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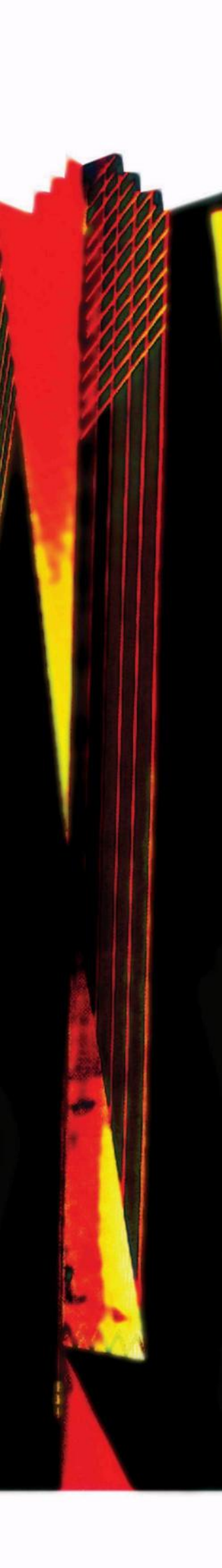
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EDITORIAL

Welcome, dear readers, to the 2008-2009 edition of our school's yearbook. When I was presented with the honour of writing this year's editorial I didn't realise what a daunting task it would be! It sent me thinking about how the yearbook is used and how it acts as a tribute to our school lives. This book, I deduced, holds the key to our school memories, triggering thoughts and feelings by describing our memorable moments. It documents these moments, allowing us to look back and re-live them years from now, bringing us right back to the warm community of The High School. Our friends, relationships, achievements and hopes are eternalized in this edition. As the poet Patrick Kavanagh believed, life is a series of prominent moments which are important to document, enabling us to remember them. This is exactly what we intend to do here. I'm proud to be part of such a distinguished yearbook as we have seen exceptional talent in music, art, sports and many other areas in the school portrayed in every page of this edition. Our school's diversity is seen in our yearbook, demonstrated through these achievements. We've had successes from our orchestra winning numerous awards to The High School being represented in Horse Riding competitions. This volume is saturated with wit and humour and it's been a pleasure to read and edit these articles but I'll leave that up to you to discover.

I have to mention some of the affairs we've watched happen throughout this year, a year which has been eventful to say the least. We've seen many triumphs in contrast to the doom and gloom we hear about the recession and the shambles of our banking system. We've seen America's first African-American president inaugurated in a great leap of progress as well as a huge triumph for Ireland when our rugby team won the Grand Slam. Even with the education cut backs The High School continues to prosper. This hopeful feeling and acknowledgement of success and achievements are reflected throughout our yearbook. Now, I think it's about time to find this out for yourself. Allow me to reveal to you the Erasmian and Diocesan Times of 2008-09.

Stephanie Lodola, 5th Year

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome to the 2008-09 edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times. The committee of 5th Years who are responsible for putting together this production had a slightly different structure this year; four very keen and able students shared the burden in the form of an editorial committee. Stephanie Lodola, Georgie Twamley, Keenan Lacey and Diarmuid Kennedy made a great team and showed a lot of patience and maturity as they worked together over the months it takes to gather the amount of information needed to complete the yearbook. They were unfailingly flexible and polite, incredibly motivated and very creative with their ideas and should be very proud of what their hard work has achieved. Stephanie, Georgie and Keenan spent the first days of their summer holidays in the computer room in school, typing, proofing, captioning and contacting various people to collect the few articles and photos we were missing. Well done, and thank-you all for your dedication.

In addition to the main editorial team there were a number of other 5th years who were involved this year. Gareth Carragher, Eva Nugent, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Nicole Campbell, Mark Horgan, Niamh McDonagh and Nicola Spendlove spent a lot of time during the year writing and collecting articles. In addition to this, Nicole and Mark gave a lot of time once school had finished helping to put the material together, in particular, the arduous task of proof-reading! Holly Taylor, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh and Aoife Fitzpatrick also helped after school. Thanks to all of you! This year's original cover was designed by Miles Reilly, assisted by Archie Heaslip. Miles also co-ordinated the photo story.

Organizing and putting together a production of this quality is no small task. The above students took their responsibilities seriously and deserve to be very proud of the finished magazine. Well done!

Thanks are due to all the students who wrote sports and features articles and to those who agreed to be interviewed by various members of the Erasmian committee! Without your willingness to help, it would be impossible to put together a yearbook of this size.

There are a lot of people not on the Erasmian committee who helped tremendously in the putting together of this year's magazine. Thanks are due to Mr B Duffy and Mr R Davies for their support and advice. Mr P Prendergast, Ms H Killane, Mr J Swan and Mr C Cryan provided a lot of the photographs we have this year - thanks so much! The patience and help of the office staff: Ms D Shaw, Mrs H Kane, Mrs V Barry and Mrs J Sadlier, was once again invaluable. Thanks goes to Ms J Love of the Past Pupil's Union for compiling the PPU section of the yearbook and to Mr A Browning of the Parent's Association. Thanks to Ms V King for help with the library section. Each of the form teachers willingly labeled the photos of their form which was a great help, thank you. Alan Phelan designed this year's magazine and did a wonderful job as usual.

Compiling the school yearbook is always an enjoyable task as it gives the opportunity to see what a great variety of activities High School students are involved in, both in school and out. I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Erasmian and wish the new staff co-ordinators all the very best next year.

L Watson

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2007/2008

BT DUFFY, MA, H DIP ED

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

As is well known, Ireland has been almost at the bottom of the table of OECD countries in terms of investment in second level education. This situation is now worsening, with the economic downturn being blamed. Various programmes are being cut back and spending commitments are not being fulfilled. There is no sign of the much needed school maintenance programme which was called the Summer Works Scheme being reintroduced after its cancellation in early 2008. The provision of Special Needs Assistants for the most vulnerable of our children is now the subject of a "value for money review". The last such review conducted was of ICT advisors in the Education Centres and it resulted in the abolition of all of their posts, with no replacement of their services in sight. The long promised state funded chaplaincies now seem little more than a dream. There is no chance of them materialising in the short or medium term. Most of the curriculum support services, which facilitate the training of teachers in new curricula, have been curtailed. The raising of the pupil teacher ratio and the withdrawal of most of our state grants in the 2008 budget will have a very serious effect on the finances of schools.

I wrote in this booklet last year of the promised National Development Plan funding of €252 million for information and communication technologies in schools. We are now moving into the third year of the six year period covered by the plan and still none of this funding has actually been disbursed. There has now been no funding for computers in schools since the IT 2000 plan eight years ago. We recently received two expensively printed glossy brochures concerning ICT in schools - one from the inspectorate and one from the National Centre for Technology in Education, concerning the current provision of ICT and investment for the future. These were interesting to read but in the absence of funding are a waste of effort and of paper. One wonders how many household computers or office computers are eight years old and still functioning.

We at The High School have made our own investment in the intervening period and are continually improving the ICT structure and software in the school. We now have sub-networks in three teaching rooms, a wireless network throughout the school to facilitate teachers or pupils using laptops anywhere in the school and data projectors in many classrooms. We are moving into a trial of interactive whiteboards to determine their suitability for particular teaching purposes. There are varied opinions among educationalists about the value of interactive whiteboards at post-primary level and the recent NCTE plan for investment does not recommend their use. However, we wish to test them ourselves so that we do not spend money on a large scale without being sure of the added educational value. Our coordinator of ICT works with teachers to assist them with the best use of ICT within the curriculum.

Last April the Department of Education & Science introduced a cross-sectoral redeployment scheme for teachers from schools due to close, as part of the Towards 2016 agreement. The Protestant schools were reluctant to cooperate with the cross-sectoral element of the scheme, fearing damage to ethos and interference with employment rights. A High Court case was settled during the hearings and the revised scheme is now in operation.

The National Education and Welfare Board published in May 2008 a booklet entitled "Developing a Code of

Behaviour: Guidelines for Schools", which is designed to replace all previous Department regulations on the issue of school discipline. The aims of the guidelines include the provision of an environment in which students can learn to behave well and to learn well. The code is to help "the school community to promote the school ethos, relationships, policies, procedures and practices that encourage good behaviour and prevent unacceptable behaviour. The code of behaviour helps teachers, other members of staff, students and parents to work together for a happy, effective and safe school."

The guidelines recommend that a process of consultation within the school community is utilised to develop a code of conduct and that there are rights of appeal and safeguards built in to protect students and staff when serious difficulties occur, including the right of students not to have their learning disrupted by one or more unruly students. Such a process was and is utilised in the preparation of all policies at this school and a first perusal of the new guidelines does not suggest the need for substantial change in our existing code of behaviour. However, we will conduct a review in the light of the publication of the booklet.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment continues to revise and



plan the curriculum. Its current strategic plan envisages the completion of the rebalancing of all Junior Certificate subject syllabi, the development of a curriculum framework based in personal, social and vocational skills aimed at assisting students with special educational needs in accessing the junior cycle curriculum, the commencement of a pilot project on using the European Language Portfolio to support the teaching and learning of Irish and modern languages in the junior cycle. In addition, it is proceeding with the overhaul of the senior cycle curriculum and the development of Transition Year Units for certification. The curriculum is being rewritten for science subjects, mathematics, the humanities and languages at senior level, along with the development of a new subject for the Leaving Certificate entitled "Politics and Society" and a new curriculum framework for Physical Education.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in recent years in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English and German. The reports of the inspectors were overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards. The most recent inspection reports are now published on the Department of Education & Science 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 all Board sub-committees and make valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee and Sports Committee. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee and the revision of school policies guided by the Education Committee.

We have been busy over the summer with development and maintenance of the fabric of the buildings. The fifth laboratory has been rebuilt completing the refurbishment programme of all laboratories. 22 of the classrooms have been redecorated and the remainder will be completed next summer. CCTV for the better protection of staff and pupils has been provided by the Board throughout the remainder of the B and C floor corridors. Replacement of existing fire doors in corridors, installation of fire doors on all storage areas and new fire doors in the front hall area have been installed to conform to safety requirements. Planning permission has been sought to replace two hockey pitches with new astroturfs and it is hoped that this work will be completed next summer, subject to finance being available. Thanks to Administrator Mr J. Davis and to Dr J. Reid of the Grounds and Property Committee for coordinating all of the work.

The Sports Committee maintains a watching brief on sports policy and developments, the Finance Committee plans the school budget and supervises the accounts while the Management Committee is the body to which the sub-committees report.

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

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

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit UCD open day and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study technique course is organised by a member of staff for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellors are available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

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



the parents, pupils and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their work and, in particular, to Alan Browning for his work as President for the last year.

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

STAFF

Mr L McClure retired after 33 years of dedicated service to the school as an English teacher. Mr McClure acted as a Form Teacher, also coached rugby for many years and was in charge of boys tennis until recently. As an Assistant Principal he took charge of the administrative duties of Lost Property and Booklist compilation. Mrs B Davin, who joined the staff in 1980 and who has been on career break for the last few years, also retired. Mrs Davin taught Geography and she was involved in coaching swimming in her early years on the staff. As a Special Duties Teacher she took responsibility for the locker system. She also acted as a Form Teacher for many years. We wish our retirees well in the future.

Ms D Fahey, Mr K Barry, Ms A Bridgeman, Ms W Gilmore, Ms K Smith and Ms R Graydon left the staff in June and Ms Levis began a career break in September. During the summer Mr B O'Hanlon, Ms S Fox, Ms M Browne and Ms M McKevitt resigned while Ms S Toolan, Ms C Reilly and Ms S Brennan applied to take leave. Ms McPhilips, supervisor, has also resigned and we have recruited Mr J. O'Brien to replace her. We have welcomed the following new staff - Mr A Levis, PE, Geography, games; Ms C Goulding, Biology, Science, Home Economics; Ms J Wilson, Geography; Mr L Carolan, Maths; Ms A Rugg, French; Ms V Kelly, History, Classical Studies, Mr L. Farrell, Economics and Accounting. We also welcome back after breaks or leave - Ms T Bergin, Mr D Miller, Ms R Missen, Ms B Galligan.

NUMBERS AND EXAMINATIONS

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2008-2009 is 789.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2008, 122 pupils presented 860 papers in 21 subjects. 629 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 88% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 1.86% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 65%. These statistics represent the best ever performance of the school in the Leaving Certificate.

In the Junior Certificate 2008, 134 pupils presented 1088 papers where different levels are available and 134 papers at common level (CSPE). 916 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 78% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.1% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 66%. All of these indicators constitute a good performance.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschooldublin.com and in our yearbook, The Erasmusian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated by Ms L Watson. I would like to thank all

members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school, and to congratulate the pupils on being so involved and so successful in such a wide variety of different activities.



Coincidentally, Ms Watson plays a blonde violin!

Ms Killane and Mr Gill demonstrate their hidden musical talents!



Mr Davies and Mr Duffy plotting world domination...
I mean, surveying the school!

One man and his dog



High School's buffest teachers tug with all their might!

STAFF 08-09

Principal

Mr B Duffy, Moderator, MA (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)

Deputy Principal

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

Mr D Agar, BA (Mod) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Ms P Bergin, B Ed Home Economics (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms B Bourke, BA (Hons) B Mus (NUI) HDip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Ms N Boyce, BA (NUI), MA, PGCE (QUB)
 Ms S Brennan, BA (Hons) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr L Carolan, B Sc (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Mrs V Carson, BA (Mod) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Mr K Clarke, BA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI), MA (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr C Cryan, Cert in Woodwork Teaching (Cork)
 Ms G Fitzgerald, BA (Hons) (DCU), H Dip Ed (Hons), MA(Hons) (NUI)
 Mr P Fitzpatrick, BA (Hons) (Glamorgan), H Dip Ed (Hons), (TCD)
 Mr C Flynn, BA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD), MA (Hons) (NUI)
 Miss R Galligan, BDes (Hons) (NCAD), DipADT (LSAD) (Hons)
 Mr R Giles, MA (Hons) (Oxford), PGCE (King's College)
 Mr T Gill, BA (Mod) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms C Goulding, B Sc (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Miss P Graham, BA (TCD), H Dip Ed
 Mr M Griffin, BA (DCU), PGCE (Leeds)
 Mrs V Humphreys, BA (Hons), PGCE (Liverpool)
 Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar, BA (Mod) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Mr P Irwin, MA (NUI), H Dip Ed (NUI)
 Ms S Jones, BA (Hons) (Lancaster), PGCE (Liverpool)
 Ms T Jones, BA (Hons) (Limerick), H Dip Guidance (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr A Kelly, Foundation Scholar, First Class Moderator, MA (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms V Kelly, BA (Hons) (NUI), MA (Hons) (NUI)
 Ms H Killane, BA (Hons) (NCAD), MA Fine Art (First class honours) (Univ Ulster), H Dip ADT (Hons) (NCAD)
 Mr B Kinsella, BA (Mod) (TCD), PGCE (Bath)
 Mr M Kirby, B Comm (NUI), B Ed (Strawberry Hill)
 Ms E Lanigan, BScEd (Hons) (UL)
 Mr A Levis, B Sc (Hons) (Chester), PGCE (Cardiff)
 Ms M Lynch, B Tech Ed (Hons) (Uof L)
 Mr A Malin, BA (Hons) (Newman), QTS (UK)
 Mr L McBride, BSc (Hons), H Dip Comp Sc (Hons), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Mrs C McCartney, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr P McCaughey, BA Int (Hons) (NUI), MA (Budapest), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr B McNamara, BBS (U of L), Dip in Ed (U of L)
 Mr D Miller, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (NUI)
 Mrs M Milne, BA (Rutgers University), M Litt (TCD), H Dip Ed(Hons) (TCD)
 Ms R Missen, BA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Ms A Ni Chonchubhair, BA (First Class Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr R O Domhnaill, BA (Hons) (NUI), MA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Miss A Parle, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (NUI), Dip Counselling Skills (NUI)
 Mrs L Pearce, BA (OU), Cert Ed (London), H Dip Ed (NUI)
 Mr P Prendergast, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed(NUI)
 Mr B Quinn, MA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms C Reilis, BSc (Hons) (Bradford), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms A Rugg, BA (Hons) (Coventry), PGCE (Warwick)
 Ms P Saville, Moderator, BA (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Mr P Sheridan, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (NUI)
 Miss A Stevenson, BA (Mod) (TCD), PGCE (QUB), TEFL Cert, Dip Rem Ed (CICE)
 Mr J Swan, BA (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons), Dip BS (Magee)
 Ms D Thorp, BE (First Class Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (First Class Hons) (NUI)
 Mr R Walker, B Ed (Hons) (Greenwich Univ)
 Ms L Watson, BA (Mod) (TCD), H Dip Ed (TCD) (Hons)
 Ms J Waugh, BA (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms M White, BA (Hons) (NUI), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD), ALCM, Dip Leg St
 Mr R White, BA (Hons) (Lancaster), PGCE (Liverpool)
 Dr C Whitford, BSc (Hons), PhD, PGCE (Newcastle)
 Mr I Wilkinson, BA (First Class Moderator) (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD)
 Ms J Wilson, MA (First Class Hons) (Glasgow), PGDE (Hons) (NUI)
 Mr D Wright, Moderator, BA (TCD), H Dip Ed (Hons) (TCD), M Sc(Hons) (Alberta)



STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

08-09

Principal Mr B Duffy
Deputy Principal Mr R Davies

Pastoral Care

Form 1

Year Head Ms P Graham
Form Teachers Ms M White,
Mr R Walker, Mr P Sheridan,
Mr B Quinn

Form 2

Year Head Mr R Giles
Form Teachers Mr R White,
Ms C Rellis, Ms S Jones,
Ms G Fitzgerald

Form 3

Year Head Ms A Parle
Form Teachers Ms L Watson,
Ms D Thorp, Mr D Agar, Ms J Wilson,
Ms V Carson

Form 4

Year Head Mr D Wright
Form Teachers Mrs S Hutchinson-
Edgar, Mr M Griffin, Mr C Flynn,
Mr A Malin

Form 5

Year Head Dr C Whitford
Form Teachers Ms N Boyce,
Ms J Waugh, Mr B McNamara,
Mr L McBride, Ms R Missen,
Mr P Prendergast

Form 6

Year Head Mr T Gill
Form Teachers Mr B Kinsella,
Ms M Lynch, Ms C McCartney,
Ms M Milne, Ms P Saville,
Mr I Wilkinson

Subject Co-ordinators

Art Ms R Galligan
Business Subjects Mr P Sheridan
CSPE Mr P Irwin
English Ms M Milne
Geography Mr J Swan
History Miss P Graham
Irish Miss A Parle
Mathematics Mr I Wilkinson
Modern Languages Mr B Quinn
Music Ms B Bourke
Physical Education Mr R Walker
Religious Education Mrs S Hutchinson-
Edgar
Technological Subjects Mr C Cryan
SPHE Ms T Jones
Science Mr T Gill

Information and Communication Technologies Team

Mr L McBride (overall co-ordinator,
European Computer Driving Licence
in Form 4 and 5)
Mr I Wilkinson (supervision of
facilities and staff support)
The Principal (school
website)

Sports

Sports Co-ordinator Mr R Walker
Adventure Sports Co-ordinator
Mr C Cryan
Girls' Games Administration
Ms S Jones

Rugby: Mr D Wright, Mr R Walker,
Mr A Malin, Mr P McCaughey,
Mr M Griffin, Mr B Kinsella,
Mr B McNamara, Mr K Clarke,
Mr L McBride, Mr T Gill, Ms M Lynch

Hockey: Ms S Jones, Mr I Wilkinson,
Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr R White,
Mrs V Carson, Ms T Jones, Ms J Waugh,
Mr D Agar, Mr D Miller, Ms C Goulding,
Mr A Levis

Cricket: Mr A Malin, Mr R Walker,
Mr P McCaughey, Mr T Gill,
Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr B McNamara,
Mr A Levis, Mr R Giles, Mr B Quinn

Tennis: Mr R White, Ms S Jones,
Mr S McDonnell, Mr C Flynn,
Ms J Waugh

Badminton: Mr C Flynn, Ms D Thorp

Athletics: Mr P Irwin, Mrs S
Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr M Griffin,
Mr T Gill, Mr R Giles

Basketball: Mrs K Kavanagh,
Mr J Boylan, Mr L Carolan, Mr A Malin

Canoeing: Mr J Swan, Mr C Cryan,
Mr R O Domhnaill, Mr L Carolan,
Ms J Wilson, Mr A Levis

Caving: Mr D Wright

Cross country: Mr P Irwin,
Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar

Hillwalking: Mr C Cryan, Mr J Swan,
Mr C Flynn, Mr R O Domhnaill,
Ms C Rellis, Ms M Lynch

Rock climbing: Mr C Cryan,
Mr C Flynn

Soccer: Mr M Griffin, Mr B McNamara

Swimming: Ms T Jones, Mr A Malin,
Ms E Lanigan

Table-Tennis: Mr P Sheridan

Additional part-time staff are
employed in many sports

Other responsibilities

Administrative assistant to the
Deputy Principal Mr I Wilkinson
Art Portfolio Club Ms H Killane
Assembly Co-ordinator Mrs S
Hutchinson-Edgar

CAO Applications Ms T Jones
Chess Club Mr M Griffin
Choir Ms B Bourke
Christian Union Mr I Wilkinson,
Mrs V Carson, Mr L Carolan, Ms L Watson
Co-operation Ireland Mr P Irwin
Debating Ms S Hutchinson-Edgar (Senior),
Ms C Rellis (Junior)
Detention System Mr J O'Brien
Drama Mrs M Milne
Enterprise Education Mr P Fitzpatrick
Erasmian & Diocesan Times Ms L Watson
European Youth Parliament
Mr P Fitzpatrick, Ms C Rellis
European Studies Information Exchanges
Mr P Irwin, Mr J Swan
Examination Organisation Mr J Swan,
Mr I Wilkinson
Film Club Ms R Missen
Form 5 Course on College Applications,
UCAS applications Mr A Kelly
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THE SCHOOL'S LEFT, RIGHT AND CENTRE: ITS AN INTERVIEW WITH THE OFFICE LADIES!

Names: Vivienne Barry, Debbie Shaw, Helen Kane.

Nicknames: "1st Secretary of the Front Desk" - Helen

Busiest time of the day: 8.30 'til 9.15: the volume of traffic of coming in and out along with the phones constantly ringing.

Ever lied about someone? Who's asking eh?

Worst late excuse: A week after the clocks had gone back by an hour a poor male student walked in claiming to still be confused...

Worst absence excuse: Mothers claiming their precious children "looked tired" and that they didn't want to disturb them sleeping.

Superpower: **Vivienne** - Would love to be able to fly, to avoid the traffic.
Helen - Multi-Tasking-ism, the ability to talk to many people at the same time

Worst year for lates: Definitely 4th or 6th year.

First change you would make to the school: The uniform to be worn properly, it's there for a reason. Also everyone should go to PE.

Individual jobs: Vivienne does the accounts, Debbie is in charge of the lates and absences, Helen does a job that we were told could only be described as Wonder Woman!



Above: Vivienne, Debbie, Jeanne and Helen:
High School's office stars!

Mottos you go by: Live life to the fullest.

Any messages for the students: Appreciate what you have in school.

Diarmuid Kennedy and Gareth Carragher,
5th Year

Lunch Ladies



The dedicated lunch staff that make your sandwiches and serve you with a smile!

Upon arriving at the canteen to do our interview with the one and only Joy we were taken into the back through the kitchen which was so exciting that we almost forgot that we were here for business.

Bill: Are you ready for your interview, Joy?

Joy: Yeah I suppose so; we'll go into back.

All: Oh wow!

Joy: Why did you want to interview me? (Modestly).

Mark: Well you are such an important part of High School life and we want you to be recognised for all your hard work.

Q: What do you think of the students at HSD?

A: They're all brilliant, except the odd few I could name but I won't. Ah there's a great bunch this year you know, I looooved the Commitments. It was brilliant, I'm so glad I got to see that.

Q: Are there any who don't pay for their sandwiches?

A: No I would come after them if they didn't.

Q: Do you enjoy working at HSD?

A: Yes, I love the company, my girls are great too. The kids are lovely of course - there is a really good atmosphere.

Q: Any gossip from the lunch ladies?

A: Yeah loads, all strictly confidential though. We're a good team and we all get on well.

Q: What time do you arrive in the morning?

A: Ten past seven, I like to get everything organised so the girls can come in and get straight down to work.

Q: If it was your choice would you bring back chocolate?

A: Only the Dairy Milks.

Q: What's your favourite recipe?

A: The Avoca chicken and broccoli pie. It must be Avoca.

Q: If you weren't head of catering what would your dream job be?

A: Well I'm a worker but I love to dance and the bit of music.

After concluding our interview we are now more certain that Joy is and always will be a HSD Legend.

Níolós

A bhásaigh 1998

Bhí tú slán ar shlí na firinne
Thuig mé é sin Dhaideo.
Nuair a leag mé mo shúil
Go brónach ort.
'S tú os cionn cláir i Leitir Móir.
An mhaorgacht uasal a bhí id ghnúis
Beidh cuimhne ar sin go deo.
Bhí tú sa mbaile I measc
Do mhuintir féin.
Céad slán leat, Dhaideo

Sa chlapsholas an tráthnóna sin
Scaip an t-uaigneas mar an ceoi
Nuair a chonaic mé mo mhuintir
Mo galota agus cairde cóir.
Nach iomaí scéal a d'aithris siad,
Ag trácht ort agus tú óg.
Chuimhnigh mé ar na laethanta sin.
Ba bheag nár phléasc mo chroí le brón.
"Nach Gera ar an tsiorraíocht é"
Céad slán leat, 'Dhaideo

A. Ní Chonchubhair

Bill O'Cleirigh and
Mark Horgan,
5th Year

O'Domhnaill: Well Entertaining!

An t-Uasal O'Domhnaill, High School's newest Irish teacher from the back end of nowhere... I mean, Galway!



us what your first impression of An t-Uasal O'Domhnaill was?

Contae Gaillimh. *O'Domhnaill looks pleased, until he realizes we wrote down 'African' instead of 'affable' and gets offended*

So what's your worst fear? Heh heh heh. Yes, yes.

Oh, k? Would you ever consider being in a band like Slipknot? Explain first what is Slipknot?

They're a rock band who wear masks.

First of all, can you tell us what other schools you've taught in?

I've taught in schools in Galway, Dublin, Vienna... and I set up my own summer school in the Ukraine.

Wow, impressive! How does High School compare to all these other schools?

Well what could compare to High School? Heh heh heh! You can't really compare schools. Every school has its good things and bad things.

And what about the pupils, what do you think of us?

Heh heh heh! You're grand.

What is your favorite year and favorite student to teach?

My fifth years of course, and your good self. Why? No particular reason

Oh right! Thanks!! So what's been your most embarrassing moment at HSD so far?

Thankfully I haven't had any major ones yet, but I did once get the breaks mixed up and come to class fifteen minutes late...

So say you were stranded on a desert island and could only bring three things, one being a HSD teacher, what would you bring?

Heh heh heh heh! Well, Mr Cryan I hear is good at the old woodwork, my swiss army knife and... what does one bring to a desert island a water bottle!

What are your most used phrases? I wouldn't know... indeed!

What's the best piece of life advice you could give us? Pay attention during 'An Triail'!

Wow, really? Has 'An Triail' taught you any life lessons?! Well I don't really get pregnant so... no.

Do you have something against people from Dublin?

Well I was actually born in Dublin... so I can't really have anything against them! Dublin by birth, Galwegian by the grace of God...

Seriously?! Where in Dublin?

The Northside, Drumcondra.

Who is your idol?

Thou shalt not worship false idols.

Fairy nuff! Describe yourself in three words?

Haven't a bleedin' baldy!! Go on out o' tha'!

If you could be a superhero, who would you be and why?

The Incredible Hulk, because I used to watch him on TV back in the seventies...

How would you describe your personal style and where do you get your clothes?

Morks and Sparks... abroad... outlet stores... I'm not sure how I'd describe my style, what do you think?

Traditional, conservative...

Heh heh heh! Yes, that's me!

In class you told us in certain parts of Ireland, 13 year olds and sixty year olds get married. Where does this go on?

Certain parts of rural Dublin.

Dublin! Do you mean the Northside?

Heh heh heh! Yeeeeeess!

What would you consider to be your best attributes?

I don't have a personality.

Oh oh right *Sarge walks in* Sarge! Hello! Can you tell

Face lights up Masks can be cool!

Tell us about your stamp, the 'no homework' one with your name on it. Indeed, it cost forty two euro. It was stolen from me and vandalized and now I have to pay to get it repaired.

Becomes visibly upset It was either my third years or my fifth years.

It was not us!! We saw Lots of people going around with it stamped on their heads!

Who? What were their names? What year were they in?

Errr... So ever made poitin?

No, but I've made Schnapps.

If you could be in the film 'Poitin' what character would you be?

Heh heh heh! The garda!

You told us in class you know the Ross O'Carroll Kelly books off by heart, can you give us a quote?

I have not memorized all the books. I do know some quotes.

Oh yeah? Would you like to live the fine Southside life depicted in these books?

It would indeed be an interesting life

And if you could be one character from the books who would it be?

Probably Fionn! Heh heh heh!

What would be your perfect day?

Haven't a clue.

Nicola Spendlove, Eva Nugent and Una McSharry, 5th Year



Ms Goulding is High School's newest T-Block resident

A Fresh Delivery, why it's... Ms Goulding!

How are you?
I'm good thanks, how are you?

Great, thanks for asking!
So, what were your first impressions of the school?
Well... it wouldn't matter what school I was going into in September because I had been travelling for a year.

Oh really? Where were you travelling?
I spent a few months in Asia, New Zealand and Australia. Asia is such an experience, everyone should go; it's such a culture shock!

What's the most interesting thing you did there?
We went on a trek in the rainforest for 4 days. We slept under mosquito nets and I woke up in the middle of the night to see a massive spider. It was terrifying. You don't know what you're eating in Asia either.

Sounds like an experience! Do you speak any other language fluently?
No.

So if you weren't a teacher, what job would you have chosen?
A vet, definitely.

What's your most embarrassing moment?
deep thought for several minutes
they're all too rude to say, sorry!

What's your favourite year to teach?
I'm not sure, I like so few! I guess my favourite classes are my 2nd years and 6th years.

Did you teach in any other schools before High School?
I did my H Dip in Wesley, and worked in Dundalk Primary school.

What's your favourite thing about High School?
The friendly staff room!

And least favourite?
I have to go into the cold whenever I leave my room. And there's no bathroom in the T-block.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what teacher would you bring with you?
Ms Bergin, she's my second mother! She'd make my real mother proud.

And now for some quick fire questions, we'll give you two options and you pick your favourite of the two as fast as you can.

Chocolate or Vanilla? Chocolate
Science or Home Ec? Science
Formal or Casual? Formal
Bertie or Brian? Bertie
Hugs or Kisses? Hugs
Summer or Winter? Winter
Love or Money? Love
Business or Classics? Business

Nicole Campbell
and Niamh McDonagh,
5th Year



Ms Wilson

A brief meeting with Ms Wilson as Bill showed up late...

Hello Ms Wilson, how are you today?
Good, good...no complaints!

So how is The High School treating you so far?
Great, students are lovely!

Any changes you would make?
A good projector in Mr Wilkinson's room...or my own room! (High hopes)

Any embarrassing moments?
No...none that I can think of...
(She's just perfectly perfect in every way)

So Ms, your accent suggests you're not from this neck of the woods...(not exactly a question but...)
Belfast originally, moved to Dublin 3 years ago. I went to University in Scotland, taught English in Japan. Then I worked as an I.T. consultant in London.

Any favorite travelling spots?
I love Asia; Japan was a highlight, Malaysia, China, Thailand, Morocco.

We were then interrupted by Mr Cryan who was confirming plans about a mystery cruise. He tried to cover this up with a canoeing trip excuse.

After finally tearing Ms Wilson away we got back to our questions.

So what's your biggest fear?
I hate spiders!
(A very original answer)

Favorite song?
People make fun of me because of my taste in music but at the moment it's Jai Ho from Slumdog Millionaire

The classic question, if you were stuck on a desert island which 3 things would you bring? (One must be a teacher in High School)
Chocolate, a good book and one of the construction teachers, Ms Lynch or Mr Cryan (suspicious?)

Bill O' Cleirigh
and Susan Kinlan, 5th Year



The 'Big Andyman': Mr Levis might regret this interview!

Sporting a Brylcreem Do ...It's Mr Levis

Why teaching?

Both my parents were teachers so the influence came from there. And I like working with youth.

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

Flying definitely, I could go anywhere I want.

Favourite holiday destination?

America would be, although I've yet to go there.

Favourite possession?

My PS3 without a doubt, I'm quite the fan of FIFA 09.

First impression of The High School?

I was very impressed by the facilities especially the two hockey pitches and sports hall! The friendly staff and students were great helping me settle in as well.

Favourite/Worst Year?

Favourite...ooh that would have to be 2nd year now, the Minor As are great too. (Shocked 5th yrs left appalled) No least favourite awww...

Your idol?

My granddad! He played an important part in my life!

Any nicknames?

(Big) Andyman.

Hobbies?

I like driving and motor racing. I'm a big fan of cars.

Motto you live by?

"No Regrets"

Describe yourself in three words?

Fun-loving, Outgoing and Sporty
(a legend, ladies man... all optional)

Describe your ideal day?

Well I'd wake up after a nice lie-in, tuck into a lovely full

Irish (no pork). Spend a couple of hours playing FIFA on my PS3. Go out after that for a while with the lads and get a couple games of hockey in. Finally I'd end the day on my date with Cheryl Cole!

Which school did you attend?

Middleton College, Co.Cork (which Mr Levis describes as the Cork equivalent to the High School, being a mixed, fee paying, Protestant school).

Most used and abused Cork slang?

Boy (Byyyoi) or Like (liiyik).

Music Preferences?

Most types, but I know everyone says that don't they? I suppose you need a bit of Dance and R'n'B for driving!

What hair-gel do you prefer?

The good 'ol Brylcreem, purple of course!

Funniest Moments In and Out of School?

In: Certain pupil (male) called him mum!?

Out: Working in McDonalds.

Any far fetched relation to MS Levis?

No none at all (boy)

Your opinion of Roy Keane?

I've a very low opinion of Roy Keane now I have to say. I think it was quite cowardly for him to walk out on Sunderland and Ireland at the World Cup.

If you won the Lotto what would you do with the money?

I'd keep teaching of course, oh and I'd buy loads of cars, and sure why not a football club while I'm at it? Oh!, and I'd donate to charity of course!

Diarmuid Kennedy, Gareth Carragher and Josh Purcell, 5th Year

Below: Some of our new teachers this year: Ms J Wilson, Mr A Levis, Ms C Goulding, Mr L Farrell, Mr L Carolan, Ms V Kelly, Ms A Rugg, Mr D Agar.



Interview with Mr Carolán - our musically talented maths teacher or ... 'The Rev.'



We met an apprehensive Mr Carolán outside the staffroom for his interview.

Us: What is your most memorable day in The High School so far?

Mr C: Well it would have to be the day that all the new teachers were asked to meet with Mr Duffy. We were all silently sitting around the table and it was extremely daunting. The most memorable evening would have to be watching 'The Commitments'.

Us: And Natalie and Mrs Fagan were your favourites of course?!?

Mr C: Oh yeah, that was you guys, right?...Yeah of course...

Us: Moving on! If you were in Hogwarts, which House would you be in?

Mr C: Emmm... What's Hogwarts?

After explaining the Harry Potter scene to Mr Carolán he still couldn't answer our question.

Us: Tell us your most interesting story.

Mr C: Let's see... oh! I was busking on Grafton Street when I met John Locke from 'Lost!!!' I was playing the Beatles song 'We can work it out' and he came over and we talked about the song.

Us: Did you get his autograph?!

Mr C: Even better!!

Pulls out his mobile phone and shows us a picture of himself and John Locke.

Us: Impressive! Next question, what's your favourite joke?

Mr C: What do you say to a one-legged jockey?

We look at each other and shrug our shoulders

Mr C: How you getting on?

Pity laugh from Aimee and Steph...

Us: If you were an animal which animal would you be?

Mr C: A giraffe because they're tall and just hang around eating all day.(He then proceeds on a more philosophical note) And like a giraffe I'm different to everyone else - it can also be like a metaphor because I can reach where no one else can.

Us: Right... (pause)... Any hidden talents?

Mr C: I could beat anyone in the school at Super Mario Kart!

Us: Oh really? We'll take you on! We're amazing at Mario Kart!

Mr C: Ok...

Us: We will...

Mr C: Good...

Us: Fine...

Mr C: It's settled...

Us: Now the classic, what 3 things would you bring with you to a desert island?

Mr C: That's a tough one! My guitar, my phone and...

Us: oh and one of the things has to be a staff member in the school!

Mr C: Emmm...well, definitely not him!

(Points to a sniggering Mr MacNamara who was passing by, and clearly didn't appreciate the honour that is being interviewed for the year book!)

I'd bring one of the catering staff so that they could cook for me!

Us: Joy! Good choice! Do you have a nickname?

Mr C: Yeah... My friends call me 'The Rev' because I'm quite religious but I don't really like it!

...We left it there!

*Stephanie Lodola
and Aimee Jones O'Connor,
5th Year*

The Exclusive Interview

...Mr Duffy!!

1. What subjects did you teach?

I taught History, Geography and Social Education which was a subject that was a combination of civics and SSPE; the school I taught in actually wrote their own course.

2. What is your favourite colour?

Brown

3. Most embarrassing moment as Principal?

Nothing seriously embarrassing has happened but at a parents evening on 1st year subject choice the laptop broke and screen wouldn't go down and it was very stressful particularly as you want to give a good impression!

4. Three things to take on a desert island?

At the moment I'm deeply into iPods so an iPod and then a generator for the iPod and then fuel for the generator!

5. What is it like having a secretary?

A secretary is a marvellous person, keeps the school running, is your left right and centre - absolutely wonderful!

6. Have you got any sporting interest?

Rugby - I was a Lenister branch referee until 9 years ago. Nowadays walking, any kind.

