

The Erasmian and Diocesan Times

THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN YEARBOOK

ERASMIAN ISSUE 1, VOLUME 125 | DIOCESAN TIMES ISSUE 1, VOLUME 48 | 2018-2019



The Erasmian and Diocesan Times

THE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK

ERASMIAN ISSUE 1, VOLUME 125 | DIOCESAN TIMES ISSUE 1, VOLUME 48 | 2018-2019

CONTENTS

ACADEMIC

Editorial	2
Acknowledgements	2
Principal's Report	3
School Staff	6
Class Photographs	9
Prize Day Speeches	21
Scholarships, Awards, and Prize Winners	
Leaving and Junior Certificate	28

DEPARTMENTS

Art	30
Business Studies	34
Career Guidance	34
Classical Studies	35
Construction Studies	36
English	37
Geography	38
Home Economics	38
Irish	41
Modern Languages	42
Physical Education	42
Politics and Society	43
Science	43
Library	44

THE ARTS

Senior Play	50
Junior Play	52
One Act Drama Festival	53
Orchestra	54
Summer Concert	54
Carol Service	56

SPORT

Team Photographs	58
Athletics	83
Badminton	83
Basketball	83
Cricket	84
Cross Country	86
Hockey	88
Rowing	98
Rugby	99
Swimming	105
Table Tennis	106
Tennis	106
Sports Awards	107
Sports Assembly	108
Sports Day	109
International Honours	109
Leinster Rugby	109

PUPILS

Head Boy	112
Head Girl	113
Graduation Speech	114
Debating	116
Prefects	116
Student Council	116
Lego Club	117
Form 2 Ski Trip	118
Form 2 Outdoor Adventure	118
Form 1 Causey Farm	119
Form 1 Larch Hill	120
Zoo Trip	121
Form 6 Last Assembly	122
Form 6 Christmas Lunch	122

TRANSITION YEAR

Transition Year Awards	124
Gaisce	125
Coaching Certificates	126
Helen Kane Memorial Swim	126
Titanic, DCU, TCD Trips	127
Camping Trip	128
Outdoor Pursuit	129
Work Experience	130
Show and Tell	130

COMMUNITY

New RE Textbook	132
Simon Community Fun Run	133
Green-Schools Committee	133
Model United Nations	134
Team Hope	136
Darkness into Light	137
Stand Up Week	137
Mental Health Week	138
Habitat for Humanity	139

LEGACY

Archive Donations	143
Archive Report	144
Mount Stewart Comber	145
Centenary Celebrations	146

PPU & PA

All Weather Rugby Pitch	148
Debutantes' Reception	150
Past Pupils' Union Report	151
Student Film Awards	154
Class of 1987	154
Parents' Association Report	156

NEWS HUB

School Refurbishment	158
Social Media Contacts	160



EDITORIAL

When I signed up to work on the The Erasmian and Diocesan Times along with the rest of the team in October, we didn't know what to expect. Now that we have accomplished the task I can say this experience was brilliant and very rewarding. I would especially like to say thanks to every single pupil in The High School for giving us achievements and experiences to record that will go down in history. At the start, and the middle, and the end The Erasmian and Diocesan Times was a challenge but with the help of Ms Beamish we accomplished the task of editing a special 125th edition. This year was a lot of hard work, filled with laughter, stress, constant phone calls, searching of pupils, but mostly laughter.

I want to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone on the team who helped put together the very publication you're reading right now.

Princess Isikalu

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chronicling a school's history, and then having the opportunity to look back over the last 125 years, is really a sight to behold. This will be my final edition as co-ordinator of The Erasmian and Diocesan Times and it has been a privilege to work with wonderful pupils and staff collating and chronicling the schools' achievements as well as capturing the ever-changing environment of the school. What I have come to love about flicking through the magazine is the photographs and art that really bring our school to life.

This year one of highlights was the Senior XI Boys Hockey team winning the Leinster Senior Cup. This is the first time in the school's history that such a feat has been achieved. Successes like this are not easy, this is a result of the dedication of the boys, their coach Mr Fitzpatrick and the wider school community. What is interesting to note is that every year, The High School seems to be breaking its own records, whether it is in drama, sport or academics. This is reflective of the caring and nurturing environment created by the staff and the hard work of both staff and pupils, ably supported by our wonderful auxiliary staff.

A big thank you goes out to my wonderful team: Princess Isikalu, Heather O'Connor, Sarah Lyons, Ruth Ninan, Aela Mahon, Debbie Ogunkayode, Eabha Hughes, Katie Larkin, Isabel Dunne. They have been busy scurrying here and there, ensuring that we have collected as much as possible this year. As always, should we have missed you, our deepest apologies. A big thank you to the staff as well who have helped to send in articles, pictures, and chased up pupils for copy.

Finally, but most importantly, I have to mention Alan Phelan. He is the true unsung hero of The Erasmian and Diocesan Times. He has shown me the ropes over the last four years and probably wanted to strangle me with them on occasion. However, the publication would never look as good or get out the door without him. His eye for detail and design ensure that everything looks as professional as it does. I cannot thank him enough for all the help he has given me, it has been such a fantastic experience.

I leave The Erasmian and Diocesan Times at an exciting time. Next year the school celebrates its 150th year, another first!

Ms Beamish



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2018-19

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

National Developments

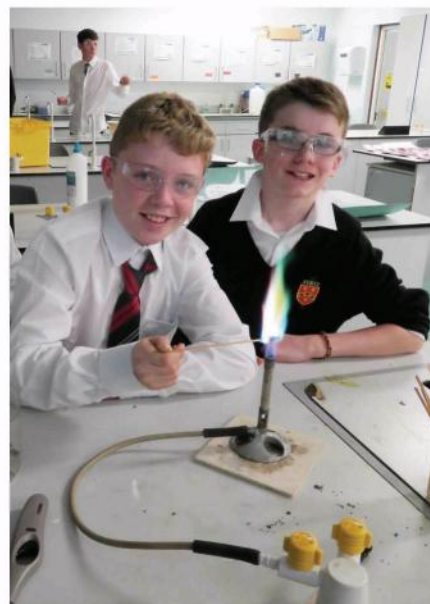
The national agenda for the post-primary education sector in 2017-18 was dominated by industrial action affecting the introduction of curricular reform as well as debate regarding a series of legislative and policy initiatives. The consequences of these developments resulted in significant challenges for voluntary secondary schools during this period. A political commitment to making our education system the best in Europe by 2026 by challenging those concerned with education in Ireland to deliver to the highest standards under straightened circumstances remains an ambitious objective. It is encouraging to report a welcome and long-overdue increase in investment which aims to compensate for the cumulative impact of underfunding in key areas during the economic recession. However, it remains to be seen whether the current (or any future) Government will be in a position to sustain this level of investment given the potential range of adverse effects caused by political and economic instability experienced at national, regional, or global level.

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

disruption in secondary schools affected by strike action.

In 2017-18 the ongoing sequence of industrial disputes targeted the Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT) professional development service which offered the relevant continuous professional development (CPD) to implement curricular reform at regional education centres or other venues across the country. The resulting impasse led to the development of a two-tier education system in which the provision of adequate training to those required to implement Junior Cycle reform varied within individual schools in the post-primary sector depending on trade union affiliation. The disruption to the provision of essential CPD for teachers in 2017-18 was substantial. In addition, a disagreement about the use of Croke Park hours meant that planning and organization meetings were disrupted in many schools to the detriment of staff, parents, and pupils alike. A period of protracted negotiations led to a proposed extension of the LRA from 2018 to 2020 (including pay increases for teachers as well as amendments to the Financial Emergency Measures in the Public Interest Act, 2009) which was agreed. This element of the dispute was resolved. However, the gross cost of funding the HRA, LRA, and the PSSA 2018-2020 in the education and training sector increased from €236 million to over €300 million in 2018.

In addition to managing the impact of industrial action, the issue of the role of religion in school admissions was the subject of broad discussion and public consultation by Government in 2017. The legislative proposals were criticized due to concerns that if enacted they would radically undermine the legal protections that support the provision of faith-based education by religious minorities in Ireland. Church of Ireland leaders were concerned that there should be no interference with the rights of schools to prioritize entry for pupils from their faith tradition. The Minister had stated that protecting the position of minority religious families, whose position he agrees is uniquely threatened by any



changes in this area, was a major priority for him. The Church of Ireland General Synod Board of Education welcomed the recognition by the Minister of specific concerns raised by minority faith communities.

The Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 was subsequently amended to permit a pupil from a minority religion to seek admission to a recognised primary school that runs a religious instruction or religious education programme that is the same or similar to the religious ethos of the pupil concerned. In this instance a minority religion will be defined as a religion whose membership is not in excess of 10% of the population as established by the Census and published by the Central Statistics Office. The aim of the amendments is to ensure that an individual of a minority religion can find a place in a school that is aligned with their religious beliefs. The DES has confirmed that this approach which aims to ensure that pupils from minority religions can gain access to schools that provide for the religious instruction or education of the pupil is consistent with the legal advice provided by the Office of the Attorney General which take into account constitutional issues that arise in providing specific protections for children of minority religions.

The ongoing recovery in public finance was reflected in Budget 2018 which was announced as the continuation of a major programme of reinvestment in Irish education. The DES budget increased by €554 million (5.8%) compared to the allocation for 2017 bringing it to a total of over €10 billion. It was claimed that over 2200 additional posts in primary and post-primary schools were funded in



2018 including 100 Guidance Counsellors and 1091 Special Needs Assistants. The remaining posts are additional mainstream teaching posts to cater for increased pupil numbers. However, there was no change in the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) for post-primary schools in Budget 2018. A glaring discrepancy exists between schools in the so-called Free Scheme (19:1) and fee-charging schools (23:1) which remains to be addressed in future. In conclusion, the policy direction and funding model adopted by the current Minister builds on those established by his predecessors in office. It is clear that it will be necessary to sustain and apply this level of funding to all schools if the full range of reforms to the post-primary education sector desired by the current Government are to be achieved by 2026.

School Developments

The Inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English, German, Technical Graphics, Design and Communication Graphics, Business, and Physical Education. The reports of the inspectors have been overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas and great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards across the curriculum. The most recent inspection reports are published on the Department of Education and Skills website.

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

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

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. The process begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to primary schools and a talk for incoming Form 1 parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. A study techniques course is organised for Forms 3, 5, and 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 to them. Pupils are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications, and to prepare accordingly. Guidance continues for pupils in Forms 5 and 6. Form 5 pupils have individual interviews to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. In addition, pupils in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career-related computer programs such as Qualifax. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening at which Form 5 pupils are advised on writing a curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. In Form 6, pupils have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day, as well as selecting other college open days of particular interest to them. A further round of individual interviews are scheduled. An evening is set aside in November for parents of Form 6 pupils when the various application systems used to access third level education are explained in detail. The Guidance Counsellors are available to parents

and pupils for career and psychological advice by prior appointment.

The contribution of the Parents' Association to the school is greatly appreciated. We are fortunate to have the oldest and one of the most active associations of any school in the country. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and sub-committees. This work brings the parents, pupils, and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their hard work and in particular to Mr Nigel Donovan for his dedication as President and Chairman of the Parents' Association.

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union actively encourages all past pupils to keep in touch with one another via the HS&D PPU website at www.hsdppu.com. The High School is most grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued support. Although much of this work is unseen it is greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Staff

We are fortunate in having the services of an excellent staff who are committed to providing the highest standards of academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular education for all pupils attending The High School.

We thank Ms Garnett, Ms Harkin, Ms Hearne, Mr Hosking, Mrs Jackson, Ms Kilpatrick, Ms Lee, Mr Quinn, and Ms Quilligan for their excellent service and wish them all the best for the future. We welcome the following new staff to The High School - Mr Connolly (German and History), Ms Dowling (Mathematics, Applied Mathematics, and Physics), Ms Hanley (Resource), Ms Hession (Home Economics and Science), Mr

Howard (Supervision and PE/Games), Ms MacGowan (Resource), Mr McBrien (Irish), Ms March (History and Irish), Ms May (Spanish, French, and EFL), Mr Mulligan (Resource), Mr Swanwick (Geography, History, and CSPE), Mr Urwin (Music); Mr Wahlrab (Economics and CSPE) - and wish them every success in their respective appointments. Ms Galligan, Ms Toolan, Mr Kinsella, Ms Rellis, Ms Goulding, Mr Carolan, Mr Barry, and Mr Keegan are currently on career break.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2017-18 was 706.

In the Leaving Certificate 2018 examination, 126 pupils presented 897 papers in 27 subjects. A total of 690 papers were taken at higher level and H5 or better was obtained in 88% of

these; H8 or less was obtained on 1.3% of all papers. This was an excellent level of performance which bears strong comparison with previous records at The High School.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our e-newsletter, on the school website (www.highschoolublin.com), and in The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication designed by Mr Phelan, produced by the pupils of Form 5, and co-ordinated by Ms Beamish in 2017-18. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with the extra-curricular programme for providing a wide range of enriching opportunities for those attending The High School. It is always a great pleasure to congratulate the pupils on their involvement and success in a variety of different activities.



SCHOOL STAFF 2018-19

Principal

Mr G A Forrest, MA (TCD, Oxford), QTS (Gloucestershire)

Deputy Principals

Ms V B Connolly, BA (Hons) (NUI), PGCE (St Mary's)

Mr R J Davies, BA (Mod), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Mr P McCaughey, BA (Hons) (NUI), MA (CEU), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Psych (QQI), MA Ed Psych (NUI)

TEACHING STAFF

Ms E Beamish, BA (Hons) (Exeter), PGCE (QUB), Dip Journ & Media St (ICM)

Ms P Bergin, BEd (Hons) (TCD)

Ms B Bourke, BA, BMus (Hons), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)

Ms M Browne, BSc Ed (Hons), PGDE (Hons), GDETM (DCU), CELT (ACELS)

Dr S Brusey, BSc (Hons), PhD (NUI), PDE (Hons) (TCD)

Dr U Budd, BA, BAI, MSc, PhD, PGDE (Hons) (TCD)

Ms M Burrowes, BA (First class honours) (DCU), H Dip Ed (First class honours) (NUI), Dip Comm (DIT)

Mr R Connolly, BA (Hons) (HETAC)

Ms J Deacon, BSc (Michigan State), H Dip Maths Stud (Hons), PDE (Hons) (NUI)

Ms A Deane, BSc (Hons), PDE (Hons) (NUI)

Mr S Deane, BSc (Hons), BA (First class honours), PME (Hons) (DCU)

Ms L Dowling, BA (Hons), PME (Hons) (NUI)

Ms B Duggan, BA (Mod), PDE (Hons) (TCD)

Ms N Fallon, BA (Hons), PGDE (Hons) (TCD)

Ms G Fitzgerald, BA (Hons) (DCU), H Dip Ed (Hons), MA (Hons), MEd (First class honours) (NUI)

Mr P Fitzpatrick, BA (Hons) (Glamorgan), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Ms J Garland, BSc Ed (Hons) (DCU)

Mr R Giles, MA (Oxford), PGCE (King's College London)

Ms S Gray, BA (Hons), MA (NUI), PGDE (Hons) (TCD)

Mr M Griffin, BA (DCU), PGCE (Leeds)

Mr P Hanan, BDes (Hons), PME (Hons) (NCAD)

Ms H Hanley, BA (Hons), PME (Hons) (NUI)

Ms R Hession, BEd (Hons) (NUI)

Mr R Hilliard, BSc Ed (First class honours) (UL)

Ms A Horan, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (NUI)

Mr D Howard, BA (Hons) (HETAC)

Ms S Hutchinson Edgar, BA (Mod), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Mr P Irwin, MA, H Dip Ed (NUI)

Ms S Jones, BA (Hons) (Lancaster), PGCE (Liverpool)

Ms H Killane, BA (Hons) (NCAD), MA Fine Art (First class honours) (Ulster), H Dip ADT (Hons) (NCAD)

Ms S Lally, BA (Hons), PDE (First class honours) (NUI)

Ms R Lyons, BA (Hons) (HETAC), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD), MA (QUB)

Ms E MacGowan, BA (Hons) (NUI), GDE (Hons) (UL)

Mr A Malin, BA (Hons) (Newman), QTS (UK)

Ms A March, BA (Mod), PDE (Hons) (TCD)

Ms P May, BA (Mod) (TCD), PGDE (Birmingham)

Mr L McBride, BSc (Hons), H Dip Comp Sc (Hons), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)

Mr A McBrien, BA (Hons), PME (Hons) (NUI)

Ms R McDonnell, BA (Mod), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD), Dip Guidance (First class honours) (UCD)

Mr B McNamara, BBS, Dip in Ed (UL)

Ms A Meeke, Cert Sport and Recreation, Cert Sport Development (QQI)

Mr L Middleton, BSc Ed (First Class Honours) (GMIT)

Mr D Miller, BA, H Dip Ed (NUI)

Mr J Milofsky, BA (Mod) (TCD), PDE (Hons) (NUI)

Ms R Missen, BA (Hons), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)

Mr D Mulligan, BA (Hons), PDE (Hons) (NUI)

Mr A O'Sullivan, BTech Ed (Hons) (UL)

Ms S O'Toole, BA (Hons) (DCU), PDE (NUI)

Mr P Prendergast, BA, H Dip Ed (NUI)

Ms S Quinn, BA, H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Mr C Rankin, BA (First class moderator) (TCD), PGDE (First class honours) (NUI)

Mrs C Reilly, BSc (Hons) (Loughborough), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Ms K Rogers, BA (Hons), BA (Hons) (NUI), MA (Hons) (IADT), PDE (Hons) (NUI)

Ms E Roulet, BA (Hons) (Anger), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Ms A Rugg, BA (Hons) (Coventry), PGCE (Warwick)

Ms M Smith, BA (First class moderator) (TCD), PGDE (Hons), MSc (First class honours) (NUI)

Miss A Stevenson, BA (Mod) (TCD),

PGCE (QUB), TEFL Cert, Dip Rem Ed (CICE)

Mr R Sullivan, BSc Ed (First class honours) (ITT), PGDE (First class honours) (UL)

Mr J Swanwick, BA (Mod) (TCD)

Mr S Tevlin, BA (Hons) (NUI), MSc, PGCE (Manchester Metropolitan)

Ms D Thorp, BE (First class honours), H Dip Ed (First class honours) (NUI)

Mr P Urwin

Mr E Wahlrab, BA (Hons) (DCU)

Ms C Walker, BA (Mod), MPhil (Hons), PGDE (First class honours) (TCD)

Mr R Walker, BEd (Hons) (Greenwich)

Ms A Whelan, BA (Hons), MSc (Hons), MEd (Hons) (TCD)

Dr C Whitford, BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCE (Newcastle)

Mr I Wilkinson, BA (First class moderator), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Mrs J Wilson, MA (First class honours) (Glasgow), PGDE (First class honours) (NUI)

NON ACADEMIC STAFF

Finance and Estates Bursar

Mr K Poole, BBS (TCD), FCA

Librarian

Ms P Wiggle, NZLSC, RGN, BNS (Hons) (TCD), BSc (Open), MSc (TCD)

Administration Staff

Mrs J Jamieson, BSc (Hons) (Open)

Mrs J Leech, BSc (Hons) (Middlesex)

Ms D Shaw

Ms J Smith, MIATI

Principal's Secretary

Mrs J McPhillips

Nurse

Ms U Bingel, DNS, RGN

Catering Manager

Ms K O'Leary

School Sergeant

Mr P Reck

Groundsman

Mr D Campbell, BA (Hons) (Liverpool)

Mr B O'Donovan

Security

Mr P Reck

Special Needs Assistants

Ms E Delaney

Ms M-L Murphy, BA (Hons), MSc (QUB), PGCE (London), MA (Alberta)

Ms J Jackson

Supervisors

Mr S McDonnell

Mr J O'Brien

Erasmus Smith Schools Archivist

Mr A Phelan, BA (First class honours) (DCU), MFA (RIT, NY), Cert Archival & Preservation Studies (GEH, NY)



GOVERNORS OF THE SCHOOLS FOUNDED BY ERASMUS SMITH, ESQUIRE

Richard Temperley

- Chairman and Treasurer

The Lord Primate of All Ireland

The Lord Archbishop of Dublin

The Lord Bishop of Tuam

**The Provost of Trinity College,
Dublin**

Andrew Blair

Ian Byrne, MBA

Dr Duncan Cole

T Owen Driver

Kevin Empey

Revd Stephen Farrell, MA, BTh, LLM

**Professor David FitzPatrick, BAI,
DPhil**

Revd Dr Norman Gamble

Richard Graves

Sylvia Hick, BA (Mod), MSc, HDipEd

Norman D Kilroy, FCA

Richard McCrae, BA, BAI, MIEI, CEng

Peter McCrodden

T W Roland Meates, BDent Sc

Joyce Perdue

Ethni Seymour

Charles T Watson

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL (INCORPORATING THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS)

Dr Duncan Cole - *Chair*

Patricia Bergin

Andrew Blair

- Chair, Finance and Audit Committee

Nigel Donovan

Kevin Empey

- Chair, Sport and Recreation Committee

Revd Stephen Farrell, MA, BTh, LLM

Prof David FitzPatrick, BAI, DPhil

- Chair, Grounds and Property Committee

Evelyn Foley

Sylvia Hick, BA (Mod), MSc, HDipEd

- Chair, Education Committee

Norman D Kilroy, FCA

Douglas Miller

Joyce Perdue

Richard Temperley

THE HIGH SCHOOL & DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION 2018-19

President

Dorothy Rolston

Hon Secretary

Arlene Brislane

Hon Treasurer

Gregory Hopkins

Committee

**Andrew Forrest, John Gillis,
Wayne Sheridan**

THE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2018-19

President and Chairman

Nigel Donovan

Hon Secretary

Vacant

Hon Treasurer

Evelyn Foley

Committee

Melody Chinenyanga, Elaine

Costello, Joyce Farrelly, Vincent

Landy, Brigitta Lee, Linda

O'Connor, Gavin O'Duffy, Ray

Stewart, Stephen Wilson

SCHOOL PREFECTS 2018-19

**Calum Adair, Naia Byrne Paredes,
Andrew Canning, Shona Carey,
Wolf Chung, James Cole, James
Coman, Finn Connolly, Orianna
Davey, Elias Dempsey, Cormac
Dempsey-Lerchundi, Miles Dixon,
Alistair Empey, Eva Kenna, Hannah
Kerr, Tessa Long, Niall Lynch,
Naoise May, Thomas McCausland,
Niall McDonnell, Leah Merriman,
Laura Motyer, Caitlin Nickels, Síofra
O'Brien, Molly O'Shea, Shauna
Power, Áine Ryan, Amy Scollard,
Molly Sheridan, Sean Ukagba, Robert
Whyte**

Head Boy

Naoise May

Head Girl

Naia Byrne Paredes

Deputy Head Boy

Andrew Canning

Deputy Head Girl

Shona Carey



STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

2017-18

Principal: **Mr G A Forrest**

Deputy Principals:

Ms V B Connolly**Mr R J Davies****Mr P McCaughey****Pastoral Care**

Form 1

Year Head: **Mr B McNamara**Form Teachers: **Ms P May, Ms M Smith, Mr R Sullivan, Ms S Toolan (Ms R Hession), Mrs J Wilson**

Form 2

Year Head: **Ms R Missen**Form Teachers: **Dr S Brusey, Ms A Horan, Ms S Jones, Ms A Rugg, Mr R Walker**

Form 3

Year Head: **Mr R Giles**Form Teachers: **Dr U Budd, Ms A Deane, Ms N Fallon, Ms S Lally, Mr C Rankin**

Form 4

Year Head: **Mr A Malin**Form Teachers: **Ms C Goulding (Mr S Deane), Ms S Gray, Mr E Keegan (Ms J Garland), Mr A Malin, Mr J Milofsky**

Form 5

Year Head: **Dr C Whitford**Form Teachers: **Mr L Carolan (Ms J Deacon), Mr R Hilliard, Mrs C Reilly, Mr S Tevlin, Ms D Thorp (Ms L Dowling), Mr I Wilkinson**

Form 6

Year Head: **Ms S Hutchinson Edgar**Form Teachers: **Ms M Burrowes, Ms G Fitzgerald, Mr M Griffin, Mr B Kinsella (Ms E Beamish), Mr D Miller, Ms C Walker****Subject Co-ordinators**Art: **Ms R Galligan (Ms K Rogers)**Business Subjects: **Mr P Fitzpatrick**CSPE: **Ms G Fitzgerald**English: **Mr D Miller**Geography: **Mrs J Wilson**History: **Mr P Irwin**Home Economics: **Ms P Bergin**Irish: **Ms S Quinn**Mathematics: **Mrs C Reilly**Modern Languages: **Ms A Stevenson**Music: **Ms B Bourke**Physical Education: **Mr R Sullivan**

Religious Education:

Ms S Hutchinson Edgar

Technological Subjects:

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

European Computer Driving Licence in Form 4 and 5)

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

Adventure Sports Co-ordinator:

Ms R McDonnell

Girls' Games Administration:

Ms S Jones (Ms A Rugg)Athletics: **Mr P Irwin, Ms N Fallon,****Ms J Garland, Mr R Giles,****Mrs S Hutchinson Edgar**Badminton: **Ms A Rugg**Basketball: **Ms S Jones, Mr A Malin,****Mr J Boylan**Canoeing: **Ms R McDonnell**Cricket: **Mr A Malin, Mr P Fitzpatrick,****Mr R Giles, Mr B McNamara,****Mr R Walker**Cross country: **Ms S Hutchinson****Edgar, Ms N Fallon**Hillwalking: **Ms R McDonnell,****Ms B Duggan, Ms A Horan,****Mr B McNamara, Mr C Rankin**Hockey: **Ms S Jones, Ms J Deacon,****Ms S Gray, Ms A Meeke****Ms A Rugg, Mr P Fitzpatrick,****Mr D Howard, Mr D Mulligan**Rock climbing: **Ms R McDonnell**Rugby: **Mr A Malin, Mr L McBride,****Mr B McNamara, Mr A O'Sullivan,****Mr R Sullivan, Mr S Tevlin,****Mr R Walker**Swimming: **Mr A Malin, Ms S Jones**Table-tennis: **Ms S Jones**Tennis: **Mr R Sullivan, Ms S Jones,****Mr S McDonnell***Additional part-time staff are employed in other sports***Recreation**

Recreation Co-ordinator:

Mrs C ReillyArt Film Club: **Mr P Hanan**Art Portfolio Club: **Ms K Rogers**Chess Club: **Mr M Griffin**Choir: **Ms B Bourke**Christian Union: **Mr I Wilkinson**Debating: **Ms S Hutchinson Edgar**(Senior), **Ms C Walker** (Junior)Drama: **Mr J Milofsky, Ms M Browne**

Erasmian and Diocesan Times:

Ms E Beamish

European Youth Parliament:

Mrs J WilsonFilm Club: **Ms R Lyons**Green Schools Group: **Mr K Barry****(Mr A McBrien)**Lego Club: **Mr O'Sullivan,****Mr S Deane**Model United Nations: **Mrs J Wilson**Photographic Club: **Ms K Rogers**President's Award: **Mr D Miller,****Mr B McNamara, Ms R Missen**

Science Club/Young Scientist:

Dr S Brusey**Other Responsibilities**

Administrative Assistant to the Deputy

Principal: **Mr I Wilkinson**

Assembly Co-ordinator:

Ms S Hutchinson Edgar

CAO/UCAS/EUNICAS applications:

Ms R McDonnell, Ms A Whelan

Communications Co-ordinator:

Ms M BurrowesDetention System: **Mr J O'Brien**Enterprise Education: **Mr P Fitzpatrick**

European Studies Information

Exchanges: **Mr P Irwin**

Examination Organization:

Mr I Wilkinson, Mr R Hilliard

Guidance Counsellors:

Ms R McDonnell, Ms A WhelanInduction of New Staff: **Ms P Bergin**Literacy Co-ordinator: **Ms R Missen**Lockers: **Ms G Fitzgerald**Lost Property: **Ms S Quinn**Numeracy Co-ordinator: **Mr McBrien**

Photography of School Activities,

Publicity: **Mr C Rankin**Prize System: **Ms D Thorp****(Mr R Hilliard)**Punctuality: **Mr P H McCaughey**

Scholarship Examinations:

Ms A StevensonSchool Council: **Ms S Hutchinson Edgar**

Support for Learning Co-ordinator:

Ms M BrowneStaff Services: **Ms A Stevenson**State Examinations: **Mr P Prendergast**Stationery: **Ms E Rouillet**Study Skills Seminar: **Ms R McDonnell,****Ms A Whelan**

Teaching and Learning Group

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

Transition Year Co-ordinator:

Mr P IrwinTrophies: **Mr R Walker**

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS



1H

BACK: OLIVER O'DUFFY, ISEULT FITZGIBBON DUNNE, SAMUEL MCNAMARA, ALEX GORDON, SAM KELLY, THEO WALL, ALEX FITZPATRICK, ANA SANCRAIAN

MIDDLE: CALLUM LENNON, EMMA FITZPATRICK, RUBY NICHOLL, CHLOE O'CONNOR, SADHBH BRENNAN, KATIE MILLAR, REBEKAH SOLOMON, VALERIE MCMENAMIN, EVA CARROLL, SAOIRSE RYAN

FRONT: SARAH SMYTH, COLIN MOISSARD, EVAN MOORE, JAMES COX, KATHLEEN CAMPION, ILAI LEVY, MATEUSZ BASINSKI, VICTOR HARMON

ABSENT: MATTHEW ALLEN



1M

BACK: AIDEEN CASSIDY, OISÍN GOLDEN, BRYANNA O'CONNOR, BETH FLYNN, MIA O'MAHONY, ZOE NUGENT, KATIE HOPKINS, PETER DERVAN

MIDDLE: EVAN KELLEHER, ANDREW SYKES, CHARLIE O'NEILL, FINLEY FRY, BENJAMIN HAMILTON, SOPHIE DONNAN, DANIEL SHEEDY, ELLIOT TUIE, JAKE O'LOUGHLIN, ELEANOR WRIGHT

FRONT: AARON LLOYD, AOIFE TRIMMER, ASHLEY MCNALLY, AMEILA BARRETT, ORI VAKNIN, EMILY BRESLIN, DAISY KIRK-GILHAM, MAYA SIVAK, SORCHA MURPHY

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

**15**

BACK: HUGH LONERGAN, ZONGWEN WU, ALEXANDER BOWDEN, TOM WHELAN, PATRICIA BYRNE, DANIEL CARTER, STEFAN MAIER, SAM NICHOLL

MIDDLE: ISABELLE DILLON, JOANIE MCGRATH, ELLA MELEADY, JENNIFER BURNS, SAUL WRIGHT-BRENNAN, NICHOLAS RUS, KIM GUINNESS, HELEN FARRELL, LUCCI FENG, OGHENEFEKO OTOBO

FRONT: MATTHEW HARTUNG, ADAM HEARNE, DANIEL TALLON, MARCUS GERAGHTY, CYAN BACIK SAUL, MARYAM ABIOYE, ELLEN HOGAN, JOSH STEWART, JAMES GODSON O'DOHERTY

ABSENT: AMELIA QUINN

**1SU**

BACK: TAMAMI GILL, MEDHANSH AGARWAL, SAMUEL NEELY, JACK DARMODY, ALEXANDER SHEAHAN, OLIVER KENDRICK, RYAN OMOIKHUDU, MILO LAVELLE,

MIDDLE: DANIEL SISSON, EVELINE WALSH, ZARA DUNGAN, FIONA RUTLEDGE, DWAYNE KAMAI, ENOCH ONI, DAVID AYANKOYA, THOMAS BOUCHER, EMILY LEONARD, RONA STROE

FRONT: ABIGAIL BIRNEY, MATTHEW O'DOHERTY, LAUREN FOY, LUI RYAN, ADAM JORDAN, ELLA MARIE CULLEN, AOIBHÍN CHAMBERLAIN, CAMILLA REDMOND, ADRIAN O'LEARY

ABSENT: BARRY KENNEDY



1W

BACK: HEATHER COYLE, ALISON HALPIN, ELLA ROCHE, ZACK HOPKINS, HANYU, SEAN AIGBOBOH, KATE TAYLOR, GRACE MCKENNA

MIDDLE: UDAIVEER PARIHAR, EGIN KELLY, LUKE HOLLAND, REBECCA HOWE, LUCA HAYES, ALEJANDRA COSIJIN GÓMEZ, KONRAD LEITNER, ANDREW ROBINSON

FRONT: OISÍN SHRIVASTAVA, KEIRA ROSS, ZAC REID, ZENAN SPAIN, ROBYN NOLAN, CHARLIE MILLER, ANNA HOEY, ERICA MERRIMAN, SAMUEL SEBASTINE

ABSENT: LEO COX, SAMUEL MAXWELL, NOAH HESLIN



2BR

BACK: JACK BARLOW, JENNIFER MAIER, JAMIE CHAMBERS, SAMUEL KENNEDY, EMILY MAGUIRE, MAX CORCORAN

MIDDLE: GEORGIA CULLINGTON, LUKE STEVENS, DAVID AIGBOBOH, ALEXANDRIA SWAN, SEREN CUNNINGHAM, NIAMH DOHERTY, DARA FITZPATRICK, FAVOUR KEHINDE

FRONT: ELLA O'FLYNN, BRONAGH YOUNG, ELODIE RYAN, KATIE COLLINS, FAYE O'ROURKE, AMELIA WEBB, SUSAN LAVAL, ROSS WILGAR

ABSENT: SUKI BAILEY

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

**2H**

BACK: SOPHIE SCOLLARD, CIARÁN MCCARTHY, FERGUS KELLY, ALEX LYNCH, ARTHUR FEENEY, LUKE MURPHY

MIDDLE: JEREMIAH PETERS, POPPY HALL, ANDREW FARRELLY, MAYA BARBER, AVA RYAN, MIRIAM ODUNTAN

FRONT: COCO O'DONNELL, SEÁN O'BRIEN, EVAN LOFTUS, RUTH DILLON, DAIMEE NG

ABSENT: ELY DOHERTY, CALLUM GILMARTIN, ETHAN JONES, LIBBY PERDUE

**2J**

BACK: CIARA BUGGIE, FREYA FETHERSTON, NATHAN PRIESTLEY, ESTHER VANCE CRONIN, SEÁN WINSLOW, ENA Ó FOGHLÚ, ESTHER OLANIYAN, ADAM ROSS

MIDDLE: ZOSIA MAYRS, MIA NAUGHTON, JACK MCGINN, JACK O'RIORDAN, RYAN BRACKEN, ANDREW DONOVAN, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, REBECCA COLLINS

FRONT: BEN PASLEY, JESSICA NEEDHAM, LUKE FITZPATRICK, RYAN BOYD, DAVID LAWLEY, LEAH MCGRATH, ELLIOT SPARKS

ABSENT: JERRY WANG



2R

BACK: OSCAR HANNON SMITH, ALEXANDER DONOVAN, ALEXANDER STEWART, JACK O'MALLEY, SAM HUTCHISON, HUGO CHALONER, GARY MEANEY

MIDDLE: ZOE ROBERTSON, OSCAR MAGUIRE, NICK WRIGHT, AMELIA POSKITT, MATTEO SANVITO, FIONN WHOOLEY, MOYA QUIGLEY, SIMONE GIUNTA

