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# EDITORIAL

What do you remember about the past school year?

Can you think back to the first day? Seeing everyone again after three months off? What did you achieve in the classroom or on the pitch? Getting that grade you worked hard for or scoring that match-winning goal? What about your classmates? New friendships formed, old ones strengthened?

Will you look back on this school year with pride or regret? Are you happy about the choices you made or are there things you wished you had done differently?

For the majority of us the answer is...both. But what's important is that we remember the ups and downs because those moments make a lasting impression on us and shape the person that we grow up to be.

Every time we walk through the doors of this school we make new memories. Whether they are good or bad is entirely up to you.

Hopefully this year's Erasmian will help you to rediscover some of yours...

**Jack O'Kennedy**  
**5th Form**

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Welcome to the latest edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times! Jack O'Kennedy was the capable editor this year, and showed his considerable managerial skills as he took on the responsibility of organizing and compiling what you are about to read. Over the past few busy months he has been unfailingly flexible and good natured and proved himself to be highly motivated and committed to the project.

He has been aided by an excellent team of 5th years who helped to various extents during the year. Matthew McKenna Barry and Joan Somers Donnelly gave up large chunks of their time when school ended in June and were involved in writing articles, typing, captioning photographs and proof-reading. No small task! Others involved in typing and carrying out interviews were Debbie Blair, Jane O'Donohoe, Gill Carr, Clare Cryan, Aidan Cowlard-Joyce, Johnny Walker and Kevin Smyth. Stephen Shaw and Jack Kelly deserve great praise for being willing to scan and doctor photographs at a moments notice – they both did a lot of typing and proofing work also. This year's original cover was designed by Daragh Monaghan and Rory Simms. Thanks also goes to Keenan Lacey who gave up days from his summer holidays to help finish off the production.

Organizing and putting together a production of this quality takes a lot of dedication. 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, Mr C Cryan and Mr D Wright 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 Mr W Sheridan 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.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Erasmian.

**L Watson**



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 06/07

B.T. DUFFY, M.A., H. DIP. ED.

## NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The OECD "Education at a Glance" report (2007) should be a cause of deep shock and concern to the Irish population. Despite now being one of the wealthiest countries in the world, Ireland ranks last in educational investment as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product among all of the OECD countries. Such decision-making by government can only lead eventually to the erosion of our economic success. While this statistic can seem distant when reading it in a newspaper, the reality of under investment is felt every day in schools. You, as the families represented in The High School, have made a decision to invest your own disposable income in a particular level of educational quality and service provision in order to make up for what the government is not providing. Among other things, your fees are currently providing extra teachers and extra rooms to ensure smaller classes and additional subjects, sports coaches and other extra-curricular instructors to provide the sort of holistic education which the government thinks it is providing, as well as catering, nursing and administrative staff to ensure that we have a safe and healthy environment for your children. You may find it difficult to believe that you also provide the library and the librarian because there is no provision in government funding for such. Although funding for refurbishment of buildings has improved in recent years through what is known as the Summer Works Scheme, it is still far from adequate and you are still providing for a substantial percentage of the repairs, replacements and decoration necessary in a building which is over thirty years old.

The development of science and technology is a stated government objective. We hear of declining numbers of students electing to enter these areas at third level and in their careers. Yet, when we sought funding for the vital replacement of our five laboratories we were

told that none was available, except for safety equipment. We have replaced four laboratories to date and will replace the fifth one shortly, all from private funds.

There are quite frequent quotations in the press from the Minister about the number of extra teachers she is employing. What you do not hear is that all of these are to cater for the special needs students who have been incorporated into mainstream schools in recent years. These teachers act in a support role to the classroom teachers and they teach only a few, or even one, student at a time. The role of the classroom teacher has remained the same, except with the additional pressures of constantly changing syllabi, the integration of Information and Communications Technologies into teaching, the need to provide more differentiated lessons to cater for the wide range of ability now present in the classroom and the decline of mutual respect in society, which has led to an increase in the number of discipline problems in schools. In the 1970s the quota of classroom teachers was 1 to every 16 pupils. Now, in a vastly wealthier and more complex society, it is 1 to every 18 pupils. Any statistician can see that as a serious deterioration which was introduced in the 1980s due to economic problems at the time, but never rectified as circumstances improved.

There have been multiple government press announcements concerning the "huge increase" in ICT provision in the next National Development Plan. Yes, this is a huge increase, because there has been no provision at all for years. However, the amount allocated will actually cover only a small fraction of the cost which we will incur in providing adequate ICT for modern teaching. €252 million sounds like a lot of money but it is spread over seven years and over all sectors of education, thus amounting to less than a third of what is actually needed and what is actually being spent in this school.

It is important for the families using the education system to be aware of the inequality and discrimination which applies to government funding. Few people are aware that schools in the vocational sector and in the community and comprehensive sectors receive far more money per pupil than voluntary secondary schools. There seems to be an impression that schools run by private patron bodies such as the Churches or Educate Together can make up the shortfall themselves. We have campaigned for many years for this inequity to be removed but it still remains. Furthermore, if the original capitation grant to schools which was introduced in 1967 had been adjusted according to the Consumer Price Index it would be three times the present grant level! When one visits schools in the United Kingdom, the funding discrepancy becomes glaringly obvious. Ireland is selling its children short.

It is interesting to note also, that while government continues to deprive schools of much needed funding, its policies are simultaneously taking money away from the schools. The huge increases in charges for water and waste disposal to large institutions and businesses are also imposed on schools. There must be a case for exemption from these charges and also from VAT which we pay on everything, since we can not register for VAT. The post-election round of public spending cuts has recently been announced. This has occurred after every recent election, apparently with the aim of building up a reserve to spend in the last year or so preceding the next election. Such a pattern of unreliable state funding for education is little short of a national disgrace.

The revision of Section 29 of the Education Act was overdue and is welcome. This goes some way towards restoring the correct balance between the rights of all children to have a well ordered teaching and learning environment and the rights of a child who has been suspended or expelled by a school. For the last decade the procedures were skewed in favour of the latter, to the detriment of the vast majority of students who are well behaved and wish to progress their education normally. Unfortunately, however, almost immediately this correction was made, the National Education Welfare Board published draft guidelines on codes of conduct which would again submerge the rights of most children in a plethora of regulation which will again favour those who misbehave and disrupt the education of others. It is to be hoped that the final version of these guidelines will be much amended.

The National Council for Curriculum and Assessment is continuing to develop a substantial reform of the senior cycle



which will begin to impact on schools soon as new units for Transition are developed for certification at the end of the senior cycle. Between 2007 and 2010 there is to be an "intensive phase of school planning and teacher professional development" and new syllabi are to be introduced across the senior cycle from 2010. This, in addition to the revision of all of the Junior Certificate syllabi. Curriculum development is a worthwhile objective, indeed a necessity, but the pace has become too rapid in Ireland since the foundation of the NCCA. Unfortunately, a body like this develops a vested interest in change for its own sake, since it will be seen to be without value unless change is occurring. The NCCA should concentrate on areas where practising teachers have identified the need for reform and leave well alone in other areas. For example, when new "approved units" have been developed in Transition Year, it would be a mistake to impose these on all schools, enforcing a homogenised curriculum instead of the very valuable local innovation which is occurring at the moment in schools which take Transition Year seriously.

I am pleased to report that the system of Garda vetting of new employees for schools is now operating successfully. New staff are now being vetted with regard to a prior criminal record, as part of a national drive to improve the protection of children.

## 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 and English. 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 the anti-bullying policy undertaken by the Education Committee.

We have been busy over the summer replacing windows in half of the school, installing CCTV in the grounds and some areas inside the building, upgrading the fire safety systems, replacing our water heaters, re-felting roofs to eliminate leaks, installing a new computer network in the Technical and Crafts Building, replacing the computers in one of the networks of the main ICT facilities, reflooring in the library and kitchen areas, along with general painting and maintenance. 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.

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 Niamh Harty for her 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.highschool dublin.com](http://www.highschool dublin.com) so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them.

## STAFF

Mr J Hickey retired during the summer after 37 years teaching Chemistry, Science, Mathematics, and Applied Mathematics at The High School. During that period he also held a variety of positions as Year Head and Coordinator of the pre-university Upper Sixth Year, Assistant Principal in charge of curriculum coordination, timetabler, scholarship coordinator, pupil stationery manager, school trophies coordinator, fire officer, and staff representative on the Board of Governors and its committees. We thank Mr Hickey for his dedicated service to the school and wish him well in a long and happy retirement.

We have welcomed Ms W Gilmore (Biology, Science, Home Economics), Ms K Smith (English), Ms S Fox (Irish), Ms J Waugh (English, History), Ms C Rellis (Chemistry, Mathematics, Science), Ms E Lanigan (Resource), Mr K Barry (CSPE, History), Ms M Bridgeman (English, French). We would like to wish Ms Roulet, Ms Missen and Mr Miller well with their career breaks and Ms Burrowes, Ms Toolan, Mrs Reilly and Ms Hearne well during their periods of leave.

## NUMBERS AND EXAMINATIONS

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2007-2008 is 783. In the Junior Certificate 2007, 135 pupils presented 1073 papers where different levels are available and 135 papers at common level (CSPE). 1056 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 88% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level is as a percentage of the total number of papers was 77%. These statistics represent the best ever performance of the school in the Junior Certificate.

In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2007, 116 pupils presented 818 papers in 21 subjects. 575 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 82% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 58%. All of these indicators constitute a very 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.highschool dublin.com](http://www.highschool dublin.com) and in our yearbook, The Erasmian 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.



Traditional costume from the Habitat for Humanity Trip to Kyrgyzstan - that's definitely a uniform violation



Paddy's day in Kyrgyzstan!



Students assembling.



Matt "hold-you".



# STAFF 07-08



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McDonnell and  
Mrs B Carty.

Mr T Neiland  
I surrender!



Mr L McBride ...  
and he huffed  
and he puffed  
and he blew the  
house down.



Mr J Swan and  
Mr R White -  
Two teachers  
taking a hike!



Stodious Mr  
B Kinsella.



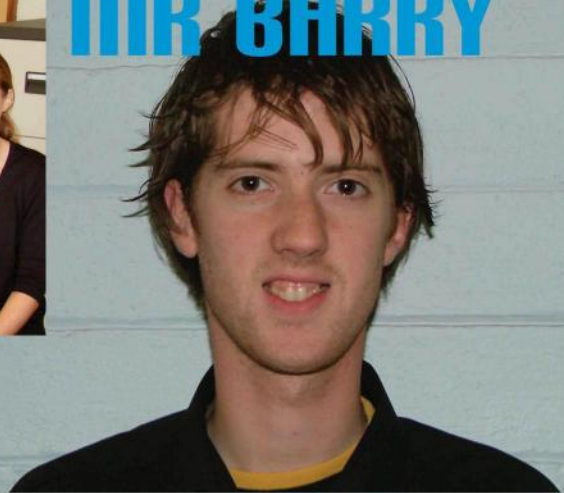
# NEW STAFF



Some new teachers, and a new school nurse joined us this year and they soon settled into school life at High School, getting to know students and staff. We were pleased to interview these new staff members.

Left: New members of staff at The High School

## MR BARRY



### What school did you go to?

I went here actually. Finished about six years ago.

### How have you found the High School so far?

Grand. It's got a nice atmosphere. Everywhere I go there's a nice mural on the wall. Oh! And sometimes we get jaffa cakes in the teacher's lounge.

### What do you dislike about the school?

The lock in C3 is really fiddly.

### Who was your favorite teacher while you were here?

I had Mr Blackmore. He was probably my favorite teacher. He was unorthodox but he inspired me in English.

### Do you listen to much music?

The last band I saw live was Les Savy Fav (?). You probably haven't heard of them. I also like the ~~Beastie Boys~~ and the Clash. Anything with drums. I play drums.

### What's your motto?

I don't really have one. I've sat down a couple of times and tried to make one but it just...sort of...falls to pieces.

### If you were a superhero which one would you be and why?

Captain Planet, does he count? (Yeah) Because I teach CSPE.

### If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 items would you bring with you?

I was kinda expecting this one to come up. I suppose it would have to be my Creative Zen, presuming there's power there, my drums and... a box of golden grahams.

### What inspired you to teach history?

Well I really enjoyed it in secondary school. And when I went to college I drifted around a bit, ended up getting a degree in it and, well it just sort of happened after that.

### Would you say the rest is history?

No I would not. I just started teaching it and I enjoy it ok?

### Have you enjoyed our interrogation/interview?

(He's a little tense) Yeah it was ok. You guys are quite sound. And I didn't have to divulge any really embarrassing moments.

Matthew McKenna Barry and Mark Savage, 5th Form



### What do you like about The High School so far?

I have to admit that probably the students here are some of the nicest I've taught since I've qualified, for the most part.

### With the name 'Agar', why aren't you a biology teacher?

At least you've gone for the original jokes and nicknames here! Can I pass on that one?

### Do you speak any languages other than French?

Irish as well. My English is coming along too!

### What music do you like?

Pretty much anything: A bit of hardcore rap, a bit of heavy metal, a bit of seventeenth-century French classical... or not.

### What's your favourite French film?

I'll be nice and innocent and say Taxi is really, really good.

### If you could teach any other subject, what would it be?

I quite like English, but I'd probably be just as boring in English as I am in French. P.E. would be quite cool.

### Do you have any funny stories from France?

Let's just say that Marseille lives up to its reputation...

Stephen Shaw and Jack Kelly, 5th Form



# INTERVIEW WITH NURSE, MS BINGEL

## *Where are you from originally?*

I'm from Germany, obviously, you have probably guessed. I lived along the Rhine.

## *When did you decide to come to Ireland?*

I moved here 13 years ago.

## *When did you decide to become a nurse?*

I was a care assistant first and decided from there to become a nurse. So I studied in Beaumont hospital as a mature student.

## *Any particular reason why you chose to work in The High School?*

I liked the idea of working with young people. I used to work in hospitals but I thought I would enjoy the independent role where I could make my own decisions.

## *Where else have you worked?*

I have mostly worked in Beaumont Hospital. Also, I used to do agency work so I worked in a variety of nursing homes and hospices. This is my first school.

## *Do you like the students?*

Yeah. I'm really happy to be here. Sometimes I feel like a paracetamol dispenser though.

*Jane O'Donohoe and Aoife McGovern, 5th Form*

# MS BRIDGEMAN

## *What do you teach?*

English, French and CSPE.

## *What is your favourite year to teach (remember that we're 5th years miss!)?*

Well I only teach 1st years, so....

## *Why did you want to become a teacher?*

Hmm, I think I knew at the start of term but I'm not so sure anymore.... I suppose spreading love of literature.

## *What do you like most about High School?*

The atmosphere I suppose; it's friendly and relatively informal.

## *What are your hobbies?*

Drama, music, cinema. I don't do any major sporting activities. I suppose I should put in reading, as an English teacher.

## *What's your most embarrassing moment at High School so far?*

On my first day I did trip up the steps but there was no one around so it was ok. Although I think there's CCTV now.

## *Any hidden talents?*

Karaoke, but I keep it well hidden!

## *Do you have any irrational fears?*

I don't like seagulls at all. They scare me! In real life they're so much bigger than you'd imagine a seagull to be. But I don't know if it's actually irrational, I mean they could peck you! Oh and pigeons, I don't like pigeons either.

## *Who in the world would you like to meet most (alive or dead)?*

That's a tricky one. I might meet someone like my great, great, grandmother or someone related to me in the past. I think I'd be quite intimidated to meet someone like Shakespeare.

*Clare Cryan and Rhiannon Ryan, 5th Form*



Another new teacher this year: Ms S Fox





# MS GILMORE



**Where are you from?**  
County Cavan.

**What were you like in school?**  
A diligent and conscientious student of course!

**If you could be anything other than a teacher what would you be and why?**  
When I was young I wanted to be a gymnast but then I grew up.

**What has been your most embarrassing moment so far in The High School?**  
When I fell.

**What is your biggest fear?**  
Well, rats, and Marietta biscuits (a fear from boarding school)

**Which is your favorite male teacher?**  
No comment

**Do you have any hidden talents?**  
I play the piano and I also dance.

**Do you have any nicknames?**  
I have been known as "Trendy Wendy" in the past.

**Top three culchie phrases?**  
'Ah Lads', 'That's Dodge', 'Savage'

**Which is your favorite year to teach?**  
I would have to say 5th year of course but 3T are alright I suppose.

**Zoe O'Regan and Leah Quirke, 5th Form**

# MS GRAYDON



**Q: What is your most treasured possession?**  
My car, because it's the most expensive thing I own... or my cat, Rasher.

**Q: Which talent would you most like to have?**  
Artistic talent... only joking. I'd like to be a comedian as I think making people laugh is underrated.

**Q: What is the trait you deplore most in others?**  
People not saying please and thank you. Or when people take ages to respond to text messages.

**Q: What is your favourite thing to do?**  
Teach art

**Q: Who are your heroes in real life?**  
Anne Frank because she went through so much. And Muhammad Ali because he's a winner.

**Q: What is your motto?**  
Don't worry about tomorrow, because today is the tomorrow you were worried about yesterday.

**Q: Who is your favourite artist?**  
Christo, he's a Bulgarian sculptor who creates environmental installations and is famous for wrapping famous buildings.

**Q: If you were stuck on a desert island what are the three things you'd bring and the one teacher?**  
I'd bring a fridge full of food and drink, a saw, and an MP3 player. I'd want Mr Swan to be there because he's good at working out riddles and would be able to tell me how many trees I'd need to cut down to make a bridge back to the mainland.

**Q: What do you like most about High School?**  
The half-days on Wednesday.

**Q: And finally what is your most embarrassing moment in High School?**  
When I had third years for the first time I didn't know what the time the class was over and you can't hear the bell from my room. I only realised I'd kept them an extra 15 minutes when I checked the schedule because the class seemed to be going on forever.

**Rhiannon Ryan and Alicia Smyth, 5th Form**



# MS LANIGAN

## **What was your first day like?**

Interesting, I had a lot to take in.

## **What do you teach?**

Resource.

## **What do you like the most about The High School?**

It's lovely, the students of course

## **What was your most embarrassing moment at The High School so far?**

Well, on the first day, I was crossing the Reynolds Hall and I slipped. I had to hold onto Ms Brennan to stop myself falling.

## **What's your best memory from when you were in school?**

We went mountain climbing once a year, that was always a great day out.

## **What made you become a teacher?**

My biology teacher, she made everything very interesting and encouraged our curiosity and I wanted to do the same.

## **Is The High School a school you would like to have gone to?**

Yes, I would have loved the opportunity to take part in so many different sports.

**Kevin Smyth, 5th Form**



# MS RELLIS

## **J+J: What subjects do you teach?**

**M.R:** Maths, Science and Chemistry.

## **J+J: Who's your favourite student?**

**M.R:** You're all my favourite!

## **J+J: What's the "chemistry" like between you and the other teachers?**

**M.R:** They're all sound.

## **J+J: If you were stranded on a desert island, which two teachers would you want with you?**

**M.R:** Mr. Cryan. He can make ANYTHING!!!

## **J+J: What school did you go to?**

**M.R:** St Andrew's.

## **J+J: What do you think you would be doing now if you weren't a chemistry teacher?**

**M.R:** I probably would have ended up doing physiotherapy or working with disabled children.

## **J+J: What's the worst job you have ever had?**

**M.R:** Working as a chambermaid, cleaning hotel rooms.

## **J+J: What's your favourite song, 'Bleeding Love' maybe?**

**M.R:** ANYTHING but 'Bleeding Love.'

## **J+J: Do you have any career advice?**

**M.R:** Just do it!

## **J+J: Finally, if you had to be a chemical, which one would you be?**

**M.R:** Gold, because I'm invaluable and I'm worth my weight in it

**Interviewed by Jack and Joan, 5th Form**





# MS SMITH

*After a car crash this morning, we weren't sure if we would get to talk to her at all. But she was well up for it and wanted to say first of all, just to clarify, she doesn't think first years smell.*

**What subjects do you teach?**

English, Drama, Careers and Classics (but not here).

**Favourite subject to teach?**

English.

**What is your favourite subject that you don't teach?**

Art.

**Where did you teach before the High School?**

Wesley (only for teaching practice...)

**Why do you like The High School better? ('cause you obviously do...)**

You have a better sense of humour and you don't get rained on...

**Favourite year to teach?**

5th Year. (Who else could it really be? With 7 classes a week with us, she has to love us!)

**Who is your favourite male teacher and why?**

Mr Fitz, because he came up with a way for me to get my laptop fixed for free!

**If you had two superpowers what would they be?**

To be able to fly, because I can go places without crashing cars and to get inside peoples heads.

**Helen Speller and Shane Grehan, 5th Form**



# MS WAUGH

*Ms. Waugh was proving to be fairly elusive until finally we cornered her outside the Reynolds Hall. It's almost like she DIDN'T want to be interviewed!*

**What subjects do you teach?**

English and History.

**Have you taught in any other schools?**

Wesley (Oooooohh) and Wilson's Hospital.

**What's the best thing about High School?**

The enthusiasm for education, it's well organised, good structure...oh...was I meant to say 5th year?

**Yeah but we'll forgive you. Have you had any embarrassing moments in class?**

Any embarrassing stories that you heard are so not true! Despite what the 5th years say.

**What's the worst job you've ever had?**

I worked at Tie Rack; it was bad because I couldn't really take advantage of my sales discount.

**Have you always wanted to be a teacher?**

Yes.

**Do you have a favourite moment from your time at High School so far?**

Well I coach the Senior Thirds. So any of the matches we won were great moments for me.

**If your house were on fire what three things would you save?**

Photos...and my credit card! Anything else I can replace.

**If you were stranded on a desert island, what teacher would you want with you?**

Ms. Smith, she's good craic and I'd bring the big boy's book of adventure. That would tell me a way to get off the island.

**Do you have a motto for life?**

Try your BEST!!!

**Jack O'Kennedy and Damiano Fusciardi, 5th Form**





# STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES 07-08

**Principal:** Mr B. Duffy  
**Deputy Principal:** Mr R. Davies

## PASTORAL CARE

### FORM 1

**Year Head:** Mr R. Giles  
**Form teachers:** Ms G. Fitzgerald, Ms S. Jones, Ms C. Rellis, Mr R. White

### FORM 2

**Year Head:** Ms A. Parle  
**Form teachers:** Ms S. Fox, Mr B. O'Hanlon, Mrs V. Carson, Ms L. Watson

### FORM 3

**Year Head:** Ms P. Graham  
**Form teachers:** Ms M. McKevitt, Ms K. Smith, Ms M. Browne, Ms W. Gilmore

### FORM 4

**Year Head:** Mr D. Wright  
**Form Teachers:** Mr M. Griffin, Ms D. Levis, Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr A. Malin

### FORM 5

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

### FORM 6

**Year Head:** Dr C. Whitford  
**Form Teachers:** Mr B. Quinn, Mr C. Cryan, Mr P. Prendergast, Mr B. McNamara, Ms D. Fahey, Mr. C. Flynn

## SUBJECT CO-ORDINATORS

**Art:** Ms. H. Killane  
**Business subjects:** Mr P. Sheridan  
**CSPE:** Mr P. Irwin  
**English:** Ms M. Milne  
**Geography:** Mr J. Swan  
**History:** Miss P. Graham  
**Irish:** Ms A. Parle  
**Mathematics:** Mr I. Wilkinson  
**Modern Languages:** Mr B. Quinn  
**Music:** Ms B. Bourke  
**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

**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

**Hockey:** Ms D. Levis, Ms S. Jones, Mr I. Wilkinson, Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Mr R. White, Mrs V. Carson, Mr T. Gill, Ms T. Jones, Ms J. Waugh, Ms K. Smith, Ms W. Gilmore

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

**Tennis:** Ms D. Levis, Mr R. White, Ms S. Jones, Mr S. McDonnell, Mr C. Flynn

**Badminton:** Mr C. Flynn, Ms D. Thorp, Mr A. Malin

**Athletics:** Mr P. Irwin, Mr M. Griffin, Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

**Basketball:** Mrs K. Kavanagh, Mr J. Boylan

**Canoeing:** Mr J. Swan, Mr C. Flynn, Mr C. Cryan, Ms T. Jones

**Caving:** Mr D. Wright

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

**Hillwalking:** Mr C. Cryan, Mr J. Swan, Mr C. Flynn

**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 Development:** Ms H. Killane

**Assembly Co-ordinator:** Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

**Booklists:** Mr L. McClure

**CAO applications:** Ms T. Jones

**Choir:** Ms B. Bourke

**Christian Union:** Mr I. Wilkinson, Ms L. Watson, Mrs V. Carson

**Co-operation Ireland:** Mr P. Irwin

**Debating:** Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar (Senior), Ms C. Rellis (Junior)

**Detention System:** Ms M. Garvey



**Drama:** Ms M. McKeivitt, Mrs M. Milne

**Enterprise Education:** Mr M. Kirby

**Erasmian & Diocesan Times:** Ms L. Watson

**European Youth Parliament:** Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Ms C. Rellis

**European Studies Information Exchanges:** Mr J. Swan, Mr P. Irwin

**Examination Organisation:** Mr J. Swan, Mr I. Wilkinson

**European Exchanges and Links:** Mr R. Giles

**European Youth Parliament:** Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Ms C. Rellis

**Form 5 course on college applications, UCAS applications:** Mr A. Kelly

**Guidance Counsellors:** Ms T. Jones, Mr K. Clarke

**Induction of New Staff:** Miss P. Graham

**Lockers:** Mr M. Kirby

**Lost Property:** Mr L. McClure

**Media Club:** Mr B. McNamara, Mr R. White

**Model United Nations:** Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Ms C. Rellis

**Orchestra:** Ms M. White

**Photographic Club:** Ms H. Killane

**Portfolio Club:** Ms H. Killane

**Photography of School Activities, Publicity:** Mr P. Prendergast

**President's Award:** Mr J. Swan, Mr B. McNamara

**Prize System:** Ms P. Saville

**Punctuality:** Ms C. McCartney

**Quiz Co-ordinator:** Mr A. Kelly

**Scholarship Examinations:** Mr B. Quinn

**School Council:** Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

**School Steward:** Mr P. Irwin

**Science Club/Young Scientist:** Dr C. Whitford

**Special Needs Co-ordinator:** Mrs L. Pearce

**Staff Services:** Ms A. Stevenson

**State Examinations Co-ordinator:** Mr P. Sheridan

**Stationery:** Ms A. Ní Chonchubhair

**Study Skills Seminar:** Mr L. McClure

**Subject Choice Co-ordinator:** Mr B. Quinn

**Supervised Study:** Ms M. Garvey

**Timetable:** Mr R. Davies

**Transition Year Co-ordinator:** Mr P. Irwin

**Trophies:** Mr R. Walker

**Video Equipment and Recordings:** Mr D. Wright

**Green Schools Group:** Mr P. Irwin



# PRIZE DAY & PARENTS EVENING

## PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE DAY SPEECH

24 October 2007

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

You are all very welcome here this evening, as the Chairman has said.

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.

Tonight is one of the occasions during which we can demonstrate our very real commitment to the mission of the school, with so many different kinds of awards.

"Our mission as an educational community is the pursuit of excellence and the development of the full potential of all. We emphasise values such as integrity, kindness and respect. Our aim is to enable pupils to take their place in society as responsible, informed, thinking and tolerant human beings."

People are always publishing tables and lists nowadays. It might surprise you to know that a highly respected body "The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace" recently ranked Ireland first on its globalisation index. In compiling this table, the foundation looks at things like international economic activity, but also political, technological and even

personal activity such as travel and communication. Things like the number of telephone calls to outside the country, internet connectivity, and the number of journeys abroad per head of population are taken into account. So, we are now regarded as the most "globalised" country in the world, which to some of us will be a good thing and to some not.

When you consider where Ireland was 50 years ago, this has been a truly remarkable transformation. In the 1950s we had an inward looking, very conservative government and society, with censorship and economic protection by tariffs and duties as their hallmarks. Our leaders were afraid of the moral corruption which would be caused by the influence of the BBC when television was introduced here, and even worse when American television programmes were imported and shown on the then Telefís Éireann. Politicians believed that Ireland could not survive in a free trade environment.

The era of flower power in the late 1960s, the economic planning by TJ Whittaker and our membership of the EEC, later the European Union have been some of the catalysts which have changed us into one of the liveliest, most mobile and outward looking societies of the present period. You wouldn't think that huge bell bottom jeans, flowery shirts, the Beatles and lying around in parks were important, and yes, I remember them all only too well. But they were a sign of reaction, evolution and even revolution in some places against the conservatism of the past. Joe Duffy was expelled from Trinity College, Gay Byrne mentioned contraception on the Late Late Show and we began an irreversible journey. Sometimes I think now that we are so wrapped up in our economic success that we no longer know where we are going as a society. What are we going to do with the success? Just make more money, have more pressured jobs, drive further to work, bring in more guest workers, overpopulate the country, and grow, grow, grow? Our current political leadership seems to talk only about jobs, budgets and taxes. Is that all we are now, as human beings?

In thinking about these issues, I can not help but return to the education system in this country and its priorities. I have been reading analysis documents by leading educational theorists which have been referring to the knowledge revolution for about 20 years now. We are told that globalisation means faster access to knowledge, faster transmission of information, instant communication and increased networking. This is undoubtedly true, but sometimes it is seen as the point, as the goal, as the ultimate achievement, when it is, of course, nothing of the sort.





# PRIZES 06-07

## FORM 1

### CLASS PRIZES:

- 1-H**  
*Luke Hudson, Alice Somers-Donnelly*
- 1-OH**  
*Cian Dowling Cullen, Conor Sexton*
- 1-P**  
*Jack Molony, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh*
- 1-R**  
*Katie O'Connor, Jennifer Wynne*
- 1-W**  
*Anna Keary, Gavin O'Toole*

### PROGRESS PRIZES

- 1-H**  
*Ciaran Flaherty, Oisín Hogan*
- 1-OH**  
*James Fleming, Rebecca Tully*
- 1-P**  
*Mark Deegan, Sarah McKenna-Barry*
- 1-R**  
*Jamie Elliott, Janice Whyte*
- 1-W**  
*Una Keller, Darragh Twomey*

## FORM 2

### CLASS PRIZES

- 2-G**  
*Ellen Carney, Katie O'Brien*
- 2-H**  
*Kate O'Marcaigh, Megan Skelly*
- 2-M**  
*Megan Rayner, Eve Roseingrave*
- 2-R**  
*Seraphim Dempsey, Sophie Lee*
- 2-T**  
*Aisling Reina, Mollie-Kate Richardson*

### WILFRED LOWRY PROGRESS PRIZES

- 2-G**  
*David Cosgrove, Shauna Maguire*
- 2-H**  
*Faye Leitch, Dean Whelan*
- 2-M**  
*Jennifer Keogh, Cian O'Neill*
- 2-R**  
*Amy Deverell, Stephen Watts*
- 2-T**  
*Maoliosa Nugent, Keri Sheehan*

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.



Above: Caoimhe Cassidy, Lauren Tully, Jennifer Long, Andrew Shaw and Darragh Kirwan.



Above: Jack Molony, Conor Sexton, Cian Dowling-Cullen, Alice Somers Donnelly, Luke Hudson.

Prize Day Speaker  
Dr Peter Wyse-Jackson.



Dr P Wyse-Jackson, Mr W Sheridan, Mr B Duffy, Mrs C Duffy, Mr R Davies.



We have all seen the revolution brought about by the internet. The word Google has become a verb. Google anything and you will very quickly find an answer. Log on to your Bebo page or your MySpace page or your MSN account and you are instantly in touch with all the people you call your friends or list as your friends. People even compete to have longer lists than their real, in the flesh friends whom they see every day. The advantages are obvious for those who are clued in – we can share resources and cooperate on anything, with anybody all over the world.

Along with the knowledge revolution, however, there are other trends of globalisation which are not necessarily attractive. Some theorists refer to marketisation, where the success of the capitalist market has become the goal of society to such an extent that governments have come to believe that the private, no holds barred, supply and demand market is the answer to everything, for example in the provision of transport, health care, prisons, water and education.