7. What are your hobbies?

Music and iPods, also photography, particularly of nature. We went on an African Safari recently which was excellent. I really like technology and download podcasts to listen to in the car which is brilliant - really convenient. I like to read computer journals and I buy far too many gadgets!

8. Did you always want to be a teacher?

Absolutely yes! I had been going to take another job but got a life-altering call and decided to take a teaching job starting the next day.

9. If you weren't a teacher what job would you like to do?

I thought of a career in journalism and also about going into photography.

10. What instruments do you play?

I've always played the keyboard; piano, electronic keyboard and church organ.

11. What is the best concert you've ever been to?

The Stones at Slane Castle in the 80's. These things are often to do with who



Mr Duffy puts the 'pal' into principal (groan!)

you're with; that was with good friends.

12. Are the rumours true, did you play in a band?

Yes, Labyrinth. We played progressive rock, Focus music, some jazz also and did covers of Status Quo or The Stones at youth dances. It was a small scene and when we finished college and were beginning careers we broke up, we just didn't have the time.

13. Your biography informs us you are interested in creative gardening, could you expand on this?

It just involves making the garden look nice, creating shapes, forms and colours and co-ordinating the timing during the year.

14. Who is your favourite artist?

Monet, I really like the Impressionist paintings.

In terms of music, I listen to everything. Progressive rock, jazz, classical and pop artists, I even like Take That and Robbie Williams.

15. When did you first get into photography?

At the age of twelve or thirteen, my grandfather liked photography.

16. Are there any perks of being Principal?

Spending many more days on the grounds than anyone else save those living here!

17. What's the funniest thing a student has said to you?

That's a tough one. One student said 'I've just had all my chest and stomach hair removed - would you like to see it?'

18. What has been your proudest moment for the school?

There are so many - achievements in Sport, the Orchestra and then certain individuals' achievements. There are also the pastoral care successes which people wouldn't see. To see a pupil come in in first year acutely shy and then four or five years later be taking assembly, that's a great buzz. Also the many cases of kids who are troubled or in trouble and leaving changed. Moments at graduation ceremonies where a student shakes your hand and says something; those are huge moments.

19. Advice for this year's sixth years?

I'm sure they know more than I do. Always be true to yourself - trying to be someone else just doesn't work.

20. What is your favourite book?

Nowadays it is 'Amsterdam' by Ian McEwan, but I have read a lot over the past ten years. As a teenager I was really into 'Lord of the Rings'. It's so meaningful - a wonderful piece of work.

Keenan Lacey, Aimee Jones O'Connor and Georgie Twamley, 5th Year

Most valuable teacher... on a desert island ...Mr Cryan!

How long have you been teaching in High School?
31 years.

What subjects do you teach?

It always changes name... Material Technology! (Woodwork). I also teach Design and Communications (Tech Graph). I wish they could just be the easy names that everyone knows them by.

What do you like most about The High School?

Everything! The students are always polite and my colleagues especially; they're great.

Ok... How have you been avoided being interviewed for so long?

Well I like to keep a low profile and can run quickly from my room to the staff room.

If you were stuck in the T-block for a year, what 3 teachers would you choose to be stuck with?

Wow that sounds... great. It would be my 3 T-block colleagues, amongst other things I'd be fed well! (Ms Lynch, Ms Bergin and Ms Goulding)

What are your favourite hobbies?

Well, hill-walking of course. I also like fine cabinet making and the Home Ec teachers always put me in a mood for cooking! Especially roast lamb.

What has been the highest point you've ever climbed?

When I was climbing in the Alps we reached a height of 10,500 feet. It took 1 day.

Wow, impressive! So do you enjoy hill-walking for the Presidents Award?

Yes, it's great. I get to meet a lot of the students outside of the school atmosphere and it's also great craic!

Right, so are you and Mr Swan best friends?

We're very good friends. He's a great guy and we're both from Donegal so that helps.

What's the worst injury you've ever sustained during an adventure sport?

When I was skiing for the first time I did a beautiful overhead flip, unintentionally. My leg swelled to the size of an elephant's trunk!

What's the best thing you've ever made?

A nice box with dove tails (I think that's what he said...)

What one thing (if any) would you want to change about High School?

Well although I have made a boat, I don't like it when other teachers pick me to be stuck on an island with them just for my boat building skills!

What would you love to be able to do?

I really would like to be a concert pianist. I think it would be an amazing skill to have. Plus I could build the piano!

Ok, any last words?

Nope not really.

Good man (another method of his low profiling)

James Harding and Keenan Lacey, 5th Year.



Those shoes
aren't regulation
uniform...

What got you interested in teaching first?

I never fancied the idea of working in an office. I thought teaching would be more rewarding. It certainly was.

If you hadn't chosen teaching what other career would you have chosen?

Playing "in the hole" for Fulham would have been good.

Which college did you attend?

UCD (B Comm) and St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, London.

What year did you join HSD staff?

1975

What was the biggest difference between when you joined and when you left?

Working conditions for teachers have improved over the last few years, although these are being eroded at the present time. The students are much more clued into all the technological developments as well and are more sophisticated in many ways than they were 30 years ago.

Has anything remained the same throughout your career in HSD?

The basic nature of teaching never really changes. It's just you with whatever group of pupils you have and you get on with the job as best you can.

What is your fondest teaching memory?

No real "goal of the month" type teaching memories really. I enjoyed coaching soccer and cricket for many years in my earlier days.

Were there any pupils who stood out during that time and why?

During the hunger strikes up North in the early 1980's there was a pupil who showed his support for the hunger strike by wearing a black armband on his sleeve each day in school. Whether you agreed with him or not I think it took a lot of courage for him to do that. He was prepared to go out on a limb and take a stand and that is important. As Bob Marley sang - 'stand up for your rights'

If there was one change you could have made what would it have been?

Every class would have a daily period of PE. I'm sure this would have huge benefits for the whole school. The smokers wouldn't know themselves!

Do you have any advice for anyone considering teaching?

It's a tough job. Be very sure that this is what you want to do. It is great when you are young but will you be able to hack it when you hit 55 or 60 years of age?

If so, fire away and get stuck in.

Do you have a life motto?

Not really but I do believe that what goes around comes around. And also, as my granny used to say, 'save your breath to cool your porridge because I didn't come up the river on a bicycle you know'.

Are you enjoying retirement? Do you miss teaching?

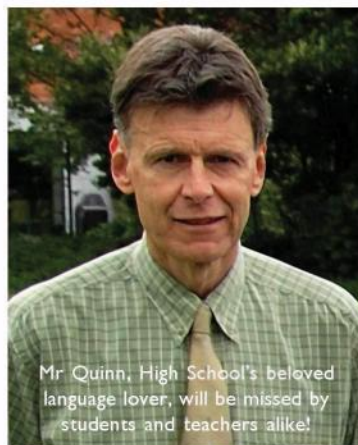
I'd better get this in the right order. Yes and no-or is it no and yes?

Diarmuid Kennedy and Gareth Carragher, 5th Year



Mr Kirby: a High School Legend, and one of our longest-serving teachers.

The Last Word with Mr Kirby



Mr Quinn, High School's beloved language lover, will be missed by students and teachers alike!

Our Lovable Linguist, Mr Quinn

How did you get interested in teaching?

I just drifted into it...I'm a drifter...I spent a year in Lubeck as an assistant teacher and I got an appetite for it.

If you hadn't gone into teaching, what career would you have liked?

Something to do with languages, maybe a translator or interpreter.

What were highlights of your time in High School?

The annual staff cycle, the nice classes (5X), and that feeling when you win a tough class over, I like that!

What was the most embarrassing moment in High School?

Oh that's easy! In 1989, there was a prank...and I know who's responsible...I won't name names...well, OK, Rebecca Walker and Dawn Hildebrand...they did a kissogram. They sent an attractive lady in and she kissed me in front of my class...I still have the photo!

Do you have any irrational fears?

No, not really...except the feeling that there's something out there...

What's your favorite language?

Impossible to say (pause) Spanish...or German...

What's the hardest language to learn?

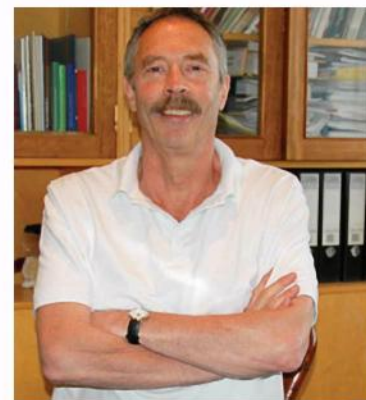
Polish! I've been learning it for nine years.

If you were stranded on a desert island, what three teachers would you bring and why?

Mr. Swan, because he's extremely handy and a geographical genius so he'd figure out how to get off the island; Ms Carson because she's a practical person and she'd calm us all

Retirements

Mr L McClure



Mr McClure was loved by many students and has been sorely missed this school year.

After 33 years of dedicated work, Mr Les McClure retired from the school last year. Mr McClure taught English and was considered an extremely hard working, committed and exceptionally kind teacher by all the students lucky enough to be in his class. Mr McClure was also a form teacher, and for many years a rugby and tennis coach. He was an Assistant Principal and was in charge of Lost Property and Booklist Compilation. His presence has truly been sorely missed this school year and will continue to be in those to come. We, his pupils, hope he is enjoying his extremely well deserved retirement.

down; and Mr. Sheridan because if we wanted to set up a company he'd be the brains behind it!

What's changed between the time you arrived in the school and now?

A lot's changed. Classes are no longer streamed from first year, which I think benefits students on a personal and social level, but can be more demanding for the teacher. Also, I think there's been a generational change in attitude to teachers.

In a good way?

Mixed...(pause) Oh, and the quality of the cafeteria food has improved!

Do you have any plans for retirement?

I have lots of ideas! I'd like to travel more, improve my languages and maybe learn new ones. I want to keep physically active, walking, cycling, playing tennis, and I hope to get involved in some charity work too.

What's your life motto?

"Always do your best, try not to look back, and try to think the best of other people!"

Kit Connelly and Niamh McDonagh, 5th Year



The transformation of "Nurse Bingel" to "The Matron"

Notes from a Matron's Diary

Well, things normally run smoothly in the Nurse's Office, and most days pass relatively "uneventfully" with minor aches and pains, cuts and bruises, burns and sprains and any other minor injury that you could possibly think of, as well as the odd ripped uniform and neglected stubbles... all of this seen to by "The Matron" - that's me, by the way.

And there were those that thought that the term "Matron" had died and gone to heaven... or to hell for some. A term of awe and fear-inspiring figure in hospitals to nurses, doctors and patients alike. It has now been transformed to the term CNM3, the highest grade of Clinical Nurse Manager.

Whoever thought that this term could be applied to a "little" nurse from Germany, who has picked Ireland as her home of choice... and I hope is rather not so awe or fear-inspiring!

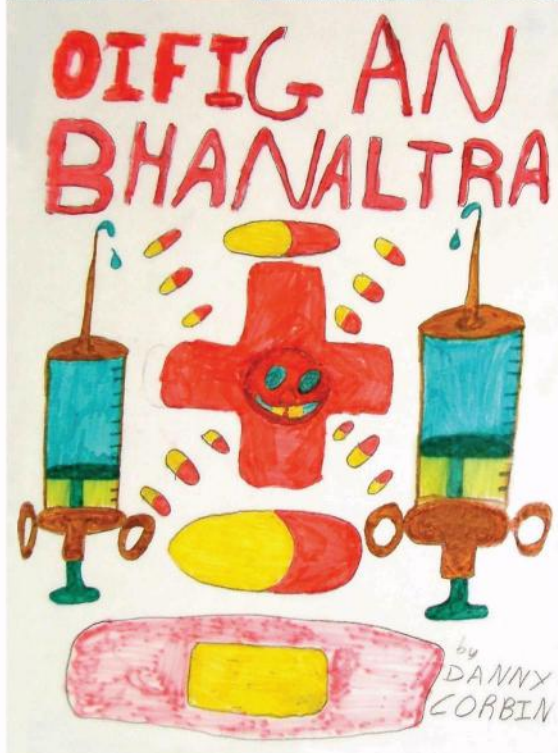
Here, "Matron" seems to be used rather endearingly by students, parents, and occasionally by staff, even though I have heard it said: "There is no Matron anymore".

Yes, Matron seems to be alive and well, when I hear students call "Hello Matron" down the corridor, or I receive notes by parents addressed to me, beginning with "Dear Matron..."

In this coming school year, I hope to be, or continue to be, more of a trust and confidence inspiring figure in my role as a nurse in High School, for new and old students, parents, teachers and other staff alike... with whatever minor or major (I hope not too many) mishaps may occur throughout the year...

BEST OF LUCK EVERYONE!

Ulrike Bingel



The High School Under Snow



During the first week in February, a blanket of snow descended on Danum. The overall result of which were an increase in lateness, a lack of concentration, a few falls, a half day, unforgettable memories and great fun. With the help of these pictures High School students will never forget the Snow of 2009.



PRIZE DAY & PARENTS EVENING

PRINCIPALS PRIZE DAY SPEECH 12 NOVEMBER 2008

Mr Chairman, distinguished guest, ladies, gentlemen and pupils of the school,

You are all very welcome here this evening, as the Chairman has said. Our apologies for the postponement.

This is one of the most pleasant occasions in the school calendar when we celebrate many different kinds of achievement. We have a big emphasis on academic success, needless to say, but also other awards for hard work, for making progress, for sporting prowess and leadership, for artistic contribution, for initiative and entrepreneurial spirit. We try to recognise the different ways in which people succeed and contribute in the school and I congratulate all pupils receiving prizes tonight for the great effort they have put into their work and activities.

We must all take great pleasure and pride in the performance of the school during the last year. It is always invidious to pick out some things for mention and leave out others so you will understand that I can not mention everything, but during the past year I have been almost overwhelmed by the multiplicity of activities and successes which have taken place here.

I think of such things as the great range of social conscience and charity endeavours which were carried out last year, like the Fair Trade Fair, Operation Christmas Child, the Forty Foot charity swim, the various collections undertaken by the Library Committee, the Habitat for Humanity trip to Kyrgyzstan where students and staff gave up their Easter holidays to build houses for those who needed them, the support for the homeless in Dublin with the fun run for the Simon Community, and much more! I enjoyed reading about the individual achievements of many students in the newly published Erasmian & Diocesan Times and about, for example, those who performed in bands or individually in assembly. They bring us all great pleasure through the year and it takes such courage to play in front of your peers.

I think also of all the trips which took place, such as field trips within the curriculum but also the long distance ones to places like Taiwan, New Hampshire, Budapest, Prague and Paris. We are very lucky to still have sufficient members of our staff who are willing to undertake the enormous responsibility inherent in taking pupils abroad. In many schools, trips have stopped or been curtailed due to the fear of litigation or due to bad behaviour by students.

I am also impressed by all of the Transition Year activities and the club activities like the Young Scientist entries, the Film Club, the Debating Society and the Christian Union. The sports which go on all year around give such pleasure in participation and sometimes in victories to so many students and staff that each practice and match would deserve a mention but we took particular pleasure this year in the senior boys hockey team reaching the Leinster cup final and now away representing Leinster at the All Ireland finals this week. The drama productions and the rock pop show were terrific fun, while the school choir and orchestra took leaps forward, culminating in the orchestra touring to Prague and recently being invited to play in the National Concert Hall.

I could go on and on but time is short. Suffice it to say that there is always something new or exciting happening in a school like this. I remember one day last year taking the sports photographs and turning around to see 23 boys who had formed a social rugby side in the senior cycle turning up in sombreros to have their picture taken. In the past, they might have been given out to but we decided to celebrate their initiative instead so we featured the photograph in the newsletter and the yearbook.

So, I would like us to approach this evening's events where we celebrate the prize winners, conscious also that there is so much of value going on in the school all of the time. Now, you might think that so many extra-curricular activities would take away from our core activity of academic work, but during



Mr David Went, Mr Leslie Ruttle, Mr B Duffy, Mr R Davies.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2008

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:
Mike Dolan
Zion Parish National School

School Scholarships:
Seán Shanley Mee
Scoil Bhríde, Ranelagh

Oisín Faust
Rathfarnham Educate Together National School

Tim Neenan
Ranelagh Multi Denominational School

Richard Bismilla
Rathfarnham Parish National School

Julie O'Brien
Rathgar National School

Music Scholarship:
Johnny Kehoe-Roché
Rathgar National School

Seán Keary
Kildare Place School



The school choir performing on Prize Evening.



Richard Bismilla, Julie O'Brien, Oisín Faust, Seán Shanley-Mee and Tim Neenan, Scholarship Winners, Form 1.



Mike Dolan, Scholarship Winner, Form 1.



Seán Keary and Johnny Kehoe-Roche. Music Scholarship winners, Form 1.

the same year Form 6 and their teachers produced the best ever Leaving Certificate performance in the history of the school. It is the cooperative effort of all of the staff, the governors, and all of the pupils and you the parents too which produces such great experiences here in this school, so I want after 15 years here myself to thank you all for such a great community and to say that I have considered it to be one of the greatest privileges of my life to be a part of it.

Having so much that is positive to celebrate is important at the moment because we are currently surrounded by bad news and we could let global and national events depress us. The savage cuts in educational funding which have just been inflicted on schools are detailed in my report in the booklet you have so I won't go through them again. Those of us who work in education are numbed by what has happened and we are working out how we are going to run schools next year, providing the services and activities which families expect but with far less government money. We might wonder how this has possibly happened to us and we will come to that in a moment, but I want to say clearly tonight that we will come through this, we will devise solutions, we will rise to this challenge and we will continue to provide all of what I was speaking about here at The High School.

So, how has a prosperous world and a very prosperous Ireland suddenly plunged into what commentators are now predicting will be the most significant recession since the 1970s, if not the 1930s? I am not going to attempt to answer that question in detail because I am not an economist but most of us have probably gathered that over optimistic lending by banks in the United States and some other countries has led to serious financial difficulty when property prices have fallen due to what has become euphemistically known as the economic cycle downturn. Some of the problems have been due to a loss of confidence in banks and in the stock market, brought on partly by real international economic difficulties but also by the hysteria in some sections of the media. George Lee, for example, economic reporter for RTE news, is now revelling in the doom and gloom reporting which he brings to the evening news every night. He has been predicting doom for about five years and one certainty is that if you predict disaster on the airwaves for long enough you will probably be right because a downturn will come some day or because

you have been part of the cause yourself by destroying confidence. We saw what a crisis of confidence can do, illustrated very clearly when Joe Duffy's phone in and the negative attitudes expressed one afternoon caused a run on Irish bank deposits. Nothing had changed financially that day and the run was caused simply by the media. It necessitated strong government intervention to halt the growing chaos.

I had invited David Went to address us this evening before any of these serious events occurred and I certainly don't want to put him on the spot because I don't know what he intends to talk about today, but we do have a significant expert with us. David has had a long and distinguished career in banking having retired recently from his position as Chief Executive of Irish Life and Permanent. Not being a man to sit back, he is now Chairman of the Board of The Irish Times so has had a foot in both camps of finance and media.

I think we are very fortunate to have a person with such experience and also with such a community and service oriented character in charge of The Irish Times at present. Having travelled in many English speaking countries, I have never found a newspaper which I have thought of as better balanced and generally fairer in its investigative reporting than our Irish Times. Because it is owned by an independent Trust it has been able to remain apart from the political fray and free to report whatever it likes. It has also traditionally taken a more responsible and less hysterical attitude than the rest of the media in Ireland and we are lucky to have it. You are very welcome here tonight, David, and we look forward to hearing from you in a few minutes time.

PRIZES

2007-2008

(Subjects taken outside the normal school curriculum are not counted when calculating prizes. Anyone wishing to know how prizes are awarded may speak to the Prize Day co-ordinator. The decision of the school is final and no correspondence will be entered into.)

FORM 1

CLASS PRIZES:

I-F

Aisling Reilly, Andrew Shaw

I-G

Caoimhe Cassidy, Patrick Devine Prendergast

I-J

Lisa Doyle, Gavin Rothwell

I-R

Lucy Burns, Ing-mar Lim

I-W

Brian Kennelly, Sam Treacy-McGee

PROGRESS PRIZES:

I-F

Chloe Deacon, Ray Listanco

I-G

Kate Barrett, Shane Smith

I-J

Fiadh Gregg, Luke Thompson

I-R

Cian Butler, Lia McCann

I-W

Florence Bradish, Daragh Kiernan

FORM 2

CLASS PRIZES:

2-H

Alice Somers Donnelly, Sophie Wann

2-OH

Conor Sexton, Niamh Smith

2-P

Jack Molony, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh

2-R

Judith Harrington, Jennifer Rynne

2-W

Anna Keary, Gavin O'Toole

WILFRID LOWRY PROGRESS PRIZES:

2-H

Ciaran Bradish, Zoe Dolan

2-OH

Niamh Murphy, Adam O'Malley

2-P

Nicole Connolly, Cormac Jordan

2-R

Jessie Meeke, Michael Treacy

2-W

Martha Barber Hume, Niall O'Callaghan



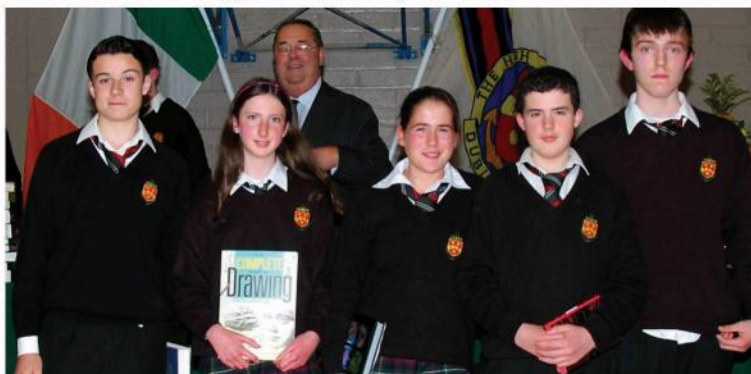
Lisa Doyle, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Caoimhe Cassidy, Andrew Shaw and Aisling Reilly, Form 2.



Sam Treacy-McGee, Brian Kennelly, Ing-Mar Lim, Lucy Burns, Gavin Rothwell, Form 2.



Shane Smith, Fiadh Gregg, Kate Barrett, Ray Listanco, and Chloe Deacon, Form 2.



Daragh Kiernan, Florence Bradish, Lia McCann, Cian Butler, Luke Thompson.



Jack Moloney, Niamh Smith, Conor Sexton, Sophie Wann, Alice Somers Donnelly, Form 3.



Gavin O'Toole, Anna Keary, Jennifer Rynne, Judith Harrington and Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Form 3.



Niamh Murphy, Adam O'Malley, Ciaran Bradish, Zoe Dolan, Form 3.



Niall O'Callaghan, Martha Barber Hume, Jessie Meeke, Comac Jordan, Form 3.

FORM 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 3):

Seraphim Dempsey

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Naoise Dolan

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:

Mark Gaynor

Classical Studies:

Ryan Kirwan

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

Emma Hogg, Sophie Lee, Megan Rayner

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:

Naoise Dolan

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Jack Doyle

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Robert Emo

German - German Government Prize:

Seraphim Dempsey

History - Casserley Prize:

Seraphim Dempsey

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Ellen Carney

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Katie O'Brien

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

Cliona Rogan

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:

Cian O'Neill

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Eve Roseingrave

Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize:

Cian O'Neill

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Katie O'Brien

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:

Matthew Smyth

PROGRESS PRIZES:

3-G

Jennifer Byrne, Kira Mulhere

3-H

Seán Warren, Amy Cripps

3-M

Ronan Lowther, Sarah Quirke

3-R

Clodagh Sleator, Laura Pearson

3-T

Neil McGinley, Aislinn Twamley Levins



Seraphim Dempsey, Form 4.



Mark Gaynor, Form 4.



Robert Emo, Form 4.



Ryan Kirwan, Form 4.



Ellen Carney, Form 4.



Emma Hogg, Sophie Lee, Form 4.



Katie O'Brien, Form 4.



Jack Doyle, Form 4.



Cliona Rogan, Form 4.



Cian O'Neill, Form 4.



Ronan Lowther, Seán Warren, Kira Mulhere, Jennifer Byrne, Form 4



Eve Roseingrave, Form 4.



Aislinn Twamley Levins, Neil McGinley, Laura Peterson, Clodagh Sleator, Sarah Quirke, Form 4.



Matthew Smyth, Form 4.



Below: The High School Orchestra.

FORM 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5):
Debbie Blair

CLASS PRIZES:

Robbie Browne, Conor Craig, Jack Kelly, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Jack O'Kennedy, Mark Savage, Stephen Shaw, Olwen Smith, Alicia Smyth, Joan Somers Donnelly



Debbie Blair, Form 5.



Hanah Mesallati.



Evanna Mills.

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)

Hanah Mesallati

John Thompson Scholarship:

Sinead Nolan

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

Evanna Mills

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

Pauline Carney

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

David Whyte

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Rowan Lacey

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD)

Fionan Keenan

Accounting:

Andrew Gray

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: **Richard Jones**

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Daniel Tuomey

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:

Hanah Mesallati

Business - S.S. Evans Prize:

Nick Fitzpatrick

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:

Hanah Mesallati

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:

Sophie Higgs

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

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Nick Fitzpatrick

English - Bessie Bury Prize:

Pauline Carney

French - McNay Prize:

Clara Butler

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Hanah Mesallati

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Hanah Mesallati

German - German Government Prize:

Andrew Howell

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Niamh Kenny

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: **Pauline Carney**

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:

Pauline Carney

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:

Hanah Mesallati

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Eve Horgan

Physics - Campbell-Crawford Prize:

David Whyte

Spanish:

Clara Butler

Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

David Whyte

CLASS PRIZES:

Dan Alkin, Gareth Austen, Triona Connell, Andrew Gray, Amy Hughes, Miriam Kerr, Siobhan Margolis, Ellen Ní Cleirigh, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton, Alice Wyse-Jackson



Jack O'Kennedy, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Jack Kelly, Conor Craig, Robbie Browne, Form 6.



Joan Somers Donnelly, Alicia Smyth, Olwen Smith, Stephen Shaw, Mark Savage, Form 6.



Nick Fitzpatrick.

Sophie Higgs.



Aaron Ward.

Pauline Carney.



Ciara Butler.

Andrew Howell.



David Whyte.



Rowan Lacey.



Andrew Grey.



Richard Jones.



Niamh Kenny.

Eve Horgan.



David Meade.



Amy Hughes, Andrew Grey, Gareth Austen, Triona Connell, Dan Alkin.



Christine Rorke.



Valerie Sexton, Miriam Kerr, Ellen Ni Cleirigh, Siobhán Margolis, Christine Rorke.



Aidan Cowlard Joyce.



Ellen Ni Cleirigh.

Stephen Shaw.



Andrew Stevenson.

SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

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

Ellen Ní Cleirigh

PPU Debating Medal:

Stephen Shaw

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

Adam Higgs

FOUNDATION DAY INITIATIVE AWARD

Adam Higgs - organising the sound system for all school productions.

Aimee Bannister and Amy Deverell - organising fund-raising activities within the school.

PAST PUPILS' UNION AWARDS

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

Head Boy: **Rowan Lacey**

Head Girl: **Valerie Sexton**

Jean Scott Trophy: **Evanna Mills**

Old Boys' Cup: **Andrew Howell**



Evanna Mills and Joan Love (PPU President) with the Jean Scott Trophy.



Valerie Sexton.

Aislinn Coghlan.



Andrew Howell and Philip Orr (PPU President) with the Old Boys' Cup.



Marc Evans.

Richard Jones.



Emer Brennan.



Sarah Fox.



Oisín Faust.



Sebastian Adams.

CHARITIES

CHILLY! THE FORTY FOOT SWIM

Well done to all the teachers and 4th year students who braved the icy waters and undertook the Forty Foot sponsored swim in December to raise funds for St Luke's Cancer Hospital. Almost €3,000 was raised this year, an impressive sum.



The brave students.

Left: Presenting the money raised from the swim.
Below left: Hugh can't wait for the icy water.



The happy teachers.



Aimee Banister, High School philanthropist who will be sorely missed!

GOOD BYE AIMEE B!!

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Aimee Bannister who is leaving us this year. As you know Aimee and I have done a lot of fundraising for numerous charities over the past four years.

I would like to thank her for all she has done in the school and we wish her all the very best in her new school. Aimee, you will be sadly missed!

Amy Deverell, 4th Year



Above:
These lovely lasses sold lollipops in aid of oesophageal cancer on Lollipop Day.

VERY FAIR, FAIR TRADE FAIR

On Saturday 29 November, 2008, the Transition Year held the Fair Trade Fair in the Reynolds Hall. This event is an annual one in the school, which helps to promote Fair Trade produce, raise money, and is great fun. On some of the stalls we sold toys, sweets, home ware and much more. There was also a stall raising money for the Matilda Project. We served fair-trade coffee, hot chocolate and various cakes and biscuits. The day was very successful and we made €6000. Thank you to all the teachers and pupils who helped to organize this event and to everyone who came.

Stephen Watts, 4th Year



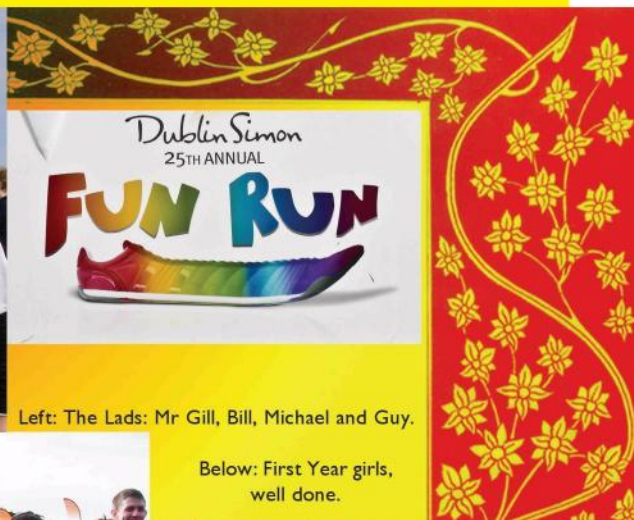
Getting into the Christmas Spirit!



Everybody enjoying themselves.



Convincing sales tactics!



Left: The Lads: Mr Gill, Bill, Michael and Guy.



High School students fetched their trainers and their dogs and ran the annual Simon Community Fun Run.



Below: First Year girls, well done.

EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ZAMBIA TRIP

Excited and exhausted after a ten hour flight from London, sixteen students from 4th and 5th year arrived in Lusaka, Zambia to start a truly unforgettable adventure. Zambia, a landlocked country in Southern Africa, was the destination for 2009's Habitat for Humanity trip. We would be building homes for AIDS orphans as part of HFH Zambia's Chazanga Orphans & Vulnerable Children project. We met our trip coordinators, Charity and Lucy, at the airport and then headed to our accommodation. After a quick introduction to Zambia from Charity we headed out for a tour of Lusaka.

On Sunday morning we attended an energetic three hour long African church service before visiting the work site for the first time. We met the aunt who was taking care of the four orphans we'd be building for alongside her own five children. All of them lived in cramped, one-roomed houses, and so the need for adequate housing was very apparent.

We woke up at 6.30 am the next morning to start our first work day. When we arrived at the site we met our site foreman, Daniel, and the builders Maxwell, Stefan and Paul. We began the work by moving the very heavy concrete blocks by our 'human chain' system. Already the team were performing like a well-oiled machine!

We ate lunch everyday in the home of a local woman, Margaret. We tried some of the local cuisine, such as nshima- the Zambian staple food made from maize meal and water, chibwabwa- a dish made from boiled pumpkin leaves, and sugar cane as a treat.

Throughout the week we saw the house fly up. Our main tasks were mixing mortar, laying bricks and transporting sand and soil. We picked up the skills quickly enough with some guidance from the builders, and by the end of the week we had finished one house and started another.

I think the most memorable aspect of the trip were the children. Everyday as we worked an audience formed consisting of about thirty local children. They warmed up to us quickly and we had great fun playing and getting to know them in our spare time on site. Many of us struck up great friendships with the kids and were heartbroken when it was time to leave. The children demonstrated some of the most noticeable differences between Zambia and Ireland. All of their clothes were second-hand, dirty and torn, none of them wore shoes, and the only toys they had were footballs made from plastic bags tied together. In spite of this poverty however the children were the most joyous and loving children you'll ever see, which gave us plenty to think about.

On Easter Sunday we had a lie-in until 9.30am and were awoken by the teachers bearing crème eggs! We visited the market to haggle for some great bargains then went to lunch and to the cinema. That night we had a talent show, won by Rebecca & Maoliosa for their scanger sketch, involving the sale of Daz powder for '30 kwacho'. Honourable mentions go to Sammi & Simon for their kick ups dressed as girls.

The trip was nearly over and none of us wanted to leave. We'd had plenty of funny moments, such as Katie taking a shower fully clothed without realising and Aoife and Laura's dramatic fall that dropped a wheelbarrow full of cement into a ditch. We'd met many great people, including one very cool lad who put earphones in his nose, and a friendship sparked between Paddy and a Mr Clive. Many of us had acquired 'tropical tans' and plenty of mosquito bites, yet had fallen head over heels for Zambia and its people who were nothing but welcoming everywhere we went.



Laying the first layer of the foundation.



Corners ready for brick-laying.



Doorways

The last morning finally arrived, and we spent the first half of it working on the second house. We managed to build it up to head level, and left it for the builders to finish. Then it was time for a party at the house dedication ceremony, where we would hand over the keys of the completed house to its new homeowners. All of the girls wore traditional African skirts for the ceremony. Armed with balloons, bubbles and face paints, we played with the kids for the very last time. The ceremony was great fun, with traditional African dancers & fire eaters providing us entertainment. We gave the family a signed Ireland flag and handed over the keys (complete with a leprechaun key ring!). After the festivities we went home, packed our bags and headed out for our last dinner (during which the teachers treated us to some beautiful karaoke renditions of Radiohead's 'Creep' and Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody'!).

We arrived back to the grey skies of Ireland late Tuesday night and said our farewells to each other until school on Monday morning. We'd all like to thank our wonderful team leaders Ms Thorp, Ms Watson, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Carolan for all their hard work and for making this life changing trip possible. We'd also like to thank everyone who helped us fundraise the €52,000 needed to provide people with not only a home, but hope.

Nicole Campbell, 5th Year



He could shake it like a Polaroid picture!



Steady does it!



Maoliosa, Hugh and Nicole passing along a really heavy block of hope!



Ms Thorp and Ms Watson start work by digging the foundations.



Hugh 'The Candy Man' O'Marcaigh dishes out the Haribo.



Aoife, Maoliosa, Simon, Sadbh and some of the local children.



The finished house: bricks and mortar turned into a home & hope.

(PROBABLY WELL DIFFICULT THIS YEAR) FUNDRAISING FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY!

When we first received our invitations for the Habitat trip, we were all thrilled to be part of the team. We had our work cut out for us from the beginning though, with the original sum to be raised per person being €2,000, and a €500 deposit to cover our own costs. As the school year started, and the recession soon after, we realized just what challenge was ahead of us. At first, income came very, very slowly, with little being done, but as the year pushed towards Christmas time, the team began to come together to get some fundraising done. The first fundraiser was sending out letters to businesses asking for sponsorship in return for advertising on the house posters displayed in the Reynolds' Hall. This was our first shock, and the recession's most notable influence. In previous years, this venture had supplied a substantial portion of fundraising, but this year companies were somewhat less adventurous with their money in the unfortunate economic climate. Next, came bake sales at local churches and school break times, which brought in some respectable sums over time. There were some very entertaining fundraisers too, such as a re-creation of the Cadbury's Dairy Milk ad and the Wax-A-Thon, which I personally (so personally!) took part in, which raised over €1,200, at the cost of hair, sweat, and tears! As the pressure rose and the time remaining lessened, with team meetings to collectively fuss over funds on the rise, the whole team rallied together. We managed to collect the bulk of the funds needed over the stretch of two months, with every weekend packed with bag packing, bucket-shaking, and a slowly rising stack of mobile phones. We all pulled our own weight and the team struggled forward, with the final sum reached with a week or two to spare before the trip. In total we raised approximately €52,000 for Habitat for Humanity, which went towards the building of many homes in Zambia. We all had a life-changing experience in Zambia, and the trip was worth every minute of work to raise the funds.

Lorcan Murphy, 5th Year



Ms Garvey's lesser known skills as a beautician were called for as wax and leg hair was turned into money for houses!



Mr Flynn bravely entrusts his leg hair into the hands of Rebecca and Una.



The 5th years donned hard hats and packed shopping bags until the arm spasms kicked in at SuperValu Churchtown.



Few knew that The High School's pet gorilla could play 'In the Air Tonight' so skillfully.

CHARITIES

IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

In October Rita and Melanie came to talk to the 1st years. Rita, who is blind, brought her dog Wendy with her and spoke to us about what it's like to be blind. Melanie spoke about the work that the Irish Guide Dogs association does to help blind people lead as normal a life as possible.

Following this, Aimee and I and some first years sold calendars and Christmas cards in aid of the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. We raised €570. Thanks to all who gave up their lunch breaks and all who brought calendars and cards, it's very much appreciated.

Thanks again and until next year!

Amy Deverell, 4th Year



1st Years receive a visit from a furry four-legged friend to the blind.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Transition Years, as always, were involved in collecting the shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child, which sends boxes full of presents to Africa and Eastern Europe, at Christmas. We also went to the warehouse to help with the checking and packaging of the boxes, ready to be sent off. Thank you to all who donated filled boxes and those who collected them.

Steven Watts, 4th Year



The 4th Year girls make sure there's no coal hidden inside the shoeboxes.

THE VALENTINES POST

The Valentine's Post raises money for the charity ISANDS (Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society). It is a voluntary organisation which helps to support parents who have had a stillbirth or a baby who died shortly after birth.

This year we sold sweets and we had a raffle in aid of ISANDS, raising €170. We would like to thank Ms Graham and all the people who donated items for the raffle and Ms King for letting us use the Library. Amy and I would also like to thank the 1st Years who helped out at lunch breaks and to the office staff for their help.

We hope you will support the cause again next year.

Aimee Bannister, 4th Year



Resting after a hard days work in Zambia.