FRONT: LOTTIE EGAN, OLIVER DAVEY, DANIEL O'LEARY, ROBERTO FERRETT, SOPHIE PEARSON, LILY GALLAGHER, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN



2W

BACK: CHARLIE BEATTY, SAM MCLUSKIE, JACOB KHARSIEVA O'RAHILLY, LUKE SHANNON, ANNELIES LOOSE, JOHN KELLY, ALEX O'HARE

MIDDLE: TRISTAN COMERFORD, SAMUEL ADEOLA, DAVID ODEKUNLE, RACHEL ROBINSON, TARA CAREY, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, RYAN WYNNE

FRONT: THOMAS NICKELS, CLODAGH SOMERVILLE, CHRISTOPHER DE LACY, EMILY CURRAN, HANNAH MCCARTHY, EMMA WILSON, HANNAH HEARNE, ZARA HARDY

ABSENT: GEORGIA GOUGH, REUBEN ROSS

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

**3B**

BACK: AMELIA KING, SAM WALSH, MARCUS EMPEY, ETHAN WANG, SEAN OMORUYI, ANDREW BROWNE, CIAN ZIGLINSKI, AILBHE SMITH

MIDDLE: SAM COURTNEY, LUKE HARDY, MICHELLE YANG, DANIEL FREW, SARAH DOYLE, MIHAI AVASILICHIOAIEI, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, JUSTIN HANNEY, CONLETH LAW, JORDAN BRISLANE

FRONT: DANIEL ABIOYE, KATIE DUNNE, DARAGH MCGRATH, ROISIN MURPHY, ROBYN HAMILTON, EDIE LEAVY, AJIRIOGHENE OTOBO, HEATHER COLLINS

**3D**

BACK: CHARLES MCNAMARA, SIDNEY CRUIKSHANK, GOWTHAM YELLAPU, DAVID ADEYANJU, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, PADDY PLOCKELMAN, JONATHAN LEES, OLIVER MARJORAM

MIDDLE: ROSEMARY SHANKEY, EMMA JENKINS-LEESON, CIARA BOYD, ZAMAN ZAIDI, SAMUEL HUTZLER, TOMAS LAYTE, ISABEL FEENEY, ELLA MAXWELL, HONOR NOLAN, NAOMI WILSON

FRONT: EMILY BRENNAN, RUTH STEWART, ELLEN NEEDHAM, ANDREW WHYTE, ELEANA MCGRATH, BETH HESLIN, SCOTT WILGAR, FAYE LEAVY, ALEENA VILSON



3P

BACK: SAMUEL HODGESS, EOIN QUINN, SHANE BURKE, FRANKIE RONG, MARTIN COSIJN GÓMEZ, COLM COONEY, LEO VAUGHAN, MATTHEW GILLIS, TOM GARVEY
MIDDLE: PRINCE ISIKALU, SARAH MORRIS, TADHG DIXON, JESSICA XU, CAROLINE O'CONNOR, HARRY DORAN, CHRIS CHONG, KELLY-JO WILSON, FIONA O'BYRNE
FRONT: KAY DONNELLY, NORAH ALABDULKARIM, TAIWO OGUNDIPE, LAURA COLE, KIRSTEN SARGENT, ALICE KELLY, ISABELLA DOYLE, ISRAEL ABUMERE, NATHAN MCLOUGHLIN



3L

BACK: JAMES FARRELL, BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, FINN REILLY, LOUIS DUNNE, JULIAN HAUXWELL, JAY-JAY MCCARTHY, SHANE REID, ELI BREEN
MIDDLE: SIOFRA YOUNG, LUKE DEE BROWN, EMILY PRYCE, MICHAEL COURTNEY, MONA WEBSTER, DEREK UKAGBA, KEHINDE OGUNDIPE, WUMI OBI, DARA HOGAN, CAOIMHE LOWRY
FRONT: ZOE DUNNE, CLAIRE CAHILL, SOPHIE DOYLE, SOPHIA LEONARD, KAYLA KENNEDY, ARIANNA GORMAN, OSCAR MARTIN, ELLA PASLEY

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

**3R**

BACK: RACHEL GARVEY, HUGH GERAGHTY, SAM BYRNE, CILLIAN WEST, MAYA FEIGHERY, KIM DUNNE, OLUFISAYO AKINSULI, LYLA CONCORAN

MIDDLE: ROSS DEEGAN, ROSS MOLLOY, CIAN MILTON, ROSS MOLLOY, JOSHUA HAYES, IAN GILL, ADAM REID, OSCAR LOFTUS

FRONT: LOUIS O'NEILL, ABIGAIL KENNA, PATRICIA ZHANG, AOIBH MAHON, AOIFE CAHILL, ROBERT COURTNEY, ELIJAH ROSNEY, JULIA RODRIGUES

**4D**

BACK: ADAM SHARPE, KYLE O'DWYER, STEPAN LETSKO, TOM WANG, JAKE KING, BEN MITCHELL, KANE HENNESSY, ROGER SUN,

MIDDLE: LAYLA KENNY, EVE SHANNON, EWAN SQUIRE, DAVID WILSON, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY, YEHONATAN LEVY, STEPHANIE OLANIYAN, HANNAH DILLON

FRONT: THOMASIN MCKENNA, EMILY FITZGERALD, JESSICA MCDERMOTT, ANNA O'SHEA, LÉNA NEMES, AVIV SIVAK

ABSENT: RACHEL BROWNING



4GD

BACK: MICHAEL HOLLAND, ISAAK FOLEY, HUGH STAFFORD LANGAN, SCOTT DUNNE, ZAC DORFMAN, YURI WRIGHT-BRENNAN,
MIDDLE: SAM REDMOND, GRACE SHEEHAN, LARA SMITH, JOSHUA OGUNKAYODE, CRYSTAL MATTICKS, MATTHEW DONOVAN,
 ETHAN FLYNN, HANNAH KENNEDY
FRONT: AIMÉE MERRIMAN, ALISON PEACE, EVE SISSON, GEORGINA BYRNE, ANNIE SUN, GEORGINA MCCARTHY
ABSENT: JOHN KENNEDY, ALEX WALSH MALONE



4GY

BACK: SEAN ADEDUNTAN, CIARAN ADAIR, NATHANIEL KAYE MELLOR, MAX HAUXWELL, DYLAN MURPHY, JOSHUA RANCE
MIDDLE: BELLA STUART, CLARA WILSON, STEPHEN LALOR, OISÍN STAPLETON DOYLE, JOSHUA ROYCROFT,
 MICHAEL ASU-BISONG, JUNO CLAFFEY HEGARTY, ALANNAH CHILDS
FRONT: AMELIA DURAC, RACHEL SIMMS, ISOBEL BOWEN, LAURA MITTEN, KARINE BACIU, ARMSTRONG LAWAL
ABSENT: THEA WALSH MALONE

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

**4MN**

BACK: AIDAN MCNEILL, SENAN MACKEOGH, NIALL HEALY, LOUIS O'LEARY, SAUL LYSAGHT, CALISTUS OMOIKHUDU, LOUIS O' SULLIVAN, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY

MIDDLE: SOPHIE DEREKNIEAUX, CATE DOOLEY, BRIAN CARTER, OISÍN FARRINGTON, SEAN SLATOR NELSON, DANIEL HUDSON

FRONT: AOIFE TALLON, AMY STEVENS, BEVIN DIXON, LEANNE O' BRIEN, ELLEN SWEENEY, EIMEAR QUINN

ABSENT: EVA LAYTE, BILLY LY

**4MY**

BACK: DANIEL FIALA LI, CONOR MOORE, SAMUEL MAWHINNEY, FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX, IAN MAYRS, OISÍN BRENNAN

MIDDLE: SARAH HEERAN, BRYAN OKOLO-TIMOTHY, GEORGE BRITTEN, DANIEL AWODE, CHLOE LOH, MIA MCCULLOGH, BEN WHELAN, ORLA BAGNALL

FRONT: CHARLIE SILKE, RACHEL LOW, ART O'TOOLE WHITE, ABIGAIL SYKES, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, BOAZ NINAN, EMILY DAM

ABSENT: ÉLE NÍ CHONBUÍ, ROBIN DAVEY



5TH YEAR

BACK: KEVIN ELWOOD, ROBERT PEARSON, JAMES CODY, PATRICK RYAN, BEN SISSON, EVAN JENNINGS, ROSS HOWARD, HARRY LYNCH, AIDAN DOYLE, JORDAN BAILEY, CORMAC HARBART, AMY TALA, JODIE MCAVINUE, NICOLE HOLLAND, CAMERON MACKEOGH, JACK BURKE

5TH ROW: CONOR SCHMIDT, GAVIN MULHERE, MASSIMO ARMENIO, FREDERIK LOOSE, OSCAR MOHOLO, TRISTEN DE BEER, MAX WRIGHT, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, EABHA HUGHES, SOL BELL-MEGAW, CUANYOUNG, OSCAR HUANG, PRINCESS ISIKALU, JAMES LE BAS, JACOB CULLINGTON, BEN HOPKINS, MORGAN PEMBROKE

4TH ROW: ALEX O'CONNOR, CAMILLA ANELE, MIA MURPHY, EMMA DONOHOE, JENNIFER PILLOW, CLARA LEE, RORY COSGROVE, SADHBH MILTON, EAVAN IREDALE, CAOIMHE MILTON, ALANA CRIPPS, HEATHER O'CONNOR, ROSIE GILLIS, FAITH EDUNPETERS, JOSEPH MURPHY, JOSHUA LLYOD

3RD ROW: KATIE O'BRIEN, ASTRID KRIEPS, EVA MAHON, NINA CONROY, ISOBEL HARRISON, ROBYN PEMBROKE, JAMES O'CONNOR, SIOBHAN TRIMMER, AAYUSH GAUR, JOSIAH HILL, NATHAN HUTCHINSON-EDGAR, ISSIE HAYES, KATIE LARKIN, AELA MAHON

2ND ROW: SHAAM MALLAK, NATHAN TIMMONS, RUTH NINAN, LISA ROCHE, SOPHIA HARTUNG, GIULIA GUASTALLA, JOEY CHONG, EVA VALENTINE, LUCY BRENNAN, SARAH WEBB, ISABEL DUNNE, EMILY CLINCH, ANNA PEDRETTI, PATRICK TALLON

1ST ROW: THOMAS KELLY, MARTIN HANCZ, ALISON DALY, ALEX FARRELL, MR WILKINSON, MS REILLY, DR WHITFORD, MR FORREST, MR TEVLIN, MS DOWLING, DEBBIE OGUNKAYODE, SARAH DALY, ANNA LYONS, DEBBIE ODUNTAN



6TH YEAR

BACK ROW: NIALL LYNCH, MATTHEW THOMPSON, ELIAS DEMPSEY, HARRY O'DONNELL, CALUM ADAIR, NIAL MC DONNELL, ALEX ASPIL, MATTHEW KAYE MELLOR, RORY BROWNE, ETHAN GERNON, OISIN HEALY, TIM SWEENEY, JAMES BOYD, HENRY HINDS, PAUL GLEESON

6TH ROW: ROBERT BEARDSLEY, EVAN MILLER, OISIN COTTER-VAZQUEZ, DAVID HOGAN, ASIER KELLY, JAMES CAMPION, LUAN ROGERS, CORMAC DEMPSEY LERCHUNDI, FINN CONNOLLY, ORDRÁN DIXON, DYLAN KEOGH, ALISTAIR EMPEY, CONOR FAGAN, DANIEL RUFLI, MILO DIXON

5TH ROW: JACK HEALY, HUGH O'DONNELL, CALLUM O'DWYER, MICHAEL GUY, SEAN UKAGBA, ANDREW CANNING, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, FERDIA DARRAGH, AXEL CULLEN, DYLAN ROYCROFT, FIACH CONNOLLY, SAM DALY, SOL WYNNE, JAMES COMAN, BEN CRIPPS

4TH ROW: AIDAN PERDUE, JAMES COLE, KATIE MOORE, ERIN FETHERSTON, SCOTT GILLANDERS, FINN O'SULLIVAN, THOMAS MCCAUSLAND, WILSON KO, ERIC FELLE, MATTHEW BROWN GARCIA, DANIEL ADELOA, SUSAN ISIKALU, AINE RYAN, EVA KENNY, ORIANNA DAVEY, AMY DUNNE

3RD ROW: ANNA PHELAN, AILEEN NAGLE, ANNA MCKIM, CATRÍONA BRENNAN, VERONICA KIARIE, GRACE PARK, ANGEL OKAH, HANNAH VANCE CRONIN, LAURA MOTYER, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH, SIOFRA O'BRIEN, SOFI GRANT, ISABEL CARTER, RACHAEL DONOVAN, AMY SCOLLARD, DAISY O'TOOLE

2ND ROW: SEAN OG BARNES, ASHLEY MAKOMBE, MEGAN RANCE, CLARA BELL, MIA MCKENNA, ANNA KEOGH, WOLF CHUNG, MATHEUS SOARES AZJENBERG, ERICA MACARI, MOLLY O'SHEA, HANNAH KERR, SHAUNA POWER, MOLLY SHERIDAN, HARRY BYRNE

1ST ROW: MR MILLER, NAOMI ADEYANJU, REBECCA O'FARRELL, GEORGINA SCANLON, LEAH MERRIMAN, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, MR FORREST, NAOISE MAY, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR, MR GRIFFIN, MS WALKER, MS FITZGEARLD, CAITLIN NICKELS, ROBERT WHYTE

PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

PRIZE DAY SPEECH

MR G A FORREST

PRINCIPAL

THE HIGH SCHOOL DUBLIN

24 OCTOBER 2018

Baroness Neuberger, Dr Cole, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen, current and immediate past pupils of The High School.

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

The High School seeks to educate its pupils based on a set of inclusive and progressive values within our established academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular programmes. It is worth reflecting on how this model offers an opportunity to implement a vision of excellence in education for all pupils entrusted to our care.

Firstly, our academic record is a key strength of The High School. We seek to prioritize the core activity of teaching and learning to provide a first-class education in a school where there is no academic selection on entry and mixed-ability teaching throughout. We continue

to maintain a clear focus on developing the full potential of every pupil entrusted to our care by striving to achieve the highest standards of academic excellence commensurate with their abilities. We are all too aware of the pressures imposed by a high-stakes terminal examination which determines access to third level education. Nevertheless, our academic record suggests that the vast majority of pupils at The High School are fulfilling their potential and - in many instances - exceeding expectations on all fronts.

Secondly, our pastoral care is a key strength of The High School. We have a strong commitment to the welfare of the children entrusted to our care. The development of positive and supportive relationships between staff and pupils is significant feature of daily life at the school. We have a well-qualified and highly-experienced team of pastoral specialists who advise and support pupils throughout their time at the school. Our experience tells us that if young people feel happy and secure they will fulfil their potential. We are continuing to explore ways to expand and enhance this pastoral provision to ensure that our pupils receive the best possible support in all areas of school life.

Thirdly, our extracurricular programme is a key strength of The High School. The variety of opportunities open to pupils in this area of the school is outstanding. We support a substantial number of active and successful clubs and societies which provide access to a wide range of sports and activities. We are particularly keen to encourage the highest levels of participation - ideally a sport and one other recreational activity - among the pupils. We share in the joy of competitive success at all levels and age grades whether at local, regional, national, or international level. The recent selection of twelve of our pupils to represent Ireland in seven different sports is one example of this diversity and plurality in action at international level. It is this balance between the various elements of our academic, pastoral, and extra-curricular programmes which is central to maintaining a happy and flourishing school community.

The pupils and past pupils who are gathered here have demonstrated outstanding commitment and determination in order to succeed in their respective fields. I should like to offer my warmest congratulations to

those who have been awarded prizes and recognize above all their dedication to achieving and maintaining the highest standards throughout their time at The High School. I am delighted that we have an opportunity to celebrate your achievements this evening. You have every reason to be proud of your many and varied accomplishments. The role played by parents and guardians in promoting and supporting the education of their children in order to achieve these positive outcomes is also greatly appreciated. We do understand the variety of challenges to which all families are subjected. You should be assured that the school is most grateful for the consistent support and encouragement it receives from the parent body in general and the Parents' Association in particular. It is equally clear to me that it would be virtually impossible to achieve the positive outcomes we are celebrating this evening were it not for the professional excellence of the management team and teaching staff who are so ably and effectively supported by the ancillary, catering, and administrative staff on a daily basis. Finally, I am most grateful for the practical support and sound advice offered by the governors at The High School whose specialized expertise is provided voluntarily throughout.

In conclusion, a core purpose of any education system is to create the widest possible range of opportunities for young people to fulfil their individual potential. Therefore, it stands to reason that the pursuit of excellence in education for all those attending The High School is the key to a positive future for the pupils entrusted to our care. It is vitally important that we remain true to our liberal and progressive values by fostering a humane approach throughout this process. However, if we are to be successful in fulfilling our mission we must be ambitious and remain willing to accept the risks associated with leading from the front. The reward is that we succeed in preparing your children to take their place in wider society as responsible, informed, thinking, and tolerant human beings. I believe that the evidence presented this evening suggests that we can have every confidence that current and immediate past pupils of The High School are already meeting that challenge.

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

REMARKS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL PRIZE GIVING

THE BARONESS NEUBERGER DBE

GUEST SPEAKER

24 OCTOBER 2018

Firstly I'd like to say I am delighted to be here. I greatly admire The High School, a Protestant school with a very inclusive ethos. I have always had strong Church of Ireland links which has included preaching at Crookhaven and even officiating at funerals. My children went to the Church of Ireland school in Ballydehob as they couldn't go to the Catholic school in Schull. My synagogue also has a close link with Westminster Abbey. The extraordinary generosity and graciousness of the Abbey means that we will have a service to mark 80 years since Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, and the beginning of a pogrom against the Jews of Germany and Austria, within the Abbey in early November.

It's an act of amazing generosity; the third time this has happened - once for 75th anniversary and also for 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. It is the best of openness and inclusivity - an entirely Jewish service within the Abbey, the heart of the British nation, where some royal weddings and many state funerals have taken place. It expresses something similar to the ethos of this school. We can learn from it, to open up and hold out a hand to people who are different. We don't all need to be the same. But behaving with generosity, openness, and inclusivity makes the world a better place. Very different from the awful news this week about someone who could only express hate. Did you hear about the man on the Barcelona to Stansted flight? Delsie Gayle, was subjected to a racist attack on a Ryanair flight; the incident left her stunned and depressed.

She was the target of a tirade of abuse by a fellow passenger on flight FRO15 from Barcelona to London Stansted, and said: "I was shocked, nobody ever said those words to me." Another passenger, David Lawrence, who filmed the incident on 15 October and posted it online, said he chose to publicise it to show the world what had happened. It then went viral. The footage shows a man shouting at Gayle, telling her to move seats, while her daughter tries to stand up to him, telling him her mother is disabled. The man can be heard saying: "I don't care



whether she's fucking disabled or not — if I tell her to get out, she gets out." He can be heard in the video calling the woman an "ugly black bastard". When Gayle remonstrates with him he shouts at her: "Don't talk to me in a foreign language, you stupid ugly cow." Gayle, 77, moved from her seat, but the man was allowed to remain in his after the incident, which occurred before the flight took off. Describing her shock, Gayle told ITV News: "I feel very low. He paid a fare to go on holiday, I've paid mine, so why does he abuse me for that due to the colour of my skin?" "He did it to me and he got away with it, he'll do it to somebody else." Speaking about the impact the incident has had on her, Gayle added: "I feel really depressed about it. I go to my bed and say, what have I done? I haven't done anything for you to attack me. Because of the colour of my skin I was abused like that?" Gayle said she believed that if the situation had been reversed and she had attacked the man, the police would have been called. Of other passengers, who did not intervene, she said: "And because I'm black, I'm sad to say that, they didn't want to get involved with me." What we need to ask is why the crew did not tip him off the plane, or get him arrested? Why didn't they remonstrate strongly? Come to that, why didn't the other passengers? Meanwhile, he was allowed to spew out hatred.

I do think that the way we communicate has made it easier to be uncivil. Tweets are only 140 characters. Text messaging

is short. Facebook posts are short. The social media techniques do not allow for great civility, the common courtesies of how are you? How can I help? And the anonymity of many tweets allows for hateful abuse - just go into the Twittersphere and look at it and ask why Twitter as a company isn't forced to take the hate tweets down. This school has an ethos of tolerance and inclusivity - and also of courtesy. Your generation - who we're celebrating tonight - will have to do something about it. The rest of us are too old. But if you don't, the hatred will spread, and people will be allowed to get away with abuse, instead of courtesy, hatred instead of generosity.

I'll end with a quotation from Pastor Martin Niemöller, a brave German Lutheran pastor and theologian who started as an anti-Communist and supported Adolf Hitler's rise to power at first. He became the leader of a group of German clergymen opposed to Hitler. In 1937 he was arrested and imprisoned in Sachsenhausen and Dachau. He wrote 'First they came':

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist

Then they came for the Socialists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Socialist

Then they came for the trade unionists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a trade unionist

Then they came for the Jews
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Jew

Then they came for me
And there was no one left
To speak out for me

He showed courage, and grace. The ethos
of this school, which we're celebrating

today, is about grace, courtesy, inclusion,
tolerance, and courage. Your generation,
will have to speak out against hate and
stop those who wish to feel free to abuse
others. Otherwise it will never end,
and only get worse. May you have the
courage to do so.

Thank you.



PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION



ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

2018-19

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial
Scholarship:

Jake O'Loughlin

St Mary's Boys National School

School Scholarships:

Emily Leonard

Notre Dame Junior School

Daniel Tallon

St Colmcille's Senior National School

Barry Kennedy

Rathgar Junior School

Katie Millar

Solas Chríost National School

Ella Roche

Rathgar Junior School

Music Scholarship:

James Godson O'Doherty

Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School



PRIZES 2017-18

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

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1BR **Ross Wilgar,**
Jack Barlow
- 1H **Daimee Ng,**
Ruth Dillon
- 1J **Tirzah Hutchinson-Edgar,**
Jessica Needham
- 1R **Lottie Egan, Oscar**
Hannon Smyth
- 1R **Annelies Loose,**
Billy Schindler

Progress Prizes:

- 1BR **Elodie Ryan,**
Favour Kehinde
- 1H **Libby Perdue,**
Luke Murphy
- 1J **Ryan Boyd,**
Esther Olaniyan
- 1R **Nick Wright,**
Sophie Pearson
- 1W **Thomas Nickels,**
Hannah Hearne



Form 2

Class Prizes:

- 2B **Sam Walsh,
Katie Dunne**
2D **Andrew Whyte,
Naomi Wilson**
2F **Laura Cole,
Katy Donnelly**
2L **Kayla Kennedy,
Zoe Dunne**
2R **Cillian West,
Maya Feighery**

Wilfrid Lowry Progress Prizes:

- 2B **Cian Ziglinski,
Ailbhe Smith**
2D **Scott Wilgar,
Faye Leavy**
2F **Caroline O'Connor,
Chris Chong**
2L **Luke Dee-Brown,
Dolly Adisa**
2R **Aoibh Mahon,
Josh Hayes**



Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best overall in Form 3):
Éle Ní Chonbhuí

Art – Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Annie Sun

Business Studies – SS Evans Prize:
Isobel Bowen

Classical Studies:
Ethan Flynn

Civic, Social & Political Education
– Parents' Association Prize:
**Juliette Christle, Eva Layte,
Amelia Durac, Naomi Sebastine**

English – Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:
Rachel Low

French – Carpenter Memorial Prize:
Éle Ní Chonbhuí

Geography – Miss Latimer's Prize:
Cate Dooley

German – German Government Prize:
Billy Ly

History – Casserley Prize:
Éle Ní Chonbhuí



Home Economics
– Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Anna O'Shea

Irish – Jellett Memorial Prize:
Anna O'Shea

Materials Technology (Wood)
– Parents' Association Prize:
Joshua Rance

Mathematics – Dillon Prize:
Ethan Flynn

Music – Diocesan School Prize:
Éle Ní Chonbhuí

Religious Education- Parents'
Association Prize:
Eimear Quinn

Science – Dorothy Blakeney Prize:
Ben Whelan

Technical Graphics
– Parents' Association Prize:
Aviv Sivak

Progress Prizes:

3GR **Stephanie Olaniyan,
Hannah Dillon**

3RL **Matthew Donovan,
Max Hauxwell**

3RW **Eve Sisson, Louis O'Sullivan**

3S **Ian Mayrs, Emily Fitzgerald**

3W **Abigail Sykes, Bevin Dixon**



**Form 6**

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

High School Exhibition:
(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)
William Cosgrave

John Thompson Scholarship:
(best pupil accepted into TCD to read Classics, English, and another language)
Isabella Gannon

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

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

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

John Bennett Memorial Prize:
(next best performing pupil)
Peter Lynch

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:
(best pupil studying Engineering)
Dylan Walsh

Accounting
Peter Lynch

Applied Mathematics
– Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:
Edward Meredith

Art – Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Ella Connolly

Biology – Miss Jagoe Prize:
Dylan Walsh

Business – SS Evans Prize:
Sadbh Rohu

Chemistry – Dr Start's Prize:
Dylan Walsh

Classical Studies – Etheline Brady Prize:
Isabella Gannon

Construction Studies
– Parents' Association Prize:
Edward Meredith

Design and Communication Graphics
– Miss Mitchell's Prize:
Martin Kelly

**Form 5**

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):
James Cole

Class Prizes:
**Calum Adair, Andrew Canning,
Shona Carey, Alistair Empey,
Jack Healy, Hannah Kerr,
Naoise May, Katie Moore,
Finn O'Sullivan, Luan Rogers**

Economics – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
William Cosgrave

English – Bessie Bury Prize:
Grace Gageby

French – McNay Prize:
Darragh Quinn

Geography – Miss Latimer's Prize:
Dylan Walsh

Geology – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Fields Chung

German – German Government Prize:
James Kinsella

History – Ivan King Memorial Prize:
Grace Gageby

Home Economics
– Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:
Ruby Stein

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:
Dylan Walsh

Mathematics – Foster Memorial Prize:
Dylan Walsh

Music – Diocesan School Prize:
Fiachra de hOra

Physics:
Dylan Walsh

Spanish – Ray White Memorial Prize:
Ella Byrne

Class Prizes: **Katarina Cvetkovic,
Morgan Kane O'Brien, Miriam Kelly,
Loris Nikolov, Saidhbhe O'Brien,
Oisín Ó Conbhuí, Max O'Donnell,
Alex O'Regan, Harry Walsh,
Haris Webster**



Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

James Kinsella

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

Past Pupils' Union Debating Medal:

Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

Naoise May

(for contribution to the Choir and Drama productions)

The Hughes Meredith Award:

Caoimhe Barry Corr

(Pupil who has made overall contribution to school life)

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Sophie Ryan Forrest

(for her role in organizing the Stand Up Awareness Week)

Form 1

(for their role in organizing the Colour Dash)

Past Pupils' Union Awards

Head Boy:

Dylan Walsh

Head Girl:

Munachi Anele

Jean Scott Trophy:

Ellen Ridgeway

Old Boys' Cup:

Edward Meredith



LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2019

Calum Adair
Daniel Adeola
Naomi Adeyanju
Alex Aspil
Seán Óg Barnes
Robert Beardsley
Clara Bell
Zak Bowker
James Boyd
Caitriona Brennan
Rory Browne
Matthew Browne Garcia
Harry Byrne
Naia Byrne Paredes
Jem Campion
Andrew Canning
Shona Carey
Isabelle Carter
Wolf Chung
James Cole
James Coman
Mia Comerford McKenna
Fiach Connolly
Finn Connolly
Oisín Cotter-Vazquez
Benjamin Cripps
Axel Cullen
Sam Daly
Shane Dambaza
Ferdia Darragh
Orianna Davey
Dermot Day
Cormac Dee-Brown
Elias Dempsey
Cormac Dempsey-Lerchundi
Miles Dixon
Odhrán Dixon
Rachel Donovan
Amy Dunne
Alistair Empey
Conor Fagan
Eric Felle
Erin Fetherston
Ethan Gernon
Scott Gillanders
Paul Gleeson
Sofi Grant
Michael Guy
Jack Healy
Oisín Healy
Henry Hinds
David Hogan
Susan Isikalu
Matthew Kaye Mellor
Asier Kelly
Eva Kenna
Dylan Keogh
Anna Keogh Corbally
Hannah Kerr
Veronica Kiarie
Wilson Ko
Jasmin Long
Tessa Long

Niall Lynch
Erica Macari
Seán Maguire
Ashley Makombe
Naoise May
Tom McCausland
Roseanne McCullough
Niall McDonnell
Anna McKim
Leah Merriman
Evan Miller
Katie Moore
Laura Motyer
Aileen Nagle
Caitlin Nickels
Síofra O'Brien
Harry O'Donnell
Hugh O'Donnell
Callum O'Dwyer
Rebecca O'Farrell
Molly O'Shea
Finn O'Sullivan

Daisy O'Toole
Angel Okah
Grace Park
Aiden Perdue
Anna Phelan
Shauna Power
Megan Rance
Luan Rogers
Dylan Roycroft
Daniel Ruffi
Áine Ryan
Dave Samson
Georgina Scanlon
Amy Scollard
Molly Sheridan
Matheus Soares Ajzenberg
Tim Sweeney
Matthew Thompson
Sean Ukagba
Hannah Vance Cronin
Robert Whyte
Sol Wynne

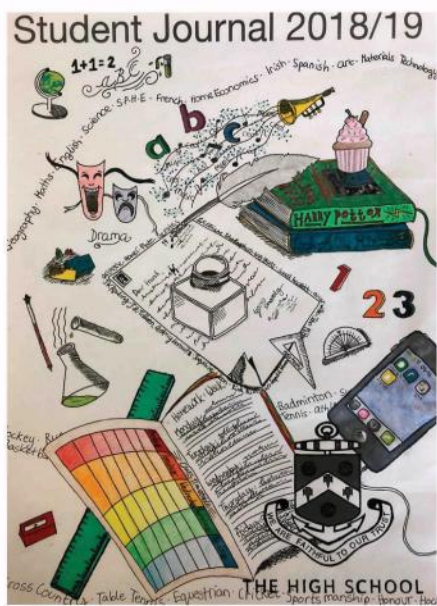


JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2019

Daniel Abioye
Israel Abumere
David Adeyanju
Oluwadolapo Adisa
Olufisayo Akinsuli
Norah Alabdulkarim
Mihai Avasilichioaiei
Ciara Boyd
Elijah Breen
Emily Brennan
Jordan Brislane
Andrew Browne
Shane Burke
Liam Butler
Samuel Byrne
Claire Cahill
Aoife Cahill
Chris Chong
Laura Cole
Heather Collins
Colm Cooney
Lyla Corcoran
Martin Cosijn Gómez

Sam Courtney
Robert Courtney
Michael Courtney
Katie Crosby Dillon
Sidney Cruickshank
Eileen Curran
Luke Dee-Brown
Ross Deegan
Tadhg Dixon
Katy Donnelly
Harry Doran
Sophie Doyle
Sarah Doyle
Isabella Doyle
Zoe Dunne
Sara Dunne
Louis Dunne
Kim Dunne
Katie Dunne
Marcus Empey
James Farrell
Isabel Feeney
Maya Feighery
Daniel Frew
Tom Garvey
Rachel Garvey
Hugh Geraghty
Ian Gill
Matthew Gillis
Arianna Gorman
Robyn Hamilton
Justin Hanney
Luke Hardy
Julian Hauxwell
Joshua Hayes
Beth Heslin
Samuel Hodgess
Dara Hogan
Samuel Hutzler
Prince Isikalu
Emma Jenkins-Leeson
Alice Kelly
Abigail Kenna
Kayla Kennedy
Amelia King
Conleth Law
Tomás Layte
Faye Leavy
Edith Leavy
Jonathan Lees
Sophia Leonard

Oscar Loftus
Caoimhe Lowry
Oscar Maharg Bravo
Aoibh Mahon
Oliver Marjoram
Oscar Martin
Ella Maxwell
Jay-Jay McCarthy
Ben McClean Howard
Eleana McGrath
Daragh McGrath
Nathan McLoughlin
Charles McNamara
Cian Milton
Ross Molloy
Sarah Morris
Roisín Murphy
Ellen Needham
Honor Nolan
Fiona O'Byrne
Caroline O'Connor
Louis O'Neill
Omowumi Obi
Taiwo Ogundipe
Kehinde Ogundipe
Sean Omoruyi
Ajirioghene Otobo
Ella Pasley
Paddy Plockelman
Emily Pryce
Eoin Quinn
Shane Reid
Adam Reid
Finn Reilly
Julia Rodrigues
Frankie Rong
Elijah Rosney
Kirsten Sargent
Rosemary Shankey
Ailbhe Smith
Ruth Stewart
Darragh Sullivan
Derek Ukagba
Leo Vaughan
Aleena Vilson
Sam Walsh
Mona Webster
Cillian West
Andrew Whyte
Scott Wilgar
Naomi Wilson
Kelly Jo Wilson
Jessica Xu
Michelle Yang
Gowtham Yellapu
Síofra Young
Zaman Zaidi
Patricia Zhang
Cian Ziglinski



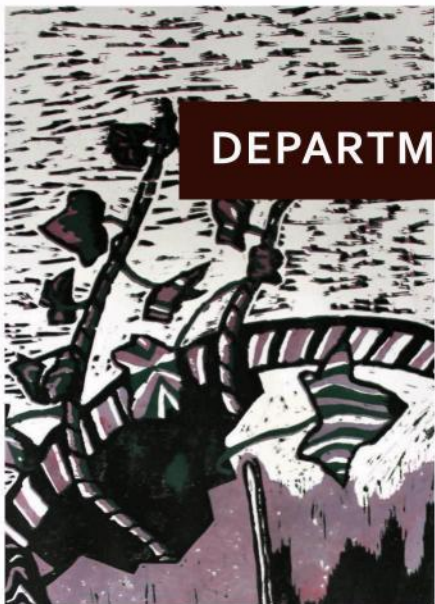
ART



FORM 1



FORM 2



DEPARTMENTS

FORM 3



FORM 4



FORM 5

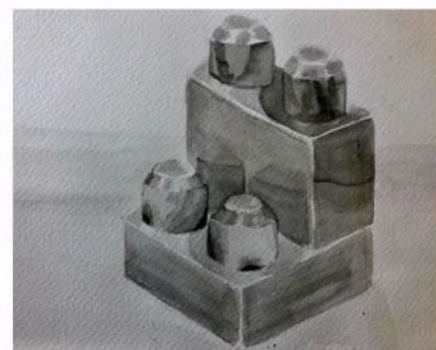
MUSEUM TRIP

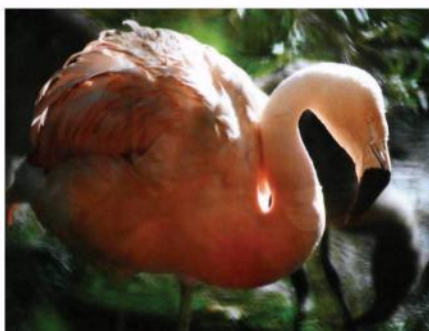
On 18 October, all Form 5 and 6 Art pupils set off on their annual museum trip.

