willoughby

3. Rachel McSharry

U14 1000m

1. Robyn Fitzpatrick
2. Una Ní hÉigartaigh
3. Denise Fagan

U14 Long Jump

1. Robyn Fitzpatrick
- Distance: 3.28 m
2. Jennifer Moore
3. Jessie Elliott

U15 Long Jump

1. Holly Warren
- Distance: 3.53 m
2. Amy Kenealy

3. Aoife Greene

U17 Long Jump

1. Maeve Willoughby
- Distance: 3.52 m
2. Ruth Rosengrave
3. Sharon Johnson

U15 High Jump

1. Holly Warren
2. Katie Smith
3. Amy Coghlan, Amy Kenealy (Joint third)

Senior High Jump

1. Jenny Kane
2. Rebecca Rolfe

3. Sharon Johnson

U15 Shot

1. Holly Warren
2. Amy Kenealy
3. Una Ní hÉigartaigh

Senior Girls Shot

1. Sarah Walsh
2. Rebecca Rolfe
3. Sharon Johnson

U14 High Jump

1. Lauren Turner
- Height: 1.10 m
2. Karen Meade
3. Robyn Fitzpatrick

With me as captain, what do you think? Of course!

We came... fourth, in the highest quality East Leinster Championship in living memory. It was ridiculous, the top ten were nearly all junior internationals of some description. We did well to get two runners in the top twenty. Owen Wardell was again particularly impressive, finishing 19th against athletes three years older than him. Naturally, the talented Sharon Johnson made us all look like schmucks by not only qualifying as an individual, but making it all the way to the All-Irelands (where she finished an incredible 14th).

Although some hung up their spikes at this point, two of us, myself and Owen, felt a patriotic duty to continue this black streak. So, we entered the All-Ireland Schools Mountain Racing Championship on a cold, windy day. In the senior race, I used my natural talent (i.e. being short) to good effect. I got behind a

Tennyson Egar launches the shot putt looked on by Jamie Bonney and Adam Argue



lanky junior international, used him as a windbreaker, and coasted home in the Unluckiest Position Ever, eleventh (top ten made the Irish Squad). Owen ruined the streak with a staggering performance in his first ever mountain race, coming 9th intermediate. Naturally we hope to see

him do well on the international stage, now that he's on the Irish squad. And naturally I'm not in the least bit jealous. Naturally.

To finish, I'd like to wish the incoming senior team good luck, although I don't know how they could measure up to the great Us. On behalf of the team I

want to thank Mr Irwin for all his organisational work, and particularly Mr. Toomey for all the time he took training us, and for making my three years of running a tremendous experience. Oh and thanks Tommy for driving the bus.

Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

SPORTS DAY BOYS EVENTS...SPORTS DAY BOYS EVENTS

CORNICK CUP 400m Senior

1. Mark Kelly
2. Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh
3. Gavin Coleman

U17 400m

1. John McDermott
2. Owen Wardell
3. Robert Wilson

U14 500m

1. John Kilbey
2. Jonathan Sargeant
3. Nigel Kinlan

U15 500m

1. Manus Cronin
2. Andrew Lohan
3. Eddie Flaherty

MOORE CUP 200m Senior Boys

1. Matthew D'Arcy
2. Leon Fernandez
3. John McDermott

U14 100m

1. John Kilbey
2. Nigel Kinlen
3. Tom Meredith

MAGILL CUP U15 100m

1. Manus Cronin
2. Eddie Flaherty
3. Cillian Suiter

SOUTHAM CUP 800m Senior Boys

1. Brendan Phelan
2. Gavin Coleman
3. Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh

U17 1000m

1. Owen Wardell
2. Matthew D'Arcy
3. Steven Duggan

U14 100m

1. Jonathan Sargeant
2. Nigel Kinlan
3. Tom Meredith

U14 Long Jump

1. Kyle Gleeson (3.79m)

2. Max Prendergast
3. Iain Cobban

U15 Long Jump

1. Rory Forsythe (4.28m)
2. Sam Cogan
3. Cillian Suiter

SLOAN CUP Senior Boys Long Jump

1. Ben Leonard Kane
2. Steven Duggan
3. Martin Anglim

TRAVERS CUP Senior Boys High Jump

1. Owen Wardell
2. Robert Tierney
3. Niall McDarby

U15 High Jump

1. Shane Hennessy (1.42m)
2. Manus Cronin
3. Rory Forsythe

U14 High Jump

1. Kyle Gleeson
2. Andrew Stevenson, John Kilbey, Sean Nicholson

3. Tom Meredith

Senior Shot

1. Tennyson Egar
2. Eoghan O'Reilly
3. Steven Duggan

U17 Shot

1. Steven Duggan
2. Shane Prunty
3. Jamie McDonald

U15 Shot

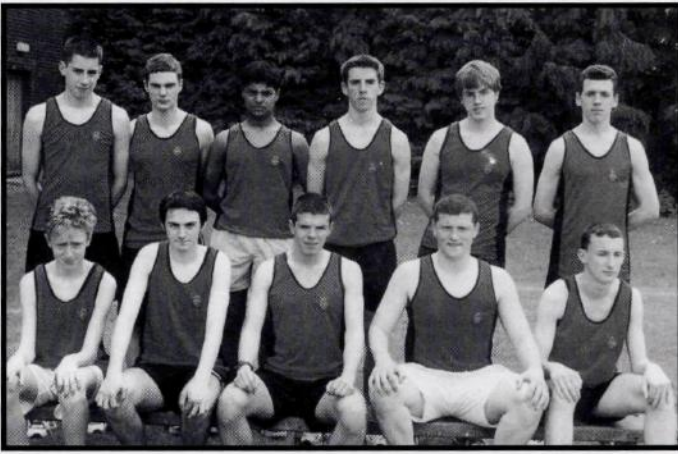
1. Rory Forsythe (10.6m)
2. Cillian Suiter
3. Sam Cogan

WALKER CUP 1500m Senior Boys

1. Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh
2. Owen Wardell
3. Gavin Coleman

Senior Boys Javelin

1. Tennyson Egar
2. Eoin Tippins
3. Alan Duggan

Senior Boys Athletics

Back row: John Kilbey, Colm Dowds, Sudha Rao, John McDermot, Howard Thom, Robert Wilson
Front Row: Al Grogan, Gavin Coleman, Sean Ó hÉigearthaigh, Pat Anglim, Daryl Hoy

ALL-ROUND TROPHIES

War Memorial Cup: Sean Ó hÉigearthaigh
Whyte Cup: Tennyson Egar
Cunningham Cup: Manus Cronin
Taylor Cup: Sharon Johnson
Diocesan Staff Cup: Holly Warren