Mr Duffy and Ms Garvey proved excellent mascots for the Valentine's Post.

JUNIOR CYCLE



Owen de Forge.



Vicky Love.



Wesley Bishop.



LiLi Nolan.



Sara Buttanshaw.

All ceramics above
from Second Years.

Naoise Farrell, 1st Year.



Lauran Hudson,
1st Year.



1st Year
Vases.



Laura Heaton, 1st Year.

First Year

Great graphics,
Daniel Holder!



Back row: Caroline Lahiff, Emma Murphy, Luke Bannister, Jim Christle, Cormac Kennedy, Luke Barry, Aine Kenna.

Middle row: Daven Casey, Hannah Tully, Alex Lodola, Sarah Carson, Ciara Feely, Amy MacWilliams, Laura Rankin, Timothy Jones, Ann-Marie Finn.

Front row: Sean Shanley-Mee, Zoe Reichental, Ruby McLaughlin-Callan, Ryan Evans, Hugh Sweetnam, Peter Campbell

Absent: Conor Christodoulides, Aaron Deane, Sean Keary, Katie Maguire, Adam McCann.



Back row: Laura Heaton, Rupert Adams, SORCHA O'Raw, Julie O'Brien, Robert Beverland, Eva Barrett, Grace O'Donnell, Ross Dooley.
Middle row: Sarah Fox, Patrick Adye-Curran, Zephán Kavanagh, Heather Baldwin, Sarah Mulhere, Clodagh McGinley, John Swanwick, Chloe Bevan, Lauren Hudson.
Front row: Andrew Burke, Jack Byrne, Donal Naylor, Dylan Quirke, Cian Tobin, Tim Browning, Ross Connolly, Jack Sheridan.
Absent: Andrew Manning.



Back Row: Chloe Doyle, Lauren Jackson, Richard Bismilla, Jamie Laycock, Abigail Donnelly, Naoise Farrell, Jamie Morris.
Middle Row: Dervla Walsh, Mathew Drennan, Jack Taylor, David Howard, Meg O'Conner, Ruth Connell, Daniel Holder, Tim Neenan, Karl Kinch, Shannon Baker.
Front Row: Catherine Fleming, Emma Webster, Craig Kennedy, Jenny McAuley-Doherty, Darren Snodgrass, Joe Donnelly, Andrew Howell, Zoe Smart.
Absent: Shane Hrrington, Feargal Kavanagh.



Back Row: Grainne O'Reilly, John Murphy, Victoria Mollereau-Campbell, Oisín Faust, Justin Bradish, Ben McElvaney, John Deering, Ruth Mawhinney, Niamh Hebblethwaite.
Middle Row: Reshaylia Naidu, Robin Hayden, Leah Stafford, Stephanie Johnson, Gavin Murphy, Mark Delaney, Andrew Ryan, Robert McLoughlin, Annie Keane, Sara McQuaid, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan.
Front Row: Grace McCarthy, Niamh McCabe, Alison Kinlan, Erik Skaadel, John Kehoe-Roche, Zoe Acheson, Daniel Sheridan, Robert Stitt.



Back row: Grace Whelan, Suzanne Gray, Sam Brown, Fionn McManus, Robert Dunleavy, Jack Walsh, Mark Ryan, Samira Ayeva.
Middle row: Paul Harris, Laoise Darragh, Sam Keating, Grainne Jordan, Megan Byrne, Daniel McBride, Jessica Cooper, Michael Dolan, Ailbhe Carney.
Front row: Emer Brennan, Emma Butler, Kenneth Edgeworth, Laura Dowling, Amy Byrne, Lorcan Daly, Nathanael O'Leary, Maebh Brennan.
Absent: Daragh Higgins, Danny McAvinue.

HIGH SCHOOLS FAVOURITE JOCKEY: ITS NATHANIEL O'LEARY!

I started horse riding when I was four years old. My parents took me to a riding school to give me an opportunity to try out the sport because I love animals. It was only a short time before I started horse riding when we went on a family trip to Newbridge Farm in North County Dublin. According to my family I told them that all the horses and ponies there were "Lovely Big Doggies".

The first time I went to a riding school I could not believe my eyes when I saw all the ponies here. At this stage I knew they were ponies and not "doggies". Soon I was sitting on the back of a little Shetland pony called "Lucky". This was wonderful! I was being led around an arena on "Horse" back. I remember thinking to myself, 'I will be in the RDS for their next show'.

My interest in and love of horse riding grew and I quickly discovered that another girl in my class did horse riding. She was going to a riding school closer to my home and her granny worked on Saturdays here. I could not wait to tell my parents my news and ask if I could go there. We went to try out Calliaghstown Riding School where I was assessed and encouraged to keep up the sport.

Over the years I continued through lessons and instruction to develop my horse riding skills and learn all about the care and management of ponies and horses. I soon started taking part in the shows at Calliaghstown where I was winning prizes for show jumping, cross country and dressage.

When the school suggested that I should start going to shows outside the school, my parents decided I should



Nathaniel O'Leary.

be riding a pony with which I was familiar. I could not believe my eyes when I got my big Christmas present in 2005- Bailey my very own 12.2 pony.

Last year I got a bigger 14.2 pony called Ollie. Ollie and I have taken part in many events. I will just mention a few from this year so far. I did hunter trials Punchestown and Abbeyfield Farm. I did show jumping at Kildare International and Coiligue equestrian centres to mention just a few.

Another big event for us this year was the opportunity to represent The High School at the Inter-Schools league for show jumping. I did not win but taking part was great!

I hope to continue my horse riding and perfect my skills in this sport and I would like to become a professional show jumper. My dream is to be able to jump for Ireland in the Olympics some day and hold that Gold Medal high.

Nathaniel O'Leary, 1st Year

FIRST YEAR ART

Great artwork
by Robert
McLaughlin.



Right: Lino by
Niamh McCabe.
Far right: Ruby
McLaughlin
Callan is
pondering...

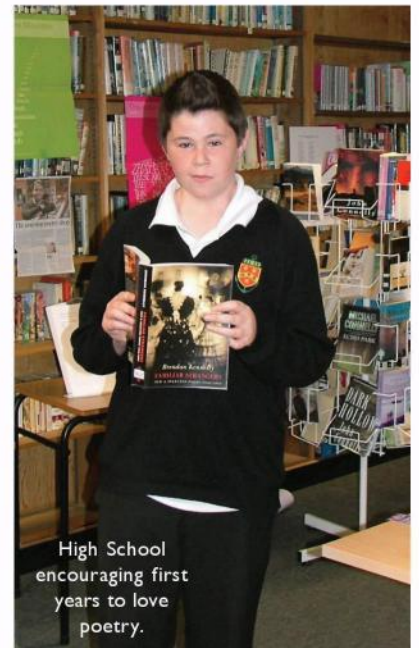


Feeling blue John
Deering?



Right: Art by
Aine Kenna, 1st
Year.
Far right:
Pensive... Great
lino print by
Laoise Darragh.





High School encouraging first years to love poetry.



First years watching intently – enjoy it while it lasts!



Winner of the 'Longest Tie' competition.

FIRST YEARS AT THE LIBRARY



YAY Europe day, we're missing Irish for this!



"I'll knock ye out"
Anti-bullying
campaign for first
years.



First years
...starring Jimi
Hendrix in centre.



Molars all round!



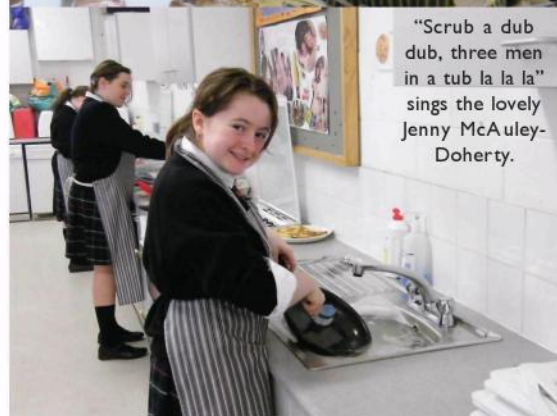
First year Home
Ec students are
trained to be well
prepared for
naps.



Ruth Mawhinney
and Leah
Stafford discover
the joys of
cooking.



Sugar, sugar,
sugar can't go
wrong!



"Scrub a dub
dub, three men
in a tub la la la"
sings the lovely
Jenny McAuley-
Doherty.



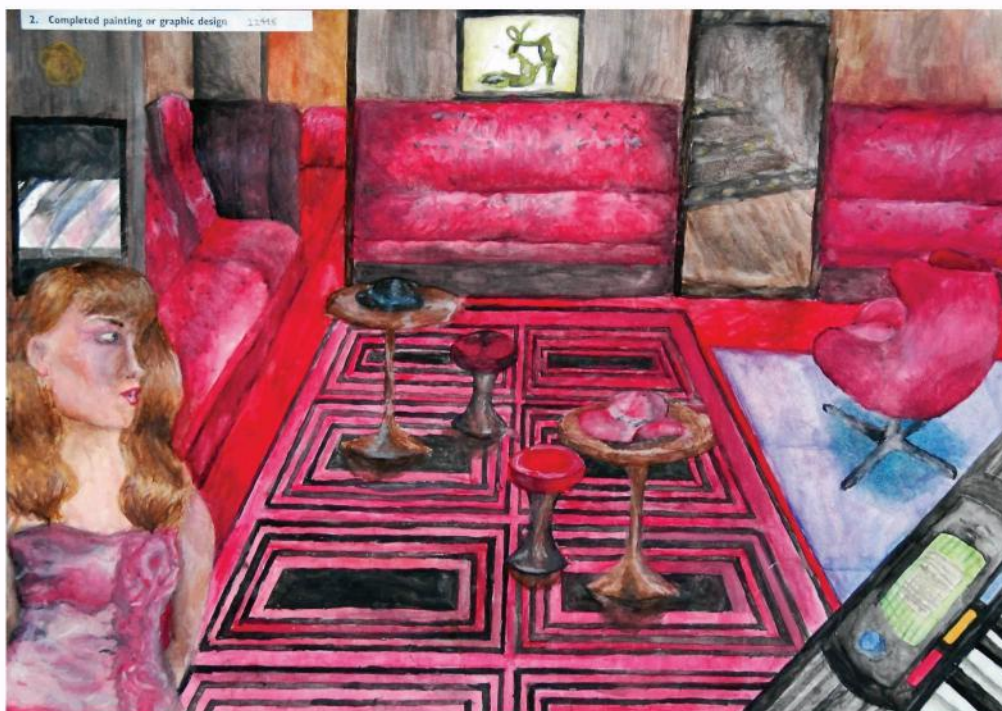
'Mmmmm sossies
and bacon,
yum yum'



Can we eat now...?

Second Year

Painting by
Naoise Dolan.



Back row: Ryan Gallagher, John Hackett, Zak Milofsky, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Sam Evans, Luke Burrowes.

Middle row: Alex Brohoon, Aisling Reilly, Rivkah McKinley, Keelan O'Mahony, Ella O'Neill, Ann Barrett, Chloe Deacon, Claire Hallissey.

Front row: John Love, Ellen Baldwin, Cian Pawle-Bates, Andrew Young, Daria Mills Hunter, Anthony Manly.

Absent: Ross Keogh, Ray Listanco, Pavel Nikeryasov, Andrew Shaw, Kate Somers, Eamonn Weitz.

2g



Back row: Ella Furey, Kate Barrett, Isaac Dempsey, Shane Smith, John Savage, Jake Madden, Mark Carragher, Dayna Clegg.
Middle row: Rachel McAuliffe, Jamie Ralph, Ciara Green, Lili Nolan, Christopher Knocker, Owen de Forge, Elaine Smyth, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Alex Liddicoat.
Front row: Sara Buttanshaw, Raymond Ardill, Ryan Foley, Gavin Power, Emma Lucas, Romy Leitch, Caoimhe Cassidy, Vicky Love.
Absent: Dean Kilroy, Kayleigh Rush.

2j



Back row: Fiadh Gregg, Niall Mason, Matthew Holder, Marianne McClafferty, Luke Thompson, Naoise McTeirnan, Lorcan O'Byrne, Laura Byrne.
Middle row: Conor Spain, Dominic Guiding, Jennifer Long, Lisa Doyle, Gillian Chapman, Rebekah Donnelly, Philip Halton, Emma Carroll, Zion Delaney.
Front row: Kamala Falkiner, Gavin Campbell, Eric Smart, Ryan Byrne, Oisín Keenan, Ciara Margolis, Evie McCullough, Ben McNeilly, Gavin Rothwell.

2r



Back Row: Hannah Ridgeway, Wesley Bishop, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Caitriona Flood, Paul McCarty, Attilia Geaney Rea, John Walsh, Cathal Butler.

Middle Row: Conor Ryan, Jake Hurley, Zoey Choy-O'Byrne, Ben Gregory, Tim Harding, Aisling O'Reilly, Cian Butler, Siobhan McManus, Lia McCann, Niall Donnelly.

Front Row: Abdelaziz Kabadaya, Eimear Ni Bhroin, Hayley Jackson, Darragh Kirwan, Rupert Chambers, Aaron Campbell, Amy O'Regan, Lucy Burns.

Absent: Ing-Mar Lim.

2w



Back row: Kate Barlow, Holly Kane-O'Brien, Niamh Smith, Stephanie Lyon, Leeroy Turner, Richard Beverland, Sam Treacy-McGee.

Middle row: Florence Bradish, Peter Flaherty, Evan Cunningham, Olivia O'Hora, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Oliver Drakeford.

Front row: Brian Kennelly, Andrew Mooney, Ciara Dowling, Lauren Tully, Hannah Foley, Esme Moloney.

Absent: Mahon McCann, Ben Sherwood, Daragh Kiernan, Jack McCann, Ciara Maher, Amber Graham.

JUICY JUNIOR DEBATING!

This year Junior Debating took place every Monday at 12:55 in B6. Debates spanned many different topics, from 'should journalists be made reveal their sources' and 'should the Gardai be armed', to 'should we hold people criminally responsible for failing to give reasonable assistance to people in mortal danger' were debated.

This year the Junior Debating Team entered the Denny Junior Debating Competition, an all-Ireland debating competition run by the Law and Historical Society in UCD. Lucy Burns (2R), Lia McCann (2R), Aisling O'Reilly (2R), Aisling Reilly (2F) Michael Dolan (1WH) and Nathaniel O'Leary (1WH) took part. Nathaniel O'Leary and Lucy Burns progressed to the third round and quarter finals respectively. This was an outstanding result considering it was the first time The High School had taken part in the competition.

The competition was great fun and gave us the chance to meet debaters from every province in Ireland!! Many thanks to Ms Rellis for all the time and effort she has put into Junior Debating.

Lucy Burns, 2nd Year

SKI TRIP TO NORWAY

On Sunday 5 April, twenty seven second years with Mr Flynn, Mr McBride, Ms Jones and Ms Lanigan, flew out to Norway for a week of skiing.

When we arrived in Oslo we got a bus that took about 2 hours to bring us to our hotel, the Birkebeineren Hotel. It was a nice hotel and three other schools were staying there as well – two English schools and Fourth Years from Portmarnock. The ski resort we went to was used for the Winter Olympics in 1994. It was twenty minutes away and we left every morning at 8.45 am.

We were split into three groups – beginners, intermediate, and advanced, and there were four snowboarders. We had lessons from 9.30 – 11.30, then we went for lunch and free ski until 1 pm when we had lessons to 3 pm. The bus then left at 4 pm and we had dinner at the hotel. Each night we did something different, like DVD night, tobogganing, cinema, bowling, and a disco with the other schools. The tobogganing was held in the ski resort and was so much fun.

The weather was mostly hot and sunny, one or two of the days it was foggy and snowy.

The skiing was amazing, and we all loved our ski instructors! Everyone improved a lot by the end of the week and really enjoyed the trip. We were all sad leaving - the week went by too fast! Lillehammer would be a great choice for future trips.

Thanks to all the teachers for organising the trip. We all had an amazing time.

Kate Barlow and Caoimhe Cassidy, 2nd Year



Lucy Burns reached the quarter-final of the Denny Junior Debating Competition.

Nathaniel O'Leary – successful participant in Denny Junior Debating Competition.



THE SECOND YEARS WILD TRIP TO THE NEPTUNE ADVENTURE CENTRE

This year the second years went on a trip to Neptune Adventure Centre. We started off the day by driving the hour long journey to Co. Louth. When we got there, the cold and wind forced us to pay attention to them but no one really minded because we were so excited.

We were split into three groups. One group went surfing / body-boarding or pier jumping. When our group went surfing, we only stayed in the water for a couple of minutes because the instructors were afraid that we might catch pneumonia.

Another group did land/team sport while the last group went orienteering and afterwards on a speed boat! It was both terrifying and extremely enjoyable at the same time! After each group completed their first activity we switched tasks, had lunch and then switched around again. Even though it was freezing, wet and windy it was really enjoyable!

We would like to thank Mr Levis and Ms Jones for coming along and supervising and special thanks to Mr Walker for organising the trip.

Esme Moloney and Hannah Foley, 2nd Year





Eye Eye Captain..
uh I mean Ms
Watson!



'Hehe... eh, are
you really sure
you should cut
that off?!



Gloves or no gloves I'm going in!

SECOND YEARS AT THE LIBRARY



Ring-a-ring-a-rosie!



Ben McElvaney and fellow posers!

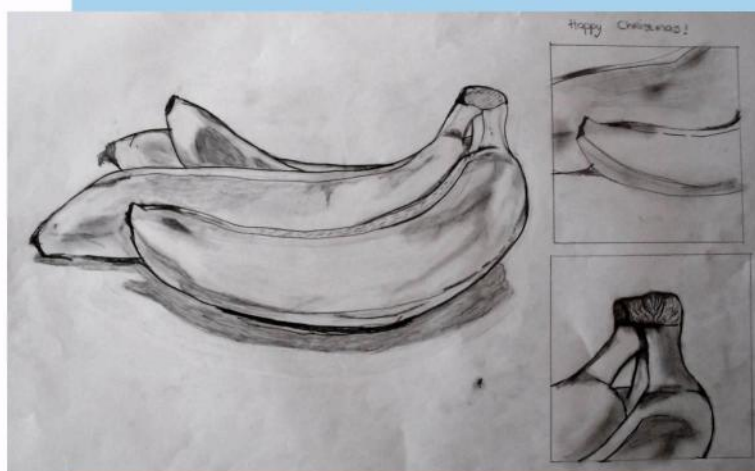


Party in the library!! Word searches and more.

SECOND YEAR ART



A fantastic rabbit etching - Zak Milofsky



Drawing - Evie McCullough.



Evie McCullough - painting.

SECOND YEAR CERAMICS



Cute cat Peter Flaherty!



Cian Pawle-Bates brings back memories of a great movie.

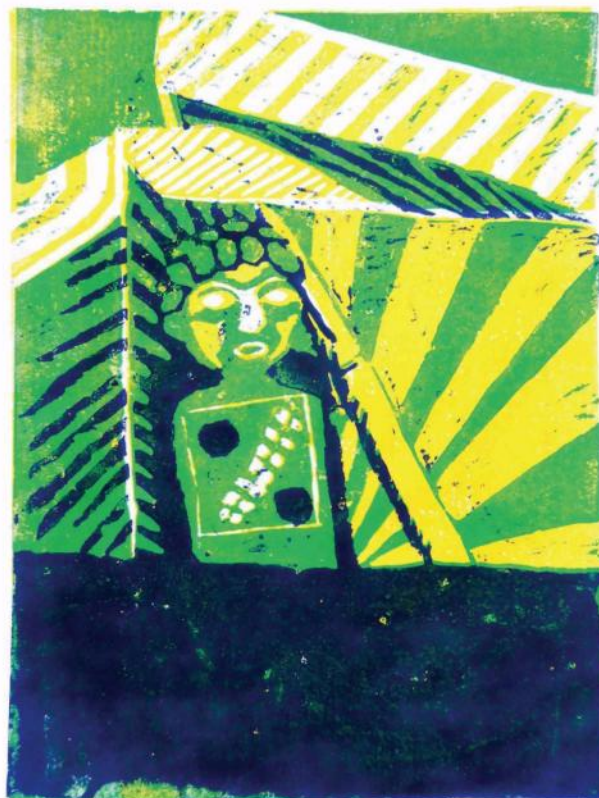


Creepy ceramics - Zak Milofsky.

LINO CUTS



Great Colours in Lino - Aisling Reilly.



Lino - Zak Milofsky.



Great Graphics in Lino - Eimear Ni Bhroin.



Lino - Ciara Margolis.



Lino - Claire Hallissey.



Peter Flaherty - Lino in Reds and Yellows.

Third Year



WHAT A ! ...STUDENT COUNCIL!

This year the student council met every three weeks on a Wednesday morning at 8.30 am. We discussed issues such as food and lunchtime, environmental policies in the school, safety and security, facilities, teachers, uniform, hygiene, non-uniform day, newsletters and school trips. At the end of November, the School Council took place. This is where the student council meets with the management of the school. We sorted out many issues, and we were all very happy with the results. We would like to thank everyone who helped us, attended meetings and gave us suggestions throughout the year, and a special thank-you to Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, for organising the student council and for all the help she gave us.

Guy Prendergrast, 5th Year



Back row: Niamh Kearns, Jordan McQuaid, Jamie Connell, Stephen Alexander, James Hennessy, Thomas Clancy, Adam Heaton, Ciaran Bradish.

Middle row: Robert Styles, Oisín Hogan, Luke Hudson, Carl Adams, Hazel McHugh, Zoe Dolan, Fiona Mitchell, Peter Adye-Curran, Joseph Finn, Aisling Darby.

Front row: Stefano Fuscuardi, Hannah Olliffe, Alice Somers Donnelly, Ciaran Flaherty, Kenneth Mason, Megan Kilpatrick, Sophie Wann, Katelyn Fagan, Lisa Sheerin.

Absent: Grace Morris, Matthew Mullan.

3oh



Back Row: Tom Moore, Kunal Kapoor, Rebecca Dalton, Cian Noone, Conor Sexton, Ryan O'Malley, Cian Dowling Cullen, Luke O'Donnell.

Middle Row: Niamh Smith, Morwenna Gentile, Emma Feely, James Fleming, Adam O'Malley, Aidan O'Byrne, Niamh Murphy, Harry Jones, Conn Loane.

Back Row: Beth Dakin, Rebecca Garland, Oisín Devilly, Stephen Reid, Rebecca Tully, Elizabeth McGuinness, Alannah Burdon, Amy Lyons.

3p



Back row: John Braddish, Ethan Conroy, Mark O'Kelly, Fabian Mak, Sam Killeen, Jack McGrath, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh.

Middle row: Aine Cormac O'Hora, Sarah Grehan, Will Rolfe, Jim Fogherty, Saiful Haque, David Fox, Max Drakeford, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Kirsten Kinch, Cormac Jordan.

Front row: Leah Byrne, Lauren Wade, Sarah McKenna Barry, Debbie Burke, Mark Deegan, Emma Devine, Rachel Burke, Nicole Connolly, Sarah Howell.

Absent: Emily Atkinson, Jack Molony.

3r



Back Row: Elodie Christle, Jamie Elliott, James Kinlan, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Kristian Chisholm, Kari Andresson, Judith Harrington.
Middle Row: Helena Burns, Jack McCabe, Daniel Turner, Michael Treacy, Lauren Walsh, Colm Finlay, Hanne Skaadel, Denis Casey, Karl Huggard, Janice Whyte.
Front Row: Jennifer Rynne, Jessie Meeke, Sophie Collins, Katie O'Connor, Sam Lunn, Maeve Daly, Alanna Kavanagh, Katerina Slaba, Jane Ward.
Absent: Ellen Cunningham.

3w



Back row: Thomas McCune, Shane Connolly, Patrick Hanlon, Sylvan Benaksas, Gavin O'Toole, Darragh Twomey, Neil Cosgrove, Ian Crimin.
Middle row: Niall O'Callaghan, Una Keller, Johnny McNulty, John Martin, Ian Sheridan, Shane Walker, Daniel Kernan, Karl Barnes, Leanne McDonnell.
Front row: Peter Douglas, Laura Duggan, Emer Dixon, Niamh Moran, Aoife Moroney, Anna Keary, Mara Barrett, Niall Burke.
Absent: Martha Barber Hume.

Junior Drama



LESLIE CHANGES TIME ONCE AGAIN IN TIME TWIST

A Great Wizard, an Evil Prince, a Good Witch, an Evil Witch and two beautiful twin princesses who have been tricked out of their rightful place and banished into a time warp: all of these made for an enchanting production of the classic battle between good and evil. 'Time Twist' was written and directed by Leslie Lalor and performed by the members of the Junior Drama Club. But it didn't end there! The clever plot allowed the comically impossible meeting of colourful characters like the dashing Zorro, heroic Grainne O'Malley, King Arthur (Monty Python style) and an exotic Cleopatra. A delightful set design by Florence Bradish (who also played the Good Witch), colourful costumes and some stunningly performed musical numbers added to our enjoyment. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the show's success. We had great fun putting on the play this year, and hope even more will be there next year.

Big thanks to Leslie for writing and directing the play, and Niamh and Hugh for helping on stage.

Mrs M Milne and Paul Harris, 1st Year



An amazing and dramatic performance by Fiadh Gregg.

Above: Most of the cast come out for one final song.



Leslie, director of the play, receives her well deserved round of applause.

HOME EC



'Beep beep': we're taking photos!



Purple purple ..can't go wrong!



Busy bees!



Getting creative!



Working hard on her Home Ec project.

THE LIBRARY REPORT

The library continues to thrive as the literary oasis of The High School. Our collection is constantly growing and new features continue to make the library an interesting place. A good school library should always be more eclectic than a public university library due to its position as a hub and facilitator of many different opportunities. The library is keen to promote awareness of contemporary events and historical anniversaries. This is done by the very willing team of the library committee. They ensure that it continues to reflect the needs of its users and maintains its cherished role as a true multifunctional entity.

'There is an art of reading, as well as an art of thinking, and an art of writing' Isaac Disraeli

Valerie King
Librarian

Library Committee

Yet again another busy year has passed for the Library Committee. Over the past nine months we have celebrated some traditional displays and some newer ones too. As always, favorites like Shakespeare's birthday (and that gorgeous cake) and Europe day have been and gone. This year for the first time we celebrated the exciting international year of Astronomy. For this the library was fully kitted out with a telescope, star theatre and a star-gazer globe.

Also for the first time this year there was the extremely popular 200th Anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin. The Darwin snake jellies proved the highlight for many students visit.

Author and motivational speaker, Judy May Murphy visited the library for World Book Day. She was a huge hit with the classes that were lucky enough to hear her.

I am pleased to announce that the Library Committee raised a grand total of €1620 for charities this year. These included The Irish Cancer Society, Barnardos and the ISFCC.

The Committee this year had very dedicated members on it; they completed Trojan work this year. But there are three students whom I must thank individually: Zoe Dolan, Cian Butler and Cathal Butler. These three have completed a phenomenal amount of work and they have supported me immensely throughout the year.

One final thank you has to go to the High School's dedicated and committed librarian who is always looking out for and caring for all students. She is responsible for all displays and every piece of charity work in the Library. So next time you are in the library please say a huge thank you to her. Thank you so much Mrs King.

Gavin Rothwell, 2nd Year.

BOOK WORMS FILM CLUB

Last year we started showing movies based on books during lunch and continued that this year. Everybody really enjoyed and a lot of people started coming regularly and some others would come if a movie they liked was on. We hope to continue it next year with some more enjoyable films. I'd like to say a big thanks to Mrs King for making it all possible.

Cian Butler, 2nd Year



Science is not just fun, it's fashionable!



One well-fed pig! Well done guys!



Christmas Goodies and treats at the Library!



The Library Committee.



The winners of the Christmas Art Competition

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2008

SENIOR CYCLE

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2008

Adye-Curran, Seán
Anglim, William
Bannister, Aimee
Beardsley, Gary
Blennerhassett, Karen
Boyce, Caolán
Brennan, Johnny
Broderick, Conor
Browning, Hannah
Brownlee, Sheila
Buttanshaw, Jessica
Byrne, Jennifer
Campbell, Graham
Campbell, Lee
Carey, Robyn
Carney, Ellen
Carson, Robert
Clarke, Daniel
Cosgrove, David
Cripps, Amy
Daley, Megan
Deane, Alex
Deering, Paul
Dempsey, Seraphim
Dennis, Patrick
Deverell, Amy
Dolan, Naoise
Downey, Christopher
Doyle, Jack
Drakeford, Christopher
Dunleavy, Emily
Dwyer, Emmet
Emo, Robert
Esghyer, Sammi
Farrell, Julie
Farrell, Ryan
FitzGerald, Sorcha
Forsythe, Laura
Foster, Patrick
Frizzelle, Barry
Gallagher, Troy
Gamble, Geoff
Gaynor, Mark
Haig, Drew
Haines, Eli
Halpin Duffy, Rose
Harrison, Pdraig
Hennessy, Kate
Hickey, Niall
Hogg, Emma
Hughes, Alan
Jackson, Simon
Jones, Daniel
Kapoor, Dhruv
Keating, Sarah
Kennedy, Josh
Keogh, Jennifer
King, Olivia
Kirwan, Ryan
Lee, Sophie
Leitch, Faye
Leith, Michael
Lim, Sean-Tee
Lowry Walshe, Robert
Lowther, Ronan
Lucas, Sarah
Lynch, Megan
Macken, Hugh

Maguire, Shauna
McAvinue, Jamie
McCann, Cillian
McCarthy, Joan
McDonagh, Cian
McElvaney, Maresa
McGarry, Lauren
McGinley, Neil
McHugh, Chloe
Meijer, Daniel
Men, Kateline
Mills, Laura
Moran, Colm
Mulhere, Kira
Murphy, Finn
Murphy, Lynn
Naylor, Aisling
Nugent, Maoliosá
O'Brien, Eiméar
O'Brien, Ferdia
O'Brien, Katie
O'Brien, Sadbh
O'Byrne, Eva
O'Byrne, Ronan
O'Donnell, Rona
O'Leary, Niall
O'Leary-Watson, Ella
O'Marcaigh, Kate
O'Neill, Cian
O'Reilly, Shane
O'Rourke, Emma
Patterson, Jessica
Pearson, Laura
Quirke, Sarah
Rayner, Megan
Reed Schmied, Elena
Reina, Aisling
Richardson, Mollie-Kate
Rogan, Cliona
Roseingrave, Eve
Ryan, Nicola
Sadlier, James
Sargeant, Jessica
Scanlan, Ella
Sheehan, Keri
Skelly, Megan
Sleator, Clodagh
Smyth, Matthew
Spray, Rachael
Stein, Andrew
Stevenson, Ian
Sweetnam, Maeve
Swords, Mark
Sykes, Michael
Twamley Levins, Aislinn
Walsh, Oliver
Warren, Sean
Watts, Stephen
Weekes, Alan
Whelan, Dean
White, Eleanor
Whooley, Shane
Wiler, Joshua
Wilson, Patrick
Wynne, Stefanie
Young, Alan

Alkin, Daniel
Allison, Tanya
Anglim, Kathryn
Aslanis, Jordan
Austen, Gareth
Barry, Aisling
Bishop, Hannah
Blakely, Louise
Brady, Barry
Breen, Jade
Brownless, Amber
Burke, Rebecca
Butler, Ciara
Butler, Edmund
Byrne, Daragh
Byrne, Sarah
Callaghan, Robert
Carney, Pauline
Carty, Caoimhe
Casey, Susan
Clarke, Sarah May
Collins, Mark
Comerford, James
Connell, Tríona
Cooley, Laura
Cooley, Sian
Cooper, Cherith
Cooper, Naomi
Corbin, Sarah
Cox, Peter
Deeley, Genevieve
Donnelly, Sarah
Drakeford, Adam
Evans, Kimberly
Evans, Marc
Field, Graham
Fitzpatrick, Brian
Fitzpatrick, Nick
Fox, Ronan
Fusciardi, Romano
Gray, Andrew
Hanan, Ross
Hanlon, William
Hanly, Stéphane
Harrison, Richard
Hickey, Jack
Hickey, James
Hickey, Saoirse
Hickey, Shane
Higgs, Adam
Higgs, Sophie
Horgan, Eve
Howell, Andrew
Hughes, Amy
James, Conor
James, Daniel
Jewell, Dermott
Jones, Richard
Keenan, Fionan
Kelleher, Judy
Keller, Darragh
Kenny, David
Kenny, Niamh
Kerr, Miriam
Lacey, Rowan
Lai, Gordon
Lawson, Alexander
Lohan, Thomas

Lui, Alain
Lunn, Hannah
Mackay, Euan
Madden, Jack
Margolis, Siobhan
McAuley, Ruth
McConnell, Karina
McDermott, Sarah
McDonnell, Caoimhe
McHugh, Carl
Meade, David
Mesallati, Hanah
Mills, Evanna
Milton, Grainne
Misstear, Bruce
Mitchell, Niamh
Mooney, Norah
Moore, Leah
Moran, Barry
Moran, Donal
Mulholland, David
Murphy, Annalise
Murphy, Ruth
Nolan, Sinead
Noone, Orfhlaith
Ní Cleirigh, Ellen
O'Dea, Helen
O'Meara, Graeme
O'Meara, Joann
Oliver, Laura
Reina, Olwen
Rorke, Christine
Sadlier, Gavin
Senior, Ruth
Sexton, Valerie
Sheridan, Colin
Sheridan, Daniel
Singleton, Ian
Smart, Amy
Spray, Marcus
Staines, Luke
Stevenson, Andrew
Sweetnam, Darragh
Tallon, Emma
Tevlin, Sean
Thornberry, Gavin
Tuomey, Daniel
Wade, Aron
Walsh, Connall
Ward, Aaron
Ward, Harry
Whyte, David
Wiler, Christena
Wyse Jackson, Alice

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze

Michael Adye-Curran
Kevin Browne
Gareth Carragher
Mark Coffey
Rebecca Conalty
Daniel Connell
Kit Connolly
Alex Dakin
Megan Earls
Vanya Eccles
Aoife Fitzpatrick
Graham Flaherty
Martin Flower
Andrew Gilbert
Stuart Gray
Craig Hanan
James Harding
Mark Horgan
Aimee Jones O'Connor
Diarmuid Kennedy
Aisling Kiernan
Etan Kinsella-McLennan
Keenan Lacey
Stephanie Lodola
Liam MacNamara
Lara Madden
Laura Martin
Emmet McBride
Tess McCann
Niamh McDonagh
Richelle McDonnell
Alexander
McLaughlin-Callan
Lisa Meehan
Rebecca Mills
Sophie Mitchell
Gavin Mullan
Andrea Murray-Byrne
Eva Nugent
Katie O'Connor
Suzanne O'Connor
Hugh O'Marcaigh
Josh Reichental
Naomi Reid
Miles Reilly
Nicola Spendlove
Holly Taylor
Georgie Twamley
Cian Twomey
Ellen Walsh
Peter Williamson

Canoeing Awards

Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award

Luke Byrne
Dylan Farrell
James Harding
Mark Horgan
Keenan Lacey
Liam MacNamara
Guy Prendergast
Brian Speller

Transition Year Awards 2007-2008

Young Entrepreneurs

Scheme
Marie Claire Foley
Robert Emo
Stephen Dowling
Graham Flaherty
Etan Kinsella-McLennan
Sarah McCoy
Sarah Brennan
Camilla Hanney
Stephen James
Suzanne O'Connor
Archie Heaslip
Daniel Cooke
Sarah Burke
Richelle McDonnell
Rebecca Mills
Stephen Whelan
Michael Adye-Curran
Luke Byrne
Susan Kinlan
Martin Flower
Josh Reichental
Lorcan Murphy
Guy Prendergast
Sarah Kate McConnell

Judo White Belt Awards

Steven Chapman
Aoife Fitzpatrick
Neal Hickey
Cal Howick
Matthew Ware

Yellow Belt Awards

Michael Adye-Curran
Oscar Bowling
Mark Coffey
Daniel Cooke
Danny Corbin
Vanya Eccles
Luke Evans
Stuart Gray
Craig Hanan
Mark Horgan
Mohammad Kabadaya
Liam MacNamara
Lorcan Murphy
Andrea Murray-Byrne
Katie O'Connor
Michael O'Shea
Brian Speller

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Fourth Year

Michael Sykes -
It's all ablaze!



Back Row: Stephen Watts, Daniel Meijer, Oliver Walsh, Finn Murphy, David Cosgrove, Seán Adye-Curran.

Middle Row: Jennifer Keogh, Sean-Tee Lim, Samuel Harman Conlon, Paul Deering, Troy Gallagher, Patrick Foster, Ferdia O'Brien, Jessica Patterson.

Front Row: Laura Mills, Eimear O'Brien, Ian Stevenson, Megan Daley, Shane Whooley, Aislinn Twamley Levins.

Absent: Naoise Dolan, Julie Farrell, Laura Forsythe, Cian McDonagh, Rachael Spray, Eva O'Byrne.

4g



Back row: Ronan O'Byrne, Cillian McCann, Patrick Dennis, Mark Gaynor, Emmet Dwyer, Christopher Downey, Shane O'Reilly, Shane O'Donoghue.

Middle Row: Emma O'Rourke, Ellen Carney, Lee Campbell, Neil McGinelly, Simon Jackson, Conor Broderick, Lauren McGarry, Sarah Quirke.

Front row: Sarah Lucas, Karen Blennerhassett, Joan McCarthy, Laura Pearson, Jennifer Byrne, Megan Lynch, Rose Halpin Duffy, Sean Warren.

Absent: Sheila Brownlee, Seraphim Dempsey, Sadbh O'Brien.

4he



Back Row: Aisling Reina, Maresa McElvaney, Jack Doyle, Gary Beardsley, Matthew Smyth, Christopher Drakeford, Michael Leith, Clodagh Sleator.

Middle Row: Aisling Naylor, Kira Mulhere, Mark Keleghan, Eleanor White, Dean Whelan, Sammi Esghyer, Alex Deane, Ryan Kirwan.

Front Row: Ella Scanlan, Emma Hogg, Robyn Carey, Johnny Brennan, Mollie-Kate Richardson, Katie O'Brien, Hannah Browning, Hugh Macken.