We congregated early in the day at the foyer in The Irish Museum of Modern Art (IMMA). The first place we were shown was The Freud Centre where the exhibition 'Gaze' was taking place, as part of the Freud Project. We saw a collection of 52 different works by Lucien Freud, alongside an accumulation of pieces by other artists.

After visiting IMMA, we dispersed and went for lunch in town, and then reunited at The Hugh Lane Gallery for our second museum of the day. We saw some of the Permanent Collection and some of the temporary exhibitions at the gallery. After roaming through the large Victorian rooms, we got to look at the Francis Bacon studio. We not only got to see the workspace of Bacon, but we also got to learn about his life and see some of his greatest works in the Chambers Gallery. All in all, the trip was a great success, and I think I can safely say that all Senior Art pupils thoroughly enjoyed the trip.

Anna Lyons





BUSINESS STUDIES

BANK VISIT



The Form 1 Business Studies classes got to go and visit the bank in Rathgar. On our first trip we were introduced to the managers and given some rules about the bank. We then got a tour of the bank. On the tour they explained to us what happens in the bank every day and what everything is for. We got to see behind the scenes. We got to count and weigh money for the bank tellers. We got to open and go into the safe to see the safety deposit boxes. We learnt that the money that is deposited into the bank has to go to the central bank to be redistributed back to the banks. On our second trip we learnt about the financial life cycle and the different financial needs that we will have as we go through life, for example, a bank overdraft, car loan or mortgage. On our last trip we learnt about how to set up a bank account and how to take out a loan. It was a very educational trip and we all enjoyed it.

Daniel Tallon



CAREER GUIDANCE

HIGHER OPTIONS RDS

It's really important to be organised going to the RDS. As a result, I got to speak to all of the lecturers of the courses I wanted to do. I got lots of useful information. It has helped to narrow down my course options. It's worth getting there early as there is so much going on and so many people.

Ashley Makombe

I found it was really important to speak to people other than colleges for example the Defence forces, Coillte, and An Garda Síochána. It was great to get a different perspective on careers rather than just courses. The leaflets are important to pick up as they have valuable information on Open Days and Information Evenings.

Niall Lynch

If you are undecided the day is a vital opportunity to see a range of colleges and courses. It really helps to motivate you, especially hearing directly from the lecturers themselves. A lot of the people at the stands are current or past pupils, so they give you a realistic and relatable viewpoint.

**Wolf Chung
and Erin Fetherston**

CAREERS FAIR

On Thursday 14 March The High School hosted their first ever 'careers fair'. Many past pupils came back to the school for an evening to talk to Form 5 about their college courses. Prior to this each pupil in careers class had to write down two options of courses they were interested in to be able to get a slot to talk to people on this course. On the night it seemed like a series of speed dates; a couple of High School pupils sat with college students asking and answering questions about that course. After 5 minutes the bell rang and you moved to the second option you had chosen. Once again after 15 minutes the bell rang but this time you moved to any course that you had not been to but interested you.

For my options I was allocated to Nursing and Primary School Teaching, two areas I am interested in. These talks with the college students benefitted me greatly as I got clearer perspectives on what it would be like to study the course. I thought it was a really interesting and beneficial experience for all Form 5 and I can say that I am glad I attended. A big thank you to all the past pupils who came back to participate in the careers fair evening by talking and helping us decide what to do for the future.

Nicole Holland



CLASSICAL STUDIES

The 2018/2019 academic year has been another busy one for the Classical Studies department at The High School – ‘epic’, even. There were returning pupils continuing their journeys through the Ancient World, and new ones just embarking upon them.

The Form 1 pupils began their mythological adventures exploring the realms of heroes and the mighty quests. From the gods of Mount Olympus to Heracles and his labours, they traversed through the stories of old with great vigour and enthusiasm. For the second half of the year, we moved from the mountains of Greece to the seven hills of Rome. A highlight of the year was most certainly a fateful day in March when the Battle of Cannae was recreated by Form 1 on the fields of the HSD rugby pitch, with their cardboard scutum shields, and of course their trusty light sabers, in tow.

Form 2 encountered many key texts this year; from Homer’s Iliad to Plautus’ Swaggering Soldier, they analysed heroes and villains with great effect.

Whilst Form 3 continued upon their own Odysseys of sorts preparing for their Junior Certificate examination, they still found time to embrace the wondrous worlds of Greece and Rome with consistent excitement. Our Ides of March feast, celebrated with all year groups in the Classics Department, most certainly allowed them to put their ancient baking skills to the test. There was bread, fruit, and even what I believe was ancient Roman chocolate biscuit cake.



Form 4 Classicists delved into the realm of the Ancient Greek city state of Sparta. Known for its shields and swords, Form 4 explored topics ranging from education to warfare; from food to marriages. As always, this Transition Year module culminated with the pupils in each form group producing practical projects. Just like the Spartans themselves, the year was about actions, not words. Thus, all projects had to involve making something – no presentations allowed! There were Sparta cakes aplenty, enough replica armour and weaponry to fill a museum, and a hefty number of what will one day surely be considered award-winning short films.

Senior Cycle pupils engaged with their Leaving Certificate topics just as ancient players on the stages of antiquity, with their dramas and stories of persistence and determination. From Odysseus’ journey home from the Trojan War, to

Alexander the Great’s conquests of Asia, and even a trip to the far reaches of Ely’s Arch, Churchtown, Forms 5 and 6 worked extremely hard throughout the year.

All there is left to do is wish Forms 3 and 6 the best of luck in their upcoming state examinations. In the words of one Leonidas of Sparta: Molon Labe... bring it on!

Mr Milofsky

IDES OF MARCH

The Ides of March which falls on the 15 March is a monumental day in the world of Classics. It marks the day that the notorious Julius Caesar was killed. In our Form 5 classics class we celebrated the Ides of March in true Roman fashion. Each of us wore a toga, a distinctive garment of ancient Rome so we could really act the part. We ate an assortment of olives, cheese and breads; it was the quite the feast We all thoroughly enjoyed being able to live the ancient Roman life style for an afternoon. We are also very grateful to Mr Milofsky for organizing a great afternoon.

Heather O’Connor



CONSTRUCTION STUDIES

It has been a busy year for Form 3 Materials Technology Wood and Form 6 Construction Studies. The Materials Technology Wood class worked extremely hard to finish their Junior Certificate projects in April. The project briefs for 2019 provided the pupils with an opportunity to be both creative and innovative. The three different options involved a wooden artefact to store newspapers and magazines, an artefact that evokes the beauty and diversity of our oceanic habitats, and a unit to hold a variety of small personal items in a young person's room. The pupils designed their projects around their chosen brief and the results were very impressive. The projects display a very high standard of woodworking ability and a variety of creative and innovative artefacts were produced.

The Construction Studies class showed their understanding and interest in the subject through project work. The class completed a wide array of projects which represented their learnings over the last two years. Pupils are invited to make a physical artefact and portfolio based on topics in a subject area of their choosing. Form 6 investigated and researched their chosen topic. This year we saw projects such as tables, cross section of a house models, sustainable building design models, urban development models, and floor plans. Form 6 also showed great ability in their day practical examination where they all completed a woodworking examination which tested their ability to measure, cut, and fit intricate high quality wooden joints.

Mr Middleton and Mr O'Sullivan





ENGLISH

The week before half-term Form 6 English pupils went to see a production of Macbeth in the Mill Theatre in Dundrum as part of their Leaving Certificate course. Macbeth is the prescribed Shakespeare play this year and so this trip provided an excellent opportunity to get a feel for how the play is performed. The production was excellent with wonderful special effects which were used to enhance the spooky scenes. It was a great way to learn not just about how the play can be performed but also how special effects, props, lighting, and costumes all combine to create an immersive experience for the audience. I think Form 6 is in agreement that the production of Macbeth was spectacular and I would strongly encourage anyone to see it whether at the Mill Theatre or elsewhere.

James Cole

GEOGRAPHY

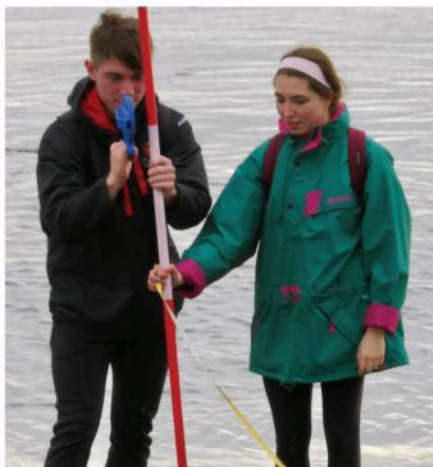
FORM 6 FIELD TRIP

On Tuesday 2 October the Geography pupils of Form 6 set out for the annual Geography Field Trip. It was a sunny, warm day and we were all lucky that we didn't have to wear the rain gear we were advised to wear. We left the school at nine for a busy day on Shankill Beach collecting information for our Geography Research Projects. We were studying the effects of transportation and deposition on the beach.

With the help of the Geography teachers we set about gathering our information on things like longshore drift and studying the types of rocks found on the beach. I found it particularly useful as it helped me to put many of the things I had learnt in class into context. It was fulfilling to know that you were able to apply all the class work practically and I think it helped me better understand the subject. We all had a good time and learned much on our trip to Shankill Beach and it will definitely help us with our preparations for the Leaving Certificate.

Thanks to all the teachers who made the day possible and enjoyable for all. Also for their advice as we couldn't have done it without their help.

Orianna Davey



HOME ECONOMICS

It was a busy year for the Home Economics department at The High School! The new Junior Cycle course commenced and our eager Form 1 embraced all the challenges with enthusiasm. Everything from sustainable living, responsible consumerism, a pancake party, well-being and upcycling a household textile was covered. Form 1 made festive rocky road Christmas puddings to celebrate finishing their first term of Home Economics and they completed beautiful upcycled bags and backpacks as part of their textile and craft module.

It was also a busy year for Form 2. They completed numerous sweet and savoury dishes while developing their practical skills for their Junior Certificate practical examinations. They practised their sewing machine skills and made themselves a pair of pyjama shorts.

The diligent Junior Certificate pupils worked hard this year in preparation for their examinations. They demonstrated their creativity and sewing skills by completing their Design and Craftwork projects. They successfully completed their Food and Culinary Skills exam in April and continuously worked hard at their studies throughout the year.

Form 4 pupils enjoyed the Food and Culinary Skills module. Many of these pupils did not study Home Economics for their Junior Certificate and were

enthusiastic about participating in the module. Many sweet and savoury dishes were completed and skills for life were developed throughout the module.

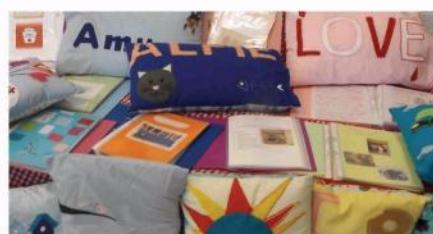
Form 5 completed their Food Studies coursework journals. The Form 5 pupils were very involved in the preparation and running of the 2018 open evening. The pupils ran the "smoothie bar" and the "design your own cupcake station". They were aided by very helpful Form 2 and Form 4 pupils on the night and everyone contributed to a very successful evening.

The Leaving Certificate pupils submitted their Food Studies coursework journals. They celebrated Christmas in Home Economics by enjoying a seasonal fruity punch and nibbles. They worked hard at their studies throughout the year. The majority of these pupils had studied Home Economics for their six years in the school and we said goodbye to them in style with an end of year breakfast.

The annual National Ploughing Championships trip in September 2018 was enjoyed by Form 4, 5 and 6 pupils. The groups attended cookery demonstrations by the ambassador for the Association of Teachers of Home Economics, Neven Maguire, Rachel Allen, and many more. It was a fantastic day enjoyed by all.

Ms Bergin







NATIONAL PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Early on 20 September, a group of High School pupils filed onto a coach to go to the National Ploughing Championships in Scredgen, Tullamore.

Although some of the group didn't see the ploughing itself, the championships were an incredible experience. We arrived in a coach together and were allowed to split up and look around many stalls.

We had a questionnaire to fill out as we went around the place and as we were walking around we were handed many free samples like hats, bags, raincoats, highlighters, and other stationery. It was great to see everyone back on to the bus weighed down with samples and wearing cowboy hats.

There was also a good choice of food stalls selling delicious produce including ice cream, burgers, fruit, coffee and anything else you'd care to name. Other attractions included a sheep shearing demonstration, various cooking demonstrations, and a farm animal petting zoo.

The day was long but action packed. Although the weather went against us on the day the entire group enjoyed the experience thoroughly. I'd like to thank the teachers involved for their organisation and help to bring us all to the National Ploughing Championships. It was truly a wonderful experience.

Ruth Ninan and Anna Dallas





IRISH SEACHTAIN NA GAELIGE

Bhí Seachtain na Gaelige an bhlian seo ar fheabhas. Bhí sé ar siúl i rith mí an Mhárta agus bhain gach dalta an-taitneamh as an seachtain iontach seo. Bhí atmaisféar iontach sa scoil iomlán le postaer agus maisiúcháin iontacha timpeall an scoile go léir. Bhí sé an fheabhas an éid speis a raibh ag gach duine san ábhar. Bhí an t-ádh linn go raibh aimsir go hálainn tríd an seachtain go léir. Rinneamar go leor gníomhaíochta an spraoiúil chomh maith.

Dheisíomar ár gcuid póstaerí féin agus chrochamar iad timpeall na scoile. Bhí a lán glas bán agus oráiste ar na mball.

Freisin, d'imríomar cluichí beaga sa seomra ranga cosúil le Scrabble (as Gaeilge dar ndóigh!).

Fresin, rinneamar trá na gceis faoi stair Gaelach agus daoine cáiliúla as Éirinn Rinneamar crosfhocal níos déanaí sa seachtain.

Níos luithe a seachtain, thainig Sibéal Davitt isteach sa scoile. Is rinceoir sean nós í. Mhúin sí dúinn chonas rince sean nós a dhéanamh sean nós ná sean-dhamsa, tradisiúnta Eireannach. Ciallaíonn sean nós "old style". Bhain gach duine an taitneamh as an lá sin.

Agus an meall mór ag deirneadh, bhiomar in ann ár scilleana iománaíochta a úsaid leis an nboc fada! Bhí orainn sliotar a bhuadh agus a fheiceáil cé chomh fhada is a thaistil sé.



TRIP TO CROKE PARK



MODERN LANGUAGES

Modern Languages is now part of the new Junior Cycle Programme therefore Form 2 had classroom based assessments. Pupils put in a lot of effort and they used their knowledge of the target language in creative ways for their presentations and role plays. This type of assessment is a welcome addition to the curriculum as it enables pupils to use the target language in meaningful contexts.

In 2017, Spanish was introduced as an additional optional subject for Form 1. This has now extended to Form 2. Transition Year pupils continue to have the option of beginning Spanish in Form 4. If they wish, they can then choose Spanish as a Leaving Certificate subject. Languages also play a part in the overall programme of school activities. In September, the European Day of Languages was marked by a number of events which were held throughout the week. There were performances in Assembly which included French poems and songs, a class performance of La Marseillaise and Spanish dancing. Quizzes were available in the Library and there were opportunities to watch French films.

The European Christmas Market (organised by Form 4 pupils) was a popular event. There were numerous posters (in French, German and Spanish) as well as some lists of useful phrases in the three languages. At break time, all school pupils sampled some delicious home-baked treats.

Two outings were organised by the Modern Languages Department. A group of Form 2 pupils visited the Alliance Francaise where they participated in some organised activities. Transition Year saw a French film at the Irish Film Institute.

Pupils also entered national competitions. A team participated in the All Ireland Linguistics Olympiad. Every year, pupils studying German submit an entry for a German essay competition organised by the Austrian Embassy. This year's entry was Patrick Ryan who received a certificate of achievement. This is a second success for Patrick. Last year he was placed 2nd in Ireland and had a visit from the Austrian ambassador who came to the school to present him with his prize.

Ms Stevenson

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

2018-19 was a very successful year for The High School Physical Education Department. The Department continued to pursue our aim of enabling pupils with enjoyable and worthwhile learning opportunities across a variety of physical activities. Also, several Physical Education excursions and activities were organised by the Department to assist in providing new learning experiences for pupils at both the Junior and Senior Cycles of the school.

Form 2 pupils participated in an Outdoor Pursuits day in Russborough House where they undertook activities such as canoeing, orienteering, abseiling, archery, and team-building activities.

An overnight adventure excursion at Kippure Estate was also organised by the Department. Here pupils camped overnight, learned a variety of camp craft skills, prepared and cooked their meals, undertook a day and night hike, and completed a high ropes course.

Also, as part of their PE curriculum Form 4 pupils undertook several coaching courses in sports such as Basketball, Hockey, and Rugby where many pupils achieved a National Governing Body coaching qualification. All Form 4 pupils also successfully completed a recognised First Aid Course. The Department also included the inclusion of new physical activities within the Transition Year programme such as Capoeira, Yoga and Golf.

Finally, to end the academic year the PE Department with the assistance of pupils and teachers successfully ran their annual "Active School Week", which incorporated a wide range of activities at lunchtimes and during PE/Games classes such as table-tennis, dance, volleyball, and soccer, to mention a few.

Well done to all our Physical Education pupils on a great year's work and high levels of participation.

Mr Sullivan

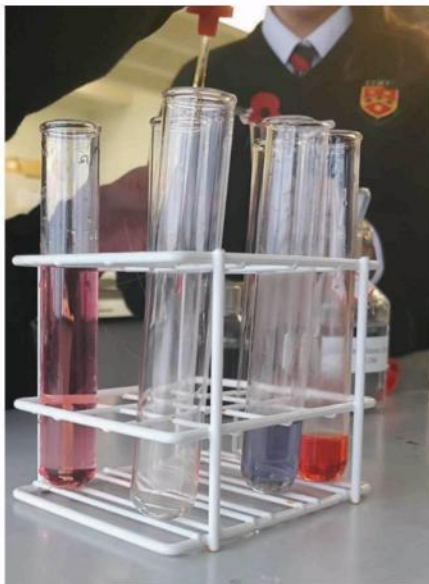


POLITICS AND SOCIETY

LEINSTER HOUSE TRIP

On Monday 1 April my Politics and Society class visited Leinster House with Ms Fitzgerald to find out more about where the action happens. Leinster House is a very beautiful and old building. After going through security, we met with our usher who showed us around. The tour began by going straight to the Dáil Chamber the large room in which the government discusses issues and passes new bills and laws. We had a brilliant opportunity to ask our guide the questions we had, and it was amazing being able to see where everything we learn about happens. After seeing the Chamber, we went to the room where the Seanad sits. We continued inquiring and finding out more information. We got to stand on the balcony which was built in June 1963 for the visit of John F Kennedy and admired the pictures of all past Taoisigh. We finished up by reading a copy of the original Proclamation of the Republic of Ireland read by Pádraig Pearse on the steps of the GPO in 1916. It was a great day which we all enjoyed thoroughly.

Heather O'Connor



SCIENCE

SCIENCE CLUB

Science Club took place every week this year. The first time I went I didn't really know what to expect. I was hoping we could cover things we don't normally get around to in our usual Science class and I was really hoping we would do loads of fun experiments and that's exactly what we did!

My favourite experiments were 'elephant's toothpaste' and the 'exploding jelly baby'. It is also a good way of making friends with people in other forms who have an interest in Science. I would recommend Science Club to anyone who loves learning through fun activities. It is open to Forms 1, 2 and 3 and I am looking forward to joining in again next year.

Camilla Redmond

BIOLOGY FIELD TRIP FORM 6

As part of the Leaving Certificate Biology course, an ecology field study must be carried out on a named ecosystem. The chosen ecosystem was the rocky seashore. Split over two excursions, Form 6 Biology classes went to Portrane Strand in Donabate to investigate the flora and fauna present. We kept the all-important "3 R's" in mind (random, record, repeat) as we investigated the occurrence of five selected organisms in a quadrant. From our results, the percentage cover and percentage frequency of each organism could be calculated. Once all the relevant data was collected, we stopped off for a bite to eat before heading back to school. We really appreciate the effort put in by the Biology teachers to organise this field trip. Having the opportunity to carry out the experiment ourselves has meant that our understanding of ecology has greatly improved.

Katie Moore



LIBRARY

The High School Library remained a very busy place this year, with activities, exhibitions and talks being held.

The Library held its annual celebrations and events – European Day of Languages, Science and Space Weeks, Book Speed Dating, World Book Day, and National Poetry Day events. This year, new competitions were introduced, which proved very popular. These were a Hallowe'en Haiku competition and a Twitter-length short story competition. Entrants were from all years, and the entries were inventive and amazing.

The busiest activity in the Library this year was the new Board Game Fridays, held during Junior lunch break. There was not a seat to be had, with small groups even on the floor playing games. This proved so popular that pupils used the board games at other times as well – before school and during both breaks. The Library hosts a new Book Club – small to start, but new members are always welcome. The Book Club met before school, two days a week, and had an outing to the Great Reads Award at Loreto College, Foxrock. This outing included other pupils, such as the best readers in each year and those who entered the Poetry Aloud competition before Christmas.

The Poetry Aloud competition is a national poetry competition where set poems are recited from memory. This year, three High School pupils entered; Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar, Arianna Gorman, and Princess Isikalu. The event was held in the National Library of Ireland with Arianna winning through to the semi-final. A fantastic achievement by all three girls.

To celebrate World Book Day, in conjunction with the English Department, our speaker this year was one of our High School parents, Mr Owen O'Doherty. He kindly came and spoke to all Form 1 about his book entitled "Bright Sparks" – a non-fiction book about women inventors. It was greatly received by the pupils and copies of the book can be found in the school library.

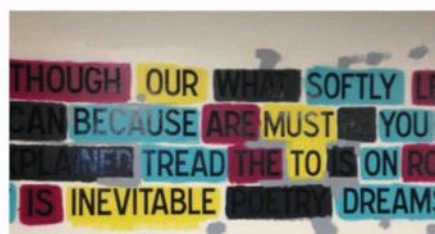
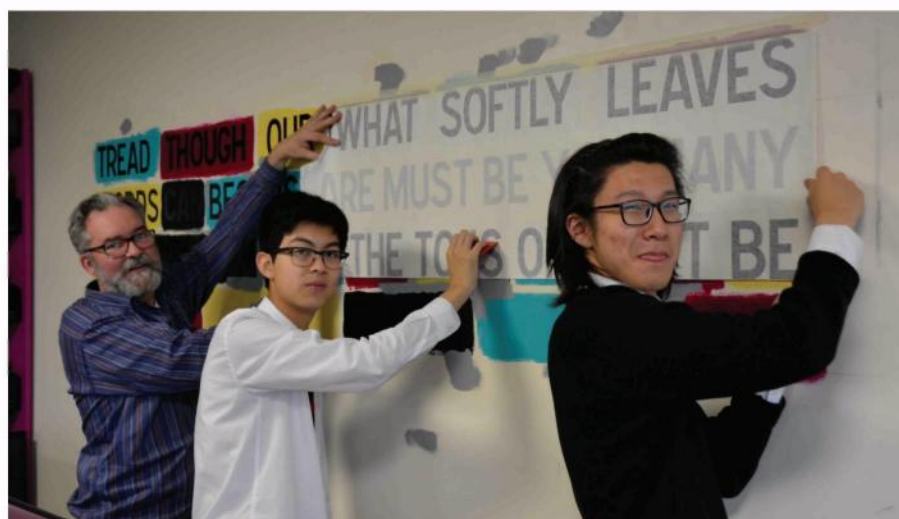
To complete our new library, artwork was commissioned from our school Archivist, Mr Alan Phelan. This original piece of art was based on the words of our ex-pupil WB Yeats. Several Form 4 pupils assisted in the project, and we are proud to display such an original and innovative piece of art.

Throughout the year, pupils used the Library in a variety of ways – Form 1 and 4 English classes, Form 4 Physics classes, Science classes, and Irish. We had several displays courtesy of the Art Department, including Form 1 ceramics, photography, and recently, the graduating Form 6 Art Portfolios.

In 2019, the Library was very proud to host the launch of a new RE book by one of The High School teachers, Ms Hutchinson Edgar. This textbook, entitled "A World of Beliefs" is the second textbook produced by Ms Hutchinson-Edgar and we are delighted to be associated with both books.

The Library continues to be a busy place, with pupils enjoying the space before school as well as during break times. Book suggestions are always welcome and we hope to introduce new activities for the 2019 academic year.

Ms Wiggle
School Librarian



WINNERS OF THE LIBRARY TWITTER SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Alabama kids Scout and Jem fascinated by the reclusive Boo Radley. Dad and lawyer Atticus defends black man from rape charge.

Anna Hoey

Warm, fresh, bright, new. Song, hot, no school, no work. Bright coloured leaves all around. Cold, wet, damp, dark. Books for every season.

Eoin Kelly

Big Brother is not great. The brotherhood will overthrow him. We'll win. The thought police opened the door. I got up for a glass of water.

Oscar Hannon Smyth

A book often reveals truths reality obscures. One must only take the time to sit back and let books transport them to the unrealised worlds.

Ruth Ninan

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Wei searched the library for the KMY book for the final political exam, but spotted a strange book, called "Mao-Z – The Little Red Book".

Leo Cox

'A kingdom for my horse!', he declared. She looked disdainful. 'You know William, say all you want, but one can never impress their mother'.

Tirzah Hutchinson Edgar



Pupils from The High School were among the crowd of pupils, librarians, and teachers from fourteen of the participating schools who travelled to Foxrock to attend the third annual Great Reads Awards (GRA) ceremony. There they met pupils from other schools and some interesting children's authors as well as friends and partners of the GRA, the School Library Association, public libraries, bookshops, and book publishers. They were especially excited to see four of the shortlisted writers in attendance: M A Bennett (S.T.A.G.S), Emma Quigley (Bank), Padraig Kenny (Tin), and Kelly McCaughrain (Flying Tips for Flightless Birds). The event was hosted by author and storyteller Dave Rudden - photographed here with pupils from The High School. There was much laughter and a great atmosphere throughout which delighted all those gathered at this very special event. We are already looking forward to next year's awards ceremony.



WINNERS OF OCTOBER HAIKU COMPETITION

Junior Winner – Anna Hoey

My head gets blown off
the red liquid trickles down
Really! I need help

Senior Winner – Rachel Low

Oíche Shamhna maith,
Puirpín, taibhsí, mílseain deas,
Spraoi ag gach uile duine





THE ARTS



SENIOR PLAY

This year, the Senior Play was an adaption of the stage musical and film 'Annie'. The story follows an orphan named Annie (Lucy Brennan) who is on a search for her parents. All she has is a note and half a locket that they left with her to help her find them.

Mr Warbucks (Jacob Cullington) is a billionaire who wants to take an orphan in for a week, and so he sends his assistant Ms Farrell (Mia Murphy) out to Ms Hannigan's orphanage. Ms Hannigan (Alison Landy) is a mean, troubled woman who is reluctant to let Ms Farrell take Annie, but eventually gives in. When it is announced that there will be a reward for anyone who can find Annie's parents, many people falsely own up, in the hope of claiming the prize, two being Ms Hannigan's brother Rooster (Joe Murphy) and his wife Lily (Heather O'Connor). After a lot of drama and some trials and tribulations, Annie is informed that her parents have been dead for a long time. Mr Warbucks, however, decides to adopt Annie into his own family.

This musical was no easy feat, but all of the cast and crew, along with the director (Mr Milofsky), took on the challenge with great determination. Rehearsals were very enjoyable and everyone formed very close bonds, knowing we were all in this for the same outcome. The stage managers (Rosie Gillis, Jodie McAvinue, and Debbie Ogunkayode) along with the rest of the crew, did a fabulous job keeping everyone in line, and bringing the set to life.

There was a lot of singing and dancing in this musical, and we were incredibly lucky to have some expert help in those areas. Ms Downey kindly came in to help choreograph and perfect our dances, which added so much to the overall performance. Mr Urwin helped prepare us for our singing, which was very beneficial, as it's not always easy to sing in front of a large crowd. Huge thanks go to Ms Leavy and Mr Brusey who were always there to help us improve on our performance.

A special thank you goes out to the sound and light people, the companies who kindly sponsored our production, the pupils who helped out on the night, and Mr Rankin for his photography.

Overall, this production was a great success, with standing ovations on all

three nights, and wonderful praise from everyone in the audience. This was a memorable and exceptional experience for us all.

Lucy Brennan

Form 5 put on a production of Annie in December 2018. We worked on it for two months and gave up countless Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings. After so much hard work, of course it all paid off and we managed to pull off three bloop-free performances with a standing ovation on each night. We all gained a lot out of the whole experience and made new friends. We definitely could not have done it without a huge support system of staff, pupils, and past pupils alike. Mr Milofsky deserves a massive thank you for his countless hours of hard work, perseverance, and most importantly, patience. Ms Browne and Mr Rankin for their behind-the-scenes work, and all Form 6 pupils who sacrificed their Friday evenings to share



their wisdom with us; and finally the various past pupils who gave up their free time to show us the ropes. All in all, I think everyone involved enjoyed the journey and will value the friends and memories made forever.

Jodie McAvinue







JUNIOR PLAY

On Thursday 4 April 2019 a determined group of Form 1 and 2 pupils performed the play 'Did the Butler Do It?' in The Reynolds Hall. Both cast and crew alike were full of adrenaline and ready to go when the night came around after weeks of fun-filled and lively rehearsals. The rehearsals kicked off with entertaining drama games to break the ice. We got to meet other pupils from different forms and became better friends with pupils in our own year group. All stages of the Junior Play experience were enjoyable from reading through the play for the first time to our final pep talk before the performance.

The play consisted of two acts with an interval in between. The play centred around the theft of Lady Jemima Fitzwilliam's (Lottie Egan) pearls. To investigate the theft she called in Inspector Vector (Jake O'Loughlin), his trusty sidekick Sergeant Pargeant (Eoin Kelly) and their police force (Anna Hoey, Carrie MacWilliam). Her husband Charles Fitzwilliam (Alex O'Hare), not having faith in the police, called on Ms Clues (Tirzah Hutchison Edgar) an old investigator renowned for never forgetting anything and her assistant Lily (Jesse Needham) to get to the bottom of the case. Ignoring interjections from the Fitzwilliam's butler, Jeeves (Sam McCluskie), the investigation began.

The pearls had been stolen during a party the Fitzwilliams had hosted, so it was a race against time for the two teams of investigators to try and interview the guests. Among the suspects were: Gerald and Lucy Darlington (Hugo Chaloner and Leah McGrath), the bedraggled Lionel Hamilton (James Godson O'Doherty) and his wife Elizabeth (Katie Millar), and Jeremy and Margo Frimblehurst (Jack McGinn and Ruth Dillon). Lily, being considered a maid, was able to talk freely with all the maids and butlers: James, Johns and Jakes (Thomas Boucher) and Ivy (Hannah Hearne), Poppy (Hannah McCarthy) and Daisy (Coco O'Donnell).

In the end, the investigators had come up against a blank wall. With the whole cast gathered on stage Jeeves was finally permitted to speak. He explained that the whole thing was a misunderstanding and the investigations had been unnecessary as no crime had actually taken place. He had taken the pearls on the day of the party to mend a broken clasp. Astounding the audience, he further

elaborated that someone who had been called in to investigate the case could in fact lay her hands on the pearls at that very moment. On hearing this, the police jumped up to arrest Ms Clues. But before they could Jeeves explained that she had simply picked up a package containing the pearls at his request. The one thing Ms Clues had done though was forget to give the package to the Fitzwilliams. The play closed with the lines: 'All would have been well but for one thing Ms Clues, YOU FORGOT!!'

This performance was the first Junior Play to incorporate music in recent times. Memorable performances included: village locals Amber, Emerald, Ruby and Ms Diamond (Katie Millar, Anna Hoey, Sophie Donnan, and Mia O'Mahony) singing 'Pleasant Valley Sunday', 'Money, Money, Money' performed by the three burglars (Emily Breslin, Aoife Trimmer, and Maryam Abioye) who had been sneaking around the stage throughout the play; and 'Let it Be' performed by Ms Clues (Tirzah Hutchison Edgar) and Lucy Darlington (Leah McGrath).

This year the tradition of Interval Acts was continued. During the interval we had five spectacular performances from the cast of the show. These were: Leah McGrath singing and playing guitar 'Say Something' by A Great Big World; James Godson O'Doherty performing

'Ragtime Horn' by Ray Hensher on the French horn; Katie Millar singing 'Always Remember Us This Way' by Lady Gaga; Thomas Boucher playing 'Solfeggietto' by Bach on piano; Eoin Kelly and Jake O'Loughlin singing 'The Other Side' from The Greatest Showman; and Coco O'Donnell singing 'Jealous' by Labyrinth.

Finally, we would sincerely like to thank all involved in making the performance possible. A massive thank you to all the pupils who worked backstage, painted the beautiful backdrop, and worked vigorously on the night. To the pupils of Form 5 who helped in many ways with sound, costumes and set painting, your help was indispensable. A huge thank you to Nathan Hutchinson Edgar who was our pupil director and producer this year, your help and support was invaluable, and each member of the Junior Play learnt a lot from you! Thanks also to Mr Rankin on lights, Paul on sound and Ms March our assistant and musical director. And finally, thank you to the teacher who made the Junior Play possible, Ms Browne our director and organiser.

The Junior Play is an amazing experience for all involved and we urge incoming Form 1 pupils to check it out as it's a great way to have fun and make friends.

**Jake O'Loughlin
and Eoin Kelly**





ONE ACT DRAMA FESTIVAL

During Form 5, I took part in the One Act Play competition along with my peers. The competition is held annually and many schools around Ireland take part every year.

The play we created is called "Voices", which presents the audience with a girl who is battling an eating disorder, as well as the constant voice at the back of her head. This play deals with very serious and current issues, and I am very proud to say that I was part of this fine production.

Although it was a very sombre play, a lot of fun was still had in the process of bringing it to life. Because of the short time we had to prepare for the competition, we had to take part in intensive rehearsals in order to achieve our goal. But there was a good balance between working and having fun during these rehearsals, which is why I thoroughly enjoyed taking part in them.

The competition itself did not go the way we would have liked it, but it was a great day none the less. How many awards we won doesn't matter; what matters is that we were so proud of the play that we created, and the performance we put on for the audience. A wide range of emotions could be seen on stage during our performance, which substantially impacted the audience. The cast and I experienced laughter, anger, and even tears while performing on stage, and I was extremely happy with the show we put on.

Overall, I really enjoyed taking part in the One Act Competition this year. I made many friends along the way and as a group we learned a lot about ourselves as individuals. It was an experience that I will never forget.

Mia Murphy



ORCHESTRA

The High School orchestra is made up of a range of musicians from across the year groups. We rehearse a wide repertoire of different music, including classical music, film music, well-known songs, and less familiar pieces. The orchestra rehearses every Thursday from 4-5 pm and our practice, helped by expert guidance from our conductors Ms Dowling and Ms Phillips, eventually comes together to shape the music we play.

The orchestra performs at various events in the school calendar. Early in the year we performed at the Open Evening for incoming pupils and the Prize Distribution. We also perform at the Carol Service, where we are joined by the choir to perform various Christmas Carols. The orchestra plays at several Assemblies throughout the school year and features in the end-of-year Summer Concert.