If we take education as the example closest to our hearts tonight, I would like to challenge you to think about your own attitudes to the growing tendency to allow marketisation to influence education. If we start to accept that it is correct to view education as a commodity which we buy with private funds or with taxes and which we will judge according to measured outcomes in league tables of subjects which are increasingly vocational and economic, where does that lead us? If we accept that it is right for schools to have to seek sponsorship, to rely on partnerships with business and to serve only the needs of the economy, then we will have sacrificed a very special part of our humanity. We are seeing this view gradually sneaking its way into the Irish education system. Some people call it managerialism and its genesis is among groups of civil servants who sit in think tanks trying to establish targets for the education system, without ever having studied philosophy or ever having understood anything about education except how much it costs to provide.

If we accept that you can run a school along the same lines as a business, we are completely lost. In a school, we must seek to reflect all of the aspirations of all of the different kinds of people who make up our society. We must value the economic and the vocational, of course, but only as part of a general preparation to be a human being. It is the combination of the practical, the aesthetic, the spiritual, the moral, the philosophical and the physical elements of a general education which equip us to be people and to know how to handle information, globalisation and markets. All the information in the world and the very high speed at which it travels is entirely useless to us if we do not know what we want to achieve with it, how we are going to use it and how we are going to benefit ourselves and our fellow humans by adding to it. We must not allow ourselves to be oppressed by technology and economic success. These are both only tools for us to use in our search for truth and understanding of ourselves. Education is about gaining these insights and we must never lose sight of the value of the interaction of pupil with pupil, pupil with parent and pupil with teacher in developing that insight. There can be no replacement for good quality human

interaction and discussion in developing who we are.

In this regard, I commend the excellent work which is done by Dr Peter Wyse Jackson and his team at the National Botanic Gardens. You are very welcome and we look forward to hearing from you shortly. While you do, of course, much valuable scientific research, you also provide some of the most aesthetically attractive settings in

the country in which we can wander, stop and watch a squirrel, gaze at the perfection of a flower we haven't seen before, listen to a river flow, smell the perfume of all sorts of shrubs, and simply contemplate, being who we are.

Thank you.



## SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 07

**Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:**

*Kate Somers*

**Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross**

**School Scholarships:**

*Caoimhe Cassidy*

**Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross**

*Lauren Tully*

**Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross**

*Jennifer Long*

**Rathfarnham Parish National School**

*Andrew Shaw*

**Zion Parish National School**

*Darragh Kirwan*

**St Joseph's Boys National School**

**Music Scholarship:**

*Aisling Reilly*

**Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School**

*Gavin Rothwell*

**Howth Road National School**





Kate Somers.



Aisling Reilly.



Gavin Rothwell.



Alison May.



Darragh Twomey, Una Keller, Janice Whyte, Jamie Elliott, and Sarah McKenna Barry.



Megan Rayner, Megan Skelly, Kate O'Marcaigh, Katie O'Brien, Ellen Carney.



Mollie-Kate Richardson, Aisling Reina, Sophie Lee, Seraphim Dempsey, Eve Roseingrave.



Dean Whelan, Faye Leitch, Shauna Maguire, David Cosgrove.





Tom Roseingrave.



Mark Horgan.



Lisa Meehan.



Tom Roseingrave.



Kerl Sheehan, Maoliosa Nugent, Stephen Watts, Amy Deverell, Cian O'Neill.



Ellen Walsh, Nicola Spendlove, Kit Connolly, Rebecca Conalty.

## FORM 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 3):  
*Tom Roseingrave*

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: *Cameron Ridyard*

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize: *Mark Horgan*

Classical Studies: *Lisa Meehan*

Civic, Social & Political Education - Parents' Association Prize: *Rebecca Conalty, Kit Connolly, Nicola Spendlove, Ellen Walsh*

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:  
*Tom Roseingrave*

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize: *Patrick King*

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: *Tom Roseingrave*

German - German Government Prize: *Niamh McDonagh*

History - Casserley Prize: *Robbie McGuinness*

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:  
*Eva Nugent*

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize: *Tom Roseingrave*

Mathematics - Dillon Prize: *Mark Rogan*

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

Music - Diocesan School Prize: *Joshua Reichental*





Patrick King.



Niamh McDonagh.



Robbie McGuinness.



Eva Nugent.



Josh Purcell, Katie O'Connor, Susan Kinlan, Luke Byrne.



James Liddicoat, Laura Martin, Mohammad Kabadaya.

**Religious Education- Parents' Association Prize:**  
*Diarmuid Kennedy*

**Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:** *Robbie McGuinness*

**Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:**  
*Michael McNulty*

## PROGRESS PRIZES

**3-C**  
*Luke Byrne, Susan Kinlan*

**3-G**  
*Katie O'Connor, Josh Purcell*

**3-T**  
*Mohammad Kabadaya, Aoife Ryan*

**3-W**  
*Aoife Gordon, Laura Martin*

**3-WK**  
*James Liddicoat, Zara McElvaney*

## FORM 5

**Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5):**  
*David Whyte*

**Class Prizes:** *Aisling Barry, Ciara Butler, Pauline Carney, Andrew Howell, Amy Hughes, Gordon Lai, Hanah Mesallati, Evanna Mills, Sinead Nolan, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton, Aaron Ward, Alice Wyse Jackson*





Mark Rogan.



Guy Prendergast.



Josh Reichental.



Diarmuid Kennedy.



Michael McNulty.



Amy Hughes, Andrew Howell, Pauline Carney, Ciara Butler.



Sinead Nolan, Evanna Mills, Hannah Mesallati, Gordon Lai.



Alice Wyse-Jackson, Aaron Ward, Valerie Sexton, Christine Rorke.



Killian Rogan.





David Whyte.



Sam Horgan.



Cameron Brownlee.



Jessie Elliott.

## 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) *Eoin Silke*

**John Thompson Scholarship:** *Beth Kelly*

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

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

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

**John Bennett Memorial Prize:** (next best performing pupil) *Andrew Stevenson*

**Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:** (best pupil who studies Engineering at TCD) *Andrew Lohan*

**Accounting:** *Evan O'Callaghan*

**Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize:**  
*Toby Lyons*

**Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:** *Sadhbh Donnellan*

**Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:** *Gemma McRann*

**Business - S.S. Evans Prize:** *Gemma McRann*

**Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:** *Eoin Silke*

**Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize:**  
*Hannah Jennings*

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

**Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** *Gemma McRann*

**English - Bessie Bury Prize:** *Eoin Silke*

**French - McNay Prize:** *Joelle Grogan*

**Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:** *Sam Horgan*

**Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** *Cameron Brownlee*

**German - German Government Prize:** *Jessie Elliott*

**History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:** *Joelle Grogan*

**Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:**  
*Niamh Holohan*

**Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:** *Jessie Elliott*

**Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize:** *Beth Kelly*

**Music - Diocesan School Prize:** *Eneko O'Carroll*

**Physics - Campbell-Crawford Prize:** *Killian Rogan*

**Spanish:** *Nicola Cantan*

**Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize:**  
*Larry O'Connell*

**Class Prizes:** *Robert Farhat, Claire Fergus, Melissa Hanney, Julie Kavanagh, Alison May, Jack Mays, Deirdre McClean, Max Prendergast, Kate Ryan, Isobel Scally*





Evan O'Callaghan.



Gemma McCrann.



Jessie Elliott.



Andrew Stevenson.



Toby Lyons.



Sadhb Donnellan.



Hannah Jennings.

#### Special Category Prizes

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

**P.P.U. Debating Medal: Beth Kelly**

**McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Andrew Howell, Rowan Lacey**

**Foundation Day Initiative Award**  
**Robert Farhat - for his leadership and organisation of the orchestra**

**Beth Kelly and Evan O'Callaghan - for their leadership and organisation of the All Ireland winning schools quiz team**

#### 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: Andrew Lohan**

**Head Girl: Alison May**

**Jean Scott Trophy: Jessie Elliott**

**Old Boys' Cup: Robert Farhat**





Robbie Bannister.



Isobel Scally, Kate Ryan, Deirdre McClean, Jack Mays.



Anne-Marie Jordan.



Beth Kelly and Evan O'Callaghan.



Rowan Lacey.



Alan Cairns and Jade Breen.



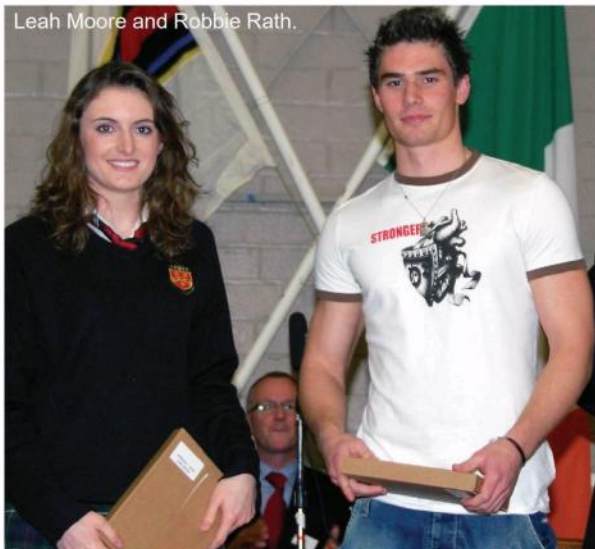
Robert Farhat.



Annalise Murphy.



Leah Moore and Robbie Rath.



Gemma McCrann and Paddy O'Connor.



Andrew Stevenson,  
and Beth Kelly.



Below: Past Pupil's Union  
Presidents, Carole Bardon and  
Wayne Sheridan.



Carole Bardon.



Andrew Lohan.



Robert Farhat and Wayne Sheridan.



Jessie Elliott.



Alison May, Julie Kavanagh, Melissa Hanney, Claire Fergus, Robert Farhat.



Nicola Canton.





# CHARITIES

## BARNARDOS

### FEED THE PIG

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Feed the Pig fund for Barnardos. This year €217.74 was raised. Barnardos is a charity which works with children and families in need all over Ireland.

## DSPCA

### BAKE SALE IN AID OF DSPCA

On Thursday 28th February 2W held a bake sale in aid of the DSPCA and raised over €300. Thanks to all who baked, Deli Boutique for the raffled cake and to all who bought in aid of two good causes - DSPCA and eating!



Daffodil Day.



Want some cake?



Bake Sale: Looks delicious, but how long before it's all sold out?

## FAIR TRADE

The annual Fair Trade Fair, run by Transition Year students, took place shortly before Christmas this year. Among the items available at the fair were gifts, trinkets, teas and coffee, all of which were delicious, and fairly traded. The fair was a huge success raising €6000 for charitable causes.





# FORTY FOOT SWIM



Aarhh!



Above: Stephanie Lodola and James Harding presenting the money raised from the Forty Foot swim to a representative from the Friends of St Luke's Hospital



Post-swim.



Our faces are frozen this way...

## IRISH GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

This year two of us (Amy and Aimée) took over the selling of Christmas cards and calendars from Deirdre and Aicha as they moved on to college.

We managed to raise €500 for the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Take a moment to think. If you suddenly lost your sight, your world would be turned upside down. How would you cope? What would you do? Well that's where the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind come in, each year they spend €35,000 on the training of puppies. By raising €500 you have all helped in making a huge difference in some people's lives.

Thanks so much for all your support and also to Ms Graham for all her encouragement.

**Aimée Bannister and Amy Deverell,  
3rd Form**

Right: Amy Deverell and Aimée Bannister who raised €500 for Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind.



## THE VALENTINE'S POST

This year we took over the Valentine's Post from Hannah Jennings and Tamyrn Reinecke who left the school last year. The Valentine's Post raises money for the charity I.S.A.N.D.S. (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.

We sold cards and sweets and had a raffle and raised a considerable amount of money. Unfortunately for our fundraising, this year Valentine's Day fell during half-term so it was impossible to deliver on the big day. However next year we hope that it will be more successful. We would like to thank Ms Graham and Ms King for letting us use the library and the office staff for their help. We hope you will all support this cause again next year.

**Aimée Bannister and Amy Deverell, 3rd Form**



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## TRIP TO KYRGYZSTAN

This year a group of sixteen students from 4th and 5th year went on a charity-working trip to Kyrgyzstan, a part of the former Soviet Union. This is a poor country that has become even more run-down since it got its independence in 1991. Our mission was to help a poor family get one step closer to completing their new family home.

The first part of our project was to raise funds we needed: just over 30,000 euro. Everyone really made a great effort to reach that target. We went carol singing in Rathgar and bag packing in Supervalu. We got other years involved by organizing sponsorship for the adidas family fun run and we went collecting on Grafton Street. We made paper houses and wrote letters to companies requesting them to buy parts of these houses like bricks, windows, doors, etc. Some people organized events on their own as well such as my Wine and Bites evening.

We got huge support from so many people and I would like to take this opportunity to really say thank you to all of you who supported us. It was your generosity which helped us to far outreach our target and bring in a total of €45,000. We very much appreciate all of your donations and of course all of the help people gave us along the way. Thank you all very much!

We arrived in Kyrgyzstan early on Saturday morning after a long journey. The first picture we got of our destination was a country which was poor with roads that were pot holed with no markings, traffic lights or street lights. The houses were very basic and run-down with no sign of the luxury which we call normality. We were based in the capital city of Bishkek and after having a day of recovery and a special traditional welcome dinner from Habitat for Humanity, we began work on Sunday.

We were welcomed on site by the building foreman Akye and the homeowner and we worked alongside them for the two weeks as well as students from The American Collage of Central Asia who worked as our translators (SULTAN!). I doubt that any of us had laid foundations before but now we're experts! We shoveled a mixture of clay sand and stones to form the hard core of the foundation. Our first week was spent shoveling, lifting, spreading... shoveling, lifting, and spreading... until we were ready to pour the cement. By the last day we had all of the rooms filled and concreted.



Mountains, and the street where we worked.



Hard hats and patriotism required.



The group after finishing the building work.



And they're off! – Adidas family fun run, where students ran to help fundraise for Habitat.



The group who ran for Habitat.

Showoff!



There was a lot of hard work involved but there was such a great atmosphere in the group, which made working a fun and funny task. Over the two weeks we got to bond as a team, forming friendships. Throughout the trip we had a lot of funny moments, ones in which 'you had to be there'. Like 'Are you a builder or a digger?!' Or Mr. Malin as THE MASTER OF THE UNIVERSE! Or T.M.V.I (Kev) and T.M.A(Civ)... like I said, you HAD to be there!

We had lots of entertainment like Talent shows, table quizzes, D.M.Cs (Jack). The most memorable outing of the two weeks was our trip to the snowy mountains on horse-back and the hot springs. The scenery was amazing with beautiful mountains, powdery snow, blue skies and warm sunshine. I mean, how many people can say they went horse-back riding in the snowy mountains of Kyrgyzstan? We even stayed over night in a small shepherd's house where we had to squeeze into a small room together. Relaxing in the hot springs the next day eased some of the pains from the horse riding.

The Kyrgyz who we met on our trip were really friendly and welcoming. They treated us very well. The lady of the house cooked us a huge meal every day, the college invited us to their new years concert celebration and one of the home owners of a completed Habitat house invited us on a visit.

It's hard to put into words what a fantastic experience this trip was. We all had such an amazing time and we really didn't want to leave, but we do have great memories ...as I said you really had to be there.

Thanks finally to Ms D Thorp, Mr A Malin, Mr B McNamara and Ms L Watson.

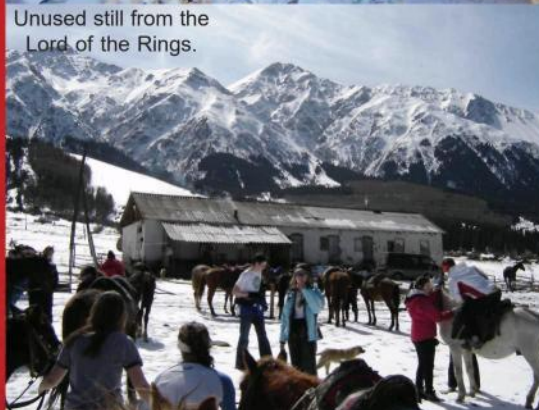
**Kevin Smyth 5th Form.**



Cementing? That's meant to be hard?



Lunchtime on the site.



Unused still from Lord of the Rings.



James Harding. First time on a horse.



Watch out Mr Malin!!



Rapunzel's Tower. Apparently.



Paddy, the lesser known member of the Village People.



# IRISH HEART FOUNDATION

## HAVE A HEART

Thank you to everyone who supported the Irish Heart Foundation during the non-uniform day last term. The cheque for €2148 was presented to and warmly received by Ms R Findlater of the Foundation on 1 April.

In addition to the non-uniform day, five past pupils, Barry Browne, Andrew Pollock, Simon Coyne, Nadine Eustace and Michael Willoughby, took part in a skydive to raise money for the foundation. All divers graduated from The High School in 2006. The jump took place on the 12th of April in the Irish Parachute Club, Clonbullogue, Co. Offaly. They bravely jumped out of a plane 10,000 feet above ground, free-falling for 7,000 feet before opening their parachutes. Altogether this group raised €2,434.57.

These initiatives were undertaken in memory of Mark Cabena and Rory O'Connor, both of whom died during the summer of 2007.



Kevin Finnegan, Barry Browne, Simon Coyne, preparing to jump.

Left: Tom Meredith, Paddy O'Shea, Andrew Pollock and Kevin Finnegan.



Above: Presenting the cheque to Ms Findlater of the Irish Heart Foundation.



Above: Michael Willoughby, Andrew Pollock, Simon Coyne, Barry Browne, Nadine Eustace.

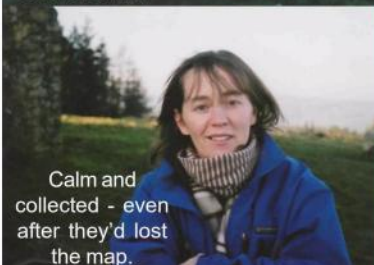
# CHARITY HILLWALK



Call that a hill?



The High School: now accepting canine applicants.



Calm and collected - even after they'd lost the map.



Three Transition Year forms undertook a walk in aid of the DSCPA and Friends of the Elderly. Well done to all who took part!



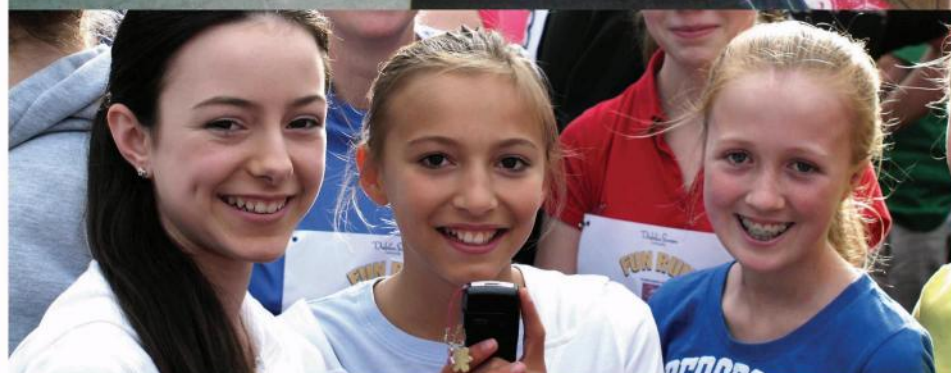
Making Mr Wright's dog into hats isn't actually that funny.



Please don't  
include live  
boys in your  
shoebox.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Once again, Transition Year pupils were involved in collecting shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts for children who would otherwise not receive any. The boxes were sent to Eastern Europe, Russia and Africa by the charity Samaritan's Purse.



## SIMON

43 pupils and staff took part in the Simon Community Fun Run and raised €3459.40.

## THE LAND OF ICE AND SNOW

The land of ice and snow

There is a special place where children like to go. They fall asleep and there they are in the land of ice and snow.

They dream of dragons and a fairy too  
in wide woods and of course there is  
Jack Frost's cabin where he slumbers  
for a month or so.

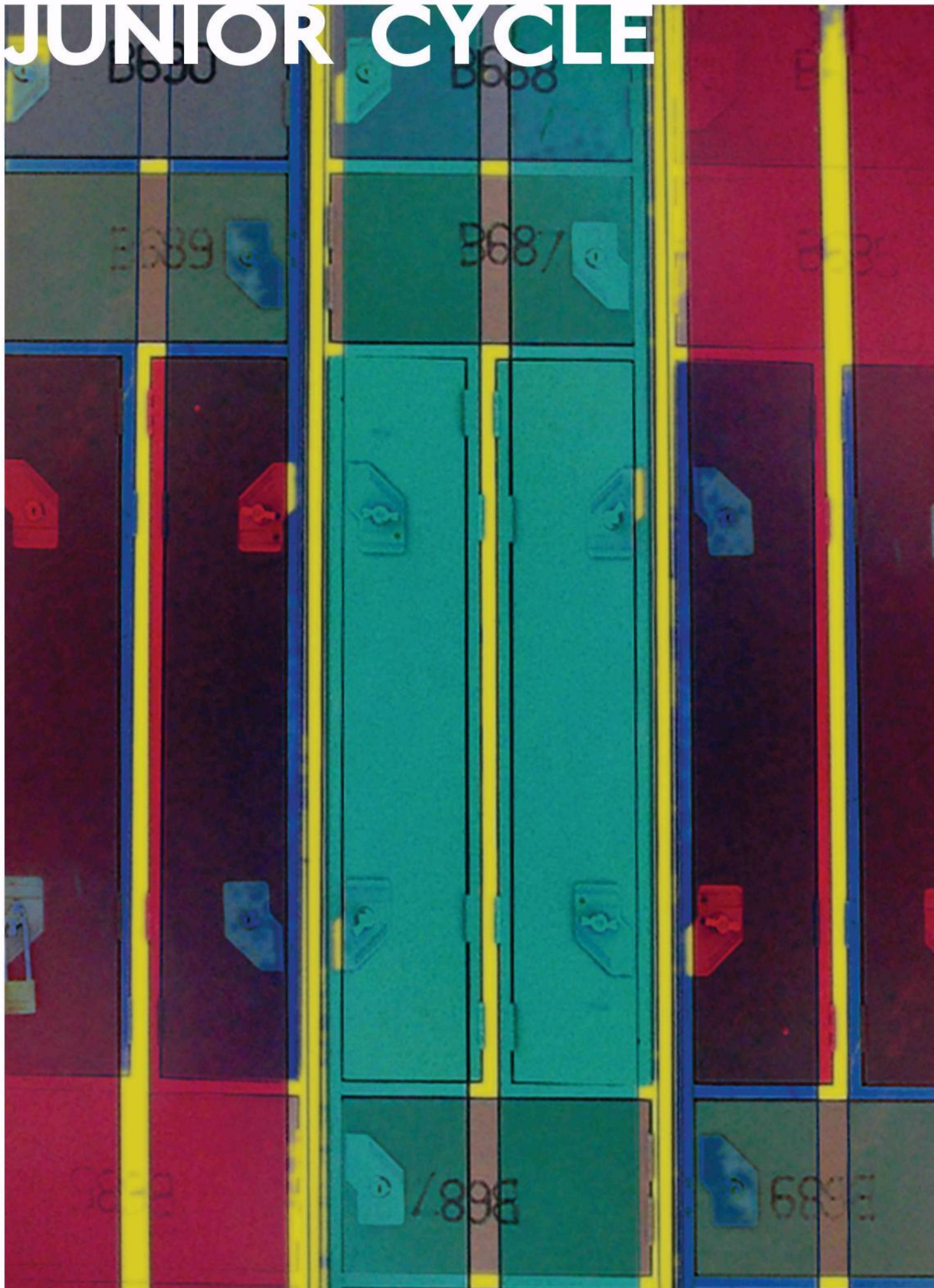
Do they know where they have been? Of course not.  
All they know is they can't wait to get to bed  
even if when they wake up there is a piece  
of snow on the end of their bed.

*Elaine Smyth, 1st Form*

# POETRY



# JUNIOR CYCLE







Students assembling.



Ready, steady, sew.



Steady hands.



First years show their support.



They haven't been this excited for years.



Mr Gill shows them how it's done.



Cavemen discover fire.



# FIRST YEAR



Skillage in the village.



Summer has arrived!



First years show their approval.



**Back Row:** Sam Evans, Kate Somers, John Hackett, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Zak Milofsky, Ross Keogh, Luke Burrowes, Ann Barrett.

**Middle Row:** Alex Brohoon, Ellen Baldwin, Chloe Deacon, Amber Graham, Ella O'Neill, Keelan O'Mahony, Daria Mills Hunter, Aisling Reilly, Andrew Shaw.

**Front Row:** Anthony Manly, Eamonn Weitz, John Love, Claire Hallissey, Ryan Gallagher, Ray Listanco, Andrew Young, Cian Pawle-Bates.



# 1G



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

# 1J



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





**Back Row:** Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Hannah Ridgeway, Ing-Mar Lim, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Paul McCarthy, Catriona Flood, John Walsh, Lia McCann, Siobhan McManus.

**Middle Row:** Rupert Chambers, Niall Donnelly, Conor Ryan, Ben Gregory, Tim Harding, Cian Butler, Cathal Butler, Jake Hurley, Wesley Bishop.

**Front Row:** Amy O'Regan, Abdelaziz Kabadaya, Aaron Campbell, Eimear Ní Bhroin, Tess Haines, Hayley Jackson, Lucy Burns, Darragh Kirwan.



**Back Row:** Niamh Smith, Leeroy Turner, Daragh Kiernan, Jack McCann, Richard Beverland, Ismene Luke, Stephanie Lyon.

**Middle Row:** Peter Flaherty, Kate Barlow, Holly Kane O'Brien, Sam Treacy-McGee, Ciara Dowling, Mahon McCann, Evan Cunningham, Oliver Drakeford.

**Front Row:** Brian Kennelly, Esme Moloney, Florence Bradish, Andrew Mooney, Olivia O'Hora, Lauren Tully, Ben Sherwood.

**Absent:** Padraig McDonagh Fox, Hannah Foley.



# OLIVIA O'HORA, DIVING CHAMPION

My name is Olivia O'Hora and I am on the Irish national diving squad. The team trains four times a week in the national aquatic centre. I started when I was seven and since then I have competed in many competitions. I have won the Irish National Championships twice and also the Scottish Thistle Trophy. My diving coach, Ricardo, is a Mexican Olympic diver. My goal for the future is to go to the Olympics and become a diving coach.

*Olivia O'Hora, 1st Form*



Olivia receives her gold medal at the Irish Nationals.



Dancing queen.

# SIOBHÁN McMANUS, IRISH DANCER

I have been dancing since I was six. I have been competing in competitions all around Ireland, England and Scotland since then. I have come into the All-Ireland's, Leinster's and Dublin's and last year I became a champion. I own eight all-Ireland and international medals.

I auditioned for The Den Star Search last year and was called to record it in RTÉ in August. I was selected out of thousands of auditions and was selected to be in the top 20. I received a few thousand votes but was short a few hundred to win. I was very happy and proud that I made it that far.

*Siobhán McManus, 1st Form.*

# ZAK MILOFSKY AND ANN BARRETT: 1ST FORM ARTISTS

## What inspires you?

**Ann:** Everything that I see around me.

**Zak:** Anything I see.

## What would be your favorite method?

**Ann:** Probably drawing from a photograph.

**Zak:** I love sketching.

## What do you think of The High School art department?

**Ann:** I think it's more advanced than others, it's definitely good.

**Zak:** It's much better than I experienced in my primary school.

## What artists do you look up to?

**Ann:** I love Andy Warhol and Banksy; he's an English graffiti artist.

**Zak:** I don't really know.

## What is your favorite scene to paint?

**Ann:** African scene.

**Zak:** People.

## Will you keep up art when you leave The High School?

**Both:** Yeah!

*Interview by Kevin Smyth, 5th Form*



Mask by Zak Milofsky.



Mask by Ann Barrett.



Graphic Design by Ann Barrett.



Graphic Design by Zak Milofsky.



# SECOND YEAR



Graceful.



The EU's where it's at!



## 2H



**Back Row:** Jordan McQuaid, Ciarán Bradish, Niamh Kearns, James Hennessy, Thomas Clancy, Jamie Connell, Aisling Darby.

**Middle Row:** Robert Styles, Oisín Hogan, Stephen Alexander, Megan Kilpatrick, Fiona Mitchell, Peter Adye-Curran, Luke Hudson, Alice Somers Donnelly.

**Front Row:** Grace Morris, Matthew Mullan, Stefano Fusciardi, Joseph Finn, Hannah Olliffe, Katelyn Fagan, Sophie Wann, Lisa Sheerin.

**Absent:** Carl Adams, Zoe Dolan, Kenneth Mason, Hazel McHugh, Adam Heaton.



# 20H



**Back Row:** Luke O'Donnell, Thomas Moore, Conor Sexton, Cian Noone, Ryan O'Malley, Lorcan Reidy, Cian Dowling Cullen.

**Middle Row:** Rebecca Garland, Adam O'Malley, Emma Feely, Rebecca Dalton, Morwenna Gentile, Kunal Kapoor, James Fleming, Aidan O'Byrne, Alannah Burdon, Stephen Reid.

**Front Row:** Conn Loane, Beth Dakin, Oisín Devilly, Rebecca Tully, Amy Lyons, Elizabeth McGuinness, Harry Jones, Niamh Smith.

**Absent:** Niamh Murphy.

# 2P



**Back Row:** Saiful Haque, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Mark O'Kelly, Jack McGrath, Sam Killeen, Ethan Conroy, John Bradish, Fabian Mak, David Fox.

**Middle Row:** Leah Byrne, Aine Cormac-O'Hora, Lauren Wade, Will Rolfe, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Jack Molony, Max Drakeford, Jim Fogarty, Sarah Grehan, Mark Deegan.

**Front Row:** Emily Atkinson, Deborah Burke, Nicole Connolly, Emma Devine, Sarah Howell, Kirsten Kinch, Sarah McKenna Barry, Cormac Jordan, Rachel Burke.



# 2R



**Back Row:** Daniel Turner, Jamie Elliott, Judith Harrington, Kristian Chisholm, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Elodie Christle, Richard Gough, Lauren Walsh.  
**Middle Row:** Jane Ward, Janice Whyte, Kári Andr sson, James Kinlan, Karl Huggard, Colm Finlay, Jack McCabe, Helena Burns.  
**Front Row:** Jennifer Rynne, Jessie Meeke, Michael Treacy, Katie O'Connor, Maeve Daly, Sophie Collins, Denis Casey.  
**Absent:** Ellen Cunningham, Sam Lunn.

# 2W



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





The Works were only delighted to submit themselves for this interview, but then again they seem to be enthusiastic about most things.

The band is made up of Peter Adye-Curran on guitar, Stephen Alexander on drums, Carl Adams on bass and the vocalists Stefano Fusciardi and Alice Somers Donnelly. All 2nd years in High School, they formed the band in September 2007. They define their musical style as rock, but 'a bit punk rock' (although they only want to be defined as punks so they can 'go crazy and wear cool clothes'). When it comes to influences, Carl is inspired by the bassist of the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Stephen says he is influenced by their drummer.

**We asked them about the gigs that they have played.**

**Stefano:** We love the atmosphere of gigs - everyone going mental. You don't get that when you play in assembly.

**The band were split over which was more enjoyable - playing in Junior or Senior assembly.**

**Carl:** At Junior assembly our friends had to clap for us.

**Who writes the songs, and how do you usually write them?**

**Stephen:** Peter comes up with the tune, and Alice or Stefano will write lyrics to it. After that Carl adds a bass line, and I add the drumming. So we all do our own parts.

**What's your favourite song to cover?**

**All:** The Hives - 'Hate To Say I Told You So'!

**Carl:** Alice?

**Alice:** Probably 'We Used To Vacation' (Cold War Kids).

**What has been the highlight of your career so far?**

**Peter:** Playing support to The Corona's. It was so great, for our first gig. They're signed!

**Do you have a big fan base?**

**Stefano:** Well we've got 60 fans on bebo....

When I asked them where the band would be in three years time they were definite that the band would still be together, and that their style wouldn't have changed.

Peter and Stephen have been playing their instruments for years, self-taught, but Carl first played the bass at their first band practice. I asked Stefano when he realized he could sing. Stefano: On the first day of practice too! I was humming on the way to P.E. and Peter asked me if I could sing and I said I didn't know.