Absent: Geoff Gamble, Shauna Maguire.



4m
Back row: Rona O'Donnell, Niall O'Leary, Ryan Farrell, Alan Weekes, Daniel Linehan, Jamie McAvinue, Padraig Harrison, Niall Hickey.
Middle row: Amy Deverell, Cliona Rogan, Ella O'Leary-Watson, Mark Swords, Caolan Boyce, Stefanie Wynne, Graham Campbell, Aimee Bannister.
Front row: Maeve Sweetnam, Faye Leitch, Amy Cripps, Alan Hughes, Jessica Sargeant, Lynn Murphy.
Absent: Daniel Clarke, SORCHA Fitzgerald, Daniel Jones, Sarah Keating, Andrew Stein.



4w
Back row: Barry Frizzelle, Cian O'Neill, Joshua Wiler, Colm Moran, Paddy Wilson, Michael Sykes.
Middle row: Nicola Ryan, Eve Roseingrave, Dhruv Kapoor, James Sadlier, Ronan Lowther, Josh Kennedy.
Front row: Kateline Men, Emily Dunleavy, Maoliosa Nugent, Kate O'Marcaigh, Catriona Spoor, Megan Rayner.
Absent: William Anglim, Jessica Buttanshaw, Robbie Carson, Robert Emo, Sophie Lee, Chloe McHugh, Keri Sheehan, Alan Young.

THE DEADLY AMNESTY STUDENT YOUTH ACTIVISM GROUP

Amnesty International was founded in London in July 1961 by English labour lawyer Peter Benenson. According to his own account, he was travelling in the London Underground on 19 November 1960, when he read of two Portuguese students who had been sentenced to seven years of imprisonment for having drunk a toast to liberty. In his famous newspaper article *The Forgotten Prisoners*, Benenson later described his reaction as follows: "Open your newspaper any day of the week and you will find a story from somewhere of someone being imprisoned, tortured or executed because his opinions or religion are unacceptable to his government. The newspaper reader feels a sickening sense of impotence. Yet if these feelings of disgust could be united into common action, something effective could be done."

I did my first transition year work experience with Amnesty International, and the youth worker (Siana) was mad keen for me to set up an Amnesty Student Youth Activism Group in the High School. So after some serious and intense discussions with the legendary Mr Irwin about human rights he gave me permission to use his classroom (and one of his many boxes) for the Amnesty group meetings during senior lunch break on a Thursday. The first meeting that was held went down a storm, for all that turned up we had a fairly enlightening discussion about Guantanamo and what future US President Obama (he wasn't inaugurated at the time) was going to do concerning that and whether or not the US would sign the Declaration of the Rights of the Child.

The first action the group undertook was taking part in Friendship Day. This financially helps the street children in Guatemala who make the friendship bracelets for this event every year. I ordered two hundred and fifty and within three weeks they were all sold out! We had raised over €500, which is a pretty considerable amount considering these recessionary times!



The next action the HSD Amnesty group went to was the annual Student and Youth Activist day in the Pearse Centre. We had a great day making short films about human rights and drinking fair trade tea (one of which Hannah Browning wrote the entire script for) and just generally having as much fun as you can possibly can in US military uniforms and the infamous Guantanamo one piece suit.

The next Amnesty related event we participated in was a sponsored walk from central bank to Phoenix Park (6KM) in memory of Susan Tsvangirai (Morgan Tsvangirai's wife) and human rights activists in Zimbabwe. Apart from the Garda escort and the frightfully bitter cold, we met Simeon Mawanza (head of the Irish Zimbabwe Amnesty group), he discussed the problems facing Zimbabweans youth today, like poor health care and a lack of an education because teachers barely get paid enough to buy a loaf of bread a month!

I really want to thank everyone who attended the Amnesty meetings and having to put up with my ranting each week! I especially want to thank Mr Irwin and Mrs Hutchinson-Edgar for all the encouraging support they have given me concerning the group.

Eleanor White, 4th Year

FOURTH YEAR ART



Left: Drawing by
Ferdia O'Brien
Right: Modernism
in the High
School..



THE CROCUS PROJECT COMMEMORATING THE HOLOCAUST

As you may remember, an article appeared in the school newsletter in early October 2008 concerning the planting of Crocuses by 4HE that would bloom in time for Holocaust Memorial day on the 27th of January. This was done as part of our history module with Ms Hutchinson-Edgar. We did this as part of The Crocus Project, an initiative run by the Holocaust Education Trust of Ireland. This project is intended for children aged eleven to twelve years old, but as the module concerned the Holocaust and World War II, the planting of crocuses seemed appropriate.

The crocus bulbs are planted in memory of the one and a half million Jewish - and thousands of other - children who died during the events of the Holocaust. When they bloom, the yellow of the flower reminds us of the yellow Star of David the Jewish people had to wear under Nazi rule.

The Holocaust Education Trust is a non-profit, independent national charity and was set up in 2004, subsequently becoming a registered charity in 2005. It consists of a board of 7 founding trustees, including Chairperson Ruairi Quinn, Labour Party TD. Many people are included as Honorary Patrons of the organisation as well, such as Nobel Prize winner for Literature Seamus Heaney and former president Mary Robinson.

Commemorations for this year's memorial ceremony include one in Ballymena, Co. Antrim. The opening address was given by Mr Bruce Robinson, head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service. This year's theme was 'Stand up to the Hatred', past themes included: 'Imagine....remember, reflect, react', in 2008 and 'The Dignity of Difference', in 2007.

As well as children in Ireland, schools from other parts of Europe, Scandinavia, the UK, and the USA are becoming involved in the project and planting yellow crocus bulbs. To find out more about the HETI, visit their website www.holocausteducationtrustireland.org.

To plant a crocus is a sign of remembrance, but also of beauty in the world and of hope for the future. This is a project that I believe should be continued on in the school as an act of remembrance to not just those who died in the Holocaust, but to the countless victims of every conflict, be they past or present.



The whole class



Aisling, reading at the ceremony.



As relaxed as ever.

Emma Hogg.

Etching by Paul Deering.

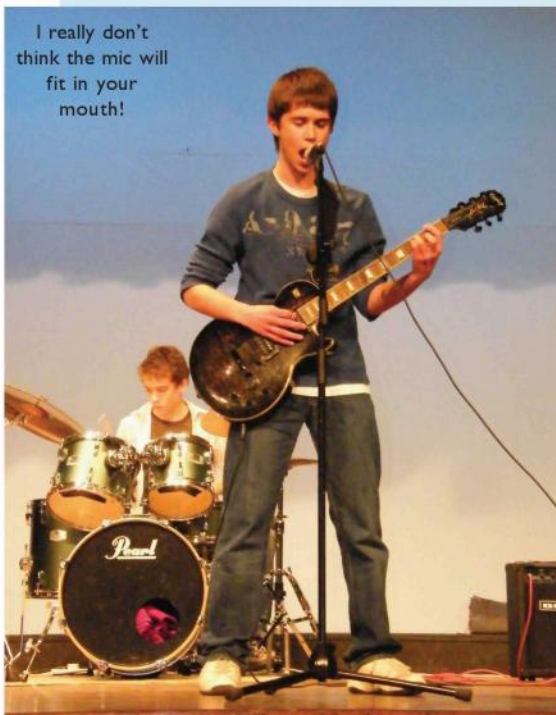


THE ROCKING ROCK POP SHOW

At 14:35 on Thursday the 14th of May, about 20 Transition Year students were hiding backstage while the rest of the year slowly spilled into the Reynolds Hall. Everyone had been practicing for months, but we were all still really nervous. Every Thursday, for the last two classes, we had been in the music block to practice. It was nowhere near as easy as it looks when you're watching other people do it. It was a great class because we got to use our own initiative and choice in song, with supervision from Ms Bourke. It was a great way to learn how to work with people because not everyone has the same taste in music or can play at the same level. Of course you can't prepare for everything, but when slip-ups happened they were fixed quickly.

The dance class was involved too, which was good for variety. There were more than just performers involved in the show, and the sound technicians, video crew, the curtain puller and of course, the audience made it all happen. Everyone was really supportive of each other and performed really well. The whole module was great craic and I would definitely do it again.

Julie Farrell, 4th Year



I really don't think the mic will fit in your mouth!



Saturday Night Fever much?



Laying down the beats!



Looking smart Warren!



Serious talent.



Ready to dance.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR SCHEME!



Young Entrepreneurs know that the way to a student's pocket is through the stomach!



No problem Sir!



Winners of the Young Entrepreneur Scheme!



Katie O'Brien receiving Parents' Association Athletics trophy.



Peeking out the window!



Kate O'Marcaigh and Stefanie Wynee.

TRANSITION YEARS WERE PACKED OFF TO SLOVENIA FOR THEIR EASTER HOLIDAYS

On Monday the 6th April 46 TY students gathered at 4:45 am, tired but excited for the week ahead.

We flew to Munich where we met our tour guide Matt, then we left the airport and began the 5 hour bus journey through the spectacular Austrian Alps. One of the highlights of our journey was our lunch in a very fancy McDonalds complete with red carpet and kids' fun gym! We arrived in Bled, Slovenia that evening where we checked in and had dinner. That night we walked to Lake Bled, which was lit up and looked beautiful.

The next day we had a tour of the surrounding area of Lake Bled and a castle that over looked the lake: the view was amazing. After lunch Matt gave us a tour of Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, and then on to the Postojna caves, the biggest in Europe! These were amazing and that night we went swimming.

On the Wednesday we visited Croatia for the day. We had a guided tour of Zagreb, its capital, and we had some free time. That night we went ice skating; some of us started off a little unsteady but all mastered it in the end!

We rose early on Thursday to catch a train into the Julian Alps. The scenery was breathtaking. We spent the day in the Alps. We visited a church up at a hill and it was lovely. We even had a snowball fight on our way home! The day was great and we saw the biggest ski jumps in Europe. We went bowling that night.

We got up even earlier on Friday, packed our bags and headed for Venice. It took 4 hours to get there but it was worth it! We spent the day there and had a tour of a Venetian glass works. This was amazing as it requires such skill. After spending the day in Venice we then went to catch our flight home.

We would like to thank Mr Wright for organizing a great trip but unfortunately he couldn't go at the last minute. Helen Kane (office!) kindly stepped in. Thank you to Ms White, Ms Goulding, Helen and Mr Levis for coming with us. Everyone really enjoyed the trip!

Amy Deverell and Aimee Bannister, 4th Year



Beautiful scenery witnessed by TY as they travelled through the Alps.



4th Years re-create Jurassic Park. I think I'd rather face the dinosaur than the 4th years...



A generic group picture of Transition Years



The traditional gondola scene from Venice.



Trying their hand at ice skating, with a little help from their friends.

Fifth Year

Back row: Graham Flaherty, Alex Daly, Liam MacNamara, Milo Mays, Josh Tobin, Stephen James, Cal Howick, Emmet Mc Bride, Mark Evans, Miles Reilly, Diarmuid Kennedy, Steven Chapman, James Liddicoat, Mark Weston, Aaron Sturdy, Brian Speller.

Second Row: James Hawe, James Harding, Eoin Keenan, Hugh O' Marcaigh, Oscar Bowling, Sebastian Adams, Tom Roseingrave, Gareth Carragher, Robbie Mc Guinness, Kevin Browne, Dylan Farrell, Patrick King, Vanya Eccles, Andrew Donovan, Ruairi Nugent, Simon Smith.

Third Row: Bill O' Cleirigh, Simon Ludden, Cian Twomey, Mark Coffey, Gavin Mullen, Mark Rogan, Josh Purcell, Louis Gregg, Daire Hunt, Nicholas Jones, Mark Horgan, Simon Wright, Daniel Corbin, Darragh Tate, Craig Hanan, Robert Savage.

Fourth Row: Keenan Lacey, Ian Duggan, Andrew Gilbert, Joshua Reichental, Daniel Connell, Cameron Ridyard, Archie Heaslip, David Kernan, Matthew Ware, Guy Prendergast, Michael Mc Nulty, Luke Byrne, Stuart Gray, Ben Harding, Mohammad Kabadaya, Michael Adye-Curran.

Fifth Row: Stephaine Lodola, Martin Flower, Molly Hughes, Lorcan Murphy, Aisling Kiernan, Tess Mc Cann, Neal Hickey, Luke Evans, Stephen Dowling, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Conalty, Richelle Mc Donnell, Clare Davies, Alex Dakin, Aoife Ryan, Daniel Cooke.

Sixth Row: Hannah Choy O'Byrne, Laura Martin, Suzanne O'Connor, Olivia Ball, Susan Kinlan, Sarah McCoy, Clive Drakeford, Naomi Reid, Ellen Walsh, Nicola Durrant, Rebecca Mills, Una McSharry, Katie O'Connor, Andrea Murray-Byrne, Lara Madden, Tara O'Driscoll.

Seventh Row: Kit Connolly, Niamh McDonagh, Sarah Burns, Holly Taylor, Nicola Spendlove, Zara McElvaney, Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, Nicole Campbell, Georgie Twamley, Eva Nugent, Susan McRann, Etan Kinsella McLennan, Megan Earls, Marie Claire Foley, Sarah Brennan.

Eight Row: Sam Williamson, Aoife Kearney, Michael O'Shea, Mr P Prendergrast, Mr L McBride, Dr C Whitford, Mr R Davies, Mr B McNamara, Ms J Waugh, Ms M Boyce, Ms R Missen, Peter Williamson, Alex McLaughlin-Callan, Iain Irvine.

Absent: Danyal Fox, Camilla Haney, Sarah Kate McConnell, Katie Hyland, Sophie Mitchell, Aimee Jones O'Conner.



5TH YEAR PLAY THE COMMITMENTS

After *Reservoir Dogs* was thwarted in the foetal stage, we knew back in May 2008 what dark economic times were ahead of us. In order to prepare people for this we plucked the relatively "unknown" book/film 'The Commitments' by Roddy Doyle from obscurity and turned it into a potential Broadway star. The groundwork was built towards the end of 4th year when we went about searching for permission to stage 'The Commitments'; a great deal of thanks is owed to John King for acquiring this. It was over the summer that the real work was not done as a frantic rush began at the start of August, which was certainly aided by Ben, Sarah and Tom. We finished the script and met our inspirational director Barry O'Kelly on a rare sunny afternoon in September. We immediately ran into problems as Barry and Bill clashed over Bill's Liverpool jersey. Barry, a fervent Man United supporter, took umbrage to this but luckily we managed to iron out our differences and discuss the technical nuances of staging 'The Commitments'.

So after numerous sheets of A4 paper were used in alerting the student masses of the auditions, we started the tricky task of filling the boots of timeless characters such as Deco, Joey "The Lips" and Jimmy Rabbitte. After Danyal Fox romped home with the part of Joey "The Lips" Fagan, scarily portraying a sleazy and experienced jazz musician the bar was set high and was raised even higher on the opening night by the whole cast with standout performances from the Commitmentettes of Molly Hughes, Stephanie Lodola and Lara Madden who play the three north-side beauties with voices of angels. The role of the band manager fell upon the thespian shoulders of "the cornflakes kid", himself Bill O'Cleirigh whose constant drive and determination were always put to good use. Patrick King played the role of Outsman with confidence - even though he was stuck wearing a dodgy ginger wig-but he really shone when a microphone was placed in front of him as he belted out such hits as "Try a Little Tenderness" and "Treat Her Right". The irrepressible "Mustang Sally" and "Midnight Hour" were sung by Alex MacLaughlin Callan who epitomized the character of Deco better than even some professionals could. We all love a bit of drum and bass and we received plenty of it with strong, energetic and funny performances from James Harding and Craig Hanan who took on Derek "The Meat-Man" Scully and Billy "The Animal" Mooney. We had a real "soul surgeon" on the keys with the very talented Josh Reichental wearing the fitted loafers of the south-side doctor James Clifford. One of the reasons why this play seems to be highly rated is due to the extremely talented ensemble cast. Tom Roseingrave and Louis Gregg found the hidden chapter in *The Commitments* which dealt with the two gay Hot Press award presenters Julio and Renee, who suitably shocked and entertained the audience in equal measure. They didn't just leave it at that though, with both of them reappearing throughout the play and reminding us all why we were there in the first place, to enjoy ourselves and to not forget to be in mass on Sunday (Tom as Father Reilly). They both showed up to audition for Jimmy's band with Louis belting out a tune on the kazoo- "the sexiest of all mouth organs", and Tom showing his true colours in denim shorts and a sleeveless t-shirt serenading Jimmy with "Club Tropicana".

Sarah Burns, Stephen James and Mark Horgan just didn't cut the mustard for a Dublin soul band but would have walked into any other type of band. The grittier side of our fair city was excellently portrayed through Ben Harding's turn as "Big Daz" who was never without his entourage of brave bodyguards (Vanya Eccles and Gavin Mullan) and buxom beauties (Rebecca Conalty and Susan Kinlan). Jimmy Rabbitte and Joey "The Lips" would be nothing without the backbone of a strong family, which



Girls just wanna...
do the splits?



The
Commitments
gather for their
first rehearsal.



Is Big Daz even
more solid than
Owen Carroll?



The
Commitmentettes
attempt to shatter
the Reynolds Hall
windows.

gave us characters like Mrs Fagan whose quirky eccentricities were brought to the fore through Aimee Jones O'Connor's performance. Diarmuid Kennedy took on the daunting task of drinking more than two cans by filling the legendary boots of Colm Meaney and his portrayal of Mr Rabbitte in the film version of our fair story. His very tight jeans, slicked back hair, tacky chain and booming voice put 30 years on him and made the audience believe he was Colm Meaney himself. The bratty little sister and doting mother of the Rabbitte family were played by Sarah Brennan and Aisling Kiernan. Sassy reporter Angela Doyle was played by Nicola Spendlove and Suave James Liddicoat took on the role of Dave Team. Kudos must go to James who was meticulous in his approach of imitating the oft mocked English accent. Many in the audience were so convinced that they were surprised to hear his natural thick Sligo drawl after the play.

Blessington FC was well represented by the raging right back Ruairi Nugent who played Dopey Gregg. Guy Prendergast accompanied the band on stage through his portrayal of Wlodzimierz Lubanski the media shy Polish Wunderkind whose deft touches on the sax made up for his lack of English and stage time. The maniacal Micko Wallace was played by Peter Williamson who dusted down his karate gear to take down Big Daz and his cronies. The dancers - Nicola Durant, Marie-Claire Foley, Megan Earls, Susan Kinlan, Etan Kinsella McLennan, Sophie Mitchell, Una McSharry and Rebecca Mills, who were choreographed by Sarah Brennan and Sarah McCoy, gave the play a great glossy sheen and were led by the cheery Anne Reynolds played by Aoife Fitzpatrick. As the student producer my job could not have been done without the help of great backstage team. My co-workers and I worked tirelessly throughout the play and I would like to thank them all: Tess McCann, Eva Nugent, Mark Horgan, Sam Williamson, Sarah Kate McConnell, Susan McRann and Martin Flower.

The sound and light team were constantly shuttling back and forth and many thanks to Sebastian Adams and Alex Dakin for making sure we were heard as well as Suzanne O'Connor and Richelle McDonnell who made sure we were seen. Getting the style of 1980's Dublin was mastered by Georgie Twamley, Kit Connolly, Hannah Choy O'Byrne, Clare Davies and Holly Taylor who were in charge of costumes. Many of our strapping men in 'The Commitments' had to tread new water by boldly going where no man has gone before...the make up room! Assisting our brave men through this traumatic ordeal were Rebecca Conalty, Laura Martin, Freya Breen and Aoife Ryan. One of the factors as to why the play was so well received was due to the fusion of music and action running through the play. The pit band was made of up Keenan Lacey (MD), Luke Byrne, Clive Drakeford, Aaron Sturdy and Darragh Tate. The scene changes were made seamless through the musical accompaniment and their tight performance was a credit to the play and wouldn't have looked out of place in a west end production. When the curtain finally dropped on our last production it was with a mixture of relief and sadness as the magnitude of what we had achieved began to dawn us. It is a great experience doing the 5th year play and if you wish to look back on High School fondly, then we strongly advise anyone to take part in your own play no matter how big or small a part. The experience of Mrs Milne was a great resource to tap into and her passion and commitment never faltered throughout the production. In Barry O'Kelly we found a director both willing to teach and be taught as his shrewd casting and upbeat attitude blended well with all the students. And to anyone who wants to know how to recreate the magic of the 5th year play... we're f***ed if we know!

Andrew Donovan and Bill O'Cleirigh, 5th Year



Diarmuid, as Mr Rabbitte.



Count the strings: Luke, Aaron and Darragh jam in the pit band.



Andrew Donovan surveys the talent during the auditions.



The basement: a graffiti artist's haven.

Afrolicious - The Afro-Off

It all began in the aftermath of the Greece trip. Andrew Donovan, Patrick King and Vanya Eccles started the afro trend as a bet between them to see who could "hack the sesh" but it was like the swine flu in Mexico and spread throughout the school with the younger kids in the most danger. Hair began sprouting upwards and outwards all over the school and soon it was considered shockingly "in style". Louis Gregg, as usual attached to Patrick, tried to follow the crew but it was soon obvious no matter how determined he was, his pin straight hair couldn't be turned into an afro. Unfortunately Andrew Donovan (bottler) was the first to get his pride shaved off with a trip to the barbers to get his afro destroyed. The little kids pointing at him and insulting him on the street was causing him great distress and he evidently couldn't hack it! I'm pleased to tell you that Vanya and Patrick are still going strong and evidence of their influence is seen throughout the school, especially with the 4th year Will's Lovely afro. Vanya has taken it a step further and has decided to try and hold off the haircut until 6th year! We wish him the best of luck!

Stephanie Lodola with the help of Miles Reilly, 5th Year



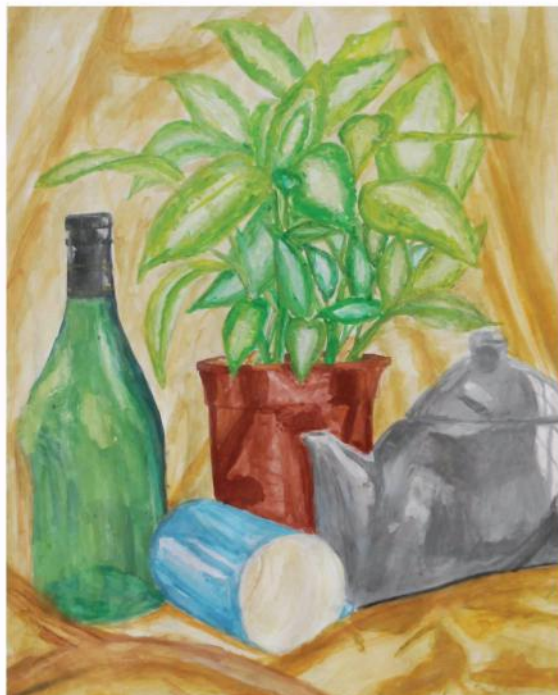
Daisy Queen of the afros



Paddy King.

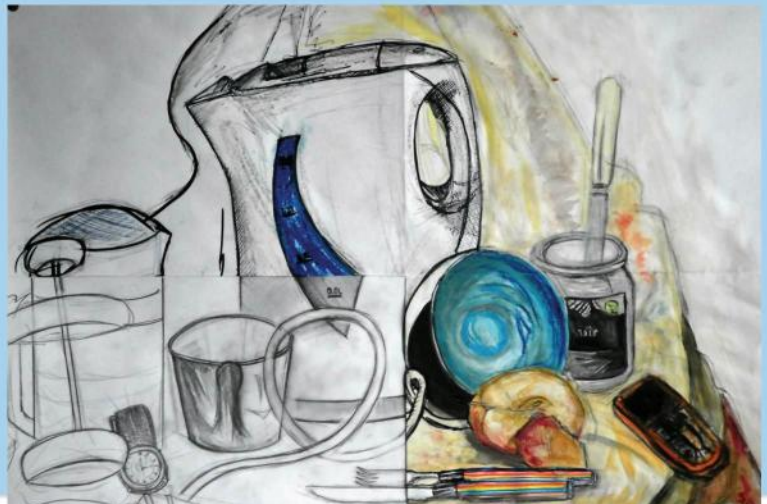


Bottler Andrew before the shameful deed.



A still life produced by Sarah McCoy.

FIFTH YEAR ART



ON YER BIKE!

*"A common man's sport
because everyone has a bicycle"-
Gandhi.*

Bicycle Polo was invented by an Irishman named Richard J McCready in 1891. The first game was played in the Scalpe, County Wicklow between Rathclaren Rovers and Ohne Hast Cycling Club. The first international match was played in Crystal Palace, London between Ireland and England. Ireland won on the day 10-5.

For those of you who don't know bicycle polo, it was played in the Olympics as a showcase game in 1908, Ireland defeating Germany on the day.

Bicycle Polo today is played in many countries such as America, Ireland, England, Germany, France, Scotland, Pakistan, India and Canada to name a few. It is played with a size 1 football on a grass pitch about the size of a football pitch. It is 5 a side with 3 substitutes allowed. The game is divided into 4 quarters, each quarter being called a chukka. The bikes are low, steel framed bikes with no brakes and fixed gears. We wear shin guards and hurling helmets for protection.

Ireland held an international tournament in April of 2009. Many countries came to play and Keenan Lacey and James Harding both broke onto the senior team to represent their country. A great tournament was held with James scoring a decisive goal against England to win. Overall we finished 4th which is an improvement from last year.

In September we will be going to France to play for Ireland again in this high paced, fun sport.

More information can be found at www.irishbicyclepolo.wordpress.com

James Harding, 5th Year

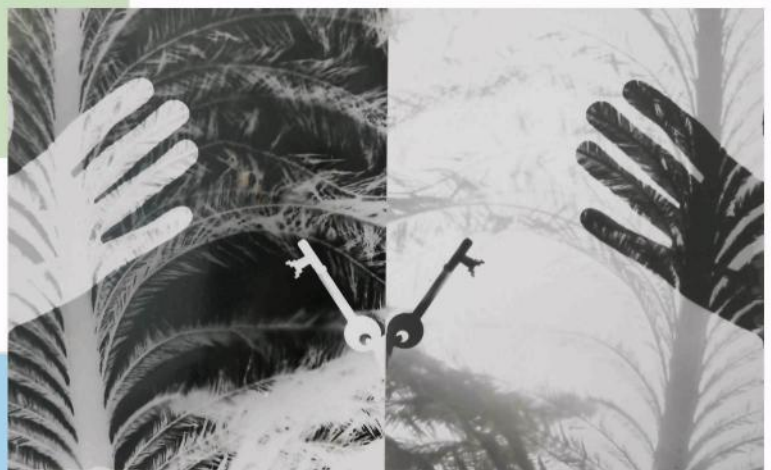
Sarah McCoy gets creative with charcoal and a stool.



James and Keenan in action in London.



Just a few of the bikes we use!



Etan Kinsella McLennan gets creative in the school dark room with this photograph.



The newest painting by Cameron Ridyard to be displayed in the school.

Languages

NOUS AVONS FÊTÉ LE JOUR DES LANGUES EUROPÉENNES

Mardi, le 23 Septembre, la classe de français de Madame Boyce est allée au centre-ville pour participer au 'Jour des Langues Européennes' organisé par LEARGAS. Nous avons fait un poster qui montre des langues européennes comme le français, l'espagnol, l'allemand, l'italien, le polonais et cetera.

Nous avons pris le bus. Il faisait très beau. Nous avons apporté nos appareils-photos. Nous avons pris des photos des bâtiments européens comme des magasins polonais, des boulangeries et l'Alliance Française. Nous avons eu un petit récréa pour boire un café ou un chocolat chaud.

Ensuite, nous sommes retournés à l'école à environ onze heures. Pendant la semaine suivante nous sommes allées à la salle d'ordinateur pour faire nos posters. Alors nous avons envoyé nos posters à LEARGAS. En octobre nous avons entendu que nous n'avons pas gagné mais nous avons reçu des certificats. Madame Boyce nous a donné les certificats dans la classe.

Merci Madame Boyce, nous nous sommes bien amusés !

Tess McCann, 5th Form

Tradiciones de España

La música en España es muy diferente en todas las regiones. El flamenco es andaluz y Galicia es semejante a la música celta en Irlanda. Los instrumentos para la música en Galicia son el arpa y el violín como los instrumentos de Irlanda. La música suena como los gigs.

La comida de España es influida por la cultura y el tiempo. La comida tradicional es la tortilla española y la paella. La paella consiste de arroz, carne y legumbres.

La corrida de Toros tiene mucha tradición en España. Consiste de uno o dos toros de combate y son matados en una plaza de toros. La Plaza de Toros de los Ventas fue la primera plaza de España en Madrid. La fiesta de san Fermin en la ciudad de Pamplona empieza el seis de julio y termina el catorce de julio. Hay mucha gente en las avenidas y seis toros corren la ruta de 825 metros. Unos cohetes indican cuando los toros se ponen a correr. Mucha gente se malta durante los días pero los españoles piensan que la fiesta es muy importante para la tradición.

Gavin Mullan and Olivia Ball, 5th year.

OUR VISIT TO THE WINTER WONDERLAND OF BERLIN

Wir sind am 14. Februar nach Berlin geflogen. Als wir endlich in der Jugendherberge Wetter war kalt aber klar und wir haben einen schönen Ausblick über ganz Berlin gehabt. Jeden Abend haben wir das Abendessen in der Herberge gegessen. Das Essen in Berlin war sehr lecker! Wir haben ganz viel gesehen in Berlin, zum Beispiel die Berliner Mauer, Checkpoint Charlie (das hat mir am besten gefallen), den Reichstag, das Olympiastadion, das Pergamonmuseum, die Konzentrationslager Sachsenhausen, und das Schloss von Friedrich dem Großen. Alles war sehr interessant aber wir sind auch Bowling und eislaufen, und ins Kino gegangen. Jeder hat viel Spaß dabei gehabt.

The above is an account of our school trip to Berlin. Arriving in this wonderland covered with a pure white blanket of snow was a magical experience! As if it wasn't enough that we were able to experience this amazing place, we learnt a lot about Berlin's history and culture through tours of historical buildings like Friederich Der Große's palace as well. We were lucky enough to have our own personal tour guides in the teachers who accompanied us as well, especially Mr. Giles whose vast knowledge of Berlin's history and his enthusiasm for the city made the trip even more special. This trip of second to fifth years was an incredible experience with people from different years getting to know each other and visiting a fascinating city which was a lot of fun as well! We practised our written German every evening writing in our journals (Tagebücher). Ice skating, our trip to the cinema to see The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (after which intense arguments followed about whether or not it was good) and bowling were among the highlights of the trip but a brilliant memory from the trip was Mr. Giles joining in on one of our frequent snow fights. Another has to be the banter that went on in the group (after queuing for ages outside the Reichstag, Sebastian- ? We must be stuck behind the glass appreciation society or something!" or Ms. Goulding threatening to steal a little girl's hat...). We'd like to thank the teachers on the trip for organising it and making it a wonderful trip for everyone, Papa Giles our tour guide, Onkel Weiß our enthusiastic tourist and Schwester Goulding our own personal matron complete with first aid kit. Thanks for everything!

Stephanie Lodola, 5th Year

Below left: The 5th years enjoy an early morning breakfast with their new found friends Tom Clancy and Cian Butler.

Below right: Old Freiderichs palace! Beautiful and...educational...

Bottom left: Part of The Berlin Wall depicting life when the wall was still up.

Bottom right: The group in the world famous Pergamon Museum.



ABSOLUTELY AMAZING 5TH YEAR ENGLISH TRIP TO LONDON!

On 25th April 19 tired 5th years met Ms Missen and Ms Fitzgerald in Dublin Airport at 6.30am to begin our day trip to London. We were going on this adventure to see the play "Dancing at Lughnasa" by Brian Friel which we are studying for our Leaving Cert comparative study.

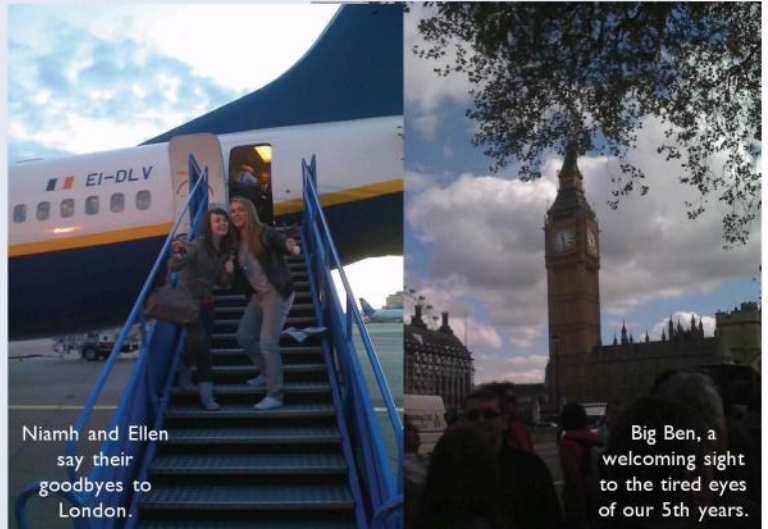
After a plane and train journey we were let out on the streets of London! We walked through Westminster to the Thames, stopping to refuel at a Subway. We then continued a long walk through the city and along the river where we got to see many sights such as the Gherkin, the OXO tower and the London Eye.

Then we arrived at the Tate Modern Art Museum, where we split up to look around the huge building. We saw many interesting exhibitions although we all agreed we would need two weeks to see everything there!

Next we walked to the Old Vic theatre to see our play. It is a beautiful old building and the stage was set up "in the round" creating a challenge for the actors! It was an excellent production and we all came out of the theatre with a new enthusiasm for the play. It was exciting to see Andrea Corr in her stage debut and Simon Bird from TV show 'The Inbetweeners' in the audience.

At last we got the tube, train and plane back from Dublin! It was wonderful trip, enjoyed by everyone and the class would like to thank Ms Missen for organising it and to Ms Fitzgerald for bringing us.

Georgie Twamley, 5th Year



Niamh and Ellen say their goodbyes to London.

Big Ben, a welcoming sight to the tired eyes of our 5th years.



Left: The best English class ever in front of the Old Vic.
Right: The gang in the tube.



At last, The Old Vic theatre.



The stage of 'Dancing at Lughnasa' in the unusual style of "in the round".

A chance encounter with Simon Bird and Steph gets the modern autograph, the photograph.

The lads.

EXTREMELY SERIOUS FIFTH YEAR MOCK INTERVIEWS

The fifth year mock interviews were held in the school recently. These interviews are organised annually by the Careers teachers in the school and the Parents Association. The interviews are carried out at the end of a job application module which is part of the 5th year careers programme.

Over 100 fifth years took part. The feedback from the interviewers was very positive this year. Some of the comments from students after the experience include:

"I was a bit nervous at first but the two people interviewing me were very nice, so that helped. They didn't ask any awkward questions."

"They told me the layout of my CV was good and that it was focused and clear. I would advise people to research their topic, make an effort in your CV and cover letter and dress appropriately."

"The interviewers were very friendly and made me feel really comfortable although I was really nervous, and they did comment that I need to relax more. It's very important to not let the nerves get to you as you need to appear confident."

"I wore a shirt, tie, formal trousers and black shoes. On my report they commented on my appearance and said it was appropriate for an interview."

Thanks to everybody who gave up their time to arrange and conduct these interviews.



The upcoming musicians of Ireland.



They aren't so scary after all... the lovely interviewers!



Amy Jones and James Wallen all set to wow the interviewers with magic tricks and odd tie.



A helpful reminder – ties up!



Awesome ties guys!

igloo



The 5th and 6th years' pride and joy... it only took 7 hours!

In Favour of a School Pig

Pigs come in many different shapes. The biological family known as Suidae governs the genus: pig, hog or swine, of which there are many species, the most common being the Domestic pig, the one we all love so much. Many others exist, such as the Wild Boar, the Visayan Warty Pig and the elusive Hogzilla, a supposedly 800 pound, 8 foot long wild hog hybrid found by a yokel in Georgia, USA. Its existence is disputed and some maintain that the Hogzilla was actually an overweight American caught trespassing on the yokel's farm. I myself am not at liberty to express my own opinion on the matter.

My argument is that our school, the High School, should adopt a breed of domestic pig and raise it. Feeding it on food scraps from the lunchroom and keeping the pen somewhere behind the PE changing rooms in the undergrowth. I can already foresee so many benefits from such a venture. Pigs are extremely intelligent, even more so than humans I believe. They utilize their environment with so much more skill. For instance, many breeds of white pigs have a technique of rolling in mud when it is hot to cool down, as they lack sweat glands. We on the other hand use 'air conditioning', harming the environment, and the only time you see humans rolling in mud is in a form of entertainment and it's usually only the females of our species doing it. Such intelligence I feel would set a good example to our pupils in the perfect learning environment, our school. What is that you say? There are already too many pigs in the school? I don't understand.

True, the venture could have drawbacks. Sadly some of the sillier members of our respected school would probably taunt the pig, driving it into a wild frenzy of destruction as it charged through the school killing and maiming many students, eventually police would be called in, and when they fail to halt it our own brave Sergeant would have to do the honours, engaging in a tribal death dance with the hog. Only one would survive and, what if it wasn't Sarge? We couldn't always call upon Micko, the orienteering teacher, the only one who could stop such a beast. The body count would never cease. Also some of our A-floor teachers such as Ms Hutchinson-Edgar or Mr Gill might object to the smell of the swine and its inevitable distraction of their students.

Then for a long time nothing happened. My editor and connection to the Erasmian, Steph Lodola was beginning to inquire what had happened to my pig story and why it was taking so long: the game was up and the year book was set to be completed. Where was my article? I had hoped to interview a pig and his/her farmer to get an insider opinion, but sadly the closest pig was in Dublin Zoo and I had heard it was a sub-par swine at best. My photographer, Miles Reilly, despite his usual optimistic self, was questioning my motives for interviewing a non-English speaking species. 'Will this job pay enough to buy my illegitimate children in France a visa for the developed paradise of Ireland?' I remember him asking me at one stage. The truth was that I was willing to shun the Erasmian's generous offer of 20,000 NI pounds Sterling I was so set on writing this piece. After much procrastinating we went to the zoo with my fellow Erasmian contributor Andrew Donovan (see picture). We found the pig and tried to communicate with it. After twenty minutes or so I was starting to pick up on its language. It wanted to tell me something. Miles could only stand by and watch (or take artistic photographs of clouds, which he did) as the pig and I exchanged grunts, me writing everything down.