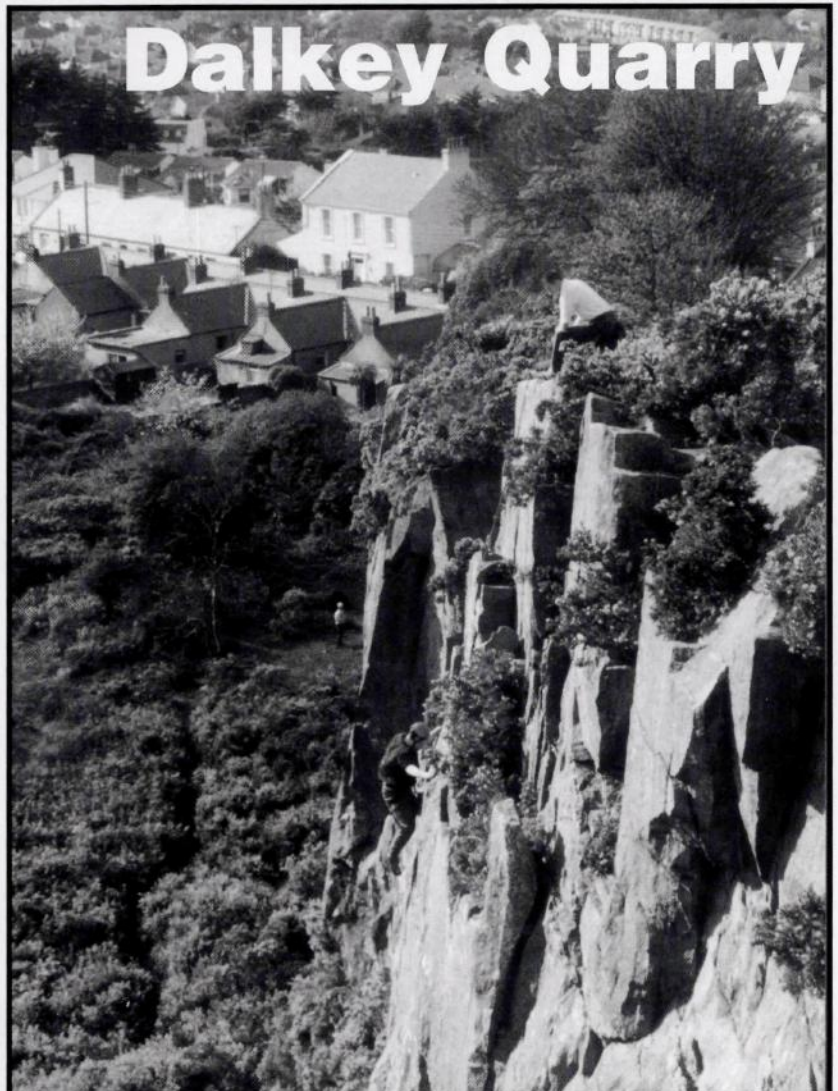
Junior Girls Athletics

Backrow: Amy Kenealy, Amy Coughlan
Front row: Una Ní hÉigearthaigh, Holly Warren, Katie Smith, Kellie O'Flynn

Robyn Fitzpatrick and Andrew Lohan both finished in the top ten in their respective U14 competitions in the East Leinster Championships and so qualified for the Leinster Finals in Tinryland, Co. Carlow. In the finals both ran strong races to finish just outside the top twenty in very competitive and testing conditions – very creditable performances for two newcomers to the sport.

We have been lucky enough to enjoy some excellent climbing weather in Dalkey Quarry on Fridays after school in the Summer term. There are some promising newcomers in the pipeline who are being encouraged by the teacher instructors, Mr Cryan and Mr Blackmore, and by the past-pupil instructors, Darragh Curran, Donal O'Shea and Bruce Cooper and our present-pupil instructor Conor O'Shea. We are deeply indebted to the past-pupils for making it possible for everyone who wants to have a try at this insane sport to do so with the maximum degree of safety and skilful direction.

Mr. I. Blackmore

Rock Climbing

When did you attend High School?

I attended The High School from September 1995 until June 1998.

Did you have any favorite teachers?

I liked most of my teachers, I got along with all of them. They understood that I was an athlete and they tried to support me. I even had teachers such as **Mrs. McCartney** who used to hang my pictures up beside the black board. I could not say that I liked one teacher more than another, as that would be unfair.

How did you get into Athletics?

I started athletics at the age of eight. I saw that I had a talent for distance running and so I joined the local athletics club with my friends. The coach saw that I had potential and before long I was racing in the under 10 races because there was no under 9's.

Did you ever run for a club?

Yes, soon after I began racing I joined the club that my coach belonged to. That was **West Dublin**. Some years after my coach left West Dublin and founded **Tallaght Athletic Club**, I obviously followed him to the new club.

What attracted you to athletics?

There are many things that attracted me to athletics. The most obvious is that it is a sport that is fair. There are no judges or referees

that can cheat you out of winning. The first person to the line wins, it's as simple as that. Also if you become the best in the world at running, then you really are the best. I believe that anyone who has the potential to run has at least tried to run, if they failed then that is ok, but they tried. In contrast if you are the best in

Snowboarding for example it is fine, but you cannot say that everyone has tried that sport.

Did you always want to be an athlete?

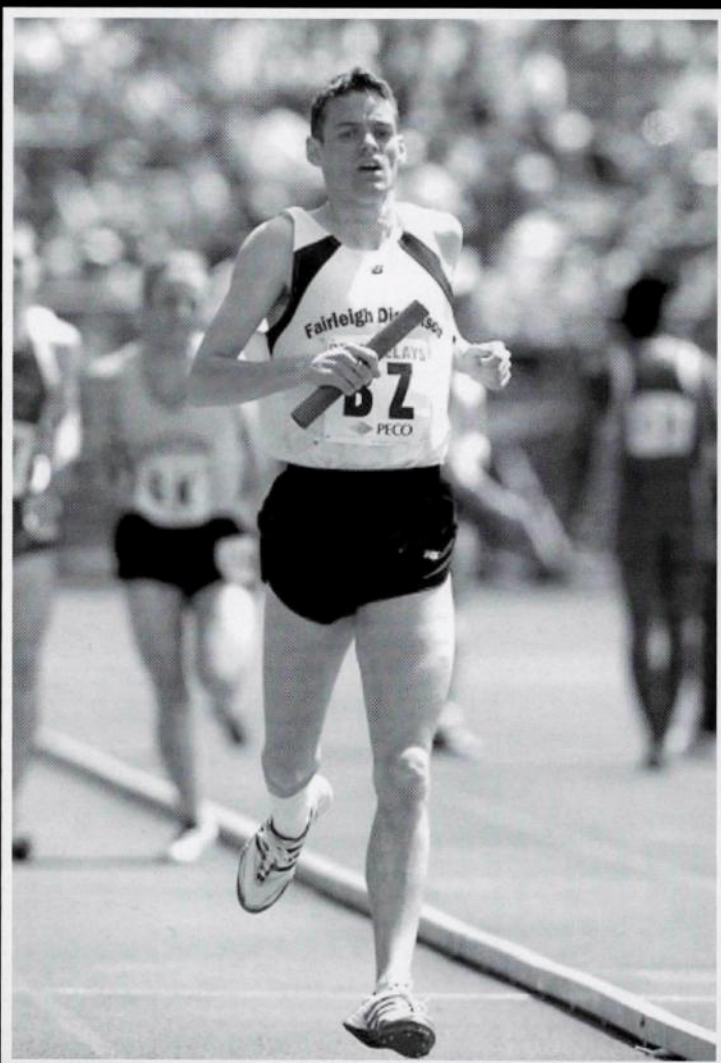
Yes, ever since I was a little boy I wanted to be a runner. I used to watch the Olympics with my father and tell him that one day I will run like those guys.