The orchestra also competes at various competitions, including the school orchestra category at the Wesley Feis and the Feis Ceoil. This year, on 2 March, we played Montagues and Capulets from Romeo and Juliet by Sergei Prokofiev at the Wesley Feis, coming second. We also competed at Feis Ceoil on 9 April with Montagues and Capulets, "Oblivion" by A Piazzolla, Lady Gaga "Fugue" by Germanotta, and "Khayat" and "The Avengers" theme by Alan Silvestri. We came second at this competition with 89 points, just one point behind the winning school!

The High School orchestra has had a very successful year, coming second in two major competitions. We all enjoy playing in the orchestra and would like to thank Ms Dowling and Ms Phillips for the time and patient help they have put into rehearsals. We would encourage any pupils in the school who are not already in the orchestra and play an instrument to join, and we look forward to playing again next year!



MUSIC

SUMMER CONCERT

The choir had a wonderful year and sang for many different events, such as the Open Day and the Summer Concert. One very memorable event was when we visited the Orwell Nursing Home. We sang Christmas carols for the residents and occasionally they joined in with us! Overall, we had a great day singing for them.

Emily Pryce



ROCK POP



CAROL SERVICE

Before we broke up for the Christmas holidays, everyone walked to Zion Church to attend The High School's annual carol service. The Reverend Stephen Farrell led the service which involved performances from the orchestra and readings from several pupils. It was a very enjoyable morning.

Sarah Webb



SPORT



TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS

WINTER AND SUMMER SPORTS



JUNIOR ATHLETICS

BACK ROW: MOYA QUIGLEY,
AMELIA POSKITT,
FERGUS KELLY,
DAVID ODEKUNLE,
NATHAN PRIESTLY,
JEREMIAH EDUNPETERS
MIDDLE ROW: MR IRWIN,
MS FALLON, LUKE MURPHY,
MATTEO SANVITO,
JACK O'RIORDAN,
GARY MEANEY, GARY MEANEY,
KELLY-JO WILSON,
DAVID ADEYANJU
FRONT ROW: SOPHIE SCOLLARD,
EVA CARROLL,
VALERIE MCMENAMIN,
SARAH SMYTH,
LOTTIE EGAN, KATIE MILLER,
ROSS WILGAR

SENIOR ATHLETICS

MR IRWIN, MS FALLON, TRISTEN DE BEER, JULIAN HAUXWELL,
SAMUEL KENNEDY, BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, PATRICK TALLON,
MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR



U16 GIRLS' BADMINTON

MS RUGG, RACHEL LOW, LÉNA NEMES,
MICHELLE YANG, PATRICIA ZHAN



U16 BOYS' BADMINTON

ADAM REID, JOHN KELLY, NATHAN PRIESTLEY,
SCOTT WILGER



SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: OSCAR MOHOLO,
JIN WANG, NIALL LYNCH,
PAUL GLEESON, FERDIA
DARRAGH, SEAN UKAGBA
FRONT ROW: MARTIN HANCZ,
THOMAS MYLES,
MATTHEW THOMPSON,
MATHEUS SOARES AJZENBERG,
YURI WRIGHT- BRENNAN,
MICHAEL GUY



U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: DEREK UKAGBA,
FERGUS MCDONAGH FOX,
LEO VAUGHAN, HARRY DORAN
FRONT ROW: ISRAEL ABUMERE,
PRINCE ISIKALU,
SEAN OMORUYI, DANIEL
AWODE, DANIEL ABIOYE,
SAM HODGESS



FORM 1 BOYS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: MATTHEW ALLEN, TOM WHELAN, DANIEL CARTER,
FRONT ROW: SAM KELLY, ANDREW SYKES, SAUL WRIGHT-BRENNAN, ORI VAKNIN



FORM 1 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BACK ROW: ALEX FITZPATRICK, OGHENEFEKO OTOBO, ISABELLE DILLON, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: LUCCI FENG, ANA SANCRAIAN, REBEKAH SOLOMON, MARYAM ABIOYE



SENIOR 1ST XI BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR MALIN, SOL BELL-MEGAW, DANIEL WALSH, ADAM KILLEEN, HARRY LYNCH, BEN SHAW, DAVID HOGAN,
FRONT ROW: JAMES CODY, AIDAN DOYLE, PATRICK RYAN, TRISTEN DE BEER, ALEXANDER O'CONNOR, THOMAS COSTELLO, BOAZ NINAN



SENIOR 2ND XI BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MAX WRIGHT,
JACK FARRELLY,
DANIEL WALSH,
ADAM KILLEEN, HARRY LYNCH,
ROSS HOWARD,
DANIEL HUDSON, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW:
THOMAS COSTELLO,
JAMES CODY, AIDAN DOYLE,
ALEXANDER O'CONNOR,
EVAN JENNINGS, BOAZ NINAN,
SAM DUNNE



JUNIOR BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: CHARLIE MILLER, SAM COURTNEY, LUKE HARDY, CILLIAN WEST, MARCUS EMPEY, JOSH HAYES,
GOWTHAM YELLAPU, CHRIS CHONG, ANDREW FARRELLY, MR SULLIVAN

FRONT ROW: OSCAR MAGUIRE, OLIVER DAVEY, SEAN O'BRIEN, SAM WALSH, BEN HAMILTON, OISIN SHRIVASTAVA,
DARAGH MCGRATH



U14 BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: CHARLIE MILLER,
ANDREW FARRELLY,
ALEX LYNCH, FERGUS KELLY,
ARTHUR FEENEY

FRONT ROW: CIARAN
MC CARTHY, DAVID ODEKUNLE,
OSCAR MAGUIRE,
SEAN O'BRIEN,
THOMAS NICKELS,
OLIVER DAVEY,
MR WALKER



FORM 1 A BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, MATTHEW O'DOHERTY, ALEX BOWDEN, OLIVER KENDRICK, ELLIOT TUITE, DANIEL SHEEDY, CHARLIE O'NEILL
FRONT ROW: JAMES COX, BENJAMIN HAMILTON, SAMUEL MAXWELL, OISIN SHRIVASTAVA, CHARLIE MILLER, ANDREW ROBINSON, ZAC REID



FORM 1 B BOYS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, CALLUM LENNON, BARRY KENNEDY, SAMUEL NEELY, MATTHEW ALLEN, MEDHANSH AGARWAL, CHARLIE O'NEILL
FRONT ROW: OLIVER KENDRICK, JAMES COX, MATTHEW O'DOHERTY, SAMUEL MAXWELL, ELLIOT TUITE, SAMUEL MCNAMARA, ZENAN SPAIN



SENIOR 1ST GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ROBYN PEMBROKE, ROSIE GILLIS, JENNIFER PILLOW, ORLA PRENDERGAST, KATIE O'BRIEN, ALANA CRIPPS, ELLA PASLEY, MR MALIN
FRONT ROW: KATIE DUNNE, KATIE DILLON, ORLA BAGNALL, ANNA LYONS, LEANNE O'BRIEN, ISOBEL BOWEN, MIA MCCULLOUGH



SENIOR 2ND GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ÉLE NÍ CHONBHUI,
LEANNE O'BRIEN,
CLARA WILSON, CATE DOOLEY,
SOPHIE DEREGNIEAUX,
EVE SISSON, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW:
JULIETTE CHRISTLE,
ANNA O'SHEA, EIMEAR QUINN,
MIA MCCULLOUGH,
AMELIA DURAC,
ISOBEL BOWEN,
HANNAH KENNEDY



JUNIOR A GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: ORLA BAGNALL,
AOIFE CAHILL,
RACHEL ROBINSON,
KATY DONNELLY,
RUTH DILLON,
MILLIE WEBB,
MR MALIN

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



JUNIOR B GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MR MALIN,
SUSAN LAWAL,
RACHEL ROBINSON,
FAVOUR KEHINDE,
ESTHER OLANIYAN,
ANNELIES LOOSE,
CARRIE MACWILLIAM,
AMELIA POSKITT

FRONT ROW: REBECCA COLLINS,
MIA NAUGHTON, ZARA HARDY,
MOYA O'QUIGLEY, RUTH DILLON,
COCO O'DONNELL,
MILLIE WEBB



FORM 1 A GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS DEANE,
ANNA HOEY,
ISEULT FITZGIBBON DUNNE,
BETH FLYNN, KATE TAYLOR,
JENNIFER BURNS,
ELLA MARIE CULLEN

FRONT ROW: ELLA ROCHE,
KATE CAMPION,
ZARA DUNGAN,
JOANIE MCGRATH,
KATIE HOPKINS,
MIA O'MAHONY,
GRACE MCKENNA



FORM 1 B GIRLS' CRICKET

BACK ROW: MS DEANE, ZOE NUGENT, ALISON HALPIN, EMILY LEONARD, AOIBHIN CHAMBERLAIN
FRONT ROW: EVELINE WALSH, KATE CAMPION, ELLA ROCHE, SOPHIE DONNAN, ROBYN NOLAN, LAUREN FOY, CYAN BACIK SAUL



CROSS COUNTRY SENIOR

BACK ROW: MS FALLON, TOM WANG, SCOTT DUNNE, IAN MAYRS, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR, MR IRWIN
FRONT ROW: JOHN KENNEDY, NATHAN HUTCHINSON EDGAR, MICHAEL HOLLAND, PATRICK TALLON



CROSS COUNTRY JUNIOR

BACK ROW: MR IRWIN, JACK DARMODY, SHANE REID, FINN REILLY, OSCAR MAHANG BRAVO, CILLIAN WEST, EVA CARROLL, MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR
FRONT ROW: LUKE DEE-BROWNE, DARA HOGAN, SARAH SMYTH, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON EDGAR, EILEEN CURRAN



SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GRAY, ISOBEL BOWEN, ENYA MAK, ROBYN PEMBROKE, JENNIFER PILLOW, MIA MCCULLOUGH, ANNA LYONS, BEVIN DIXON, EMILY PRYCE, ORLA BAGNALL, ELLA PASLEY, ÉILE NÍ CHONBHUÍ, MS MEEKE
FRONT ROW: NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, ÁINE RYAN, LAURA MOTYER, SHAUNA POWER, SIOFRA O'BRIEN, KATIE MOORE, ROSEANNE MCCULLOUGH



SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE, MS RUGG, ROSIE GILLIS, KATIE O'BRIEN, SHONA CAREY, CLARA WILSON, NICOLE HOLLAND, CATE DOOLEY, ISABEL O'DONOVAN, ISOBEL HARRISON, ELEANA MCGRATH, ALANA CRIPPS, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: EVA LAYTE, GEORGINA MCCARTHY, MOLLY SHERIDAN, ERICA MACARI, AMY SCOLLARD, LEANNE O'BRIEN, ANNA O'SHEA



SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS RUGG, MEGAN RANCE, HANNAH KELLY, HANNAH VANCE-CRONIN, NICOLE HOLLAND, ÉABHA HIGHERS, KATIE LARKIN, ABIGAIL SYKES, RACHEL DONOVAN
FRONT ROW: EMILY FITZGERALD, LAURA MITTEN, ISABELLE CARTER, ORIANNA DAVEY, EIMEAR QUINN, AMY STEVENS, HANNAH DILLON



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE, SOPHIE DOYLE, EMMA JENKINS-LEESON, ELLA MAXWELL, EMILY PRYCE, KATIE CROSBY DILLON, BEVIN DIXON, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, EMILY BRENNAN
FRONT ROW: ELENA MCGRATH, ABIGAIL KENNA, KATIE DUNNE, ISOBEL BOWEN, ELLA PASLEY, ZOE DUNNE, ÉILE NÍ CHONBHUI



JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE, KAYLA KENNEDY, RACHEL GARVEY, MAYA FEIGHERY, SARAH HEERAN, EVE SISSON, KATY DONNELLY
FRONT ROW: ELEANA MCGRATH, EMILY BRENNAN, ROBYN HAMILTON, JULIETTE CHRISTLE, KIRSTEN SARGENT, NAOMI WILSON, SOPHIA LEONARD



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GARLAND, CAOIMHE LOWRY, ISABEL FEENEY, LARA SMITH, JESSICA XU, KELLY-JO WILSON, CIARA BOYD, EVE SISSON, KATY DONNELLY, MR MULLIGAN
FRONT ROW: WUMI OBI, SIOFRA YOUNG, ISABELLA DOYLE, LAURA COLE, KIRSTEN SARGENT, RUTH STEWART, BETH HESLIN



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

*BACK ROW: MS GRAY, COCO O'DONNELL, REBECCA COLLINS, RACHEL ROBINSON, EMILY MAGUIRE, MOYA QUIGLEY, ZARA HARDY, LOTTIE EGAN
FRONT ROW: MIA NAUGHTON, HANNAH HEARNE, AMELIA WEBB, SOPHIE SCOLLARD, RUTH DILLON, AVA RYAN, KATIE COLLINS*



MINOR B AND C GIRLS' HOCKEY

*BACK ROW: CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN, SOPHIE PEARSON, AMELIA POSKITT, NIAMH DOHERTY, ANNELIES LOOSE, TARA CAREY, BRONAGH YOUNG, MS GRAY
FRONT ROW: LEAH MCGRATH, ZOE ROBERTSON, AVA RYAN, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, CLODAGH SOMERVILLE, EMILY CURRAN, MAYA BARBER*



MINOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MS GARLAND, CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN, ZOSIA MAYRS, SOPHIE PEARSON, ESTHER OLANIYAN, FAVOUR KEHINDE, MIRIAM ODUNTAN, SUSAN LAWAL, ELLA O'FLYNN
FRONT ROW: AMELIA POSKITT, CLODAGH SOMERVILLE, FREYA FETHERSTON, HANNAH MCCARTHY, FAYE O'ROURKE, JESSICA NEEDHAM



FORM 1 A GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ELLA MARIE CULLEN, EMILY LEONARD, EMMA FITZPATRICK, BETH FLYNN, KATE CAMPION, AOIFE TRIMMER, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: ZARA DUNGAN, KATIE MILLAR, KATIE HOPKINS, ELLA ROCHE, ANNA HOEY, ISEULT FITZGIBBON DUNNE



FORM 1 B GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: JOANIE MCGRATH, ALEJANDRA COSIJN GÓMEZ, ZOE NUGENT, JENNIFER BURNS, EVELINE WALSH, SORCHA MURPHY

FRONT ROW: HELEN FARRELL, AIDEEN CASSIDY, SOPHIE DONNAN, MIA O'MAHONY, KATE TAYLOR, AMELIA BARRETT, MS JONES



FORM 1 C GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: KEIRA ROSS, HEATHER COYLE, ALISON HALPIN, ANA SANCRAIAN, ERICA MERRIMAN, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: SARAH SMYTH, REBECCA HOWE, GRACE MCKENNA, CHLOE O'CONNOR, BRYANNA O'CONNOR, VALERIE MCMENAMIN



FORM 1 D GIRLS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: ELEANOR WRIGHT, SAOIRSE RYAN, RUBY NICHOLL, LAUREN FOY, CYAN BACIK SAUL, AOIBHIN CHAMBERLAIN, DAISY KIRK-GILLHAM, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: SADHBH BRENNAN, FIONA RUTLEDGE, AMELIA QUINN, ROBYN NOLAN, ELLEN HOGAN, EMILY BRESLIN, ELLA MELEADY



SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: MAX WRIGHT, CIARAN ADAIR, BENJAMIN CRIPPS, JOSEPH MURPHY, JAMES COMAN

MIDDLE ROW: MR HOWARD, DARRAGH SULLIVAN, ROSS HOWARD, HARRY LYNCH, CALUM ADAIR, ADAM MAGUIRE, PATRICK RYAN, ETHAN FLYNN, MR FITZPATRICK

FRONT ROW: BEN WHELAN, ALEXANDER O'CONNOR, EVAN JENNGS, ALISTAIR EMPEY, ANDREW CANNING, THOMAS MCCAUSLAND, ELI BREEN



JUNIOR A BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: RYAN WYNNE, SEAN O'BRIEN, LUKE FITZPATRICK, ANDREW FARRELLY, ALEX LYNCH, CHARLIE BEATTY, ETHAN JONES, CHRIS DELACEY, ARCHIE SHERIDAN

FRONT ROW: LUKE STEVENS, TOM WHELAN, OSCAR MAGUIRE, BEN PASLEY, RYAN BRACKEN, ANDREW ROBINSON, RYAN BOYD

FLOOR: SAM MAZWELL, NICK WRIGHT



MINOR BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: RYAN WYNNE, SEÁN O'BRIEN, LUKE FITZPATRICK, ANDREW FARRELLY, ALEX LYNCH, CHARLIE BEATTY, ETHAN JONES, CHRISTOPHER DE LACY, ARCHIE SHERIDAN, MR FITZPATRICK

FRONT ROW: LUKE STEVENS, TOM WHELAN, OSCAR MAGUIRE, BEN PASLEY, RYAN BRACKEN, ANDREW ROBINSON, RYAN BOYD

FRONT FLOOR: SAMUEL MAXWELL, NICHOLAS WRIGHT



FORM 1 BOYS' HOCKEY

BACK ROW: JAMES GODSON O'DOHERTY, THOMAS BOUCHER, MARCUS GERAGHTY, BARRY KENNEDY, SEAN AIGBOBOH, ALEX BOWDEN, ELLIOT TUITE, FINLEY FRY, ZENAN SPAIN, MATTHEW O'DOHERTY, MATTHEW HARTUNG

FRONT ROW: ADAM HEARNE, CALLUM LENNON, SAM NICHOLL, JOSH STEWART, ZAC REID, CHARLIE O' NEILL, DANIEL TALLON, ERASMUS DEMPSEY, OLIVER KENDRICK

ABSENT: SAM MAXWELL



SENIOR 1 SCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: RORY BROWNE, CORMAC DEMPSEY-LERCHUNDI, TIM SWEENEY, OISÍN HEALY, DAN WALSH, DYLAN KEOGH, MILES DIXON

MIDDLE ROW: MR TEVLIN, DENNIS CHAN, CONOR SCHMIDT, ROBERT WHYTE, FINN CONNOLLY, NIALL HEALY, BEN SHAW, JACK FARRELLY, LORCAN TWOMEY, LUAN ROGERS, AXEL CULLEN, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW: HARRY O'DONNELL, HUGH O'DONNELL, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, FINN O'SULLIVAN, NIALL MCDONNELL, SOL BELL-MEGAW, KARO OTOBO, DYLAN ROYCROFT, BEN HOPKINS



SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: DENNIS CHAN, RORY BROWNE, TIM SWEENEY, OISIN HEALY, LOUIS O'LEARY

MIDDLE ROW: MR TEVLIN, MARKO LYONS, LOUIS CHRISTLE, CONOR MOORE, NIALL HEALY, BEN SHAW, BEN HOPKINS, ROBIN DAVEY, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY, BRIAN CARTER, MR MALIN

FRONT ROW: HARRY O'DONNELL, DANIEL GUASTALLA, CORMAC DEE-BROWN, SEAN UKAGBA, DYLAN ROYCROFT, KARO OTOBO, MORGAN PEMBROKE, BEN CRIPPS, SAM REDMOND



TRANSITION YEAR BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: ROBIN DAVEY, OISIN HARRINGTON, BEN MITCHELL, CONOR MOORE, SAMUEL MAWHINNEY, SAUL LYSAGHT, NIAL HEALY, MATTHEW DONOVAN, BRIAN CARTER, MR MALIN
FRONT ROW: STEPAN LETSKO, GEORGE BRITTEN, BILLY LY, ROBERT CLOUGHLEY, SAM REDMOND, OISIN STAPLETON DOYLE, JOHNLUKA DOHERTY



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: DAVID AIGBOBOH, SAMUEL KENNEDY, ELIJAH BREEN, EOIN QUINN, BEN MCCLEAN HOWARD, ROSS MOLLOY
MIDDLE ROW: ARTHUR FEENEY, JACK BARLOW, COLM COONEY, JULIAN HAUXWELL, ANDREW BROWNE, MARCUS EMPEY, MR MCBRIDE
FRONT ROW: GOWTHAM YELLAPU, PATRICK PLOCKELMAN, ANDREW WHYTE, DARAGH MCGRATH, LUKE HARDY, JONATHAN LEES, LOUIS O'NEILL, MATTEO SANVITO, JOHN KELLY
FLOOR: CHARLIE MCNAMARA, MATTHEW GILLIS, CHRIS CHONG, LUKE MURPHY



FORM 2 BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR O'SULLIVAN, ARTHUR FEENEY, DAVID ODEKUNLE, JACK O'RIORDAN, DARA FITZPATRICK, JAMIE CHAMBERS, SEÁN WINSLOW, ALEX O'HARE, ALEXANDER DONOVAN, JEREMIAH PETERS, DANIEL O'LEARY, JACK MCGINN, MR SULLIVAN
FRONT ROW: SAM HUTCHISON, SAMUEL KENNEDY, CALLUM GILMARTIN, LUKE MURPHY, FERGUS KELLY, ALEXANDER STEWART, JACK BARLOW, EVAN LOFTUS, OSCAR HANNON SMYTH
FLOOR: MATTEO SANVITO, DAVID LAWLEY, OLIVER DAVEY, CIARÁN MCCARTHY



FORM 1 A BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, LUCA HAYES, ADAM JORDAN, SAMUEL MCNAMARA, MILO LAVELLE, MEDHANSH AGARWAL, KIM GUINNESS, OISÍN GOLDEN, NICOLAS RUS, DANIEL SHEEDY, MR MCNAMARA, MR GRIFFIN
FRONT ROW: SAM KELLY, JACK DARMODY, ZAC REID, ZENAN SPAIN, CHARLIE O'NEILL, ANDREW SYKES, DANIEL TALLON, ADAM HEARNE, EOIN KELLY
FLOOR: ADRIAN O'LEARY, CALLUM LENNON



FORM 1B BOYS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MR HILLIARD, ADAM JORDAN, LUCA HAYES, SAMUEL MCNAMARA, MILO LAVELLE, MEDHANSH AGARWAL, KIM GUINNESS, OISIN GOLDEN, NICOLAS RUS, DANIEL SHEEDY, MR MCNAMARA, MR GRIFFIN
FRONT ROW: SAM KELLY, JACK DARMODY, ZAC REID, ZENAN SPAIN, CHARLIE O'NEILL, ANDREW SYKES, DANIEL TALLON, ADAM HEARNE, OWEN KELLY
FLOOR: ADRIAN O'LEARY, CALLUM LENNON



SENIOR GIRLS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MS MURPHY, AIMEE MERRIMAN, SIOBHÁN TRIMMER, EABHA HUGHES, NICOLE HOLLAND, SOPHIE DEREGNIEAUX, SARAH WEBB, MS DEACON
FRONT ROW: JUNO CLAFFEY HEGARTY, BEVIN DIXON, AILEEN NAGLE, GEORGINA SCANLON, ALISON LANDY



JUNIOR GIRLS' RUGBY

BACK ROW: MS DEACON, KEIRA ROSS, ESTHER OLANIYAN, SUSAN LAWAL, FAVOUR KEHINDE, ISABEL FEENEY, RACHEL GARVEY, CIARA BUGGIE, RUTH DILLON, ROSEMARY SHANKEY, TIRZAH HUTCHINSON-EDGAR
FRONT ROW: LIBBY PERDUE, SOPHIA LEONARD, CARRIE MACWILLIAM, MIA O'MAHONY, LEAH MCGRATH, HEATHER COLLINS, SOPHIE DONNAN, ROBYN NOLAN, KATIE HOPKINS
FLOOR: ANNA HOEY, ERICA MERRIMAN



ROWING

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



JUNIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MS JONES, LOTTIE EGAN, FAYE O'ROURKE, AMELIA WEBB, LUKE DEE-BROWN, SEAN OMORUYI, MAYA FEIGHERY, HUGH LONERGAN, JORDAN BRISLANE, TAIWO OGUNDIPE, EILEEN CURRAN
FRONT ROW: MR SWANWICK, DANIEL SHEEDY, DANIEL TALLON, DARA HOGAN, KEHINDE OGUNDIPE, CAMILLA REDMOND, HANNAH MCCARTHY, SARAH MORRIS, ELLEN HOGAN



SENIOR SWIMMING

BACK ROW: MR SWANWICK, DANIEL HUDSON, JOSHUA RANCE, AIMÉE MERRIMAN
FRONT ROW: MS JONES, MICHAEL HOLLAND, OISÍN STAPLETON-DOYLE, SOPHIE DEREGNIEAUX, KARINE BACIU



JUNIOR BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

THOMAS NICKELS, JOHN KELLY, OSCAR MAHARG BRAVO, LUCA HAYES



SENIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ADAM REID,
DANIEL WALSH, HARRY LYNCH,
SAM HODGESS,
MATTHEW GILLIS
FRONT ROW: LEO VAUGHAN,
HARRY DORAN, LORCAN
TWOMEY, JAMES CODY,
MR SWANWICK



JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: JOHN KELLY,
LEO VAUGHAN, HARRY DORAN,
CHARLIE BEATTY, RYAN BOYD,
MR SWANWICK
FRONT ROW: ANDREW
FARRELLY, ALEX LYNCH,
LUKE FITZPATRICK,
CHRISTOPHER DE LACY,
BEN PASLEY



MINOR BOYS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: OISIN SHRIVASTAVA,
THOMAS BOUCHER,
MR SWANWICK
FRONT ROW: SAMUEL
MAXWELL, LUCA HAYES,
SAMUEL MCNAMARA, ZAC REID
ABSENT: ZAC HOPKINS



SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE,
ISOBEL HARRISON,
ANNA LYONS,
JENNIFER PILLOW, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: ROSIE GILLIS,
GIULIA GUASTALLA,
SIOBHAN TRIMMER,
ROBYN PEMBROKE



JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE,
ABIGAIL KENNA,
KELLY-JO WILSON,
NAOMI WILSON,
EMILY BRENNAN
FRONT ROW:
ELLA PASLEY,
MICHELLEYANG,
ELLA MAXWELL,
EMILY PRYCE,
MAYA FEIGHERY



MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE,
EMILY CURRAN,
HANNAH HEARNE
FRONT ROW: LOTTIE EGAN,
AIDEEN CASSIDY, ELODIE RYAN,
SOPHIE SCOLLARD



MINOR B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: AVA RYAN,
LIBBY PERDUE, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: BRONAGHYOUNG,
MAYA BARBER,
CHARLOTTE GUCKIAN,
SOPHIE PEARSON



FORM 1 A GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: MS MEEKE,
EVELINE WALSH,
JOANIE MCGRATH, MS JONES
FRONT ROW: KATIE HOPKINS,
CHLOE O'CONNOR,
KATE CAMPION



FORM 1 B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ISEULT FITZGIBBON
DUNNE, BETH FLYNN,
ALEJANDRA COSIJN GOMEZ,
MS JONES
FRONT ROW:
EMMA FITZGERALD,
AMELIA BARRETT, ELLA ROCHE



FORM 1 B GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ISEULT FITZGIBBON
DUNNE, BETH FLYNN,
ALEJANDRA COSIJN GOMEZ,
MS JONES
FRONT ROW:
EMMA FITZPATRICK,
AMELIA BARRETT, ELLA ROCHE



FORM 1 C GIRLS' TENNIS

BACK ROW: ELLA MELEADY,
ANA SANCRAIAN,
EMILY LEONARD, MS MEEKE
FRONT ROW: JENNIFER BURNS,
AMELIA QUINN, ROBYN NOLAN,
SOPHIE DONNAN



REPORTS

SENIOR ATHLETICS

The summer season seemed to come around very quickly and we knew it was going to be intense getting ready for the East Leinster Championships straight after the Easter holidays. As soon as the St Patrick's Day weekend was over the team got down to some serious training. To get maximum participation we arranged training most days after school. Pupils were doing Javelin, Shot Putt, Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Sprints, Middle Distance and Relay training after school and the coaches were pushing people to achieve personal bests and to compete for places on the team. In the end we had a strong team heading out for the two days of competition in Santry.

We had great successes, notably in the U16 category, but also across most age groups. We only narrowly missed out on medals in many cases with athletes coming fourth in photo finishes. The medals we did win were as follows:

Taiwo Ogundipe

– Bronze medal U16 Long Jump

Kehinde Ogundipe

– Bronze medal U16 200m

U16 relay team – Silver medal

Ben McClean Howard

– Silver medal U16 Shot Putt

Julian Hauxwell

– Bronze medal U16 Shot Putt

Saul Lysaght

– Silver medal Inter boys High Jump

The winners then went on to the Leinster Championships to compete in a stronger field. This time Taiwo Ogundipe did even better winning a silver medal in the long jump in style with a personal best of 5.49m. Ben McClean Howard finished third in a very competitive final winning a bronze medal. The Relay team were narrowly beaten out of third place in a photo finish. It was a great day out and the team would like to thank Ms Fallon for her support on the day.

Athletics is a great sport and the competitions are very exciting. Everyone is always welcome to try out for a place in the team. The work of our coaches was fantastic this year and we would like to thank Mr Irwin, Ms Fallon, Ms Hutchinson Edgar, Dr Brusey, Mr Howard, Mr O'Sullivan, Ms Garland, and Nathan Shaw for all their support, advice, and encouragement.

Scott Dunne

U16 GIRLS' BADMINTON

This year of badminton has been wonderful, the girls Michelle Yang, Patricia Zhan and Lena Nemes have all played amazingly with enthusiasm and skill, there has been so much improvement from everyone, and I could not be prouder of them. Making it to the Leinster championships was such a great achievement and we all enjoyed playing. Through the trials and tribulations along the way, the girls kept high spirits and worked together as a team! I want to thank Ms Llyod and Ms Rugg for coaching us throughout this season.

Rachel Low

FORM 1 GIRLS' BASKETBALL

We have all really enjoyed our first year of basketball and working together as a team. We may not have won all our matches, but we still walked off every court with smiles on our faces. A huge thank you to our coach Ms Kavanagh who trained, coached, and supported the team from the beginning. Our goal for next year is to be one of the best teams in the league. We are all very excited for next season!

Ana Sancaian

SENIOR BOYS' BASKETBALL

Building from last season's dizzying highs, the Senior Team led by a group of grizzled veteran superstars and with the help of some young blood had mountainous expectations.

Having qualified for the National Cup competition, the first time in four years for the school, the bar had been set high and rightfully so. With such a big competition looming, it was only natural to expect the intensity in pre-season to be insanely high. Fueled by ambition and pride, we worked night and day. All the work had finally paid dividends by the end of pre-season. Our goal before the season began was simple, to perfect the complexity of the three man weave. Of course, you may be thinking, how can one 'perfect' the three man weave? And you're right, for it cannot be perfected, but during the last training session

before the season opener, it was as close to being perfected as man had ever seen. Backed by the power of the weave we were ready to beat whoever was put before us.

In the League premier, it was clear that there was no stopping the new and improved High School offense. The season started just as it had left off in the Columbus Cup last campaign, with The High School dominating. 4-year veteran Henry 'Dunkzilla' Hinds showcased his hops early, dropping the sledgehammer on two of Beneven's players, Henry ending up finishing the game with 7 dunks. Niall Lynch showed off a few grown-man moves, putting multiple defenders on a spin cycle to tickle the twine for two on numerous occasions. The first half finished with The High School leading by a comfortable margin. The second half was no different, in a ludicrous defensive display James Boyd returned 12 packaged shot attempts to sender, finishing with a league high 18 blocks. Niall Lynch was unstoppable on the all ends tallying a triple double, consisting of 44 points, 22 rebounds and 16 steals. Henry Hinds also stuffed the stat sheet on the day recording 77 FTA, 23 swooshes and 16 dunks.

Following the superb opening game, the team was looking to keep the winning streak going, however quite the challenge awaited in a date with Stratford College. The game started off with high intensity, both teams were trading baskets throughout the opening quarter. 3-year veteran, Ferdia Darragh proved to the world that the bank is indeed open in the National Basketball Arena during lunch time, banking in jump shots from the parking lot. It was clear that Stratford College were going to be a tough opponent with the game finishing all square at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, deep range dead eye Matheus Soares Ajzenberg rained in back to back to back three-point bombs completing the season's first 'turkey'. Matheus had an extensive menu on offer also securing the 'cheese' at the end of the first half. Through the play of some the young and upcoming members of the squad the game was put in the refrigerator. Another glorious victory for the 'rouge et noir'. The performance of Ferdia Darragh was notable on the day finished the game with; 22 bank shots made, 68 lobs and 14 smooth moves. Also, Matheus had much to say with; 15 3 pointers, 223 bounces and 187 passes.

The day of the cup game had finally arrived, the whole of the school sat on edge the morning of the game hoping that there would be no disappointment. Upon arrival to the NBA, there was an electric atmosphere. With not a single empty seat the team knew that this was going to be no easy feat. Backed by the high energy of the home supporters, there was no stopping this team. Paul 'PG13' Gleeson was a mismatch nightmare for the travelling team. It seemed like there would always be a mouse in the house whenever he received the ball in the key. One impartial fan summed up the game perfectly after the first quarter, saying "You know Derry have a great bunch of outside shooters, but unfortunately for them, the game is played indoors." This was clearly not the case for us at home nailing every shot we took to win the game 100-0. In a great defensive effort Paul Gleeson was hot off the grill with; 13 cookies, 13 assists and 13 swishes.

The cosiness of home games was over with our first road trip out to Glasnevin. The weather proved bitter and cold, requiring many to wrap up well.

From the get go, it looked like spectators would be in for a treat in what was a perfectly matched affair. Backed by the play of savvy 'do it all' point guard Michael Guy it appeared as if we were in safe hands. New recruit 'Magic Mike' was dropping dimes all over the court tallying a career high 26 assists and making withdrawals from the safe tallying 21 steals. Later in the game he robbed the ball from the opposition in what was a crucial play allowing the money to go in the bag securing another sweet victory. James Boyd instilled fear in the opponents with his aggressive shot blocking once again recording another game with more than 10 blocks. It was the step up of playing from the youth that really helped the outcome of this game.

With Oscar Moholo hippity hopping the ball up the court and scoring buckets. Toby Tyles also stepped up in this occasion distributing the ball well. Martin Hancz cleaned up the garbage on the offensive end getting 15 put backs. Adam Maguire lifted the intensity on the court making all of his shot attempts.

With the gruesome road trip coming to a close, we looked to secure our playoff spot in front of the home fans. It was the play of Sean 'Fade Away' Ukagba

that fueled this dominant performance at home. Sean was dropping tomahawks all over the court with absolutely no regard for human life. It has to be said, you don't hesitate with Sean or you'll end up on a poster in a gift shop somewhere. Henry Hinds was tearing the defense of the opposition to shreds dropping a number of one million dollar moves with 10 cent finishes. Matheus Soares Ajzenberg, was picking pockets left and right finishing the game with 16 cookies, a career high. Henry Hinds once again sliced and diced his way in the key showing to the world just why he was an All star for the 18th time. With the moves that Henry has it's no wonder why he made the under 21 galactic world star team for the tenth time in 9 years that traveled to Ennis. On this occasion Sean dropped a game consisting of 42 fade aways made, 34 double pumps and 10 banked thread pointers.

It has to be said that this was the most successful season that a High school Basketball team has had in recent years. It remains to thank coach Joseph Boylan for coaching us the last 6 years. Thanks to Mr Walker for supporting the team throughout the ups and down, and giving us the opportunity to achieve the success that we did. And a very special thanks to Mr McCaughey for saving our season.