This is the shocking insider story the pig had heard through word of mouth. He tells me it is spreading rapidly throughout the pig world.

A true account, this is his story.

The pig awoke at dawn with the crowing of the cockerels. He walked to the edge of his pen through the dust and harsh stones and looked out, over Mexico City. He wondered why he had his own pen and all of the other pigs were all in the barn nearby. He had been separated recently, along with several other pigs, all in adjacent pens nearby. It is likely of no importance the pig thought to himself, he began rolling in the mud.

At ten o'clock came the first bucket of feed. The pig rushed over to it before realising that he was defending it from no one. He was alone. He then realised that he wasn't even hungry.

At twenty past eleven four men came to see him, they were shown around by one of the pig's favourite workers, Pablo Miguel Carranza. The pig did not like the four men but decided to cooperate with them for Pablo. They examined him like he was a piece of meat and he didn't like it when they took his blood. He had only been at the barn for four months and all of the other pigs were of the same age, the oddness of this had never occurred to him before. He wondered what would happen to all of the pigs when they all got older. A few of the conspiracy-theory-loving pigs believed that they were all being fed and looked after to be, the pig gulped, eaten. However these pigs were regarded as insane extremists by the rest of the barn's population. Most of the pigs believed they were in a form of purgatory, and heaven waited for those who were good.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon some men came again and talked to Boss Hinojosa, the manager of the barn and an unpleasant man to all of the pigs. After twenty minutes Hinojosa came over to the pig, he was angry. "Do you know what you have done?" he shouted. "A woman has died today because of you and your sickness!" Pablo Miguel, who was standing beside Hinojosa, burst into tears.

'What have I done?' the pig thought to himself.

"We have got to kill him before it is too late, we are probably already infected" Hinojosa said bitterly to Pablo Miguel. He strode off into the office prefab. Pablo Miguel waited until he was gone. He unlatched the pen's gate with trembling hands. "When the time comes, I want you to run away my little beautiful pig. I don't want anyone to hurt you." He looked back towards the office prefab. Hinojosa came out, brandishing a shotgun. "Go now!" Pablo Miguel yelled as the pig rushed out of the pen and started running for the hills. The Bullet hit his back and he stumbled down onto the dusty ground. He rolled onto his side as the darkness of surrender came slowly over his eyes. The pig gazed up at the only cloud in the shining sky and breathed his last breath.

This is the tale that is spreading throughout the pigs of the world. Their revolution is coming; we have only so much time.

Pigs come at a bargain at about 100 euro each and approximately 200 euro to build a pen. It would be more advisable to perhaps keep two pigs, as they are very social animals.

P.S. We will have to replace them at the end of each year as Mr Gill has said he will eat them.

Vanya Eccles (completed on the 11th of May 2009), 5th Year

SO THIS WHOLE MODEL UNITED NATIONS THINGY

Model United Nations is organised by Ms Rellis and Mr Fitzpatrick. This year there was a trip to a Model United Nations in London, a day Model United Nations in Wesley College and a 3 day MUN in St Andrews.

Each MUN basically involves preparing a resolution (piece of paper with ideas of how to help a problem e.g. suggested regulations on stem cell research), then getting people to support you from a committee - lobbying, then debating it in the committee and voting if it passes. If it does, like some very successful High School's candidates did it goes to the General Assembly (GA) where once again it is debated and voted for.

As well as all this there's lots of fun, a handful of discos, some very good jokes, new friends and many laughs along the way. Well done everybody and thanks to Ms Rellis and Mr Fitzpatrick

Georgie Twamley, 5th Year



On a chilly Saturday morning, High School students representing Argentina, Ireland, Lesotho and Vietnam arrived at Dublin Airport for the 11 o'clock flight to London in order to take part in the Royal Russell School International Model United Nations. Upon arriving at the school we were all taken aback by the large grounds and buildings including a Great Hall, a church and very fancy boarding houses. But there was little time to look around as we had to lobby our resolutions in order to get the required amount of signatures. We had to get the signatures so that our resolutions could get debated in our committees. That night we had to attend opening ceremonies that lasted three hours in an extremely warm Great Hall. This involved every country making opening statements about the country and their planned achievements for the conference. The following day began with a multi-denominational service in the school chapel after a hearty breakfast (all meals were all-you-can-eat buffets). We then began our committee meetings at nine o'clock; these gave each country an opportunity to speak on issues relating to their committee name such as Human Rights or Disarmament. Committee meetings on this day went on until nine pm with breaks for lunch and dinner.

Out of the seven High School resolutions that were debated in committees, two passed and one got debated in the General Assembly. These figures are a HUGE achievement as it was many delegates first conference. When the highly commendable resolution of Julie Farrell was to be debated a confident yet fairly hoarse Julie stepped up to the podium and delivered a passionate speech asking nations to support her resolution on combating child mortality. With support speeches from Brazil and Haiti this resolution passed with a comfortable majority. General Assembly sessions gave delegates an opportunity to speak in front of hundreds of people and this opportunity was taken by many High School students whose points left the opposition baffled in many cases.

Nightly Discos gave us a chance to mingle with people from all over the world including Japan, USA, Sweden, Germany, Italy and many other countries. One of these discos had a traffic light theme when much to Ms Rellis' disappointment we didn't choose High School colours but instead opted for a much more resounding green theme. Another was a glow rave where we partied like it was 1992, glow sticks and all.

We have good memories of our Model United Nations experience which include new friends and two distinguished delegate awards but every trip has its moments we would rather regret like diplomatic hostilities between Iran and Argentina, an Irish delegate getting hung up on parliamentary procedure and political correctness when she corrected someone whose first language was not English and an Argentinean delegate stating it's geological position of being on the east coast of South Africa (cringe).

Mark Horgan, 5th Year



Model United Nations

Back row: Ms Rellis, Julie Farrell, Aisling Kiernan, Aisling Coughlan, Mark Horgan, Guy Prendergast, Jessica Patterson, Laura Forsythe, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front row: Niamh McDonagh, Kit Connolly, Aoife Kearney, Nicole Campbell, Emma Hogg, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh, Evie Conway.



The MUN honorable delegates in Croydon.

SIAMUN

FULL OF FASHION AND FLIRTING OH AND RESOLUTIONS

Twelve High School students participated in the 2009 St Andrews Model UN (SIAMUN) where we had two students as chairs and ten posing as delegates from Cuba and Vietnam. It was a terrific experience full of excitement and stories. The conference commenced on the Monday the 6th of April. We all arrived bright and early, ready for lobbying eager to obtain enough signatures to push our resolutions through to committee and get a chance or them to be debated. As we arrived we saw that lobbying was a very serious event. Any tactics went in order to get those valuable signatures, a lot of flirting and even more bribes being exchanged. We managed to get enough signatures to have three resolutions get in to approval panel and short listed to be debated. This is what we spent the entire first day doing. It was a tiring experience but with this out of the way the hard work was done. Now we only had to convince others to support them in our committees. We arrived back the next day exhausted from the previous day but excited to get to the debating. There were funny moments and even funnier style choices such as delegates in sparkly gold socks and others in white plastic wellies. The banter was great and although some people were ripped to shreds when speaking, it wasn't taken personally and come lunch time everyone was talking and laughing. Of the three resolutions we managed to get to committee only two had a chance to be debated with them both being passed and one described as next to perfect. Unfortunately neither managed to make it to General Assembly (GA).

The food was adequate but we all agreed it lacked in comparison with the food of the Royal Russell MUN we attended earlier in the year in Croydon, England. On the third day we had a half day of committee and then went in to GA where the real fun began. Vietnam ran into a sticky situation when we discovered there was a chair that had gotten hold of our notepaper and was going around posing as a Vietnam delegate and claiming we were sending obscene notes. We did manage to get our own back though with clever note posting in foreign languages. We again had an amazing time when a certain chair became over heated trying to quieten the GA. Priceless. At the end of the conference, the disco of course had to come allowing things to wrap up nicely, where alliances of a different kind were formed. We all enjoyed the conference immensely and hope that it won't be our last.

SIAMUN '10! Can't wait.

Aisling Kiernan, 5th Year



Top of Form WCDMUN

(or in English: A Model United Nations yoke that happened in Wesley College)

On Saturday 21st March at the ungodly weekend hour of 8.30am, a very overdressed group of High School 4th and 5th years made their way to the 2nd annual Wesley College Dublin Model United Nations, or WCDMUN, as I soon realised was the cool abbreviation.

This was my first MUN conference, and although I hadn't expected to be nervous it suddenly hit me while walking alone in painfully high heels to a room marked 'Human Rights Committee' that I had no idea what I was meant to be doing here! I decided that in order to get my money's worth out of the day I would take the advice of the very wise Ms Rellis and speak at the first opportunity I was given. After making a very shaky opening speech concerning how 'delighted' I was to be in attendance, reminiscent of the most cringeworthy Miss World moments, I was surprised to find how much easier it became to stand up and make points and arguments. I even found myself at the end of the day standing on stage in front of the entire General Assembly speaking about the reasons for my opposition to a resolution concerning torture methods...didn't see that one coming! A prize for best shoes in my committee made all the blisters I endured worthwhile and healed any bitter feelings I had towards getting up early for the conference.

Other highlights of the day included a hot buffet lunch, a delightful speech by Senator David Norris and a drugs bust involving a High School student who I will refer to as Nicole Campbell for reasons of privacy... Overall, WCDMUN was actually a really fun day out and a great idea for any first-timers to experience the conference. I'd highly recommend it to anyone with a love of fast paced arguments and/or office clothes!

Nicola SpendLove, 5th Year



Kit Connelly.

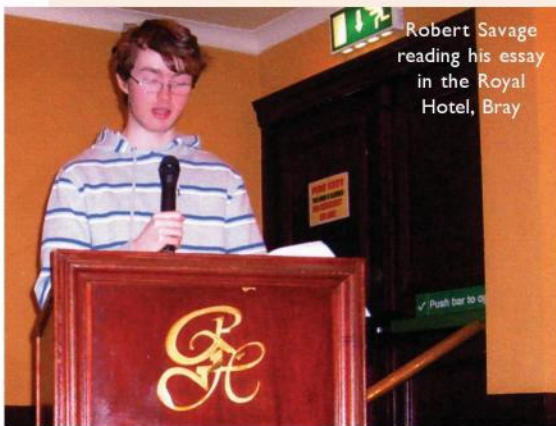
Happiness

There are the simple things, which make you happy. Like getting there on time. OR the gift you gave them that they like. There are the slightly more complicated things when people work hard to get good exam results or then people manage to get promoted at work. Small things make us happy too. I enjoy making lists of my top ten. They can be many things, songs, movies, TV shows, the list goes on. When I do them, I get a sense of accomplishment; this gives me a sense of happiness. Knowing that you succeed at something, even if it is not something that many people are interested in, that brings others and myself great happiness. A good few people are made happy by their favourite foods. For me, that would have to be duck, which I must say, is a very fun thing to eat; it is so moist and tender and the skin is so crispy. There are some people who enjoy buying things. I am one of those people.

Happiness comes in many ways and forms. Happiness can come simply from reading a good book or a piece of it. Some ways come simply by spending time out of a hectic day with someone you care about and want to be with.

To me the thing that makes me happiest is horse riding. Especially when we go to the fields and we get to gallop. There are many things that make me happy about this. I feel the wind on my face as I accelerate, feeling that I am going far faster than I could on my own. The way that my body feels as the horse's thundering hooves clatter against the ground and take off and everything around me seems to feel like it has slowed down and I am going faster than a speeding train. The amount of energy I put into this exercise gives me a great shot of adrenalin. My instructors say, when I am finished, I never stop smiling.... And I don't until hours later that night. And all of this is because of Festina Lente. Thank You!

Robert Savage, 5th Year



Robert Savage
reading his essay
in the Royal
Hotel, Bray



The rare sight of
Archie at work!

The Mad Ski Trip to Boston

On December 30th, a group of 4th, 5th and 6th year students set off to New Hampshire for the New Year. After a long flight and a three hour bus journey we arrived at the Indian Head Resort where we would be staying for the next several nights.

The next morning, we were up bright and early for our first day of skiing! The pupils and teachers all enjoyed the pleasure of skiing and snowboarding on Loon Mountain. Those who had not skied before learnt the techniques really quickly and were soon doing jumps and tree skiing. However, near the end of the trip there were a few trips to first aid but nothing serious.

The evenings were full of activities as well as going on a shopping trip to the outlets where we all picked up great bargains, going to the cinema to see 'Yes Man' and ice skating. Our hotel was very welcoming and lovely and had an indoor and outdoor hot tub and a swimming pool. New Year's Eve was spent partying it up in the hotel!

On January 5th, we set off to Logan Airport and arrived back in Dublin Airport early on January 6th. Everyone was exhausted but brought back memories and a ton of clothes from the trip!

Many thanks to Mr McBride, Mr Flynn, Ms Lynch, Mr MacNamara and Ms Rellis who were a great laugh and took good care of everyone!

Rebecca Mills, 5th Year



The Green Team,
ready to take on
the mountain!



The ski group on New Year's Eve, making
friends all round.



Oh Mr
MacNamara,
words fail us!



Queen Megan
uses the lesser
people as leaning
posts.

Sixth Year

Back row: Shane Grehan, C  il  n O'Connell, Mark Savage, Niall Noonan, Robbie Brown, Kevin Smyth, Conor McGinley, Daniel Moore, Mattias Slattery, David Kavanagh, Bentley Allison, Daragh Monaghan, Miles Campbell, Alan Day, Conor O'Donnell, Ben Boles.

Second Row: Jake Jackson, Sean O'Reilly, James Barber, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Tom Burke, Patrick Butler, Graham Mills, Peter Hunt, Jack Kelly, Robbie O'Brien, Sean Keating, Graham Young, Colin Ledwith, Matthew McKenna, Jamie Ryan, Ciar  n Collins.

Third Row: Declan Fergus, Richard Whelan, Sean O'Riordan, James O'Connor, Gareth Fallon, Coner Craig, Alex Conroy, Keith Gray, Ryan Morgan, Paul O'Kelly, Johnny Walker, Sam Moore, Kieron Men, Damiano Fusciardi, Iain Lane, Simon Kinneen.

Fourth Row: Linda Silke, Aislinn Coghlan, Charlotte Leonard-Kane, Candice Horton, Conor Frizelle, Saurin Kenny, Stephen Carter, Thomas Emo, Rory Simms, Mel Keane, Josh Burdon, Gill Carr, Phoebe Laing, Saorise Hogan, Emma Connell, Dennis O'Connor.

Fifth Row: Stephen Shaw, Grant Murphy, Ian Levine, Johnny Kinlan, Niall Smith, Clare Cryan, Sarah Cox, Hilary Cole-Pidgeon, Zoe O'Regan, Lydia Cosgrove, Sam Clarke Kavanagh, Evie Conway, Tierna Brazil, John Willoughby, Hannah Leavy.

Sixth Row: Joan Somers Donnelly, Fiona Flaherty, Leah Quirke, Michael Metoudi, Olivia McEvansoneya, Alicia Smyth, Bo-Jane Woods, Hannah Phelan, Catr  ona Grimes, Katie Murtagh, Ruth Bourke, Helen Speller, Emily Kinlan, Rhiannon Ryan, Katie Tallon, Sophie Madigan.

Seventh Row: Ishbel McGuckin, Lucy Bennet, Ther  se Anglim, Jessica Gamble, Shona O'Toole, Aoife Daly, Karen Lew, Alison Walker, Grace Collins, Alison Meeke, Amy Jones, Rachel Reagan, Linda Callaghan, Aoife McGovern, Emma Satchwell.

Front Row: Debbie Blair, Tessa Meade, Mr Wilkinson, Ms McCartney, Ms Saville, Jack O'Kennedy, Mr Davies, Mr Gill, Olwen Smith, Mr Kinsella, Ms Lynch, Ms Milne, Sinead Smith, Ayesha Carrim.

Absent: Jane O'Donohoe, Michael Gray, Grainne O'Brien.



ALEX CONROY

ANSWERS THE ETERNAL QUESTION:

GOOD VS EVIL? MUSIC VS RUGBY?

Q: What is your full name?

A: Alexander William Gordon Conroy Esquire.

Q: What is your musical title?

A: "Sierra Foxtrot Alpha" also the Blue Knights.

Q: Who are the Blue Knights?

A: A bunch of crazy cats.

Q: Would you like anything to eat?

A: No, I'm ok.

Q: How many instruments can you play?

A: Five: the Jew's Harp, Guitar, harmonica, kazoo, piano.

Q: What is your earliest musical memory?

A: I used to sing "Wild Thing" as a baby.

Q: Would you like something to drink?

A: Yes, club orange or juice that's not orange juice.

Q: Do you gig often?

A: No, I've had one gig only (looking for more).

Q: Why do you write music?

A: Because I can and it's my passion. It's a bit like a diary but less boring.

Q: Who's in your musical team?

A: Myself, my producer Sebo, and the Blue Knights.

Q: You're also a sports man, explain?

A: I play rugby only. I'm a prop, I play hooker on the field.

Q: Do you plan to continue playing rugby after HSD?

A: I hope to, but I worry about my hands.

Q: Do you have more fun from playing a rugby match or a music gig?

A: Different kinds of fun, Rugby keeps me buff. Music lets people know how buff I really am.

Q: Biscuit or cake?

A: Biscuitcake.

Q: What kind of music are you into?

A: Dad rock. David Bowie, Meatloaf, Dire Straits, Barry White etc.

Q: What do you write about?

A: Things that inspire me. Tragedies like Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston!

Q: Do you like HSD?

A: Yes, I've always loved it.

Q: Why do you love it?

A: Because everyone's real friendly.

Q: Describe your year in three words.

A: Fun, beautiful.



Q: One song to describe your life?

A: 'Train in Vein' by The Clash.

Q: Do you want to be a musician when you're older?

A: Yes, as my profession.

Q: If not, what would you like to be?

A: An archaeologist, like Indiana Jones.

Q: Who are your heroes?

A: Phil Lynott, Mr McCaughey, Ms Boyce.

Q: Does music run in your family?

A: No.

Q: What is your favorite chord to hear?

A: G Major.

Q: What is your motto for life?

A: Do whatever you want.

Q: Music or sports?

A: Music.

Q: Is the glass half full or half empty?

A: Alex takes me to my kitchen and shows that the glass can be either and usually is.

James Harding, 5th Year

Below: The ancient world of Greece through a fish eye lens. Inspiring images by Miles Campbell.



A Classic Classics Trip

It was with great regret that we said goodbye to Athens when we left... because we knew in only a few hours we would be in Frankfurt Airport again. A place so like purgatory that you would often have to be reminded you were still alive. This did serve as a good contrast to the resounding success that was the Greece trip. On 25th October 2008 a group of bright and effervescent 5th and 6th years set off from Dublin to Athens (via Frankfurt). We were put up in a very nice hotel from where we explored the surrounding city under the superb guidance of Mr McCaughey, Mrs Boyce, Ms Lynch, Mr Malin and Ms Waugh and of course our inspirational tour guide Rebekkah. On our day trips we were taken by bus to the Parthenon, Mycenae, Epidauros, Corinth and Delphi taking in many architectural wonders along the way. We took part in many ancient Greek traditions such as bowling, and dressing up as characters from Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas (ok that was just me...). Once again a big thank you to all the teachers involved in the trip, and to anyone considering doing Classics for the Leaving Cert, if this article serves nothing else but to inform students of the great advantages to be gained from doing Classics then I will be happy. Meaning there are many so do it.

Andrew Donovan, 5th Year



The Fifth Years.



The group clearly listening to some riveting information.





POSSIBLY THE BEST HEAD GIRL EVA!

It was mid-August when I was surprised by a phone call from Mr Duffy offering me the position of Head Girl. I was delighted and flattered so I accepted without hesitation. I was really pleased to learn that Jack would be Head Boy as I knew he'd be a great person to share the responsibilities with.

Throughout the year we had various tasks to perform. Initially we, along with all the other prefects, were allocated a group of first years as part

of a new mentoring system. This system involved helping the new students settle into the school. Jack and I also had the responsibility of drawing up rotas for prefect duties each month.

At the beginning of the year we made a rota for the cleaning of the common room. Each week four students had the joyful experience of tidying up after 126 people. However I'm not sure how effective this rota was as the room was home to a never-ending smell of burnt cheese!

Jack and I were responsible for putting together a Debs committee at the start of the year—something which seemed fairly daunting at the time. However I'd like to give a huge thank you to Charlotte and Kevin for taking on the difficult task of heading the committee and for all their hard work throughout the year, they have done a brilliant job.

In November the Prize Giving and Parents evening took place (rescheduled following a burst pipe the previous month!) and all the prefects were called upon to help out at this special occasion. Some were forced out into the freezing cold to direct traffic in the car park, while others showed people to their seats. Meanwhile Jack and I socialised with members of the Board of Governors and helped give out the prizes. Jack and I both read at the annual Carol Service in Zion Church where the prefects again gave a helping hand to ensure the evening ran smoothly.

I was privileged to be invited to the Diocesan School Past Pupils' Union Dinner at St. Georges Yacht Club in April. I really enjoyed the evening as I had the chance to meet many interesting past pupils and hear about their memories of the school. (The delicious four course meal was an extra bonus!)

As the year draws to a close I realise how much I have enjoyed my time as Head Girl. Despite the hard work involved it has been an amazing experience and a wonderful honour. I would like to thank the prefects for their continuous hard work and enthusiasm, Mr Duffy, Mr Davies and Mr Gill for all their support throughout the year and of course Jack for being so easy to work with. I wish next year's Head Girl and Boy the best of luck and I hope they enjoy it as much as I have!

Olwen Smith

POSSIBLY THE BEST HEAD BOY EVA!

Back in June when I was in school working on the Erasmian I was called into Mr. Duffy's office for a "little chat." I then found out that I had been chosen as High School's next Head Boy. Naturally I was honoured and accepted immediately. However, I then found out that I'd have to keep my mouth shut about it for two months, until the Head Girl was notified. After a long wait I was happy to see that Olwen had been picked.

Our main duty throughout the year was the monthly writing up of the prefect rota, which we couldn't have done without the help of Stephen Shaw. Then there was everyone's favourite, the common room cleaning schedule. (You really had to feel bad for the people who had to mop up after the food fights)

The first event of the year was the Prize Giving, where Oly and I had to spend a few minutes "hob-nobbing" (to put it in Mr Duffy's words) with the governors. This basically amounted to us nodding our heads and smiling whilst they discussed Barack Obama and the economy.

Handing out the prizes went smoothly, as did the Carol Service in December. The prefects were a huge help on that night, as well as throughout the year and I'd like to thank them all for their hard work.

Graduation was without a doubt one of the highlights of the year and giving that speech was probably the most terrifying moment of my life. But it was a great night and capped off what's been an amazing 6 years. So I'd like to thank Oly, the prefects, the whole of 6th year and the staff for making it all possible.

Jack O'Kennedy



Class of 2009, The Legend Lives On

It's been almost six years and I'm writing about our first day at The High School. Everyone arrived in their oversized uniforms, bags bigger than ourselves and was terrified walking into their form class to meet the people they were going to spend the next six years with.

I was asked to write about the memories of our time at school on behalf of my year. But what I realised was that no yearbook could hold six years worth of amazing memories. But still I tried! Some of the favourite memories are of the 4th Year Ski Trip to Boston. "Welcome to Loon Mountain, gravity's playground!" became our new favourite chant as the driver yelled it to us far too early in the morning every morning in that New Hampshire accent. Snow fights, jumping into the pool, the hotel's disastrous New Years party and who will ever forget Ms Fahey skiing off that edge?!

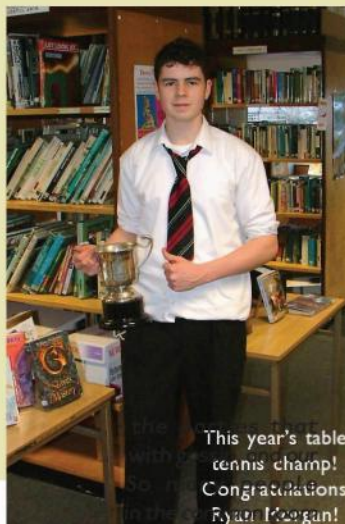
The 5th Year play holds memories of Ms McKevitt storming off in frustration every few rehearsals and Jack O' Kennedy's infamous Elvis dancing! And Shane Grehan's lines about "horizontal desire" had the place in stitches.

On the train ride home from the 4th Year trip to Belfast everyone remembers the guys racing in the bag racks and the state of the carriage as we left those seats had seen better days but we tried to leave the station with innocent faces.

Another favourite memory is in 4th Year when Mr Malin and Ms Jones brought their PE classes out in the snow to play American Football. And in Greece on our Classical Studies trip Mr McCaughey making us don costumes.

Some of our funniest memories involve our 6th Year Year Head Mr Gill (Superman!). Like one sunny lunchtime afternoon when he stopped a game of Bulldog fearful someone would get hurt then around two minutes later Ronan dislocated his shoulder! Or when that little baby mouse had eaten poison in the common room and Mr Gill had decided that stamping on it would be more merciful!

Then there are the small memories that still mean so much like the legendary tuck-shop (wham bars in class, amazing!), bagging people, Junior Cert night in Bondi - cringe! The numerous games that we invented like murder ball, settle ball and all the circles of death on the A-f-l-o-o-r corridor. Legendary trips to Italy and the Burren, the pre-debs catastrophe and all always supplied us with the chant of TRICKSTER!! mentioned the times



This year's table tennis champ! Congratulations Ryan Morgan!

to me that I felt it deserved its own paragraph. Food fights, water fights, everything we did seemed to get us kicked out for days! We had what we thought was a well planned rave, Ali Walker even put a bike lock on the door but after a minute and a half the teachers stormed through the stupidly forgotten side door.

Some of us will always stay friends and some people we'll never see again but we all share memories of the school and therefore of each other. Everyone will miss the Monday morning ritual of catching up on gossip and all the little things that made our time in The High School so unforgettable. I know a few of us can't wait to leave school but still. Enjoy the memories. You'll never have this experience again or laugh as much. And remember guys: Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

Hilary Cole Pidgeon, 6th Year



They be jammin' in the pitches of High School while Mel ties his shoe laces.



Happy spectators



Trees are clearly a new-found joy for our 6th years.



The 6th Year History trip courtesy of Ms Graham.

SOME COOL GUYS THAT GOT INTO ART COLLEGE!

NCAD interview with Bentley Allison (B) **Cóilín O'Connell** (C) **Daragh Monaghan** (D) and **Rory O'Doherty** (R) Simms (R)

Q: How did you find getting into NCAD?

C: Tough work!

B: Tougher than the leaving but more fun.

R&D: You have to be very determined.

Q: Any advice for people wanting to get in?

C: Do lots of work before Christmas.

D: Don't forget about the Leaving.

B: Just do your homework for school and work on your portfolio...layout is just as important as your work.

R: If you're stuck for ideas just draw and keep drawing and something will come to you, as Ms Killane always says!

Q: What kind of art are you interested in?

B: Philadelphia sign painting, bombing hills on skateboard, Archie Heislip's Hairstyle.

R: Art in general, I'm inspired by Bentley Allison.

C: Handmade art, I'm inspired by Ms Kilane (shout outs all round).

D: Miles Riley's art...Sean Keating.

Q: Where do you get ideas for your work?

B: From the environment around me, most ideas come from my creative process (Mr Miller walks past) and from Mr Miller's inspiring classroom.

R: Looking at other peoples work. Copying Miles Riley.

C: Watching telly.

D: David Attenborough, Street lights.

Q: What do you want to do after NCAD?

B: I want to go to Dun Laoghaire to study graphic design.

R: Get a job in Waterstones, filing books.

C: Cycle around the world.

D: Live under the sea!

Q: Now that you've already gotten in do you feel you have to try for the Leaving?

B: I started studying a week ago...

R: Man, no you didn't, I thought you hadn't started yet?

B: No I really started last week!

(mumbled response from others about minimum requirements)

Q: If you could be an animal what animal you be?

R: Interior crocodile alligator.

B: Kangaroo rat, it's so cool, seriously google it!

C: Black Panther.

D: Mandrill (some baboon thing?)

Q: Bentley, I'm sorry I have to ask but are you that guy in the RTE ad?

B: Yeah, Prostituted myself out. Got paid for kissing a girl!

Q: Anything else?

R: I'd like to thank Ben's girlfriend.

D: Open your hearts.

?: IRIE...one love..peace.

Shout outs to Miles Riley and Ms Kilane

We'd like to congratulate Bentley, Cóilín, Daragh and Rory for getting accepted into NCAD and we would also like to congratulate Conor Frizzelle who also was accepted into Crawford College Cork.

Susan Kinlan and Stephanie Lodola, 5th Year



Cóilín O'Connell's artwork.



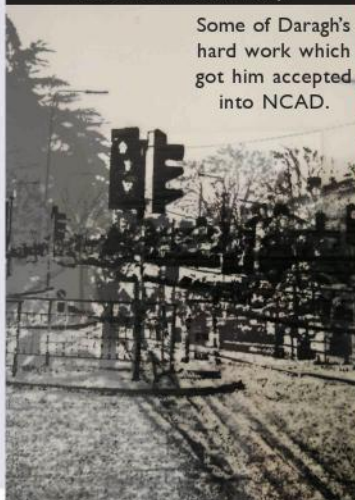
Rory O'Doherty Simms.



Rory and Bentley pose beside one of their masterpieces. Love the whiskers Rory!



Bentley Allison.





Mural by Tierna Brazil, Hannah Phelan, Abigail Shanley-Thian and Bo-Jane Woods.



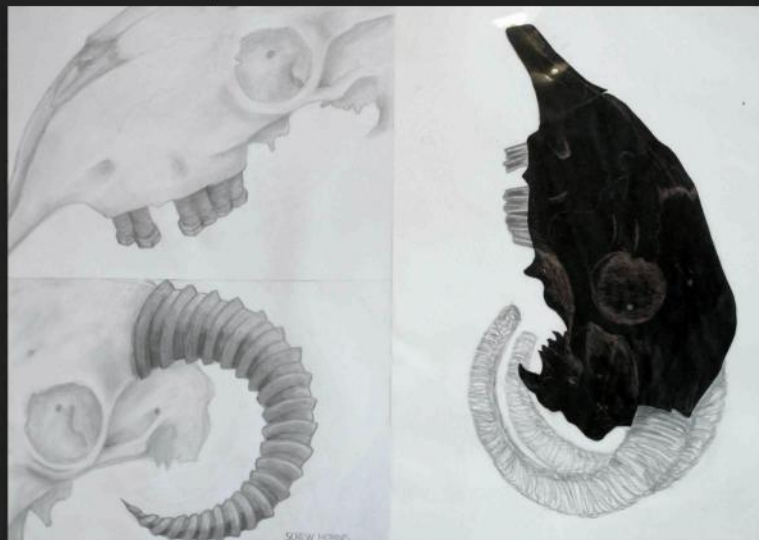
Another of Bentley's pieces - this guy is talented!



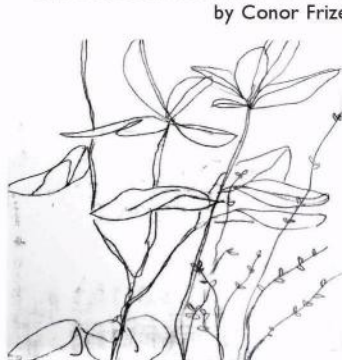
Bentley Allison - another well deserved art award.



The well deserved winner of one of this year's art awards by Conor Frizelle.



Rory's sheep's skull with breath-taking intricate detailing.



Daragh Monaghan-etching of the finest quality.



Another of Conor Frizelle's masterpieces.



A shoe by Bentley Allison.

For the Good of Studentkind

As the year progressed I have learned many things, new subjects, different languages, new faces and new responsibilities. However what has struck me the most is the recent astronomical plummet in student morale. Gone are the days when merry juniors would skip past you full of glee; these corridors have darkened like an ominous cloud and I fear a storm is near.

But what has caused this school which was once a haven of joy to freefall into a privately funded penitentiary? Many an hour did I ponder over this deeply pressing issue until it came to me. The decline in student happiness is not due to the worsening weather, the economic downturn, the democrats returning to the White House, Man United being embarrassed in Europe, or the dreaded return of Boyzone! Oh no, what has caused this change is far worse, ladies and gentlemen, what's to blame is the inhumane removal of the Dairy Milk from the school's food range!

A cornerstone in today's society is the chocolate bar. Studies for the University of Edinburgh show that on average a person consumes 0.84 of an average 50g chocolate bar daily. Professor Ian Lowé Cocáo, head of the research, states it's the happy hormones released in chocolate that we all crave and he feels it is essential for the upkeep in human morale. From their studies Cocáo has told us that they found the deprivation from chocolate for more than ten days in the average teen could lead to a condition known as LLIS (Low Level Insanity Syndrome). Prof Cocáo has advised that if anyone shows signs of this illness, which are; Fatigue, low morale, paleness, anger and possibly low level seizures, that they contact medical staff immediately. Cocáo concludes in his studies that in an ideal world schools should supply their students with government funded Recommended Daily Amounts of cocoa based products to avoid LLIS and a heavy decrease in blood sugar levels.

This is a theory I back strongly and one that I recommend this school's Board of Management to strongly consider. I conducted my own research within our student population and similarly the findings were strongly in favour of the chocolate. An astounding 147/150 students have voted in favour of the return of the bar. Also when asked about their morale the most common response was that the majority of the students feel hopeless and that there is an emptiness inside them, an emptiness that I have no doubt should be filled with the nutritional goodness of chocolate. When talking to a member of the school's medical staff (who wishes to remain anonymous) great concern was expressed about the increase of students being brought to her with exhaustion and she finds the number of students showing signs of early LLIS "scary and dangerous". Such findings must surely show the school that the return of our beloved purple-wrapped friend could only be beneficial.

In response to my remarks and the publication of Cocáo's results a school spokesperson said: "We are an educational establishment. We provide students with a high standard of education. We are not a medical or psychiatric facility - we don't have the time for such matters here. The removal of the item in question from the school's range of food was due to budget cuts that we cannot fight against. Such nonsensical theories about morale and illness have no place in this school. The decline in morale has nothing to do with the food, if anything it's the poor spell of weather we're going through and there's nothing we can do about that. Unless of course the students want us to move the sun."

Such dismissal of my argument did little but spur me on to find out more. During another thorough investigation of the school I found an underbelly of vigilante sugar-smuggling students. These daring few have turned to the outside world to help us through this crisis. They bravely



DAIRY MILK SURVEY!!!!

We all want and/or need chocolate in our lives. It is inhumane to deny us a simple chocolate bar. Research shows that chocolate along with ice-cream is the "happiest food" in the world!

BRING BACK THE BARS!

decided to conceal cans of coke in their bags for the greater good of the students but until action is taken by the school I fear their efforts are in vain. When younger students are asked about the "Tuck-shop" or even chocolate, they look incredibly confused. Those with older siblings spoke fondly about them as if they were merely things of folklore. The reintroduction of the Dairy Milk would have endless benefits for the school. It should liberate the vigilantes, improve academic performance (proven to be directly proportional to student morale in Cocáo's studies) and for the school itself it will increase profits through the money generated from the bars sales.

Hence my solution is simple: return the bars to the masses and reap the benefits. For the sports teams an increase in energy levels will have an effect on the field, boosting the players' performance up to 14%. The morale of students shall improve and in turn, academic achievement will prosper and the student-teacher relationship shall be strengthened. This is not a lost cause, ladies and gentlemen, we may be in the darkest hour but there is always hope, and our hope lies in a simple request. We, the students, don't ask for much, air to breathe, clothes to wear, an education and the return of a small chocolate bar. Quite simply, it's easier than moving the sun!

The end

Diarmuid Kennedy, 5th Year

Poetry

UNTITLED

Inequality, it started eons ago
from the fish who was a killer
and the plankton who didn't know.
Caveman who was thirsty
and the one who knew where water flowed.
That caveman and his family will thrive
but the other won't even manage to survive

Noone is the same and none need to be blamed
For being smarter you don't need to be ashamed
There is inequality and it happens naturally
but there is a different type
and it's all that i can see.

Foreign lands get claimed
and put under lords' reign
they don't care about your family your personality or name
you become a servant
you are their countries gain
One life dictated by another
This i find insane.

The world is in a state
full of perpetuated hate.
Act against a race
for having a different face
Or speaking in a different way
Apparently there's something wrong with being gay
this is what the church say
even though other animals are born this way
Don't punish priests for children who can't laugh or play
because they've had their childhood taken away.

Innocent Africans to their land must wave
brought to America and forced to be slaves
when they were born they didn't sign up to this
God has a plan, are you taking the piss?

Millions of souls damned to the slums
Homeless people looked down on and classed as bums
not even able to afford a bed
a bowl of soup or a loaf of bread

What kind of world are we living in
where you have to afford these things
Sure it's no problem for wealthy kings
wearing fur coats and golden rings
But who says they have a right to a nice life
over the man who to starvation lost his dear wife
it's not right
for instance tonight
some snuggle under covers
some through the night they must fight
against the unforgiving cold
they might be six years old
won't make it to seven, truth be told.

Ferdia O'Brien

ABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY

Who needs a hundred million dollars anyway
It's not needed to put food on your plate
More to keep your fancy car behind your fancy gates
Make that seven cars
Three for cruising, two to race
the rest that you've decided to armour plate.