Carl also plays the cello and Stephen the trombone. Both are in the school orchestra. So I asked if they would consider using these instruments in the band at some stage. Carl liked the idea, and started talking about songs and a few people from the orchestra that they could recruit. They were keen to drag the interview on, either to keep talking or to miss more class time but others of us were too hungry for that. They seemed to enjoy the interview and so did we, even though it was hard to get in questions at times. I wish them all the best with their future musical exploits and look forward to hearing that collaboration with the orchestra...

**Joan Somers Donnelly and Gill Carr, 5th Form**



## CONOR SEXTON AND AMY LYONS, 2ND FORM ARTISTS

**What inspires you?**

**Conor:** We have to do it because we get marked.

**Amy:** I like to draw what I see.

**What's your favorite method of drawing?**

**Conor:** I like drawing...

**Amy:** I like any method.

**Who's your favorite artist?**

**Conor:** Myself... probably Michelangelo.

**Amy:** My brother's friend.

**You're the best two artists in the school, are you not?**

**Amy:** Well he got 100%... I only got 90%.

**What would be your favorite thing to draw?**

**Conor:** It would be people.

**Amy:** I don't like still, moving is my favorite.

**Do you think you will keep it up after you leave school?**

**Conor:** I'll hopefully do it as a hobby, so yeah I will.

**Amy:** Yeah - definitely, it's fun.

**Why do you like art class?**

**Both:** It's less academic; it focuses in on our creativity.

**What do you think about the art department in The High School?**

**Would you like to teach in it?**

**Amy:** I would hate to be an art teacher...

**Conor:** I would get frustrated with people if they could not do a craft and stuff.

**Did you enjoy the interview?**

**Both:** Sure, you got us out of class.

**Interview by Kevin Smyth, 5th Form**

Above: Lino print by Conor Sexton.  
Below: Poster by Amy Lyons.



# THIRD YEAR



Football is at its most fun with an invisible ball.



3rd Years. Studying.



Hey man!

3G



**Back Row:** Chloe McHugh, Gary Beardsley, Sean Adye-Curran, Emmet Dwyer, William Anglim, David Cosgrove, Jamie McAvinue, Robert Lowry Walshe, Dhruv Kapoor.

**Middle Row:** Kira Mulhere, Robert Emo, Michael Sykes, Paul Deering, Michael Leith, Ella O'Leary-Watson, Jessica Patterson, Ellen Carney.

**Front Row:** Jennifer Byrne, Geoff Gamble, Mark Swords, Shauna Maguire, Katie O'Brien, Kateline Men, Maeve Sweetnam, Eva O'Byrne.

**Absent:** Caolán Boyce.



# 3H



**Back Row:** Dean Whelan, Barry Frizzelle, Ryan Farrell, Matthew Smyth, Oliver Walsh, Alan Weekes, Colm Moran, Patrick Foster, Stefanie Wynne.  
**Middle Row:** Alex Deane, Lee Campbell, Alan Young, Kate O'Marcaigh, Megan Skelly, Catriona Spoor, Josh Kennedy, Emma O'Rourke, Sean Warren, Elena Reed Schmied.  
**Front Row:** Lynn Murphy, Aimee Bannister, Kate Hennessy, Sheila Brownlee, Megan Lynch, Naoise Dolan, Amy Cripps, Faye Leitch, Shane Whooley.  
**Absent:** Daniel Cooke.

# 3m



**Back Row:** Maresa McElvaney, Eleanor White, Cillian McCann, Padraig Harrison, Daniel Meijer, Ronan Lowther, Eve Roseingrave, Jennifer Keogh.  
**Middle Row:** Sarah Quirke, Rachael Spray, Jack Doyle, Cian Ó'Néill, Ferdia O'Brien, Ryan Kirwan, Ian Stevenson.  
**Front Row:** Ella Scanlan, Johnny Brennan, Jessica Sargeant, Megan Rayner, Sarah Keating, Jessica Buttanshaw, Olivia King.  
**Absent:** Ronan O'Byrne, Laura Forsythe, Christopher Downey.



# 3R



**Back Row:** Sadbh O'Brien, Sean-Tee Lim, Stephan Watts, Finn Murphy, Daniel Jones, Patrick Wilson, Niall Hickey, Cian McDonagh, Clodagh Sleator.  
**Middle Row:** Cliona Rogan, Megan Daley, Aisling Naylor, Sorchá Fitzgerald, Conor Broderick, Seraphim Dempsey, Laura Pearson, Graham Campbell, Robbie Carson.  
**Front Row:** Hugh Macken, Joan McCarthy, Sophie Lee, James Sadlier, Amy Deverell, Hannah Browning, Sarah Lucas.  
**Absent:** Shane O'Reilly.

# 3T



**Back Row:** Maoliosa Nugent, Aisling Reina, Nicola Ryan, Drew Haig, Joshua Wiler, Mark Gaynor, Patrick Dennis, Christopher Drakeford, Rona O'Donnell.  
**Middle Row:** Alan Hughes, Mollie-Kate Richardson, Julie Farrell, Neil McGinley, Lauren McGarry, Niall O'Leary, Emily Dunleavy, Karen Blennerhassett, Robyn Carey, Sammi Esghyer.  
**Front Row:** Aislinn Twamley Levins, Keri Sheehan, Rose Halpin Duffy, Laura Mills, Andrew Stein, Eli Haines, Simon Jackson, Eiméar O'Brien.  
**Absent:** Troy Gallagher, Emma Hogg.



# KARATE KID: MICHAEL SYKES

**M: So Michael, what have you achieved in martial arts?**

**Mc:** I have a black belt in Brazilian Jujitsu and a Senior Brown in Kempo Karate.

**M: Very impressive, how long have you been doing these?**

**Mc:** Seven Years.

**M: Of Brazilian Jujitsu and Kempo Karate, which would you prefer?**

**Mc:** I prefer Kempo, it's better for self defence because it involves holds, throws and weapon attacks.

**M: When did you get your black belt?**

**Mc:** Last year, just after Christmas.

**M: What did your black belt grading involve?**

**Mc:** I had to fight seven different people in a row and most of them were senior grades.

**M: And what does it take to become a black belt?**

**Mc:** Commitment, you have to turn up twice a week, every week, for training.

**M: So if the school was attacked by a gang of ninjas, would you be able to fight them off?**

**Mc:** I don't know about a gang, maybe if I could take them on one by one?

**M: On a more serious note, are you a natural blonde?**

**Mc:** Yes.

Interview by Mark Savage, 5th Form



Accepting certificates.

Showing respect.

Right: 3rd Year Home Economics projects.

## A WISH OF A TEENAGE GIRL

While some girls wish to be pretty,  
Some wish to be skinny,  
Some wish for a guy,  
Some even wish to die.

But my wish is simple,  
Though annoying like a pimple,  
I wish to be free,  
To just be me.

Wish no more peer pressure,  
No more school pressure,  
No more fighting,  
And no more lying.

No more lying to myself,  
No more denying of myself,  
About how I feel,  
About what's real.

I just have to face it,  
No one else can take it,  
And deal with it for me,  
It's all up to me.

So today I will rise,  
Go out and win first prize,  
For being myself,  
I'll be as happy as an elf,

For being true,  
No more feeling blue,  
I've done the impossible,  
And made it quite possible.

To feel truly lucky happy,  
Not bad as a nappy,  
I feel like a light,  
Casting out the night.

If you too have been here,  
You'll know how I feel,  
I hope other teens can be,  
As true and happy as me.

Kate Hennessy, 3rd Form



POETRY



# TRIP TO PARIS, OCTOBER 2007

At 8:00 pm on Friday 26th October, 40 pupils and 5 teachers boarded flight FR026 to Beauvais airport. We began our long journey to our hotel on the coach. At 1am, early on Saturday morning we checked in and went to bed.

On Saturday morning we got off to an early start and went on a guided tour all around the centre of Paris with a stop at the Eiffel Tower. We then visited the Notre Dame for lunch and were given time to walk down the Champs-Élysées – Paris's most famous street.

After a great dinner at the beautiful restaurant 'Flunch' we got on the Bateau Mouche, a boat around the Seine to see all the sights of the nightlife in Paris.

On Sunday we had another early start and after breakfast in the hotel we headed off for the Louvre, where we saw the Mona Lisa or 'La Joconde' in French. After a walk in the Jardin des Tuileries and lunch on the Champs-Élysées we went to Montmartre and climbed the steps to the basilica of the Sacré Cœur. We stayed there for a while, listening to the musicians and admiring the views before going to the Stade de France. There we got to sit in the stands, go into the changing rooms, and watch Mr Malin attempt to kick a drop goal on the pitch. We had dinner at Flunch again and then went back to the hotel for a quiz.

On Monday at 9:00 am we departed for Disneyland. We arrived there at around 10:00 am and we all split up and had great fun in the amusement park. I think everyone enjoyed the rides especially Thunder and Space Mountain for most people. We then enjoyed a lovely dinner in Planet Hollywood which was great fun. We ended the day with a visit to the Eiffel Tower. We went up to the very top and looked at the spectacular view. It was a very good way to finish an excellent day.

On the last day in France, we got up early, had breakfast and finished packing, before checking out of the hotel and piling onto the bus. We set off for 'La Défense', which is a business district filled with skyscrapers. Here we had time to go shopping and have some fun before leaving for Charles de Gaulle airport from where we got the plane back to Dublin after a really enjoyable trip!

On behalf of everyone on the trip we would like to thank Ms Boyce, Ms Thorp, Mr Malin, Ms Fahey and Mr McCaughey for bringing us on such a fun and interesting trip.

**Kate O'Marcaigh, Ellen Carney, Katie O'Brien, Mollie-Kate Richardson, 3rd Form.**

## GERMAN CLASS TRIP

In October, Mr White's Form 3 German class visited the Goethe Institut and the Bretzel Bakery near Portobello. Below is an account of the visit in German.

Letzen Montag hat das deutsche dritte Jahrgang das Goethe Institut besucht. Es war viel Spaß und sehr interessant. Im Goethe Institut gibt es eine Bibliothek und die kleinste Galerie Irlands. Wir haben viele Dinge gelernt. Danach sind wir zur Bäckerei "Bretzel" gefahren. Wir haben ein Tour von der Küche gemacht. In der Küche gibt es einen Steinbackofen. Steinbacköfen sind sehr selten heutzutage in Irland. Nachher haben wir viele Konditorwaren gekauft. Sie waren sehr lecker. Vielen Dank an Herr Weiß und Tommy – er hat uns zum Goethe Institut und zur Bretzel Bäckerei gefahren.

**Seraphim Dempsey und Aisling Reina, 3rd Form**



Blissfully unaware of the inferno below.



Cheering at an empty stadium: how profound.



Teachers enjoying a well earned break.



High School students: orderly as ever.



## TURBO CHALLENGE



The plans for the F1 race car designed by the 3rd years.

On the 11th March, after much work on designing and constructing our car, we were finally ready to go to Sligo to take part in 'F1 in Schools Race Competition'. The team was made of the 3rd year Tech Graphics class: Sean-Tee Lim, Simon Jackson, Alex Deane, Shane O'Reilly and Troy Gallagher.

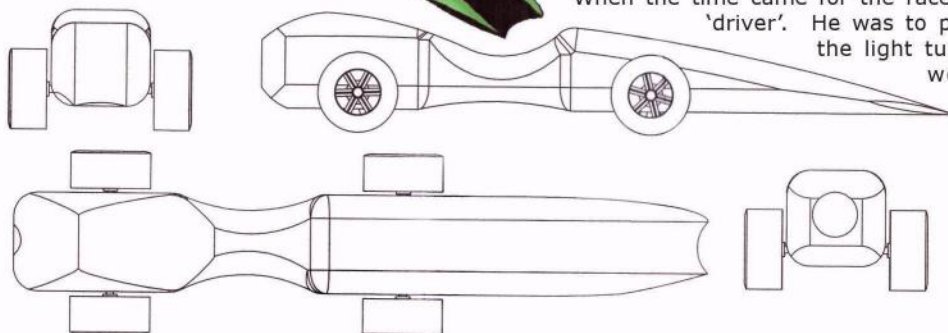
We arrived early in the morning and set up our stall, displaying all our research, sponsors and several pictures of our car. Our car was suspended on our table in a tyre covered in wooden flames. After our car was checked for our faults, we studied our opponents the 'Road Runners'.

When the time came for the race, Alex Deane was chosen to be our 'driver'. He was to puncture the tank of CO2 gas when the light turned green. Thanks to his efforts, we won all four of our races and scored the second fastest reaction time.

Now it was time for the presentation, where we stated our work, planning, information and time taken to the judges after which they asked us a question each.

When time came for the judging we expected to do well. Unfortunately we lost out to a school from Donegal. We returned home disappointed, but eager to return next year and do better. Many thanks to Ms Lynch for all her work and help.

**Alex Deane and Troy Gallagher, 3rd Form**



Lino Print by Lauren Wade, 2nd Form.

Right: 2nd Year Home Economics projects.

## PSYCHICS KNOW IT ALL

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, these cards aren't great,  
The hospital, that's your terrible fate."  
Poor man, got such a shock, he gasped and fell back,  
Guess he didn't see it coming, that heart attack.

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, the magic ball doesn't lie,  
Your dream man will come and be wearing a red tie."  
The single girl leaves with a smile on her face,  
Just to see that very business man tying his lace.

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, your palm lines are bold  
It looks like you're in for a pretty big scold."  
The teen just laughed and said har dee har, har,  
She was laughing so much she crashed Daddy's car.

**Emma Feely, 2nd Form**



POETRY



## MAKING THE RIGHT MOVE

The First and Second year drama group took to the stage with gusto on Thursday the 15th of May under the dedicated and experienced guidance of Director Leslie Lawlor. 'Career Moves' had music, comedy and romance in abundance. The entire production of this play was stunning and the set and costumes deserve particular mention.

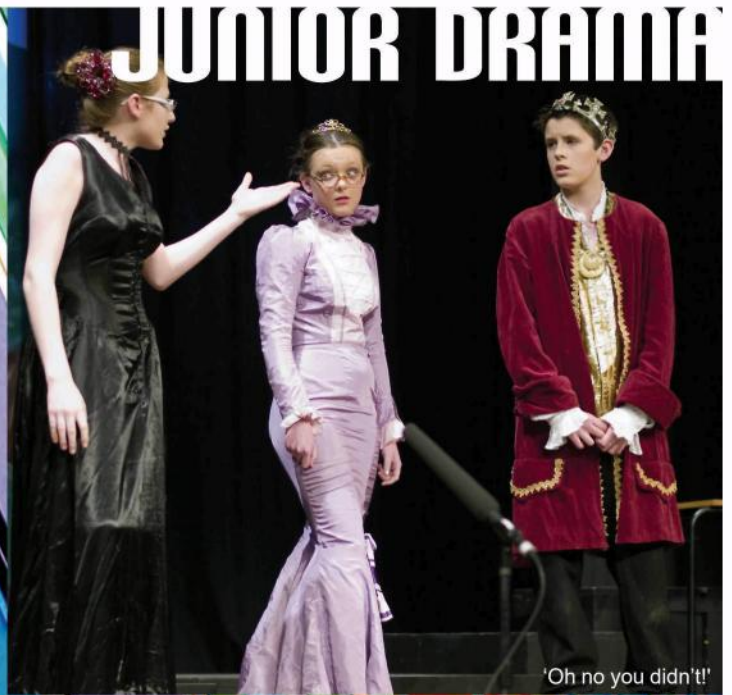
The plot is concerned with the lack of free choice in relation to the destiny of its inhabitants and the misery caused by such dictatorship. The Determinator played marvellously by Lorcan O'Byrne has control over the future of the land. The population of this land have to follow career paths determined by the powers that be. Laura Duggan was delightful as the ditzy Fairy Which Way confusing the plot by sending everyone in the wrong direction, whilst being absolutely positive she knows the way as she told us in her lovely song. Miss Demeanor (Hannah Olliffe); Malkiela (Megan Kilpatrick) and Orlando (Denis Casey) ably introduce us to the theme.

Fabian Mak gave a wonderful performance as Walter Woolf and practically met himself on stage as Boris the Bogey Man played by his alter ego, Bam Kifana. Lisa Doyle speaking backwards as Belinda Backwards, and Hazel McHugh, speaking in rhyme as the Countess Verse brought utter clarity and great fun to their characters, as did Emer Dixon playing Witch Wisterian and Laura Byrne as Little Bo-Peep whose singing was enchanting. As the opposing forces of good and evil Florence Bradish and Megan Kilpatrick were great foils for each other with Florence quoting from two Shakespeare plays (The Merchant of Venice and Henry V) with great success – not an easy task.

And of course the star crossed lovers – Little Red Riding Hood, who refused to accept Walter Woolf's smooth talking behaviour until, of course, Crystella sorted him out – was played so well by Katelyn Fagan and our heroes Orlando and Chloe Zoe Scarlett meet, but are parted by circumstances and misunderstandings. Their parts are played by Denis Casey and Lisa Sheerin. Both of these young actors gave wonderful performances and sang beautifully.

Lorcan O'Byrne's scenes with his 'partner in crime' Miss Demeanor were among the highlights of the evening. As Miss Demeanor, Hannah Olliffe had us laughing one minute and bringing us to tears the next with her rendition of "Colours of the Wind". Congratulations to all who took part in the performing and setting up of this production. Praise and thanks are also due to the Assistant Director Niamh Hogan and Back Stage Hands Catriona Spoor and Kate Hennessy.

**Ms T Jones**





# LIBRARY REPORT

Reading habits have changed somewhat since the latter part of the last century. Back then more pupils read what might be called 'classics', Dickens, Austen and the like. These authors are still read today, though less frequently. That said, authors such as Tolkien have remained consistently popular. Of course, the change in reading habits has been due to the expansion of stock. There is now more to choose from. It's also due to a change in the nature of book ownership. Thanks to the internet and discount prices, more people now buy books rather than borrow them, especially when it comes to fiction.

However, it is important to retain the full functions of a school library such as ours. Although books have become cheaper, they are not so cheap to be able to buy on a whim. Nor does the internet allow a prospective reader to browse comfortably. Think of the times one has come across an interesting book through scanning the shelves for something else. Non-fiction works are also better served through a library since they tend to be expensive and go out of print. The same goes for reference works. Bound encyclopaedias are still tremendously useful and have an authority that the like of Wikipedia does not. They are also better for illustrations since printing from the web can be cumbersome.

The library does, of course, have a full set of multimedia facilities. In addition to terminals providing online access, we now have a large TV and DVD player which was bought with a very generous donation from the parents of three past pupils from the same family. This has enabled us to start a 'Film Book Club' on Mondays and Fridays run by first year student Cian Butler of 1R.

Over the year we continued our programme of regular events. The annual World Book Day was held in March. In April we celebrated Shakespeare's birthday by readings and films of his work. Europe Day was celebrated on 9th May. National Poetry Day was marked in October and in December the Library Christmas Exhibition took place. In addition to a changing set of exhibitions and poster displays over the year several events were organised by the pupil-run Friends of the Library. Thanks are due to the Library Committee for all their wonderful help.

This year for the first time we had two winners for the best reader in First Year:  
**Hannah Foley, 1W and Sam Treacy-Magee, 1W**

**Valerie King**  
Librarian



"Fancy a slice?"

"Reading is to the mind  
what exercise is to the  
body."

# LIBRARY



Smiles all round.



Pre-made sandwiches drew a large crowd to the library.

# THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

September 2007 started with Amy and Aimée welcoming some very cheery 1st years (you know who you are!) to the Library Committee.

The first display of the year was National Poetry day on Thursday October 4th. Our first fundraising event of the year was Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October. We raised €540.

Coming up to Christmas we had Science Week, the Christmas Art Competition and, as usual, 'Feed the Pig' collection for Barnados. We raised €217.74. Before this we had Holly Day in aid of ISPCC. We raised over €100.

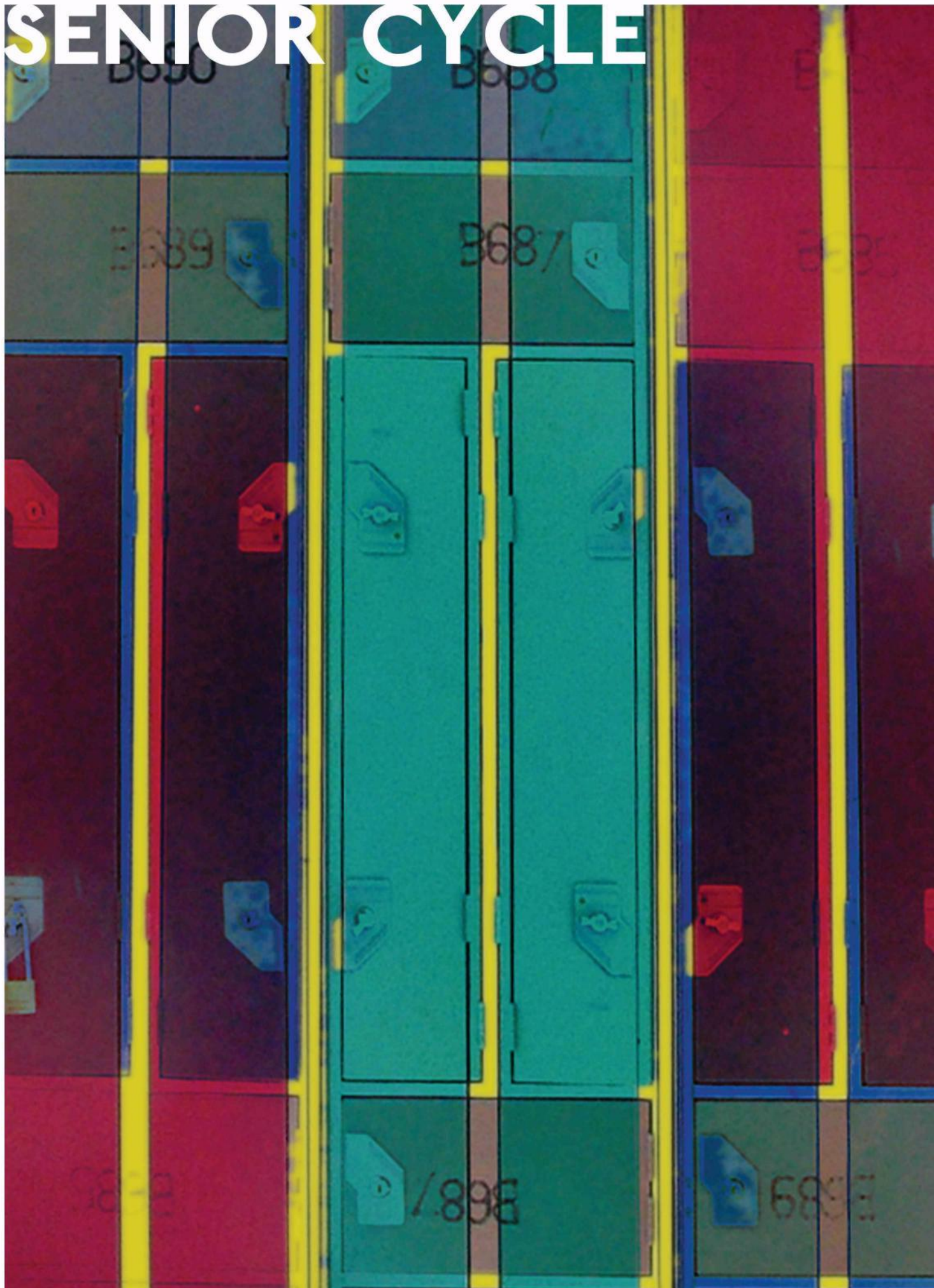
Our next display was World Book Day on the 6th March. We then had Daffodil Day on 7th March and raised €450. To celebrate 50 years of Lego we had a display and quiz. On the 23rd of April Shakespeare was 444 years old. This was celebrated with quizzes and cake. Finally on the 9th of May we celebrated Europe Day.

Aimée and Amy would like to thank the Library Committee and Ms King for their support throughout the year.

**Amy Deverell and Aimée Bannister, 3rd Form**



# SENIOR CYCLE





# TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS 2006-2007

## **Gaisce-President's Award Bronze**

Debbie Blair  
Tom Burke  
Linda Callaghan  
Gillian Carr  
Ayesha Carrim  
Hilary Cole Pidgeon  
Grace Collins  
Ciaran Collins  
Joe Comerford  
Emma Connell  
Alex Conroy  
Conor Craig  
Clare Cryan  
Aoife Daly  
Tom Emo  
Gareth Fallon  
Ross Finn  
Michael Gray  
Keith Gray  
Catriona Grimes  
Shane Grehan  
Saoirse Hogan  
Peter Hunt  
Amy Jones  
Jack Kelly  
Saurin Kenny  
Emily Kinlan  
Iain Lane  
Phoebe Laing  
Hannah Leavy  
Karen Lew  
Olivia McEvansoneya  
Aoife McGovern  
Matthew McKenna Barry  
Tessa Meade  
Graham Mills  
Sam Moore  
Ryan Morgan  
Jane O'Donohoe  
Jack O'Kennedy  
Zoe O'Regan  
Shona O'Toole  
Hannah Phelan  
Leah Quirke  
Rachel Regan  
Jamie Ryan  
Emma Satchwell  
Mark Savage  
Ruth Shannon Doyle  
Stephen Shaw  
Olwen Smith  
Sinead Smith  
Alicia Smyth  
Kevin Smyth  
Joan Somers Donnelly  
Helen Spellar  
Alison Walker  
Jonathan Walker  
John Willoughby  
Graham Young

**Canoeing Awards  
Level 2 Kayak  
Proficiency Award**  
Peter Hunt  
Stephen Shaw

## **Young Entrepreneurs Scheme**

Tierna Brazil  
Ayesha Carrim  
Ciaran Collins  
Alan Day  
Adam Elliott  
Thomas Emo  
Declan Fergus  
Damiano Fusciardi  
Candace Horton  
Jonathan Kinlan  
Simon Kinneen  
Hannah Leavy  
Ian Levine  
Karen Lew  
Alison Meeke  
Kieron Men  
Ryan Morgan  
Grant Murphy  
Dennis O'Connor  
James O'Connor  
Paul O'Kelly  
Sean O'Riordan  
Shona O'Toole  
Jamie Ryan  
Niall Smith  
John Willoughby

## **Judo White Belt Awards**

Tom Burke  
Stephen Carter  
Ciaran Collins  
Joe Comerford  
Adam Elliott  
Damiano Fusciardi  
Shane Grehan  
Ronan Hennessy  
David Kavanagh  
Jonathan Kinlan  
Simon Kinneen  
Sophie Madigan  
Emma Satchwell  
Linda Silke  
Katie Tallon  
Jonathan Walker  
Shane Webb

## **Bursaries**

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

# AN INTERVIEW WITH IAN DUGGAN

**For how long have you doing karate?**  
- I've been doing it for five years now.

## **What got you into it?**

- I got into karate in sixth class. A friend was doing it and I liked the idea so I started going. As well, my instructor had done a course in the school so that gave me a view of what it was like.

## **What discipline of karate do you practice?**

- Well its W.S.K.F. karate which stands for 'World Shotokan Karate-Do Federation'.

## **What grade are you on now?**

- I'm currently 1st Kyu or 3rd brown belt. I'm going for my Black Belt this June ('08).

## **What sort of training do you do?**

- I do the basics for gradings and other events but for competition karate which is kumite (fighting) or kata (form) I have to do fitness and other trainings.

## **How often do you train?**

- Well I train at my club every Monday night but I also train on Wednesdays and Sundays at a different club. Also some Fridays I have squad training for the Irish team and I do my own stuff at home like general practice and fitness.

## **Have you ever had to use you skills in a real-life situation?**

- Actually no, I can't think of a time I've ever had to use it.

**Interview by Stephen Shaw & Alicia Smyth, 5th Form**



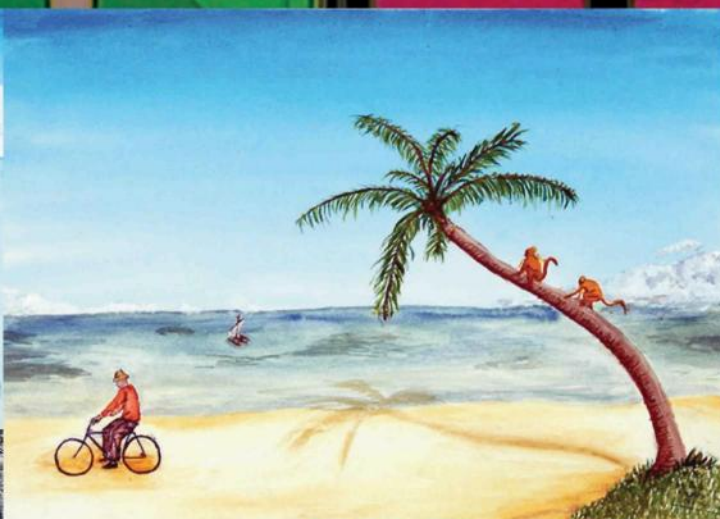
Ian Duggan in action.



The Irish team at training in Japan, Summer 2007.



# FOURTH YEAR



Art Awards:  
Clockwise from top left:  
Art by:  
Nicole Campbell,  
Cameron Ridyard,  
Miles Reilly,  
Brian Liston.

## 4G



**Back Row:** Daniel Corbin, Cian Twomey, Eoin Keenan, Vanya Eccles, Mark Evans, Nicholas Jones, Mark Horgan, Gavin Mullan, Daire Hunt.

**Middle Row:** Katie Hyland, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Rebecca Conalty, Michael McNulty, Simon Ludden, Stephen Whelan, Michael Adye-Curran, David Kernan, Lisa Meehan, Laura Martin.

**Front Row:** Aoife Kearney, Freya Breen, Clive Drakeford, Lorcan Murphy, Olivia Ball, Martin Flower, Una McSharry, Tara O'Driscoll, Etan Kinsella McLennan.



# 4HE



**Back Row:** Oscar Bowling, Gareth Carragher, Simon Smith, Diarmuid Kennedy, Cal Howick, Alex Daly, Miles Reilly, Robert Savage.

**Middle Row:** Mohammad Kabadaya, Robbie McGuinness, Simon Wright, Mark Coffey, Keenan Lacey, Stuart Gray, Ian Duggan, Ellen Walsh.

**Front Row:** Holly Taylor, Sarah Kate McConnell, Sophie Mitchell, Neal Hickey, Daniel Connell, Niamh McDonagh, Megan Earls, Michael O'Shea, Sarah Burns.

**Absent:** Lara Madden.

# 4L



**Back Row:** Tess McCann, Ruairí Nugent, James Liddicoat, Mark Weston, Emmet McBride, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Andrew Donovan, Archie Heaslip.

**Middle Row:** George Twamley, Nicola Durrant, Sarah McCoy, Stephanie Lodola, Alex Dakin, Nicole Campbell, Rebecca Mills.

**Front Row:** Luke Evans, Stephan Dowling, Camilla Hanney, Aoife Loftus, Sarah Brennan, Alex McLaughin-Callan.

**Absent:** Louis Gregg, Tom Roseingrave, Patrick King, Aaron Sturdy, Darragh Tate.



4m



**Back Row:** Joshua Reichental, Andrew Gilbert, Milo Mays, Dylan Farrell, Liam MacNamara, James Harding, Graham Flaherty, Guy Prendergast.  
**Middle Row:** Susan McRann, Richelle McDonnell, Stephanie Moore, Kevin Browne, Luke Byrne, Matthew Ware, Ben Harding, Aimee Jones O'Connor.  
**Front Row:** Iain Irvine, Nicola Spendlove, Naomi Reid, Eva Nugent, Suzanne O'Connor, Katie O'Connor, Andrea Murray-Byrne.  
**Absent:** Molly Hughes, Owen Carroll, Brian Speller, Sam Williamson.