Matthew Thompson

U16 BOYS' BASKETBALL

This basketball season started off very well as we dominated most of the teams we played. Although we lost some games, we made it into the quarter finals. We improved from last year as was proven in our performance. Our best games were away. Our star players were Daniel Abioye, Seán Omoruyi, and Cian Ziglinski. We performed well when we had our full squad. We would like to say thank you to all the people that organised the matches including Mr Boylan, Ms Jones and Mr Walker. We are looking forward to the new players who are going who are going to join us. We can't wait to compete in Ireland's most elite competitions.

Daniel Awode

SENIOR 1ST GIRLS' CRICKET

This year, the Senior Girls' cricket team had a very successful season. We started with group games against Sandford Park School and Mount Anville Secondary School and, having won both games, progressed to the semi-final of the Leinster Cricket league. We played our semi-final away against Mount Temple Comprehensive School, which we won decisively thanks to a brilliant team effort. This allowed us to cruise into our final game against St Andrew's College. Unfortunately, it wasn't our day against a talented side, but we were all delighted to come out of the cricket season with medals! Ms Gray and Mr Malin were both brilliant coaches this season, and on behalf of the entire team, we are grateful for all the work they put in to yet another successful season.

Anna Lyons

SENIOR 2ND SENIOR GIRLS' CRICKET

We started off our season with a satisfying win against St Columba's College. The next match we played was cancelled, but we played Wesley College shortly after. Unfortunately, the game at Wesley didn't go our way as we lost on the last ball, but that only motivated us to fight harder in our next league match. As a result of our positive attitudes, we were able to beat Alexandra College, where Éile Ní Chonbhuí took three wickets, and progress to the final of our league. We played a magnificent final match against Rathdown School to secure the Senior 2 League trophy. On behalf of the team, we'd like to thank Mr Prendergast, Mr Malin, and Ms Gray for helping us throughout the season. It was an incredibly successful season and we are all looking forward to doing as well next year!

Mia McCullough

JUNIOR A GIRLS' CRICKET

The 2019 season for the junior girls was a great success. We had a fantastic start as we fought back against Mount Sackville Secondary School taking six wickets in three overs through some fantastic bowling. This set the pace for the rest of the season as we eased our way to the final. I would like to thank our coaches Ms Gray and especially Mr Malin for arranging all of our matches and the constant coaching and support in and out of school, and for a great season overall. We hope to end our season on a high with a victory in the final.

Ella Pasley

JUNIOR B GIRLS' CRICKET

We had a lot of fun playing cricket this season, especially in our first match which we won regardless of the pouring rain. Our best game was against Rathdown School in which we also won. Our thanks to Ms Gray, Mr Malin, and Ms Deane. We are all looking forward to doing it all over again next season.

Moya Quigley

FORM 1 A GIRLS' CRICKET

The Form 1 A team enjoyed a great season for cricket. Most of our players had never played before so it was great to see our skills and confidence improve throughout. We were unlucky on losing some of our games and just missed out on the final after losing against Mount Temple Comprehensive School. A highlight of our season was winning away against Alexandra College. It's been so enjoyable and fun with plenty of laughs along the way throughout the season. Thanks to Ms Deane who has always encouraged us to keep going, congratulating us after wins, but also being positive when we lost. The team cannot wait to come back next year for our season of cricket.

Joanie McGrath

FORM 1 B GIRLS' CRICKET

This season, we've really enjoyed ourselves playing cricket. We have played many matches and lost them all! It has been a laugh and a lot of fun. We are all so glad we picked cricket as our summer sport. We have learnt so many new skills, and can't wait for next year. We have tried our absolute best in every game. All players on the team have been respectful and such a joy to play with. Hopefully we will win a match or two next year! Thank you to all the coaches who took the time to come and support our matches and always be there to help and give us tips.

Sophie Donnan

SENIOR 1ST BOYS' CRICKET

Our season went very well and I am hopeful that we will win the plate competition for the third year in a row. All the lads worked very hard throughout the season. We had a very close home match vs The King's Hospital, which we lost in the last over. Thank you to Mr Malin for coaching, organising, and umpiring our games. I believe that the lads have a really good chance of winning the cup and I wish them all the best.

David Hogan

SENIOR 2ND BOYS' CRICKET

The Senior 2nds have had a fantastic season this year. We played four games on our journey to the final. We started off with a close win against CUS and because of great team performances remained undefeated in the league. We then qualified for the semi-finals and played Castleknock College in a close match. The next day we played Wesley College 2nd and bowled them out for 83. A great knock from Max Wright and Boaz Ninan secured the league title. Thanks to Mr Malin and Mr Prendergast for coaching and organising all of our games this season. Good luck to the team next year.

Alexander O' Connor

JUNIOR BOYS' CRICKET

This cricket season has been a tough one. The standard of skill required has increased and this has made us improve as a team altogether. The Junior Certificate was also a factor, making it harder because of the study time and required our team still put in an outstanding performance every game. Our best match of the season was the second game against Mount Temple Comprehensive School. Although we narrowly lost, we played. I would like to thank the coaches Mr Sullivan and Mr Malin for organising all of our matches and pushing us all the way to the end. We are definitely looking forward to next season and taking a big step up to senior level!

Sam Walsh

FORM 1 BOYS' CRICKET

In this season we won a game in the A team and all our matches in the B team. Andrew Robinson enjoyed a standout performance because he got an amazing wicket against their best player in an A team game. Sam Maxwell also played well against Drimnagh Castle Secondary School because he got three wickets. Charlie got a half century also. I would like to say thank you to Mr Hilliard for teaching people how to play cricket. Mr Malin also helped to coach the B team. We are looking forward to the next season and to not lose a game.

Oisín Shrivastava



CROSS COUNTRY

The opening race of the Cross-Country season was held at Santry Demesne on Wednesday 10 October. It was a beautiful sunny day which saw the three thousand strong entrants in great spirits. The High School had competitors ranging from Form 1 to Form 5 competing. The races were intense and fast-paced from starting gun to finish line with as many as 200 competitors in each race. It was really inspiring to see so many people running in each race all at different speeds; it seems good weather can really raise people's spirits. Two noteworthy performances were Luca Hayes and Patrick Tallon both of whom finished within the top 10 in their races respectively. This was a very impressive run from both pupils as the bar was set high in each of their races. Congratulations to all who competed.

We had a very busy year as a cross country team. We attended the East Leinster Championship in Co Wicklow and the run at Santry Park. Those competitions were very serious, but we ignored all the other districts and did our very best. Thanks to our coaches, Ms Hutchinson Edgar and Ms Fallon, our team achieved stunning results this year. The achievements we produced all came down to our regular training on Monday and our improvements in endurance and speed were undeniable.

Most importantly, The High School cross country team is also based upon our friendships, trust of each other, and joy! That is what binds us together as a team. I firmly believe our team will achieve even better results in the future. Finally, all this could not be done without our coaches. A special thanks to Ms Hutchinson Edgar and Ms Fallon.

Tom Wang

HOCKEY

SENIOR 1 GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior XI had a very enjoyable season this year. Coming into the year we had high expectations for ourselves after training hard over the summer. Despite a disappointing league campaign, we achieved great success in the cup competition reaching the semi-final.

Our first cup game was away against St Gerard's School. We came out fighting and scored the first goal early in the first half. In the second half the opposition equalised ending the game with a draw. After nail biting 1v1s with impressive performances with Éile Ní Chonbhuí in goals, Laura Motyer secured the win with a bottom right reverse shot. We then went on to play The Teresian School, and enjoyed our win in front of a very enthusiastic home crowd. Over the next few weeks we trained harder, skipping our beloved lunchtimes for video sessions, with the semi-final against Wesley College in our minds.

The day of the semi-final was filled with excitement and nerves for all of us, as this was the furthest we had progressed as a senior team in recent years. It was a well contested game where we all fought to the last second but, unfortunately, our opponents had the upper hand and won the game. Despite the loss, we were all extremely proud of what we had achieved.

On behalf of the team I would like to say a huge thank you to say the staff who helped us this year, especially Mr Howard, for all his help throughout the season and to Ms Meeke for her endless words of wisdom and early morning sessions. I would also like to thank Ms Rugg and Ms Jones for all their constant hard work making all our years playing hockey so enjoyable. Lastly a big thank you to Ms Gray for everything she has done this season and many seasons past. Not only putting up with us on the pitch but also her constant support for everything we do.

Finally, as captain, I would like to say another huge thank you to the team for making mine and the rest of Form 6 last year so enjoyable. It was a great year filled with so many amazing memories. I've loved every second of playing with all of you and wish you all the best for next season!

Shauna Power







SENIOR 2 GIRLS' HOCKEY

2018/19 was an incredibly enjoyable season for the Senior 2nd XI. The season began on a high note winning our first league match against St Gerard's School, 1-0. As the season advanced the team really bonded and our training sessions were always a good laugh. Within a few weeks we had all learnt to play as a team thanks to our coach Ms Meeke. We drew a difficult group in the Leinster league and, we didn't find much success there. However, we were able to finish as silver medallists in the South Dublin League following wins against Mount Anville Secondary School, Rathdown School and St Gerard's School. We then met Holy Child Killiney in the final where we were beaten 2-1. Our best efforts, while commendable, fell short on this occasion.

I would like to thank on behalf of the team Ms Meeke, Ms Jones, Ms Rugg, and Ms Gray for all their hard work, on and off the pitch throughout the season. On behalf of Form 6, we would love to thank our incredible team for making our last season in High School an especially memorable one. I wish the Senior 2nd XI the best of luck in the new season.

Erica Macari

SENIOR 3 GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Senior 3rd XI hockey team enjoyed an exciting and educational season. There were lots of new members this year. It gave us a fresh start and allowed us to try out new ideas. Over the year we performed well in matches and only just missed out competing in the league quarter-final. Our coaches Ms Rugg and Mr Mulligan put tremendous efforts into improving and developing the team, making sure we always had a great time. The team enjoyed playing together and we got on well. There was great sportsmanship displayed by players throughout the season.

Orianna Davey



JUNIOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

Overall, it was a very good season for the Junior A team. We started off the season by defeating St Andrew's College 1-0. It was a great game and it showed off our ability very well. We continued to develop as a team, training together every Monday. Unfortunately, we were knocked out in the first round of the cup by Muckross Park College, who progressed to win the competition. It was a very close game. We were then entered into the plate competition, and the loss against Muckross ended up working in our favour, as we went on to win the plate final in an excellent game against Our Lady's Terenure. We were so lucky to have such a talented, dedicated, and hard-working team. Our coach Ms Meeke was very patient and caring with our team while balancing her own commitments, and we cannot thank her enough.

Isobel Bowen and Bevin Dixon

JUNIOR B GIRLS' HOCKEY

All in all, the Junior B team had a good season. Although we didn't manage to win many of our league matches, we still tried our hardest and came out of each game with smiles on our faces. We gave each match our all and cooperated well as a team. We always had a great turn out for our training sessions on Monday afternoons, which showed our commitment to the team. On behalf of the Junior B team, I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Meeke for having such patience with our team and always pushing us to be the best we could be. As I am going into Form 5, I will no longer be able to play for the Juniors and I will definitely miss their enthusiasm and ability to work together as a team.

Juliette Christle



JUNIOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

The Junior C team had a very successful season making it as far as the quarter final of our league. I am very proud of our team and we couldn't have done it without Ms Garland. Over the course of this season, the team has really bonded and shown great spirit throughout.

Laura Cole



MINOR A GIRLS' HOCKEY

It has been a challenging year for the Minor A girls hockey team. We started the year with a few unlucky defeats but as the year progressed so did our hockey skills. As the season continued, we bonded as a team through several fun events, including pizza on a trampoline! We did our best in training and were successful in achieving results in some of our matches. This gained us a place in the Cup quarter final. Unfortunately, we lost the match to Mount Anville Secondary School. All members of the Minor A team would like to thank Ms Gray and Mr Howard for working with us this season.

Sophie Scollard



MINOR C GIRLS' HOCKEY

When we first formed as a team most of our players had never played hockey before or had very minimal training. We have improved so much over the past year, winning many of our league games. Our team really bonded together and had lots of fun while learning new skills.

Freya Fetherston



FORM 1 A GIRLS' HOCKEY

Overall, this has been a very enjoyable season for the Form 1 A team. There have been great improvements in every player on the team. We started the season with 8 a-side matches and had some very close games. We soon progressed to playing 11 a-side matches, which we all really enjoyed. A highlight was the overnight trip to Cork near the end of the season which really helped us bond as a team. A big thank you to Ms Gray, Ms Jones and Ms Meeke and many other for coaching us and organising matches which we all appreciated so much.

Ella Roche and Anna Hoey



FORM 1 B GIRL'S HOCKEY

This has been our first year playing hockey at The High School. Our season has been amazing. We have worked hard and enjoyed playing together. We are a very competitive group of girls and really feel the spirit of our school. From the winning of the Junior Plate to the Senior 1 semi-finals, we have been encouraged to go and support the older teams at their matches. At the beginning of March, we went down to Munster for our end of season trip. We played Ursuline Secondary School, Thurles in Tipperary and Bandon Grammar School, Cork. We had a great time. On behalf of all the team, I want to thank all our coaches for helping us grow as hockey players. We are really looking forward to the next season of hockey.

Mia O'Mahony



FORM 1 C GIRLS' HOCKEY

This year's hockey season was great! We played lots of matches and even went on an overnight trip to Cork. The team enjoyed hockey so much this season and we have really bonded together. We cannot wait until next year. Thank you to all the coaches for this excellent season!

Robyn Nolan



SENIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

The 2019 season was an historic one for the Senior Boys hockey team, with best-ever placing in the All-Ireland Schools and Senior League, as well as winning the Leinster Senior Cup for the first time in the school's history.

The season began in hopeful but disappointing fashion. We performed very well as a team to top a tough All Ireland Schools group, winning matches against Sullivan Upper School, Newpark Comprehensive School and Regent House Grammar School, but fell to eventual winners Newtown School in a gruelling 4-3 loss. This defeat was tough, especially for Form 6, but valuable lessons were learned from it and after a few tactical tweaks we started to build up head of steam going into the latter stages of the domestic competitions. Victories against St Columba's College and St Andrew's College started to build confidence amongst the team.

In the League semi-final, an outstanding second half performance saw us advance past a tough Kilkenny College side into the final against Wesley College. It was not to be our day and, after a stalemate in both regulation and extra time, we lost 3-1 in a shoot-out. Despite this, our confidence didn't waver in the Cup semi-final, where a strong defensive performance by James Coman and Ross Howard kept us in contention before Calum Adair was on hand to slot home a last-minute winner against Kilkenny College. In the final, solid performances from Joe Murphy, Tom McCausland and Andrew Canning helped us to grind out a 1-0 win against Wesley College to win the Leinster Senior Cup for the first time in the school's history.

I would like to thank the players, coaches, school staff, past pupils, and parents who helped us this season and over the last six years.

Alistair Empey





LEINSTER SENIOR CUP VICTORY

Congratulations to The High School Senior 1 Boys' Hockey team which defeated Wesley College 1-0 to win the Leinster Hockey Association Schoolboys Senior Cup for the first time in the history of the school. We warmly congratulate the team on its achievements and wish all members of the squad every success in future competitions.



JUNIOR BOYS' HOCKEY

This season started off brilliantly for our junior team as we drew a friendly match against Wesley College 1-1. This gave us all high hopes for the season. The league started well as we began by defeating Mount Temple Comprehensive School and St Columba's College.

However, it took a turn for the worse as we drew to both Sutton Park School and St Andrew's College College. Our last Group stage match against St Killian's German School was incredibly important as it decided whether or not we would progress into the league semi-finals. Thankfully, we won 1-0 following a great goal by Oscar Loftus.

We came up against St Andrew's College in the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we suffered a 5-1 loss which meant our league endeavours were over.

We turned our attentions to the cup in which we would be playing Sutton Park School in the first round. It was a close match and by the end of normal time it was 1-1. This meant there would be a 1 v 1 shoot out. We narrowly lost 4-3 in the shoot out which not only made an abrupt end to our cup hopes but it also made for a disappointing end to the season.

We hope and believe that this team can achieve more when we reunite in two years with the senior team.

Ethan Flynn

MINOR BOYS HOCKEY

We had a great season. We won our league and got to the cup final but lost 2-1 to Wesley College. We qualified for the All Ireland competition. Luke Fitzpatrick scored from a corner at the start of the second half. In the last play our opponents scored from a corner taking it to extra time. At the start of extra time Charles Beatty scored the winning goal. Thank you for all the support from our coaches, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr Howard, and Mr Empey. We are looking forward to the next season.

Ben Pasley



INTERPROVINCIAL HOCKEY

On Thursday 13 September, five High School pupils travelled to Cork to represent Leinster in the U16 and U18 boy's hockey Interprovincial Competition, namely Ben Whelan for the U16s and Calum Adair, Harry Lynch, Evan Jennings, and Ross Howard for the U18s. Each team played four matches over the course of Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, playing against Ulster and Munster twice each. On Saturday night both teams had 7 points with 2 wins and a draw, meaning that a win for both Leinster teams on Sunday would make them champions. The U16s team was first up on Sunday, playing against a very strong Ulster side. They won the game 2-1 making the Leinster U16s Interprovincial champions, with Ben Whelan making vital saves in the closing moments to secure the victory.

The U18s were up next, also playing Ulster for the tournament victory. Unfortunately, it was not to be Leinster's day, and Ulster ended up winning overall. The standard of play was excellent throughout with all The High School players contributing massively to the teams' performances. Although some left disappointed with the final result, the weekend was a great success and most enjoyable for all.

Harry Lynch



ROCK CLIMBING



ROWING

The season began in September at the Ireland Open and Youth Regatta held at the National Rowing Centre, for all the potential crews that wanted to represent Ireland, next summer. Sam Daly, and his partner, came first in their category and Alison and Sarah Daly came in fifth. These results meant that both crews made it through to the next stage of trials. The first Head of The River, took place in Dublin on the River Liffey where crews had to row through the centre of town, amongst all the prying eyes and curious shoppers that stood watching on the bank. Although the weather wasn't exactly ideal, the event continued as usual. We won in the Junior Women's coxed eight category by a long shot, with Coláiste Iognáid coming in second, twenty seconds between us and them.

In the summer, we have regattas that are 2 kilometers races instead of Head of Rivers which vary on length, with average length being 5 kilometers. The first two regattas that we attended were held on our home turf on the River Liffey. Neptune Regatta took place on the Saturday. We won in the Junior Women's Coxed Eight, racing in the final against our rivals, Coláiste Iognáid.



Commercial Regatta took place on the Sunday, meaning that we had to keep our wits about us. Alison and Sarah Daly took the win in the Senior Women's pair against stiff competition from Anna Liffey Rowing Club (ex-Trinity senior rowers). Sam Daly won in the Senior Men's Coxed Eight against UCDBC. The weekend proved to be a success for all. Unfortunately, the Schools and the University Championships Regatta held in Lough Rynn, was cancelled due to

adverse weather conditions. Moving on, Skibbereen Regatta was the next race. Sam Daly and his pair partner came third in the Junior Men's Pairs and Alison and Sarah Daly came first in the Junior Women's Pairs against pre-selected crews. On the Sunday, Alison and Sarah Daly competed in the Junior Women's four with two girls from Castleconnell Boat Club as part of the trailing process. The four excelled in category against both senior and junior crews coming in second against a potential Worlds Four.



The performances in both the pair and the four were deemed enough by Rowing Ireland to be preselected for an International competition in the summer, to the excitement of the girls. After the Skibbereen Regatta, we headed to Ghent Belgium for the International Flemish Junior Championships. Alison and Sarah won in the Junior Women's Eight and came second in the Junior Women's Four on the Saturday. Then, on the Sunday, Alison and Sarah Daly came first in the Junior Women's four. The wins weren't as good as the food, if you ask me.

Dublin Metropolitan Regatta was held in late May. The conditions were anything but great. The strong headwind and continuous showers of rain proved to put a downcast on the regatta. However, Sam Daly and his partner won in the Junior Men's Double and Alison and Sarah Daly won in the Junior Women's Quadruple Sculls against tough competition from Castleconnell Boat Club. With a few remaining regattas left in the season, we can only hope for more success.

Alison Daly



RUGBY

SENIOR 1 BOYS' RUGBY

Pre-season training began as it often does with early gym sessions followed by training to get back into the swing of things. This year confidence was very high coming off the back of our very successful tour to the United States. It was a great way for the team to get to know each other better during our time in Boston and New York. We also kept an unbeaten record while in the US, winning all five of our games. Everyone was itching to get back to rugby when pre-season started.

This was apparent in our annual pre-season friendly against Wesley. All of our hard work during pre-season was proved worthwhile as we won 17-12. As the league campaign marched closer, we to get off to a winning start.

There was a lot of pressure to perform following our tour and pre-season success. Our league campaign couldn't have started any better. We went from strength to strength, beating Temple Carrig School 32-13, Dundalk Grammar School 54-7 and Salesian College 24-22 in a closely contested game. Following these three immensely physical games, we travelled to CUS. Nerves got the better of us initially with the home side taking the lead - but the lads dug deep, and we came away with the win, the final score being 32-13.

Our next opponents were St Fintan's High School, who had proven themselves to be worthy opponents. We were both unbeaten at this point and were both determined to keep it that way. As a result of a phenomenal first half performance from the team, we were able to secure the win despite a solid effort from our opponents in the second half. The final score was 29-26.



Heading into our final league game against Newpark Comprehensive School, things took a turn for the worst with a series of injuries began to plague our most experienced players. Many people were rotating in and out of the side. This took a toll on our confidence in the Newpark Comprehensive School match where we came up short. This meant that we would be playing them again in the league semi-final. By this stage, I believe we were physically drained, and psychologically our opponants had the upper hand. We lost in yet another closely contested match.

All eyes were on the Vinnie Murray Cup. As we progressed into the Christmas break, training was intense and consistent. With our new all-weather pitch, we were able to train on a facility that is similar to the likes of Donnybrook Stadium. Enhancements to our gym facilities meant we were physically prepared for the cup campaign.



In our first cup game we faced Salesian College. Although we had a shaky start, we managed to pull it together and came out 32-10 winners. In the quarter-finals we went on to play CUS. Although we had beaten them earlier in the year, they had vastly improved. Harsh weather conditions were difficult for both sides and things seemed to go in favour of our opposition. In the end we just came up short 24-20. Rugby for the boys in Form 6 had sadly come to a close.

I hope that the side next year can go on to great things with the team next season. We will be backing you from the start. I would like to thank all of the coaches who have been involved with the team. I'd especially like to thank Mr Malin, Mr Walker, Mr Tevlin, Mr Aspil, Mr Sheridan and Mr McDonnell. We all appreciate the effort that they put in throughout the season. I'd personally like to thank all of my teammates in Form 6 who made rugby an unforgettable experience for me.

Niall McDonnell





The Senior Cup Team played CUS in a thrilling head-to-head encounter at Donnybrook Stadium on 16 January at 2:00pm. The High School started strongly with a try within the first seven minutes from Luan Rogers converted by Adam Killeen. Cormac Dempsey followed with another try just before half time having received a pin-point pass from the out half. The scores remained and a strong defensive effort kept everyone on the edge of their seats but sadly it was not The High School's day with CUS winning 24-20. Congratulations to all members of the squad. The school is very proud of your achievements.

Sol Bell-Megaw



SENIOR 2 BOYS' RUGBY

This year was great for The High School senior seconds. It was filled with joyous highs and crushing lows. We had a serious squad of talented young players all looking to propel themselves to the forefront of next years' senior panel. This talent mixed with the immense quality in leadership and the considerable experience portrayed by the senior members led to a dynamic and well-rounded team.

We were launched into a competitive and cut-throat league with all the teams vying for a place in the grand final of the Forrester Cup. This squad faced this challenge with courage and daring ambition. During this tough campaign we fought hard and played some exciting union. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough as we fell short losing 28-27 to Gonzaga College, 28-21 to St Michael's College, 28-19 to Blackrock College and drawing 22-22 with Ballymakenny College. While these results were disappointing the team showed good heart and the younger players took their opportunities and gave themselves a great chance to be in next year's squad. While we struggled in the league, we managed to get some great wins at other points during the season. We beat Terenure College and CUS twice each as well as beating Foyles College from Derry. Overall, it's been a great year for the seconds. I'd like to thank all in the team I served beside in those tough battles and all the coaches and back-room staff for helping us along the way.

Dylan Roycroft

USA AND SOUTH AFRICA VISITS

We welcomed two touring schools to The High School recently: Legend High School/Titan Rugby Club U18s from Colorado, USA and Parklands School, South Africa. Our pupils from Form 4 and 5 played brilliantly with HSD winning both games. Well done to everyone involved.



JCT BOYS' RUGBY

This year Junior Cup Team campaign was a great experience for everyone. We started with a pre-season camp in Killashee House where we built up our skills and fitness and set our goals for the year ahead.

Our first league game didn't go our way, but we slowly picked up our performances and finished fourth in the league. We were to play St Fintan's High School in the league semi-final we lost narrowly but it was a great show of our ability and what we can achieve.

We began our preparation for our first cup match playing against Newpark Comprehensive School. When the day came we couldn't wait to play. After a slow start we found our stride and started to comfortably control the match. We won 32-15 with every player giving one hundred per cent.

Our next match was against an unknown team, Naas CBS. We did our preparation for the match and on game day we were ready to play. Sadly, the game ran away from us with them having a very fast counter-attack. Overall, the experience for the JCT team was incredible and we all loved every minute of it.

I'd like to thank all our coaches especially Mr McBride and Mr Stewart for helping us succeed as a team.

Luke Hardy

The Junior Cup Team played Newpark Comprehensive School in the first round of the Father Godfrey Cup. It was a great occasion and the support of pupils and parents was amazing in what was a close and exciting match. The try scorers were Luke Hardy, Marcus Empey, Ross Molloy, Daragh McGrath, and Matteo Sanvito. The final score was 32-15 to The High School. The support was greatly appreciated by myself and the rest of the team.

Andrew Whyte



FORM 2 RUGBY TOUR

On a fine Friday morning, Form 2 rugby players travelled to Rosslare at 6.30 am and took the morning ferry to the south of Wales. We then drove to St Davids where we played a match against St David's School (Ysgol Dewi Sant). The High School won the game comfortably 38-22. We then travelled to Celtic Camping where, about an hour later, we participated in a fun mud-run. We finished the evening with a movie. The next morning we woke up, had breakfast and left to play Carmarthen Quins RFC. At half-time the game was very close but in the end The High School was victorious winning 31-14. After the game we got taxis into Carmarthen and walked around the town for about an hour and a half. We then went to Frankie and Benny's for pizza followed by a visit to the cinema where we watched Captain Marvel. At 11:00pm we left Carmarthen to go to Pembroke port to get the 2.00am ferry to Rosslare. We arrived at Rosslare at 6:30am and got the bus to The High School for 9:00am. It was a great tour.

Charles Beatty



FORM 1 A BOYS' RUGBY

This year was a year of highs and lows for Form 1 boys rugby team. We started our season slowly, but in our first 15-a-side match we beat Terenure College comfortably. That success was followed by a few tough losses. After a tough spell, we found some form and beat schools such as St Mary's College. Our penultimate win of the season came our tour in Cork where we narrowly beat the local rugby school, Presentation Brothers, Cork. In our final game of the season we convincingly beat St Andrew's College and played our best rugby of the season. Our season would've been nothing without the work of Mr Hilliard, Mr McNamara, Mr Malin, Mr Griffin and other past pupils.

Alex Bowden and Evan Kelleher



GIRLS' RUGBY

This year was a ground-breaking year for Girl's Rugby at The High School. The Junior Girls' played contact rugby for the first time and the Senior Girls' played their first game of 10s rugby. These achievements are a testament to the commitment and drive shown by the girls who played and trained all season. One of their training sessions every week was at 7:30am!

We entered a Junior Contact and Tag team into a Leinster Metro Tournament in Donnybrook. It was the first taste of rugby for many girls and they smashed it! There was some great rugby played with standout performances on the Junior team from Rachel Garvey, Rosie Shankey and Sophia Leonard.

The Seniors had a tough start to the season with many girls' getting their first taste of competitive rugby. They improved massively game on game in the first two tournaments. Their skills were massively tested and the girls' got more comfortable the more experience they got. Special mention should go to the Sophie Deregnieaux for her performances.

In February we hosted the Leinster 7s Junior and Senior regional tournament. Huge thanks must go to Mr Malin for organising this event which was a massive success. The Juniors had a brilliant tournament just missing out on points difference to make it through to the next round. There were some brilliant tries scored. The top performers for this tournament were Katie Hopkins, Isabel Feeney and Mia O'Mahony. The Senior girls gave this tournament 100% effort and were unlucky with a few results. The improvements were evident in their skillset and ability to hold onto possession. Aileen Nagle, Bevin Dixon and Aimee Merriman were highlighted as top performers on the day.



Kilkenny College hosted a Senior XV's tournament with Wesley College and High School travelling down. This was a brilliant introduction to this form of the game. There was some really exciting rugby played and some new faces in our team getting their first taste of rugby. We played two great games of rugby losing out to Kilkenny and narrowly losing to Wesley. It was an excellent display from our girls. Great runs down the wing by Leanne O'Brien, footwork by Siobhan Trimmer and tackles by Wumi Obi and Heather Collins were some of the highlights.

Special mention must go to our two departing seniors Aileen Nagle and Georgina Scanlon who were at every training and tournament throughout the year. Their skillset has really improved and they will be sorely missed next season.

Emma Murphy deserves a massive thank-you for coaching this season. Her enthusiasm, energy and knowledge were a huge advantage for all the girls.

Ms Deacon





SENIOR SWIMMING

On Thursday 21 March, the school swim team competed in a swimming gala at Newpark Comprehensive School. We had great success and won 12 medals (3 gold, 6 silver and 4 bronze) and placing 4th overall. We thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it gave us the opportunity to compete in a competitive environment. It also allowed us to put our training into practice. It was a really great event and we would encourage everyone to get involved in it. We also did a sponsored swim for Habitat for Humanity, which consisted of swimming a kilometre non-stop, and raised over a hundred euro.

Joshua Rance

JUNIOR SWIMMING

Every Tuesday we met at Terenure College to have fun and to practice our swimming techniques. The hard work and dedication payed off as we improved both as a group and individuals.

The Newpark Gala was definitely the highlight of the swimming year. We had the opportunity to enhance our skills and to put our hard work and efforts into practice against 4 different schools. We persevered with 16 medals which was a really great performance for all. We all had a great time and enjoyed the experience with other schools.

On the behalf of the team I would like to thank all of our coaches. Mr Rodgrigo Vilalba for teaching us all the techniques, Mr Swanwick for pushing us to the best of our ability and to Ms Jones, who always found a way for everyone to enjoy swimming. I'd definitely encourage everyone to swim and to try it out next year.

Kehinde Ogundipe



JUNIOR BOYS' TABLE TENNIS

The U15 Table Tennis team won the 5th division of the Leinster Schools League this season. Highlights of the season included a first ever HSD win over Blackrock College in any division before a crucial comeback from 3-0 down to draw 3-3, which helped to secure first place, along with wins over St Colmcilles Community School and De La Salle College.

Oscar Mahang Bravo

SENIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

We had a great season this year, winning the majority of our games. The stand-out match had to be out in Santa Sabina in Sutton. It was a bonding trip, which we all greatly enjoyed. Our win against Mount Anville Secondary School was a great way to end the season. Thank you to both Ms Jones and Ali Meeke, for all their coaching and support over the years.

JUNIOR GIRLS' TENNIS

We had a very enjoyable season of tennis, putting a lot of effort into our matches, always performing to our best. We were very successful in our matches and had a number of wins throughout the season. Our outstanding performances include our wins against The King's Hospital and Rosemount Secondary School. We would like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Meeke, who were our dedicated coaches. We can't wait for the tennis season next year and we hope we do as well on this year.

Ella Maxwell

MINOR A GIRLS' TENNIS

We had a very successful season, winning many of our matches. We had fun training sessions and enjoyed the biscuits at the end of our matches. Everyone stood out and improved over the season. Thank you to Ms Jones and Ms Meeke. We couldn't have played so well without you. We appreciate the time and effort you both put into our matches and training. We are really looking forward to next season.

Sophie Scollard

MINOR B GIRLS TENNIS

We really enjoyed all the training together and it brought us closer together as a team. We improved with every match we played, and we learnt from our losses. Our team as a whole worked very well together, and our best game was by far the one we played at home. We played excellently and the weather was perfect. We'd like to say thanks to Ms Jones and Ms Meeke for taking time out of their busy schedules to set up matches and train us. We are really looking forward to next season.

Maya Barber

MINOR C GIRLS' TENNIS

Playing tennis has been really fun and enjoyable this year. Every time we have training, we all play friendly matches against each other. Every player has brought something to the team, and everyone has worked really well together. A big thank you to Ms Jones and Ms Meeke for coaching us and making our tennis experience very enjoyable. We are all really looking forward to the next season.

FORM 1 A GIRLS' TENNIS

Overall I think we did very well and I am very pleased that we won all our matches. Everyone always tried their best in training and during matches. Our first match was quite tough, but we kept trying and eventually managed to beat them. I would like to thank the coaches Ms Meeke and Ms Jones for helping and supporting us throughout the season. I am looking forward to the next season and I can't wait to start a new season playing tennis with the team.

Chloe O'Connor

FORM 1 B GIRLS' TENNIS

I think we all did very well throughout the season. Everyone showed up to training and the matches. They all put their best effort into the team. Our last match was at Bray even though the weather was horrendous, everyone tried their best regardless of this. We would like to say thank you to all the coaches for helping and supporting us throughout the whole season, attending matches and organising training sessions. We are all excited for the next season.

Amelia Barrett

JUNIOR BOYS' TENNIS

We all started off the season with a fixture against Castleknock College in Rathgar Tennis Club. We lost 3-2 in a very close competitive match. In our second match we played St Conleth's College in Donybrook Lawn where we won 3-2. We had an excellent performance against St Conleth's College winning 4-1. Special thanks to Mr Swanwick and Mr McDonnell. We are all looking forward to another hard-fought season and the chance to win some silverware.

JUNIOR A BOYS' TENNIS

We had some brilliant training sessions which helped us with our impeccable performance against CUS. We won 5-0 with the help of our favourite and most valued mentor Professor Swanwick. We had an extravagant performance against Drogheda. John Kelly with an astounding performance winning 6-0 and completing some spectacular rallies. Big thanks to Mr McDonnell, Mr Sullivan and Mr Swanwick for coaching us to victory in those breath-taking moments. We are very excited for the pre season and hope that we can exceed the high bar we set.

MINOR BOYS' TENNIS

We played CBC Monkstown in our first game, we won comfortably so we went to play in a semi 8-final against The King's Hospital. Every player played great in all of the matches we played. Thank you to Mr Swenwick and Mr McDonald for coaching us. We are all looking forward to playing matches next season.