I would describe you as passively cruel
for all the people out there who can't afford gruel
They're humans too and you're lucky it's not you

You could save a lot of people from a lot of strife
but you'd rather make sure your kids live an easy life

I'm sure that the charity really appreciates
the money from which you've managed to part
Oh, why don't you have such a golden heart

WAR IS BAD

War is bad
War makes people sad
War makes you say I wish I had
War makes people go mad

War is where you get shot by a gun
War is where you run
War is where you might not see the sun
War is no fun

War is a horrible place
War cause you to make space
War puts you in a case
War is a disgrace

By Dhruv Kapoor

Yet poverty is left still unbroken
that donation is a superficial token
Lip service to the suffering of the world
HIV boy and the crying orphan girl
There needs to be a
to help those stricken with misfortunate and bad health
I don't care about private planes and fast cars
Oil tycoons or movie stars
hillside mansions with security guards

I care about the people with the deepset scars
Death to them would be a relief
their daily pain is beyond belief

You can afford the greatest luxuries
Indulgences far greater than should be
While one billion people have no clean water
there's no saviour from the wholesale slaughter
carried out by starvation everyday
Dehydration is more like a plague

If you were lying lonely cold on the street
You'd want someone to come along
and pick you up on your feet

Ferdia O'Brien

NATURES NIGHTMARE

Mother Nature cries,
For what we have done,
We are destroying Her creations,
One little thing, by one.

A flower's beauty,
Unchallenged and lovely,
Replaced by a machine,
Fast sleek and shiny.

The shine of the moon,
And a star's beauty,
No more with powerful lights,
Surrounding like a cocoon.

The song of a bird,
Happy tear to your eye,
Heavy machines BANG,
To make buildings sky high,

Nature's voice is heard,
Such a sorrowful cry,
We are killing Her,
Nature asks "Why"?

*Troy Gallagher, 4th Year,
Winner of the National Poetry Day
Competition*

WESTSIDE PHOTO STORY



BUT
GARDA
FLAHERTY
NEVER
FAILS



HUFF HUFF
HUFF
PHFOO



YEP, JUST AS I
THOUGHT PURE
COKE



GRAHAM: "WELL
ILL BE
DAMNED"



THIS WAS THE FATE OF ARCHO



LOUIS

BUSINESS HAS GONE DOWN
SINCE OFFICER FLAHERTY
ARRIVED



DINNERZ



VANYA ...

BUT THEY ARE
OUR SWORN
ENEMIES

WE NEED HELP FROM
EASTSIDE

IT MUST BE DONE, WE
HAVE TO GET RID OF
FLAHERTY

SOFT DRINK KING OF RATHGAR



GOT THEM
BLUE TOPS,
HEY WESTIES
THIS IS OUR
TURF



LOUIE AND OSCAR DISCUSS THE PROBLEM



LETS LAY A
TRAP FOR
BROWN

WE GOT YA
BROWNER



"STUCK IN
THE
MIDDLE
WITH YOU"

HEY I GOT THE
SOUND
WORKING !

AND WE DID, IT WAS SURPISINGLY EASY



SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE

During Seachtain na Gaeilge, High School students took part in a number of activities which allowed them to embrace the Irish language culture. This included Mr Flynn taking his class out to play some GAA in an attempt for his students to experience some authentic Irish sporting culture. As seen in the pictures, this was a huge success and good "craic" was had by all. Siobhan McManus also performed at assembly and we were all wowed by her talent. A number of students also made posters with room names which are displayed around the school which enhanced the knowledge of Irish throughout the school.

Mark Horgan, 5th Year



Peter Flaherty
— Painting of
GAA Player.



Oh here it comes.



Mark Rogan
going for goal.

Nice one Daíre.



Siobhán, about to wow us with her talent in assembly.

Senior Debating

Every Monday a dedicated group of debaters and a few interested stragglers converge in A22 at lunch for the weekly senior debate. Under the chairperson, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar we debate topical issues and sometimes motions just for fun!

Several members of the group competed in the Concern Debate competition this year. We argued a series of three debates. Our first motion was 'Genetically Modified Foods are Essential to End World Hunger', which we opposed, speaking against St Paul's. The second motion was 'The Bebo Generation Cares Little for the Developing World', debated at home against The Institute. Finally, we opposed the motion 'The Western Media has a Red Top Attitude to the Developing World', and won the debate.

Our team was captained by Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh and other team members included Nicole Campbell, Lorcan Murphy, Guy Prendergast and Aoife Kearney. On behalf of the team I would like to take this opportunity to thank Stephen Shaw and Sam Williamson who served as emergency timekeepers when the opposing team forgot to provide their own, and Ms Hutchinson Edgar, our esteemed chairperson, for giving up her lunchtime every Monday. Debating is lots of fun and helps build confidence in public speaking and I would encourage anyone interested to take part next year.

Aoife Kearney, 5th Year



Senior Debating Team

Guy Prendergast, Stephen Shaw, Aoife Kearney, Nicole Campbell, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh, Lorcan Murphy.

BT YOUNG SCIENTIST EXHIBITION

This year High School had two projects included in the BT Young Scientist Exhibition.

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh's project 'To Investigate Possible Effects of Online Social Networks on Social Skills' was entered in the Senior Individual Social and Behavioural category. The project set out to see if varying levels of usage of Bebo, MSN and other online social networks significantly affected facial expression recognition skills of teenagers. Interestingly enough no noticeable difference was seen between the control group and those with increased usage of such services, but there was a noticeable reduction in facial expression test scores in the group that was requested to reduce their time spent using such services. As a pilot study, this indicates it could be an area that would benefit from further research.

John Swanwick's project, entitled 'How to increase biodiversity in Dublin Gardens', researched factors influencing biodiversity in Dublin gardens using surveys and direct observation. He then used the data obtained to make recommendations for practical improvements for gardeners. His professionalism and hard work showed clearly in his final presentation and obviously impressed the judges, as he was awarded Highly Commended.

Even reaching the Exhibition stage is an achievement, as less than a third of the entries made it to this stage. This is indicative of the growing popularity of the exhibition over the years. Last year 3,700 students entered, representing a 14% increase from the previous year! As always, the standard was high, with interesting projects including those developing solar-powered i-Pod chargers, investigating the SPFs of different materials to be used in swimming costumes, and researching the maths behind the Dots-and-Boxes game played in free periods by bored students nationwide (an on-paper game similar to Xs and Os).

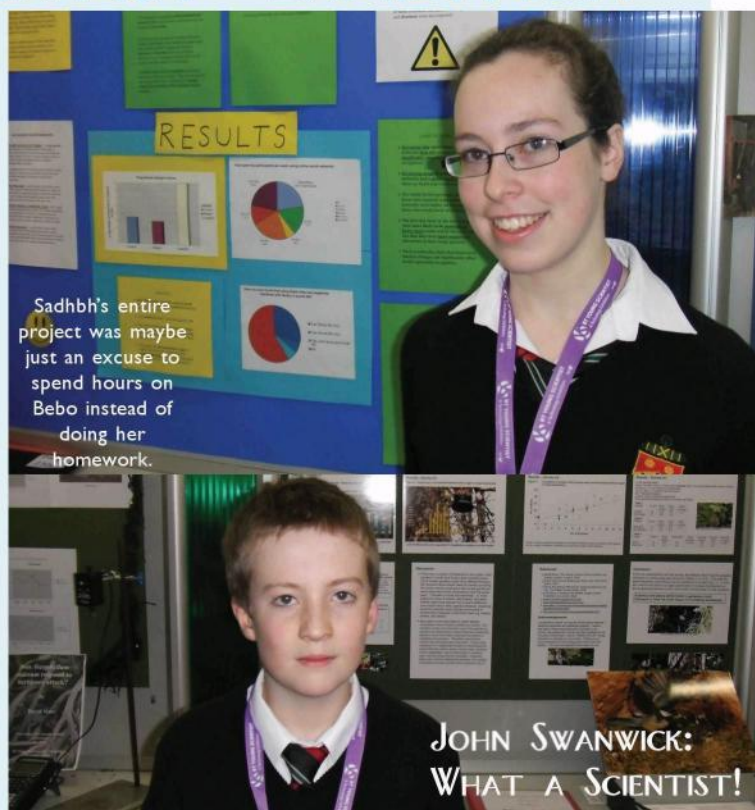
Inspiration for a good project can be found almost anywhere. A recurring theme in the winning projects lately has been, strangely enough, milk. In the last four years, half of the winning projects have been focussed on this most ordinary of substances, with Aisling Judge's achievement in 2006 being followed up by this year's winners, John O'Callaghan and Liam McCarthy. Their project is the first group effort to be awarded the overall prize since 2001!

Apart from the students' projects there is always plenty on at the Exhibition and this year was no exception. The Globe of Death, for example, saw science take a much more hardcore turn as motorcyclists attempted death-defying stunts in a wonderfully choreographed routine that took place inside a giant spherical cage. Titan, the charismatic robot of terrifying proportions, returned for the first time since his debut at the Exhibition in 2006.

I take this opportunity to thank Dr. Whitford for her assistance with both projects this year. I would especially like to thank all the volunteers who participated for their time and cooperation. They were wonderful! We are also grateful to those who took the time to visit us.

In short, this year's Exhibition was brilliant, as always. It is a great social event for everyone involved, and with over a thousand teenagers crammed into one hall, things are always interesting. As this was my fourth and (probably) final year of entering, I know what I am talking about when I say that it is a most rewarding experience! I hope that other students benefit from it as I have, and that High School will continue to strengthen its participation in the years to come.

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh



MY PROJECT: HOW TO INCREASE BIODIVERSITY IN DUBLIN GARDENS

25% of Dublin's land area is made up of gardens. This creates many opportunities for gardeners to help Dublin's native wildlife. For example, bird feeders, ponds, nest boxes, native plants, presence or absence of pets, and a reduction in the use of garden chemicals might encourage biodiversity, especially for native species. I have noticed a lot more animals in my garden since we added a pond and I wondered what things are being done and could be done to increase biodiversity (mammals, birds, insects, and wild plants). I believe Dublin's gardeners could and should play an important role in helping our native species, to thrive and so this is what I decided to conduct my Young Scientist project on.

The survey I conducted allowed me to compare the number of bird and animal species in gardens with and without each of the twelve features. Using the number of species as an indicator of biodiversity, the feature which had the greatest influence on biodiversity was the pond. Use of bird feeders, nest boxes, and bird baths also gave a positive result.

I found only marginal or no significant impact on biodiversity for some features (native plants, native trees, use of chemical, pets, use of compost, growing fruit & vegetables, and providing food for animals).

Conclusions:

From my observations and the survey, the feature which had the greatest influence on biodiversity was the pond. This was the least frequently used feature by the gardeners surveyed. In turn, this means that there is a huge opportunity to increase biodiversity by encouraging gardeners to put a pond with running water in their gardens.

A pond is the feature which Dublin's gardeners could introduce to have the most impact on increasing biodiversity.

The Young Scientist Exhibition was a fun and exciting experience. There was a lot to see and do while you were there. I had three judges come to me during the four day exhibition all of them were very nice. I was awarded a Highly Commended for my project on How to Increase Biodiversity in Dublin Gardens. Overall I found the Young Scientist Exhibition to be a fun and enjoyable experience. I would like to thank Dr Whitford for her help in bringing my project together.

John Swanwick, 1st Year

Orchestra

This was another great year for the High School Orchestra. Though a number of our musicians had moved on to college, we were joined this year by a thriving group of first years, increasing our numbers again.

We began our preparations for the annual Prizegiving during our weekly Tuesday afternoon rehearsals in September. There, as some of us adjusted to our new positions, we began tackling an arrangement of Gershwin's Porgy & Bess and two movements of Handel's Watermusic. We performed the latter as well the wonderful Beatles medley arranged by two former students, Adam Higgs and David Whyte, at the Prizegiving which proved to be a great success.

We were pleased to be invited back to the National Botanic Gardens to take part in their Christmas festivities. There we spent a very enjoyable day entertaining adults and children alike with a variety of Christmas pieces and carols. Our final engagement before the Christmas break was the carol service which was a lovely, musical evening.

For the first time, the orchestra was invited to take part in the Irish Aviation Authority Festival of Youth Orchestras. After Christmas, long Tuesday and Sunday rehearsals soon commenced to prepare for our performance in the National Concert Hall and joined by an obliging group of former members we set to work.

On the 7th of February we preformed 'The Hebrides' Overture (Fingal's Cave) by Mendelssohn, Gershwin's Porgy & Bess and Dvorák's Slavonic Dance op. 46 No. 8 on stage, beginning the evening concert. This proved to be a tremendous success and a rewarding performance, making all our work worth while. We also got the chance to listen to and meet the musicians from seven other youth orchestras in Ireland which added to our fun and interesting day.

Soon it was time for the Wesley College Interschools Music Festival. In this close competition our musical performance of Porgy & Bess earned our orchestra second place, just below Wesley's orchestra who claimed first prize.

Our busy year of rehearsing continued. We added two more pieces to our repertoire before the school year finished and we preformed these at our end of year concert. This pleasant evening also included chamber music and performances by both the choir and soloists. On behalf of the orchestra, I would like to thank all the teachers who helped out with the orchestra over the course of the year and especially Ms White for an incredibly enjoyable and successful year.

Sophie Lee, 4th Year



Gavin!



Orchestra playing at the Botanic Gardens.



On the stage at the National Concert Hall.



Pre-rehearsal excitement.



Keenan bangs up a storm!



The "noble" bassoons!!



John appreciates the music.



Formality in The National Concert Hall!



Blowing raspberries.



Nice hat Alex!

CHOIR

This year has been very successful for the High School choir. As well as the usual performances at the prize giving, assemblies carol service and summer concert we also did a performance concert in Brighton Road Methodist church. The choir were challenged with a variety of music such as 'Down by the River to Pray' and 'Don't want to Miss a Thing'- an acquired taste!

Both the junior and senior members have created a high achieving choir. We would all like to thank Ms Bourke for all her hard work.

We look forward to next term!

Georgie Twamley, 5th Year



Just some of the wonderful choir.

Music at Assembly



Trio Con Brio

In the summer of 2008, I received a call from Patrick King, one of Ireland's most talented young musicians, asking me if I wanted to be in a piano trio (one piano and two other instruments not three pianos) with him and Sophie Lee an equally talented musician. I, being extremely humbled by this request jumped at the opportunity. We began rehearsing in September with Haydn's Gypsy Trio and some music by Piazzola. As this music needed lots of rehearsal time, we decided to practice every Tuesday and Thursday before school for forty minutes; unfortunately this resulted in an unacceptable level of absenteeism from assemblies, a sacrifice we were just about willing to make. Our first gig was in November at the Franco-Irish chamber of Commerce annual dinner; this was an opportunity to gain experience of background performing (a polite way of saying 'playing while no-one listens'). We then, under the superb management of the Kings, secured our second gig at the Ivor Fitzpatrick Christmas do where many high-fliers were present including Eamon Dumphy and Mary Harney. After Christmas we were given the opportunity to take part in a master class presented by Francesco Bartoletti from the Geneva Conservatory of Music. We started work on our program for the Feis Ceoil; with a lot of hard work we achieved a result of 79 in the Senior Chamber Cup. Con Brio are going through a transition period at the moment as our pianist, Patrick, the most talented young musician in Ireland, recovers from a horrific skiing accident. We are also experimenting with a new name of Con Fuoco, which means 'with fire'; hopefully with some work this will reflect our performance style. Despite the transition period one thing remains certain, we are looking forward to a bright future together as a group. This seems to be on track with the securing of a gig in November with the Limerick Bar Association.

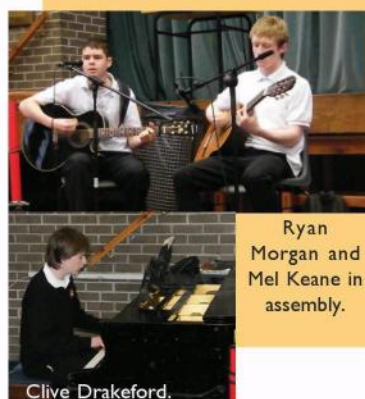
Mark Horgan, 5th Year



Ancient History.



The dancing Queens
(and "kings") of second year!



Ryan
Morgan and
Mel Keane in
assembly.



Keenan and Steph performing in
assembly.





"When you put yourself on the line in a race and expose yourself to the unknown, you learn things about yourself that are very exciting."
- Doris Brown Heritage

5 time World Cross-Country Champion

Georgie Twamley

SPEEDY GONZALEZ

AN INTERVIEW WITH

MICHAEL TRACEY

Q: When did you take up running?

A: Actually I just started this September.

Q: How often do you train?

A: I usually train 5 times a week, in the evenings with my club in Rathfarnham.

Q: What's been your biggest achievement to date?

A: Well this year I won the Intermediate 3000m and I also won the East Leinster Mile.

Q: What do you like about it?

A: I love the sense of achievement you get when you win as you know that all your training has paid off.

Q: Are there any athletes you admire?

A: Eamon Coghlan and John Tracey.

Q: How do you prepare for a big race?

A: Well I pre-hydrate with Energiser Sport (plug..) and I eat a cereal bar with oats.

Q: If you were stranded on a desert island what would you bring with you?

A: A good pair of running shoes, my energiser sport drink and a survival kit.



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Main Entrance →
Music Centre →
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*Eva Nugent
and Aimee
Jones
O'Connor,
5th Year*



Jamie McAvinue, Cian McDonagh, Ferdia O'Brien and Michael Sykes. Well done guys!

Senior Boys Athletics

Back Row: Michael O'Shea, Liam MacNamara, Mark Weston, Stephen Dowling.
Front Row: Bill O'Cleirigh, David Kernan, Stuart Gray, Eoin Keenan, Mr Irwin.



Junior Boys Athletics

Back Row: Aaron Campbell, John Kehoe-Roche, Tim Neenan, Ciaran Maher, Colm Finley, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Jack McCann, Dean Kilroy, Michael Treacy, Wesley Bishop, Mr Irwin.

Middle Row: Justin Bradish, Kenneth Edgeworth, Nathaniel O'Leary, Gavin Murphy, Sam Treacy-McGee, John Bradish, Jack McCabe.

Front Row: Daragh Higgins, Shane Harrington.



Senior Girls Athletics

Back Row: Katie O'Brien, Hannah Browning, Ms Hutchinson Edgar
Front Row: Cliona Rogan, Aisling Naylor, Clodagh Sleanor

Junior Girls Athletics

Back Row: Emer Brennan, Vicky Love, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Emma Murphy, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Julie O'Brien, Dayna Clegg, Ciara Dowling, Lia McCann, Jennifer Long, Lauren Hudson.

Middle Row: Ms Hutchinson Edgar, Amy Byrne, Amy MacWilliams, Maebh Brennan, Lisa Doyle, Siobhan McManus, Emma Lucas.

Front Row: Hannah Foley, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan.



Junior Cross Country
Back Row: Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Lisa Doyle, Siobhan McManus, Emma Murphy, Michael Treacy, Lia McCann, Ciara Dowling.
Middle Row: Shane Harrington, Colm Finlay, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Jack McCann, Ciaran Maher.
Front Row: Nathaniel O'Leary, Kenneth Edgeworth, Sam Tracey-McGee, Jack McCabe, Hannah Foley.



Shane Harrington, Nathaniel O'Leary, and Kenneth Edgeworth.

Badminton

'At high levels of play, the sport demands excellent fitness: players require aerobic stamina, agility, strength, speed and precision. It is also a technical sport, requiring good motor coordination and the development of sophisticated racquet movements.'

The High School has a great record of successful teams in this undeniably super sport. This year the Under 16 boys and Under 16 girls worked hard and developed great team spirit. The Under 14 boys team had great success, competing all the way through to their semi-final, The Under 14B girls got to the final of their league: a great achievement. The Under 14A girls battled their way to the final of their League! A great year for badminton in the school.

Georgie Twamley

Under 14 A Boys Badminton

Back Row: Mr Flynn, Andrew Young, Kenneth Edgeworth, Ms Thorp.

Front Row: Aaron Campbell, Alex Liddicoat.



Under 16 Boys Badminton

Back Row: Mr Flynn, Cian Butler, Ryan Foley, Ms Thorp.
Front Row: Alex Liddicoat, Mark Carragher.



UNDER 16 BOYS

Though we found it hard playing against 3rd years and did not get that far in the league, we had a lot of fun this year in Badminton and got to know each other really well. We would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for giving up their free Bto help us train and arrange matches for us to play. We hope we will do better next year and are looking forward to it.

Cian Butler, 2nd Year

UNDER 14 A BOYS

It was a great year for us this year! We started with a friendly against De La Salle where we drew 3-3. When the league started, we knew we were challengers. We won every league match of the group stages comfortably except for a 4-2 loss against a strong Terenure side. In the quarter final we played another Terenure side. After the singles, it was 3-1 to us. We were confident and stayed strong and won one of our doubles games putting us through to semi-final! We were surprised to hear that we would be playing the Terenure side that beat us in the groups. We all played excellent badminton. In the semis it was 2-2 at the end of the singles with a comfortable win from Aaron and excellent win from Ken. Unfortunately, we lost both the doubles matches by a very small amount. I would like to congratulate Aaron, Andrew and Ken for a great effort and a great season.

The team thanks Mr. Flynn and Ms. Thorp for improving us in our training and motivating us the whole way. Thanks for a great year and we look forward to next year.

Alex Liddicoat, 2nd Year



Left:
**Under 16 Girls
Badminton**
Back Row: Mr
Flynn, Amber
Graham, Vicky
Love, Ms Thorp.
Front Row:
Caoimhe Cassidy,
Lia McCann,
Stephanie Lyon.



Under 14 B Girls Badminton

UNDER 16 GIRLS

The under 16 badminton team had a good season this year. We didn't get far in the league but we trained hard and played lots of hard fought matches and most importantly had a lot of fun along the way! The whole team Amber, Stephanie, Vicky and I would like to thank our coaches Mr. Flynn and Ms. Thorp for their hard work and dedication all season in bringing our team up to scratch, for coming to all our matches and supporting us and laughing along with us even at the worst moments. We can't wait for it all to start again next year!

Lia McCann, 2nd Year



**Under 14 B Girls
Badminton**
Back row:
Mr Flynn, Zoe
Choy-O'Byrne,
Emma Murphy,
Ms Thorp
Front row:
Caroline Lahiff,
Sara McQuaid.



**Under 14 A Girls
Badminton**
Back Row:
Mr Flynn, Zoe
Choy-O'Byrne,
Rachel McAuliffe,
Ms Thorp.
Front Row:
Emma Lucas, Chloe
Deacon, Hannah
Ridgeway.

UNDER 14 A GIRLS

This year, the Under 14 A team had a great season. We trained most Tuesdays and with our hard work and effort we reached the final of the Schools Badminton League. After a great four games from the whole team we lost by just one point in the end. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Thorp and Mr Flynn for their support which led us to the final!

Chloe Deacon, 2nd Year



UNDER 14 B GIRLS

The team consisted of Sara McQuaid, Emma Murphy, Caroline Lahiff and myself. We went to training every Tuesday. The Under 14 B's played really well this year. We won all our matches and got through to the final of the Schools Badminton League. We were against Loreto Bray in the final. It was a very close match and we drew 3-3 in the end. It went down to points and we came away with a win! I'd like to say thank you to Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for bringing us to all of our matches and for taking up their time to coach us.

Zoe Choy O'Byrne, 2nd Year

Basketball

SENIOR BOYS

This school has a great Basketball department and all the teams have worked really hard this year. Second year boys gained skill this year and played some strong matches.

Senior boys have developed a really strong team going into the new season. U16 boys played many games, always determined. Junior girls finished with a win. Minor girls have begun to know their game and have trained up to pick up the game for next year! The Cadette girls team won their entire league - a fantastic accomplishment!

Georgie Twamley



Senior Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Carolan, Gareth Fallon, James Barber, Graham Flaherty, Joshua Burdon.

Front Row: Saurin Kenny, Ross Finn, Stephen James, Matthew McKenna Barry, Kevin Browne.

We had a very encouraging season this year and many new players joined the team. We played a lot of our matches in the national basketball arena. Despite our numerous loses there were many outstanding individual performances from some of our new players like Patrick King, Ben Harding and Matthew McKenna Barry.

I would like to thank all the players who gave up their Wednesday afternoons to play for the team. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank our coach Joey Boylan, Mr Carolan and Mr Malin. As many of the players from last season were

sixth years and have now left the school any new players would be very welcome to join the team.

Graham Flaherty, 5th Year

Our team got off to a great start this year with a close win over Templeogue, but a hard-fought loss to last years B All-Ireland champions Colaiste Eoin would follow. Next we played Oatlands College and despite trailing most of the games we managed to come back and scrape a well deserved win.

Our next game was against the favourites, Colaiste Eanna. We had a good performance, but it still left us losing by 15 points. Our final game was against Presentation Bray, and with only five players for the game we knew it would be tough. Another great performance by us but we just came short of a victory.

All in all it was a good year. We would like to thank our coach Joey who put in a lot of hard work this year.

Luke Thompson, 2nd Year

UNDER 16 BOYS

Under 16 Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ray Listanco, Jamie McAvinue, Ciaran Maher, Mr Carolan

Front Row: Pavel Nikeryasov, Luke Thompson, Fabian Mak, Jack McCann.



2ND YEAR BOYS

We got off to a great start in the Dublin A league group, winning our first three matches against Colaiste Choilm, St Declan's and St Conleth's. But unfortunately we then lost to all-Ireland favourites: St Fintans; Castleknock, and Malahide.

It was a great improvement on last year's season and we look forward to next year. We would like to thank our coach Joey and Mr Malin for their effort and organisation.



2nd Year Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ray Listanco, Ing-Mar Lim, Pavel Nikeryasov, Ross Keogh, Daragh Kiernan, Dean Kilroy, Mr Carolan.

Front Row: Ciaran Maher, Mahon McCann, Luke Thompson, Jack McCann, Eamonn Weitz.



1st Year Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Malin, Daniel McBride, Robert Dunleavy, Sam Brown, Feargal Kavanagh.

Front Row: Kenneth Edgeworth, Daragh Higgins, Shane Harrington.

Senior Girls Basketball.





SENIOR GIRLS

The senior girls began the year with a series of South Dublin Basketball and Cup and League matches. We had a few successful matches but our time in the Cup was ended with a loss to Presentation Terenure, which was a close game. Since we were out of the Cup we focused our attention on the League. It proved to be successful as we ended up in the semi-finals against St Andrews, which was a tense and exciting match with High School emerging victorious with a one point lead from a basket in the dying seconds. We then progressed onto the final, and we were up against St Columbas. Through great teamwork and determination we won, which was a great achievement for us. Of course none of this would have been possible except for Ms Kavanagh, our coach, who throughout the year has been very encouraging; thank you for everything. I would also like to say congratulations to my fellow teammates it was a great year and very enjoyable, thank you!

Richelle McDonnell and Olivia Ball,
5th Year

CADETTES

We started the season strongly and continued to play well throughout the season. We managed to get past the quarter-finals and made our way into the semi-finals. We played St Columbas and beat them 32-18 thanks to an early lead. It was a tough game but we successfully made it to the S.D.B.L final against St Andrews. We knew it was going to be difficult but we started off well and kept our lead till the end. The last seconds were tough as the score was getting close but we came home with a victory.

The team was delighted. We couldn't have done it without the supporters who showed up to our final match. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Kate Kavanagh who kept us going throughout the year.

Rachel Burke, 3rd Year

Our team has done very well in both our leagues. We worked well together as a team and we always did our best. I would like to thank our coach Ms Kavanagh for giving up her Fridays to train with us and for organizing all our games.

Samira Ayeva, 1st Year



Cadettes

Back Row: Emma Feely, Una Keller, Rebecca Dalton, Aine Cormac-O'Hara, Alanna Kavanagh.

Front Row: Martha Barber Hume, Jessica Meeke, Rachel Burke, Leanne McDonnell.

Minor Girls Basketball

Back Row: Lauren Jackson, Laura Dowling, Laoise Darragh, Victoria Mollereau-Campbell, Grace O'Donnell, Chloe Bevan, Naoise Farrell, Jenny McAuley-Doherty.

Middle Row: Hannah Tully, Sorcha O'Raw, Stephanie Johnson, Ciara Feely, Grainne O'Reilly.

Front Row: Samira Ayeva, Annie Keane.

Senior Girls Basketball

Back Row: Sarah Burns, Kira Mulhere, Sophie Madigan, Rachel Burke.

Middle Row: Leanne McDonnell, Suzanne O'Connor, Aislinn Coghlan, Aoife Ryan, Sarah McCoy.

Front Row: Richelle McDonnell, Olivia Ball.



Junior Girls Basketball

Back Row: Attilia Geaney Rea, Catriona Flood, Stephanie Lyon, Ella Furey, Aisling O'Reilly.

Middle Row: Laura Byrne, Amber Graham, Lisa Doyle, Eimear Ni Bhroin, Jennifer Long.

Front Row: Chloe Deacon, Lia McCann.

JUNIOR GIRLS

This year was a great year for all the members of our team as we had improved a lot since the previous September. Even though we didn't win most of our matches, everyone

had a great time practising and improving their skills.

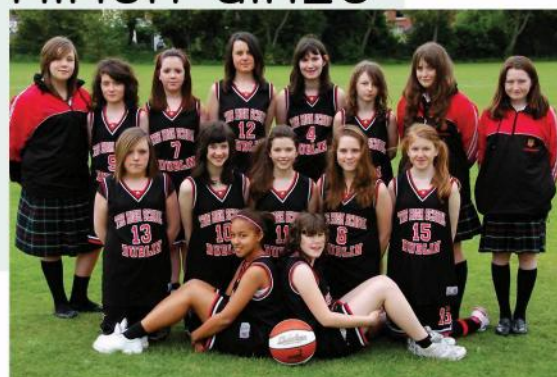
In our very last match we won by just one point with only 7 players (3 players short) which brightened up our year and made it all worth while!

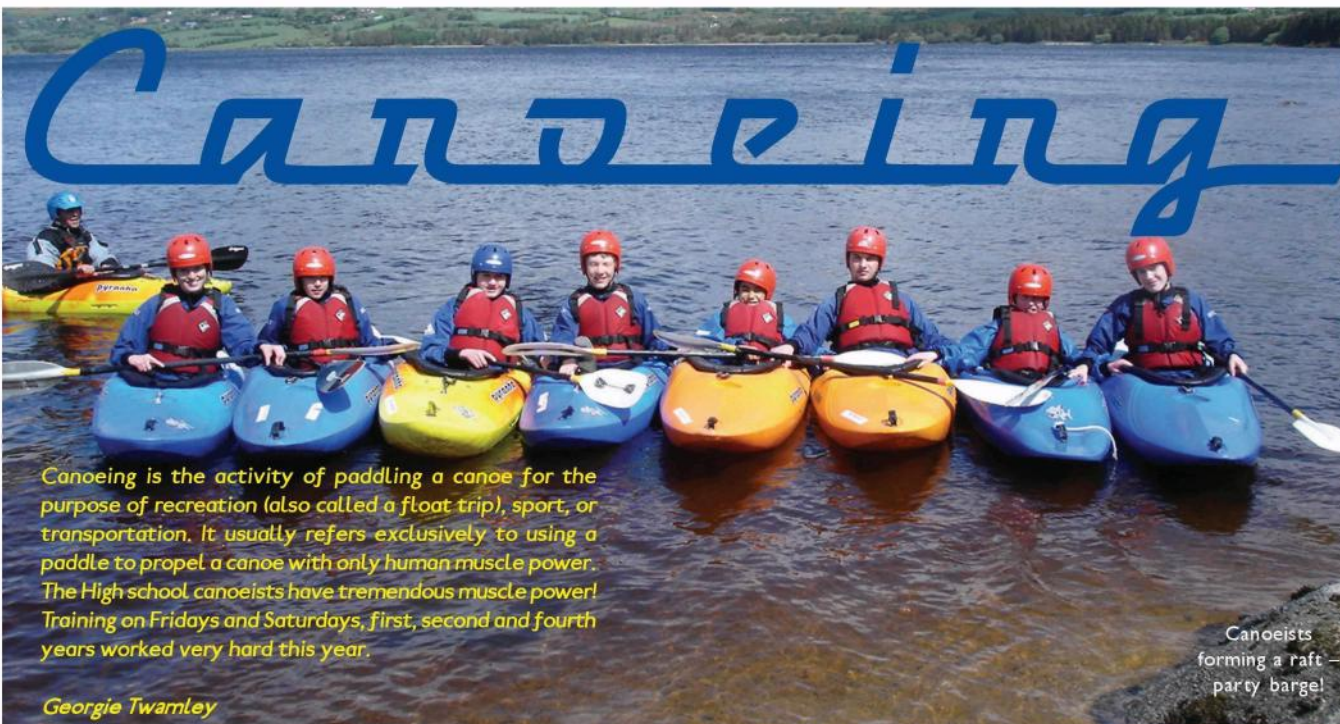
I'd like to thank Ms Kavanagh for being such a brilliant coach and giving up her time to train us after school, and for organizing and bringing us to our matches.

I'd also like to thank the whole team for their enthusiasm throughout the year.

Ella Furey, 2nd Year

MINOR GIRLS





Canoeing took place on Friday afternoons on the Dodder River with many 1st and 2nd years getting involved. Several trips to Blessington Lakes and the River Liffey were organised throughout the year, where the students got to practice their skills and experience white water at the weirs. Congratulations to Zephany Kavanagh (1Q) who won the Broad Cup this year and Sam Treacy-McGee (2W) who won the Liffey Cup.

Ms J Wilson



Power stroke!



Second year Sam Treacy-McGee - expert kayaker.

Cricket

'Cricket is the greatest game that the wit of man has yet devised.'

Sir Pelham Warner.

This year in The High School, Cricket has been very successful. The Under 13A boys team finished their season with a great match and win against CUS. First year girls and Junior girls made a great effort in the short season and the Senior XI girls had some great wins.

Georgie Twamley

SENIOR 1ST XI BOYS

The senior cricket team this year got off to a really good start by beating The King's Hospital by 4 runs in a very tense game. We then got to the League and our first match against St Andrews produced a good all round victory. It was a good start to the League and we thought we could push on and do well. The next matches in the League were very close affairs and we played some exceptional cricket, but were very unlucky in our match against St Columbas - we had some amazing batting performance from John Willoughby and Niall Noonan but in the end we fell short by 18 runs. The final League match we played was against CUS and we knew it would take a colossal effort to beat them. We lost, but gave it a good go. We started batting and with great effort from Niall Noonan (who got a half-century) and after putting up a huge total we had faith in ourselves, but unfortunately we didn't win. That was the end of the season for the



Senior cricket team who put in a huge effort. Well done to everybody and thanks to all our coaches.

Gareth Carragher, 5th Year

Senior 1st XI Boys Cricket

Back row: Christopher Downey, Michael Sykes, Mark Rogan, Stephen James, Mark Coffey, Paul O'Kelly, Mr Malin.

Middle row: John Willoughby, Graham Mills, Stephen Chapman, Niall Noonan, James Hawe, Alan Hughes, Cian O'Neill.

Front row: Simon Jackson, Sean Warren.

SENIOR 2ND XI BOYS



Senior 2nd XI Boys Cricket

Back Row: Christopher Downey, Daniel Clarke, Michael Sykes, Colm Moran, Shane O'Reilly, Alan Young, Mr Malin.

Front Row: Simon Jackson, Sean-Tee Lim, Lee Campbell, Alan Hughes, Sean Warren, Cian O'Neill, Niall O'Leary.



JCT BOYS

The year started with a small band of third year cricketers venturing out to a practice. Our first victory in the cold of March ended with a 6 wicket win against the King's Hospital in Palmerstown. Our winning streak continued through the Easter holidays but a loss to Wesley College by just 2 runs further depleted the interest from the team. An impressive 30-odd run victory against Marion College was achieved thanks to 9 under-14 players and put the team into a position where a victory against Blackrock College would put the team through to the finals. Many diligent students were unsure that they could afford to miss any chance to study but some ventured out one last time. A rather comprehensive loss ended our season. There were some highlights from the year: Stephen Alexander's bowling before his injury, Kunal's batting against King's Hospital and his bowling against Marion College, Ryan's batting against Wesley College, Conn's coin-tossing, Will's encouragement, Ethan's humour and Stephen Reid's catches will all live long in the memory. On behalf of the JCT, I would like to thank Mr McCaughey and Alan Cairns for their wonderful coaching and the under-14s for their help in fielding a team.

Mr P McCaughey

UNDER 14 BOYS

Our first match this season was against Belvedere College, this took place early in the summer term. It was a close match and really required us to use all of the skills we had practiced in training. Unfortunately we missed out on a win by only a run, got by the opposing team near the end of the game. Our last match was against St Andrews, this again was a tough match and was a true test of our capabilities. We lost here again but maintain that it was a close match and that both teams were evenly matched. An example of great game play was seen here when Aaron managed to get 6 runs. We would like to thank our coaches Mr Malin and Greg. Thank you for your support and effort.

Daragh Kiernan, 2nd Year



JCT Boys Cricket

Back Row: Mr McCaughey, Paul McCarthy, Ian Sheridan, Stephen Alexander, Daragh Kiernan, Kunal Kapoor.

Front Row: Will Rolfe, Stephen Reid, Conn Loane, Ryan O'Malley, Aaron Campbell.



Under 14 Boys Cricket

Back Row: Mr Walker, Mahon McCann, Zak Milofsky, Richard Beverland, Jack McCann, Ross Keogh, Sam Evans, Gavin Power, Tim Harding.

Middle Row: Ing-Mar Lim, Andrew Mooney, Paul McCarthy, Aaron Campbell, Daragh Kiernan, Dean Kilroy, Darragh Kirwan.

Front Row: Patrick Devine-Prendergast, Padraig MacDonagh Fox, Eamonn Weitz, Eric Smart, Evan Cunningham, Owen de Forge.

UNDER 13 BOYS

Our first Under 13 Cricket match was a Cup match on the 27th April against the King's Hospital. The weather was awful but the match went ahead. King's Hospital won the toss and chose to bat first. They hit 78 runs for 4 wickets and we hit 44 all out.

Our second match was a friendly on the 9th of May against St Columbas. High School batted first and got 40 runs for 5 wickets while St Columbas got 41 runs for 3 wickets.

Our third and final match was a friendly on 13th May against CUS. CUS batted first and got 82 runs for 9 wickets. In the last over, High School needed one run to win and we got it from the third last ball giving us a final score of 83 runs for 6 wickets.

We would like to thank our coach Mr Quinn for all his time and effort in coaching us this year.