4w



**Back Row:** Cameron Ridyard, Mark Rogan, Steven Chapman, Stephen James, James Hawe, Sebastian Adams, Joshua Purcell, Daniel Cooke.  
**Middle Row:** Christopher Wyse, Lorcan Ahern, Bill O'Cleirigh, Craig Hanan, Kit Connolly, Adam Ryan, Aoife Ryan.  
**Front Row:** Aoife Gordon, Marie-Claire Foley, Zara McElvaney, Aisling Kiernan, Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Susan Kinlan.  
**Absent:** Tiffany Coll, Clare Davies, Danyal Fox, Josh Tobin, Peter Williamson.



## HISTORY IN THE MAKING



After being blasted with some music we got down to the questions. The band Modern History consists of four 4th year guys, Sebastian Adams (vocals), Luke Byrne (guitar), James Harding (ace on bass) and Keenan Lacey (drums).

### **So, how did the band first get together?**

We got together for the rock/pop show in September but only properly formed as a band in January. (Aw, such a short relationship!)

### **Why are you guys called Modern History?**

We're making history in music (Keenan). No, no (loud protests) we wanted a cool name and we decided to choose two words that didn't go together. (Bit of division in the band?)

### **Who's the leader/the bossiest?**

Well we're the creative geniuses (Sebastian points to himself and Luke) and they're the tag-alongs. No seriously we're all in this together (Keenan) (Sounds like something from 'High School Musical' doesn't it?)

### **Do you write your own songs?**

Yes, Luke writes the music, Sebastian and James write the lyrics and then Keenan adds in the drums!



## PICTURE PERFECT: KIT CONNOLLY

### **So how did you become interested in photography?**

I was always interested in the idea of being able to keep an image so I used to take pictures of everything. I guess that's where the interest came from

### **What was the inspiration for your winning photograph?**

I was trying out different kinds of light and I thought that the rope light would be a good background for a portrait, so I set up the photo around it.

### **Any advice for budding photographers?**

Take pictures of everything!

**Jack O'Kennedy, 5th Form**

*Kit was the Overall Winner of the HP Digital Imagination Competition 2007, winning a laptop, trophy and a digital camera for the school.*

### **What type of music do you play?**

Indie...but we're kind of drifting to our own unique sound (Keenan).

### **What do you like about playing gig?**

Just the buzz of playing to a crowd who appreciate music (James).

### **Who are your musical inspirations?**

The Beatles, The Smiths, Led Zeppelin, Madness, Arctic Monkeys, the list goes on!

### **What do you enjoy most about being part of a band?**

Having fun jamming and enjoying making music, music is good. (We believe you! Just don't deafen us next time!)

### **Will you still be together in three years?**

Yes (Sebastian). Maybe (Keenan) (Oooh more division! Will they last?...Watch this space.)

**Interviewed by Gill Carr and Debbie Blair, 5th Form**

Above left: The band in rehearsals.  
Below: Modern History - they're rubbish!



Kit's Award winning photograph.



# ROCK/POP SHOW 2007



Rockin' and Poppin'.

A group of nervous fourth years waited backstage as the rest of their year poured into the Reynolds Hall for the 2007 Rock/Pop Show.

The show opened with 'The Professionals' (now 'Modern History') playing Hallelujah. This was followed by an amazing rendition of 'Ne Me Quitte Pas' with Paddy and Tom. Next up was Alex Dakin singing 'Suddenly I See'. It wasn't long before Paddy got the crowd going with 'Are You Gonna Be My Girl'.

Both Steph and Lara had solo performances which included: 'Put Your Records On' and 'Closest Thing to Crazy'. Josh, Alex Mac, Ben and Tom kept the crowd happy with many front of curtains, such as: 'Golden Touch' and 'Be Good or Be Gone'. The dance group also made an appearance, dancing to 'Don't Stop the Music'.

Paddy yet again got the crowd going with 'Ghostbusters' followed by a hilarious keyboard dance by Tom. The show finished with The Professionals playing 'Chelsea Dagger'. The show was a great success and we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Ms Bourke, Adam Higgs and everybody else who was involved.

**Keenan Lacey, 4th Form**



Lifejackets-making fashion safe.



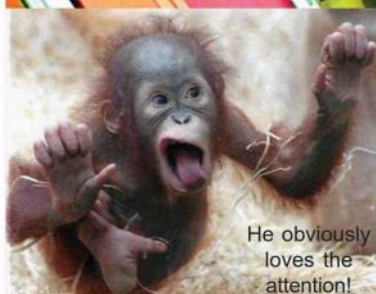
The original diva.

## TY GO WILD

As one of our trips in fourth year we went to the zoo. There was great excitement and great uncertainty from some as to how to get there when we heard we were going to the zoo instead of school one Wednesday. Almost all of us arrived punctually outside the zoo. When the teachers finally met us we received a talk on the zoo and how it works from one of the staff.

Afterwards the pupils split up and explored the zoo on their own. It turned into a beautiful sunny day as we wandered through the zoo and we all learnt a lot about the animals. According to a certain student, when 42 Cambodian fighting midgets were set upon a fully grown African lion, 36 of them died and the rest were horrifically maimed. This demonstrated the power of the lions to us although they seemed quite peaceful when we saw them in the enclosure. After chasing a loose peacock and finally finding a place to eat, we gave in our hastily filled-in questionnaires to the teachers and left the zoo. It was a great day and completely worth missing school for.

**Stephanie Lodola, 4th Form**



He obviously loves the attention!



# SOME YOUNG SCIENTISTS

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

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh's project "Motivating Pupil Performance" was entered in the Intermediate Individual Social and Behavioral category. The aim of this project was to investigate whether teachers giving either particularly high or low exam results prompted students to work harder and perform better in subsequent tests and if so which of the two methods was most effective. To test this students were asked to complete short written tests and were issued with results (some of which had been secretly raised or lowered). Participants then sat another similar test and the average changes in the scores of each group between the tests were compared. It was found that both methods worked as positive motivators (in most cases - a few people were negatively affected by the lower scores, amongst the boys in particular), but that the generous marking was much more effective! Don't forget to tell that to your teachers when they're filling in your Christmas report!

Colm Finlay and Thomas Wyse Jackson's project was entered in the Junior Maths, Physics and Chemistry category of this year's Young Scientists Exhibition. The project, "Wind Energy for Outdoor Adventure", investigated whether they could design a portable and robust wind turbine to generate sufficient power to be able to charge batteries for a torch etc. while camping outdoors. They built and tested two devices, one of which could provide a charge of 4.3 volts with reasonable purchase and maintenance costs.

The exhibition itself was fantastic, as always! There was plenty of things going on, including shows such as the mechanical polar bear Bjorn, fish and geckos in the Eco-Zone, fun science related activities involving LED's, magnet, static electricity and so on, and a game that involved pushing a ball towards your opponent using only the power of your relaxed mind (that was pretty hilarious, because as soon as you lose a little ground you start to panic and then get stressed by thinking 'be calm... calmer... calmer!!'). There were cool freebies too but the one I was most intrigued by was what seemed to be a wooden pencil...made from one recycled plastic cup. The wonders of science!

The other projects were, as always, of the highest standard, both imaginative and informative. Highlights included investigations into the acoustic properties of shower cubicles, chewing gum as a concentration aid, preventing drink driving and inventing a new system of notating music. While there have previously been many studies into the effects of listening to music while studying, a very original project this year was one that tested the effect of different kinds of music on cows' milk production.

Amidst such high standards High School held its own, with both of its entries receiving awards. Congratulations to Tom and Colm (2nd Form) who won 2nd place in their category and to Sadhbh whose project received Highly Commended.

The exhibition is known to be a great social event for all involved. A week off school, making new friends, plus a disco every single night for a week...science nerds sure know how to party!! And the table quiz was just epic...all I'll say is that we'd probably have concentrated a lot better if they hadn't handed out hundreds of free Frisbees at the beginning...one eager guy resourcefully scrawled his number on one and threw it to the Rose of Tralee who was hosting, unfortunately managing to hit her in the head with quite an audible bump!

To anyone who is considering entering the exhibition next year I would definitely encourage them! It has been the most wonderful experience for me and I'm sure that Tom and Colm would agree. It's really interesting and great fun, definitely worth the work put in.

It is important to realise that there is substantial work involved in entering and carrying out a project, but once you have an idea you're happy with I always feel that's the hardest part out of the way! Look to hobbies, problems you encounter in your everyday life, current affairs or pick your family's brains for ideas. I got the idea for my project from people complaining about the Mocks!

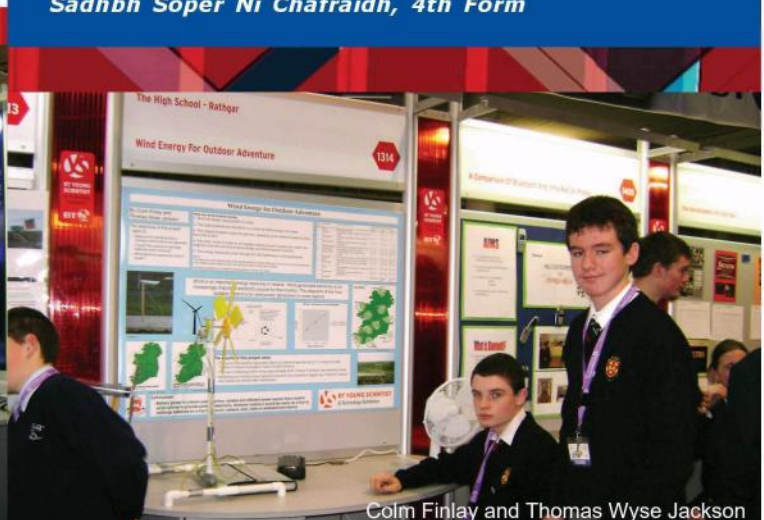
Give yourself plenty of time and enjoy it. When writing it up, try to mention the possible applications and implications of your findings. If there was a weakness in the method or results, don't try to hide it, acknowledge it and say how it could be improved in subsequent studies and so impress the judges with your appreciation for good scientific practice.

Finally I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the students who participated in my experiments, they were wonderful! Thanks to Mr Davies and all the teachers who let me borrow them from their classes. I would also like to add a special thanks to my friend Aoife Kearney who was of great practical help and saved me from otherwise certain spontaneous combustion in those last few days! We would like to thank Dr Whitford for her advice and help in the various stages of the projects' development.

**Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, 4th Form**



Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh



Colm Finlay and Thomas Wyse Jackson



# FOREIGN EXCHANGE

I set off on a plane to Lyon in France on my own to spend five weeks with a French family. I knew the family because I had spent two weeks with them last summer doing a French exchange as well. All I knew going there was that I was going to have to go to Lycée, which is French secondary school, and that I was dreading it!

The minute I walked out of arrivals and met the family it was French, total immersion. And it stayed like that for the whole five weeks. We didn't go to their house straight away. We spent three days going to every possible museum and sightseeing in Lyon. Then we drove two hours south to their house in an inland country town called Montelimar. School wasn't that bad. At the start I understood nothing, but over the weeks I began to understand more and more. Some teachers completely ignored me and some tried to include me in the class as much as possible. One teacher even asked me to stand up in front of the class and talk about history and geography of Ireland – in French! I ended up doing it half-French, half-English. Their school is completely different to ours. It was like a mix of secondary school and college. There were no supervisors or prefects. If a teacher was out you could leave school until your next class. Classes were one hour long. They don't eat at break-time in school, nor do they have a snack at all during the day. They always eat a big lunch at mid-day. Dinner time was at 9 o'clock at night, which I found hard getting used to.

There were times when I was bored or lonely and started to think about home but I developed a strategy. I started reading. I don't usually read at home but while away I read loads of books and that really helped me to get through it.

When my five weeks were finished my French exchange came back to Ireland with me. Because school was finished she didn't have to come to school. She stayed with us for a month and we tried to talk to her and include her in conversations to help her improve her English as much as possible.

Overall, the exchange worked very well and was a great experience. I learnt a lot of French and I'm very glad that I did it. I would recommend it to anyone who would like to improve their grasp of another language.

**Aimee Jones O'Connor, 4th Form**



Place des Jacobins, Lyons.



Place des Terreaux, Lyons.



Up close and personal.



Bill O'Cleirigh with Mr Duffy at the TY Awards ceremony.

## THE MUFFIN TRUST

For our business class this year we had to set up and run our own business. We decided to make and sell muffins, because we enjoy baking muffins.

Firstly we had to come up with a business 'The Muffin Trust'. We then had to partake in some market research; we decided that we would be selling our muffins in school during break. We found the Young Entrepreneur Scheme, (YES) very useful, interesting and enjoyable. We would highly recommend it to any students going into transition year.

**Andrew Gilbert, Ruairí Nugent, Luke Byrne, 4th Form**



# TY TRIP TO BUDAPEST AND PRAGUE

On St. Patrick's Day morning, 44 excited 4th year students met at Dublin Airport, ready to board our flight to Budapest, Hungary. We arrived in Budapest that evening and drove to our hotel on the Pest side of the city. We ate dinner at the hotel, which gave us a chance to try some Hungarian food!

The next morning we were up bright and early for a tour of the city. We visited Heroes' Square, Buda Castle, the Statue of Anonymous, St Stephen's Cathedral and the Fisherman's Bastion. We also saw the Parliament building and the famous Chain Bridge. Later that day we did some shopping at the street markets and aptly-named 'Fashion Street'!

The next morning we got some more shopping done before going to the Szechenyi Baths - a geothermal spa and swimming pool. The water had to be cooled down to 38°C from 60°C! That evening we boarded our cramped but cosy overnight train to Prague, Czech Republic, which passed through Slovakia and Austria. We arrived to a snowy sub-zero Prague at 5 o'clock that morning. Our bus took us to our hotel where we had breakfast before embarking on a tour of Prague Castle or the Hradcany. This is where the Czech president resides, and is very impressive with the beautiful gothic St Vitus cathedral in the centre of the grounds and the royal palace with its Vladislav hall. In the afternoon we went on a pleasant cruise of the Vltava River and had a buffet lunch on-board.

The next day we drove 100km north to Terezin (or Theresienstadt as it is known in German) where the Nazis had their 'model' Ghetto and concentration camp. The Nazis used this camp to lead the Red Cross to believe their camps provided good living conditions for the prisoners, but in reality the conditions were awful. By the time the Red Cross arrived back in Geneva the prisoners at Terezin had been shipped off to Auschwitz.

Back in Prague we walked down Wenceslas Square and visited Old Town where we saw the Astronomical clock and the Church of our Lady before Tyn. We got lunch and did more shopping. That evening we went to a Czech folk dinner where we were entertained by Czech folk music and dancing. Cian Twomey, Aoife Ryan and Steven Chapman all had a go at dancing!

On our last day we went to see the memorial site of Lidice - a town razed to the ground by the Nazis as a reprisal for the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich. We then got some last-minute shopping done in Prague and headed off to the airport. We arrived back in Dublin at 10pm, said our goodbyes and then went our separate ways. We all had a brilliant time and would like to thank Mr Wright, Mr Flynn, Ms Lynch and Ms McKevitt for organising and accompanying us on the trip.

**Nicole Campbell, 4th Form**



That's a dangerous proximity to the sky.



Anyone for a shockingly over-sized pastry?



Such respect.



They hadn't quite got the hang of this folk dancing.



Dinner together was delicious.



# FIFTH YEAR

**Back Row:** Colin Ledwith, Shane Grehan, Jack O'Kennedy, Niall Noonan, Mark Savage, Daragh Monaghan, Robbie Browne, Conor McGinley, Daniel Moore, Alexander Mulcahy, Kevin Smyth, Alan Day, Conor O'Donnell, Miles Campbell, Matthias Slattery, David Kavanagh.

**Second Row (from top):** Matthew McKenna Barry, Thomas Burke, James Barber, Shane Webb, Adam Elliot, Kieron Men, Sean O'Riordan, Declan Fergus, Jake Jackson, Conor Frizelle, Cólín O'Connell, Richard Whelan, Ciarán Collins, Jamie Ryan, Graham Mills, Graham Young, Peter Hunt.

**Third Row:** Charlotte Leonard Kane, Olwen Smith, Aislinn Coghlan, Saurin Kenny, Samuel Moore, Paul O'Kelly, Gareth Fallon, Keith Gray, Candace Horton, Alex Conroy, Damiano Fusciardi, Simon Kinneen, Iain Lane, Michael Gray, James O'Connor, Sean O'Reilly, Sean Keating.

**Fourth Row:** Jonathan Walker, Gráinne O'Brien, Linda Silke, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Ryan Morgan, Patrick Butler, Shay Arias-Paz, Justin Zehnder, Rory Simms, Josh Burdon, Robbie O'Brien, Conor Craig, Stephen Shaw, Grant Murphy, Jack Kelly, Ronan Hennessy.

**Fifth Row:** Emma Connell, Gillian Carr, Stephen Carter, Ian Levine, Jonathan Kinlan, Niall Smith, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Laura Garland, Phoebe Laing, Katie Murtagh, Hannah Leavy, Denis O'Connor, Sarah Cox, Sam Clarke-Kavanagh, Hilary Cole Pidgeon, Lydia Cosgrove, Jane O'Donohoe.

**Sixth Row:** Tierna Brazil, Bo-Jane Woods, Zoë O'Regan, Clare Cryan, Saoirse Hogan, Alicia Smyth, Leah Quirke, Sophie Madigan, Katie Tallon, Fiona Flaherty, Helen Speller, Olivia McEvansoneya, Emily Kinlan, Ruth Bourke, Joan Somers Donnelly, Tessa Meade, Ayesha Carrim.

**Seventh Row:** Rachel Bishop, Therése Anglim, Rhiannon Ryan, Aoife McGovern, Debbie Blair, Aoife Daly, Karen Lew, Ali Walker, Catriona Grimes, Hannah Phelan, Jessica Gamble, Linda Callaghan, Rachel Regan, Lucy Bennett.

**Front Row:** John Willoughby, Amy Jones, Emma Satchwell, Ms M Lynch, Ms P Saville, Mr T Gill, Mr R Davies, Mr B Kinsella, Mr I Wilkinson, Mrs C McCartney, Ali Meeke, Sinéad Smith, Grace Collins.

**Absent:** Ross Finn, Michael Metoudi, Benjamin Boles, Ishbel McGuckin, Bentley Allison, Shona O'Toole.





# AN INTERVIEW WITH CONOR CRAIG

Bouldering is a style of rock climbing undertaken without a rope and normally limited to short climbs so that a fall will not result in serious injury. It focuses on strength, power and dynamics. Conor Craig of 5th year is an active participant in the gruelling sport.

**J+J: When did you first become interested in bouldering?**

**C:** When I was twelve I went with my Dad, I've been doing it non-stop since.

**J+J: So where do you go for bouldering?**

**C:** I go to the climbing wall in UCD, to the quarry in Dalkey and to Glendalough.

**J+J: How often would you go?**

**C:** 3 times a week.

**J+J: What was your first time bouldering like?**

**C:** It was in Dalkey and I've got to admit it was pretty scary.

**J+J: Tell us about the competitions you have entered.**

**C:** Well, last winter I came first in the Irish Bouldering League. There were five rounds and five competitions in each province. The climbs themselves started off pretty easy but they got progressively harder.

**J+J: Do you have a long list of injuries from the sport?**

**C:** I've damaged and torn tendons and after five years of doing it my knees are in bits!

**J+J: So how can someone who's interested get involved in bouldering?**

**C:** It's very difficult because there are no clubs for anyone who's under eighteen. You just have to find someone who's already involved and go out with them.

**J+J: What would your advice be for anyone who's trying out the sport for the first time?**

**C:** Just go for it, don't think about falling and enjoy it.

**Jack O'Kennedy and Johnny Walker, 5th Form**



## CAVING TRIP

At two thirty on the 28th February, fifteen students eagerly waited to leave for a caving weekend in the Burren. Mr Wright and Kinger arrived somewhat later.

We packed up the bus and headed towards Clare. On the way we stopped in Limerick and picked up the third of our guides. After Limerick we made our way to Lisdoonvarna and our hostel.

The next morning we made our way to the caves. Following a brief and terrifying safety talk we were given our lamps and began our descent under a waterfall. It started easy with a period of normal walking, then slanty walking, followed by crouching, slanty crouching moving finally to a short crawl between chambers.

'Is he going to do it again?' we heard Kinger mumble to himself a few metres from the surface. Seconds later Mr Wright appeared screaming from an unbelievably tight cave. Kinger tutted tiredly.

Everyone was wrecked after the caving and it was decided to play scrabble. For the record Mr Wright won with 'quetzals' on a triple word score. The cat that got the cream.

**Matthew McKenna Barry, 5th Form**

## LIBRARY QUIZ

In October, a team of fifth years represented the High School in the prestigious 5th year Library Table Quiz, held in Alexandra College. The team was made up of Johnny Walker, Joan Somers Donnelly, Mark Savage, Jack O'Kennedy, Daragh Monaghan, Debbie Blair and Shane Grehan. Paul Howard, the writer of the Ross O'Carroll-Kelly books was speaking at the quiz and was very entertaining. There was a great atmosphere with friendly rivalry between the eleven schools. Some rounds were more challenging than others (the Ross O'Carroll-Kelly round) but we enjoyed the quiz and came in third place. Unfortunately there was no prize for third place, but we walked away with as many free pencils we could carry. Thanks to Ms King for taking us.

**Joan Somers Donnelly, 5th Form**



# THE ERASMIAN AND DIOCESAN TIMES

## - A LOOK BACK

If you were to try to come up with a list of things that symbolise The High School, there's no doubt that The Erasmian would be at the top. For the best of a century it has been producing a yearly snapshot of life inside and outside Danum. I recently dug through some old boxes at home and managed to unearth (amongst other things) The Erasmian and Diocesan Times of 1988!

The 51-page Erasmian of twenty years ago was printed in black-and-white and shared its space with 24 advertisements, including full-page spreads from Bank of Ireland, Siúicre Éireann and Texaco. It contained few photographs in comparison to its present-day counterpart, and had a very simple design. The cover was identical to the previous year's edition.



The magazine began as always with an editorial and production credits. Pupil artwork was printed next, which included poetry, stories and drawings. The short display of student art was followed by a very matter-of-fact School Record, containing news of teacher retirements and appointments, marriages (including those of Ms King, Mr Kelly and Ms Saville) and other events. The Valette, which seems to have disappeared from The Erasmian in recent years, brought news of the previous year's sixth form and upper sixth (a class for those repeating the Leaving Cert.).

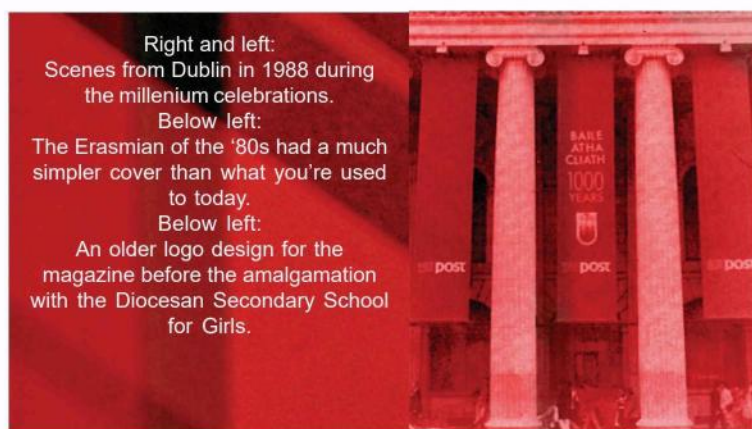
What today's editorial team would call 'the features section' was a mere 20 pages long. There were no class photographs or teacher interviews. There were articles about clubs, including the computer club and the scripture union, and events such as the ski trip. The fifth year play of that year was 'The Importance of Being Earnest', and it had a large section. A now-defunct student magazine known as 'The Surrealist Banana' also had an article.

1988 was Dublin's famous millennium year. Two special features reflected this. 'This Century They Said...' (the inspiration for this article) looked through 89 years of past Erasmians, with details on everything from W.B. Yeats's honorary degree from Trinity College to the censorship regulations of the Second World War. 'Millennium Madness' was centre-page spread of photography from '80s Dublin, including scenes from St. Stephen's Green and O'Connell Street.

The 15-page Sports Review contained the usual reports and photographs from hockey, rugby, cricket, tennis and badminton teams. Presumably



because of space constraints, only photographs of A-teams were printed. One picture of note was a rugby cartoon by the now well-known illustrator Peter Hanan, who was in 3rd year at the time. The format of some of the photos is slightly different in comparison to

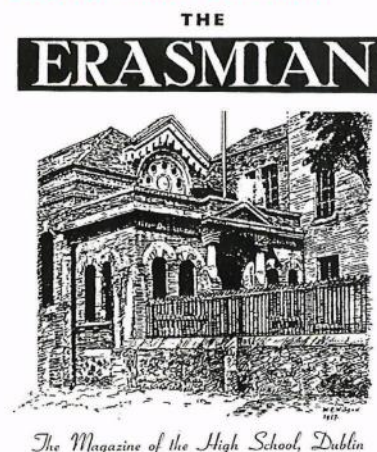


today: In the boys' photos, anybody standing in the back row folded their arms. Also, none of the hockey photos displayed the 'crossed sticks'. The photography isn't the only thing that was different though, as younger-looking versions of Mr Prendergast, Mr Quinn, Mr Wright, Mr Kirby, Mr McMullen and Ms Mellon were among the coaches. Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, who was captain of the girls' Minor B hockey team at the time, also appeared.

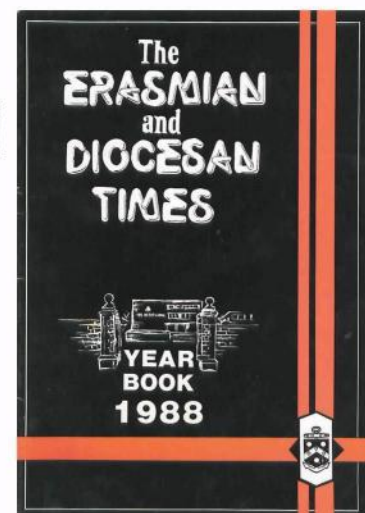
The last section of the Erasmian contained reports from the presidents of the then Old Boys' and Old Girls' Unions, before ending on a two-page spread of news of past pupils, including examination results from Trinity College and the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

So, as you read this, the 108th Erasmian and 46th Diocesan Times, remember not to just stash it away to gather dust. Keep it safe. Who knows: maybe a 'look back' every twenty years will become something of a tradition!

**Stephen Shaw, 5th Form**



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# SENIOR DEBATERS

This year, debates for the senior cycle were held every Tuesday at 1:30 PM in A22. We had regular attendance from a loyal group of students (and the occasional visit from others!) from 4th, 5th and 6th year. On the second Tuesday of the school year, we elected our secretary and auditor. From that week on, we debated a variety of motions, ranging from topical issues such as 'Bertie Ahern should resign from government' (I'm sure our discussion influenced his decision in the end!) to long-established moral issues such as the mass-legalisation of abortion. One week in April, a popular vote disregarded the scheduled motion. Instead, we debated 'Santa Claus would beat the Easter Bunny in a no-holds-barred deathmatch'!

The informal setup of the debates meant that all opinions could be expressed freely. Sometimes the members' opinions were so similar that the session was pointless, but other times there were some really heated arguments (with order being kept by our 'esteemed Madame Chairperson', Mrs H-E).

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh, Aoife Kearney, Guy Prendergast and I took part in the Concern Debates throughout the Winter Term. Our first outing was to the assembly hall in Loreto College, St Stephen's Green. Time penalties and failed rebuttals caused our defeat in the end, but we learned from our experience and set to work preparing for our debate against Dominican College here in Danum. Once again we were defeated, but by a much narrower points margin. As well as thanking Mrs H-E for organising our participation in the competition, the four participants would like to thank Olwen Reina for chairing the debate, Alicia Smyth for keeping time, and Nicole Campbell, Sam Williamson and Lorcan Murphy for agreeing to organise refreshments on such short notice.

In November a group of members attended the 'Phil Speaks' public speaking seminar at the University Philosophical Society in TCD. Here we not only learned valuable skills about oration and argument, but got to experience different formats of debating in front of a large audience.

Senior debating was a great success this year and I would highly recommend all those entering or currently in the senior cycle to come along next year and try it out. Finally I'd like to thank everyone and anyone who showed up during the year, and Mrs H-E for taking time out of her lunch breaks every Tuesday to make it all possible.

**Stephen Shaw, 5th Form**



Senior Debating.



Therése Anglim singing in assembly.

Nice MEL-ody!!!



Denis O'Connor playing in assembly.



Don't worry  
Sinéad it's just a  
camera.



## NA HÉIREANNAIGH I MEASC NA BHFATHACH

In ainneoin pobal an-bheag na hÉireann, tá barr feabhais bainte amach aici i ngach réimse den spórt, den eolaíocht, den cheol agus den litríocht. Díreoidh mé m'aigne ar dhá cheann desna rudaí seo, an spórt agus an eolaíocht.

### SPÓRT

Níl ach ceithre mhiliún sa tír seo ach mar sin féin tagann scoth na laochra spóirt is fearr ar domhan anois as an tír seo. I gcorn an domhain sa pheil 1990 san Iodáil, shroicheamar an cluiche ceathrú ceannais. Leagadh amach as an gcomórtas muid in aghaidh na hIodáile tar éis coimhlinte ghéar.

An t-imreoir peile ab fhearr dá ghlúin ab ea Roy Keane, meastar. Threoraigh sé Manchester United don tribil stairiúil agus mar bhuaic, bhuaigh sé an príomhroinn Sasanach seacht n-uaire, an corn FA ceithre uaire, an sciath charthannachta ceithre uaire, an corn idir-roinneach, an príomhroinn Albanach, agus an corn Albanach. Anois, tá sé ina bhainisteoir ar Sunderland FC. Anuraidh, gan choinne, bhuaigh sé an craobh leo, agus anois, tá siad ag dul san iomaíocht sa príomhroinn.

Níl sa pheil amháin a theip orainn, dar ndóigh. In ainneoin torthaí úrnuia, is roinnt den rugbaí is fearr agus is corraithí ar domhan é rugbaí na hÉireann. Chailleamar an Sé Náisiún 2007 mar gheall ar úd amháin i gcoinne na Fraince. Sa chomórtas céanna thugamar cluiche éachtach do churaigh an domhain a bhí ann san am agus dár gcoimhlinteoirí is mó.

Bhuaigh an rothaí Éireannach Stephen Roche an Tour de France sa bhlian 1987. Maidir le lúthchleasaíocht, tá trí bhonn óir agus dhá bhonn airgid i gcraobh na hEorpa, bonn óir agus bonn airgid i gcraobh an domhain, agus bonn airgid amháin sna cluichí Oilimpeacha buaite ag Sonia O'Sullivan.

### EOLAÍOCHT

Nuair a smaoiníonn an cuid is mó de dhaoine ar na heolaithe is mó, smaoiníonn siad ar na heolaithe cáiliúla mar shampla Einstein, Newton agus Hawking. Cé gur aigní iontach iad na fir seo, tá roinnt desna fisicithe is na ceimiceoirí is suntasaí ó tír seo.

Deirtear gur athair ceimice nua-aimseartha é Robert Boyle. Is ceann desna doiciméadaigh is tábhachtaí sa domhan eolaíochta é a shárshaothar "The Sceptical Chemist" nó "Chymico-Physical Doubts and Paradoxes." Mhol sé sa phíosa seo coincheap reatha an dúile, rud bunriachtanach, dar ndóigh, don domhain eolaíochta. Anuas ar sin, tá Boyle freagrach as a ghásdlí, dlí a deir go bhfuil brú an gháis i gcomhréir contrártha le toirt an gháis. Úsáidtear an dlí seo fós ag ceimiceoirí agus ag fisicithe ar fud an domhain.

Ba chuiditheoir ollmhór le domhan na fisice é William Rowan Hamilton. Tá fionnachtana déanta aige maidir le hoptaic, le dinimic, le réalteolaíocht agus maidir le meicnic. Is iad na hathruithe is tábhachtaí a chuir sé ar réimse na fisice ná ceathairnín agus meicnic Hamilton. Úsáidtear na ceathairnín i n-áirimh i matamaitic, matamaitic fheidhmeach agus i ríomhghrafaic atá ag baint le rothluithe 3D. Is athfhoirmiú de mheicnic clasaiceach é meicnic Hamilton. Tá siad amhlaidh mar tugann siad léargas dúinn ar an gceangal idir meicnic clasaiceach agus meicnic chandamach.