How did you find life at High School?

Life at The High School was great for me. I made so many friends that are still very close friends of mine up to now. My friends were all very supportive of me and some of them even joined the athletics team. On the academic side of the school I was also very satisfied. I worked hard in class

AIDAN WALSH

Heading for Stardom



Aidan talks to Sudha Rao about his time in The High School and his hopes for the future in Athletics

and tried to do my best. On graduating from The High School the hard work paid off as I found the adjustment to University very easy.

What achievements did you receive during your years at High School?

I do not remember all my achievements while being a student at The High School, but I do remember the highlights. During my time I won at least ten East Leinster and Leinster titles. I won one national title in the Steeplechase, and finished second in the national championships in the 1500m. I set one national record in the steeplechase. I was selected to compete for Ireland at the F.I.S.E.C Games in Malta, where I finished first in the 1500 metres and first in the Steeplechase. I was also a member of the 4 x 400 metres relay team that finished second.

How did you receive a scholarship to the U.S.?

I was approached by many athletic scouts when I was a student in Ireland. They ranged from colleges in Ireland to Universities in the United States. I had narrowed my decision down to three Universities in the U.S and eventually decided on **Fairleigh Dickinson University**.

How often do you train, do you have to have a special diet?

I train twice a day, seven days a week. My diet is not dictat-

ed by anyone, but rather I choose what to eat, and what I feel is good for me. Due to the fact that I live with four Kenyan runners, I normally eat their food. We have a very balanced diet. We eat Ugali (which is made from corn meal), spinach, collard greens, and beef every single day. Also we add things like potatoes, rice, and pasta. We don't drink carbonated drinks, just juice, water, and milk. We drink a lot of tea as well, for anyone who does not know Kenyans love to drink tea.

What were your first impressions of Fairleigh Dickinson?

When I first came to Fairleigh Dickinson University I was amazed. I couldn't believe the facilities. The university has a 200 metre indoor track with a seating for over six thousand people. I also couldn't get around the idea that I had three physiotherapists at my disposal seven days a week. The University has a clinic where athletes go to be treated. All the most advanced equipment was there for our use. I also could not get over how advanced the University was. The computer labs had hundreds of computers and they were all the latest computers. There were so many things that I liked about the University that I could not even mention, but to sum it up, I was very impressed.

Do you train full time or are you doing a degree as well?

As a University student I am considered an amateur athlete. I do train twice per day but I am not a full time athlete, I am considered a student athlete.

Was it hard to leave home?

Leaving home was very hard. I had just turned eighteen a few days before my departure and I did not

have any friends in New Jersey. The only person that I knew was the coach. I knew that leaving my family and friends was going to be difficult, but it was a decision that I had to make. Some people stay at home because they think that it is too hard, but I knew that no matter how hard it was going to be, I was following my dreams.

Did you find it very competitive when you first arrived in the U.S.?

Yes, it was unbelievable. When I left Ireland I had

models growing up?

Yes, growing up my favorite athletes were **Wilson Kipketer** of Kenya, **Haile Gebresalisi** of Ethiopia, and **Paul Tergat** from Kenya. One of the reasons that I came to the Fairleigh Dickinson University was because I knew that Paul Tergat's brother was coming in at the same time as me and that we would be training partners. Since then I have met Haile Gebresalisi a few times, and Paul Tergat is taking over my coaching as of May this year.

PERSONAL BESTS

1500 m	=	3 minutes 47 seconds
Mile	=	4 minutes 4 seconds
800 m	=	1 minute, 50 seconds
400 m	=	50 seconds
3000 m	=	8 minutes 20 seconds

not been beaten for a whole season, there were not many people in the country who could beat me and so I thought that I was very strong. When I arrived in America I learned that there were also people with the same dreams as me. There were athletes from England, Australia, Kenya, Sweden, Tanzania, and so on. The best student athletes from around the world had come to run for the American colleges. I found myself a small fish in a very big pond.

Are there any other Irish athletes training with you over there?

In my university the whole distance team consists of six Kenyans and me. The only other Irish guy is a friend of mine who plays on the golf team. There are about five or six guys from home in other universities nearby, but we don't train together often.

Did you have any role

What do you plan to do when you graduate?

When I graduate I plan to turn professional. As I said before Paul Tergat is going to coach me and I am going to train for the 1500 m and the Mile on the track.

Will you be representing Ireland or the United States in International competitions?

I will always run for Ireland. Some guys change their citizenship and run for the country where they live, but that is a matter of choice. For me I could never be anything other than Irish, and so I will always run for Ireland.

How often do you get to visit home?

I go home twice per year. Once for Christmas and once during Summer Holidays.

What is your opinion of the rumours of drugs in athletics (Nandrolone etc). Does it damage the

reputations of athletes such as yourself? Have you ever been tested at races?

As an NCAA athlete I am subject to random drug tests at any time whether I am racing or not. My opinion on drugs is that they are a disgrace. I feel that they ruin any sport and they ruin people in general. I feel that in athletics no one should have an advantage and so if someone is found to have taken drugs to enhance their performance then they should be banned from athletics for life.

What would you say to any student in High School today interested in athletics?

To any student in The High School who is interested in athletics I always encourage them to join a local club. **Mr. Toomey** is a great coach but he is not available seven days a week to supervise your training. If you want to be an athlete you should train with the school team on the scheduled days, and train with your club on the other days. That's what I did. Also I would tell them to work very hard. I believe that this aspect of life is very simple, "you get what you deserve". If you train hard, and put in the time and effort, then you deserve to do well, and more than likely you will. This principle applies to life in general. If you work hard in school you will get the good grades that you deserve, and so on.

Also I would tell any student to think of how far sport can take you. For me athletics has taken me very far and it continues to help me. Due to athletics I came to the United States and was given a scholarship worth \$37,000 per year for four years. Is that in itself not worth some hard work?