Ryan Evans, 1st Year



Under 13 A Boys Cricket

Back Row: Mr Quinn, Darren Snodgrass, John Murphy, Robert Beverland, Daniel Holder, Cian Tobin, Timothy Browning.

Front Row: Craig Kennedy, Timothy Jones, Ryan Evans, Hugh Sweetnam, Andrew Manning.



Under 13 Boys Cricket
Back Row: Tim Neenan, Luke Barry, Daniel McBride, Robert Dunleavy, Cormac Kennedy, Robert Beverland, Cian Tobin, Patrick Ayde Curran, John Kehoe-Roche, Daven Casey.
Middle Row: Mr Malin, Andrew Burke, Timothy Jones, Donal Naylor, Lorcan Daly, Timothy Browning, Sam Brown.
Front Row: Gavin Murphy, John Murphy, Jack Sheridan, Justin Bradish.

Senior 1st XI Girls Cricket
Back Row: Susan Kinlan, Alison Meeke, Aoife Ryan, Sarah McCoy, Maeve Daly, Mr Levis.
Front Row: Jennifer Long, Hannah Ridgeway, Cliona Rogan, Jennifer Rynne, Stefanie Vynne.

SENIOR 1ST XI GIRLS

We started with three. After lots of work from Mr Levis we succeeded in acquiring eleven players. Our first match of the season was against Wilson's Hospital which took us all the way to Mullingar. We were a little rusty in some aspects of the game to say the least, mainly batting. However in the second innings we pulled together, managing to keep down their score. Despite outstanding batting and bowling from Katie Tallon, who took at least 5 wickets, we unfortunately lost the match on the last ball by one point. We then played a second match against Mount Sackville. We played much better this time. With Jennifer Rynne smashing a total of about thirty runs, we won the match by, coincidentally, thirty runs.



Our last match in the group was against Mount Anville. Due to slight mix up we could only manage eight players. An outstanding eight players, however, won the match by nine runs. Everyone turned up for our semi-final against St Columbas, except the entire St Columbas team, so we won the match by a walkover.

Our final was a few days later. Everyone played exceptionally well and it was a very close match but unfortunately we lost.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Levis for putting so much effort and time into training, matches and organisation.

It was a great season and we had lots of fun!

Cliona Rogan, 4th Year



JUNIOR A GIRLS

This year we got off to a positive start, winning two out of our first 3 matches against St Andrews, Wesley College and Muckross Park. We had an amazing match against St Andrews getting all their players out in just 10 overs.

We secured another win against Wesley College but were not so lucky against Muckross Park. Let's just say it wasn't a pleasant match; we were sent home with one broken wrist and a concussion.

Thanks to all the girls for all their hard work and a special thanks to our coaches, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr MacNamara.

Hope to see you all next year!

Martha Barber Hume, 3rd Year



Junior A Girls Cricket

Back Row: Jessica Meeke, Leanne Mc Donnell, Rebecca Dalton, Alanna Kavanagh, Jennifer Rynne.

Front Row: Mr Fitzpatrick, Maeve Daly, Martha Barber Hume, Jennifer Long, Hannah Ridgeway.

JUNIOR B GIRLS



Junior B Girls Cricket

Back Row: Mr MacNamara, Ann Barrett, Chloe Deacon, Laura Byrne, Kate Barrett, Holly Kane O'Brien, Esme Maloney, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Aisling O'Reilly, Lia McCann, Ciara Dowling, Ellen Baldwin, Ciara Green.

This year the Junior B team only had two matches. Unfortunately we lost both. The first match was against the King's Hospital and was very close. The second was against a very talented St Andrews team. It rained really heavily which contributed to our unsatisfactory performance. We had so much fun however and the whole team tried really hard. Everyone played really well but I would particularly like to thank a first year, Laura Rankin, who played for us on really short notice and also our newcomers who had never played cricket before.

I would like to thank our coaches Mr Levis, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr McNamara for coaching us and having a laugh with the team (sometimes at us).

We had a good time and we all can't wait to play again next year!

1ST YEAR GIRLS

For most of us this was our first time playing cricket, but we began with great enthusiasm. We started off the cricket season by playing St Columbas, unfortunately we didn't win, but we still had a lot of fun with Mr. Fitzpatrick as our coach. We then played against St Andrews, Kings Hospital, Alexandra College and Aravon School. We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick again for all the help he gave us and for accompanying us to the away matches.

Caroline Lahiff, 1st Year

1st Year Girls Cricket

Back Row: Sarah Fox, Reshaylia Naidu, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Emma Murphy, Laura Rankin, Zoe Reichental, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Niamh Hebblethwaite, Grace McCarthy, Caroline Lahiff, Leah Stafford, Alison Kinlan.



The annual Senior Boys Football Tournament took place this year during the summer term. Eight teams of six players entered, two from 4th year, four from 5th and two from 6th. Matches were played on Thursday afternoons and there was a group stage followed by semi-finals and a final which was won by '6 Lads, 1 dinosaur'. Everyone had a lot of fun - thanks to those who organized it!

FOOTBALL



Six Lads, One Dinosaur??
The winners!
Well done lads!



One Guy
One Cup.



Team Dave's
ja-vu.



Real So
Bad.

GOLF



Golf

Jack Walsh,
Owen Carroll,
Patrick Butler
(Captain), Mr
Walker, Paul
O'Kelly, Mark
O'Kelly.

A Relatively Cool Golf article!

After a relatively successful season last year, the senior boy's golf team was determined to reignite their winning ways in the wake of the unannounced departure of our long-time coach and mentor, Mr Kirby. We were shaken by him leaving, however we were soon back on track and our play showed no signs of frailty under the strict regime of one Mr Walker. He was relentless in his approach to perfection and by the time the year got underway we were all hitting the ball majestically under his guidance. We were entered in the Leinster Schools Fourball match play championship, an event in which we always do well in. We came flying out of the starting gate with a hammering of Templeogue College (a match in which Owen Carroll went around in 5 under par!), followed by a close victory over Terenure College. We easily won our next two matches and fulfilled our expectations as group favourites by qualifying in top spot. Unfortunately, we got knocked out

in the 2nd round in a playoff, with Owen 4-putting to lose the match.

I would like to thank Mr Walker and my teammates for all their hard work throughout the year. I enjoyed my time as captain, but that honour now goes to Jack Walsh. Good luck in the future!

Patrick Butler,
6th Year



OWEN
CARROLL

Friskier

The Frisbee team:
spinning out of
control.



Interview - The Solid Man Himself

Q: So Owen, how long have you been playing golf?

A: Ten years

Q: Right.. have you won many competitions?

A: Yeah a few.

Q: How many would you say?

A: About forty.. yeah put down forty.

Q: Who would be your idol and who would inspire you?

A: Tiger Woods.

Q: Of course, now, what are the three things you would bring to a desert island?

A: Gavin, Ms Lynch and a camera.

Q: That was a quick answer! Now the question we have all been waiting for.. are you as solid as people think?

A: Definitely!

Sarah Burns and Ellen Walsh, 5th Year

HILLWALKING



Hillwalkers in Glendalough.



Three happy walkers!



Powerscourt Waterfall.

On Thursday, 26th March a group of 28 students and 4 teachers set off on a President's Award trip to climb Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland. After a 5 hour bus journey and a stop in Limerick for some last minute shopping we arrived in the International Youth Hostel. We unpacked the bus and cooked our own meals before meeting to discuss the climb the next day. The following morning we rose early and made our packed lunches for the climb. We made sure to wrap up well in our hiking clothes in case of bad weather and afterwards drove to the mountain and began our walking at 10.30am. The group reached the bottom of the Devil's Ladder, the chosen route, at 12pm. It took us one hour to climb the ladder because of snow, ice and wind. At the top of the ladder we stopped for a quick lunch before beginning our final ascent up the mountain and reached the top at about 2.30pm. It was a great achievement to have climbed to the top of a 3414 ft high mountain and we were exhausted but pleased with ourselves. The conditions made it harder because we had to stop frequently in order to shelter from the blizzards. We finally reached the minibuses at 6:10pm, taking a total of 7 and half hours to climb Carrauntoohil but it was an unforgettable experience. The next day we went on a gentler walk through the gap of Dunloe before returning to Dublin. We would like to thank the teachers- Mr Swan, Mr Cryan, Ms Rellis and Mr O'Domhnaill who made the trip so enjoyable.

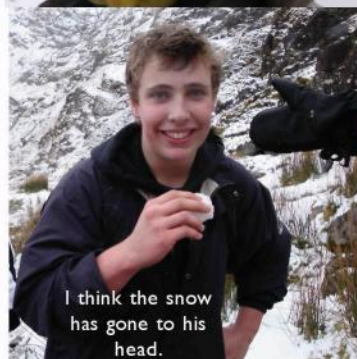
*Clodagh Sleator and Hannah Browning,
4th Year*

KERRY TRIP - CLIMBING CARRAUNTOOHIL



HAPPY!!

To his surprise there was no bank to rob at the top of Carrauntoohil!



I think the snow has gone to his head.



The whole group

The Devil's Ladder – even more devilish than usual.



The teachers are delighted.





*A good hockey player plays where the ball is.
A great hockey player plays where the ball is going to be.*

The High School has many great hockey players! In girls hockey, this year the 1st XI got to the quarter-final of their Cup and played some great matches. The 2nd XI also did well and the 3rd XI developed great spirit and had a couple of great wins including 5-1 score against St Andrews! First years put in a great effort training this year and the A's did very well in the league. Minors did well in their rounds of the league also and the Junior B

got to the quarter finals.

In boys hockey, the Senior 1st team reached the All-Ireland Final for the first time in the school's history. An unbelievable conquest! Junior boys got to their quarter-final and the UI3 boys really improved their skill level and had some great wins.

Georgie Twamley

We started off the season with optimism and high expectations. We had an extremely strong team this year. Olwen was up front with her massive curly hair which no player could see around, the speedy Aimee and little Ayesha alongside her. Backing them up was our smashing midfield, Susan with her quiet skills, Maoliosa with her fast hands and myself in the middle wearing the captain's armband and shouting a lot! Behind us was our brick wall defense: Debbie right behind me calming me down every so often, Katie in the centre who didn't like to speak much but was always there strong when we needed her, Eva was on the right able to hit a ball better than any of us, and Emily on the left, who worked really well with Susan attacking down the side line. Tessa was in goals, with her spectacular reflexes. Last but not least were our super subs Sarah, Una, Amy and baby Jess, all of who were always ready when they came on.

So we kicked off the League playing St Gerards away. We thought we had it in the bag but had to fight hard for our 1-0 win. We then went on to play Mt Sackville. We lost 1-0 so I'm going to move on. Next up were our 'best friends', St Andrews. Unfortunately we lost 2-1. So that was our League finished. We decided we'd concentrate on the Cup. We never wanted to win the League anyway! We got a great first round draw, playing St Raphael's, away. We annihilated them 7-1. I had better mention at this point our Debbie scoring her debut goal for The High School. Well in!

Next up we played Our Lady's Terenure. We won 4-0, another thrashing. We were on a roll. We then got drawn against St Andrews in the quarter-final. We were all up for it and confident we would win. It was a great match and everyone fought their hardest. Unfortunately however, we were defeated 5-0 and dreams were shattered.

1ST XI GIRLS



1st XI Girls Hockey

Back Row: Ms Jones, Ayesha Carrim, Emily Kinlan, Olwen Smith, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Susan McRann, Maoliosa Nugent.

Front Row: Tessa Meade, Amy Jones, Katie O'Brien, Alison Meeke, Debbie Blair, Una McSharry, Eva Nugent.

For some of us that was it, school hockey was over forever. So on behalf of us I'd like to give a big good luck to the team next year...and please beat St Andrews. I'd also like to thank Ms Jones because without her we wouldn't have been the team that we were. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication.

Ali Meeke, 6th Year



2ND XI GIRLS

We had a strong season this year, being lead by our captain Shona. We started the season very positively and were equally strong in all parts of the field. At our training sessions we worked hard and learned lots of great set pieces, along with useful skills that we were able to use in our league matches.

We made it to the quarter-final of the League and were up against St Gerards. We all played well and the tense match went to flicks. At this point it was down to luck! Our amazing goal keeper Eve Roseingrave, made some great saves, as always, but unfortunately it didn't go our way and we lost marginally.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Jones for all her hard work and dedication and support she displayed throughout the season.

3RD XI GIRLS

This year the 3rd XI had an interesting season. In the League we started off fantastically by winning 5-1 against a favoured St Andrews side. In hindsight, this turned out to be the pinnacle of our season. We then played Our Lady's Grove, St Louis and Our Lady's Terenure and seemed to be doing well. Then sadly we lost to Loreto Dalkey and inexplicably didn't get through our League.

We had a great season though and really enjoyed our training sessions. Thank you, Mr Agar and our fantastic captain Emma Satchwell for putting up with our antics and believing in us.

Tess McCann, 5th Year

4TH XI GIRLS

We had an enjoyable season, improving individually and as a team with all our training. We always had great fun playing together. We had a rough start to the season but soon progressed and won matches and did well in our League.

I'd like to thank my team and our coaches, Mr Agar and Ms Jones for their hard work throughout the season.

Robyn Carey, 4th Year



2nd XI Girls Hockey

Back Row: Ms Jones, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Una Mc Sharry, Aoife Ryan, Katie Tallon, Naomi Reid.

Front Row: Eve Roseingrave, Freya Breen, Shona O'Toole, Amy Jones, Rose Halpin Duffy, Aisling Naylor.

Absent: Sarah McCoy.



3rd XI Girls Hockey

Back Row: Katie Murtagh, Rona O'Donnell, Rebecca Conalty, Candice Horton, Clare Davies, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Robyn Carey, Mr Agar.

Front Row: Sheila Brownlee, Jessica Sargeant, Megan Lynch, Emma Satchwell, Susan Kieran, Sarah Brennan, Tess McCann.



4th XI Girls Hockey

Back Row: Faye Leitch, Amy Cripps, Rona O'Donnell, Chloe McHugh, Ella O'Leary-Watson, Maeve Sweetnam.

Front Row: Sheila Brownlee, Jessica Sargeant, Robyn Carey, Karen Blennerhassett, Megan Lynch, Mr Agar.

HOCKEY TRIP TO SCOTLAND

Bright and early on Friday 24 October we set off on our hockey tour to Scotland via Belfast. The journey was a long one in awful weather conditions. However we finally arrived at our hotel where there was very welcome soup and sandwiches waiting for us. We began the next day with a trip to Edinburgh city where we saw all the sights and even managed to get in a bit of shopping. Unfortunately, due to the bad weather we were unable to go into Edinburgh castle. We played our first hockey match against Trinity (a club side). This proved to be a very friendly and enjoyable match with some of our players joining the other team. High School won the match 5-2. After the match we had a quick dinner and returned to the centre of Edinburgh for a spooky late night ghost tour! This was a great idea given that we were on the Halloween mid term break. We were all suitably scared and got into the mood of the season.

The next morning we had another early start and set off to play our second hockey match, this time against Inverleith Hockey Club youth team. We all had fun and there was a better standard of hockey played at this match. We came out with a 4-1 win.

That afternoon brought us the highlight of our trip. We headed up to the Scottish highlands for a quad biking trek! The weather was pretty grim but this suited the activity well and we found ourselves happily up to our knees in muck! I think we'll all agree that Freya Breen deserved the title of 'paddy last' by getting left behind and that Chloe McHugh easily earning the craziest driver title! There were lots of shrieks and laughter accompanying this activity and we loved it.

We would like to thank Ms S Jones, Mr A Levis and our bus driver B King for giving up their free time to accompany and arrange this tour for us. We would also like to acknowledge the kind sponsorship received from the Parent's Association.

Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent, 5th Year



These smiling faces seem to love rain!



Eva and Aimee get acquainted with their hotel room.



Maoliosa's hair had a bad reaction to the Scottish climate.



"Ready girls??"

JUNIOR A GIRLS

We started off the season with confidence and dedication. We knew we had a strong ability and had high hopes for the season.

We fought hard in the League but we were unlucky and didn't make it out of our group. So we turned our attention to the Cup. We all trained hard, working on our fitness and skills with the help of Ms Jones, our coach. We came out on top of our first Cup match against Alexandra College. The game was very tight and tense and went to flicks, but we were confident with Martha in goals. As our hopes of winning the cup became more and more attainable we became more and more determined. We all worked hard at our weekly training.

We got to the second round of the cup, but despite our best efforts by the whole squad we didn't manage to win against St Andrews.

I'd like to thank my team and Ms Jones for all their hard work throughout the season.

Jessica Patterson. 4th Year

JUNIOR B GIRLS

This year the Junior B team had a really good year. In the League we played St Wolversteins and we beat them 6-2. After them we played St. Andrews - the score was a 2-2 draw. We then played Loreto Foxrock and we beat them 1-0. For the playoffs to the quarter finals we played Muckross Park but they beat us 3-0.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Goulding for training us.

Niamh Moran, 3rd Year



Junior A Girls Hockey

Back Row: Maeve Daly, Kate Barlow, Stephanie Wynne, Jennifer Long, Evie McCullagh, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Kirsten Kinch, Jessica Meeke, Alanna Kavanagh, Jessica Patterson, Jennifer Rynne, Jessie Buttanshaw, Martha Barber Hume.



Junior B Girls Hockey

Back Row: Alice Somers Donnelly, Lauren Walsh, Leanne McDonnell, Rebecca Garland, Kirsten Kinch, Ms Goulding.

Front Row: Zoe Dolan, Sophie Wann, Alannah Burdon, Niamh Moran, Kate O'Marcaigh, Megan Kilpatrick.



Junior C Girls Hockey

Back Row: Rachel Burke, Mara Barrett, Elodie Christle, Katie O'Connor, Katelyn Fagan, Mr White.

Front Row: Jane Ward, Sarah McKenna Barry, Emma Devine, Judith Harrington, Hanne Skaadel, Emer Dixon, Hazel McHugh.

MINOR A GIRLS

The Minor A team started off well this year, winning the majority of their matches. After Christmas they had their ups and downs but were still doing well. We got into the quarter final of both the Cup and the League and had both matches on the same week. It was tough for both team and coach. We were evenly matched with Muckcross Park but unfortunately we lost 2 - 1 on the Tuesday. On the Thursday we played Mount Anville with high hopes but in the pouring rain. We had possession for most of the match but unluckily Mount Anville scored a late goal. Our team morale was low after the two losses. However, we had qualified for the Plate so we determined that we would win. Our team played Our Lady's Terenure and had victory in the final of the Plate, much to our delight.

Our success couldn't have happened if it weren't for our team making the commitment to train, week after week. Well done girls! Also, our coach Mr Levis was so encouraging through the wins and losses - thank you!

Kate Barlow, 2nd Year

MINOR B GIRLS

The Minor B team trained hard every Thursday afternoon. We started the season well, beating Notre Dame 5 - 0. We played well in all our other league matches but unfortunately didn't get through to the quarter-final. I would like to say thank-you to Mr Levis for coaching us and for organising all our matches.

Zoë Choy O'Byrne, 2nd Year

Can't beat the blondes!



Minor A Plate winners!



Minor A Girls Hockey

Back Row: Laura Rankin, Jennifer Long, Hayley Jackson, Hannah Ridgeway, Emma Murphy, Ellen Baldwin, Amy O'Regan, Esme Moloney, Sarah Fox, Mr Levis.

Front Row: Fiadh Gregg, Ella O'Neill, Keelan O'Mahony, Kate Barlow, Caoimhe Cassidy, Evie McCullough, Siobhan McManus.



Minor B Girls Hockey

Back Row: Amy O'Regan, Rachel McAuliffe, Hannah Ridgeway, Stephanie Lyon, Claire Hallissey, Ciara Dowling, Romy Leitch, Esme Moloney, Mr Levis.

Front Row: Lia McCann, Sara Buttanshaw, Lauren Tully, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Chloe Deacon, Emma Lucas, Vicky Love.



Minor C Girls Hockey

Back Row: Florence Bradish, Ann Barrett, Laura Byrne, Dayna Clegg, Kate Barrett, Niamh Smith, Amber Graham, Lili Nolan, Lucy Byrnes, Ms Waugh.

Front Row: Marianne McClafferty, Ciara Dowling, Ciara Green, Romy Leitch, Rebekah Donnelly, Sara Buttanshaw, Aisling Reilly, Hannah Foley, Holly Kane O'Brien.



Eh... posers!

1ST YEAR A

This year was very exciting. We started off our season with training on Fridays with our coach Mr Levis. Our first League match was against Sacred Heart, Tullamore, and we drew 0 - 0. Unfortunately we didn't make it through to the semi-finals but we hope that we will get a better season next year! On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Levis for coaching us.

Zoe Acheson, 1st Year

1ST YEAR B

I would like to thank all the coaches who gave up their Friday and Monday afternoons to coach us, and set up so many matches for us to play during the year. We really appreciate all the effort they put in to train us for the matches. The 1st year B team was a very strong team this year who worked well together and all put in a lot of effort. Well done!

Jessica Cooper, 1st Year

1ST YEAR C

We started the year well with games against Wesley College, Loreto Beaufort and Loreto Foxrock. We started off with mixed results but as our training progressed we began to win most of our matches by at least four or five goals. Our brilliant goalie Shannon Baker deserves an honourable mention for her skill but the entire team were great - well done girls!

We would like to thank our coaches, Mr Levis, Ms Jones and Mr Young for giving up their time to train us.

Lauren Hudson, 1st Year



1st Year A Girls Hockey

Back Row: Ms Jones, Zoe Reichental, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Emma Murphy, Ruth Mawhinney, Meg O'Connor, Leah Stafford, Mr Levis.

Front Row: Emer Brennan, Alison Kinlan, Sarah Fox, Laura Rankin, Maebh Brennan, Grace McCarthy, Niamh McCabe.



1st Year B Girls Hockey

Back Row: Lauren Hudson, Alison Kinlan, Heather Baldwin, Sarah Mulhere, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Emma Murphy, Suzanne Gray, Robin Hayden, Katie Maguire, Mr Levis.

Front Row: Reshaylia Naidu, Maebh Brennan, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Jessica Cooper, Amy MacWilliam, Amy Byrne, Niamh McCabe.



1st Year C Girls Hockey

Back Row: Ms Jones, Ruth Connell, Megan Byrne, Chloe Doyle, Sara McQuaid, Julie O'Brien, Eva Barrett, Suzanne Gray, Aine Kenna, Robin Hayden, Grainne Jordan, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Reshaylia Naidu, Heather Baldwin, Catherine Fleming, Lauren Hudson, Emma Butler, Ailbhe Carney, Dervla Walsh.

Absent: Zoe Acheson.



SENIOR CUP TEAM

The Junior Cup Team had a great year with some excellent wins such as 40-0 against CBS Naas. Senior Cup Team did lots of pre-season training to prepare them for a great season and appropriately competed well in the cup. UI3 A had a great victory over Newpark. UI4A UI4B won against Terenure 46-12 a pretty brilliant result! UI6 trained hard and reached new levels of skill. Well done to all.

Georgie Twamley

Our campaign began with some intense pre-season training to prepare us for a tough season ahead. We played friendlies against Presentation Bray and St Michael's College who proved to be skilful opposition. We, however, realised we had a lot of potential. We continued to play more friendlies in preparation for the League. We successfully beat Wesley College and Newpark School with outstanding performances by Thomas Emo and Ciaran Collins. We were narrowly and unluckily defeated by Belvedere College and realised our team's strengths; however, injury and sickness plagued our season.

Our League began in early October with the first match against a strong St Gerards' side. It was not to be our day and although we were beaten heavily the score did not reflect how well we played or how close the game actually was. Soon after we played St Columba's where we won comfortably with two well-worked tries from the captain Stephen Carter and scrum half Thomas Emo. We lost to Presentation Bray and CBC Monkstown as several players were absent through injury and sickness. We sent a young and rather inexperienced side to face De La Salle and were unlucky not to have taken the win despite great performance from prop forwards Graham Young and Alex Conroy.

After Christmas we began to prepare for our Cup campaign. We were quite disappointed with how we played in the League and felt that we were capable of much more.

We travelled to Belfast to play a friendly against a much larger and more physical Campbell College who proved the deserving victors on the day. Although we lost the match we gained valuable experience in playing the Ulster hot-shots which we put to use in our first warm up game against our sister school Sligo Grammar. With the aid of the stand-out performances from Conor O'Donnell and try scorer Shane Webb we came out on top in one of the most physically demanding matches of the season so far.

Our first match at the Vinnie Murray Cup was against Roscrea College in I.T. Carlow. After losing it to them twice last year in nail-biting games we felt we had a score to settle. The game was very much a game of two halves. We started the match with a strong wind at our backs along with a very vocal High School support and kept Roscrea College in their own 22 for the majority of the first half. After 15 minutes, scrum half Thomas Emo slipped through the solid Roscrea defence and scored a well worked try which was converted by Ciaran Collins and followed by a penalty on 25 minutes. We were 10-0 up at half time and knew Roscrea would come into the second half all guns blazing. With the wind belting in our faces we fought tooth and nail to repel the wave after wave of Roscrea bombardment. An unconverted Roscrea try made for an excruciatingly exciting finish but our defence held tight with Marcus Weston and Sam Moore leading by example.



Our talented players easily out-run the opposition.



Felipe Contepomi visits the school, an ex-Leinster player who is a qualified doctor from Argentina, what can't this man do?



Kevin is clearly delighted by the events on the pitch.



Senior Cup Team

Back Row: Mr McBride, Sam Moore, Nicholas Jones, Graham Young, Alex Conroy, Mark Weston, Conor O'Donnell, Alex Daly, Colin Ledwith, Steven Chapman, Mark Coffey, Mr Kinsella.

Middle Row: Mr Walker, Gavin Mullan, James Hawe, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Cian Twomey, Ciaran Collins, Shane Webb, Ian Lane, Daire Hunt, Liam McNamara.

Front Row: Luke Evans, Simon Ludden, Eoin Keenan, Ian Levine, Tom Emo.



If looks could kill..



Daire's leap of faith.



Itching to play.

Next up was CUS in conditions less than satisfactory in Railway Union. Our lack of discipline proved to be our downfall as CUS Captain and placekicker punished us with deadly accuracy in every kick. With the score line 12-3 at half time we had a lot of work to do. Full back Shane Webb ran in an opportunistic try to bring it to 12-11 and the game was in our sights. We piled the pressure on deep into the second half and remained in the oppositions half for the dying minutes of the game. Unfortunately we gave away a needless penalty and let the game slip from our fingertips. The game ended with a score line of 15-11 which flattered CUS hugely.

With us out of the Cup we looked forward to the first plate match against Newbridge College. After a tiring and physically draining game the day was not to be ours. Newbridge showed quick hands and pace skills which we simply could not match. The entire team were quite disappointed to be out of the plate so early but we could still reflect on a lot of good performances throughout the year. Our final competitive match would be against northerners Carrickfergus. Everyone was willing to body and heart into this game as it would be our last. This was evident as the team played some of the best rugby we had seen all year. We dominated in all aspects of the game winning the opposition's line-outs and scrums. Marcus Weston even blocked one of the two conversions that Carrickfergus attempted. Thomas Emo and Conor O'Donnell both scored two tries a piece and two more from Shane Webb and Simon Ludden gave us a handsome lead of 42-12. The icing was put on the cake when hooker Stephen Carter squeezed into the corner for a score. The final conversion of the game to everyone's surprise was taken by Conor O'Donnell who shaved the outside of the post.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coaches, Mr Walker, Mr Kinsella, Mr McBride and Mr Malin who stayed with us through thick and thin. Thanks to all the students, parents and staff who supported us throughout the year.

Stephen Carter, 6th Year

UNDER 16

We didn't have a great season this year as most of our games were called off due to bad weather. We did however train consistently all season and when we did play had some terrific individual performances from Barry Frizzelle and Ronan Lowther. Overall we improved massively as a squad and are very well prepared for senior rugby next year. I would like to thank the coaches for their time, coaching and continuous support.

Gavin Saddler, 4th Year



Under 16

Back Row: Alan Young, Simon Ludden, James Barber, David Cosgrave, Emmet Dwyer, Alex Daly, Patrick Wilson, Cian McDonagh, Andrew Stein, Mr Griffin.

Front Row: Christopher Downey, Dhruv Kapoor, Cillian McCann, Ronan Lowther, Joshua Wiler, Colm Moran, Graham Campbell.

JUNIOR CUP TEAM



We started the year with some tough training to get us in shape for the matches ahead. We played St Columbas and Carrickfergus College in friendlies and won both of these matches. We didn't play as well in the League as we had hoped - the only highlight was beating St Andrews in a very close game. After the League had finished we played a number of friendlies, including a hard fought match against the eventual Junior Cup winners, Terenure College. We continued training hard to prepare us for our first cup match against CBS Naas.

We played very well against them and with the help of great performances from Jamie Connell and Luke O'Donnell we won 40-0. Our next cup match was against Wesley College. We started off well and managed to get ahead 12-0. Unfortunately we lost concentration and let them back in the game and they beat us 15-12. We would like to thank all the staff and the supporters who attended both matches.

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Back Row: Michael Treacy, Luke O'Donnell, Darragh Twomey, Conor Sexton, Stephen Alexander, Mark O'Kelly, Cian Noone, Ethan Conroy, Jamie Connell, Patrick Hanlon, Neil Cosgrove.
Front Row: Mr Wright, James Fleming, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Jordan McQuaid, Robert Emo, Conn Lone, Ian Sheridan, Matthew Holder, Mr MacNamara.



On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr MacNamara, Mr Wright, Mr Malin, Stephen and Ciaran for coaching us this year.

Robert Emo, 4th Year





UNDER 14 A

At the start of the season we were looking forward to having Mr Malin and Mr McCaughey as our coaches. On our first training session we left exhausted but excited. We played well against Castleknock College, Blackrock College and Gonzaga College, but a lot of our matches were defensive. We improved gradually and finally in a game against St Andrews we started to win. We won 19-14 and the match was incredible for us. They came out expecting an easy win and were punished for it with the relentless charges by the forwards and well timed passes by the backs. We played St Michaels and narrowly lost after playing very well. An easy and comprehensive win against St Gerards gave the team a much needed confidence boost. We ended our season with an ill-fated game against Wesley College. After letting Wesley score 26 points by half-time we changed things around with a superb 2nd half performance by the entire team but still it resulted in a disappointing 26-18 loss. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin and Mr McCaughey for their time this year.

John Hackett, 2nd Year

Under 14 A

Back Row: Mr Malin, Mahon McCann, Ben Gregory, Zak Milofsky, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Daragh Kiernan, Naoise McTiernan, Ross Keogh, Richard Beverland, Paul McCarthy, Tim Harding, Peter Flaherty, Mr McCaughey.

Middle Row: Dean Kilroy, Aaron Campbell, Zion Delaney, Conor Spain, John Hackett, Rupert Chambers, John Love, Alex Liddicoat, Gavin Power.

Sitting: Ing-Mar Lim, Patrick Devine Prendergast.



UNDER 14 B

We have improved in aggression and intensity immensely since last year. We played Terenure College which we won 46-12. We then had a game against Gonzaga College which we just lost 10-12. We had a game against Templeogue which we won 56-19. This match made us very confident. Then we had our best game of the year against the King's Hospital. This same team thrashed us last year. At the last play their conversion decided the match. We were delighted to see the ball go wide of the posts giving us a win of 31-30. Next we had a game against St Andrews. It was a tough game but with a great performance we won 41-33. Other schools we played were Blackrock, Kilkenny and St Michaels. I would like to thank Mr Malin, Mr McCaughey, Colin, Mark, Gavin and Sean for improving us and giving us a great year.

Alex Liddicoat, 2nd Year

Under 14 B

Back Row: Mr. Malin, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Jamie Ralph, Sam Evans, Zak Milofsky, Naoise McTeirnan, John Savage, Tim Harding, Christopher Knocker, Peter Flaherty, Owen de Forge, Mr McCaughey.

Middle Row: Alex Brohoon, Andrew Young, Oliver Drakeford, Gavin Campbell, Alex Liddicoat, John Love, Ryan Byrne, Darragh Kirwan, Conor Ryan.

Front Row: Zion Delaney, Brian Kennelly, Eamonn Weitz, Rupert Chambers, Andrew Mooney, Ray Ardill.



UNDER 13 A

Our season began in September when we met Mr Gill, our team coach, for the first time. In the following training sessions we did ball handling skills as most of us had never played rugby before coming to High School. As soon as we perfected passing the ball we started contact training. Soon after that we played our first match, a 10-a-side tournament against St Columba's College and we had a great win. As the season wore on we played many 10-a-side tournaments against CUS and Terenure College resulting in an equal share of victories and defeats.

We then started 15-a-side training and we had our first match against Willow Park. We played brilliantly but we didn't have the experience to beat them. Our next two matches were against Wesley College and Newpark School. Unfortunately we didn't play well and lost to Wesley but snatched a win against Newpark. After Christmas we concentrated on fitness training and once we were back to full fitness we played De La Salle which ended in a draw. We then played Willow Park again and came painfully close to victory. As the season wore on we played CUS, Castleknock College, St Gerard's, King's Hospital, St Andrew's, and Newpark. Though the results didn't go our way, we played brilliantly and were finally rewarded with a triumphant victory over Newpark. In our first season we have learned a lot as a team and also individually but mainly we enjoyed playing our games and now as a team we are looking forward to next season.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mr Gill, Mr Clarke, Mr Malin, Ms Lynch, Mr Griffin, Mr Walker, Robbie, Andy, Johnny and Tom for all of their help and support.

Tim Neenan, 1st Year



Under 13 A

Back Row: Mr Gill, Timothy Browning, Daniel McBride, John Murphy, Robert Dunleavy, Robert Beverland, Justin Bradish, Rupert Adams, Mark Delaney, Daniel Holder, Andrew Ryan, Ms Lynch.
Front Row: Patrick Adye Curran, Andrew Burke, Ross Connolly, Jack Byrne, Tim Neenan, Hugh Sweetnam, Jack Taylor, Craig Kennedy, Ryan Evans.



Under 13 B

Back Row: Mr Clarke, Gavin Murphy, Andrew Manning, Sean Keary, Fionn MacManus, Oisín Faust, Cormac Kennedy, Sam Brown, John Deering, Jamie Morris, Robert McLoughlin, Tim Jones, Ms Lynch.
Middle Row: David Howard, Andrew Howell, Sam Keating, Robert Stitt, Jack Walsh, Darren Snodgrass, Sean Shanley-Mee, Cian Tobin, John Swanwick.
Front Row: Dylan Quirke, Erik Skaadel.



Under 13 C

Back Row: Mr Gill, Gavin Murphy, Andrew Manning, Fionn MacManus, Oisín Faust, Jamie Morris, Robert McLoughlin, Mathew Drennan, Ms Lynch.
Front Row: Donal Naylor, Andrew Howell, Peter Campbell, Paul Harris, Jack Sheridan, Darren Snodgrass, Sean Shanley-Mee, Cian Tobin, John Swanwick.



SWIMMING



Swimming resumed this year in the recently renovated Terenure College pool. We had a particularly large group of juniors this year who were enthusiastic, co-operative and hard working. They braved even those most rainy and dark Tuesday evenings. Classes this year were aimed at improving both stroke technique as well as swim fitness.

It was difficult to select the winners for the Junior Cup, but in the end it was decided to award it to Emma Webster and Daniel Sheridan. They were totally committed to improving and made immense progress during the year.

Many of the transition year students pick swimming as their physical requirement for the President's Award and this year was no exception. In the beginning there is no doubt that the transitions years found the going tough but by March, and as a result of sticking with it, there was a recognizable difference in their competency and fitness levels. Simon Jackson managed to cajole the others into swimming a mile in order to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. Great credit

is due to all swimmers who took part in this fundraising event. The Senior Cup this year went to Alan Young who made great strides through effort and perseverance.

The High School swimmers took part in the Newpark School Swimming Gala again this year. Charlotte Leonard Kane and Kevin Smyth led the team who included Anne Marie Finn, Dayna Clegg and Brendan Murray-Byrne. In this event club swimmers are permitted to enter and so we had an excellent team made up of our Tuesday night and club swimmers combined. We were unbeatable and sure enough, came away as winners for the second year in a row. Well done to all!

As Mr Malin, Ms Lanigan and I reflected back on the year, we were unanimous that one feature that was notable this year was the attitude of all students involved. They were fun, good humoured and positive throughout and as a result we agreed it was a pleasure to facilitate this activity.

Ms T Jones

Seniors Swimming

Back Row: Sophie Lee, Sarah Quirke, Alan Young, Simon Jackson, Cian O'Neill, Matthew Smyth, Daniel Linehan, Neil McGinley, Rona O'Donnell, Ryan Farrell, Shane Whooley.

Middle Row: Mr Malin, Amy Deverell, Aisling Naylor, Stefanie Wynne, Kate O'Marcaigh, Lauren McGarry, Dylan Farrell, Ms Jones, Ms Lanigan.

Front Row: Sean-Tee Lim, Stephen Watts, Josh Kennedy, Ryan Kirwan, Robbie Carson.



Leinster Swimmers
Ann-Marie Finn and Dayna Clegg.

Junior Swimming

Back Row: Ms Jones, Sam Lunn, Eva Barrett, Lorcan O'Byrne, Matthew Holder, John Martin, Dayna Clegg, Niamh Murphy, Heather Baldwin, Mr Malin.

Third Row: Chloe Doyle, Meg O'Connor, Lauren Hudson, Catherine Fleming, Laura Duggan, Daniel Sheridan, Esme Moloney, Eimear Ni Bhroin, Donal Naylor, Ms Lannigan.

Second Row: Nathaniel O'Leary, Emma Webster, Ellen Baldwin, Abigail Donnelly, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Hannah Ridgeway, Chloe Deacon, Anthony Manly.

Front Row: David Howard, Jack Sheridan, John Swanwick, Daniel Holder, Sarah Mulhere, Ann-Marie Finn, Jennifer Long, Jennifer Burns.