Níl oileán aonarach ar imeall na hEorpa é Éire. Nuair a chuireann tú daonra agus méid na hoileáin seo san áireamh, ceann desna tíortha is gníomhach ar domhan í, maidir le gach réimse socháí.

**Jack Kelly, 5th Form**

## UNSERE DEUTSCHE BESUCHERIN

Dieses Jahr habe ich mich dafür entschieden, an einem Austausch teilzunehmen. Meine Austauschpartnerin ist Amy Albrecht. Sie kommt aus Albstadt im Südwesten Deutschlands, auf der Schwäbischen Alb. Es gibt ein paar Unterschiede zwischen den Schulen in Irland und Deutschland.

Erstens beginnt der Schultag in Deutschland um halb acht und endet um ein Uhr. Manchmal hat man nach dem Mittagessen noch eine Stunde. Amy hat gefunden, dass unser Schultag besser ist. Sie tragen keine Uniform in Deutschland, und die Jungen können ihre Haare so lang tragen wie sie wollen. Amy sagte, dass es komisch ist, eine Uniform zu tragen.

Es gibt keine Prüfungen zu Weihnachten oder im Sommer aber die Klassenarbeiten sind über das ganze Jahr verteilt. Manche Leute in Irland denken das wäre besser, aber es ist auch stressig.

Die Sommerferien dauern sechs Wochen, viel kürzer als in Irland. Ich würde nicht die Sommerferien in Irland wechseln! Ich werde im Juli nach Deutschland fahren, und ich werde mit Amys Familie bleiben. Dann besuche ich die Schule da, und ich freue mich auf dieses tolle Erlebnis.

**Joan Somers Donnelly, 5th Form.**

## ESPAÑOL EN DUBLÍN

Una cosa que ha causado cambio en la sociedad irlandesa recientemente es la afluencia de culturas extranjeras en este país. Mucha gente viene a Irlanda buscando trabajo en las ciudades, en particular Dublín. La economía irlandesa se ha mejorado significativamente durante los últimos quince años y por resultado hay mucho más empleo en Irlanda ahora que hubo hace veinte años. Los trabajadores extranjeros vienen, por la mayor parte, de China, Polonia, Lituania, Rumania, Nigeria y de muchos países hispánicos como España, Argentina, México y Colombia. En realidad, español es uno de los idiomas más hablados en Irlanda además del inglés.



Cuando voy al centro comercial los fines de semana, en todas partes oigo a personas hablando español. Hispanohablantes trabajan en las tiendas, en los supermercados y en los restaurantes. Español es como el segundo idioma de Irlanda hoy - ¡es increíble! A mí, no sé cuántas personas irlandesas hablan español... ¡No creo que son muchos! Los hispanohablantes aprenden inglés aquí en Irlanda y ganan dinero por mandar a sus países y a sus familias. Yo estudio español casi dos años en The High School y pienso que es un idioma muy interesante y útil. Después de todo, los números de hispanohablantes en el mundo aumentan muy rápido, mucho más rápido que los números de hablantes de inglés. Todavía, español es un idioma muy importante, pero en el futuro creo que va a ser aun más importante que lo es hoy. ¡Mejor es empezar a aprender español ahora!

Suelo entender mucho de las conversaciones en español que oigo en el autobús o en las calles de Dublín. Hablar un idioma extranjero es una cosa maravillosa... ¡y español no es difícil! Creo que es mucho más fácil que aprender francés y más institutos en Irlanda deben considerar español como opción para el Junior Cert. De vez en cuando, tengo la oportunidad de practicar mi español fuera de la sala de clase - en particular cuando voy de vacaciones a España. Intento viajar más a España y a países latinoamericanos en el futuro para mejorar mi español. Sin duda, toda mi inspiración viene de nuestro excelente profesor de español, Señor Quinn, a quien quiero expresar mi agradecimiento.

**Aidan Cowlard Joyce, 5th Form.**



## Parlez-vous français ?

Le père d'auberge en Basse-Normandie. La femme d'affaires à Montréal. L'étudiant à Hanoï. Qu'est-ce qu'ils ont de commun ? Ils sont francophones. Et, bien sûr, si vous lisez ceci, vous avez la chance de parler français aussi!

Il y a beaucoup d'opinions au sujet des langues chez The High School. Certains les adorent, et certains les détestent. Oui, c'est vrai : malheureusement, beaucoup de gens disent qu'étudier le français, l'espagnol, l'allemand et l'irlandais ne sert à rien, et qu'ils ne s'agitent que des examens agaçants. Il y a quelques mois, en sortant du gymnase après l'examen, j'ai entendu dit « Je suis nul en français! », « C'était deux heures d'enfer! » et la classique « Question 6, c'est toujours vraiment stupide! ». C'est bien dommage!

Si on veut réussir aux examens de langues, on doit comprendre qu'étudier les langues modernes est complètement différent d'étudier les autres matières. Par exemple, pour étudier la géographie ou la biologie, on peut sortir un manuel (qui est souvent écorné et gribouillé), trouver une liste de définitions, et tout apprendre par cœur. Cette forme d'étudier est très machinale. Ce n'est pas la même histoire à la classe de français. Oui, on a les listes de vocabulaire, mais elles sont inutiles sans avoir la connaissance de la grammaire et la prononciation. Il n'y a pas de raccourcis pour l'étudiant: pour voir aboutir ses efforts, il n'y a que l'englober, l'adorer et le pratiquer.

Oui, c'est beaucoup de travail. Toujours il y a quelque chose à apprendre. Mais ce travail aboutit à des tas de bénéfices. Tout d'abord, le français est vraiment une langue internationale. C'est une langue officielle chez beaucoup d'organisations internationales comme l'ONU, la Croix-Rouge et l'UE. La Francophonie comprend plus de 50 pays (notamment le Canada, la France et la Suisse) à travers le monde. Et parce que le français attire beaucoup d'admiration et influence comme langue internationale, la compréhension n'est pas limitée à La Francophonie : aux pays non francophones comme la Chypre et le Danemark, il y a des foules de personnes qui le comprennent. Il n'est pas difficile à voir pourquoi la plupart des étudiants en Irlande le choisit!

J'ai une très bonne occasion pour vous : vous pouvez avoir quatre (peut-être cinq) articles pour le prix d'un! Peut-être vous ne l'aviez déjà réalisé, mais (avec un peu de travail), il est vraiment possible

pour l'étudiant de français de comprendre l'espagnol, l'italien et le portugais. Le roumain est une langue romane aussi, mais c'est un peu comme la « brebis galeuse » parmi les autres. Taza, amigo, pan, rueda, araña et freno. Six mots espagnols. Que veulent-ils dire en français ? Tasse, ami, pain, roue, araignée et frein. Il y a des similitudes entre la grammaire aussi : Je ne dois pas traduire l'espagnol tu seras pour vous! Les mêmes six mots en italien sont tazza, amico, pane, ruota, ragno et freno. En portugais on dirait taça, amigo, pão, roda, aranha et freio. Globalement les cinq langues et l'anglais sont parlés par plus qu'une quatrième de la population mondiale. Donc la communication est essentielle dans le monde aujourd'hui. Vous pouvez le maîtriser!

Oublions les langues romanes. Les deux langues officielles en Irlande que tous le monde doit étudier sont pleines de français. Habitez-vous dans un cul-de-sac ? Avez-vous les cheveux blonds ? On voit les similitudes quand on réfléchit à l'irlandais aussi : les Français ne se démèneraient à comprendre garsún ou eaglais! Le français est vraiment partout, et on ne peut pas l'éviter!

Le français et les langues en générale sont très intéressantes, utiles, et précieuses aujourd'hui. Elles sont pleines d'histoire et de culture. Même si vous n'avez pas l'intention de les étudier après le Leaving Cert., apprenez-les bien à l'école. La liste de bénéfices qu'elles portent est interminable. Comme on dit en France, saisissez la balle au bond!

**Stephen Shaw, 5th Form.**





The M.U.N. delegations.

Angola delegates,  
Evie Conway, Aislinn  
Coghlan, Mark Savage.



Aislinn Coghlan and  
Mark Savage.



Sam  
Clarke-  
Kavanagh  
making  
her  
speech.



# MODEL UNITED NATIONS

## REPORT

This year over 500 students from all over the world took part in the St Andrew's International Model United Nations (SAIMUN). The MUN is a student run conference based on the structure of the actual United Nations. Each school partaking in the conference has seven students representing a 'delegation' (country), or in our case, nine students representing two delegations. Every student debates and discusses issues currently being addressed in the UN in their committees. Resolutions to these issues are written by each student and require twelve signatures of support to be debated.

After arriving too late to get the twelve signatures (as all the proper nerds were really early) we all thought we were in for a disappointing few days. Thankfully, after a quick coffee break, we got thoroughly stuck into the conference and indeed, other delegates. Through great use of exquisite people skills Aislinn Coghlan succeeded in 'merging' her resolutions with delegates from South Africa and Singapore. Sam Clarke-Kavanagh also worked her charm and eventually manipulated enough people to acquire twelve signatures while the rest of the team worked the floor, making and breaking alliances like a pair of underwear in a tumble-drier.

A lot rode on first impressions, which probably explains why the majority of girls opted to wear belts instead of skirts. Needless to say, it got very heated causing delegates to get right up in each other's faces. We could see it was kill or be killed, but this didn't stop people having fun. Many delegates decided to take their own approach on addressing resolutions; some had almost as many clichés as this article. Some worthy of mention include Argentina's opinion on a deforestation resolution, 'This resolution is like Britney Spears, once you get past the two plump, juicy, well-formed, arousing...clauses...' and Uganda's reinforcement of their statements with 'Uganda has spoken!' following every comment made. However, this article would not be complete without mention of Slovenia's less than diplomatic comment on a resolution addressing the reconstruction of the DR Congo: 'This resolution is like an English girl, looks great, but when you get stuck into it... it's just crap'.

Amongst tough competition, our Jordan delegation succeeded in having a resolution successfully debated and even passed to the General Assembly. The Angola delegation took to the floor an amazing eighteen times, with Aislinn winning a distinguished delegate award for her debate and contributions to resolutions. Not forgetting Mark Savage who was voted the Best Dressed Male Delegate.

At the end of a productive week five of us were still standing. Some of us were even fit enough to attend the 'disco'. DJ-ed by the popular Dave of Baby Wezz. The place was simply 'hoppin'. Once rival delegates were now making alliances of a different sort. Pictures are available at [www.nerds-gone-wild.com](http://www.nerds-gone-wild.com).

We would like to thank Ms Rellis and Mr Fitzpatrick for all the time and effort they put into bringing this experience to the High School. We would also like to thank St Andrew's for hosting this wonderful event. We hope that this conference is the first of many for the High School.

**Aislinn Coghlan and Mark Savage, 5th Form.**



The High School Presents...



Fifth Year Play 2007

Ireland. With a great script penned by the one and only Peter Prendergast and a soundtrack featuring some of the best songs of the '50s, how could we say no? After the cast was carefully chosen auditions started straightaway. There were lines to be learned and dances to be perfected. After two months of hard work and a lot of funny moments, (an unprintable speech by one of our student producers springs to mind) we were ready. The countless practices, late nights and diva-like tantrums (you know who you are) had come to an end. It was now or never!

who showcased her full emotional range. One minute we see her chatting happily to her friends and the next she's tugging at our heartstrings as she argues bitterly with her father.

And who can forget Catriona Grimes's turn as Tess, Ballyceol's most loved drama queen. This confident, all-knowing girl had the audience rolling in the aisles with her break up advice. Daniel Dooley was played by yours truly; I'd like to think I wasn't half bad... James Barber took on the role of local bad boy Ray Byrne with aplomb. His supremely confident and slightly shortsighted character was one of the audience's favourites, drawing laughs every time he opened his mouth. Especially whilst onstage with his partner in crime, Joe, played to menacing effect by Mark Savage.

The councillors were performed by Candace Horton, Shane Grehan and Hilary Cole-Pidgeon. Their anti-music tirade, claiming it provoked "horizontal desires", was one of the shows funniest moments and had the crowd in hysterics.

The extremely excitable Bridie was played by the hilarious Ali Walker, who showed us just how confusing being a teenager can be: "How long does it take?"

Finn's mother, Mrs. Stark was portrayed by Shona O'Toole. Shona gave a very powerful performance as a woman struggling against the odds to build a new life for her and her son.

Alex Conroy and Joan Somers Donnelly took on the roles of Mr and Mrs Lynch. Alex's performance, as a troubled

It's opening night and the first showing of 'Oh Boy!' is minutes away. I'm backstage and the situation here is nothing short of pandemonium. Actors are running to and fro searching for missing pieces of costumes and yelling for more foundation (that's not just the girls by the way) and the stage hands duck in and out of the curtains looking frantically for props: 'WHERE is the brush?' all the while Ms McKevitt and Ms Breen try to put method to the madness, telling us to take it slow, not to add our own material (Mr Barber) and most importantly to relax and have fun. Suddenly it's showtime and with a last encouraging (but nervous) smile from Ms McKevitt we get into position and the play begins.

'Oh Boy!' tells the story of 17-year-old Finn Stark who is moving from America to Ireland, returning with his mother to her hometown 'Ballyceol', seventeen years after she first left it. Finn is dreading it, leaving behind his home, his school and his friends for a rural town that is the polar opposite to the bustling city of Chicago where he was born and raised. The only thing that will keep him sane is his music. However, to Finn's shock, rock and roll has been banned by the all-powerful town council. All seems lost, until he meets the beautiful Kate Lynch, who Finn immediately takes a liking to, much to the annoyance of her thuggish boyfriend Ray Byrne. Unfortunately for Finn, Kate's younger sister Margaret seems to be a LOT more interested in him than Kate is! Together, Finn and Kate decide to put the ceol back into Ballyceol with the help of Kate's friends, Tess, Bridie and Daniel Dooley, a socially awkward local. Standing in their way is Kate's protective father Councillor Lynch who has problems of his own with his wife. Not only that but, the always macho, slightly delusional Ray Byrne along with his side-kick Joe do everything they can to wreck Finn and Kate's plans. What results is a hilarious play with great performances and dancing throughout.

Finn was played by Josh Burdon, whose laid back performance as the boy a long, long way from home actually convinced us that he was cool, but just for a minute.

Kate was memorably performed by Aislinn Coghlan



Maidens dancing at the cross-roads...



father and husband who is trying to do the best for his family was excellent as was Joan's, who had us all sympathising with her as she tried to hold her family together.

Margaret, Kate's younger sister who is infatuated with Finn was played by Grace Collins. Her performance as a little girl smitten with a "handsome outsider" (cough) really showed us that there can be a funny side to unrequited love.

Last, but by no means least are the dancers, who under the choreography of Ms Breen moved their way through songs like "Blue Suede Shoes" and "Rock Around the Clock" and wowed the audience with their style and grace.

Sometimes people can forget that whilst the actors are onstage, there is a huge team of people working, out of sight, just feet behind them. I am, of course, talking about our amazing backstage crew. Student producers, set designers, prop organisers, sound technicians, hair and make-up artists and our one and only light boy Damiano Fuscuardi worked around the clock to ensure that the play was a success. We are indebted to them.

'Oh Boy!' would never even have started were it not for the tireless efforts of our director, Ms McKeivitt. She worked day and night throughout the production, bringing the play to life and ensuring she got the most out of her cast. We couldn't have done it without you. A huge thank you is also due to Ms Breen, who created one dazzling dance routine after another. Thanks also to Mr P for writing a great script, to Ms Milne for all her help and wisdom backstage,



and to Mr Cryan for building that amazing car.

Closing night came two days later than expected thanks to an unexpected blackout. (Didn't stop the play after-party on the Saturday though!) Taking our final bows I think we were all relieved that everything had gone (flying shoes aside) smoothly. 'Oh Boy!' was a huge success and everyone was really proud of the end product. 4th year, you've got one serious act to follow. No pressure...

**Jack O'Kennedy,  
5th Form**

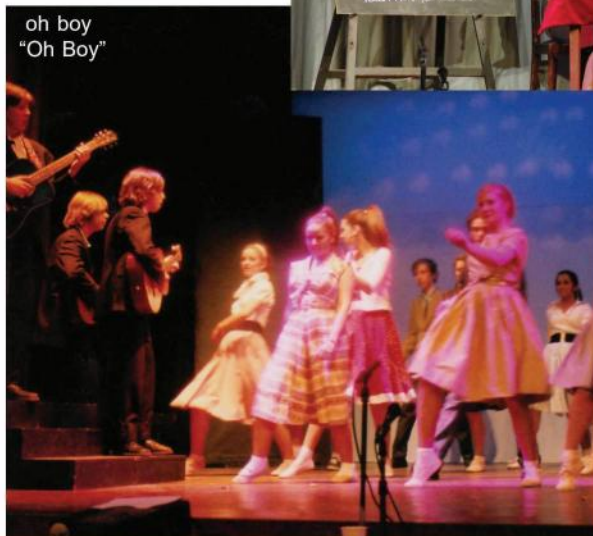
At the flicks.



Laying down the law.



oh boy  
"Oh Boy"



Off for a spin!



Painting the set.





'I AM RANELAGH'

## AN INTERVIEW WITH SEAN KEATING OF SILKEBORG

Silkeborg are a band consisting of Sean Keating (Guitar), Tom Roseingrave (Vocals), Gareth Fallon (Bass) and some other chap not in High School (drums). Winners of Blastbeat, Sean and myself had a series of directionless, forgettable and tangent-ridden interviews. Below is the understandable of the gibberish.

**M**-Hey Sean how are you.

**S**-I'm pretty good Matthew how are you, nice leggings.

**M**-Thank you, nice overcoat by the way, and tri-corner hat, bringing the pirate style back, Silkeborg, summarise it to me up to this point.

**S**-A wild ride with lots of free tropical juices.

**M**-How long have you guys been going at it?

**S**-Since Davin was a toddler, so about two years.

**M**-Influences?

**S**-Kareem Abdul-Jabaar, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson.

**M**-Into basketball then?

**S**-No, not at all.

**M**-What's been the worst spelling of your name you've seen?

**S**-G-u-s-e-l-t-y-q-w-d-spu

**M**-What do you think of the musical facilities in The High School?

**S**-High School musical facilities are...

*(Rory Simms enters conversation)*

**R**-Wait High School Musical, you

like that flick?

*(long silence)*

**M**-What happened to Soundmark, they rocked.

**S**-The fame got to us (laughs loudly).

**M**-Best prize you've won in your opinion?

**S**-Monthly red bull is pretty good.

**M**-Could you write a song for us right now?

**S**-*(leaves)*

**Matthew McKenna Barry, 5th Form**

## 5TH FORM MOCK INTERVIEWS

A little nervous?

Finally taller than Dan.

Our competent editor.

Leather jackets are all the rage in this section.

Those ties have never been so high!





# PHOTOSTORY



Ben began to drink the carton he found in the bin, and then suddenly he changed....



Ben became an undead, hideous, bloodthirsty monster....



After a couple of hours Ben finally found his way into the school; all hell was about to be unleashed.



Ben even got into the ceilings. No one was safe.



Keith was in the can, but little did he know Ben was about to strike.



He finally noticed Ben but it was far, far, far too late.....



Ben showed Keith no mercy.....



Keith lay bleeding in the bathroom, badly photoshopped, as Ben feasted on his feet.....



As the day progressed the body count grew.....



And grew...



Mathew the supposed hero of this story finds out Ben's weakness - paper burns him.



Mathew launches a paper plane of death.



Ben tried to stop the plane of death but to his horror he was too late...



It was over, the badly photoshopped tale was finished.



Mathew walked away but things would never be the same, especially for Ben because he's dead.



Ben later got his revenge, in badly photoshopped fashion.



# INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AND CULTURE CONFERENCE

During September of 2007 High School was offered the amazing opportunity to represent Ireland in an International Youth Conference in Taiwan. An essay competition was held within school on "the Brand of Ireland" and the three of us were selected, two of which are printed to the right. However, a lot more preparation was to follow before we left.

On the 1st of December at Dublin Airport we began our journey to Taiwan. After 26 hours, many in-flight movies and a two hour bus journey we finally arrived in Changhua Senior High School where we were greeted by our host families. These would be our 'families' with whom we stayed for the next four nights. The first two days of our trip were spent attending the conference in the school where we presented our papers. We heard many other speeches on varying topics from the other delegations; America, Australia, Japan, Finland, Russia and Taiwan. These ranged from the American's essays on Coca Cola, Google and the I-pod to the Japanese papers which dealt with the dropping of the A-bomb, and other contemporary issues. The conference was followed by a tour of the school.

This was really interesting to see as it was so different from our school. To begin with it was much bigger, with over 3,000 pupils. Their days started earlier and ended much later than our normal school day, which started with a whole school assembly, not unlike a military operation!

The first night we went to a welcoming party in the school where we saw many performances varying from traditional Taiwanese music to the "Go-Go Hot Dance Club". All the international delegations had prepared a little routine. We Irish performed some traditional Irish music and Irish poetry agus dar ndóigh; cúpla focail Gaeilge. The following days were spent travelling around Taiwan visiting sights, such as the Giant bike factory, an Orchid Farm, Taipei 101 (the tallest building in the world), the Presidential buildings, lots of night markets, Buddhist temples and the National Palace museum. We also experienced our fair share of oriental cuisine, not quite the same as your local Chinese!

These eight days taught us so much; not just on an academic level but also on a cultural and social level. We experienced lots of new things and also got to make loads of new friends from all over the world. We would like to thank our Taiwanese hosts, Mr Duffy, Mr Flynn (we hope he enjoyed the trip as much as we did!) and everyone else for all their help!

Conference attended by: Sinead Nolan, Shane Grehan, Clare Cryan and Mr C Flynn.

**Clare Cryan and Shane Grehan, 5th Form.**

## The Brand of Ireland

A small country teetering on the edge of Europe. Surrounded by 1,448km of spectacular coastline. Battered by westerly winds from the Atlantic and influenced by the Gulf Stream. This small country is lashed by frequent rain. Its unpredictable landscape holds hidden gems; spectacular scenery, magnificent mountains and breathtaking bogland. Rich in history, tradition and folklore, music and literature and the remains of an ancient Celtic language, her vibrant people give this country, Ireland, her identity.

As a nation we are a giving and generous people. The Irish are known in some of the worlds poorest places for their aid work and philanthropy. Aid organisations like Concern and Trócaire are worldwide while our soldiers are involved in peace keeping missions. It is said that we, as Irish people, can identify with these countries through our own experience of conflict and economic hardship. We understand how difficult it is to develop an economy. For years necessity forced our young people to leave their homes and yet now we find ourselves among the wealthiest countries in the world. We have a highly skilled, educated workforce and a booming economy, known as the "Celtic Tiger", (named after the "East Asian Tigers" of Hong Kong and Taiwan).

On the cultural scene, it is often said that the Irish are great drinkers and to a certain extent that is true but the pub is not just a place to go for a drink. The pub lies at the heart of cultural and social life in Ireland. It has a remarkably authentic atmosphere, which can be found nowhere else, apart from the thousands of Irish pubs spread all over the world! It has been an important meeting place throughout history especially in more rural areas. The Irish pub is a haven of local tradition and music. Ireland's music scene has become international; everyone knows our modern bands like U2 and Thin Lizzy but our traditional music has also spread to many parts of the world with groups like Clannad and The Chieftans. Our Irish dancing is also internationally famed with productions of Riverdance worldwide.

Story telling has always played a large part in our culture and range from folklore and tall tales to modern literature of James Joyce, W. B. Yeats, Seamus Heaney and Oscar Wilde. What better ambassadors could there be for this country of Ireland? Ireland has an exhilarating sports history. Our rugby (despite recent performances) and soccer teams are known all over the world and instantly spring to mind because of their sportsmanship, spirit and not to mention skill. Some of our most renowned sports personalities include Pádraig Harrington and Sonia O'Sullivan. However it is our native sports that capture our hearts and fire the imagination of the nation. Gaelic football and hurling are played the length and breadth of the country.

We have many symbols that represent our country; the shamrock, the harp and our tricolour; but the brand of Ireland is something different. Ireland's trademark is her people. It is the Irish people who forged this culture, made our music, sang our songs and played our sports. It is the Irish people who attract so many tourists from the corners of the world. It is the Irish people who built our economy and who provide aid. Our enduring spirit, our welcoming nature, our sense of humour; it is this that makes us Irish, we are our own brand.



**Clare Cryan, 5th Form.**

Longing for home.



# The Brand of Ireland

*'Hills as green as emeralds, cover the countryside,  
Lakes as blue as sapphires are Ireland's special pride,  
And rivers that shine like silver make Ireland look so fair,  
But the friendliness of her people is the richest treasure there.'*

**Bea Sager**

Irish culture is a culture based upon many different foundations. The Irish are known world wide as social people. Ask anyone what they think of the Irish and the first thing said to you will probably be along the lines of 'great craic' and 'unbelievable hospitality'. We are famous for this way of life. From this well known fact other facts can be drawn. Since we are such social people it is only fitting one of our biggest brands, Guinness, would relate to this stature as some of the most community orientated people throughout the world. The idea that Irish are drunks is not generally condoned in our society. This idea is a by product of being social. In recent years this may have become less true but the pub is still the place to meet with friends, have a good time and be part of Irish community.

From this springs another piece of our culture which is known world wide. It is our music. From traditional music in pubs, to hit songs plastered all over foreign charts, to show stopping rock lyrics, our music is one of the greatest pieces of Irish customs. Songs like Danny Boy, Dirty Old Town and the Wild Rover all use traditional forms of instruments, like the tin whistle and the bodhran, and yet are known to people half a globe away. For example, Damien Rice's album '9', which uses established Irish instruments to help portray the emotions of his songs, debuted at twenty two on the American billboard charts in November 2006. These songs are famous for there easy beats and oddly, hypnotic lyrics.

Some of the most recognisable songs, over the last century in modern music come from bands like U2 and Snow Patrol. These bands are not only known for their great songs but also for there political stance in the world. The best example of this is U2's front man Bono, who is a social activist across the globe. Bono has been fundamental in projects like Band aid, Live 8 and the Drop the Debt Campaign for African countries. Born in Dublin, Bono is just one example of the Irish people going out there and striving to change the world. We Irish know that one small nation can make a change and we strive to use that in everyday life.

In fact, The High School has become yet another part of humanitarian work through out the world, building houses in Romania just last year and already planning another trip, this time to Armenia. There are many other voluntary Irish groups



Shane Grehan,  
Clare Cryan,  
Sinead Nolan.



across seas helping to try and make this world a better place, like Trocaire and the Irish Red Cross. These organisations are vital to many people and we are glad to provide them. We Irish enjoy being able to watch people benefit from any help we can give them, for once again we are social people who have seen our own sets of hardships. We fought for years to gain our independence from Britain and yet we continue to rise above these and other unfortunate events throughout our history. Furthermore as our people grow and our culture is sometimes lost in modern times, we need only look to the past and recognise that Irish culture is not disappearing but that it is just being looked upon in a new and different way.

**Shane Grehan, 5th Form.**





# AN INTERVIEW WITH TOM BURKE

Tom Burke is a fifth year student with a future in the paddling world. He is currently on the Irish squad and hopes to someday paddle slalom in the Olympics.

## Where did your interest in kayaking first begin?

Well, I started in first year on the Dodder with The High School, and joined a club at the end of first year. (Tom won the Broad Cup in 2004).

## So what's your biggest achievement to date?

I don't know... probably my polo team winning the Irish open and just finishing the Liffey descent (a 27-kilometre-long race down rapids and over weirs).

## Ok, so what's like, your official title for all this?

I'm on the panel for the Irish Wild Water Racing team for the European Championships.

## That's very cool... Do you see yourself still kayaking in 20 years?

Yeah. Definitely.

## And what career do you see yourself doing?

I'll probably do something like engineering.

## And do you think you'll be able to fit in the kayaking?

Yeah, well if I fit it in with school I should be able to fit it in with engineering.

## Give us a breakdown of what kayaking involves for those of us who don't know.

Well, the three main things I'm involved in are WWR, canoe polo and slalom. Wild water racing (or WWR for short) is a time trial in an unstable boat racing down sets of rapids 1-3 km long and trying to have the fastest time.

Slalom is a time trial down a set of rapids with loads of 'gates' (two pole hanging up – like in skiing) which you have to go through the middle of or else back up against the flow through them as well and obstacles that you have to avoid. And you lose a couple of seconds if you hit the gates or something.

Canoe polo is a five player team game, in a fairly vicious format. It's like a mix between water polo and American football really. There's big bumpers on the boats so you can't injure each other. And you're allowed push each other over when you have the ball and all this kind of

stuff...

## Any major embarrassing moments?

Em, well I capsized during the selection race for the Irish wild water team... On the Sluice which is on the Liffey... in which case I would definitely be on the team if I hadn't capsized... now I'm only on if someone gets injured really.

## How does Kayaking make you feel... Why do you like it?

Going down rapids is so much fun and then you get such an adrenaline rush from it.

## What would your real motivation be though?

I don't know. Just winning I suppose.

## So how many times a week do you train?

About 5 or 6 times a week. And then races as well on top of that...

## And how do you fit all this in with your school work?

With difficulty! I basically just have no free time.

## What three things would you bring with you to a desert island?

A kayak (a wild water racing kayak) a paddle and a bottle of water.

## So you're planning on canoeing off the desert island?

I certainly am.

And with that we end the interview. We would like to wish Tom the best of luck with the rest of his paddling career and more importantly in the European Championships in July.

**Shane Grehan and Clare Cryan, 5th Form**



Wild stuff!

# AN INTERVIEW WITH EVIE CONWAY

Evie is a new student who joined 5th year this Christmas.

## From which school did you move?

Loreto College, Foxrock.

## What were your first impressions of HSD?

Good! Everyone was really nice but it was a bit of a shock to the system that there were boys. They were much louder than I was used to.

## What do you think of a mixed school?

I love it! It's so much better; much more relaxed and friendly.

## Who's your favourite teacher?

Dr Whitford because I love biology and she's really nice.

## What's your most embarrassing moment in school so far?

I managed to slide along a wet floor for about two metres before falling over.

## What do you like the most?

My wonderful friends.

## What's your least favourite day?

Tuesday – double maths is a killer.

## What's your funniest moment?

Mr Mc playing air guitar around the class.

## Finally, what do you miss the most about your old school?

I miss the microwave...

**Debbie Blair, Clare Cryan and Helen Speller, 5th Form.**



## Goliath's David

He flinches  
A man of iron  
Bloody tears leaving  
A trail of rust  
Nothing breaks, merely  
Twitches  
And the grey eyes close  
up, and look inwards  
Accusing, searching, praying  
He can't see  
But his eyes are open  
Not of a gun, the bullet of  
Information fragments  
And shoots through his mind  
Cold as steel  
Heavy as lead  
He trips as a wave might, broken  
By the shore  
On the seabed, the tiny David's that  
Wreck the Goliath  
That wrecked the Titanic, little shores  
Little thoughts  
It's the little things that count  
**Josh Burdon, 5th Form**

## Memories

Only a year ago I saw him last,  
How time goes so fast,  
Now, he exists only in the past,  
I wait, watching, by the window in vain,  
Clinging to the hope of seeing him again,  
But all I can see are distant memories,  
Unhurt and alive for all my eternity,  
Distant memories that create him,  
Distant memories that destroy me,  
Just memories.  
**Conor Craig, 5th Form**

## Sister

And so I sit in the dark. Just another day another  
Prisoner of God Almighty. Suffering for my sin  
Of weakness. Punished for being abused and crying out for  
Help. Doing what I am told, nothing more, nothing  
Less. Following a life of purity and white-  
Ness, like the sheets I wash day after day.  
I watch them flutter back and forth in the  
Wind. Waving to the world outside these walls. Waving  
Away the life I once knew. And waving  
To all that remains for me in here.  
Nothing.

**Mark Savage, 5th Form**

## Back Where the Sun Shines

In a quiet town one bright, sunny morning  
At the foot of Italy

Little birds and tufty palm trees adore the fresh air and light  
That beams down an azure blue.  
The people of this country town  
Take grace in their steps as they head to the morning markets  
Unhurried and in high spirits they don't mind  
The steep climb to their homes on the return journey.