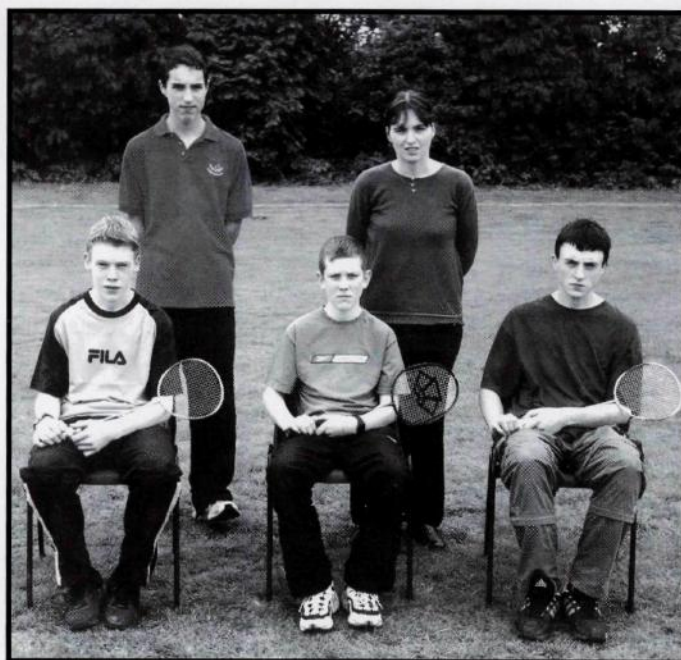
*In an interview with
Sudha Rao*

U14A Boys



Back Row: Scott O'Malley, Mrs. Toolan
Front Row: Jonathan Browne, Rowan Stokes, Simon Burgess

U16 Boys



Back Row: Jeff Warren, Ms. K. Hennessy
Front Row: Liam O'Reilly, Nicholas Gordon, Gregor McGuckin

BADMINTON

There was a wonderful turnout this year. It was great to see so many first years participating in a new sport. This year we had five junior teams and one senior team. Therefore we were extremely busy.

The Under 14 'B's of Lauren Turner, Jenni Weekes, Amy Ward and Aicha Aboudinar had some really close matches against Our Lady's Templeogue and Sancta Maria Ballyroan, Rathfarnham.

This year the sport proved more popular than ever with increased participation by pupils

The Under 14 'C' and 'D' teams, particularly Nicola Canton, Jessie Elliott and Alex Carey, made great improvements to their game this year. Despite some mix-ups during matches the Under 16s did quite well. For example Nicholas Jordon has an almost unbeaten singles record.

Looking forward to new members joining next year.
 Ms. K. Hennessy

U14B GIRLS



Back Row: Lauren Turner, Ms. K Hennessy
Front Row: Aoife Green, Freda O'Donnell, Aicha Aboudinar

U14C & D GIRLS



Back Row: Mrs. Toolan, Deirdre McClean, Emma Laing, Lynsay McFarland
Front Row: Nicola Canton, Alex Carey, Kate Lyons

Oldest Hockey School Making Progress

A large number of primary schools are playing hockey these days and a large number of first year pupils have very good basic skills.

Boys hockey continues to make reasonable progress in High School. The emphasis is on the development of skills and participation. The sport is now played at all four schoolboy levels and the teams compete in the Leinster Schools League. High School is the oldest hockey playing school in the country. The first schools match was played between High School and the King's Hospital in 1895.

A large number of primary schools are playing hockey these days and a large number of first year pupils have very good basic skills. As Hockey is an optional sport at this level a large percentage of players do not continue playing due to other demands or attractions. This is a pity as High School could produce a number of

teams at under 13 level with players of good ability and continue the work done at primary level.

Mr. Wilkinson coached this year's under 13 team. They played a number of fixtures both friendly and league matches and competed in the Under 13 cup.

The team was unlucky to lose to St. Columba's College in extra time in the cup quarterfinal. The League games went well and the players, although not qualifying for the league finals played very well and made good progress.

The Under 14 Boys team had a small core of players to work from yet, they made good progress under the guidance of Stuart Mellon. The team has some very good players in Michael Willoughby and Luke McSharry whilst

Darragh Walsh is a very capable goalkeeper. This team will improve if they can play more competitive fixtures and avoid fixture clashes.

The JCT team lost a few key players this year for one reason or another and thus relied upon some of the younger players to play against older players. The team reached the Cup quarter-final where they were beaten by a strong Sandford side.

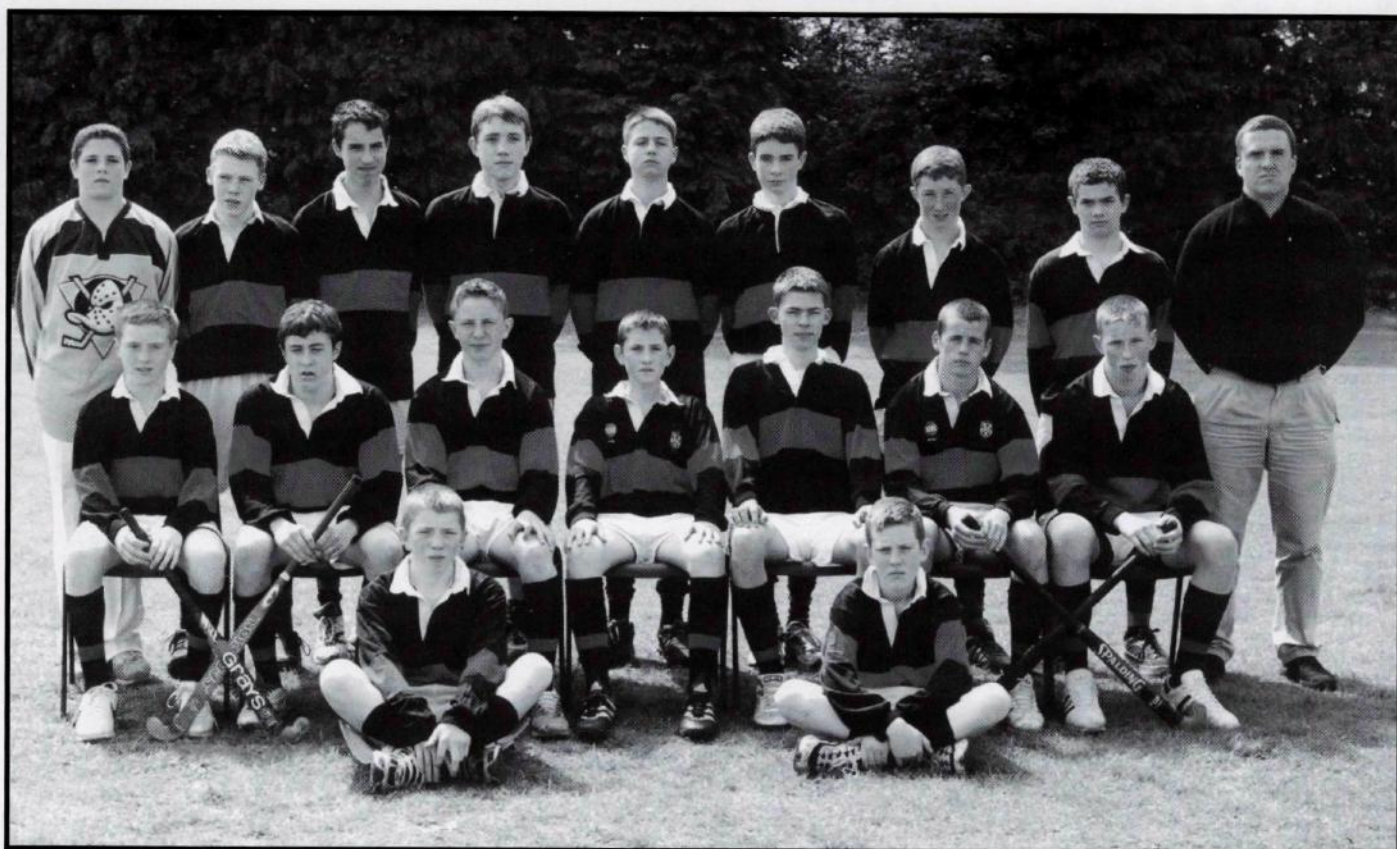
Shane Sargeant had the distinction of scoring a hat-trick against Wilson's Hospital in the Cup 2nd round. Ross Johnson showed very good ability as a goalkeeper all season while young players such as Jonathan Somerville, Michael Sexton, and Peter May have all made good progress as hockey players.