Luca Hayes



ATHLETICS

Belgrave Cup

200 metres Senior Girls

Anna Lyons

Taylor Cup

Most Points Senior Girls

Anna Lyons

Cornick Cup

400 metres Senior Boys

Kevin Elwood

Cunningham Cup

Most points Junior Boys

David Aigboboh

Magill Cup – 100m Junior Boys

David Agiboboh

Danum Cup

Most points Junior Girls

Katie Collins

Hughes Shield – 100m Junior Girls

Katie Collins

Pakenham-Hamilton Cup

High Jump Junior Girls

Katie Collins

Most points U16 Boys Cup

Kehinde Ogundipe

Most points U16 Girls Cup

Ella Maxwell

Most Points in Field Events

Intermediate Girls Cup

Mia McCullough

Éle Ní Conbhuí

Most Points in Field Events

Intermediate Boys Cup

Michael Holland

Most points Intermediate

Boys Cup

Ciaran Adair

Diocesan Staff Cup

Most points Intermediate Girls

Eva Layte

Hutchinson Cup

800 metres Senior Girls

Roseanne McCullough

Toomey Cup

1000 metres Senior Girls

Roseanne McCullough

Mathers Cup

Most points Form 1 Girls

Eva Carroll

Katie Miller

Moore Cup

200 metres Senior Boys

Scott Dunne

Parents Association Cup

100m Senior Girls

Orla Prendergast

Southam Cup

800m Senior Boys

Patrick Tallon

Walker Cup

1500 meters Senior Boys

Patrick Tallon

Tate Cup

Most points Form 1 Boys

Noah Heslin

Taylor Cup

100 metres Senior Boys

Sean Ukagba

Toomey Cup

1000 metres Junior Girls

Elodie Ryan

Travers Cup

High Jump Senior Boys

Ben Shaw

Sloan Cup

Long Jump Senior Boys

Daniel Rufli

War Memorial Cup

Most points Senior Boys

Daniel Rufli

Whyte Cup

Most Points in Field Events

Senior Boys

Daniel Rufli

BADMINTON

Factor Cup – Junior Boys

David Lawley

Hennessy Cup – Junior Girls

n/a

Hennessy Cup – Senior Girls

Rachel Low

Hennessy Cup – Senior Boys

Alexander O'Connor

BASKETBALL

Senior Boys Trophy

Niall Lynch

Senior Girls Cup

Alison Daly

Junior Boys Cup

Saul Wright-Brennan

Junior Girls Cup

Mona Webster

CRICKET

Davies Cup – 2nd XI Boys

Max Wright

Dawson Cup – Form 2 Boys

Sean O'Brien

De Vere Shortt Cup – Batting

Ben Shaw

Hanly Cup – Fielding

David Hogan

Ridgeway Cup – Senior Girls

Orla Prendergast

Junior Girls Cup

Kate Crosby-Dillon

HOCKEY

Neville Davin Cup

Senior Boys

Calum Adair

Diocesan Cup – Minor Girls

Ruth Dillon

Jean Scott Cup – Senior Girls

Laura Motyer

Jean Scott Cup – Junior Girls

Emma Leeson-Jenkins

Karen Eppell Cup – Fair Play

Shauna Power

Andrew McKay Cup

Junior Boys

Elijah Breen

Minor Boys Cup

Ben Pasley

RUGBY

Dawson Cup – Form 2
Matteo Sanvito

Evans Cup – Place and Drop
Jack Farrelly

De Vere Shortt Cup
Player of the Year
Niall McDonnell

Holmpatrick Cup – 7 a side
n/a

Turner Cup
Most Deserving Team
Form 1 Team
Captain Alex Bowden

Mark Cabena Memorial Trophy
Luke Hardy

SWIMMING

Dodder Cup – Juniors
Fergus Kelly

John Phillips Cup
Survival Skills
Juno Claffey-Hegarty

Liffey Cup – Senior
Daniel Hudson

TABLE TENNIS

Evans Cup
Oscar Maharg Bravo

TENNIS

Jagoe Cup – Junior Girls
Elodie Ryan

Smith Cup – Senior Girls
Anna Lyons

Minor Girls Cup
Aideen Cassidy

Harcourt Cup – Junior Boys
Leo Vaughan

Sealy Cup – Senior Boys
Harry Lynch

Minor Boys Shield
Luca Hayes

White Shield
Evan Jennings

Coaches Merit Award
Zac Reid

SPORTS ASSEMBLY



REPRESENTATIVE SUCCESS

ROBIN DAVIES SPORTS AWARDS 2017-18

The Robin Davies Sports Award acknowledges the achievement of pupils selected for full international representation in any recognized field of sporting endeavour. The recipients in 2017-18 are as follows:

Sam Daly: Rowing
Alistair Empey: Hockey
Isabel Feeney: Diving
Alex Flynn: Hockey (2016-17)
Scott Gillanders: Squash
Evan Jennings: Hockey
Harry Lynch: Hockey
Thomas Myles: Bouldering
Ella Pasley: Cricket
Orla Prendergast: Cricket
Orla Prendergast: Soccer
Ellen Ridgeway: Cricket
Ben Whelan: Hockey

SPORTS CAPTAINS 2017-18

Athletics – Boys
Patrick Tallon
Athletics – Girls
Roseanne McCullough
Badminton – Boys
Jamie Topping
Basketball – Boys
Matthew Thompson
Basketball – Girls
Katarina Cvetkovic
Cricket – Boys
Jamie Topping
Cricket – Girls
Tessa Long
Hockey – Boys
Alex Flynn
Hockey – Girls
Olivia Cunningham
Rugby – Boys
Kyle Butler
Rugby – Girls
Katie Moore
Tennis – Boys
Luan Rogers
Tennis – Girls
Giulia Guastalla



INTERNATIONAL HONOURS

Orla Prendergast: Ireland U17 Football, Ireland A Cricket

Evan Jennings: Ireland U16 and U18 Hockey

Ben Whelan: Ireland U16 Hockey

Alistair Empey: Ireland U16 and U18 Hockey

Harry Lynch: Ireland U16 and U18 Hockey

Ella Pasley: Ireland U15 Cricket

Sam Daly: Ireland Rowing

PROVINCIAL

Isobel Bowen:

Leinster U16 Hockey



SPORTS DAY





LEINSTER RUGBY TEAM VISIT TO HSD



PUPILS



HEAD BOY REPORT

I was out of the country last August when I got a call from Mr Forrest, asking me to be Head Boy. I knew that the year would bring some new challenges and responsibilities, and I was eager to get started. I was also excited to hear that I'd be working alongside Naia Byrne as Head Girl, as well as Andrew Canning and Shona Carey as Deputies.

As the term started, the whole Prefect team took part in a training day. We learned a lot about ourselves and each other, and about various leadership styles and qualities. These were greatly valued insights for all of us.

Soon after, we were introduced to our groups from Form 1 to whom we would act as mentors. This gave all of us a real feeling of connection with the younger years, and we had the chance to impart any pearls of wisdom that we had collected from our experiences.

In October the Prefect team was involved with the Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution, directing traffic and keeping the event running smoothly. Naia and I helped with the distribution of the prizes themselves.

After the October half-term, the Senior Prefect team attended the official opening of the new all-weather rugby pitch in the school. This involved the Archbishop of Dublin, representatives from the board of governors and the school staff, Leinster Rugby, and from SIS Pitches, who put the whole thing together.

In November we attended a special evensong in the beautiful St Patrick's Cathedral to mark the centenary of Armistice Day. This was a wonderfully moving event, with the Cathedral decorated with 36,000 "leaves" of paper representing the Irish soldiers who fought and died in the First World War. These were made from messages that had been left under the Tree of Remembrance in the Cathedral.

Suddenly the Mock Examinations came around, giving us all a wake-up call and putting us into exam mode. The build up to June was a tough one for all, but it was topped off nicely with the Graduation Ceremony at the end of May.

I'm incredibly grateful for the wonderful experiences I've had in The High School, and for all the lifelong friends I've made. I would especially like to thank Mr Forrest for asking me to be Head Boy and giving me the chance to experience and involve myself in the school in a unique way. Thanks also to Ms Hutchinson Edgar for being such a helpful and encouraging Year Head. I'd like to give huge thanks to Ms McPhillips, the Principal's Secretary for all the incredible help and support she has given us throughout the year.

Of course, huge thanks to Andrew and Shona — there is no better team. I can't thank Naia enough for all she's done this year. I could not have asked for a better Head Girl to work with. Thanks to everyone in Form 6 for a great six years! I wish the very best of luck to next year's Head Boy and Head Girl, and the rest of Form 6.

Naoise May



HEAD GIRL REPORT

It was late August, just two weeks before the first term started, when I got a call from the office. Of course, quite sceptical and curious at first to see what Mr Forrest had wanted to talk about, but once I was offered the role of Head Girl I was delighted and completely lost for words. I was honoured that members of the staff considered me as the best candidate for the job and I was eager to see the duties and responsibilities that came with it. Once I found out that Naoise May, Shona Carey and Andrew Canning were offered positions on the Senior team I was relieved that I could share this journey with them.

Before we knew it, we were introduced to the Prefect Team right before the Form 1 Induction Day. We were all assigned different forms where we then brought them on a tour of the school and forced conversation with the pupils that looked especially nervous to be there. Most of us agreed that it was like going on a walk down memory lane, as it felt like it was only yesterday, we were in their shoes.

It was late September we attended the Head Prefects Conference, held in St Columba's College. The day was spent learning all about the responsibilities that accompany roles of leadership. We were all introduced to several other senior teams from around Dublin, which was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, as we gained some helpful advice regarding being leaders within our school community.

Later on, the Prefects assisted in the smooth running of the Parents' evening and Prize Distribution. Everyone was assigned to different tasks including ushering cars in the car park and guiding people to their seats. Naoise and I were involved in handing out the prizes. The night was a success and was lovely to be able to have an evening dedicated to acknowledging the school's academic excellence and also its sporting achievements.

Form 6 was involved in organising this year's LGBTQ+ week. Pupils in the year were in charge of assembly announcements, music performances, face painting and much more! There was lots of positive feedback at the end of the week with lots of awareness raised.

Luckily, Naoise, Shona, Andrew and I had the opportunity to attend a service to mark

the centenary of the end of World War I, held in St Patrick's Cathedral. During this service we listened to different readings and after were introduced to many involved in the organisation of the service. We were also asked to take part in the collection towards the end. This was a memorable experience and was an honour to be able to partake in it.

Following the numerous events during the winter term, there was a big wait for our next event: the Introduction Evening for upcoming Form 1 pupils. Here, Naoise and I were asked to give our very first speech in front of a crowd of parents. Both our speeches covered our experience here at The High School over the six years. It was a funny feeling seeing some familiar faces from our primary schools coming in, starting the journey that we all had to do those long six years ago.

Before we knew it, mock examinations, orals and project due dates came flooding in. Everyone has worked especially hard these past two months to meet the demands of the Leaving Certificate. All stress and pressures aside, I have thoroughly enjoyed these past few months with my Form. With everything coming to an end, it has been a time of deep reflection for us all. Our time at The High School is coming to an end. My last six years with my year group will be forever remembered and will hold a special place in my heart. I would like to thank each and every one of my peers for making this journey a unique and memorable one.

I would like to thank Mr Forrest for giving me the opportunity to take on the role as Head Girl. It has been an honour to be able to represent my school at such a high level.

A special thank you to all members of staff who have helped me get to where I am at today. An enormous amount of gratitude for our Year Head, Ms Hutchinson Edgar, for having great patience with all of us. All Form 6 teachers, our Deputy Principals and Ms McPhillips, the Principal's Secretary who have shown us all huge amounts of support and guidance throughout this tough and demanding year.

And finally, a huge thank you to Naoise for making this journey a smooth running one. Without our Prefect rota, we would be lost! It has been a privilege working alongside such a dedicated Head Boy and good friend. Of course, last but not least, Andrew and Shona! Your hard work this year was appreciated greatly.

I wish everyone the best of luck for the future, I have no doubt you will all make a big impact in this world!!

Naia Byrne Paredes



GRADUATION SPEECH
MS HUTCHINSON EDGAR
 FORM 6 YEAR HEAD
 THE HIGH SCHOOL, DUBLIN
 24 MAY 2019

Congratulations Class of 2019!!

You made it! All the hurdles, obstacles, trials and errors of school life, you have kept going. Ok, so there is a little hurdle still ahead, the 'Leaving Cert', but tonight is not the time to dwell on that. Tonight is a celebration, a moment to reflect and for you to be proud of all you have achieved, for your parents to be proud and maybe emotional and a moment for us to wish you well and give you the fond farewell you so thoroughly deserve. But before I either get over sentimental or start handing out pearls of wisdom, let me begin by thanking some very important people who have been especially important to you and enormously helpful to me.

Your Form teachers, Mr Miller, Ms Burrowes, Ms Fitzgerald, Mr Griffin, Ms Walker, Ms Beamish and super sub Mr Scanlon. They have been an incredible support; their encouragement, kindness and interest in each and every one of you is immeasurable. Your subject teachers, I know you will agree, are such enthusiasts for their individual subjects that their passion can at times become infectious. I'm sure many of you will continue to study a subject you began to love in The High School, in no small part because of a teacher who inspired and ignited an interest.

The guidance counsellors, Ms McDonnell and Ms Whelan, always ready to listen, an open door and friendly face for every pupil in every circumstance, have been hugely supportive, and who could forget the resource department, with Ms Browne, Ms Lyons, Mr Mulligan, Ms McGowan, Ms Stevenson, Ms Hanley, Mr Barry, Ms Delaney and Ms Murphy. Many of you will have benefitted from their kindness and help.

Your Form teachers earlier on in Junior Cycle and Form 4 Transition Year and your year heads then too (Mr Giles told me last week he thought you were 'terrific' even if at times individuals didn't always live up to that reputation!), Mr Malin and Mr Irwin who supported you through lots of Transition Year challenges. The Deputy Principals, Mr



Davies, Ms Connolly and Mr McCaughey. Our librarians, Ms Wiggle and Mrs King, the grounds staff, the catering staff, the nurse Ms Bingel, the office staff and, of course, the Principal, Mr Forrest.

There is another group of people I would like to thank here tonight - that is your parents. First of all, thanks for putting your trust in us and letting us educate and take care of your children and secondly, thanks for such a great variety of young people. 'Interesting' is a word that comes to mind with this particular year group, and talented. We have the sports stars, the academics, the artists, the musicians, the actors, the techies, the socialites, the extroverts, the introverts, the loud, the quiet, the writers, the linguists, the entrepreneurs, the volunteers and that's just the head boy!

Seriously though, it is a privilege to have had the opportunity to work with so many promising and talented young people, and especially with so many people who can quite easily and naturally show great kindness and compassion to others. That's not to say we haven't had our ups and downs - we didn't always share the same opinion, or maybe 'taste' is a better word. I don't know that I always appreciated or shared your viewpoint on what constitutes good music, on what's appropriate sports apparel, on movie posters, on what constitutes a clean common room, on how long you need to spend at the lockers and on what exactly the school uniform looks like (you all know who you are)!

But, to be fair, overall what I think you as a group have left us with are huge positives, so many things you did extremely well. You have been very inclusive, you approached sport, mental health week, the play, charity fundraisers and much more with enthusiasm, creativity and hard work. I would like to give a special mention to Naia, Naoise, Shona and Andrew - you have been super.



Last week Ms Wiggle unearthed and Mr Rankin told me about a time capsule that 1RN had filled in back in their first year. It contained letters to 'my future self'. Don't worry, I'll save your blushes; I am not going to read these out! But it got me thinking that if I was to leave you with some parting thoughts - 'advice' if you want to call it that - I would do it in a letter to your future self. So here goes...

Dear 2019 Graduate,

So, it's twenty years since you graduated High School and I want to tell you a bit about you as you are now and of my hopes for what you have done, are doing in your future...

Right now, you are a unique individual, with hopes and dreams, plenty of talents, youth on your side and lots of people who care greatly about you. We in The High School have enjoyed knowing you, there has been lots of laughter, some tears, and you have worked out a lot together. Your parents, siblings and extended family have supported you and been with you every step of the way. I hope that since you have left school you have



spent time with the people you love, you have shown how much they mean to you, that as you have grown older you have realised how important time is and how important it is to show appreciation to the people who have been there for you.

I hope you have kept dreaming, kept pushing yourself to achieve to the best of your abilities. That you haven't been afraid to take chances, to try new things, meet new people, go to new places. I hope you haven't been too hard on yourself, that you've given yourself a chance as you would a good friend. Allowed yourself to make mistakes and remembered that we all have downs as well as ups and that the problems that seem insurmountable today become, as time goes by, little obstacles you were able to overcome.

I hope you haven't lost your sense of humour – laughter can be the best medicine, and that you use every chance to bring a smile on the face of others. I hope you haven't forgotten your friends here, though you might not see much of each other as you move on and maybe move away; that you can still look back on your days here with fondness and appreciation and that the thoughts of time spent in these classrooms and corridors is a happy memory; that The High School 'Ghost' is a friendly one.

Finally, in the future I would wish for you to see in every day a new hope, that you

don't simply say well it's "as good as it gets". That you remember the fellowship of friends. I hope at times you help others, as you did when you jumped into the Forty Foot in Form 4, standing on the waterfront, breaking the waves, or when you held a breakfast club in Form 5 after the Darkness into Light walk. And that today, tomorrow, the day after tomorrow, each day is an opportunity for kindness.

To the future you, 'live long and prosper'! Thanks for the memories. Have a great night and best wishes for the Leaving Certificate.



PREFECTS

BACK ROW: NIALL LYNCH, MILES DIXON, KATIE MOORE, CALLUM ADAIR, NIALL MCDONNELL, CORMAC DEMPSEY-LERCHUNDI, EVA KENNA, FINN CONNOLLY, ELIAS DEMPSEY

MIDDLE ROW: THOMAS MCCCAUSLAND, ANDREW CANNING, SHONA CAREY, AINE RYAN, JAMES COLE, LAURA MOTYER, ORIANNA DAVEY, SEAN UKAGBA, ALISTER EMPEY, JAMES COMAN, NAOISE MAY, ROBERT WHYTE, NAIA BYRNE PAREDES, WOLF CHUNG

FRONT ROW: SIOFRA O'BRIEN, AMY SCOLLARD, MOLLY SHERIDAN, SHAUNA POWER, MOLLY O'SHEA, HANNAH KERR, CAITLIN NICKELS, LEAH MERRIMAN

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is a group of representatives from across every year group and form. Representatives are elected by their Form classes and each year group then chooses one representative to attend meetings with management. The Council has met before school regularly throughout the year. This year we elected Aidan Perdue as President and Debbie Oduntan as Vice-President. Our secretary was Shane Dambaza. The topics discussed can vary from food available in the canteen, to uniform, games options and lockers. We also liaise with the Green Schools committee and aim to help their communication with management. The meetings with management happen at least once a term when pupils get a chance to raise issues and discuss solutions. An important survey on uniform, which the Council has been involved with for a few years now, was rolled out this year. The Student Council also likes to help with fundraisers such as the Non-Uniform Days (we supported the Dublin Simon Community and the DSPCA this year) and ice cream sales at Sports Day. This year, the representatives from Form 1 were excellent: they attended meetings regularly, brought up important topics and were enthusiastically involved in every event. This level of involvement is crucial to the Council and we would like to encourage all Forms to elect representatives who are committed to attending all meetings during the year. Thank you to Ms Hutchinson Edgar for co-ordinating our Council and helping us with our meetings.

Kim Dunne

SENIOR DEBATING

The Senior Debating team had a busy and enjoyable year. Our involvement in the Concern Debates Competition was great fun and had us debate some very interesting topics. The motions we had to grapple with included: "Individuals serious about climate change must give up eating meat" (we had to oppose this motion and our captain is a vegetarian!); "Thirty Years on, the world is no closer to ending the global HIV and AIDS epidemic"; "NIKE should be applauded for standing with Colin Kaepernick"; and "The United Nations is no longer relevant." (Sorry MUNers!)

The team that participated in the Concern competition included myself, Patrick Tallon, Tom Wang, Daniel Fiala Li, Eve Shannon, Éabha Hughes, Shaam Mallak and Anna Dallas.

Tom Wang and I also went to take part in the Matheson National Debating Championships in UCD.

We also held an in-school competition and our two finalists Daniel Fiala Li and Patrick Ryan were very closely matched when they argued the need to put a carbon tax on clothing companies. Congratulations to Daniel for winning the final. A huge thank you must go to the School Librarian Ms Wiggle for allowing the debating club to meet every Tuesday in the Library and for being one of the adjudicators for our competition.

Anyone who is interested in being involved at any level should see Ms Hutchinson Edgar for more information or simply come along on Tuesdays. There is always lots of fun, banter and of course debating!

Nathan Hutchinson Edgar

LEGO CLUB

The Lego Club is a fantastic extra-curricular activity held in T1 after school on Tuesdays. It was started in September 2017, and is a club focused on the design, construction and programming of Lego Mindstorms robots.

For the last two years we have entered into the First Lego League, where teams from schools across Leinster compete. Each team builds a robot to carry out a number of challenges under a strict time limit. These challenges often involve pushing, pulling, lifting, hitting and transporting elements of the game map. Every task completed gains the team some points, and the winners move on to compete in the UK and Ireland Finals. Teams are also awarded points for their research project. Each team must come up with a project connected with the competition theme and present it on the day.

At the beginning of the school year we decided to try and improve our robot from the previous year. Our last robot was named Johnny 5, a reference to the 1986 film Short Circuit. We didn't know what the challenges would be, so we started designing the robot with the intention of later modifying it with specific attachments. Naturally, this became Johnny 6.

We finally got our hands on the competition map in late September. This year's theme was Into Orbit and focused on space related challenges – for example moving satellites into orbit or retrieving an astronaut from space. At this point the preparation for the competition truly began. Working in small teams we focused on individual tasks, and built attachments to that pushed, pulled, twisted, lifted and more.

We also had to come up with a research project. We decided to focus on solving problems astronauts would face during extended deep space travel and came to the idea of developing a program to



care for their physical well-being. Our project was a computer program that could tell the difference between a set of emotions and give tasks to help improve the astronaut's mood.

As the Leinster competition drew closer, intensity increased. During the final weeks Lego Club was on before school, during Junior lunch and after school every single day. Finally, on Saturday 26 January, the day of the competition came. A team of eleven, (ten pupils and Johnny 6) went to DCU for the day. We spent our time perfecting the Johnny 6's code, and presenting to the judges, before finally getting to the robot game.

Though we were awarded a trophy for winning the robot game, we didn't win overall. The overall winners would go on to the Great Britain and Ireland finals in Bristol, England, and unfortunately only two Irish teams could go: the winners in Leinster, and the winners in Munster. Or so we thought.

Later that week we received a message from the competition hosts. Our performance in the Leinster competition

had apparently been enough to get us an extra place in the Bristol competition alongside the other two team. Needless to say, we were delighted, but of course this meant we had no time to rest. We had about three weeks to prepare for Bristol, a competition on an even higher level than the one in Dublin. Again, Lego Club was running every day; before, during and after school.

At 7:00am on Saturday 16 February we made our way to Dublin Airport. We arrived in Bristol for 9:00am, just in time for the start of the competition. Compared to the Dublin competition, with about 15 teams, there were 60 teams here. This meant that the day was much more intense, as we barely got a chance to rest between presentations. When the day finally came to an end, we were exhausted, and quite happy to return to Dublin the following morning.

We may have returned from Bristol without a trophy, but we were proud of our performance. We were the highest placed Irish team overall, and for only our second year of participation we were thrilled. If anything, this makes us even more excited for next year. Because of course Johnny 7 will be even better.

Mr O'Sullivan



FORM 2 SKI TRIP

On Tuesday 19 February, pupils from Form 2 travelled to Andorra with Ms Fallon, Mr Fitzpatrick, and Mr McBrien. When we arrived at our hotel, we dropped off our bags and went to get our ski boots, skis, helmets and poles. We started skiing the following day. We skied for four days with fun activities in the evenings, such as swimming, going to the cinema, going to a spa and going shopping. We came home on Sunday 24 February.

Thanks to all the teachers and adults that came on the trip with us. It was an amazing experience and we are all grateful.

Elodie Ryan



FORM 2 RUSSBOUROUGH OUTDOOR ADVENTURE TRIP

The CP Adventure Centre is only 40 minutes away outside Blessington, located in Russborough House and Parklands. When we arrived we were immediately split into groups and brought to separate activities in groups of around 20. This was good because it meant that each person could try everything and be helped if necessary. After two different activities we had our lunch and went to a shop for ice-cream if you wanted. After lunch we did team building exercises such as orienteering and puzzle-solving. However, the best activity in my opinion was the water sports. In the water sports we had races in groups of 8 or so. This was difficult and fun at the same time because it made you work in unison. In general, my thoughts on the Form 2 sports trip are positive, and I would like to thank Russborough House for being so nice and letting us go on this school trip. As well as that, I thank all members of staff involved in making this school trip happen.

Oliver Daly



FORM 1 TRIP
CAUSEY FARM



FORM 1 TEAM BUILDING LARCH HILL

On 1 October 2018 Form 1 made a trip to Larch Hill. We left school at nine o'clock sharp, full of anticipation for the day ahead. Twenty minutes later we had arrived, and the excitement was building.

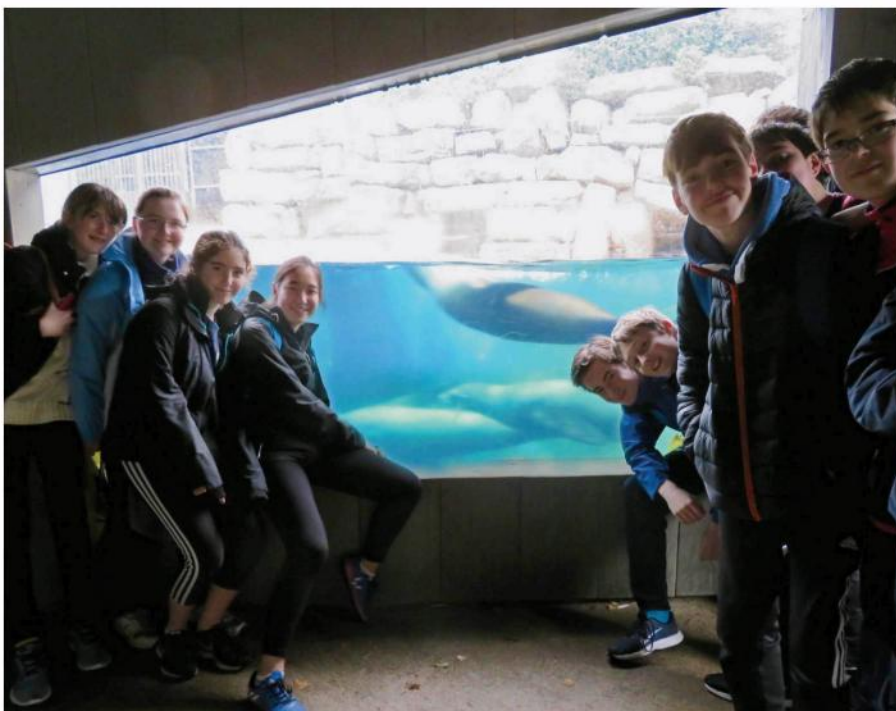
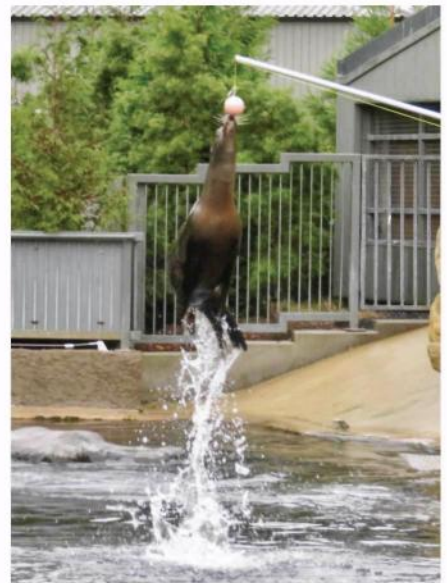
When we entered the place, we left our bags in a big metal barn and were split up into different groups. We did loads of activities such as team challenges, archery and grass sledding, which to be honest, I didn't even know existed before that day! But, it was a great experience. The black group didn't want to do map orienteering, so we persuaded the instructor to do an activity called 'survival', where we learned how to light fires without matches, and more importantly, how to roast marshmallows!

Overall, it was great fun, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. We thank Mr McNamara, our year head, for organising such a fun and interesting day out for all of Form 1.

**Fiona Rutledge
and Medhansh Agarwal**



ZOO TRIP



FIRE BRIGADE VISIT



FORM 6 LAST ASSEMBLY



FORM 6 CHRISTMAS LUNCH



TRANSITIONYEAR



TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS

GAISCE 2018 Silver Award Form 4

Sophie Deregnieaux
Bevin Dixon
Cate Dooley
Niall Healy
Daniel Hudson
Eva Layte
Billy Ly
Leanne O'Brien
Eimear Quinn
Amy Stevens
Ellen Sweeney
Aoife Tallon
Rachel Browning
JohnLuka Doherty
Emily Fitzgerald
Layla Kenny
Stepan Letsko
Thomasin McKenna
Léna Nemes
Kyle O'Dwyer
Anna O'Shea
Stephanie Olaniyan
Eve Shannon
Aviv Sivak
Ewan Squire
Tom Wang
David Wilson
Ciaran Adair
Isobel Bowen
Juno Claffey Hegarty
Amelia Durac
Max Hauxwell
Joshua Rance
Rachel Simms
Oisin Stapleton Doyle
Bella Stuart
Juliette Christle
Robin Davey
Daniel Fiala Li
Sarah Heeran
Rachel Low
Mia McCullough
Conor Moore
Boaz Ninan
Art O'Toole White
Abigail Sykes
Scott Dunne
Ethan Flynn
Michael Holland
Hannah Kennedy
Georgina McCarthy
Sam Redmond
Grace Sheehan
Eve Sisson
Lara Smith
Yuri Wright Brennan

Andrew McKay Memorial Business Awards 2017-18

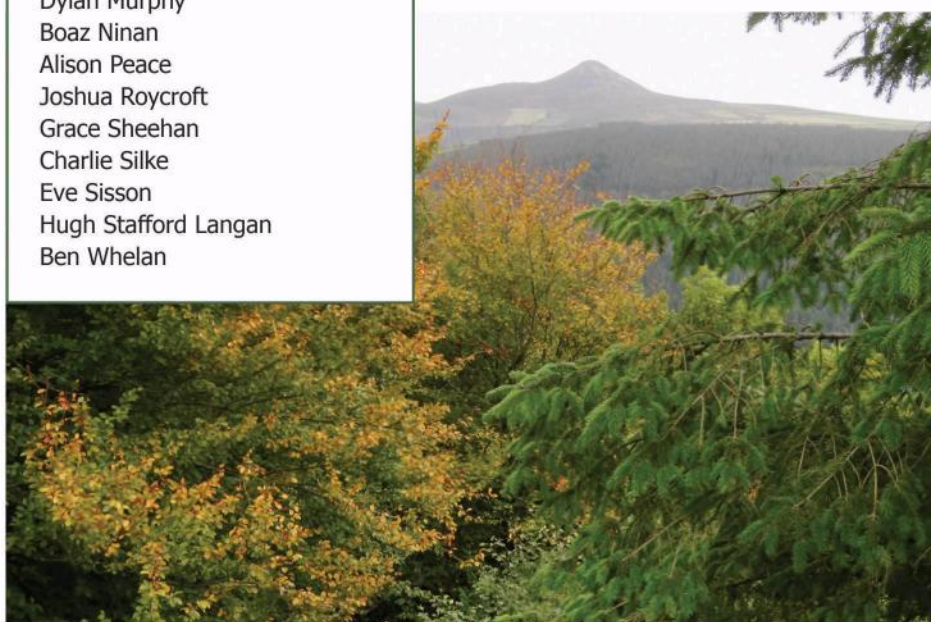
Niall Healy
Nathanial Kaye Mellor
Mia McCullough
Dylan Murphy
Eve Sisson

Young Entrepreneurs 2017-18

Ciaran Adair
Isobel Bowen
George Britten
Brian Carter
Matthew Donovan
Emily Fitzgerald
Ethan Flynn
Isaak Foley
Niall Healy
Kane Hennessy
Daniel Hudson
Nathanial Kaye Mellor
Mia McCullough
Dylan Murphy
Boaz Ninan
Alison Peace
Joshua Roycroft
Grace Sheehan
Charlie Silke
Eve Sisson
Hugh Stafford Langan
Ben Whelan

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Vietnam 2019

Brian Carter
Tristen De Beer
Sam Dunne
Amelia Durac
Isobel Harrison
Niall Healy
Éabha Hughes
Billy Ly
Adam Maguire
Thomasin McKenna
Éile Ní Chonbhuí
Anna O'Shea
Robyn Pembroke
Jennifer Pillow
Eimear Quinn
Oisín Stapleton Doyle
Patrick Tallon
Eva Valentine
Ben Whelan
Max Wright



GAISCE

As part of Form 4, a lot of pupils signed up to take part in The President's Award or An Gaisce. To complete the Bronze Award you have to complete thirteen weeks of community involvement and a personal and physical skill. You had to continue one of these for a further thirteen weeks. Another requirement to receive the award was to climb the highest mountain in Ireland, Carrauntoohil. We did several practice hikes in the Dublin and Wicklow mountains before to prepare us for the tough climb.

Most of the group travelled to Kerry by bus, but some went by train. We stayed in a hostel outside Killarney. We were expected to prepare our own meals during the trip. The hike wasn't too difficult as the weather was beautiful. Everyone managed to reach the top and felt a great sense of achievement.

The program was a great way to spend your extra free time over Transition Year. Everyone who completed the award felt a great sense of achievement.

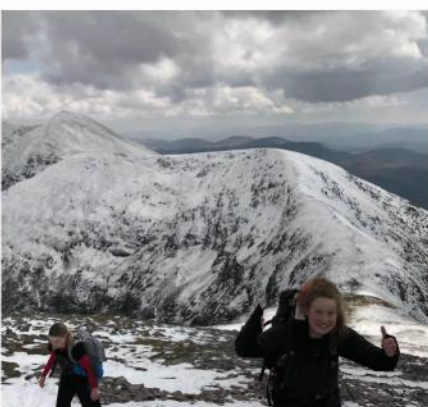
Niall Healy



Gaisce is a self-development programme that many pupils undertake during their Transition Year. The aim of Gaisce is to improve the development of pupils through the achievement of personal challenges. To receive the President's Award at the end of Form 4, a pupil must complete 13 weeks of community work, physical activity and a new skill, then an extra 13 weeks of the activity you prefer. There is also a venture trip at the end of the 26 weeks.

Doing Gaisce can be a great way to take up something new and make friends. It is also an impressive achievement that pupils can put on their CV. I would recommend taking part in Gaisce to someone who knows that they will enjoy the activities that they will do for the 13 weeks. It may seem like quite a long process otherwise. Pupils also massively enjoy the venture trip at the end of the year, where you spend two nights in Kerry and climb to the top of Carrauntoohil.

Amelia Durac



COACHING CERTIFICATES FIRST AID

In Form 4, we completed a first aid course - entailing CPR and how to handle accidents. As a group we learnt how to assess a situation and administer basic first aid practices. We learnt how to apply bandages and make slings as well as learning how to implement CPR correctly. Also it was great to familiarize ourselves with using a defibrillator correctly. This is extremely important to know, as it could save lives.