Today is the day for shearing hedges, washing cars  
And other Sunday jobs.  
The children play in harmony with a ball  
Or swim in the town's proud lake  
Which by now is teeming with life.  
Excited youngsters hurry back and forth  
Whose noise is not disturbing anyone for once!  
All unite in the glory of the day  
Augmented by the pleasant thought of home.

**Aidan Cowlard Joyce, 5th Form**

## Psychics Know It All

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, these cards aren't great,  
The hospital, that's your terrible fate."  
Poor man, got such a shock, he gasped and fell back,  
Guess he didn't see it coming, that heart attack.

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, the magic ball doesn't lie,  
Your dream man will come and be wearing a red tie."  
The single girl leaves with a smile on her face,  
Just to see that very business man tying his lace.

Oh to be a psychic and have people come and say  
"Oh, please tell me what will happen to me today?"  
I'd say, in return for my pay  
"My dear, your palm lines are bold  
It looks like you're in for a pretty big scold."  
The teen just laughed and said har dee har, har,  
She was laughing so much she crashed Daddy's car.

**Emma Feely, 2nd Form**





We're sure its very funny.



Mel doesn't like cameras, or uniforms.



People just love poetry.



Swedo.



We don't really need to caption this for you.



What a mess!



Just look at those eager faces.



Best buds.



# SIXTH FORM

**Eighth Row:** Gareth Austen, Carl McHugh, Daniel James, Harry Ward, Gavin Thornberry, Sean Tevlin, Daragh Byrne, William Hanlon, Daniel Alkin, Darragh Keller, Richard Jones, Mark Collins, Jordan Aslanis, Conor James, Daniel Sheridan.

**Seventh Row:** Aaron Ward, Thomas Lohan, Graham Field, Gavin Sadlier, James Hickey, Aron Wade, David Kenny, Barry Brady, Romano Fusciardi, Jack Madden, Fionan Keenan, Ronan Fox, Luke Staines, Robert Callaghan, Jack Hickey, Adam Drakeford.

**Sixth Row:** Marc Evans, Donal Moran, Alexander Lawson, Euan Mackay, Nicholas Fitzpatrick, David Whyte, Darragh Sweetnam, Colin Sheridan, Marcus Spray, Andrew Stevenson, David Meade, Andrew Gray, James Comerford, Ross Hanan, Brian Fitzpatrick

**Fifth Row:** Sarah Byrne, Niamh Kenny, Evanna Mills, Kim Evans, Alice Wyse-Jackson, Shane Hickey, Aisling Barry, Annalise Murphy, Ciara Butler, Olwen Reina, Naomi Cooper, Sarah Donnelly, Cherith Cooper, Louise Blakely, Edmund Butler, Gordon Lai.

**Fourth Row:** Stéphane Hanly, Daniel Tuomey, Bruce Misstear, Alain Lui, David Mulholland, Barry Moran, Richard Harrison, Judy Kelleher, Ruth McAuley, Hanah Mesallati, Jade Breen, Saoirse Hickey, Niamh Mitchell, Sarah McDermott, Andrew Howell.

**Third Row:** Christine Rorke, Ruth Murphy, Sarah-May Clarke, Gráinne Milton, Caoimhe McDonnell, Dermott Jewell, Katie Anglim, Caoimhe Carty, Genevieve Deeley, Ruth Senior, Siobhan Margolis, Sophie Higgs, Miriam Kerr, Susan Casey, Helen O'Dea, Ian Singleton.

**Second Row:** Norah Mooney, Rebecca Burke, Emma Tallon, Tanya Allison, Joann O'Meara, Karina McConnell, Ellen Ni Cleirigh, Pauline Carney, Eve Horgan, Sinead Nolan, Laura Oliver, Hannah Lunn, Triona Connell, Christena Wiler.

**Front Row:** Sarah Corbin, Hannah Bishop, Ms D Fahey, Mr C Flynn, Valerie Sexton, Mr R Davies, Dr C Whitford, Rowan Lacey, Mr B Quinn, Mr B McNamara, Mr C Cryan, Amy Hughes, Amy Smart.

**Absent:** Adam Higgs, Orfhlaith Noone, Amber Brownless, Graeme O'Meara, Laura Cooley, Sian Cooley, Leah Moore, Conall Walsh.





## HEAD GIRL: VALERIE SEXTON

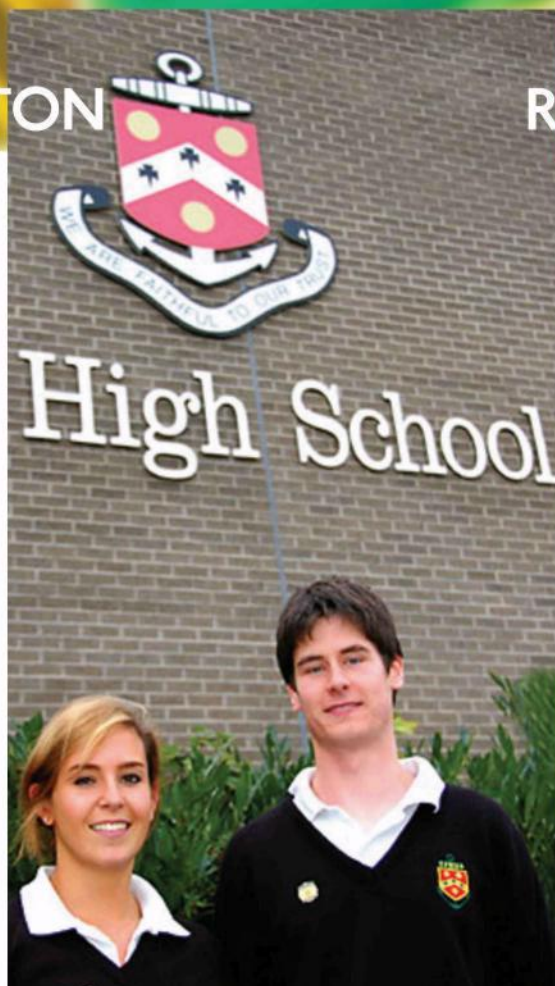
It was mid August when I received a phone call from the office to come in for a meeting with Mr. Duffy. At first I thought it was a routine interview that all the prefects had before returning to school in September, but was pleasantly surprised when Mr Duffy asked me to be Head Girl. At the time I was told that the future Head Boy was away on holidays so I was left waiting anxiously for days to hear who I would be sharing the position with. However I was soon delighted to hear the news that it would be Rowan.

Throughout the year Rowan and I had various tasks to perform. Our main daily duties were to organize different rotas (I left the complexities of this in Rowan's capable hands) and to delegate other jobs to some fellow Sixth Year students. It's not easy telling your friends what to do, but after a bumpy start everybody settled into the routine and did a great job. Having this excellent team of prefects behind us made our tasks much easier.

Every month or so, we had to make a new cleaning rota to ensure that the common room was kept 'tidy' (once again, I left this to Rowan). Believe me, keeping a room with 123 students in it clean is as difficult as you'd expect!

Another task of ours was at the beginning of the year when we had to form a Debs committee (Rowan kindly left this one up to me). We had a couple of well capable volunteers including Ruth McAuley, Alice Wyse Jackson, Caoimhe McDonald, Naomi Cooper, Aisling Barry, Evanna Mills, Jade Breen and Judy Kelleher. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for relieving the stress of the Debs from us. It is certainly not an easy task, but each of them has done a fantastic job.

Rowan and I had some special duties to perform too, which turned out to be really enjoyable. Our first was at the beginning of November when we attended Prize Day. All the prefects were called upon for this evening as it is the most important school event of the year. Rowan and I helped in the distribution of the prizes to the prize-winners (I



would like to thank Ms Saville for her help) and also met members of the board of Governors.

Then there was the carol service. Again, I would like to thank all the prefects for assisting in the smooth running of this event and Ms Garvey for her help with the readings. I opened the service with a parable from the Bible and later Rowan did a reading.

As Rowan hung up guests' coats at the Old Boys' dinner, I was treated to a four-course meal in Dún Laoghaire Yacht Club at the Annual Ladies Dinner. I was presented with a lovely scarf and it was a truly enjoyable night.

As our year came to an end, our graduation speeches were our last task as Head Girl and Head Boy.

Serving the school this year as Head Girl has been an honour. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our prefects who required such little direction; it has been a pleasure working with such a wonderful group of people. Thank you also to Mr Duffy, Mr Davies, Dr Whitford, the teachers, staff and pupils for all your support. I would like to

## HEAD BOY: ROWAN LACEY

It was August when I received a phone call from the office to say that Mr Duffy wanted a word with me. I was surprised but delighted to accept his offer of the position of Head Boy, and it was a great honor to be chosen.

It was a tough start to the year, but things settled eventually, with 'HB' catching on remarkably quickly as a nickname. Valerie, the Head Girl, and I soon had the hang of our responsibilities. The first of these was to organize the Prefect duties, which included taking the names of those arriving late, ringing the bell at assembly, and generally keeping order. We also had to arrange the cleaning of the common room, and I want to thank all the supervisors for their encouragement in this regard.

The first major event of the year was Prize Giving. All of the Prefects were involved in making it run smoothly, while Valerie and I were charged with welcoming the governors and Mr Wyse-Jackson, the guest speaker. We also helped him to

distribute the prizes.

Next on the agenda was the annual Carol Service in Zion Church. Once again the Prefects were on duty to give out hymn sheets and to help people to their seats. Valerie and I both did readings, and along with beautiful music from the orchestra and choir, the evening was very enjoyable.

At the Old Boys' dinner, Colin Sheridan, Gareth Austin and I were on hand to take coats, and we were well rewarded for our efforts!

As the year, and my time in The High School draws to a close, I just want to say that it has been a great privilege to be Head Boy. I want to thank Valerie for being a great Head Girl, and all the Prefects for their hard work and helpfulness, and I wish next year's team the best of luck. Thanks also to all the great teachers and to Mr Duffy, Mr Davies and Dr Whitford, our great Year Head, for their support.

**Rowan Lacey, 6th Form**



wish next year's Head Boy and Head Girl the best of luck for the year to come. It's a truly amazing opportunity.

**Valerie Sexton, 6th Form**



## HSD'S 'YOU'RE A STAR' CONTENDERS!

Hannah, Sophie, Saoirse and Niamh are four 6th years who make up 'Immense' and they started their 'You're a Star' journey in September 2007 at 9am in Griffith College Dublin. They sang 'Chain of Fools' by Aretha Franklin and were straight through to the 'You're a Star' boot camp. The judges surprised the girls by uncharacteristically giving them some positive feedback!

At the boot camp the girls were joined by fifty-one other hopefuls and had to adhere to a vigorous timetable and also no contact from the outside world which included their phones being taken from them!

Starting at six o'clock in the morning for a jog in the rain, followed by many physical activities like pilates, yoga, dance classes, singing classes and interesting poker games!

The reason the girls were unfortunately eliminated was due to their young age and also their 'lack of style' as one cruel judge put it.

The girls of Immense say their experience was worthwhile, the cameramen were kind and Michelle Heaton is monstrous!

They are still eager to pursue their singing interests and will hopefully be back on our screens next year. Watch this space!

**Sam Clarke-Kavanagh and Lucy Bennett, 5th Form**



They're a star!

## A FRENCH QUIZ

On Wednesday 29th January, a few 6th year pupils – Graeme O'Meara, Marcus Spray, Andrew Stevenson and David Whyte participated in a French quiz which took place in Firhouse Community College and was organized by the French Teachers' Association. Twenty four schools competed and the High School came 7th. Questions (en français) ranged from French history, geography, culture and the media to the likes of rapidly reciting the verb 'avoir' in order to win a spot prize. We did not go away empty-handed as we were all awarded prizes.

It was a very enjoyable evening and thanks to Ms Stevenson for taking us.

**Graeme O'Meara, 6th Form**

## THE SCHOOL'S PREFECTS



### School Prefects

Daniel Alkin, Gareth Austen, Amber Brownless, Rebecca Burke, Ciara Butler, Mark Cabena, Pauline Carney, Susan Casey, Sian Cooley, Sarah Corbin, Ross Hanan, Stéphane Hanly, Saoirse Hickey, Adam Higgs, Andrew Howell, Amy Hughes, Richard Jones, Fionan Keenan, Miriam Kerr, Rowan Lacey, Gordan Lai, Thomas Lohan, Evanna Mills, Niamh Mitchell, Ellen Ni Cleirigh, Christine Rorke, Valerie Sexton, Marcus Spray, Sean Tevlin, Gavin Thornberry, David Whyte, Alice Wyse Jackson.



### Art Awards

Above:

Painting of seahorses by Christena Wiler.

Far left:

Work by Andrew Howell.

Left:

Puppet by Sophie Higgs.



# A HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR

On the 18th of April we were very fortunate to have Tomi Reichental come to the school and speak to transition year and the 5th and 6th year history students.

Tomi, is one of Ireland's three remaining survivors who was imprisoned in the concentration camp Bergen Belsen during the Second World War.

Here, Jews, gypsies and Slavs were imprisoned as part of Hitler's 'Final Solution', to purge Europe of those who didn't fit in to the picture of the ideal Aryan.

Tomi was originally from Slovakia, and was sent to Belsen when he was nine. It was an emotional experience to listen to Tomi describing the horrific conditions of the camp. Many students were moved to tears as he told us how he and the other children would innocently play amongst four foot high piles of bodies and how his grandmother was dumped on one when she died.

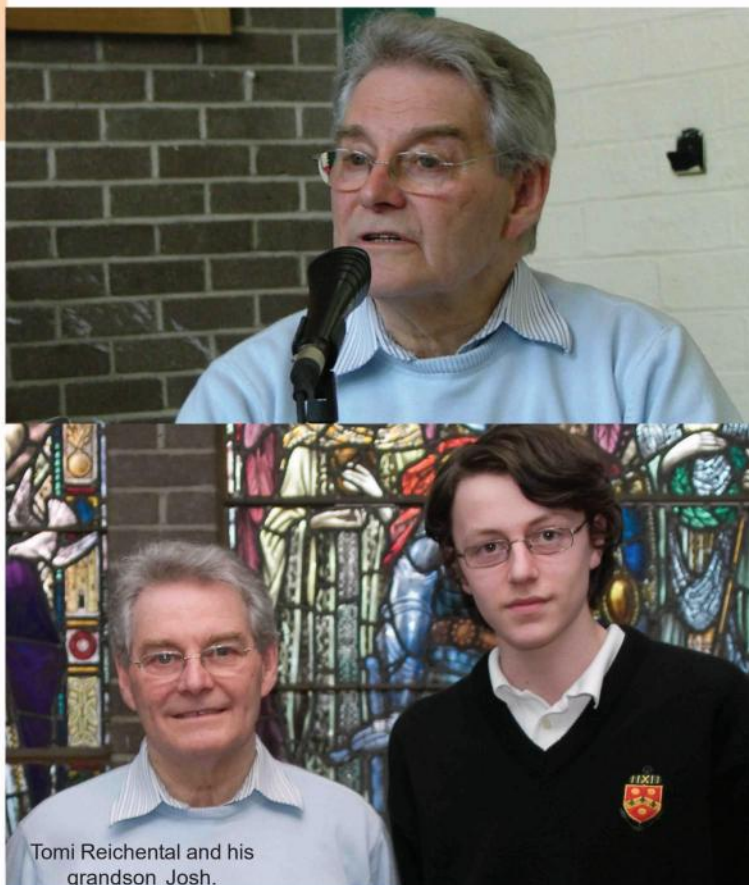
When the camp was liberated by the British the fear of the prisoners was so great that they didn't leave the camp as they thought the open gates were a German trick.

Tomi survived with his brother, mother and father. However, he lost thirty other members of his extended family.

He gave us a fascinating insight into the Holocaust and we learnt interestingly that many liberated Jews returned to Bergen Belsen as they were unwelcome when they returned home after the war.

We would like to thank Tomi for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to talk to us. We would also like to thank his grandson Josh in Transition Year for asking Tomi to come and speak to us.

**Ellen Ní Cléirigh and Leah Moore, 6th Form**



Tomi Reichental and his grandson Josh.

One senior lunch-break at the end of January I met up with several 6th year lads to interview them about sporting activities they took part in outside the school. Sitting by the bench area outside the 6th year common room, I learnt some interesting things from Harry Ward, Nick Fitzpatrick, Euan Mackay, Fionan Keenan and Romano Fuscaldi, all of whom play for Dartry FC, a local junior soccer team. They all have long-term interests in the sport and hope to play for the Dartry Senior team in the future. Among the others in sixth year who play for the same team (whom I didn't get a chance to interview) are the team's captain Marcus Spray, Robert Callaghan, Luke Staines, Will Hanlon, David Kenny, Gordon Lai and Jack Hickey. Dartry FC's top scorer James Hickey is also among us at the High School! His team mates enthusiastically tell me that he scored ten goals for the team in league games this season alone.

Speaking of league games, Dartry FC is taking part in the Dublin District Schoolboys' League (the DDSL) which puts them up against other junior clubs in Dublin. I'm sure it's a tough competition but Fionan tells me that he and his team mates are not worried. Although they like to see the team succeed they are relaxed and casual about soccer. They play for enjoyment as much as anything else - the right way to be. They train with the club once a week in Dartry Park but practice themselves as often as they can - no coach needed! I sometimes see them playing in Palmerston Park in the evening in what they call 'mess matches': just playing for the fun of it.

I know that Fionan, Robert, Luke, Jack and Marcus have been playing soccer for as long as I can remember. They used to play for the Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School soccer team (our primary school team) and have continued to progress since then. I wish all the Dartry FC players the best of luck in the future and hope they keep up their training!

**Aidan Cowlard Joyce,  
5th Form**

## A 6TH YEAR SPORTS INTERVIEW



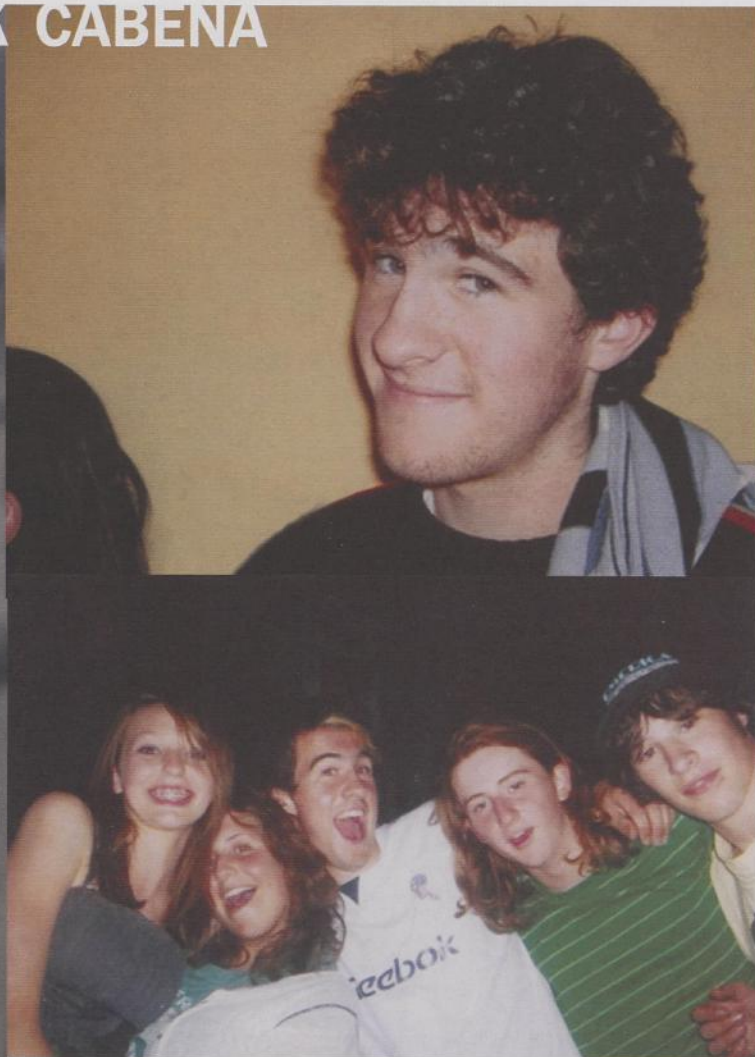


# A TRIBUTE TO MARK CABENA

It's very difficult to do justice to Mark Cabena on a piece of paper. Anyone who knew Mark will know already that he was kind, funny, likeable, talented, well-mannered, and handsome; a fine specimen of a man... but this still doesn't really sum him up. I doubt that reading a long list of his positive attributes will give you any real insight into the type of person that Mark was. There was just a little bit more to him than can be conveyed in words or even captured in photo. He had a certain spark, an energy which accompanied him everywhere he went and gave him the power to lift moods or draw people to him in an instant. If you ever had any dealings with Mark, even the briefest encounter, then you'll know what I'm talking about. His charm and magnanimity were unforgettable.

My memories of High School will always be inextricably linked with memories of Mark. We both had the good fortune of being placed in 1S, the crème de la crème of first year forms, so I had the pleasure of becoming his friend right from the start. I know that it sounds cheesy to say that there was an immediate connection, but I can think of no other way to describe it. I doubt that the contents of our first few conversations were particularly meaningful, but I do remember feeling surprised at how comfortable I felt around Mark. He had a refreshingly uncomplicated, relaxed way of looking at life. He liked almost everyone and everything. For example, I can only remember ever watching one movie with him that he didn't enjoy (Goodnight and Good Luck) and he rarely had a bad word to say about anyone. The only time I saw Mark reacting badly to his friends was if they committed the ultimate sin of touching his face without his permission (had they asked for it they certainly would not have received it). This crime evoked in Mark a variety of negative emotions, depending on the perpetrator. When Miriam ventured a quick graze of Mark's face, he was deeply hurt but he didn't harm her physically, whereas when Harry did it, he got no such mercy and was flipped onto his back in one swift motion!

Mark made absolutely no attempt to blend in and had he tried, I doubt he would have succeeded. It wasn't really in his nature. In first year he stood out simply because he was significantly larger than everybody else. By the end of second, he had been caught up and surpassed by some in terms of height. However, there was still little chance of him going unnoticed, as that summer he shaved out a circular bald patch on the middle of his head (monk style). That was the first of many unusual hair cuts worn (and often pioneered) by Mark. Unaffected by abuse received from rude passers by and filthy looks from appalled grannies; he roamed the streets of Rathfarnham with his ginger streaked, unevenly cut, curly head held high. The tonsure trend may never have caught on but he certainly succeeded in bringing back the eighties with his iconic mullet, earning himself a nickname in the process. I have never met anyone who cared less what people thought of him and still managed to be so universally well-liked.



Spending time with Mark was extremely entertaining and always memorable. He had the ability to create fun out of any situation at all. My favorite memories of Mark are, for the most part, quite simple things, eating lunch with him in the canteen in first year, hearing him sing for the first time in music class, turning around to find him sniffing me, and then telling me my hair smelt like jelly... Mark was one of my favorite people of all time and writing about him in the past tense is crushing. I think we all agree that the only thing worse than losing Mark would have been never getting to know him in the first place. We're grateful for every day that we got to spend with him. Mark may be gone, but for those of us who were lucky enough to know him well he won't soon be forgotten. His character is far too deeply ingrained in all of us ever to fade away completely.

**Siobhan Margolis, 6th Form**





# VERY BUDDING ARTISTS

This year Daniel Tuomey, Helen O'Dea and Stéphane Hanly were accepted into the National College of Art and Design.

**So why did you guys choose art?**

**D:** Because we were good at it at Junior Cert

**H:** I was terrible at everything else!

**What do you think of the Leaving Cert course?**

**S:** Not great

**H:** I agree

**D:** Me too

**Why?**

**D:** It doesn't foster true talent

**H:** And the art history is too hard

**Are you looking forward to NCAD?**

**S:** I'm VERY excited: street parties!!! And oh yeah, art too....

**D:** I think I'll show up on the first day wearing a waist coat and carrying a pocket watch.

**What are you going to miss most about High School?**

**H:** Everyone, but I'll probably miss Mr Egan the most

**S:** That's definitely going to be Ms Garvey!!!!

**D:** Yeah, she's like our mother goose, Mr McCaughey too!

**What's your fondest memory of the school?**

**D:** Brown Keenan....

**S:** When my nose fell off in the school play

**H:** When Siobhan got a football in her cone

**And how will you be celebrating your graduation?**

**DHS:** With some good clean fun!

**Jack O'Kennedy, 5th Form.**

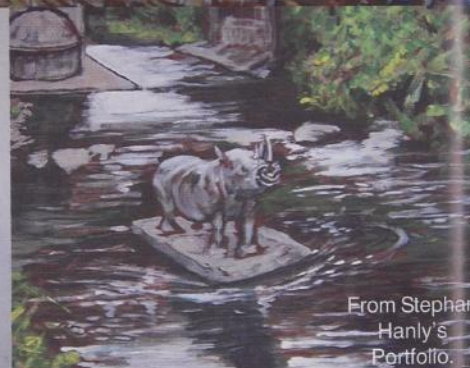


Painting by  
Daniel Tuomey.

Painting by Stephan Hanly.



Puppet by Daniel Tuomey.



From Stephan  
Hanly's  
Portfolio.



From Helen O'Dea's  
Portfolio.



By Helen O'Dea.



This was another very successful year for the orchestra in which our numbers increased yet again. We started preparations for Prizegiving in September. It was hard work as we attempted new music and some of us got used to our new roles within the orchestra. The choir and the orchestra joined forces in order to perform 'Wake Up' by Arcade Fire on the night, a piece arranged by former member Robert Farhat, which was a huge success.

We were delighted to be invited to play at a number of public events in Dublin. In December we were particularly busy. We entertained children and parents in the National Botanic Gardens at a celebration for the arrival of Santa Claus and the following day some of us were involved in fundraising in Dundrum Town Centre. Of course the highlight of the Christmas season was the Carol Service (even if some of us had to sit in the pews because of space limitations).

After Christmas we began rehearsing for the Wesley interschool's Music Festival. We had extra practices and got our competition piece nearly perfect. Unfortunately, it just wasn't enough and despite an energetic and enthusiastic performance of 'Hungarian Dance No. 5' we came third, beaten by Blackrock with their arrangement of a Metallica song and Belvedere, who attempted the very ambitious 1812 Overture. Rehearsals really got serious after that as we began preparing for our tour. We were all pretty stressed the week before the trip as we were perfecting our parts during extra rehearsals.

In March, the orchestra embarked on its first ever trip. With the help of the Denis O'Brien Foundation, the Parents' Association, the Botanic Gardens and some very generous anonymous donations we were able to travel to Prague along with some former members Rob, Beth, Eneko and Eoin. We arrived at the airport and met our guide Martina. After about an hour's drive we reached Hotel St Michael. Our rooms were all pretty comfortable except for the slanting walls which led to a few of us banging our heads and some infamous beds which constantly broke. The next day we took a walking tour around Prague in the freezing cold and visited the Mozart Museum, a small house where he wrote the opera Don Giovanni. Next it was on to Taussigova, a performing arts school, for our first concert. The orchestra of Taussigova performed an impressive program for us which I think led to us all feeling a bit nervous about our performance as well as the fact that poor Rowan had no drum kit and had to use a bongo! In the end we played really well and the concert was a success. The concert was followed by a reception in the host school where we experienced some Czech snacks. These were mostly meat and cheese. The following day we took a 100km journey to Terezín, a fortress used by the Nazis in World War Two as a transportation facility to other concentration camps. We were all terrified to see the awful conditions that people were forced to live in but the younger students and teachers were soon ecstatic at the sight of heavy snow. A snowball fight soon erupted outside the restaurant where we were having lunch, in which the teachers suffered massive casualties. Our second concert was in a Baptist church and we were all delighted to see Czech chocolate cake and tea set out for us. The local community of Lovocice really enjoyed our concert, especially the 'Slavonic Dance' by Dvorak, a Czech composer. We finished off our trip with some shopping in the centre of Prague and a trip to Prague Castle. We didn't have long though and had to meet Martina at 'Zerty' after



The High School Orchestra.



The High School Orchestra in Prague.



Ms White.

Peter Cox.

only seven minutes to view the panorama, 'no choice'. On our last evening we went ice-skating which was really enjoyable until Alice slaughtered Mr O'Hanlon's poor hand!

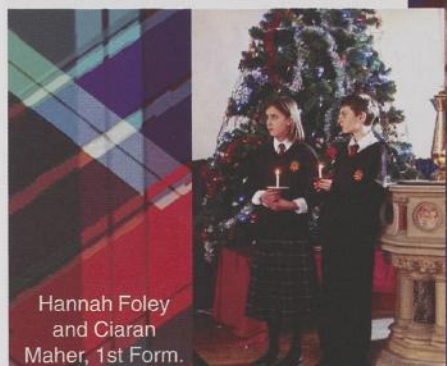
The rest of the year continued with our busy schedule. In May, we were asked to perform at a Charity Concert in Rathgar Methodist Church and we also had our end of year concert. Adam Higgs and David White arranged a wonderful Beatles medley especially for us and Gordon Lai arranged 'I Don't Want to Miss a Thing' by Aerosmith for the choir and orchestra. We would like to thank Mr McBride, Ms Killane and Mr O'Hanlon for their help on the trip and especially Ms White for a wonderful trip and an extremely successful and enjoyable year.

**Eve Horgan, 6th Form**

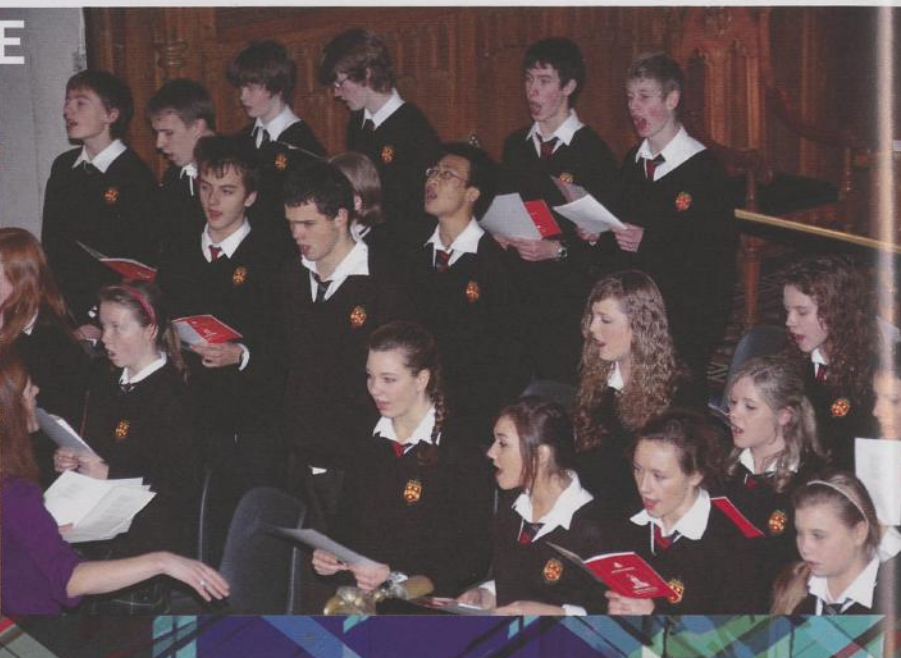


## CAROL SERVICE

The annual carol service took place this year in Zion Church shortly before Christmas. The Choir and Orchestra performed in an enjoyable evening.



Hannah Foley  
and Ciaran  
Maher, 1st Form.



## SKI TRIP TO BOSTON

December 28th saw an excited bunch of High School students waiting to board their flight from Dublin to Boston with only a short stop in Shannon.

After a long flight and bus journey we arrived at the Indian Head Resort, everyone tired after the travel.