SCT Boys Hockey



Back row: Mr. D. Miller, Rory Cramp, William Mitchell, Donald Gray, Aindreas Gilmore, Clive Lew, Niall McDarby, Andrew Grimason

Front row: Glenn McNeill, Scott McNeill, Brian Sergeant, Brian Mellon (Capt.), Jonny Somerville, Ralph Prendergast, Davy Holmes

JCT Boys Hockey

Back row: Ross Johnson, Liam Reidy, Jeff Warren, Craig Rankin, Peter May, Michael Sexton, Shane Sergeant, Daniel King, Mr D. Miller

Front row: Michael Willoughby, Scott McNeill, Brian Sergeant, Jonny Somerville, William Mitchell (Capt.), Niall McDarby, Luke Mc Sharry

Seated: Michael Blackwell, Nicholas Gordon

In regard to the Senior side they played a number of friendlies and took part in the Senior League. Unfortunately, they did not qualify for the league finals as they were beaten by strong teams from St. Killians and Wesley College. In the Senior Cup they showed a lot of character to force extra time against Sutton Park. With the match still undecided after extra-time the players had to take penalty flicks. Unfortunately, luck was not with High School as they lost by the odd goal in four. However, the team has played some very attractive, attacking hockey. In players such as Aindreas Gilmore, Ralph Prendergast and Davy Holmes there is a lot of potential. This team was captained by Brian Mellon, one of the best (and most under-rated players) in Leinster. The school's final match was against Midleton College, which has become an annual fixture for us. The team was able to beat this team by the odd goal in three and all had a very enjoyable day. Many of our players have gone on to play for club sides, with Brian Mellon and Donald Gray playing for Three Rock Rovers while

Brian Sargeant plays for Corinthians and Aindreas Gilmore is involved with D.C.U.

His presence around the training pitch and his enthusiasm for the game will be sadly missed.

(Andrew McKay 1972 - 2002)

High School is a school of tradition, but some traditions need help to improve or they will be lost. Players of minority sports need to be catered for, as they are important in the school environment. They have a right to be regarded as being important members of an all-embracing sporting curriculum.

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of Mr. Andrew McKay during the holidays. Despite having only being in High School a short time he had worked hard and enthusiastically at developing Boys Hockey here. He coached at Senior and Minor levels before he went absent on sick

leave.

His presence around the training pitch and his enthusiasm for the game will be sadly missed.

Douglas Miller

Under 13 Boys Hockey

The first match for U13's was against a strong St. Killians team. Within twenty minutes we were one goal up after a counter attack by Johnny Sargeant who passed to Patrick O'Connor who scored after a one-on-one against the keeper. But they fought back for a draw after scoring from a short corner which left Iain Cobban for dead.

Our second match was against a better team, St. Columba's. The score at the end was 1-2 but it could have been a lot worse except for the defensive skills of Mark McNulty, Shane Gould and Sean Nicholson.

The third game was a friendly match against the Minor B's. It was a fun game in which we won comfortably by 6-0. Patrick O'Connor scored a hat-trick and David Lusby had a great game on the wing. The man of the match was Robbie Bannister who

scored with a deflected shot.

The match we most enjoyed was against St. Andrew's which we won by 4-0. Two goals were scored by Johnny Sargeant and one by Alan Cairns. The man of the match was Max Prendergast who ran for the whole fifty minutes.

Our cup match was against St. Columba's in which we went one up after just a few minutes but half way through the second-half they caught us off our guard making the score 1-1.

Patrick O'Connor

U13 Boys Hockey



Back row: Mr I. Wilkinson, David Lusby, Robbie Bannister, Sam Horgan, Jamie Wright, Jack Mays, Mark McNulty, Killian Rogan, Jonathan Sergeant

Front row: Iain Cobban, Eoin O'Leary, Alan Cairns, Patrick O'Connor, Sean Nicholson, Shane Gould, Sean O'Donohoe

U14 Boys Hockey



Back row: Mr D. Miller, Chris Blair, Karl Browne, Shane Sargeant, Nicholas Gordon, Michael Willoughby.

Front row: Scott McNeill, Michael Blackwell, Luke McSharry (Capt.), Jonathan Somerville, Liam Reidy, Daragh Walsh

Player Profile/Brian Mellon



Brian Mellon (on the right) in action for The High School

Simply the Best

In all the years that I have been involved in High School hockey I do not think that I have come across a player as talented as Brian Mellon. We have had players represent Leinster at Under 16 and Under 18 levels and it is one of the great injustices of this world that Brian never got that chance.

I suppose Brian had a hockey pedigree like the rest of his family, his dad had played for Ireland and his Mum was the Girl's hockey coach in High School. I remember his older brother Stuart arriving in High School to play matches and Brian still in primary school would arrive with a stick and ball to watch. He never watched for long as he took off to practice himself on the back pitch.

When he arrived in High School it was obvious that this shy, quiet player had a lot of potential. He had played with Three Rock Rovers Colts and was soon playing for our minors and juniors. Even at a young age Brian had tremendous skills. He

could hit a ball hard and flat and had the ability to ghost around players and either create chances or score himself.

If there was an exam in hockey Brian would have achieved an A grade with the least amount of revision.

Brian was to be found on the Hockey pitch whenever he had a free moment - if there was an exam in hockey Brian would have achieved an A grade with the least amount of revision.