I think Form 4 First Aid course was the most important event we took part in this year, because it could lead to saving a friend or colleague's life.

David Wilson



THE HELEN KANE MEMORIAL CHALLENGE

On the 19 December 2018, a large group of Form 4 pupils got on a bus headed for the Forty Foot. Among the scatter of excitement were the worries and the complaints and the fears of pneumonia. When we finally got to the pier most of the people either wanted to get it over and done with or run away. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, we could jump into the water.

I was excited to get in, but I didn't expect it to be that cold. The initial shock takes your breath away, your chest hurts and when you reach the surface you're gasping for air. But after the first few seconds, the shock subsides, and you can enjoy the water. Those who were already swimming around, or clamouring to climb up the ladder to warmth, were cheering on the pupils and teachers who hadn't jumped in yet. After about ten minutes of comradery and bravery, most of the people were out of the water and only one person hadn't gone in yet.

After all the drama, there was hot chocolate and biscuits to warm up the shivering, pyjama clad, pupils. Then we all gathered to hear former librarian Mrs King read a poem about the Memorial Challenge and Helen Kane herself. It reminded us all what we were raising our money for and why it was so important.

All in all it was a great experience and a brilliant way to start off our Wednesday morning.



TITANIC TRIP

On the 23 October 2018, the whole of Form 4, Mr Malin, Mr Irwin, Mr Milofsky, Mr Deane, Ms Gray, Ms Garland and Ms MacGowan went on an excursion trip to the Titanic Exhibition in Belfast. We met up at Connolly Station at 8:45am and waited for the 9:30am train to Belfast. We all formed into a big group and stuck together and talked about the activities later in the day. At 9:20am, we boarded the train. There were two carriages assigned for The High School pupils and staff. We formed into groups and sat down and waited for the train to start. The journey was a bit over two hours long. We talked and played cards and each group had to pick a group leader to assign the tasks we were told to do from the teachers, such as taking pictures, taking down notes about the Titanic, and completing a worksheet. We arrived at the Belfast Titanic at 12:30pm and we were all split up with different tour guides. We walked around the museum and learned many things about the early history of the Titanic and looked at the objects kept inside, such as the ropes used in the ship and how the different rooms looked like. We walked around the building twice and had a small break in between. We left the museum and went to another smaller ship, the SS Nomadic, and learnt about the lives of the passengers on the ship. At around 5:00pm, we made our way to the train station to get back to Dublin. We arrived back to Dublin at almost 8:00pm. The day was very educational and fun, and we would like to thank all the teachers for such a great day!

Chloe Loh



DCU TRIP

During Form 4, the whole year was taken out on a school excursion to Dublin City University (DCU). Having recently moved to Ireland, this was an important trip for me as my future is unclear and finding a university that I like would really help to make my step after The High School easier to choose.

The trip got off to a good start as we had to make our own way to DCU, this really encouraged independence which is a very important life skill and one that I was looking forward to learning during Transition Year.

When we got to DCU we were led by our fellow teachers and guidance counsellors and brought into a room where we were shown a PowerPoint and were given information by DCU pupils. This was great as it really allowed for a good understanding of the college life from the pupils living it. After this we were taken on a tour of the campus where we were shown everything that the college had to offer, including information of the rooms you can stay in. This was especially important for me as if I was to attend a college in Dublin, I would have to stay in the college houses.

In conclusion I felt that this trip was really worthwhile and helped to look at in the long run.

Tom Wang

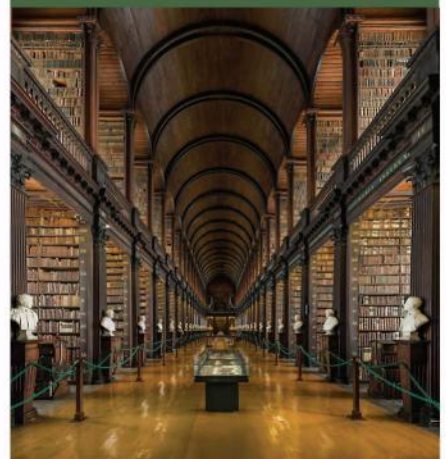


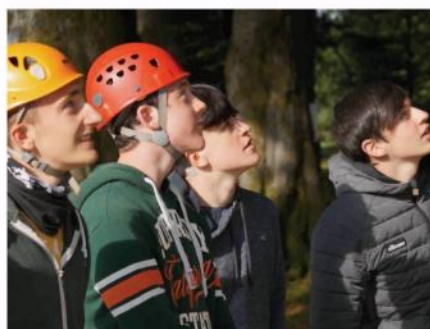
TRINITY TRIP

On 27 February, Form 4 pupils received the wonderful opportunity to tour Trinity College Dublin. The tour consisted of the key buildings such as the Regent House, Berkeley Library and the Museum Building as well as the four main squares and, to finish, the pupils were shown a brief slide show outlining the exciting and diverse courses available at this prospective college.

Our tour guide had provided us with a brief overview of the college's establishment by Royal Charter of Queen Elizabeth in 1592 as well as a few campus superstitions, such as the potential bad luck that comes by walking under the campanile and told us of possible opportunities of scholarship, school meals, and pupil accommodation. Overall, the tour provided us with vital information about what we, Form 4 pupils, wish to pursue in the future and where to pursue it.

Daniel Fiala-Li





FORM 4 CAMPING TRIP

At the beginning of September, Form 4 went on a camping trip to Kippure. Our year was split into two groups. Group 1 stayed over on Monday night and Group 2 on Tuesday. Once we arrived at Kippure we were shown how to set up a tent, we then had to try set up our own tents for the night which we managed to do with great difficulty. After this, we went on a hike up the mountains. After the many stops we took along the way, we finally made it to the top where we ate our lunch and climbed on the rocks. Once we got back to the camp, we were brought into the woods and were taught survival skills. We had a competition to see which groups could build the best fire and forts out of the logs and materials we could find in the forest. We had to start another fire at camp when we returned so we could cook our dinner. Everyone was crying from the amount of smoke there was, so we all ate and cleaned up as fast as possible. Once it got dark, we went on a night hike into the forest with our torches before heading back to our tents to sleep on the cold, hard ground. After breakfast the next morning, we were shown the high-ropes and put on helmets and harnesses so we could try the obstacle courses as well as rock climbing and archery. We took down our tents and packed up before heading back to the bus so we could go home to our warm, cosy beds again.



TRANSITION YEAR OUTDOOR PURSUITS

As part of our Transition Year PE Programme, Form 4 as a whole year group took in an overnight adventure trip to Kippure Estate in Blessington, County Wicklow.

The trip was great fun and was an amazing way to begin the academic year and familiarise ourselves with our new form groups. As part of the trip we participated in a variety of activities. On the first day we all took part in a hike through the Wicklow mountains and had lunch at the top while taking in the amazing views! Then we learned how to pitch our tents for the night in groups before undertaking a range of camp craft skills such as learning how to build emergency shelters, filter water and make fire using a flint. These skills were new to many of us and were particularly challenging but a good experience. Next, we broke up into our camping groups and had to orientate around the estate to find our food for the night! Once we completed the task we had to prepare and cook our food and then wash up. Following dinner, we took part in a night hike before sitting around a large bonfire roasting marshmallows and chatting. Late into the night we were sent to our tents to sleep before an early rise in the morning.

The next morning we had to pack up our campsite and ensure we left no mess behind. Then we were taken to the high ropes course where we participated in climbing, leap of faith and team challenges. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves and encouraging one another!

Overall the trip was a great experience and such a good start to the year!

Anna O'Shea
Éile Ní Chonbhuí





WORK EXPERIENCE

On 12 October 2018 the pupils of Form 4 set out on each of their work experiences. There were any placements all around Dublin. There were the usual ones, like hospitals, engineers and solicitor's offices, and even more unusual ones, like shadowing Leo Varadkar or going to Google.

During the course of the week we got coffee, wrote articles, and all round had a great learning experience. Some people loved their work experience and are now planning on pursuing a job in that field, and others learned what they didn't want to do in the future. The opportunity to go on work experiences to different jobs is extremely valuable and we look forward to our future placements.

Mia McCullough

SHOW AND TELL

During Form 4, I have gone to three workplaces for my work experience, but one really stood out to me. That was working in a Primary School. It was the most enjoyable to me purely because the kids were some of the funniest and craziest people I have ever met. Seriously, you should have heard some of the stuff they would say.

Even though I loved every activity I got to do with the Junior and Senior infants, 'Show and Tell' had to be my favourite. It always has had a special place in my heart because it was what I had looked forward to when I was in Primary School. And seeing those kids stand with pride as they showed their prized possessions to the class, brought all the memories back to me.

Let me put the image in your head. Tiny classroom with pieces of Lego and crayons scattered on the ground, the smell of fresh fruit and ham sandwiches with the crusts cut off as the kids had just had their lunch, and most importantly, 20 little kids eagerly waiting for 'Show and Tell' time to come. All I had to do was tell them to sit down and they already knew what was going on. They grabbed their miniature chairs, and all got in a circle. The sound of their excited giggles and impatient murmurs fills the room.

When I ask the first girl to come up and show the class what she had brought in, a smile takes over her face. She walks proudly to the centre of the circle and proceeds to basically brag about her Barbie for the next four minutes. She didn't mean it in a malicious way though, as all kids are show offs, let's be honest here.

When she finished parading her Barbie around, all the kids asked her questions. I tried to hold in my laughter as they asked her questions such as 'Do you love it so so so so much?' and 'how many hours in a day would you say you play with it?'. They asked questions like little sophisticated adults, and that's what I loved.

Everything was so simple, no one judged any one and everybody felt safe. As we grow up we lose our fascination for simple things like Barbie dolls, and we don't seem to care about those things anymore. I guess that's why I liked hanging out with those kids, as it reminded me of an easier time. As much as we don't like to admit it, we can learn a lot from sweet little four-year-olds, even when their doing simple things like 'Show and Tell'.

Juliette Christle



COMMUNITY



HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER DELIVERS NEW RE TEXTBOOK FOR NEW JUNIOR CYCLE

The new Junior Cycle Specification for Religious Education is starting this September 2019 and the new course needed a new textbook. Having written a textbook before I was approached by Folens to see if I might be interested in taking on this project. The turnaround needed to be quick and I was joined by Mary-Deirdre Kinsella, an RE teacher in Waterford. She was great to work with and I think having two minds was a great help. Having explored the subject specification, we decided on how we would approach the book, dedicating a chapter for each learning outcome and including lots of great images and ideas for classroom activities.

The background paper for the new specification highlighted the importance of Religious Education in today's Europe and indeed the wider world. This really struck a chord with me as an RE teacher. The role education can have in combatting religious tensions and in creating a more respectful society is central to the aims of the school's RE department.

The following extract from the background paper is a very interesting read:

Since 2002, the debate in Europe about the place of religion within education has been spearheaded by the Council of Europe. The recent growth of social, cultural and religious tensions in many European countries has highlighted the need to create more tolerant, mutually respectful societies where people are able to live together in increasingly diverse social settings.

It is not surprising that the role that RE can play in promoting intercultural understanding and respect for diverse beliefs is now a focus of policy makers in Europe and beyond.

In 2005 the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe recommended: 'a good general knowledge of religions and the resulting sense of tolerance are essential to the exercise of democratic citizenship. Knowledge of religions is an integral part of knowledge of the history of mankind and civilizations. It is altogether distinct from belief in a specific religion and its observance.'



Recommendation 1720(6) also called on Governments to do more 'to guarantee freedom of conscience and religious expression, to encourage religious instruction, to promote dialogue with and between religions, and to further the cultural and social expression of religions.'

In 2007, the European Ministers of Education declared that 'regardless of the religious education system that exists in a particular country, children must receive tuition that takes account of religious and philosophical diversity as part of their intercultural education.'

Interest within the Council of Europe in the role that RE can play in nurturing understanding of religious diversity for all young Europeans, regardless of their background, is also evident in the Recommendation CM/Rec (2008) 12 On the dimension of religions and non-religious convictions within intercultural education. These recommendations point out that:

1. Intercultural dialogue is a pre-condition for the development of tolerance in Europe.
2. There should be respect for the rights of individuals to hold religious belief.
3. Teaching about religious and non-religious convictions is consistent with the aims of education for a democratic citizenship.
4. Promoting dialogue between people from different cultural, religious and non-religious convictions is important for schooling.
5. Respecting the dignity of everyone and promoting mutual trust and understanding is important for education in the twenty-first century.

The new course starting in September will allow pupils to explore beliefs as diverse as Hinduism, Judaism, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Humanism. The emphasis on morality will give a lot of opportunity for classroom discussion and the link to contemporary culture allows pupils to explore art, music, literature and film. It is a very modern course and I look forward to getting pupils to think about important topics such as racism, climate change, war and justice. It also links well to my other favourite subjects: philosophy and history.

The book was finished just ahead of Christmas 2018 and a teacher's guide was completed by February. When the first copy arrived by post to the school I was thrilled. In March, Amanda Farrell from Folens, with help from Ms Connolly and Ms Wiggle, arranged a launch in the school library. It coincided with International Women's Day, which made the celebration even better. I can't thank them enough for their help and support. I have a lot of people to thank – my friends in school, my pupils, all in Folens and, of course, most importantly, my family. Everyone has been so positive and encouraging; it really is that support that keeps you going.

Last summer I spent most of my days researching and typing, thinking of ways to tackle a learning outcome or choosing an image that illustrated an idea or fact. In the middle of the heatwave, I was in front of a computer screen. The outcome was 'A World of Beliefs' published by Folens. It is bright, colourful and full of information. It was hard work at times but when we were finished myself and my co-author were truly delighted with the result. I look forward to using the book with Form 1 and seeing how they engage with the subject. Needless to say - this summer I am off to the beach!

Ms Hutchinson Edgar

GREEN-SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

The past year has been so essential for environmentalism. Young people around the world have evoked change for the better of the planet. Climate change and our role in it has become undeniably prevalent as the issue that will define our generation. Greta Thunberg brought attention to climate change and young people's influence on a wider scale. She inspired young people all over the world to participate in the school strikes for climate change, to one of which The High School sent a delegation of Green-Schools members to represent the school.

As you can imagine, this has been a very active year for Green-Schools. We ran a successful green week and spring cleans and we participated in a sustainable fashion workshop and a #FridaysForFuture strike.

This year we decided fast fashion would be suitable as our Green Week focus. We worked with the Transition Year Development Studies and Global Issues class to promote sustainable fashion and raise awareness of unsustainable fashion practices throughout the week. We also got the opportunity to participate in a workshop on sustainable fashion.

We sent a delegation of Green-Schools pupils to represent the school at the climate strike on 24 May. It was an amazing day, with a great turnout. Globally, it is estimated that over 1 million people took part. It is in large part due to these protests that steps are being taken towards protecting our planet from climate changes inevitable catastrophic effects. We also ran two "spring cleans" of the school grounds and after receiving our water flag, we have begun working on gaining our travel flag.

The Green-Schools committee would like to thank Mr McBrien for organising Green Schools this year and would love to invite any new members to join us at our meetings.

Abigail Sykes



SIMON COMMUNITY FUN RUN

Like every year, Dublin Simon Community held its annual Home Run. It took place in Phoenix Park on 6 October at around 10:30am. The High School did a great job in ensuring as many pupils went to support the local charity by offering lifts to the venue in the school mini buses (which I think looked pretty awesome!) After we were offered special t-shirts and bib numbers, we made our way to the start line. It was nice to see other school groups and many people with their pets there on such a cold morning. The 5-mile journey through the immense green was manageable and totally worth waking up early that Saturday as we were thanked with goody bags and free food like doughnuts, and of course knowing we were contributing to a good cause. In short, I'd like to thank DSC for their tremendous work on raising awareness for the growing issue of homelessness, and my school for supporting them by fundraising and simply showing up to their events. I hope to see an even larger HSD participation next year!

Jiaqi Yang



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

TERENURE CONFERENCE

To begin the MUN season, Terenure College hosted the opening conference of the year on 28-29 September. MUN stands for Model United Nations - put simply a junior version of the UN. The whole event is run entirely by pupils. All those participating in the event itself act as delegates of a designated country. For TERMUN 2018 The High School was assigned the countries Belgium, Kenya, and Ukraine. All delegates choose a group that they would like to participate in as a representative of their designated country. These groups are known as committees. For TERMUN there were 6 committees in total - Political 1; Political 2; DISEC (Disarmament and International Security Committee); Ecology and Environment; ECOFIN (Economics and Finance); and SOCHUM (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural). Questions discussed in these rooms included topics such as the death penalty, election tampering, gun laws, and desertification. The committees are chaired by pupils from Forms 5 and 6 from schools across the country who have experience in MUN. In addition, all the behind-the-scenes jobs for each conference are carried out by pupils. To kick it off on Friday afternoon The High School delegates jumped into a bus to go to Terenure. Everybody was looking quite formal and bubbling with excitement. When we arrived we went to our committee rooms and began our debates. The first day was spent entirely in our committees discussing proposals called resolutions. We went home tired but looking forward to the next day. We arrived back in Terenure College for 9:00am the next morning to continue the debates. We went to our committee rooms and didn't emerge until around noon. Then we grabbed some lunch and headed to General Assembly. At this assembly all the delegates at the conference come together and one resolution from each committee is discussed. The writer of the resolution first makes a speech on what they are proposing. Once they have finished the rest of the delegates can raise their placards (pieces of paper with their country's name on it) and make a Point of Information (POI). If you are in favour of what the speaker is arguing for you can use a POI to highlight a key factor that they have missed in their speech. While if you are against the speaker's opinion you might use a POI to try and



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

BACK: MS WILSON, DEBBIE ODUNTAN, RÓISÍN MURPHY, LÉNA NEMES, SARAH DOYLE, DANIEL FIALA LI, YURI WRIGHT-BRENNAN, SHANE DAMBAZA, RORY COSGROVE, HONOR NOLAN, ALEX DUNGAN
FRONT: OSCAR SMYTH, RACHEL LOW, DANIEL SHEEDY, AOIFE TRIMMER, UDAIVEER PARIHAR, EOIN KELLY, RUTH NINAN, JAKE O'LOUGHLIN, ÉABHA HUGHES

point out a flaw in their argument. The resolution then moves to open debate where anyone can speak for or against it. Once open debate has concluded the resolution moves to a voting procedure to see if it has passed or not. By the end of the conference we were all tired but wishing it wasn't over. Thankfully there are a lot more conferences to come because everybody attending, whether they were new or old timers, were thoroughly hooked.

Jake O'Loughlin



ROCKMUN

Rock MUN was great fun as the Blackrock College pupils were so friendly. After a lovely dinner committee started, SOCHUM debated "Education as a tool to prevent terrorism". We discussed "The Question of Overfishing" and much more was discussed in other rooms on the second day. After a session of committee we had lunch. There were many games of 'Take me out' and Joke awards and then we progressed to General Assembly and we debated four resolutions. After General Assembly and closing ceremony Daniel and I were awarded with 'Distinguished Delegate' from Egypt and USA. Rockmun was amazing fun and I can't wait for the next Model United Nations.

Alex Dungan



RRSMUN

Pupils from The High School visited the Royal Russel International Model United Nations conference (MUN) in Croydon, England. There we represented the delegations of Chad and Colombia in our designated committees. Our delegates took part in some fruitful debate over the course of the four days in committees such as Environment, Ecology, Disarmament, and International Security. We discussed a wide range of topics in committees and General Assembly such as child marriage, plastics in the ocean, and lowering the voting age. It was a wonderful experience and I encourage other pupils to participate in the event next year. I received the award for Distinguished Delegate in my committee. We had an overall excellent weekend and I am already looking forward to next year!

Debbie Oduntan

RADMUN

Pupils from The High School were once again invited to participate in the annual RADMUN conference. Despite the wet and windy conditions, we managed to make it to the venue just in time. The conference was brimming with lively debate on topics such as 'The Question of Political Instability in North Africa' and 'The Question of the Safety of Healthcare Workers in Conflict Zones', during which pupils from The High School represented the delegations from Sweden and Turkey. We even had the opportunity to hear some particularly inspirational and thought-provoking words from guest speaker Richard Boyd Barrett TD who attended the closing ceremony on our final day. It was a highly successful conference for The High School with two pupils named Distinguished Delegates for their participation. It was an extremely beneficial experience for all who took part and we would like to thank our teachers for their support and those who organised the event.

Eve Shannon



WCDMUN

The High School's Model United Nations pupils received the wonderful opportunity to attend WCDMUN representing Indonesia and Azerbaijan. The conference was a wonderful experience for all participants, full of fierce debate and plentiful laughter. We debated a range of current global problems such as the question of the privatisation of war, climate refugees, the rights of people with a disability, marine pollution, and the situation in Sudan. The conference gave us the opportunity to socialise with young people from schools across Dublin as well as France, Scotland, and Northern Ireland. The High School won three awards: Distinguished Delegate – Daniel Fiala Li (Azerbaijan), Distinguished Delegate – Eve Shannon (Azerbaijan), and Best Junior Delegate - Jake O'Loughlin (Indonesia). The conference finished with a disco which marked the end of the event. I can assure every pupil that Model United Nations is one of the most enjoyable activities that The High School has to offer and I encourage everyone to sign up.

Daniel Fiala Li

TEAM HOPE THE HOPE FOUNDATION SHOEBOX APPEAL

During a week in November some Form 4 pupils were lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend time in the Hope Foundation Shoebox Appeal Warehouse. Each day around ten pupils from a form would travel out together on a minibus to their warehouse in Sandyford, where we were taken in by a member of the team and given a quick tour of the premises. The warehouse consisted of a large, brightly lit hall with windows spanning the entirety of the walls. Everywhere you looked there were piles and piles of shoeboxes decorated in wrapping paper. There was something in the smiley faces of the penguins, elves or Santas that sat so high above your head that showed you that something special was happening here.

After a quick tour we sat and watched a video explaining what we were to do and outlining the tasks involved in each station. The stations were tables set up with a group of volunteers with specific jobs for example; checking there are no prohibited items in the shoeboxes, making sure the shoeboxes are full enough and packing the boxes tightly into their own, bigger, boxes. Once that was over, we got to work. We were sent to do different tasks. I was told to go through bin bags full of teddy bears and separate them by size so that people could grab one to fill up a shoebox. Even though my job was so small and insignificant it was mind-blowing for me to see the toys that people had donated. They were freshly washed and soft and every single one of them was being sent on their way to someone who would love and care for it. Personally, I felt like I was becoming part of a whole organization and campaign that changes and improves so many lives with just a simple idea.

After a while I moved on to checking the contents of the shoeboxes to make sure that no banned items were left. Meanwhile, cartloads of donations were being carried in with, happy meal toys, clothes and even boxes of toothpaste. I was overwhelmed once more by the generosity of the public and the difference I could make.

All in all, everyone who went returned with a sense of pride and fulfilment. The warehouse was a very special place filled with volunteers, old and young, who return each and every year to carry out these important tasks. I would encourage anyone to either donate with a shoebox or volunteer themselves. It was an amazing experience and an amazing place.

Éile Ní Chonbhuí



STAND UP WEEK

In November 2018, The High School celebrated Stand Up Week, an event created by the organisation BeLongTo to raise awareness of LGBT+ bullying and to educate young people about the LGBT+ community. The week kicked off with some face painting (the colours of the pride flag, of course!).

Assemblies during the week featured speeches and performances by members of Form 6.

The stand out moment of the week was the creation of a LGBT+ banner. Members of Form 6 stood at each door in the morning, with a cardboard cut-out of one of the letters and pupils were asked to show support by painting the letters with thumbprints. Despite being a bit messy, the end result was an incredible show of the support the school gives the LGBT+ community.

As well as this, pupils were asked to put up post-it notes saying what support meant to them on a display outside The Reynold's Hall.

All in all, Stand Up Week was a huge success and demonstrated the abundance of support for and inclusion of LGBT+ pupils in the school. I can say with absolute certainty that LGBT+ pupils found a second home at The High School that week.

Aidan Perdue



DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Pietas House's Darkness into Light is a sponsored walk (or run), raising awareness and fundraising for the global fight against suicide and self-harm. Its magnitude cannot be underestimated. This year, on 11 May, people from over 19 countries spanning across 5 continents awoke before sunrise to take part in something truly special. Darkness into Light is far more than simply a 5km stroll, the walk is deeply symbolic. It represents the counselling journey Pieta House provides for those in need.

To conclude a fun and informative Mental Health Week, a band of sleepy High School pupils and teachers congregated in Marley Park at 4:00am. All clad in the iconic yellow Darkness into Light t-shirts, we soaked up the infectious atmosphere. Alongside 4,000 other participants in the pitch black, we begun the walk. The walk itself was simultaneously both light hearted and pensive. There was a silent reflective kilometer in solidarity, in support and in memory of those who've suffered first hand from suicide. Everybody enjoyed the magnificent sunrise, as well as the numerous musical groups that were dotted along the paths singing uplifting songs. We collectively finished the walk in daylight with high spirits, availing of the complimentary food at the finish line.

Thank you Ms Dowling for organising this hugely memorable event.

Isobel Harrison

On Saturday 11 May, Darkness into Light took place all around the world. Darkness into Light is an event by Pieta House that symbolically represents the therapeutic counselling journey. Hundreds of thousands of people walk together from the darkness of night into the light of the morning to help the global fight against suicide and self-harm. Since Darkness into Light started in 2009, almost €20 million has been raised for Pieta House, enabling them to keep their 24/7 helpline active.

At 4:15am on Saturday, me and two of my friends went to Tymon Park to join in on the 5 kilometre walk from complete darkness into the early morning light. This was my first time walking Darkness into Light and the experience was unbelievable. As soon as we started walking, it felt amazing to be a part of such a moving crowd. For me, personally it felt like everyone there supported me on my life journey and believed that I could get through any challenges. I don't know if anyone else walking got the same hopeful feeling, but I'd like to think that me and my friends being there made a difference to someone and had a good impact on them. Walking for Pieta House was really important to me, and I can't wait for next year. Even though I was exhausted after, I went home with a new feeling of hope, and I hope someone else received the same message that I did, that there is always light after darkness, that there are so many supportive people behind you, friends, family, teachers, strangers and most important, to have hope, because there is a light to all darkness.

Clodagh Somerville



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental Health Awareness Week Form 5 pupils ran a special campaign to heighten our understanding of what positive mental health means. The theme for the week was the five steps to well-being. On Tuesday the word of the day was 'Connect'. We began by giving all pupils a warm welcome, promoting connection. Throughout the day there were multiple activities related to the theme such as Just Dance during break and 'speed dating' where pupils from different years were assigned to a table and had to make an effort to mix with new people. On Wednesday we were treated to mindfulness at Assembly as the theme of this day was 'Notice'. During break-time pupils were asked, "How is High School feeling today?" Pupils wrote their answers on sticky notes which were posted outside the Reynold's Hall. Later that day a 'Memory and Reflection Evening' took place at The High School. Parents, staff and pupils were welcomed and enjoyed an evening of music and poetry led by pupils and teachers. It was a positive event with the entire school community coming together to support one another. Thursday's focus was to 'Give' so Form 2 pupils organised a charity event for Our Lady's Hospital, Crumlin. A video was shown at Assembly on Friday to highlight the week's activities. The theme of this day was 'learn'. During break-time we were entertained by the Form 5 band who performed live for pupils. At lunch time pupils played volley ball outside while inside they danced to Just Dance. An origami station was also set up to promote learning new things. On Saturday morning many pupils participated in the Darkness Into Light walk for Pieta House. There we once more came together to promote mental health. It was a heart-warming occasion and a fitting way to end Mental Health Awareness Week.

Nicole Holland and Sol Bell Megaw

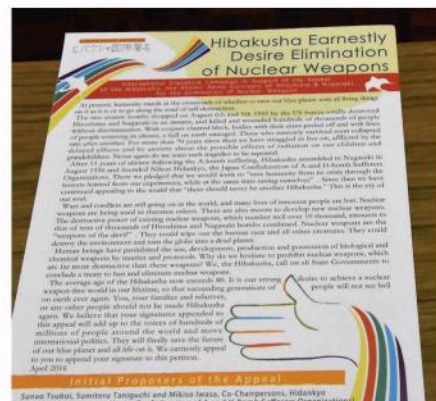


NATIONAL CONCERT HALL PERFORMANCE

Congratulations to the many High School past pupils who participated in a Russian festival of music with the UCD Symphony Orchestra the UCD Philharmonic Choir last week at the National Concert Hall. They include Ilona Adams, Clodagh Curran, Ritchie Burbridge, and Alex Felle (all HSD, 2010-16) as well as Seán Keary and John Kehoe-Roche (HSD, 2008-14), and UCD Ad Astra Scholar and Grattan prize winner Luke Kehoe-Roche (HSD, 2010-16).



SURVIVORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI VISIT TO HSD ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VIETNAM 2019

On 12 April 2019, 20 Form 4 and 5 pupils and five teachers gathered in Dublin Airport. The day had arrived for us to go to Vietnam with Habitat for Humanity, a charity that builds houses around the world for those who can't afford it. The last 11 months had been spent fundraising a large sum of money to send us over there. The excitement in the air was infectious, and any nerves one had before the trip washed away once we saw each other in Terminal 1. After saying goodbye to our loved ones, we got in the queue for check in. And so, the adventure started.

We had two 7.5 hour flights before arriving in Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam. The first flight was to Doha, Qatar. We spent our time on this flight chatting excitedly about what we thought the trip was going to have in store for us. The airport in Doha was massive, but we were so tired we spent most of our lay-over sprawled out on the seats in the departure lounge, where we saw a massive thunderstorm. For the next flight, most of us slept. And then finally we were in Vietnam!

Upon arrival, we were picked up at the airport by a bus and brought to our hotel for the night. As soon as we set foot outside, the heat hit us like a ton of bricks. It was something few of us had experienced before and would prove to be more intense than imaginable over the course of the trip. The bus was where we first met our translators, Nga and Nhuen and the head builders, Khoa and Nam, who we grew very close to over the course of the trip. They acted as our guides throughout the week helping, teaching and translating for us.

We spent Sunday morning travelling to Thai Nguyen, the city where we would be staying for the duration of the build. Whilst it's a large city, the population is predominantly Vietnamese, which made for some very entertaining interactions with the locals – there were cameras on us no matter where we went! That afternoon, we received a talk from Nga and Nhuen about Habitat as a charity and who we'd be building for.

There were two building sites, about an hour's drive from the city. Site 1 was to house a family of four, whereas Site 2 was for a family of six. Ms Browne,



Dr Brusey and Mr Howard were the teachers on that site, whereas Ms Gray and Mr Sullivan built on Site 1. The pupils switched between builds every day, and we got very attached to the families. Both families shared tea, snacks and stories with us at break times. We played with the children whenever we could.

The days on the site were some of the most incredible days of our lives – whilst we couldn't verbally express ourselves all that well with the Vietnamese people, we were able to communicate effectively enough to have an unforgettable five days building, where we formed close relationships with both members of the Irish Habitat team, and the Vietnamese locals and builders. The most incredible moment for a lot of us was after we had finished up on Site 2 on the Thursday, which was our last full day of building. We were getting ready to go home when loads of kids cycled up to the site. We had played football with the kids and even taught some rugby during our lunch breaks in the village, but this was something else – word had travelled that there were foreign builders and they had all come to say hello to us. What followed was 30 minutes of playing with the locals – throwing frisbees, blowing bubbles, skipping. It was the most spectacular thing we've ever witnessed. We'll never forget the sound of chatter and laughter from both the kids and the team, who proved that day that you don't need to know the same language as someone to form a bond with them. Playing is playing, no matter what you speak, where you go and who you're with. The next day proved to be just as emotional – after a morning of work, we had the house dedication ceremonies, where we talked to the builders and families about the house, our cultural differences and the times we shared when building. We visited both sites and got to say goodbye to everyone, which was very moving. It was a very poignant day, and one that we will never forget.

After a tiring yet hugely rewarding week, it was time for some rest and relaxation. We commenced this short period of the trip by departing from Thai Nguyen to drive to Hanoi. When we arrived, we had enough daylight left to walk around some local markets and see a traditional water puppet show. This was a great way to get a taste of the culture and everyday life of the Vietnamese. The next day was taken up by a boat trip around Ha Long Bay, a scenic collection of volcanic islands

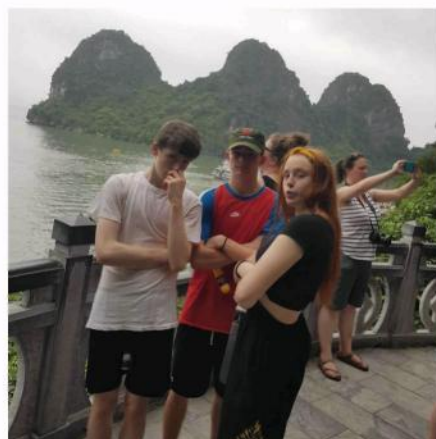
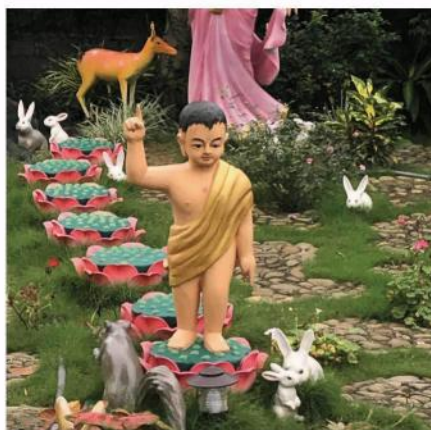




off the coast. We landed on one of these islands to take a tour of the caves inside. We were all taken aback by the beauty of the islands. Finally, on our final day in Vietnam, we took a trip to the area to where former leader Ho Chi Minh lived. This was followed by a short tour of an old temple in the centre of Hanoi. We were glad to have been able to get an insight on the history of the country and, again, the rich culture. From there, we drove to the airport to catch our flights home, spirits high and full of cheerful memories to bring back.

Building houses from the foundations up to the roof humbled both pupils and teachers alike, teaching us that hard work goes a long way and teamwork is so important to get the job done. The work – mixing cement, transporting, laying bricks, amongst other things – was the most physically taxing thing a lot of us had ever done but was also the most rewarding. Everyday proved to be a new challenge, that we overcame together. It was extremely hard, especially when paired with the heat. We are extremely proud of the team for handling the new experiences and culture shock so well – being continents away from your family with a new group of people is tough, but a new family unit was formed on the trip. The relationships we formed with both the Irish and the Vietnamese people we encountered on this trip are unforgettable, and we are so grateful to have been given the opportunity to go on a Habitat for Humanity trip. On behalf of the team, we'd like to extend our utmost thanks to the teachers, Ms Browne, Dr Brusey, Ms Gray, Mr O'Sullivan and Mr Howard, for looking out for us and making the trip so incredible. We'd also like to say thank you to the rest of the team – we couldn't have asked for a better bunch to share such an experience with.

Éabha Hughes and Brian Carter



LEGACY



ARCHIVE DONATIONS

The Archive always welcomes donations from past pupils, staff, and friends of The High School and Erasmus Smith Schools. On this page are some examples of incoming donations from Harry Poole (HSD 1929-31), a relative of ESS Registrar Keith Poole. The photograph above shows The High School v Presentation College, Bray in the Junior Cup Rugby tie played on 2 February, 1931. Sadly they did not win the re-match by one penalty point.