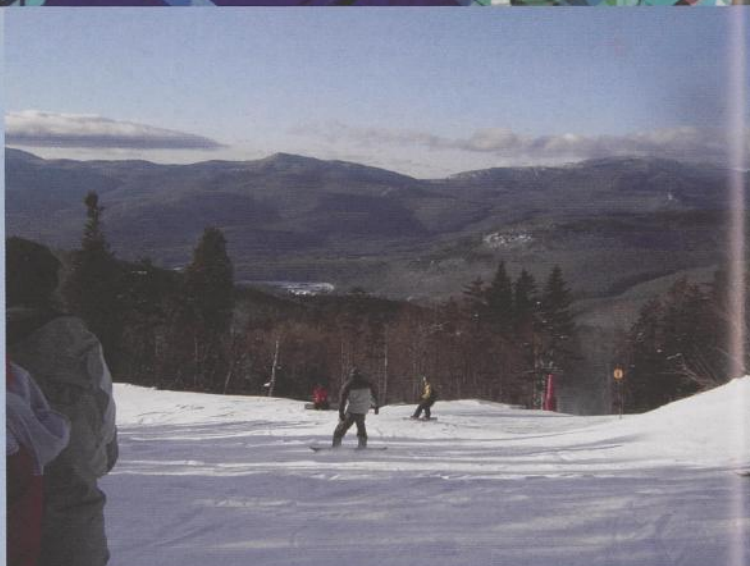
The next morning was the start of a great week of skiing and snowboarding, as everyone from all different levels began to tackle the many slopes to be found within the Loon Mountain ski resort. By the end of the week we were all full of confidence and couldn't wait to hit the slopes sometime in the future...

The evenings were packed full of activities as well which varied from going bowling to spending the evening in the cinema (I Am Legend). We also had the opportunity to go ice skating, rock climbing and snow shoeing at Loon Mountain. Our hotel had both an indoor and outdoor pool and a new sport was initiated which we hope will be continued in the future: diving straight from the hot tub into the snow (thank you Sian Cooley and Clare Cryan). New Years Eve was spent partying in the hotel. Needless to say there was a lot of shopping done on everyone's part (congratulations to Mr McBride and Mr Flynn who outshopped most of the girls).

We set off for Boston Airport on January the 3rd, where suitcases were jam-packed with all our new purchases! We arrived back in Dublin Airport early on January 4th bringing with us some great memories, lots of new clothes and aching muscles; a great end to a super trip.

Many thanks to Mr Cryan, Mr McBride, Ms Lynch, Ms Fahey, and Mr Flynn!

**Clare Cryan, 5th Form**



Daniel enjoying  
the snow.



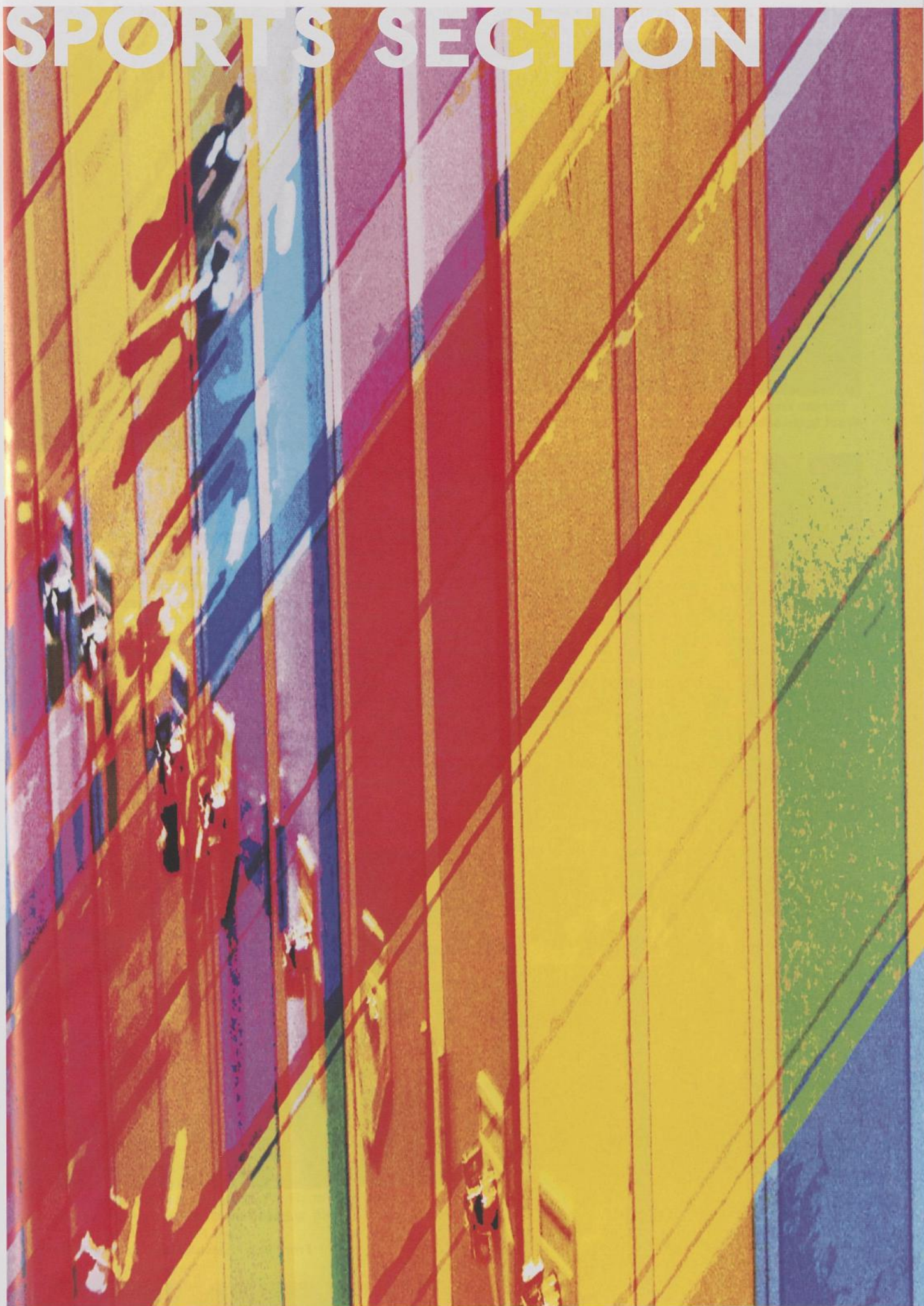
Rebecca Mills.



Mr McBride taking a  
break?



# SPORTS SECTION







## Boys Cross Country

**Back Row:** Mr P Irwin, Kári Andr sson, Mark Savage, Liam MacNamara, Thomas Wyse-Jackson, Kristian Chisholm, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, John Bradish.  
**Front Row:** Adam O'Malley, Sam Lunn, Jack McCabe, Bill O'Cleirigh, David Kiernan, Dylan Farrell, Stuart Gray.



This year a number of High School students participated in the East Leinster Athletics Championships at Irishtown Stadium. All High School athletes gave their best with some progressing into finals. The Junior Boys' team was unlucky to finish outside the medals in 4th place. Congratulations to the following medal winners:

Leah Moore (Senior 100m gold), Conor Sexton (Junior 100m gold and Junior long jump gold), John Bradish (Junior 200m silver), Leanne McDonnell (Junior high jump silver).

In the Leinster finals, Leah Moore took silver in the 100m senior final and progresses to the All Ireland final.

**Aidan Cowlard Joyce, 5th Form**

## BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY

Cross country went well this year, with a fresh enthusiasm coming from students and in particular Mr Griffin and Mr Irwin. On Monday afternoons up to twelve or thirteen boys turned up to practice sprinting, running with a baton and some longer runs of up to 1500 metres. Mr Griffin showed us the importance of a fast start in a sprint event and how to achieve this. Most of our cross country team was made up of 1st, 2nd and 3rd years so we would like to encourage senior students to take part in this exciting sport also. The East Leinster Championships were a huge success for The High School, with Conor Sexton winning two gold medals (Junior 100m gold and Junior long jump gold). Congratulations also go to Leah Moore who achieved gold in the Senior 100m race; John Bradish (Junior 200m silver), Leanne McDonnell (Junior high jump silver). In the Leinster finals, Leah Moore received a silver medal in the 100m senior final and she progressed to the All Ireland Final. Our thanks again go to Mr Griffin and Mr Irwin for organizing all cross-country activities for boys.

**Aidan Cowlard Joyce, 5th Form**



## Girls Athletics

**Back Row:** Mara Barrett, Niamh Murphy, Niamh Kearns, Leanne McDonnell, Lia McCann, Kirsten Lynch.  
**Middle Row:** Ms S Hutchinson-Edgar, Martha Barber Hume, Una Keller, Ruth Senior, Leah Moore, Niamh Moran, Sarah McKenna Barry.  
**Front Row:** Ciara Dowling, Siobhan McManus, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Victoria Love, Esme Moloney, Hannah Foley.



## 1st Year Girls Cross Country

**Back Row:** Tess Haines, Ellen Baldwin, Ms S Hutchinson-Edgar.  
**Front Row:** Hannah Foley, Siobhan McManus, Esme Moloney.





#### **U16 Boys Badminton**

**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Simon Jackson, Patrick Dennis, Sammy Esghyer, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Sam Williamson, Niall O'Leary, Kevin Browne, Graham Flaherty.

## **U16 BOYS**

This year the U16 boys' team consisted of Niall O'Leary at number 1, myself at number 2, Sam Williamson at number 3 and Paddy Dennis at number 4.

During the year we played Wesley College, Terenure College and Gonzaga. We played well but the other teams were too good for us and we didn't manage to win any games.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for putting up with us again this year!

*Simon Jackson, 3rd Form.*

## **U14 A BOYS**

We started training around the end of September and at the end of November we began playing matches. We played lots of school including: St Dara's, Terenure, Wesley, St Mary's and St Colmcille's. Unfortunately we did not win any of our matches, but we drew with St Mary's, 3-3.

I would like to thank the other members of the team, especially Ryan Foley, Andrew Young and Aaron Campbell for their excellent efforts throughout the season. We would all like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for training us and really improving our skills. Thanks for a great season; we're looking forward to next year.

*Alex Liddicoat, 1st Form.*

## **U14 B BOYS**

At the beginning of the season nobody really knew how to play badminton. We started with the basics and over the weeks improved. We won some of our matches and lost some and in the end didn't come out on top. Everybody really enjoyed themselves though and put in 100% effort. On behalf of the team I would like to say a big thanks to Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for all the spare time they gave up for us.

*Mark Carragher, 1st Form.*

## **BADMINTON**



#### **U14 B Boys Badminton**

**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Tim Harding, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Ray Ardill, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Cian Butler, Mark Carragher.



#### **U14 A Boys Badminton**

**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Aaron Campbell, Ryan Foley, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Andrew Young, Alex Liddicoat.







#### U16 Girls Badminton

**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Jessica Patterson, Aislinn Twamley Levins, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Keri Sheehan, Sarah Lucas.



#### U14 A Girls Badminton

**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Emma Lucas, Hannah Ridgeway, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Tess Haines, Caoimhe Cassidy.

## U16 GIRLS

This year's badminton team was very hard-working. There were two new members on the under 16 girls' team, Aislinn Twamley Levins and Keri Sheehan. Although we didn't get very far in the league we all extremely enjoyed all of our matches and had a lot of fun. The team would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorp for giving up their spare time to coach us and for bringing to us to and from all of our matches.

*Sarah Lucas, 3rd Form*

## U14 A GIRLS

Our team had a very good season; we managed to get to the final. At the start of the season we never expected to get as far as we did, but over the weeks of training we grew stronger as a team and progressed hugely.

We beat many different schools to get to the quarter final, where we were against Rockford Manor and won, in the semi-final we beat presentation Terenure. When it came to the final we were beaten by Sutton Park School who were a very strong team and were the lucky team that day.

I'd like to say a big thanks to Mr Flynn, Ms Thorp and Nicola, because we wouldn't have gotten as far without them.

*Caoimhe Cassidy, 1st Form*



#### U14 B Girls Badminton

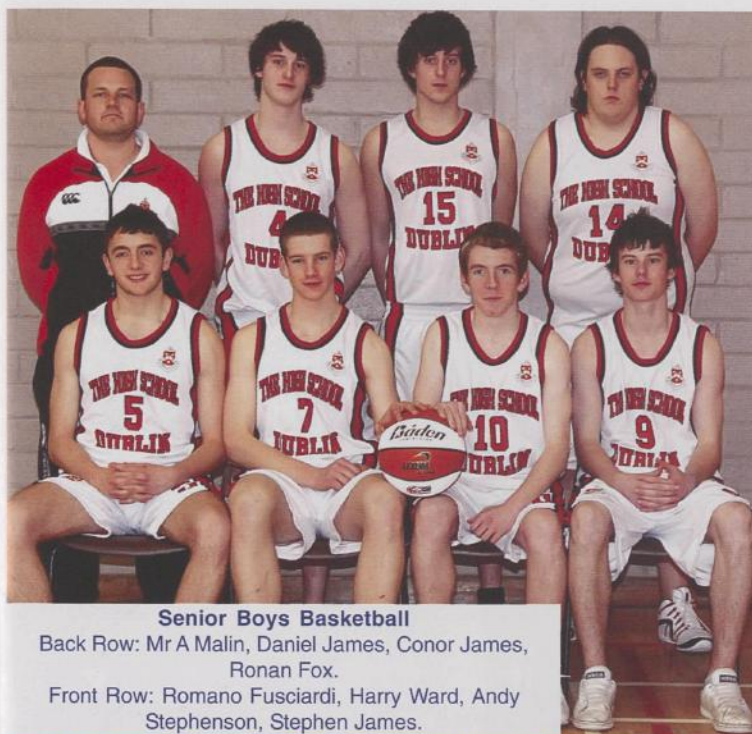
**Back Row:** Mr C Flynn, Rachel McAuliffe, Lia McCann, Ms D Thorp.

**Front Row:** Victoria Love, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne.

The U 14 Girls Team who reached the semi final of the Leinster Badminton League.







### Senior Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr A Malin, Daniel James, Conor James, Ronan Fox.

Front Row: Romano Fusciardi, Harry Ward, Andy Stephenson, Stephen James.



### U16 Boys Basketball

Back Row: Niall Hickey, Graham Flaherty, Daniel Cooke, Aidan Cowland-Joyce

Front Row: Mr A Malin, Kevin Brown, Fabian Mak, Stephen James, Luke Thompson, Ian Stevenson.



## BASKETBALL

### SENIOR BOYS

This was a bit of a disappointing season for the team as we finished the season without a victory. The fact that the team was comprised mainly of players with no experience in basketball and young 4th year players. Most teams were not only bigger than us, but more experienced and skilled. Our Irish international players, Conor and Daniel James, were both injured this season also. Considering this, however, we put up some very formidable opposition against many of the U-19 'A' league's elite. An away game to Oatland's College saw us lose by only 6 points and the same margin to St Benildus College, who reached the All-Ireland semi-final last season. A great performance by Romano Fusciardi contributed to this, Stephen James's shooting also. Our last match of the season was against Templeogue College and this performance was a credit to the lads. Harry Ward, having never before played basketball, ran riot on the court, and a 16-point haul from Andy Stevenson and fantastic defence by Ronan Fox brought it down to the wire as we lost unfortunately by a 2 point margin.

I would like to thank all the guys who turned up this season as we were very short of players. They gave their best and kept us in games we shouldn't have still been in. I'm glad our coach, Joey, gave me the opportunity to be captain throughout the past 4 years and I'd like to thank him for it.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin for organising everything, Mr T Neiland for driving us around everywhere, and most importantly our coach Joey Boylan who has showed up every Wednesday for the last four years to coach, whom deserves a lot of credit for everything we achieved during the past seasons.

**Andy Stevenson, 6th Form**





### Second Year Boys

Back Row: Stephen Reid, Adam O'Malley, Ethan Conroy, Ryan O'Malley.  
Front Row: Mr A Malin, Jim Fogarty, Fabian Mak, Luke Thompson, Kunal Kapoor.

## SECOND YEAR BOYS

We had a short season this year. We were entered into a cup and with a good effort from all the team we beat St Benildus College in our first match. But unfortunately we lost our second match to St Finton's. Well done to the team.

We would like to say a big thanks to Joey Boylan for his coaching.

**Fabian Mak, 2nd Form**

## FIRST YEAR BOYS

We started the year training for a good while, waiting to play our first match. When we finally got to play it we had a great win against a good St Benildus College side, 41-14. Two weeks later we had a good match, against a very strong and organized St Fintan's from Sutton. However, it wasn't our day, and we lost by 15 points. We are hoping to improve on this year and make a push for the league and cup next year. We would like to thank our coaches, Joey Boylan and Mr Malin for their great work with the team this year.

**Luke Thompson, 1st Form**



### First Year Boys

Back Row: Ciaran Maher, Cian Butler, Ing-Mar Lim, Owen De Forge, Darragh Kirwan, Eamon Weltz.  
Front Row: Mahon McCann, Ross Keogh, Luke Thompson, Daragh Kiernan, Mr A Malin.

## FIRST YEAR GIRLS

First year girls' basketball got off to a great start this year by winning their first match against Muckross and other early matches. Mid-league, however, we unfortunately started to lose our matches though we picked ourselves up and won our few last matches of the league. I would like to thank the team and Ms Kavavagh for being such a great coach and for making the year so much fun! Thank you!

**Lisa Doyle, 1st Form**

## CADETTES

The Cadette girls began their competitive season with a loss to Presentation Terenure. After a disappointing start we achieved victories in our league against Beaufort, St Joseph's of Cluny and St Finian's. Although we did not reach the final of the South Dublin League this year, we played our best and our team has made progress and improved play immensely. We had a lot of fun this year and hope to do well next year. Finally, thanks to our wonderful coach Ms Kavanagh, who really helped us to improve and made the year so enjoyable.

**Sarah Burns, 3rd Form**





#### U19 Girls Basketball

**Back Row:** Ms K Kavanagh, Sophie Madigan, Ali Meeke, Eve Roseingrave.

**Front Row:** Richelle McDonnell, Sarah Burns, Aislinn Coghlan, Aoife Ryan, Candace Horton.



#### U16 Girls Basketball

**Back Row:** Ms K Kavanagh, Joan McCarthy, Sarah McCoy, Rachael Spray, Jenny Keogh, Clodagh Sleator.

**Front Row:** Leanne McDonnell, Laura Pearson, Sarah Burns, Rose Halpin Duffy, Jessie Meeke, Sarah Quirke.



#### First Year Girls Basketball

**Back Row:** Ms K Kavanagh, Aisling Reilly, Amber Graham, Laura Byrne, Niamh Smith, Ismene Luke, Catriona Flood, Eimear Ní Bhroin, Ella Furey.

**Front Row:** Olivia O'Hora, Chloe Decon, Jennifer Long, Lisa Doyle, Stephanie Lyon, Lucy Burns, Tess Haines, Lauren Tully.



#### Cadettes U14 Girls

**Back Row:** Ms K Kavanagh, Sophie Collins, Una Keller, Emma Foley, Judith Harrington, Rebecca Dalton, Alanna Kavanagh.

**Front Row:** Sarah Grehan, Leanne McDonnell, Rebecca Garland, Jessie Meeke, Martha Barber Hume, Rachel Burke, Aine Cormac-O'Hora.







## SENIOR 1ST XI BOYS

This year the Senior team had a very encouraging league run. We began our campaign against a well trained CUS side. We were put into bat first and achieved a competitive total of 114 with some good performances from Dennis Owens and John Willoughby. In the field we started off well taking 3 wickets from the first 3 overs. However the CUS side was very strong in the lower order and won by 3 wickets. Full credit, however, has to go out to my team that never gave up. In our second match we made the long trip out to Wesley College. Again our bowling and fielding were superb and we dismissed Wesley for a very average total. When it came to our turn to bat we reached their score comfortably with some great knocks from Sean Tevlin and Gareth Austen. Our last two games were against Skerries and St Andrew's. First came Skerries. The Skerries team was scattered with International talent and we just couldn't slow the

**1st XI Boys Cricket**  
**Back Row:** Graham Mills, Mark Collins, Sean Tevlin, Niall Noonan, Ben Harding  
**Front Row:** Mr A Malin, Paul O Kelly, Gareth Austen, David Meade, James Hawe, Mark Rogan, Hugh O'Marcaigh.

flow of runs, however our run chase was aided by the superb skills of Steven Chapman. However we just didn't have the overs to chase down the total. Now it came down to the last game of a long and strenuous season. St Andrew's were the opposition and all the lads were up for a match of epic proportions. We were put into field first and contained the St Andrew's batsmen to a reasonable score, this was mainly due to some admirable fast bowling buy Colin Sheridan and Mark Collins. When we came out to bat our spirits were high and we made a great start, hitting the opening bowlers to all parts of the ground. In the end we had a comfortable victory thanks to a great half-century by Big Dennis Owens and me. It was the perfect end to an enjoyable season.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Malin for all his help throughout this season. We couldn't have done it without you.

*David Meade, 6th Form*



**2nd XI Boys Cricket**  
**Back Row:** Kevin Brown, Mark Rogan, Graham Flaherty, Niall Noonan, Milo Mays, Ciaran Collins, Hugh O'Marcaigh, James Hawe.  
**Front row:** Mr A Malin, Iain Irvine, Ryan Morgan, John Willoughby, Steven Chapman, Gareth Carragher, Josh Purcell.





## JUNIOR BOYS

We travelled to Merrion Cricket Club for our first league game against CUS. We performed really well for our first match, considering we had not had any training sessions before the match, and even though we lost we played really well.

The next game saw us at home to The King's Hospital. Unfortunately our batting let us down, the exception being Shane O'Reilly who scored 20 not out; King's Hospital were able to chase down our score easily.

We worked hard on our fielding which paid off in the game against our rivals, Wesley College. However, we were still unable to put enough runs on the board and Wesley won this game.

There were two players who were playing cricket for the first time this season: Chris Downey and Simon Jackson. Hopefully they will be back to play with the team next season.

We had a dedicated group of players who turned up to all the training sessions and worked really hard to improve their game, even though we lost some games heavily.

We would like to thank Mr McCaughey and our coach Alan Cairns for their hard work and support during a very tough season. Unfortunately we had no wins to report but there is always next year.

**Sean Warren, 3rd Form**



### Junior Boys Cricket

**Back Row:** Simon Jackson, Chris Downey, Cian O'Neill, Shane O'Reilly, Sean-Tee Lim, Lee Campbell, Mr P McCaughey.

**Front Row:** Michael Sykes, Ian Stevenson, Alan Hughes, Sean Warren, Daniel Clarke, Mark Swords.

## U14 BOYS

This season has been well fought with some tight losses. We started off away to CUS who we were put into bat first. They scored a good score of 148 runs which was a hard score to reply to and unfortunately we ran out of time with 84 for 8.

King's Hospital was next up at home, we won with ease thanks to 3 important wickets from Brendan Murray-Byrne. Kunal Kapoor and Conn Loane got a partnership of 65 runs.

If we then beat St Andrew's we could have put ourselves in a great position to reach the final. St Andrew's batted first but we bowled very well and got them all out for 63. But we couldn't bring our good form with the ball to the bat and we were all out for 51, so we were out of the running but we can take a lot from this season with brilliant individual performances from Stephen Reid with a hat trick of wickets in a friendly against CUS and Kunal Kapoor with a total of 98 runs in four matches.

The whole team would like to thank Mr Walker for his work with the team this year.

**Will Rolfe, 2nd Form**







#### U14 Boys

**Back Row:** Mr R Walker, David Fox, Stephen Alexander, Ethan Conroy, Ryan O'Mallry, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Ian Sheridan.

**Front Row:** Luke O'Donnell, Peter Douglas, Kunal Kapoor, Will Rolfe, Darragh Twomey, Conn Loane.



#### U13 A Boys

**Back Row:** Mr B Quinn, Mahon McCann, Ing-Mar Lim, Jack McCann, Naoise McTiernan, Sam Evans, Ciaran Maher, Darragh Kirwan.

**Middle Row:** Andrew Mooney, Daragh Kiernan, Dean Kilroy, Aaron Campbell, Pdraig McDonagh Fox, Ross Keogh.

**Front Row:** John Love, Owen de Forge.

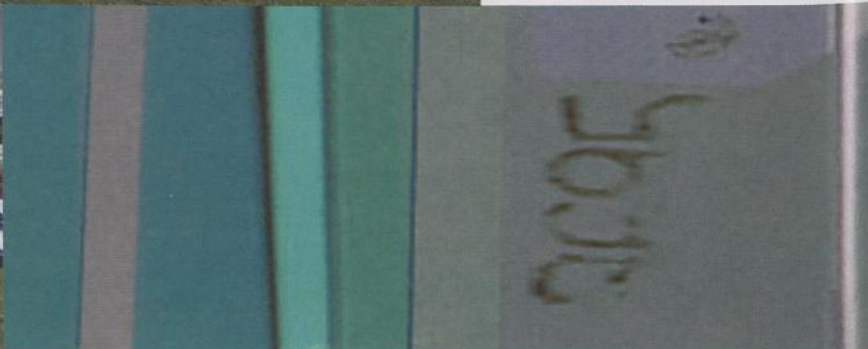


#### U13 B Boys

**Back Row:** Mr B Quinn, Mark Carragher, Ross Keogh, Naoise McTiernan, Sam Evans, Jamie Ralph, Eamon Weitz, Mr A Malin.

**Middle Row:** Zak Milofsky, Aaron Campbell, Paul McCarthy, Dean Kilroy, Patrick Devine, Eric Smartt.

**Front Row:** Gavin Power, Ryan Byrne.







## SENIOR GIRLS

Unfortunately bad weather at the start of the season meant that we could only have one training session before our first match against St Columba's College. Needless to say we weren't brimming with confidence and it didn't help matters when their captain walked out to bat in Irish gear. However, that said we were determined to give it our best shot. Good, consistent bowling from our main strike bowlers Ali Meeke and Katie Tallon along with some committed efforts in the field kept their total to a respectable 104. We walked out to bat needing 5 runs per over. The team battled well as a unit but unfortunately we lost wickets at regular intervals and were bowled out without reaching the target.

### Senior Girls Cricket

**Back Row:** Katie Tallon, Amy Hughes, Evanna Mills, Ruth Senior, Ayesha Carrim.  
**Front Row:** Mr P Fitzpatrick, Sian Cooley, Christine Rorke, Laura Cooley, Valerie Sexton.



### First Year Girls Cricket

**Back Row:** Esme Maloney, Lia McCann, Ann Barrett, Ciara Green, Aisling Reilly, Kamala Falkiner  
**Front Row:** Mr B McNamara, Holly Kane O'Brien, Ciara Dowling, Hannah Ridgeway, Chloe Deacon, Jennifer Long, Mr P Fitzpatrick.



### Junior Girls Cricket

**Back Row:** Martha Barber Hume, Niamh Murphy, Rebecca Dalton, Jessica Patterson, Maoliosa Nugent, Kate O'Marcaigh, Jennifer Rynne.  
**Front Row:** Mr P Fitzpatrick, Katie O'Brien, Cliona Rogan, Jessie Meeke, Eve Roseingrave, Rachal Burke.

Despite losing we had taken confidence from our first match and we were more confident and more determined to beat Alexandra College in what was, for many of us, our last ever game for High School. This time we batted first and we batted well as a team with everyone working hard for each other and we managed a well made 85 runs from our allotted 20 overs. Ali and Katie were the mainstays of our bowling attack once again and managed to keep their run rate low with some great help from the girls in the field. Our junior cricket maestro, Cliona Rogan and myself finished off the overs and I think I speak for us both when I say we could feel the pressure as Alexandra only needed 18 runs off the last 3 overs. However I'm happy to say we finished it off with a well made 12 runs to spare!

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for organising the matches and of course for that faithful training day! And on behalf of the sixth years I'd like to thank him for the last six years of cricket from which we've all taken many great memories as innumerable bumps and bruises!

I'd also like to thank the girls for their hard work and I'd like to wish next year's team the best of luck with the season. Hopefully high school can bring home the cup one of these days! And finally, good luck and best wishes for the future to all the girls leaving this year!

**Christine Rorke, 6th Form**



The High School won the Eastern District qualifiers for the 2008 Irish Schools Championships at Clontarf Golf Club on Thursday, 27th September 2007, in a field of 23 teams.

Well done to Ciara Butler and Amy Jones who participated in the All-Ireland Finals at Milltown Golf Club on Monday 28 April 2008. (Pictured with Mr Kirby and two representatives of the Golf Union.)



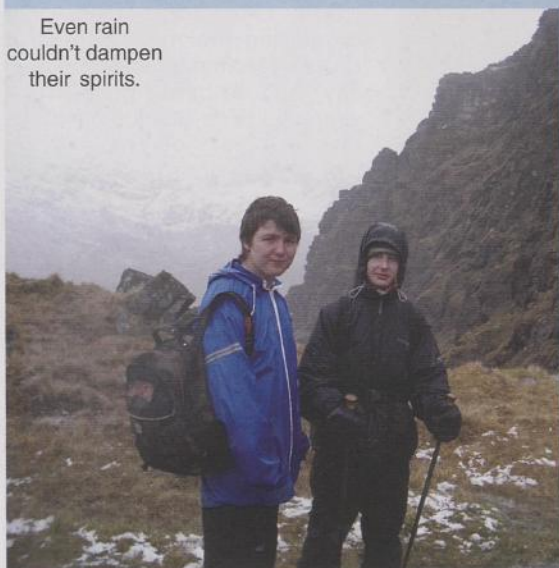
**Girls Golf**  
Mr M Kirby, Ciara Butler, Amy Jones.



**Boys Golf**

**Back Row:** Gavin Sadlier, Owen Carroll, Mr M Kirby.  
**Front Row:** Steven James, Richard Jones, Paul O'Kelly.

Even rain  
couldn't dampen  
their spirits.



## THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

I'm not quite sure what was going through my head when I signed up to do the President's Award sometime in mid third year. I don't remember feeling any sense of anticipation or dread when I promised to give up my Saturday mornings to volunteer in a charity shop, or when I said I'd join an established speech and drama class as a beginner, or even when I said I'd stay behind after school and, God forbid, play sport. Signing along the dotted line on the form that promised not only this but also that I would climb the highest mountain in Ireland was strangely undaunting for me. Reality kicked in soon.

The President's Award is very challenging by nature. It's a test of how far you can push yourself and how much you can achieve. Between the fifteen weeks community service, the twenty six weeks of personal skill, the twelve weeks of physical challenge and the grand total of five hillwalks, it's not the kind of thing you can attempt half-heartedly.

My personal experience with this challenge was a surprisingly positive one. Being a volunteer in a charity shop for community service didn't just provide me with a sense of fulfillment by doing something charitable, it also provided me with skills such as working with customers, managing money and dealing with the kind of tasks you would face in an everyday working situation. Taking up things such as speech and drama for my personal skill and badminton for my physical challenge encouraged me to try new things and talk to new people, as well as allowing me to develop an interest in activities I wouldn't have had a chance to try otherwise. The bit I was most surprised at was how much I improved over the course of just five hillwalks. I went from melodramatically declaring my hatred for all hills on the first and least challenging Powerscourt walk, to genuinely enjoying climbing Carrauntoohil. Possibly a testament to the alleged maturing powers of transition year!

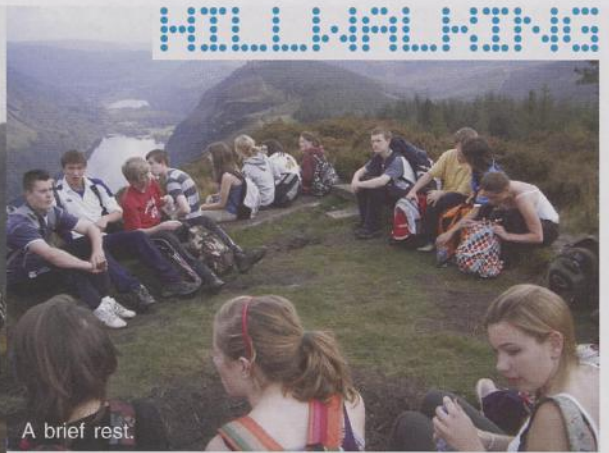
All in all, the President's Award was one of the most beneficial and memorable experiences fourth year offered me. I would highly recommend it to anyone considering taking on this challenge!

**Nicola Spendlove, 4th Form.**





Mr Swan leads a hillwalking expedition.



A brief rest.



Mr Swan lends a helping hand.



Enjoying the cold weather.



"We're never getting those sandwiches back".