Despite playing for High school, a small school in hockey terms, Brian was instantly recognizable with his excellent skills and shock of red hair. Many other schools players in Leinster knew him as the skilful guy with red hair.

When Brian played for our Senior

team three years ago he joined up with a his older brother Stuart and together they formed a very combative partnership that was a pleasure to behold as they played some lovely attacking hockey.

These two boys trained hard and have put a lot back into the game. Stuart now works in High School as a coach of the Boys Minor teams whilst Brian is often found helping his Mum coach the girl's teams.

Without reservation, Brian Mellon is a true sportsman and has won our hockey player of the year on two occasions, the only player to do so and was captain of the SCT. He has a great attitude towards the sport that he plays so well. I feel annoyed that he did not make representative level, but that chance can, and I believe will, still come to him.

Brian Mellon is the best player that I have had the privilege of coaching in High School, and as he leaves HSD, our teams and our school will not be the same without him.

Mr. D. Miller

I feel annoyed that he did not make representative level

BASKETBALL STAR

I started playing basketball at the age of five in a club called Meteors. When I was eleven I was selected for an U12 mixed Irish Team to play in a tournament in Italy. I spent a week in San Remo where many Countries participated and I thoroughly enjoyed it. That same year I travelled to England representing Dublin in a mixed tournament. We played against teams from England, Scotland and Wales and were overall winners.

My Mum and Dad are both coaches. My Dad coaches at International level while my Mum has been coaching for many years and is currently coaching the U14 team in Meteors. I play for Meteors U13 and U14 teams. Our U13's won the league and Championship this year and have been unbeaten for two years. Our U14's played extremely well this year with three players being selected for the Dublin Team and one who is currently on the Irish Team.

In February this year I was selected for the Dublin Team. Having trained hard for three months we played in the U15 All-Ireland Championship in May. We won all our matches to reach the final where we beat Kerry convincingly 67-11. At this tournament the U15 Irish Panel were chosen. As I was a year too young I could not be considered for this team. Next year I will be eligible so I will have to train very hard to get selected.

Pictured right: Julie Kavanagh with her mother, Kate, coach to HSD.



Senior Girls

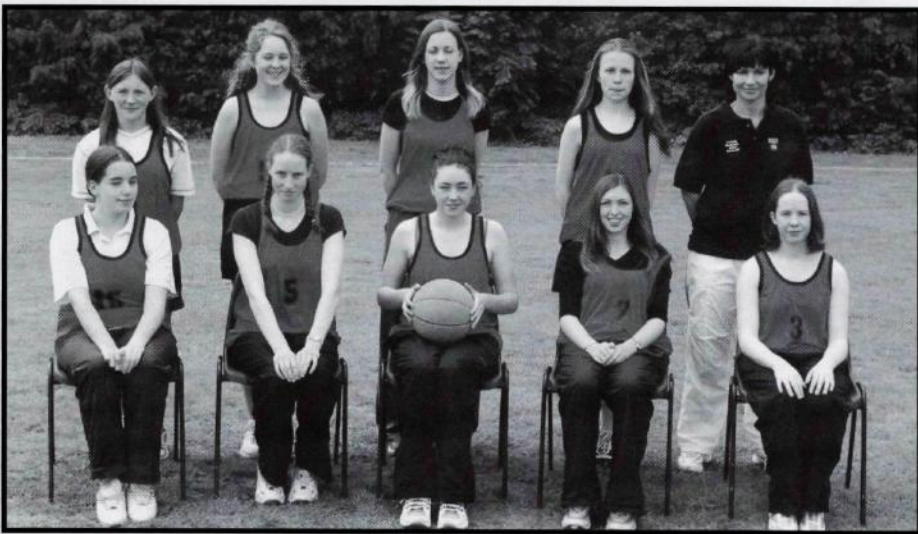


Back Row: Kate Kavanagh (Coach), Nuala Sheehy, Annette Boles, Rebecca Massey, Jennie Carr

Front Row: Holly Brennan, Ria Czerniak-Lebov, Natalie Brandsma (Capt.), Victoria Gray

Absent from Photo: Mandy Lowe, Niamh Sheehan-Hammond

Cadette Girls



Back Row: Ashling Hughes, Kiva Murphy, Zoe Allott, Rebecca Murray, Kate Kavanagh (Coach)

Front Row: Joanna Corbett, Anna O'Hare, Jennie Carr (Capt.), Sarah Reynolds, Louise Duggan

Absent from Photo: Cathy Jones, Julie-Anne Tector, Lorelle Brownlee, Martha McDermott

Junior Girls



SENIOR GIRLS Improving

GREAT EFFORT IN TRAINING PAYS OFF

The Seniors had a difficult season on court as many of the opposing teams had been playing together for a few years. Despite this there was great improvement along the way with a great effort put in at training. The girls always kept their spirits up and I wish the best of luck to the sixth year girls in the future. Keep playing!

Kate Kavanagh (Coach)

CADETTE GIRLS Give Thumbs Up to New Coach

NEW SEASON IS EAGERLY AWAITED

This year the Girls Basketball Teams got a new coach, Kate Kavanagh. We entered a league at the start of the year and played many matches, some of which were played against Scoil Caitriona, Ashbourne, King's Hospital, St. Mary's and Ballinteer. We narrowly lost our league match against Colaiste Mhuire by two baskets. We enjoyed playing friendly matches against Stratford College, Columba's and Killinarden.

On behalf of the Cadette team, I'd like to thank Kate for the encouraging training and for organising all of the matches. We look forward to the season next year.

Jennie Carr 4W (Capt.)

Junior Team

Back Row: Sarah Clarke, Nicole Kirby, Sinead Frizzelle, Alexandra Wilson, Aoife Green, Chloe Stacey, Holly Warren

Front Row: Kate Kavanagh (Coach), Julie Kavanagh, Caitriona Ryan, Ruth Roseingrave (Capt.), Amy Coghlan, Una Ni hEigeartaigh

JUNIOR GIRLS Future is Very Bright

TOURNAMENT WIN &
LEAGUE FINAL APPEARANCE
CAP A BRILLIANT SEASON

The Junior team had a very good season winning all their matches and reaching the final of the league. In this match against Holy Child, Sallynoggin the girls fought very well to come from behind but eventually lost out by just one point.

The girls were winners of a tournament held in St. Louis, Rathmines beating the hosts, Presentation Terenure, St. Columba's and Stratford. They also reached the final of the Ballinteer tournament. Well done! Great hopes for next season.

Kate Kavanagh (Coach)

FIRST YEAR GIRLS A Team for the Future

INJURIES SUFFERED IN QUARTER-FINAL DEFEAT TO ANDREWS

The first year Basketball team did splendidly. We played lots of matches and we won lots of them too. We got as far as the quarter-finals in the league. We were beaten by St Andrews (28-16). It was a very tough match and two of our players got injured and had to go off. We were disappointed but pleased to get that far. We played a tournament in St Louis at the end of the term. It was a lot of fun. We got to the finals and we beat St. Louis. We had a great time. Mrs Kavanagh our coach trained us very well and gave us great encouragement and support throughout. We all enjoyed the season and we are looking forward to next year.