While it is a super image, it is also the only one of the 1931 Junior Cup Team as we do not have a group team photograph. Should anyone have a copy of this we would gladly welcome it to our collection of team photos. These adjacent images are from a photo album and military memorabilia also donated from Harry Poole's subsequent career serving in the Royal Navy during World War II and back at sea in 1994 for D-Day fiftieth anniversary commemorations.



AT GIBRALTAR

20 OCTOBER 1943

ARCHIVE REPORT

It has been a busy year at the Archive with an eclectic array of queries and activities ranging from helping someone find their grandfather so they could apply for an Irish passport before Brexit to being asked to help figure out a mystery behind a portrait of Oliver Cromwell. Researchers came from many parts of the country and one flew in from Manchester to just spend the day here looking through family connections to a school in Donegal.

This was Grouse Hall School, Gleneely, Inishowen, County Donegal; other school queries concerned Ardee English School, Co Louth; The Coombe English School, Dublin; Kill English School, Co Kildare; and Kinnitty English School, Co Offaly. The former grammar schools generated many queries including one about mid-19th century pupils from Abbey School, Tipperary, as well as queries from current teachers from Drogheda Grammar School who were looking into its history. Drogheda was also the subject of a researcher who was looking into 18th century architecture in Co Louth and the plans we hold of the original building. The school buildings were demolished illegally in 1989 but have since had the façade reconstructed as part of the Laurence Shopping Centre.

A recent photograph of the former Ennis Grammar School building also came in from a consulting engineer which is shown above with a postcard we hold.

A Galway Grammar School query sought information in connection to the history of bicycles and cycling in Ireland. Michael Kavanagh has also submitted his PhD on the school after several years of visits to the Archive. A copy of his thesis is now held in the Archive for anyone who wants to consult it.

Other queries included research into John Thompson HSD Headmaster (1908-1925) and his passion for teaching Classics which was detailed in a lecture given by Tom Seaver for the Classical



Association of Ireland held at UCD. Another researcher was looking into buildings at Trinity College, Dublin and funds that came from the Trust which include the Examination Hall. Former estates properties in Knockderke, Co Limerick also revealed a large range of family connections for the researcher who was looking into 19th century tenant records.

A query regarding the War Memorial stained glass window which was unveiled on 11 November 1922 led to another interesting photograph sent to the Archive was from David Meredith (HSD 1967-77), photographed above aged 10 standing in front of the Pavilion building. There was a Junior School then at The High School which was phased out from 1982. It is interesting to note the crane in the background, as this image was taken during the construction of the school buildings as the grounds of Danum were then used for sports.

Past pupil queries from recent graduates this year date back to the late 19th century. The Archive was happy to assist with some class reunion queries as well as a Dublin Maccabi reunion.

The ongoing development of Archive services progressed this year through the Board Registers Index database. Crowd-source transcription proved unviable as the handwriting is too varied for outside assistance to be reliable. Looking into digital archive procedures did lead to an application to the Digital



Repository of Ireland (DRI) Community Archives Membership Scheme. The Archive was shortlisted but unsuccessful and decided to join DRI as an Associate Member for 2020. Working further with the Irish Architecture Archive, plans for schools of which there are 64 sets, will be scanned and then digitally deposited with DRI. This is a fantastic way to preserve the school plans for the future and make them available for research to national and international scholars. DRI has a constantly evolving storage infrastructure and many connections to EU programmes, networks and organisations which are important to connect with and record Erasmus Smith Schools history in broader contexts. There will be a lot of work cataloguing entries and entering a new world of meta-data but having the Archive evolve and access digital archiving is very exciting.

In the spirit of openness the Archive has registered to participate in Culture Night this year which takes place on Friday 20 September. The Archive is listed in the South Dublin area and open until 9pm for visitors, with our entry here below from the event brochure.

Thanks again to Julian Reynolds for donating some marvellous medals from Tipperary Grammar School dating to 1886 and 1902. Thanks to Barbara Strong and Hugh Hamilton for panorama class photographs. Also to David McConnell, a past pupil of Newtown School who took Irish language classes at Galway Grammar School and has donated his class notebook which is a wonderful addition to the collection of exercise books held.

Alan Phelan



289 Erasmus Smith Schools Archive

Visit the archive located on the grounds of The High School with displays telling the history of this 350 year old education charity. Usually only open by appointment for researchers, the archive invites visitors who want to know more about this charity that has grant-aided over 250 schools and contains a very unique snapshot of Irish history.

4pm-9pm

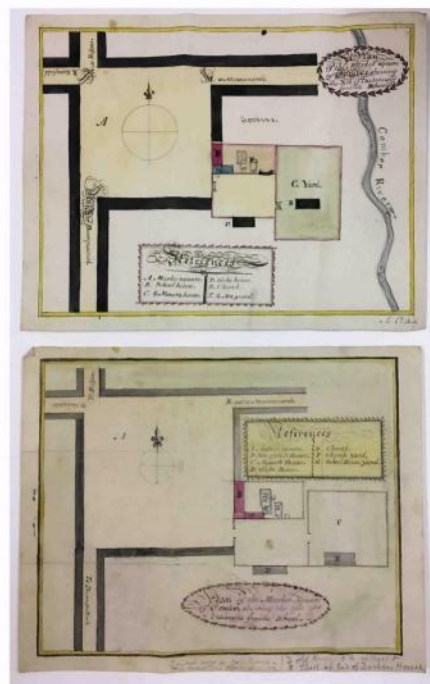
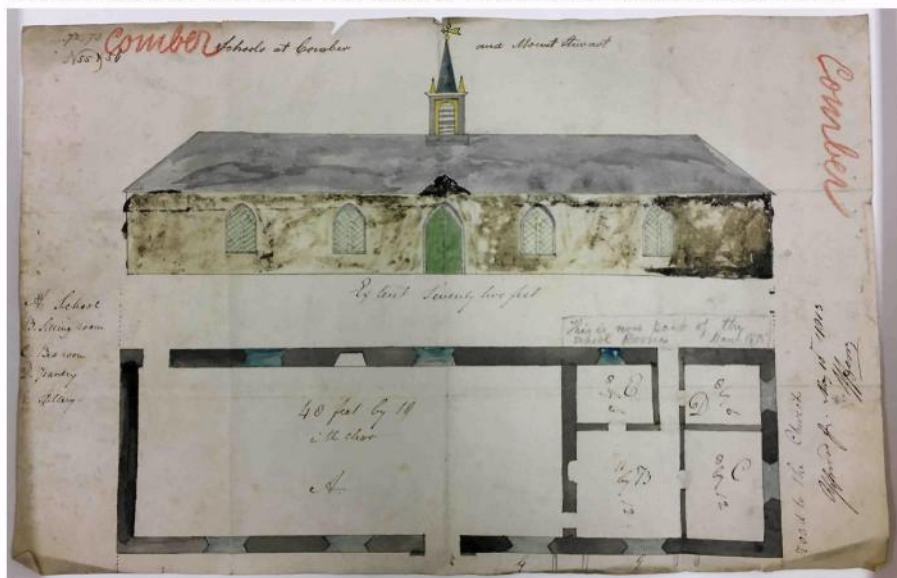
The High School,
Danum, Zion Rd,
Rathgar, D6, D06 YR68
[erasmusmthschoools.
ie](http://erasmusmthschoools.ie)

01 492 2611 x131



Drop In!

COMBER AND MOUNT STEWART ERASMUS SMITH SCHOOLS



The estate project manager Andrew Corkill from Mount Stewart Demesne, Co Down came to the Archive researching plans and records associated with the two schools built on the estate related to planned renovations. The original plan at the top of the page was used to build both buildings in 1813, with neither keeping to the design but using significant elements like windows, ventilation tower and general layout. The schools were unsanctioned in 1886-88.

The structures have recently been 3D scanned which is the negative image above and adjacent floor plan which compares well (upside down with the original). Thank you to Mount Stewart, National Trust and, Ards Historical Society for permission in reproducing these images. It is fascinating to see the school building in local photographs and also as part of the engraving for the inauguration of the monument to General Robert 'Rollo' Gillespie born in the town in 1766.

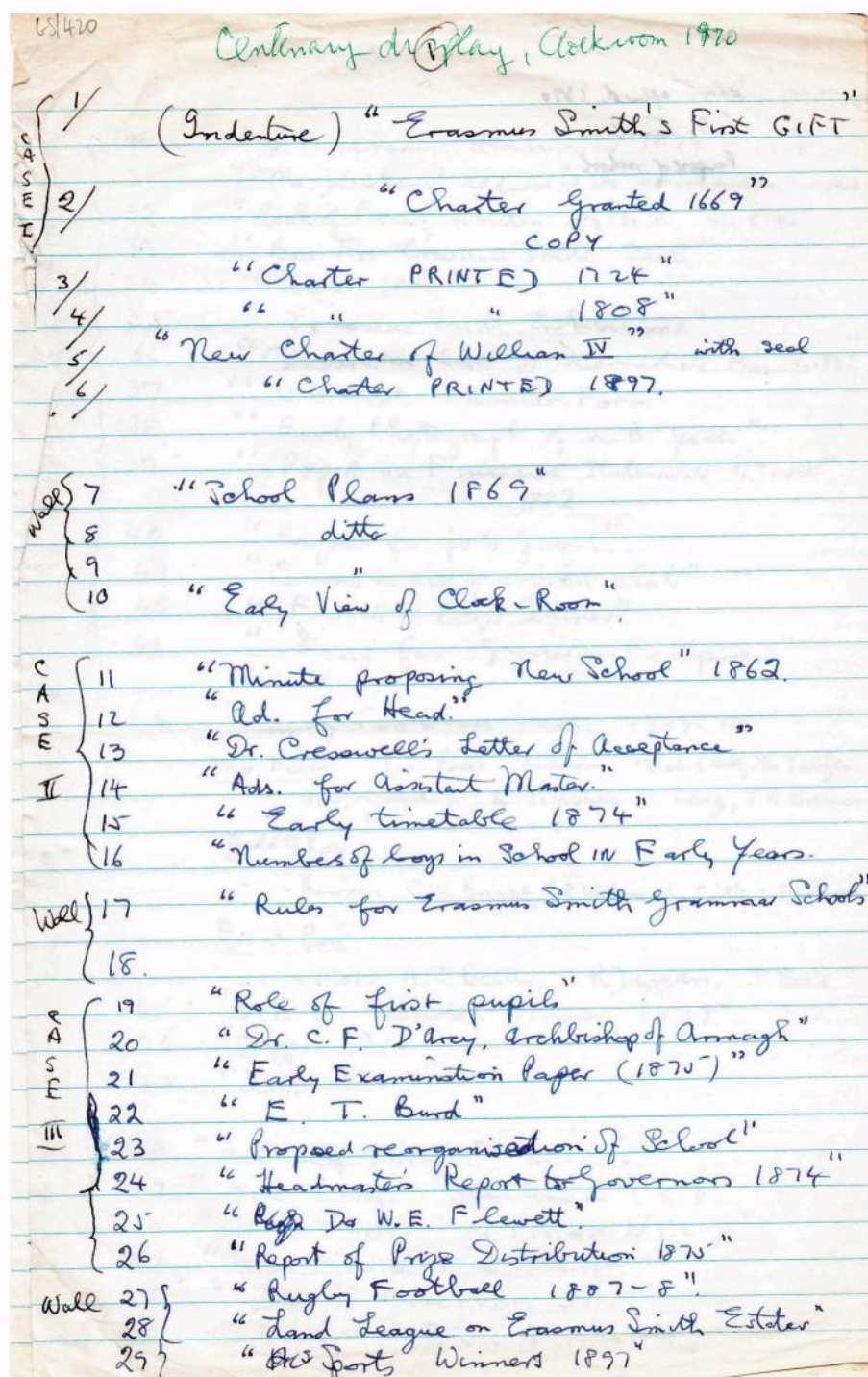
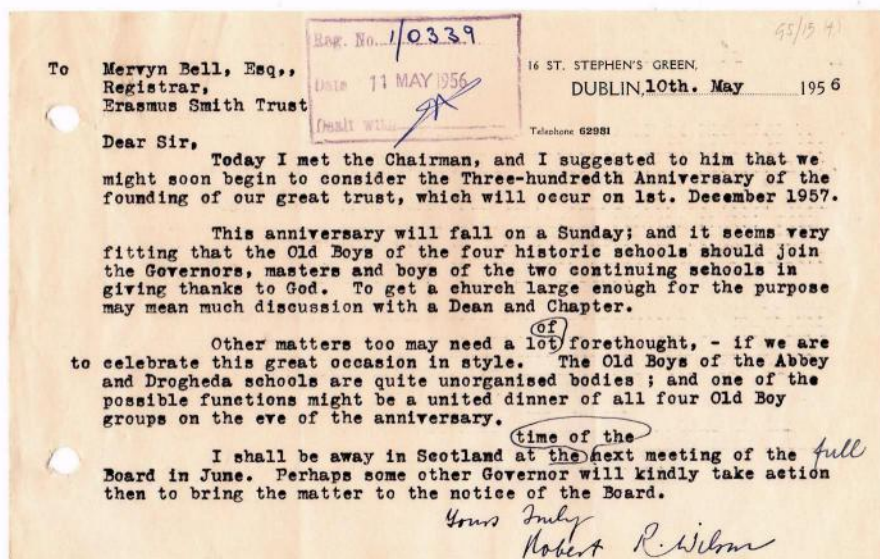


CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Significant dates in any institution should not be difficult to determine but as the documents reproduced on these pages show there have been celebrations over the years which have taken different moments to mark. Foundation dates are recorded in several important legal documents which have signalled 300 year anniversaries in 1957 and 350 years more recently from a different document in March 2019. Each date is relevant and it is for historians to debate their accuracy.

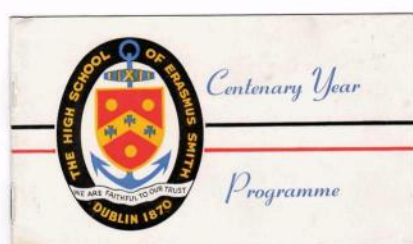
2020 marks the 150th anniversary of The High School which is a much easier date to determine. A selection of documents here show what happened for the 100th celebrations in 1970. The Erasmian account of 100 years at No. 40 Harcourt Street will have to be updated to now include 50 years at Danum very soon.

The list of material for a display in The Clockroom is fascinating as many items remain the core of the most important documents from the Archive collection, some of which are on exhibit in the Archive display area. The photograph opposite shows the first all-school photograph taken in 1871 outside The Clockroom, a very special albumen print.





A final note on donations: if anyone has memorabilia, invitations, photographs of any previous centenary celebrations the Archive would be delighted to see what you have.



Centenary Year 1970

The Centenary Celebrations for boys in the School have been held as arranged and are reported elsewhere in this issue.

The Official Reception given by the Governors of the School was held on the 3rd April. The Staff, the Committees of the Parents' Association and the Old Boys' Union together with other educationalists including the Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Robert Molloy, and other representatives from the Department of Education, were invited.

The Centenary Ball was held in the Inter-continental Hotel on 23rd May and was enjoyed by all present. Congratulations and thanks to Mr. Mervyn Keartland and the Ball Committee for organising this very successful function.

The following are the remaining events of the Centenary Year:—

CRICKET

High School O.B.U. v. King's Hospital O.B.U. at Danum, 29th and 30th June. 6 p.m. each evening.

CENTENARY BANQUET

Shelbourne Hotel 18th September.

RUGBY

High School S.C.T. v. Rest of Leinster XV, Donnybrook, 23rd September, 5.30 p.m.

WINE & CHEESE PARTY

In the School, 10th October.

CENTENARY COMMEMORATION SERVICE

St. Patrick's Cathedral, 11th October, 3.15 p.m.

JUNE 1970

THE ERASMIAN

11

One Hundred Years of No. 40

On the 10th June, 1869, John McCurdy of 10 Leinster Street, an architect, drew up the last set of plans for the conversion of number 40 Harcourt Street into the High School, Dublin.

The plans were then handed over to the builder, Henry Bolton of Richmond Street South, who agreed to finish the building by 10th November. The total cost of the improvements was £2,500.

When the school opened in 1870, the second and third floors of the building were the Headmaster's quarters, while the ground floors were classrooms. On the ground floor there was the Clockroom, which held three classes, and a small classroom which is now the Headmaster's study. The Boardroom was then used as a library and reading room. On the first floor there were three rooms for classes. The Biology laboratory was a waiting room, Mr. O'Kane's room was the Boardroom and a classroom, and Mr. Johnson's and the 6th Upper room were also classrooms. To the left of the main hall door there was the staff room, and to the right there was the secretary's office (the position is reversed today).

There were no classrooms in the yard at first, the buildings on the right being out-buildings (transformed stables). At the end of the yard another stable had been changed into toilets. The only substantial bit of building was the erection of a cross wall at the entrance.

By 1880, one of the small rooms in the yard (now Mr. Millar's room) was converted and used as a classroom. Over the next few years the other outbuildings were changed into classrooms.

In 1896 a new block of buildings was put up. They were laboratories, the most modern in

Ireland for the time. In the early 20th century, the top two floors of No. 40 were gradually taken over as classrooms, and the Headmaster moved out.

Later on more stone buildings (one-storied) were built, and are now part of the Junior school. There was also a wooden hut erected, which had two fairly large rooms (one is now part of the Junior and the other the Senior schools).

In the early sixties another wooden hut was put up parallel to the Clockroom, and in 1968 new Terrapin buildings were bought. These have two classrooms and a library. The library is a great help, for before, when it was in Mr. Johnson's room, it could not be used when classes were in progress.

Possibly the most unpopular erection in all of the school's history is the wall which was put up by the builders a few months ago and which now cuts our playground down to about one-third of what it was before. D.H. (5).

For more information on the Erasmus Smith Schools Archive see:

www.erasmusmithschools.ie

or contact Alan Phelan at:

archive@erasmusmithschools.ie

or by phone at

+353 1 492 2611 x131

or the new direct line:

+353 1 499 7531



ALL WEATHER RUGBY PITCH OPENING



PPU & PA



DEBUTANTES' RECEPTION



THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION

PPU REPORT 2018/2019 DOROTHY ROLSTON PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a good summer break and had the chance to catch some of the occasional sunshine – though it was quite sporadic and unpredictable!

I've come to the end of my two-year stint as President of HSD PPU. Wow, that flew by!

Looking back over my time in the role I remember the slight nervousness, though great pride, that I felt when accepting the chain of office from my predecessor John Gillis and I realise now just how much I enjoyed the last couple of years and the opportunities it gave me to meet so many of our High School community.

My duties (though I enjoyed them so much, that seems too 'arduous' a word to describe them) so often involved meeting and chatting with current pupils, parents and teachers as well as the many past pupils and past staff I met at the functions and activities I attended.

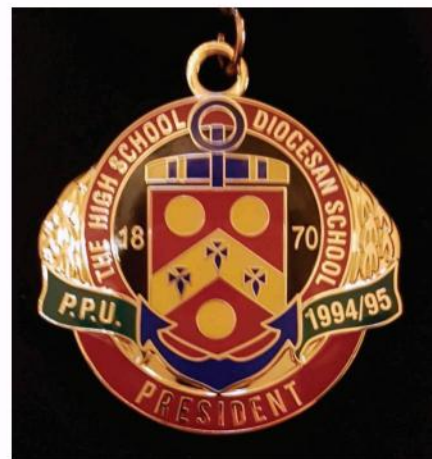
There were definite highlights but I can honestly say that I enjoyed every minute of it and I am so proud and honoured to now be able to say that I am a Past President of our HSD Past Pupils' Union.



While I have so many great memories, personal and 'official', which I will recall for many years the outstanding event that will remain particularly special for me was our most recent High School Past Pupils' Union Annual Dinner.

Holding this event in the school, surrounded by so many friends and fellow past pupils was particularly enjoyable and very much appreciated by all who attended.

On a wonderful evening of nostalgia and reconnection I have two stand out and proud memories of that special night.



Firstly, the passing of our two past pupil medals – The High School Old Boys' President's medal and the Diocesan Girls School President's medal – to the Principal, Andrew Forrest, to be kept in the school Archive and my donning the new medal which will now be worn by the President of the High School & Diocesan Past Pupils' Union.

Then, secondly, the proud singing of the 'School Anthem'. With the dulcet tones of the classy baritone voice of John Gillis beside me and joined by past pupils of HSD from across generations "High School are We" rang out around The Reynolds Hall.

Special memories indeed amongst a host of wonderful experiences. I have truly enjoyed my two years.

Ahead of outlining some of the activities run by the Past Pupils' Union during the last year I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to our PPU committee who assisted me throughout my term as President. The dedication and commitment of this group is phenomenal and I very much appreciate the support that each and every one of them gave to me and give to our union on an ongoing basis.

It is never a good idea to start singling people out, but particular thanks to Honorary Secretary Arlene Brislane. Thank you also and my very best wishes to Greg Hopkins who gave me great support and who now taken over as President.

I would also like to give a particular mention and shout of gratitude to Wayne Sheridan who has now stepped down from the committee after many, many years of commitment and dedication. Take a well-deserved rest now, Wayne – but don't stray too far away!



Past pupils, guests and friends have enjoyed many activities and fun events run by the HSD PPU during the past year. Below is a brief outline of some of these.

With the help of our new committee member, Nadia Ramoutar, we were finally able to undertake the task of becoming **GDPR compliant** with our database of email addresses.

Invitations to past pupils to sign up to our new 'clean' database were issued and we continue to receive responses which help us to grow the number of past pupils we can keep informed and to be much more active in keeping members aware of events that are happening along with current news and achievements.

HSD PPU is also more active now on **Facebook**, sharing news from the school as well as past pupil activities and we receive a lot of positive feedback resulting from our posts.

During the year we also assisted with some fundraising activities in the school handing over a cheque to HSD pupils who



headed off to Vietnam with **Habitat for Humanity**. We handed a further cheque to the school – proceeds from the raffle at the Annual Dinner - to go towards the HSD bursary fund.

ASU Events - We were represented at both the ASU mid-summer supper and golf outing which took place over the Summer period. Particular congratulations to our HSD PPU Golfers who won the Team event at the ASU outing and to Sharon Reid who also won the Wendy Porter Memorial trophy at this event.

HSD PPU Golf Outing - Last September we had a very successful Golf Outing in Rathfarnham Golf Club and our thanks go to Andrew Miller of Folens, Janet Mogerley of Tinkling Toadstools and to Tadg Riordan Motors for sponsoring this event.

Christmas Carol singing at Orwell Nursing Home The Mageough Home was unable to facilitate our carol singing this year, but we received an email from the Orwell Nursing Home saying they were very sorry not to have been able to accommodate us last year and that they really wanted to rekindle the relationship with the PPU. We had a group of about 30 singers on the night and we were warmly welcomed in the nursing home.

HSD Past Pupils' Annual Dinner – was held in The Reynolds Hall on Friday 12 April. Nadia Ramoutar was our guest speaker. This was a very successful event, with an unprecedented number of past pupils in attendance. It was reported back to us that having the dinner in the school was great idea and really added to the enjoyment on the night. We arranged a tour of the school before the dinner which was led by Andrew Forrest. This proved to be very popular and those who took the tour reported that they really appreciated it. We also announced at the dinner a new award which will be presented to a pupil chosen by the school each year. The Rev Graham Jones Humanitarian Award is in memory of Graham who passed away late last year. Nadia mentioned him in her address and invited Graham's brother Stephen Jones to respond on behalf of the family. Stephen spoke about how important Graham's legacy was to him and how much the family appreciate the award which will be presented in his name.

PPU v School Hockey – This year we had just one hockey match - between



the current boys' team and a team made up of past pupils. The school team was victorious after a penalty shootout. Discussions were had briefly about perhaps changing the time of the event in future. This will be considered further at committee level next year.

To stay informed and to keep in touch please send your contact details to: hsdppu@gmail.com



STUDENT FILM AWARDS



CLASS OF 1987 30 YEAR REUNION



ROYAL TELEVISION SOCIETY AWARD NOMINATION PHILIP EMO

The Royal Television Society Awards are Student Film Making Awards open to all Film Schools in the UK and Ireland. My college The National Film School in IADT entered "Speak to Her" into the awards show.

"Speak to Her", a short film I wrote and produced, is the story of Obafemi, an alienated nightclub bouncer who is learning a new language in order to talk to his co-worker Natka.

The film was nominated in the Short-Form Category in the Republic of Ireland section of the awards.

The team was delighted when the film won for Best Undergraduate

Film in the Short-Form Category at RTE studios. We were really proud of this achievement. They screened the film at RTÉ after we won the award and it got a great reception from the audience.

The film has now made it into the finals of the awards taking place at The British Film Institute cinema, London. We are extremely excited about the awards show and to see if "Speak to her" can win the overall prize.

Philip Emo (HSD, 2009-15)



OXBRIDGE SUCCESS OISIN FAUST

Congratulations to past pupil Oisín Faust (HSD, 2008-14) who recently graduated from Christ's College, Cambridge with a Distinction in his Master of Mathematics (MMath) degree. We wish him and all other past pupils of The High School every success in their current studies and future careers.

NAME, LIVING IN	DOING WHAT	ANYTHING OF INTEREST
GRAHAM MCCARTHY DUBLIN/IRELAND	Systems Engineer for Skillsoft Ireland Ltd	
SHIRLEY BROOKE (POWELL) LONDON/UK	Luxury international hotel sales and marketing	Traveloholic – has travelled to every continent worldwide.
CRAIG BROWNELL DUBLIN/IRELAND	Insurance Company Executive	Travels regularly to far off locations Motorbike trekking.
ANDY MILLER DUBLIN/IRELAND	CEO - Educational Publishing	Still taking part in at least one triathlon a year and actively involved in Old Wesley RFC.
OWEN HILLIS STRATFORD UPON AVON/UK	Raising a family and selling torque tools for a living in Africa, Middle East and Asia	Enjoy rugby, steam trains and scuba diving (and sometimes get to practice when I'm away on business trips).
IVAN O'BRIEN DUBLIN/IRELAND	Making books (Managing Director of The O'Brien Press, President of Publishing Ireland)	Riding my bike, watching the amazing opportunities today's kids have with ever-increasing jealousy! Have an ageing PhD in Astrophysics sitting on the shelf. Unimaginatively, married (to a woman) and living with two great kids in South Dublin.
JENNIFER PITT (NEE LYNCH) WEXFORD/IRELAND	IT Consultant - Contracted by ETB to provide Care/Health Skills Training + Freelance Social Media Manager	
PETER GLYNNE DUBLIN/LONDON	Healthcare Account Delivery Lead, Microsoft	
LEO (NEIL) O'BROIN MELBOURNE/AUSTRALIA	Own and manage my Personal Training business	Played competitive rugby at a top level until mid-40s.
JOE (NIGEL) PEARD DUBAI/UAE	Emirates Airlines	Living in Dubai for past 11 years, flying Airbus Dreamliners around the world as a Captain in Emirates Airlines.
ROBERT HARRISON ST ALBANS/UK	Hotel and Conference Organiser	Split time between businesses in London and Central America. Also a connoisseur of Hotel Carpet designs.
CLARE KAVANAGH DUBLIN/IRELAND	22 years in film and TV production now home with two young girls (if anyone out there feels like inventing flexible jobs and workplaces that actively address the brain drain at the school gates then that would be a Fortune 500 company)	Still friends with the class of 87 (and Rathfarnham National School class of '75) far and wide and close at home. Think about that when going about your day to day in school, some of these people will be among your friends in 30 years' time. If you're lucky you will celebrate birthdays, exam results, life highpoints and low points with the support and friendship of these people around you

WHERE ARE THE CLASS OF '87?

now. Have a think about what you want to do, what you'd like to have and where you want to be in 30 years time. If it's being a parent make or choose a path that supports parenting. If you want to travel learn languages and start reading about other places now. Remember everybody is somebody's baby. My mum told me that, it seems like a good thing to remember in today's world. Always always no matter what career path you choose keep your creative life going. Be it music, writing, reading, photography, drawing. Never give that up for anyone or anything. It's vital for life and keeps you connected to the space where everything is possible.

THE HIGH SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

REPORT 2019

NIGEL DONOVAN

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN

Parents' Association activity across the 2018/2019 school year saw us continue to focus efforts across our key themes, encompassing the promotion of effective communications and representation of the educational and wider interests of parents, guardians and, pupils at the school.

Arthur Barlow and Mal Boyd stepped down from PA activities, resulting in our members being updated following the 2018 AGM, where we welcomed Gavin O'Duffy and Ray Stewart, following election, to ensure continuity of focus and cross-school input. Many thanks to Arthur and Mal for their support and input!

The new additions ensured our ability to operate at full strength and continue to provide parent representation on each of the School Board's four sub-committees – Education, Sport & Recreation, Finance, and Grounds & Property. Melody Chinenyanga continued with the Education Committee, Steve Wilson continued with Grounds & Property Committee, Vincent Landy engaged further with Sport & Recreation Committee, with Evelyn Foley supporting Finance Committee.

At Board level, Evelyn Foley and Nigel Donovan continued as the parent representatives.

Looking more widely across the school population, we continued with our connection and alignment with each of the year groups to foster effective two-way communication with parents/guardians and further develop solid working relationships with the teaching staff.



PA COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2018/2019

Gavin O' Duffy - Form 1 Representative

Joyce Farrelly - Form 2 Representative

Ray Stewart - Form 3 Representative

Steve Wilson - Form 4 Representative/
Grounds & Property Committee

Elaine Costello - Form 5 Representative

Birgitta Lee - Form 6 Representative

Melody Chinenyanga - Education
Committee

Linda O'Connor

Evelyn Foley - Vice Chair & Finance
Committee

Vincent Landy - Sport & Recreation
Committee

Nigel Donovan - President and
Chairman

With the end of the 2018/2019 school year, Melody Chinenyanga and Joyce Farrelly will step down from the PA, resulting in two vacancies for the 2019/2020 and subsequent school year, so we hope to see any interested parties at our next AGM.

2018/2019 ACTIVITY REVIEW ACROSS PA FOCUS AREAS

ENABLING EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

We continued to work closely with the School in support of parent/guardian facing updates and opportunities for information cascade. The weekly newsletter also provided an ongoing channel, to communicate updates and awareness etc. Again, many thanks to Debbie, Jean and Michelle, for their support here.

Since implementing PA social media platforms this year, across Twitter and Facebook, we've gained considerable traction and reach in our communications. We have also gathered great feedback and some lessons learned on how we might augment our approach and ensure a contingency to the current school generated email approach (referencing GDPR considerations), to ensure as wide a connection as possible in the future.

We'll continue to evolve our approach and provide updates into the new school year.

Remember to visit the PA website regularly for up to date news items etc at www.hsdparentsassociation.com



SUPPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS, WELFARE AND EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS OF THE STUDENTS

2018/2019 was another busy year, with PA support across multiple initiatives encompassing academic, sporting, and wider achievements.

We continued activity around the Habitat for Humanity initiative and partnered with the school to ensure StudyClix availability into 2018/2019. We also supported the Lego Club and Library Club with some branded hoodies in recognition of school and personal representation.

On the sporting front, we recognised achievements from the Senior Boys' Hockey and U16 Boys' athletics teams.

Other activities we organised or lent support to were the Junior Certificate Results paintballing day and the Form 6 graduation party.



ORGANISING SOCIAL EVENINGS AND EVENTS

Continuing our support for Form 1 parents and guardians, as pupils make the transition to second level, we hosted an October session on "Online Life & Digital Reputation", delivered by Gavin Duffy and Nigel Donovan. We had a great discussion and captured valuable parent insights/feedback which was communicated to the school in support of ongoing policy evolution, particularly around technology and phone usage.

Student Enrichment Services visited in January, to present a session on "Study Skills & Your Child". This session was very well attended by all parent year groups, supporting our goal of making sure any external presentations to the pupils receive the benefit of a similar parent session – to facilitate awareness and conversation.

In April Dr Nadia Ramoutar spoke to the parent body about "Difficult Conversations With Teenagers". Nadia presented a lively session, which was very beneficial and educational.

We're committed to providing relevant and worthwhile sessions in support of student wellness and development and following our recent survey to identify future opportunities here, we will continue to source speakers on topics of interest. Our ask of you, as always is to please let us know if you hear of quality topics/speakers of interest.

Thanks to the catering team for the ongoing partnership across all our events this year.

We ended the year with our parent social event "The Summer Social", in May. Always looking to improve, based on your feedback, we kept the event in the school and brought in games and activities with "Melody & Vincent's emporium of fun", which captured the imagination as the night went on. Sean Boland kept us entertained and tasty burgers and salads kept us well fed. The evening was a great success and feedback received was very positive on the whole event. It was also the biggest crowd in recent years, with over 250 people in attendance, so we're really happy that it hit the spot.

Many thanks to the entire PA committee for the huge effort that goes into this event.



PROMOTING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE SCHOOL

We continued our involvement in the annual Parent/Teacher Meetings, for all year groups and, to ensure smooth running and support where needed.

We also facilitated our now annual Used Book and Uniform Sale, in June on a very busy Saturday morning. The Uniform Warehouse was also there, with a selection of new uniform items and lost property was put on display in an effort to reunite items with their owners. The event raised over €650 for charity, which we donated to Pieta House.

Any named items not claimed are now back in lost property, so if you are missing something, please check in. Looking to the future, we'll work to have greater access through the year, potentially at parent teacher meetings.

One piece of advice we would offer to all parents, having recently sorted through the large number of items that make up lost property, is to clearly name as many of the students possessions as possible.



In closing, I would like to again thank the entire committee for their ongoing dedication and inputs across the year. There's a lot of activity and interaction that takes place across the school year, at management and sub-committee levels, where our collective goal of supporting ongoing relationships and interaction across the parent body and school stakeholders are to the fore.

Please reach out to us, online or through the year representatives, if we can be of assistance, or to provide feedback/inputs.

Looking forward to seeing you in September 2019 at our next AGM.



SCHOOL REFURBISHMENT

Refurbishments around the school and grounds take place over the summer months and here images of some significant improvements, during and after the completed works.

The new classroom fit-out (right) is a prototype for roll out across the school once tested out this term.

Other works include: new granite front steps; restored and refurbished main gates and side gates; new hockey pitch LED lighting; refurbished girls' changing rooms; and extended CCTV giving coverage of pathway and hockey pitches.





NEWS HUB



KEEP UP
WITH ALL THE
NEWS ON OUR
WEBSITE AND
SOCIAL MEDIA
PAGES

WWW.HIGHSCHOOLDUBLIN.COM



FACEBOOK
TheHighSchoolRathgar



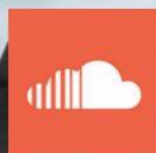
TWITTER
@HsdNews



YOUTUBE
**search for channel:
the high school dublin**



INSTAGRAM
@thehighschooldublin



HSD RADIO
ON SOUNDCLOUD
thehighschool-dublinnews



PINTEREST
thehighschooldu

Admissions



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A PLACE AT
THE HIGH SCHOOL PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT THE
ADMISSIONS OFFICER

tel: (01) 4922611 (ext. 150)
or by email to: admissions@highschool.ie