Jeremia

SENIOR

This year the Senior Boys Tennis team had a hugely successful season. Drawn in the dreaded "group of death" with the likes of Gonzaga and Templeogue, we knew we would be up against it. However, with consistent performances from Guy Prendergast, Stephen James, Robbie McGuinness, Michael Adye Curran and Paul O'Kelly, we gave a good account of ourselves. Also Johnny Walker and Iain Irvine were formidable when paired together and managed to go unbeaten. I would like to thank Mr McDonnell for all of his hard work throughout the season and his words of advice and encouragement to us all. I would also like to thank Mr White for coordinating our fixtures.

Johnny Walker, 6th Year



Senior Boys Tennis

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Michael Adye Curran, Paul O'Kelly, Mark O'Kelly, John Hackett, Mr White.

Front Row: Iain Irvine, Jonathan Walker, Stephen James, Guy Prendergast.

MINOR AND JUNIOR

After the Rugby Season was over, a few 1st, 2nd and 3rd year pupils tried out for the tennis team. Our main opponents were Blackrock College and Gonzaga. Unfortunately we lost against them both despite a very good effort by all of the team members! Our captain was Matthew Holder and he gave great support to the team. I would like to thank Mr White and Mr McDonnell for organizing matches and training us.

Alex Lodola, 1st Year

Junior Boys Tennis

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Alex Lodola, Mark O'Kelly, Peter Adye Curran, Mr White.

Front Row: Andrew Ryan, Conor Ryan, Matthew Holder, John Hackett.



Minor Boys Tennis

Back Row: David Howard, Jack Sheridan, Jack Taylor, Alex Lodola, Kenneth Edgeworth, John Kehoe-Roche, Mr McDonnell.

Front Row: Mathew Drennan, Andrew Ryan, John Swanwick, Craig Kennedy, Mark Delaney.



Susan's whopper serve!



Senior A Girls Tennis

Back Row: Zoe O'Regan, Linda Silke, Amy Jones, Ms Jones.
Front Row: Aimee Jones O'Connor, Susan McRann, Joan Somers Donnelly.



Senior B Girls Tennis

Back Row: Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Susan Kinlan, Olivia Ball, Suzanne O'Connor, Sarah Brennan.
Front Row: Kira Mulhere, Ellen Carney, Ms Jones.



Junior A Girls Tennis

Back Row: Mollie-Kate Richardson, Maeve Daly, Sophie Collins, Ms Jones.
Front Row: Lauren McGarry, Lauren Walsh, Megan Rayner.



Junior B Girls Tennis

Back Row: Ellen Cunningham, Zoe Dolan, Sophie Wann, Ms Jones
Front Row: Emily Dunleavy, Emma O'Rourke, Jennifer Byrne, Jane Ward

SUSAN MCRANN **TENNIS STAR!**

Hi Susan! So when did you start playing tennis?

I was about five or six.

How did you get into playing?

My sisters already played tennis.

What club do you play for?

David Lloyd Riverview.

We heard you played for Ireland... is this true?

**Laughs* Yes, that's true!*

Oh wow... have you got to travel anywhere crazy with the team?!

Erm... Turkey?! Is that crazy?! (Interviewer: No, I've been there.)

Oh, well then Denmark!

How often do you train?

Five times a week.

Who's your favourite tennis player?

Roger Federer.

What sport would you play if you didn't play tennis?

Probably hockey I suppose!

And finally, if tennis got banned how would that make you feel?

...Sad?!

Nicola Spendlove,

Tess McCann, Kit Connolly,
5th Year

JUNIOR A

The Junior A tennis team had a great season, losing only one of our four league matches. Our strong partnership led us to three amazing victories over St Andrews, Loreto Beaufort and Rathdown School but unfortunately we were unable to beat the winners of our section, Mount Anville. We were the runners-up in our groups and I am confident that the team will go on and do even better next year.

I would like to thank Ms Waugh, our coach, and Ms S Jones for organising all of our matches.

Lauren Walsh, 3rd Year



Minor A Girls Tennis

Back Row: Amy O'Regan, Marianne McClafferty, Siobhan McManus, Ms Jones.

Front Row: Caoimhe Cassidy, Evie McCullough, Hayley Jackson.



Minor B Girls Tennis

Back Row: Emma Murphy, Lauren Tully, Ms Jones.

Front Row: Kate Barlow, Amber Graham, Stephanie Lyon.

Absent: Sarah Mulhere.

MINOR B

I would like to say thanks to our coach Ms S Jones who organized matches and blitzes and also Ms Waugh for the extra training on Wednesdays. We had a great team: Kate Barlow who was superb at volleying, Lauren Tully who shocked us all when she was getting ace after ace with her serve, (well done Lauren!) Stephanie Lyon with her great forehand shot and also our first years who were amazing. Emma Murphy was great at every move but had an especially good forehand. Sarah Mulhere had a wonderful volley. And hopefully next year we will make it to the final.

*Amber Graham,
2nd Year*



Minor C Girls Tennis

Back Row: Sarah Fox, Meg O'Connor, Heather Baldwin, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Ailbhe Carney.

Front Row: Catherine Fleming, Emer Brennan, Chloe Doyle, Robin Hayden, Ms Jones.

Sam with his 1st team in Leinster orienteering award and Brian with his second in Leinster award along with their mentor! Well done.



ORIENTEERING





The photographers, runners
and tuggers
and let's not forget the rain!



TUG-O-WAR



SPORTS AWARDS

Sports Captains 2007-2008

Cricket - Boys
David Meade
Cricket - Girls
Christine Rorke
Tennis - Boys
Daniel James
Tennis - Girls
Amy Jones
Athletics - Boys
Aidan Cowlard Joyce
Athletics - Girls
Leah Moore
Basketball - Boys
Andrew Stevenson
Basketball - Girls
Aislinn Coghlan
Hockey - Boys
Richard Jones
Hockey - Girls
Valerie Sexton
Rugby
Marc Evans

School Trophy Winners 2007-2008

Athletics
Belgrave
200 Metres - Senior Girls
Leah Moore
Cornick
400 Metres - Senior Boys
Edmund Butler
Cunningham
Points - Junior Boys
Conor Sexton/
Ethan Conroy
Diocesan Staff
Points - Junior Girls
Megan Kilpatrick
Magill
100 Metres - Junior Boys
Conor Sexton
Mathers
Points - Form 1 Girls
Siobhan McManus
Moore
200 Metres - Senior Boys
Robert O'Callaghan
Pakenham Hamilton
High Jump - Junior Girls
Siobhan McManus
Parents' Association
100 Metres - Senior Girls
Leah Moore
Sloan
Long Jump - Senior Boys
Marc Evans
Southam
800 Metres - Senior Boys
Bill O'Cleirigh
Taylor
100 Metres - Senior Boys
Robert O'Callaghan
Taylor
Points - Senior Girls
Leah Moore
Travers
High Jump - Senior Boys
Marc Evans
Walker
1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Not contested
War Memorial
Points - Senior Boys
Robert O'Callaghan

Badminton

Factor
Junior Boys
Aaron Campbell
Hennessey
Senior Boys
Not awarded
Junior Girls
Emma Lucas
Senior Girls
Not awarded
Evans
Junior Mixed
Aaron Campbell
Chloe Deacon

Canoeing

Broad Cup
Form 1
Niall Mason
Canoeist of the Year
Keenan Lacey
Junior Liffey Cup
James Harding

Cricket

Davies
Second Eleven
Mark Rogan
Dawson
Form 2 - Boys
Kunal Kapoor
de Vere Shortt
Batting - Boys
David Meade
Hanly
Fielding - Boys
Sean Tevlin

Hockey

Neville Davin
Senior Boys
Richard Jones
Diocesan
Minor Girls
Niamh Moran
Karen Eppel
Sportmanship
Ellen Ní Cleirigh
Jean Scott
Junior Girls
Maoliosa Nugent
Jean Scott
Senior Girls
Alison Meeke

Rugby

Dawson
Form 2
Ethan Conroy
de Vere Short
Player of the Year
Gareth Austen
Turner
Most Deserving Team
Junior Cup Team

Soccer

Shield
League
Daniel James

Table Tennis

Evans
Luke Staines

Tennis

Girls
Jagoe
Junior Girls
Maeve Daly
Smith
Senior Girls
Olivia Ball
Tennis - Boys
Harcourt
Junior Boys
Sealy
Conor Ryan
Senior Boys
Robbie McGuinness

Parents Association

At the 65th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents Association held on 6th October 2008, the following committee members were elected:

Lorraine Brunell (Secretary), Ken Farrell (Treasurer), Alan Browning (President), Dawn Sweetnam, Bridgid Hebblethwaite, Eamon Flaherty, Eileen O'Driscoll, Iain Power, David Shaw, Peter Manly and Sue Barber.

The past year has seen another busy year for the Parents Association. We have as usual been involved in running a number of activities for the school and all members of the Parents Association were instrumental in making these a success.

Some of the main activities the Parents Association were involved in during the past year were:

- Parent-Teacher meetings for forms one, two, three and five were held. We received very positive feedback from the parents of the benefits of this exercise.
- A talk for parents on 'Teenagers-The Ten Golden Rules' was presented by Dr Vincent Molony a child psychologist. This was well received by those who attended although we would welcome greater numbers at our next talk.
- Mock interviews were organized for fifth year students in conjunction with Thelma Jones. Virtually every student from the year attended this voluntary exercise which was well received by all involved. Feedback and tips from the interviewers on how students can better prepare and feedback from the students themselves were passed to Ms Jones.
- Parties were organized in Old Wesley to mark both the Junior Certificate results and Sixth Form graduation night.
- The Parent/Teacher cricket match which was won by some very determined fast bowling by the teachers this year.

In addition, the Parents Association have representatives attending the meetings of the Board of Governors and Management Committee and various sub-committees of the Board involved with Sport, Grounds and Property, Education and Finance. This presents us with an opportunity to give our input and get feedback on issues affecting the school generally.

We also have a representative on the National Association of Compass, (COMPASS) a constituent body of the National Parents Council (post primary), where policies and ideas of what other schools are doing are shared.

We are always pleased to consider sponsorship of students through our sponsorship scheme, details of which is available on the school website. This year we contributed towards the Habitat for Humanity trip, hockey and rugby tours and subsidized several students who were undertaking educational or sporting related trips. I would encourage students to avail of the scheme.

The committee met informally with the Principal, Brian Duffy. This gave us the opportunity of exchanging views and information on matters such as using web texting to communicate with parents, which the school has now introduced, the impact of Government cutbacks on the school and enhancing parent teacher communication during the Leaving Certificate cycle. This helps us as parents to keep abreast of school thinking and policy.

The Parents Association continues to serve a very useful purpose as the conduit between parents and the school. It has given me a great insight into the running of the school as well as an opportunity of working with a group of dedicated parents on the Parents Association. I would like to thank all my fellow members for their time, commitment and effort throughout the year. I would encourage all parents to attend our next AGM. As we will have parents stepping down from the Association I would ask anyone interested in joining the committee to please contact us through the website.

Alan Browning

Parents' Association

Chairperson:

Alan Browning

Committee:

Sue Barber, Lorraine Brunell, Ken Farrell, Eamon Flaherty, Bridgid Hebblethwaite, Peter Manly, Eileen O'Driscoll, Iain Power, David Shaw, Dawn Sweetnam

School Prefects

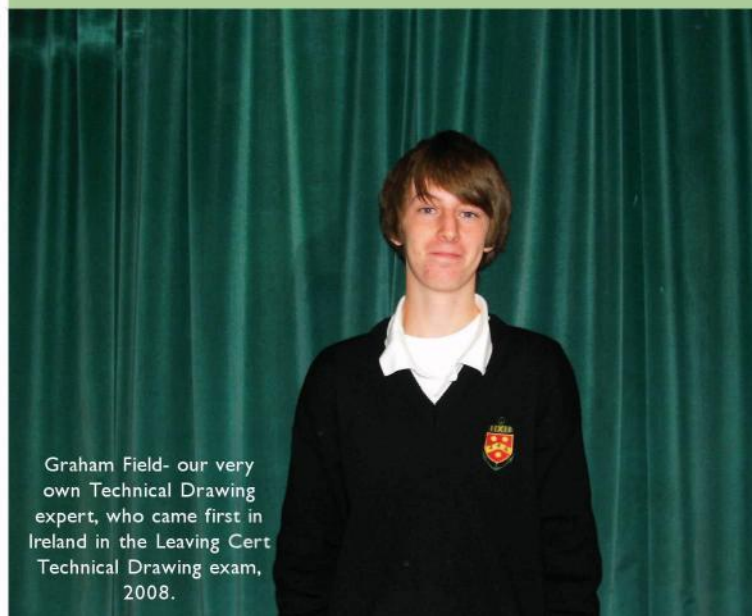
Shay Arias Paz, Deborah Blair, Ruth Bourke, Miles Campbell, Gillian Carr, Ayesha Carrim, Aislinn Coghlan, Emma Connell, Alex Conroy, Lydia Cosgrove, Clare Cryan, Peter Hunt, Jack Kelly, Simon Kinneen, Phoebe Laing, Hannah Leavy, Charlotte Leonard Kane, Aoife McGovern, Matthew McKenna Barry, Denis O'Connor, Jane O'Donohoe, Jack O'Kennedy, Sean O'Riordan, James Ryan, Mark Savage, Stephen Shaw, Olwen Smith, Alicia Smyth, Kevin Smyth, Joan Somers Donnelly, Jonathan Walker, Shane Webb

Head Girl: Olwen Smith

Head Boy: Jack O'Kennedy

David Malone

David Malone, a past pupil of High School, has had a very full career as a TV and film producer and director. He has been involved in a lot of productions and broadcasting in Britain and Ireland. He was accepted onto BBC director's television training course in London Estree in 1990. He completed this and returned to Belfast where he began to work as TV director across a range of popular factual and entertainment programmes. Shows he has worked on include the Late Late Show, Saving Planet Earth, Crime Call and the Belfast International Horse Show.



Graham Field- our very own Technical Drawing expert, who came first in Ireland in the Leaving Cert Technical Drawing exam, 2008.

PPU REPORT

It was a great honour for Philip Orr & Joan Love, as Joint Presidents, to represent The High School and Diocesan PPU at the various functions throughout the year. Their first engagement was to represent the PPU at the AGM of the Association of School Unions which took place in The Courtyard Restaurant in Donnybrook. Once again, The High School was well represented at the dinner, which took place after the AGM, and a good night was had by all.

Philip and Joan attended various functions throughout the year and got to know many of the other 'Chain Gang' who were all very welcoming. They attended the School Prize Giving where they presented the Old Boys Cup and Rose Bowl respectively. The performance given by the school orchestra and choir on the night was quite outstanding and they were very impressed with the school and the calibre of students who seem to excel not only academically but also at sport and music. There seems to be a great atmosphere amongst students in The High School where students appear to receive a very varied and holistic education. Students seem to be very happy which of course is extremely important.

Our own PPU events during the year included the Mid Summer Barbeque which went off extremely well despite the rain. This event continues to be very popular. The annual golf outing was held in September in The Grange Golf Club and thanks to our Golf Secretary, Brian Priestman, it was a great success. This year there was a good turn out from the ladies and a great social night was had at the dinner which followed the golf. At Christmas, we continued with our annual Carol Singing in the Orwell Nursing Home. The Committee would like to extend many thanks to Helen Sheridan for playing the piano at very short notice. Unfortunately, this event was very badly supported this year but the Residents really seemed to enjoy our efforts. We were warmly welcomed by the staff at the home, in fact they had put notices up about The High School Choir coming to sing, which was a little embarrassing! They provided us with tea and cakes afterwards and the residents really seemed to enjoy the night and joined in with the singing. This event is really worthwhile and the Committee urge more members to support it next Christmas.

One regret of the year was that Philip and Joan only attended two dinners together as Joint Presidents - Wesley College and Kilkenny College which were excellent. Sometimes, being the only PPU with Joint Presidents can be awkward. Joan suggested that as The High School amalgamated with The Diocesan School for Girls in 1974 and has been a co-educational school since, that perhaps going forward as a union, we should consider having one President. Of course, this would require a review of our constitution but for the sake of the PPU and in order for it to continue and grow in strength this may need to be considered sooner rather than later. Otherwise, it may die out and we'll have to hope in that case that a new Co-ed PPU will rise from the ashes. Joan expressed her hope that we can reach compromise and a suitable solution from within.

The Men's dinner was held in the school on Saturday 14th January and proved to be an excellent and extremely enjoyable evening. The toast to the guests was proposed by Andrew Blair and Gerry Maher responded with a very entertaining speech. The Headmaster surpassed himself on the night and made up for his absence in 2008. Our sincere thanks to our new dinner Secretary, John Ellis, who organized everything to the usual high standard and has now set up a designated e-mail address hsdmensdinner@agency.ie for all men's dinner enquiries. This e-mail address should be contacted for those who



High School & Diocesan Past Pupils' Union

Patron: W.G. (Harry) Booker

Joint Presidents: Joan Love, Philip Orr

Hon. Treasurer: Stephen Brown

Hon. Secretary: Julie Dowling

wish to receive notice of the 2010 dinner.

This year saw the introduction of our first Black Tie Co-ed dinner which took place in The Westbury Hotel, 100 people attended and it was a great success. Perhaps going forward, this event will continue and grow in strength and numbers, to become our main PPU Dinner. Thanks in particular to Joan Love & John Gillis for organizing this event. Joan & John are now hoping to arrange a reunion for their own 'Class of 1981' who left school 28 years ago and have never had a reunion!

The last event of the season was the Annual Ladies Dinner which was held in The Royal St George Yacht Club. The night was tinged with sadness for Joan, as her Mum, Olive Singleton, who won a scholarship to Diocesan in the 1930s was unable to attend due to ill health. However, there was a good attendance of over 70 ladies. Olwyn Smith, our Head Girl, said the Grace. Heather Ridgeway proposed the toast to the President of Ireland while Sharon Reid proposed a toast to The Lady President. Our guest speaker, this year, was Michelle Lynch, who was extremely entertaining and a great night was had by all. Michelle, a Barrister, is a former Vice-President of The World Trade Centre in New York. She had amazing stories about landing by helicopter in her old school yard in Cavan and meeting people such as the Clintons, Fred Astaire and Paul Newman to name a few. Thanks to Bruce Lyster, a past pupil and Member of the Yacht club, who facilitates us to hold the event in the fantastic setting of the Royal St George Yacht Club. Joan, at the AGM, thanked Carole Bardon, Alison Hunt and Avril Poff for their help and support with the night.

The committee would also like to thank Frances Vickers, our Membership Secretary and Carole Bardon, for the Trojan work they have put in to updating our database this year. Unfortunately, Frances is unable to continue this year and we are deeply grateful to Victoria Moran who has agreed to take over same with the help and support of John Ellis. Thanks also to Julie Dowling, our Hon Secretary, Stephen Browne, our Hon Treasurer and the entire committee for all their continued support throughout the year. Out-going Presidents, Joan & Philip, wish Ann Tector and Richard Graves all the very best for the coming year as Joint Presidents.

PPU Ladies Dinner



HSD DEBS

2008

The 2008 Debs took place in the Radisson Hotel in Dundalk. The night started earlier than usual because of the distant location so we arrived at the school at about 5.30 for some light refreshments. The reception in the school gave the parents a chance to admire everyone's attire and gave the students a chance to chat to the teachers for the first time since starting college.

Buses arrived to bring us the hotel at about 7.30. We said our goodbyes and set off for a long night. The company who helped arranged our debs insisted that it would be Oscar-themed so we were greeted by a red carpet and several extremely tacky life-size cut outs of various celebrities. Fortunately the night went uphill from there! We were given a glass of champagne on arrival and were then taken through to the main dining hall for our three course dinner, which was delicious. One of the highlights of the dinner was the announcement of Debs king and queen which was surprisingly awarded to Bruce and Grainne, not rigged at all... A slide show of some of the memorable events throughout our High School lives was arranged by another member of the Debs committee and provided great distraction while we were waiting for our food to arrive.

A photographer arrived after dinner and gave us the opportunity to get a professional picture taken before it was too far into the night. We then made our way through to the night club, which was also in the hotel. We were kept entertained throughout the night with a band performance and High School's finest singers couldn't resist a bit of karaoke (another thing the company would not let us exclude!). The night drew to an end at about 6am when we were ushered back into the dining hall for breakfast; which is exactly what we needed after a long night. The buses dropped us back to school and everyone was very upset that the night was over.

All in all the night was a great success. It was the last time we would be together as a year group, which is saddening in a way, but I couldn't ask for a better last memory of this great group of people.

I would like to thank everyone that helped with the organisation of the debs; especially Dr Whitford, the office staff, and the debs committee.

Evanna Mills
(vice-head of the Debs Committee)



Brian and Dohal at the reception in the Reynold's Hall.



Daniel James and Conor James with partners.



Stephane Hanley, Miriam Kerr and Ruth Senior.



Susan Casey, Evanna Mills, Ruth Senior and Alice Wyse Jackson.



Julie Kavanagh and Gavin Sadlier

Bruce Misstear and partner.



WAR MEMORIAL

below). More information on these memorials can be found if you follow the 'Places' link on the Irish War Memorials website.

The High School War Memorial windows were originally located in the Clockroom at the Harcourt St.



The Archive has had a busy year dealing with queries about the key areas of our holdings – High School Past Pupils, former Trust Grammar Schools, English Schools and Estates.

The Archive was contacted for information about Stanley Woods, the pre-war motorcycle racing legend, for a television documentary. Woods (pictured above) attended High School, Dublin from 1915-1920 and is famous for 29 motorcycle Grand Prix wins and winning the Isle of Man TT races 10 times in his career. Stanley started racing in 1921 on a Harley Davidson and was a skilled trials rider.

Another interesting part of High School history was revealed when the Archive was contacted by Michael Pegum who runs the Irish War Memorials project which has an extensive website documenting the many memorials across Ireland, including photographs of each memorial, the text of all inscriptions, and details of the site of each memorial. For more information see www.irishwarmemorials.ie.

When making a transcription of the names of the plaques hung beside High School's stain glass window (pictured above) Pegum noted that two names on the Great War plaques did not have military ranks noted. He was able to shed light on these Past Pupils - William Rice and Holden Stodart. As the newspaper clipping here states, Rice was shot in error by a British soldier in what now would be called 'friendly fire', the subsequent trial did not prosecute Sgt Flood who had also shot at several others, killing another. Stodart was killed, as the clipping here describes, when working for the St John Ambulance during the Battle of Mount Street, Pembroke Road, 1916.

The Past Pupils database has now been updated to include all the names from the War Memorial Plaques which also cover World War II Past Pupils. The High School has another plaque beside the canteen which lists the names of the Abbey School (Tipperary Grammar School) who died in the Great War (pictured



RICE, William John, Glenholme, Sandford terrace, Dublin, and member of the clerical staff at Guinness's Brewery, was shot dead by the military in the brewery with Lieut. Lucas, 2nd King Edward Horse. Rice had no connection with the Sinn Féin movement, and was a trusted official in Guinness's.



STODART, Holden, Corps Superintendent for Co. Dublin of St. John Ambulance Brigade, was shot on the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th April, while going with a stretcher to the rear of Pembroke road to bring in a wounded soldier to the Royal City of Dublin Hospital at Baggot street. Mr. Stodart, who was aged 33, and the younger surviving son of Mr. Thomas A. Stodart, an old and valued member of the *Irish Times* staff, resided at "Winona," Victoria Villas, Blackrock, and has left a widow and child. He was educated at the High School, Dublin, and held a responsible position in the firm of Messrs. Arthur Guinness and Co. Mr. Stodart was one of the strongest supporters of the St. John Ambulance Brigade in Dublin, and since the outbreak of the war had rendered valuable service as a Superintendent of the Brigade, and he had been awarded the Coronation Silver Medal. To his work he devoted himself with a whole-hearted enthusiasm that characterised everything he took an interest in. When the rebellion broke out in Dublin he was the senior St. John Ambulance officer then in the city, and he immediately got into touch with the military authorities, who were only too glad to avail of the services which Mr. Stodart rendered cheerfully for two days and nights. He had an arduous task in organising bodies of ambulance workers to take duty at various hospitals, but despite what would have seemed insurmountable obstacles to many Mr. Stodart gathered his forces, and placed them where their services were most needed. Having completed the work of organisation he settled down to the detail work under his superior officer who was now on the spot, with the Royal City of Dublin Hospital, Baggot street, as his station. From there he went out on the afternoon of Wednesday, 26th April, and died in the discharge of his duty. The St. John Ambulance Brigade has, since the rebellion, awarded medals and certificates to a number of the officers who distinguished themselves in the work of the rebellion week. Foremost on the list of those recommended for honour was the name of Mr. Stodart, but the General Chapter of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem at present has no power to award posthumous honours, and those who knew him best are content to think that—

Better than martial woe or the pageant of civic sorrow,
Better than praise to-day, or the statue we build to-morrow.
Better than honour and glory, from history's iron pen,
Is the thought of duty done, and the love of fellowmen.

It may be of interest to officers and men of the Red Cross and St. John Ambulance Brigade to know that the War Office has decided to place them in the same position with regard to pensions and compassionate allowances as the equivalent ranks in the Army, and in pursuance of this liberal policy the widow and child of Mr. H. Stodart have been granted the pension and allowance of a Lieutenant killed in action.

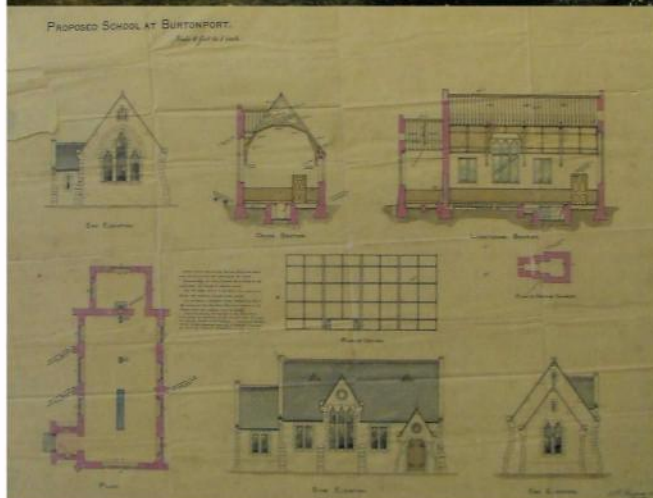
GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Below are photographs that were lent to the Archive last year which show pupils and staff from Galway Grammar School in the 1940s. These images were sent in by Francis Forster from Longford whose father attended the school and in the back row of the rugby team photograph below. These images are a unique record of school life showing a gym display, athletics and other pupil groups but unfortunately without any captions.



ENGLISH SCHOOLS

There were several queries during the year regarding English Schools – the Trust primary schools – such as Donnybrook, Dublin; Clondullane, Cork; Grousehall School, Donegal; and Burtonport, Donegal. These schools were either granted aided or managed by the Trust mainly during the 19th century. A former resident from the Donegal, Patrick Boner, now living in the UK, came to study the records of the Burtonport English School in Donegal. The building was sold by the Trust in 1924 but is still standing but in need of repair. Boner is planning on writing a local history of the area and was keen to read the many letters of correspondence in the Archive holdings. Unusually we have very detailed architectural plans for the school building from 1901 one of which is shown below. These also include details the roof and rafter construction, concrete work for the doors and windows, rib-moulding to ceiling, and scale drawings of the corbels and trefoils to small windows. Boner kindly forwarded the postcard image below which dates from 1906-10.



SLIGO MINES

Another interesting piece of Trust history that has been researched this year was the Barytes Mines on Benbulbin in Sligo. Barytes is a very heavy inert mineral that is widely used in industry such as radiation shielding, with medical applications as a barium meal for CAT scans, but more generally used in the paint and ceramics industries and as a weighting agent for drilling fluids in oil and gas exploration.

The Trust held mining rights for the mine on Benbulbin which were granted to various companies during the 19th and 20th centuries. These were eventually sold to an American company in the 1970s who failed to develop the mine commercially as larger deposits were found more economical in other countries. Local historian Gerry Foley is putting together an electronic book on the history of the mines which chart the often difficult yet inventive working conditions through the years of this remote site.

As ever, queries into any of the above or more always welcome.

Alan Phelan
Archivist

SNAPSHOTS



ERASMIAN TEAM



Aimee



Keenan



Steph



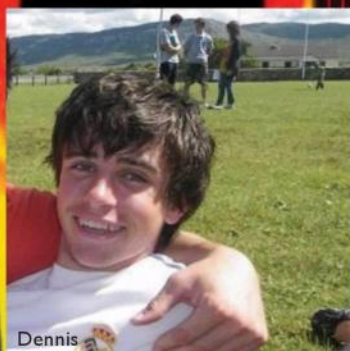
Susan



Mark



Georgie



Dennis



Nicola.



Nicole



Sadhbh



Ms Watson



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SENIOR BOYS HOCKEY

This season, the Senior Boys Hockey Team had one of the most successful in its illustrious history. We reached the All Ireland Schools Tournament for the first time ever, as well as having a successful League campaign, culminating in a formidable Cup run.

We began the season with high hopes as we retained the core of last years cup runners up team. Also we had the decent additions of Shane O'Donoghue, young talent Stephen Reid and Junior Team Captain, Niall O'Leary.

The season began with the news that we could be participating in the All Irelands for the first time in our history. To qualify we faced the daunting task of an all or nothing clash with arch rivals King's Hospital. Having already faced a gruelling test of endurance against Kilkenny College we knew this would be our greatest test yet. However we succeeded in dethroning a strong King's Hospital team. This was a close affair with super sub John Willoughby scoring the crucial goal.

In high spirits we travelled to Limerick ready to take on the best teams in Ireland. We were drawn in the group of death with previous winners Banbridge Academy and Ashton, as well as a renowned Regent team. We had now taken our rightful place amongst the giants of Irish Hockey.

Unfortunately our tournament got off to the worst possible start, conceding to Banbridge after a whirlwind 10 seconds. We knew immediately that it was going to be a baptism of fire. Our entire game plan was thrown out the window and although we recovered well from this setback and fought hard for the entire match. However, the experienced Banbridge side, who were finalists the previous year, proved too strong for us in the end.

Next up was Ashton, another David vs. Goliath clash. We went out determined to cause an upset, with the possibility of qualification from our group still a very realistic prospect. With this knowledge, we dominated the first half and despite the lion's share of possession and a host of short corners, we failed to



Senior 1st Boys Hockey

Back Row: Paul O'Kelly, James Barber, Keith Gray, Niall Noonan, Mark Evans, Robbie McGuinness, Niall O'Leary, John Willoughby, Mr Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Joshua Purcell, Guy Prendergast, Ryan O'Malley, Jonathan Walker, Stephen Reid, Ian Irvine, Gareth Carragher.

Insert: Jack O'Kennedy. **Absent:** Shane O'Donoghue.

capitalize. Alas, with one minute to go to half time, Ashton converted a well worked short corner. The second half started well for us again, with many more penetrating attacks but still nothing to show for our efforts. We paid the ultimate price for this when we were undone on the break with our superb keeper Gareth Carragher helpless to stop a deflected effort. With one eye on our next match against a renowned Regent side, we took off several key players and eventually succumbed to defeat against this Ashton side who would go on to reach the semi-finals.

We now went into our crunch tie with Regent knowing that qualification was now a bridge too far. Our pride and the pride of the High School was at stake. Once again we started strongly but found it difficult to convert our chances. It wasn't long though before James Barber, who had been threatening to hit the form of his life all tournament, became the first ever High School player to score at an All Ireland Championship. He was given the ball on the half way line, and with it all still to do, he left three defenders in his wake before unleashing a scorching reverse stick shot into the roof of the net. With our first goal scored we began playing with confidence and it wasn't long before James Barber added his, and our second, goal of the match. It came in the second half after some fine interplay between myself and Keith Gray, working the ball down the right before I waltzed past a couple of challenges and put the ball on a plate for Barber, who duly converted. We won the match 2-0.



After the disappointment of our earlier-than-planned exit, we were drawn against Raphoe in a friendly the next day. The match itself was anything but friendly, with challenges flying in left, right and centre. Raphoe were a well disciplined, highly organized outfit with numerous Ulster Representatives amongst their ranks. Despite this, we managed to produce one of the performances of the tournament, to turn them over 4-1. There were several memorable performances but most notable was the smoking hot contribution of Ryan O'Malley.



After a couple of close fought league encounters with Bandon, Sutton, Kilkenny and newly crowned champions of Ireland, St Andrews, our Cup campaign got underway. As the Cup was seeded this year, we got a bye through the first round before facing the difficult challenge of an exuberant Mount Temple team, who were undefeated so far this season. Despite there being no sign of Shane O'Donoghue, we brushed them aside 3-1 with minimal fuss.

This set up a mouth watering semi final tie against Wesley College, a carbon copy of last year's epic final. It would truly be a clash of the titans. The match was played in Wesley, in treacherous conditions, which played right into Wesley's hands. It was a cagey opening with both sides obviously wary of the other's attacking credentials. Unfortunately it was Wesley who drew first blood. We recovered well from this though and when a gilt-edged opportunity fell to James Barber, with the open goal at his mercy, he blazed over - unable to recapture his scoring form of the All Irelands. We continued to challenge all match and had several goal mouth scrambles before eventually pulling one goal back through Shane O'Donoghue. We kept on pressing for the all decisive goal and even hit the post before Wesley caught us on the break and ended the tie.

It was a disappointing end to an historic season and on behalf of the team I would like to say thanks to Mr Miller, Mr Wilkinson, and in particular, Mr Fitzpatrick for all the hard work they put in to making this a truly memorable season.

Johnny Walker, 6th Year



JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY



Junior Boys Hockey

Back Row: Mr Wilkinson, Niall O'Leary, Cian Noone, Conor Sexton, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Naoise McTeirnan, Jack McCann, Matthew Holder, Kunal Kapoor, Adam O'Malley.

Front Row: Oisin Devilly, Niall O'Callaghan, Ryan O'Malley, Stephen Reid, Harry Jones, John McNulty, Kari Andresson.

The season got off to the best possible start with a 7-1 win against St Columbas, despite having two season long injuries of Sean-Tee Lim and Alan Young. As the league campaign started we scraped victories against Sandford Park and Kilkenny College. With players missing for various reasons our League campaign lost momentum with defeats to St Andrews and Wesley College.

The Junior Cup started after Christmas and the weather took a turn for the worse, with a frozen pitch causing training to be called off. This meant we went into the first round against St Marks less prepared than we would have liked. After the first half we were 2-0 down but two quick goals from Stephen Reid brought us back into the match. Our early League form shone through and we won 6-2 in the end, with great contributions from all players, in particular Niall O'Callaghan and Matthew Holder.

Our season finished, unfortunately, with a defeat to Wesley College in the quarter-final of the Cup, despite fine performances from Ryan O'Malley and Johnny McNulty. Thanks to Mr. Wilkinson and Luke for all the hard work this year. Good luck next year boys!

Niall O'Leary, 4th Year



A half-time hockey huddle.

HERE COMES THE SHANE: AN INTERVIEW WITH SHANE O'DONOGHUE

How did you get involved in hockey?

Both parents played hockey and I was involved from a young age.

What are your first impressions of High School and its hockey?

It's not bad, but I am used to a higher level sometimes, but was very proud to get to the All-Irelands for the first time in High School's history.

What Club are you playing for?

Glenanne.

When did you make your senior debut for your club?

15, I wasn't allowed to play beforehand.

When did you first play for Leinster/ Ireland?

I first played for Leinster when I was 12 going on 13 and I first played for Ireland when I was 15 in the Europeans in Holland.

Where do you intend to be playing hockey in 5 years time?

I would love to move abroad to play hockey professionally in Holland, Spain, Germany or Australia.

Who is your sports inspiration?

Stephen Butler and... our own Paul Fitzpatrick.

What was the most exciting match you ever played in?

There are two matches that I played in that were incredible the first one was when I was playing for Ireland against Holland the quality was just unbelievable and the second match was the IHL final for Glenanne that went to penalties.

What is your favourite team to play for?

Glenanne.

How do you feel about your recent nomination for young player of the season by the Irish hockey league?

It is a great honour, but I wouldn't have got it if it wasn't for the effort of the whole team.

How do you rate your chances of winning it?

I think I have a great chance, but there are many other deserving winners and I am just happy to get nominated.

Finally, Lucozade or PowerAde?

Lucozade!

Shane has recently been selected for the Irish U18 team and will compete in the upcoming under aged European championships. Let's hope Shane can continue his progress, he could be in line to make his full Irish debut!



Shane O'Donoghue.



Josh at the short corner.



The finalists.

UNDER 13 BOYS HOCKEY

The Under 13 Boys Hockey had a very mixed season this year. Whilst victories were hard to come by the players involved made good progress throughout the year and have improved their all-round playing ability.

An initial group of 13 players made up the core squad, this number is down on previous seasons and possibly reflects the demands being placed on students time these days.

The team was ably captained by Jamie Laycock and David Howard. Both proved themselves to be capable hockey players and competent organisers throughout the season. Jamie Morris was soon installed as Goalkeeper and he proved his worth and progress in a number of matches especially against Wesley and Newpark in the Cup, where he made a series of very good saves.

John Swanick, John Murphy and Donal Naylor worked hard at improving their skills and became competent defenders alongside Jamie Laycock. Andrew Manning also made a number of appearances and proved himself to be a very good hockey player.

David Howard, Dylan Quirke and Daniel Holder were responsible for the midfield and these players worked well throughout the season and put in good performances against St. Andrews and St. Killians.

Karl Kinch, Jack Sheridan and Sam Treacy McGee played up front and provided us with a good attacking outlet. Unfortunately, this season we had a small squad and did not score enough goals but hopefully with more hard work and improvement in training this will be improved on next season.

Anyone who did not play this season and wishes to play in the Under 14 (Minor) League or take up the sport next season is more than welcome to attend in September.

Whilst this team did not see results go their way at times the players showed a really good sense of commitment, a good work ethic and also a noticeable level of improvement across the season

Mr D Miller



Under 13 Boys Hockey

Back Row: Dylan Quirke, Donal Naylor, John Swanwick, Karl Kinch, Daniel Holder, Mr Miller.

Front Row: Jamie Morris, Jack Sheridan, Jamie Laycock, David Howard, John Murphy.



Jack hits the ground running.



Guy Prendergast-
"darn it ball - I WILL hit you!"



Niall Noonan
ready to attack.



Mark Evans
strikes for goal.

THE SCHOOL