Thanks to all.

Karen Meade (Capt.)

Minor Girls



Back Row: Janine Levine, Denise Fagan, Cara Mulcahy, Katie Jane Barry, Caitriona Ryan, Beverley Egar, Sabina Kerr, Niamh Holohan, Kate Kavanagh (Coach)
Front Row: Elizabeth Surgeon, Beth Kelly, Jennifer Murphy, Karen Meade (Capt.), Katherine Kiernan, Suzanne McCoy, Julie Kavanagh
Absent from Photo: Robyn Fitzpatrick

Senior Boys



Back Row: Brian Pemberton, Stephen Power, Robert Byrne, Craig Watson, Adam Brennan, Tim Mills
Front Row: Robert Moore, Chris Lawson, Stephen Rooney, Donal Lawlor, Elliot Leavy, Michael Staines

Junior Boys



Back Row: Ciaran Brennan, Bevan Carr, Jake O'Brien, Billy Parkes, Gus Czerniak, Robert Hunt, Luke Begley, David Laing, Alex Cole-Pidgeon, Ruarc O'Boyle, Daryl Winslow
Front Row: Josh Phunkett, Dylan Murphy, Adam Hurley, Daragh Walsh, Sean O'Gorman, Karl Browne, Jamie Kelleher, Nicky Wynne, David Kelleher

Fear and Beauty in the Gulf of Aquaba

Profile/Aoife Nic Philibín: Scuba Diver



HOW DID YOU START DIVING?

I got a Christmas present of a diving course a couple of years ago.

ARE MANY PEOPLE YOUR AGE INVOLVED IN SCUBA?

Not really, as far as I'm aware, I'm the youngest advanced/rescue diver in Ireland.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THIS SPORT?

It's an activity - not really a sport as such; you see nature at its most amazing, dive sites are usually in spectacular surroundings, the people are lunatics on dry land and you have extraordinary experiences.

FOR EXAMPLE?

Well, a couple of months ago I was in the Sinai. The desert was eery, with mountains of rock shooting up thousands of feet, and you were just waiting for an Old Testament

prophet to appear; the land rover couldn't go any further, so we walked some distance to the shore in our suits, lead weights, tanks, everything. I was just thinking, "how weird is this?", when someone behind me said, "give us a sign O Lord". A couple of minutes later we rounded a cliff at the dive site, and sure enough there was a sign.

WHAT DID IT SAY?

It said: 'In memory of all divers who have perished at this spot'. It was surrounded by plaques with names, including a recent one of two young Irish guys. So we jumped into the water, dived down a tunnel lined with coral and vegetation of fabulous colours and shapes and emerged at a depth of about 25 metres into a lagoon. It was like being in outer space - you were just hanging there surrounded by this beautiful blue colour in a state of rapture. It is reck-

oned that divers are so taken with the beauty that they don't monitor their depth and keep descending till they get narced (nitrogen narcosis) - then it's too late. So in one dive you've got starkness, luxuriance, life, death, rebirth, fear and beauty. You get the picture?

EM, YES, ARE YOU INVOLVED IN OTHER ACTIVITIES?

I ride horses a lot and train with Clondalkin Swimming Club.

AREN'T YOU A MUSICIAN?

Yes, I play the harp.

ARE YOU ANY GOOD?

I'm doing grade seven at the moment.

THANKS FOR THE INTERVIEW.
Cheers. Missing you already.

Boys Cricket



The season was greatly enhanced by the opening of the New Sports Pavilion which is a really first class addition to the school sports facilities.

New Sports Pavilion Opens

The Senior XI returned to the Leinster Schools Senior League and enjoyed matches against St. Andrews College, Wesley College, The Kings Hospital and CUS.

Over the season there were good batting and bowling performances from R. Cramp, A. Gilmore, P. Burns and N. McDarby and excellent fielding from B. Mellon, as well as some very good individual performances from other members of the panel.

The season was greatly enhanced by the opening of the New Sports Pavilion which is a really first class addition to the school sports facilities. On the day of the Official Opening a star-studded team of Old Boys and Old Girls, captained by Derek Dockrell played a team of present day HSD boys and girls – a most enjoyable occasion.

R McM

Senior XI Cricket



Back row: Alan Loane, Aindreas Gilmore, Michael Staines, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Steven Walsh, Simon Jewell, Brian Pemberton, Mr McMullen
Front row: David Thompson, Ross Johnson, Alan Browne, Rory Cramp, Niall McDarby, Brian Mellon, Peter Burns

The JCT squad were a very enthusiastic and committed group of boys who enjoyed their cricket. Everyone of them contributed to the overall performance of the team and they should all be proud of their individual skill improvement which enabled them to perform and compete at this age group.

The season began with a friendly match against Wesley in which the team played well and won the game. The squad realised that if they continued to play well then they had a very good chance of winning their section of the league and advancing to the final. They were drawn against Sandford Park, Terenure College, Castleknock College, Gonzaga and St. Columba's College.

The first four games were comfortably won which included fine individual performances from Niall McDarby (50 not out v Sandford Pk) and Ross Johnson (Hat-trick of wickets v Gonzaga). The last game against St. Columba's College was effectively the semi-final as both teams were unbeaten and the winner would progress to the final.

St. Columba's batted first and scored 110 and the game was won by High School on the second last ball of the innings with 2 wickets remaining, a very close victory.

The final was played against C.U.S in Wesley College on Thursday 26th May. High School batted first and scored 68 runs (Niall McDarby scoring 33 of them) which was always going to be difficult to defend and C.U.S reached the total and won the game for the loss of two wickets. It was a fine achievement to reach the final and the boys should take pride in this.

Steven Walsh and Niall McDarby capably captained the team and our thanks must go to Suzanne Cairns and Rachel MacSharry for scoring. I now hope that they all continue to enjoy and play cricket as they move into the senior cycle of the school. Well done boys on an all round successful season!

R.Walker

U14 Boys Cricket



Back row: Jonny Somerville, Shane Sargeant, Conor Hyland, Stefan Slattery, John Humphreys, Aidan Hunt, Nicky Wynne, Kier Johnson

Front row: Mr R. Davies, Ben Satchwell, Alan Cairns, Ben Duffy (Capt.), Sean O'Gorman, Simon Coyne, Jonathan Kirkpatrick.

Junior XI Cricket



Back row: Mr R. Walker, Will Mitchell, Alan Loane, Alan Thompson, Ben Duffy, Michael Blackwell

Front row: Glenn Sheridan, Graham Kinlan, Niall McDarby, Steven Walsh, Philip Duffy, Ross Johnson

Seated: Jonathan Somerville, Kier Johnson.

Slattery Bats to a 50 n.o. record total

Good future for next season after a highly successful innings

The Under 14 team played four matches, lost three and won one. The season was most notable for the marked improvement in the individual players and the team performance.

The first match saw us well beaten by a very experienced Wesley. The team showed great character and enthusiasm in the second match against St. Michael's College. Batting first, the school lost a few early, cheap wickets but the resolve of Rob Hunter supported by Shane Sargeant and Nicky Wynne saw the team to a creditable 80 runs. The opposition reached the target, but not before losing their best players and scrambling uneasily to the finish.

The team, buoyed by the better performance, were keen to play the next league fixture against St. Josephs. High School won the toss and amassed a massive score of 143. Stefan Slattery scored a personal best of 50 not out and there were significant contributions from Ben Satchwell and Ben Duffy. The pressure was too great for St. Josephs who succumbed to the pace bowling of captain Ben Duffy and the accuracy of Alan Cairns.

The final match was against St. Andrews at the Y.M.C.A. grounds. The opposition won the toss and batted first. They scored a creditable 90. High School fell 14 runs short of the target after a nail-biting finish.

This was a much improved and improving under 14 team. Hopefully, after another season in their Cricket Clubs, Leinster, Sandyford, Y.M.C.A and C.Y.M.S. they will do even better as the J.C.T.

Mr. R. Davies

U13 Boys Cricket



Back row: R. Bannister, S. McKenna, A. O'Keefe, D. Wilson, T. Meredith, J. Kelleher, K. Rogan, Mr B. Quinn

Front row: R. Stokes, P. O'Connor, M. Lane, A. Cairns (Capt.), D. Lusby, B. McNally, K. Johnson

Without any training matches we unfortunately lost our cup match against Gonzaga. We played a great first match and it turned out to be a close match in the end. We played an enjoyable friendly match against Belvedere. Next we played C.U.S. and again it was a close match. Since elimination of the cup, we went into the plate quarter-final against Aravan. David Lusby and myself set a good opening of 27 runs. Unfortunately we lost, but it was good we got that far. Most of our players have joined clubs and we're all looking forward to the next season.

The whole team would like to thank Mr. Quinn for putting up with us and coaching us this year.
Alan Cairns

THE KARATE KIDS



Karl Browne, Niamh Hogan, Robin Leavy, Rebecca Murray

At the World Shotokan Karate-do Federation National Championships held on Saturday 4 March, High School students won nine medals between them! Niamh Hogan, third year, headed the list with two Gold,

one Silver and one Bronze, Robin Leavy, second year won two gold, Karl Browne, second year won one Gold and one Silver and Rebecca Murray, third year won one Bronze. Well done on a great achievement.

SWIMMING

Swimming at Terenure College Pool was very successful this year. The first years in particular seemed to enjoy classes. Mrs. Jones worked on our fitness and Mr. Swan improved our technique. Eight of us from fifth year were given the chance to complete the basic lifesaving 4 course with the Irish Water Safety Authority. This involved a series of classes complete with mannequins and CPR with Paralympic champion **Dave Malone**. We also had a practical element to the course, which involved rope rescues. Some of us were better at this than others! Overall the classes were a lot of fun as well as being highly rewarding.

Eoghan Maginn

Ian Thom

(right) won silver this year in the Leinster 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke and bronze in the 200m medley. He was selected to represent Leinster in the Stuttgart International swim gala in June.



.....and finally

The Piano Man



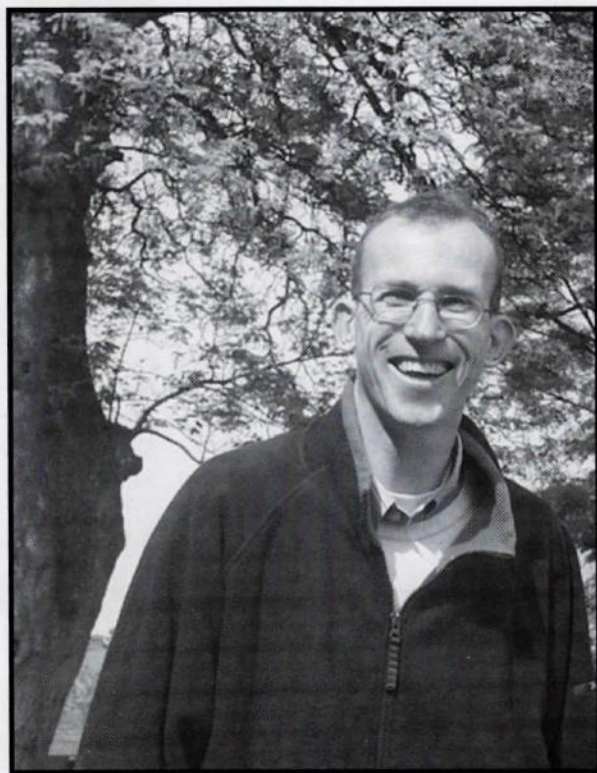
Ross Traynor relaxes as he listens to a classical music number played by Ayo Fakinle - Is Ross allowed to do that?



Stephen Lane has the strength to hold Ross Traynor aloft - maybe our photographer needs a little more practice



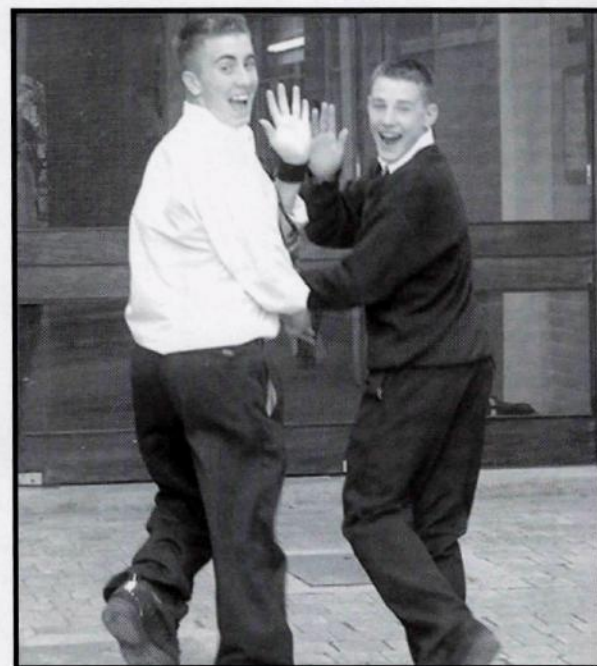
Patrick Earls takes time out during his innings to pose for a picture



A relaxed Mr. Prendergast strolls around the grounds

**These photos were taken
by David Flower**

**Goodbye everybody, see
you all next year**



And we finish up with Stephen Lane and Graham Kinlan - they look deliriously happy