The going was slightly more vertical than they had hoped.



Arctic conditions couldn't stop them.



The group on the top of Carauntoohill.







## 1ST XI GIRLS

The 1st XI hockey team this year had a strong base of experienced senior players from previous years. When teamed with the new talent drawn from 4th year (and even 3rd year) we had a promising season ahead of us.

We headed into the league sporting a strong squad, consisting of 15 hugely skilled girls who were enthusiastic and hardworking throughout the year.

Having only lost 3 players from the previous season our aim was to improve on our previous year's performance. Our regular 1st XI included Tessa Meade as goalie. As always Tessa was reliable and proved himself on numerous occasions against the break-away attacks from the opposition. We had a variety of sweepers throughout the year including Christine Rorke, Debbie Blair and Ellen Ní Cleirigh, all occupying the last line of defence at some stage. Each proved to be strong, confident and reliable, rarely missing a tackle.

At right-back was the ever-dependable Evanna Mills. Evanna never missed a training session and her dedication paid off in the form of some outstanding performances and her reign as champion of the infamous bleep-test, beating Mr Fitzpatrick regularly throughout the year. Again, a range of people shared centre and left back positions including Ellen, Christine, Eva, Maoliosa and Debbie. Each proved to be strong consistent during the season.

In mid-field Olwen Smith and Maoliosa Nugent played as right-mid during the year, both progressing with every match. They not only fulfilled the role as defender but proved themselves as eligible attackers also. The extremely talented Ali Meeke once again took up the position of centre-mid while Ruth Senior adopted left-mid. Ruth has played several in several positions on the pitch and showed herself to be a prolific goal-scorer as well as defender.

Aimee Jones O'Connor, Sarah Donnelly, Judy Kelleher and I made up the forward line. We created and executed many attacks throughout the year. A strong force for any team to reckon with.

### 1st XI Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Mr P Fitzpatrick, Ellen Ní Cleirigh, Judy Kelleher, Evanna Mills, Christine Rorke, Olwen Smith, Sarah Donnelly, Maoliosa Nugent, Ruth Senior  
**Front Row:** Tessa Meade, Ali Meeke, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Valerie Sexton, Eva Nugent, Debbie Blair, Susan McRann.

Anyway, we got off to quite a good start in the league, reaching a play-off for the quarter-final against Alexandra College in Three Rock. This was our toughest match yet and we called on the help of a retired team mate Leah Moore. We put up an almighty fight in that match and played some outstanding hockey, which all paid off as we won the match comfortably. However our job would have been a lot tougher if it wasn't for Leah, who unfortunately got badly injured in that match but thankfully, is fully mended now. Unfortunately our luck didn't continue into the quarter-final and we lost against Muckcross. All hope wasn't lost though, as we still had the cup.

Once again we got off to a good start with an easy draw against Loreto Cluny. We won by several goals and then faced The King's Hospital in the next round. Again we were presented with little competition. However, I got injured and was out for several matches. Our luck ran out again unfortunately as we were drawn against our rivals St Andrews in the play-off for the quarter-finals. Nerves seemed to get the better of us and despite a better performance, we failed to score and lost the match. It was a tough ending to a great year.

We had a fantastic team this year. Pure talent and dedication. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the girls for all their time and effort. And for those of you who are remaining, best of luck next year. No pressure, but we're expecting great things from you lot!

On behalf of the 1st XI team, many of whom have played together since 1st Year, we would like to say thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick for leading us to the 1st Year league title (never forgotten) and a senior league final and a cup final in the 6 years under his coaching. It has been an unforgettable experience for all of us and an absolute pleasure.

**Valerie Sexton, 6th Form**







## 2ND XI GIRLS

We had a rocky start to the hockey season this year, with only a handful of wins in our friendly matches. We initially struggled to play together as a team, and consequently secured the best of terrible matches, consisting of a lack of effort and fitness. Despite this we soon became more focused and determined, when the group we'd be playing in the league was revealed.

Along with our tiresome training sessions, and Mr Fitzpatrick's well-rehearsed, motivational speeches, we miraculously finished top of our league, drawing only one game. This encouraging play by the team, along with some outstanding play by Amy Jones O'Connor and Eva Nugent we were granted the opportunity to go straight to a home semi-final. The only thing standing in our way- Our Lady's, who had already beaten us in our previous encounter. After an intense, nail-biting 50 minutes the score resided at 2-1 to HSD! Our tremendous victory had kept our hopes high as we joined Loreto Beaufort in the semi-final...

After having postponed the match twice we became even more determined to continue our winning streak and beat Beaufort 2-0.

Reaching the final was an incredible feeling! The hard work from the coaches and the players all

### 2nd XI Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Mr P Fitzpatrick, Grace Collins, Amy Hughes, Aoife Daly, Eva Nugent, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Una McSharry, Karen Lew.

**Front Row:** Alex Dakin, Amy Jones, Shona O'Toole, Niamh Mitchell, Ayesha Carrim, Jade Breen, Emily Kinlan.

season had finally paid off and I felt extremely proud to have been a part of it. Despite our best efforts, Wesley College came out on top with a painful 3-2 win.

The bus journey home was emotional to say the least, full of disappointed faces, with the words 'if only...' circulating throughout. However looking back now, I have absolutely no regrets. As captain of the 2nd XI this year, I feel very honoured to have played alongside such a great bunch of people and wish you every success for next season. Many thanks for the effort and hard work you all put in over the year and for making 6th year far more enjoyable than expected!

I want to especially thank Mr Fitzpatrick, whose faith and belief in us was the key to our success. His hard work and constant motivation is very much appreciated. I'd also like to thank all the coaches and staff involved in organizing the hockey matches and events each year.

### Niamh Mitchell, 6th Form







### 3rd XI Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Marie-Claire Foley, Katie Murtagh, Phoebe Laing, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Candace Horton, Hannah Phelan, Katie Tallon, Freya Breen, Ms J Waugh.

**Front Row:** Karina McConnell, Laura Garland, Emma Satchwell, Laura Cooley, Hannah Leavy, Sian Cooley, Sarah Brennan.

## 3RD XI GIRLS

This season was off to a great start winning all our friendly matches! We entered the league on a high as no team had managed to score against us.

Our first league match was against St Andrew's and ended in a one all draw. Our next two matches were against Sancta Maria and St Gerard's which we comfortably won 4-0 and 3-0 respectively.

We came out on top of our league, equal with St Andrew's, having only last one match.

We then had to play against St Andrew's. Again we came out victorious winning 1-0.

However we still had to play Loreto Dalkey for a place in the quarters. With some great play from the team and some excellent defense from Emma Satchwell, We beat Loreto Dalkey 1-0 and were on our way to the quarter finals!

Mount Anville was first up. The match started off with great defense and attack from both schools and the first half ended without a score.

The second half however nerves had started to show on the High School side and Mount Anville scored a goal. We tried to keep our spirits high but unfortunately Mount Anville scored again. The match ended 3-0 to Mount Anville.

Although we only made it to the quarter final we can't complain about a bad season, having won most of our matches.

As captain of the 3rd XI I would like to thank Ms Waugh on behalf of the team for all the hard work she put into our training and matches. I want to wish all the girls the best of luck in next year's season and I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches throughout the years for their hard work and dedication to the team.

**Laura Cooley, 6th Form**



### Fourth Year Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Ms D Levis, Katie O'Connor, Aoife Ryan, Olivia Ball, Ellen Walsh, Marie-Claire Foley, Freya Breen, Ms J Waugh.

**Front Row:** Karina Mc Connell, Tess McCann, Sarah Brennan, Rebecca Conalty, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne, Zara McElvaney, Laura Martin.





## BERLIN 2007 HOCKEY TOUR

We arrived in Berlin after an early 6 o'clock start in Dublin. We got the underground to our hostel and settled into our rooms. After then, we set off on a river cruise through the city (where the guide only spoke German). Over the next four days we had a great time shopping and visiting interesting sites like the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie and the Reichstag. We also went on a tour of the city where we visited the Holocaust Museum and the best chocolate shop in Berlin! In the evenings we did activities like going to the cinema, ice-skating a visit to the Hard Rock Café, where we had great fun singing happy birthday to Niamh! We played two hockey matches against HC Charlottenburg and HC Argo. They were both very enjoyable and we had dinner with the teams after the matches. We spent our last day shopping and we visited one of the biggest department stores in Europe! The Kadawee (we also had to mention Susan's infamous fall; It was too funny to leave out).

Thanks to Ms S Jones and Ms Levis for organising the trip and the numerous tops in Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts. We all had a great time.

**Eva Nugent & Aimee Jones O'Connor, 4th Form**



## JUNIOR A GIRLS

We started off the year training every Monday, playing matches on Wednesdays and Saturdays to get used to playing as a team again. We were determined to do well this season. We started off well in the league, winning our group and then beating Mount Sackville in the quarter finals in penalty flicks with our goalie Eve Roseingrave making very good saves. Unfortunately, however, we were knocked out by St Andrews in the semi-final.

We were disappointed but we decided to concentrate on the cup. We trained harder and when the day came we started off well with a goal in the first few minutes. With about ten minutes left in the match we were winning 2-1, Mount Sackville scored a goal in the last minute and the game went into extra time, Mount Sackville scored the winning goal, which now put us into the plate.

### Junior A Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Katie O'Brien, Aisling Naylor, Lisa Meehan, Sarah McCoy, Jessie Patterson, Stefanie Wynne, Cliona Rogan, Maoliosa Nugent, Ms S Jones  
**Middle Row:** Eve Roseingrave, Maeve Daly, Niamh Moran, Susan McRann, Alanna Kavanagh, Rose Halpin-Duffy, Kate O'Marcaigh

Our first plate game was against St Gerard's, which we won 1-0, next we beat Holy Child Killiney 2-0. We were now facing Loreto Foxrock in the semi-final and due to our determination we won 1-0!

The following Thursday was the day of our final, we were all nervous and excited to be playing in a final in Three Rock. Nerves were high in the beginning but we got into the game with excellent saves from our goalie, Eve Roseingrave and shots from our forwards and midfielders. The end score was 2-0 to us! We were so happy we won and all our hard work had paid off!

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms Jones for coaching us this year and Mr Fitzpatrick and Ms Levis for their help throughout the year!

**Maoliosa Nugent and Rose Halpin Duffy, 3rd Form**



## JUNIOR B GIRLS

The Junior B team had a great season this year. After a fantastic round of friendly matches at the beginning of the year (for example a 3-0 win against Newpark, and a 3-2 win against Wesley) we were ready for the league.

When the league came around we got off to a fantastic start with a 4-1 win against St Teresian, with goals from forwards Kate O'Marcaigh, Lauren McGarry and Rona O'Donnell. We went downhill with 1-0 loss against St Killian's but were given a second chance when we were faced with them in the pre-quarters. Facing St Columba's after a 2-0 win against Killian's we were nervous. We let the nerves get to us and walked away being beaten.

After it all, we had a great year and had great fun! I would like to thank Ms Jones for her expert coaching help and the team for all their hard work and dedication.

**Kate O'Marcaigh, 3rd Form**



**Junior B Girls Hockey**

**Back Row:** Claire Davies, Naomi Reid, Sábh O'Brien, Rona O'Donnell, Lauren McGarry, Ms S Jones.

**Front Row:** Eve Roseingrave, Jessie Buttanshaw, Sarah Keating, Kate O'Marcaigh, Robyn Carey, Susan Kinlan, Lauren McGarry.

**Absent:** Chloe Mc Hugh.



**Junior C Girls Hockey**

**Back Row:** Karen Blennerhassett, Sarah Quirke, Lynn Murphy, Ms S Jones.

**Front Row:** Zoe Dolan, Keri Sheehan, Jessica Sergeant, Amy Cripps, Megan Lynch, Maeve Sweetnam.

**Absent:** Ella Scanlon, Chloe McHugh.



## JUNIOR C GIRLS

The Junior C team began the year with different coaches and different players. But we quickly got a new great coach Ms Gilmore and a proper team.

We started the year with friendly games in which we all played really well. But as the league started, most of our matches were draws, so we didn't get that far, but we always turned up to the match and gave it our best. This hard working team is made up of Amy Cripps (captain), Lynn Murphy, Ella Scanlon, Megan Lynch, Jessica Sergeant, Keri Sheehan, Chloe McHugh, Sarah Quirke, Karen and a big thanks to Zoe Dolan who was our goalie for most of the matches. This was a great year's play girls, well done. The Junior C team would like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Levis for helping us through the year, but especially a huge thank you to our coach Ms Gilmore, who was there the whole year through.

**Amy Cripps, 3rd Form**



## MINOR A GIRLS

Our year started off strong, with us winning more matches than losing them and eager to win more. We won all our league matches and found ourselves in the quarter-finals against St Andrew's. We were pumped with adrenaline going into the match and played our very best and kept up with St Andrews's tough pace. Our defence was strong and we managed to keep the score 0-0. However after a brilliant cross from St Andrew's we found ourselves 1-0 down. We tried our hardest and came back 1-1 (an excellent set up by Jessie Meeke and goal from Rachel Burke). The game ended in penalty flicks. We were told we had won and began to celebrate. We shouted and cheered only to be told that there had been a miscalculation, and that we had to go again.

With our concentration gone it was clear even from the start that we had lost. In our cup we also got to the quarter-finals but didn't play our best and unfortunately lost.

It is fair to say that we have come a long way this year. Not just in skill, but as a team. It was a great year and we would like to thank Ms Levis for all her hard work. We have high hopes for next year.

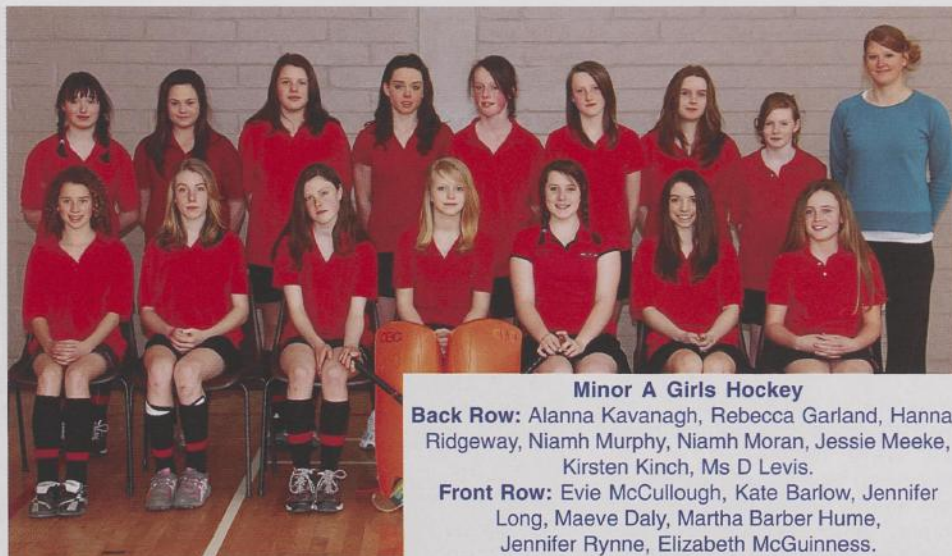
**Martha Barber Hume,  
2nd Form**

## MINOR B GIRLS

I really enjoyed this year's hockey season. It was an honour to be chosen as the captain of this great team. We were unfortunate to lose out in the league, although we won 3-1 against St. Wolvertons, with huge thanks to Elizabeth McGuinness, our super minor A sub! We were beaten by Loreto Bray 2-0, although I swear they used some shady tactics! We knew Andrews would be tough, and although we lost we put up a great fight.

We earned the nickname 'Team Zoe' after Zoe Dolan, an amazing goalie! We were a very strong team, but we could not have done it without the amazing help from Ms Levis. I want to thank the team for such a fun season; we all loved every second of it.

**Alice Somers Donnelly, 2nd Form**



### Minor A Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Alanna Kavanagh, Rebecca Garland, Hannah Ridgeway, Niamh Murphy, Niamh Moran, Jessie Meeke, Kirsten Kinch, Ms D Levis.

**Front Row:** Evie McCullough, Kate Barlow, Jennifer Long, Maeve Daly, Martha Barber Hume, Jennifer Rynne, Elizabeth McGuinness.



### Minor B Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Mara Barrett, Lauren Walsh, Leanne McDonnell, Judith Harrington, Katie O'Connor, Ms D Levis.

**Middle Row:** Una Keller, Sarah McKenna Barry, Elizabeth McGuinness, Alice Somers Donnelly, Debbie Burke, Laura Duggan, Megan Kilpatrick.



### Minor C Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Ms K Smith, Alannah Burdon, Hazel McHugh, Judith Harrington, Emer Dixon, Katelyn Fagen,

**Front Row:** Una Keller, Sophie Wann, Fiona Mitchell, Lauren Walsh, Elodie Christle, Jane Ward.

## MINOR C GIRLS

The Minor C team improved immensely throughout the season. We progressed well in the league winning all of our home matches, including a great win 5-0 against Wicklow, but unfortunately we could not field a full team for an important league match against Muckross Park which we lost. This

prevented us from getting to the quarter-finals. Each member played to their strengths making us an excellent team. All of our matches were enjoyable to play and we learned a lot for next season. I was so proud to be captain of this hockey team.

Thanks to all the girls on the team as well as Ms Levis for organising the matches and our coach Ms Smith for all her help.

**Lauren Walsh, 2nd Form**



## 1ST YEAR A

The first year A's had a good start off to the year, playing big teams like Alexandra College, Mount Anville, Muckross Park, Newpark and many more. We had our training sessions every Friday with our brilliant coach Mr Fitzpatrick. We worked hard in training which all paid off as we were winning most of our matches.

We were so close to making the quarter finals but unfortunately we were beaten to it by Muckross. But we still didn't put our heads down. We continued to play, which included good wins and sad losses!

We hope to do better next year and bring home the cup! We would also like to thank the coaches: Mr Fitzpatrick, Ms Levis, and Ms Jones. Thank you all very much and it was an honour to represent The High School.

**Kate Barlow, 1st Form**

## 1ST YEAR B

This year, we got into the quarter finals in the league. We were really happy to get there, but we lost 2-0. We played against St Andrew's. We played really well, but we couldn't beat St Andrew's. The team was really sad, but at the end of the day it's about having fun and enjoying yourself; not about winning. I would like to say thank you to our great coach Ms Jones and to the 1st Year B team who made an excellent effort!

**Zoe Choy O'Byrne, 1st Form**

## 1ST YEAR C

I would just like to say that over the past year the C's have made great progress. We won a good number of our matches. We beat Our Lady's Secondary School, we beat Alexandra College, and we beat St Raphael's among others. We have all improved throughout the year due to all the training. We have had our good times and our bad times but put in great efforts. I would like to thank Ms Jones our coach and Megan for helping us and for choosing me as the captain. It has been a pleasure. Thank you!

**Romy Leitch, 1st Form**



### First Year A Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Mr P Fitzpatrick, Caoimhe Cassidy, Ellen Baldwin, Hannah Ridgeway, Rachel McAuliffe, Chloe Deacon, Hayley Jackson, Amy O'Regan.

**Front Row:** Fiadh Gregg, Kamala Falkiner, Evie McCullough, Kate Barlow, Siobhan McManus, Keelan O'Mahony, Jennifer Long.



### First Year B Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Ms S Jones, Amy O'Regan, Hayley Jackson, Ciara Dowling, Amber Graham, Ella O'Neill, Keelan O'Mahony, Emma Lucas, Claire Hallissey.

**Front Row:** Marianne McClafferty, Rebekah Donnelly, Victoria Love, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Esme Moloney, Sarah Buttanshaw, Lauren Tully.



### First Year C Girls Hockey

**Back Row:** Hannah Foley, Lucy Burns, Dayna Clegg, Niamh Smith, Holly Kay, Ann Barrot, Elaine Smyth, Florence Bradish, Lauren Tully, Ms Jones.

**Front Row:** Daria Hunter, Ciara Green, Olivia Ohora, Romy Leitch, Stephaine Lyon, Katie Barrot, Lia McCann.







## SENIOR BOYS

This year's hockey season has been the most successful for High School in the cup history. We began the year with less experience than usual as we only retained four members of the previous year's team. This lack of players left a void waiting to be filled by such upcoming talent as Iain Irvine, Robbie McGuinness and Michael McNulty. We also had a new coach in Mr Fitzpatrick.

With all the new faces the beginning of our season did not go as planned as we lost to St Andrew's and King's Hospital in the league. We all knew this new team would not be perfected over night and I appreciate the amount of work the team put in even in times of loss.

With the league out of our reach we placed all of our focus on the Cup. We allowed for extra training sessions especially in the fitness department to ensure we were on top form for this all important tournament. In the first round of the cup we drew with Sandford Park at home. With all the training we had done we went out on the pitch feeling we had something to prove which seemed to shine through with goals flying in left, right and centre. There was even a goal from our super-sub James Barber and a great volley hit to the top left corner from Josh Purcell. We ended the game 7-0, with spirits high ready for our quarter final draw.

We prepared well for our quarter final match against John Scottus but it did not show with a below par performance in the first half but still ahead by 1-0. In the second half John Scottus got a lucky goal after a series of great saves from Gareth Carragher. We went into extra time with a lot of tension in the air but our faithful coach Mr Fitzpatrick keeping his cool as usual. In the second half of extra time Josh Purcell came to the rescue as he slotted one past the opposing keeper to get us the win, 2-1.

In our semi-final away to Dundalk we put Mr Fitzpatrick's famous press into operation, which had been virtually non-existent in the previous round. It worked perfectly for the duration of the match with a great performance from the whole team. Goals from David Meade and a magnificent finish from the John Willoughby from Mark Evans's cross secured the 2-1 win.

### 1st XI Boys Hockey

**Back Row:** John Willoughby, Robbie McGuinness, Paul O'Kelly, Mark Evans, Niall Noonan, Jack O'Kennedy, Keith Gray, Andrew Gray, James Barber, Mr P Fitzpatrick.

**Front Row:** Gareth Carragher, Josh Purcell, David Meade, Richard Jones, Guy Prendergast, Johnny Walker, Michael McNulty.

With the final in sight we knuckled down to even more training with sacrifices of lunch breaks and even five days straight of fitness. We reviewed our tactics and even went as far as deciding what players to be marked by whom.

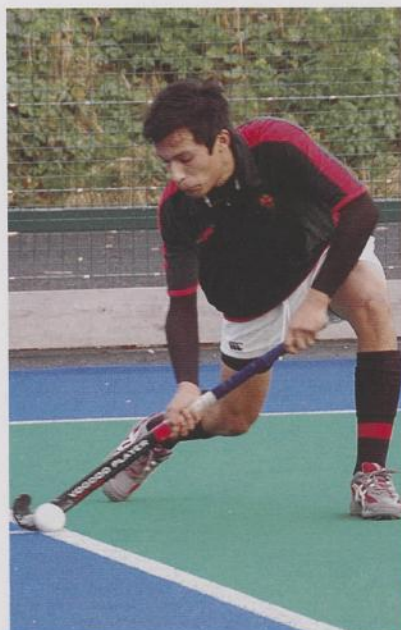
Arriving at the match we were well prepared with some inspirational words from our JCT coach Mr Miller and current coach Mr Fitzpatrick. We started the match well, holding off Wesley's strong attack and also creating numerous chances for ourselves but without success. With great defending from our back line and mid-field especially Paul O'Kelly we felt confident in the position we were at but in the dying moments of the first half Wesley scored. We battled through the second half with the whole team playing exceptionally well but with no avail and finishing the match 3-0. This year was the first time The High School has ever made it to the senior cup final which is a great achievement in itself even if without victory.

I would like to thank Mr Wilkinson for the amount of hours he put in to managing the team and accompanying us to matches. I would also like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick who made our progression to the final possible by creating new tactics and drills to keep us on our toes. His hard work and dedication to the team was most appreciated. I would also like to thank all of our supporters who came to our matches throughout the year and the staff who were always helpful and co-operative.

### Richard Jones, 6th Form







**Junior Boys Hockey**  
**Back Row:** Johnny McNulty, Ryan O'Malley, Conor Sexton, Gareth Carragher, Jack Doyle, Sean Tee-Lim, Mr I Wilkinson.  
**Front Row:** Stephen Reid, Robbie McGuinness, Michael McNulty, Mark Evans, Cian O'Neill.



**U14 Boys Hockey**  
**Back Row:** Aidan O' Byrne, Adam O'Malley, Kunal Kapoor, Conor Sexton, Thomas Wyse Jackson, Cian Noone, Niall O'Callaghan, Harry Jones, Mr R White.  
**Front Row:** Kári Andrésson, Jim Fogerty, Ferdia Soper MacCafradh, John McNulty, Stephen Reid, Ryan O'Malley, James Fleming, Oisín Devilly.

## FIRST YEAR BOYS

The first year boys hockey team this year had a satisfactory season. We did okay considering some of the group hadn't played hockey before coming to the High School (including me!). Even though we lost most of our matches there was a good spirit in the team. Ryan in goal, made some fine saves throughout the year, and Matthew (and Jack (editors note)) gave 110% in every match.

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the team to Mr Wilkinson for all the tremendous work and patience throughout the year. I would also like to say thank you to Colin and Mark for all their help. Thank you all very much!

**Jack McCann, 1st Form**



**First Year Boys**  
**Front Row:** Mr I Wilkinson Ciarán Maher, Oisín Keenan, Jack McCann, Sam Evans, Andrew Shaw, Aziz Kabadaya.  
**Back Row:** Zion Delaney, Jake Hurley, Ryan Foley, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Mark Carragher.



## ORIENTEERING



### Orienteering

Back Row: Mr P Irwin, Bill O'Cleirigh, Robbie McGuinness, Alex Daly, James Liddicoat, Ruairi Nugent, Stuart Grey, Mr R Walker.  
Front Row: Michael Adye-Curran, Sarah Burns, Nicola Spendlove, Niamh McDonagh, Sophie Mitchell.

## ROCK CLIMBING

Rock climbing took place on Friday afternoons during the summer term this year. The usual venue was Dalkey Quarry with a good turnout of students from Forms 4 and 5. Rock climbing was supervised by Ms Fahey and Mr Cryan.



Thumbs up.



Keenan Lacey.

The view from the top.





## 1ST XV RUGBY

The senior rugby team began the year with a short pre-season before heading straight into a busy league campaign.

Unfortunately we lost close matches to Gonzaga, Roscrea (17-16) and Presentation Bray (9-16). St. Andrew's proved just too strong for us at the early stage of the season. However, we managed to draw with St Gerard's before comfortably defeating De La Salle (43-13).

After this hectic league campaign the team went on a very successful tour of Worcester and Birmingham. We were beaten by a strong Kings Worcester side but bounced back to beat Solihull 19-12 in an exciting and open game. I would like to thank Mr McBride and Mr McNamara for organising, coaching and supervising us while we were there!

In between the league and our cup we played Wesley, Sligo Grammar and Newpark, winning all three but losing tightly in tough trips to Royal Schools Armagh and Kilkenny College.

Over the Christmas period and into January our training really picked up as we geared towards our first cup game against Templeogue in the UCD Bowl.

On a blustery day we were just too strong for a brave Templeogue team with our all-important try coming from hooker Stephen Carter. We came out eventual winners by a score of 16-3.

Next up was Roscrea again in Tullamore. After losing to them already in the year (17-16) to a last-minute interception, we knew we had the beating of them. On a wet, cold and windy day in Tullamore, backed by a large following of loud fans, we started well. Unlucky not to be going in at half-time ahead (the score was 0-0) we knew we had a big second half to go. Through the kicking of Colin Sheridan we went 6-0 up before Roscrea made it 6-3. In the dying minutes Roscrea scored a try and ran out eventual winners (8-6).

### 1st XV Rugby

**Back Row:** Cian Twomey, Alex Conroy, Colin Ledwith, Conor O'Donnell, Gavin Sadlier, Jamie Ryan, Shane Webb, Josh Purcell.

**Middle Row:** Ian Levine, Iain Lane, Darragh Keller, Sean Tevlin, Mark Collins, Gavin Thornberry, Nicholas Jones, Mark Coffey.

**Front Row:** Mr L McBride, Graham Young, Colin Sheridan, Gareth Austen, Marc Evans, Darragh Sweetnam, Ciaran Collins, Ross Hanan, Mr B Kinsella

**Sitting:** Tom Emo, Stephen Carter.

After this we played a few friendly games, beating Gonzaga before beating Templeogue in our first plate match. Next up was Gerard's who we beat in a close game – before being matched up with Roscrea again in the final.

The plate final was being played in Donnybrook and again backed by fantastic support we started well going 5-0 up early on. A softly let in try left the scores at 5-5 at the end of half-time. Roscrea scored again before Colin Sheridan made it close again with a well-aimed drop goal. Unfortunately, Roscrea scored again and ran out (17-8) winners in a scoreline that flattered Roscrea.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr McBride, Mr Kinsella, Hugh Hogan, Mr Malin and Mr Wright for all the hard work they put into the team and for a very enjoyable year.

### Marc Evans, 6th Form







### Second XV Rugby

**Back Row:** Colin Ledwith, Jack Madden, Harry Ward, Will Hanlon, Conor O'Donnell, David Kavanagh, Eoin Keenan, James Hawe.

**Middle Row:** James O'Connor, Alex Conroy, Shane Webb, Gavin Thornberry, Nicky Jones, Simon Ludden, Iain Lane, Jamie Ryan.

**Front Row:** Mr L McBride, Shay Arias-Paz, Tom Emo, Mark Collins, Carl McHugh, Romano Fuscuardi, Cian Twomey, Ian Levine, Mr B Kinsella.

## 2ND XV RUGBY

This year, the season was short for the seconds as there were many injuries and players moving up and back to the firsts. When we did play, the matches were tough and the team worked hard all through the season. We faced tough opposition in Blackrock College, Royal School Armagh and King's Hospital where we were unfortunate not to win. The best match of the year was surely against Gonzaga where we won it 12-5 and from a great, pacy interception. It was hard as we had to settle for second choice kicker Colin Sheridan instead of Cian. We also had wins against Belvedere, St Columba's and Kilkenny. I would like to thank Mr McBride, Mr Kinsella, Mr Wright and Hugh Hogan for all their hard work throughout the season.

**Mark Collins, 6th Form**







### U16 Rugby

**Back Row:** Adam Ryan, Gavin Mullen, Nicky Jones, Mark Weston, Hugh O'Marcaigh, James Hawe, Eoin Keenan, Oscar Bowling, Mark Coffey, Mr M Griffin.

**Front Row:** Bill O'Cleirigh, Vanya Eccles, Liam MacNamara, Graham Young, Cian Twomey, Steven Chapman, Daire Hunt, Graham Mills, Alex Daly.

**Absent:** Martin Flower, Luke Evans.

## U16

This year was a bad year for the under 16 team. Many players made names for themselves such as Eoin Keenan, Adam Ryan and many more. We were involved in the under 16 league where we reached the final against Kings Hospital. We started off well, scoring a converted try and a penalty. We went into the second half up by ten points. Unfortunately we were down 12-10 with 5 minutes to go. The team showed a lot of heart but we could not cross the line and just lost. We would like to thank Mr Griffin.

**Cian Twomey, 4th Form**



### The Cobras

**Back Row:** Señor Jack Madden, Señor Aron Wade, Señor Tom Lohan, Señor Harry Ward, Señor Will Hanlon, Señor Conor Frizzelle, Señor David Kavanagh.

**Middle Row:** Señor Andrew Stevenson, Señor David Kenny, Señor Romano Fuscuardi, Señor Daniel Alkin, Señor Conall Walsh, Señor Jamie Comerford, Señor Aaron Ward, Señor David Mulholland.

**Front Row:** Señor Marcus Spray, Señor Adam Higgs, Señor Euan Mackay, Señor Nick Fitzpatrick, Señor Carl McHugh, Señor Fionán Keenan, Señor David Meade, Señor Donal Moran.







### JCT Rugby

**Back Row:** Alan Young, Robert Lowry Walshe, Finn Murphy, Michael Sykes, Graham Campbell, Paul Deering.

**Middle Row:** Padraig Harrison, Barry Frizzelle, Daire Hunt, William Anglim, David Cosgrove, Emmet Dwyer, Patrick Wilson, Ronan Lowther, Sean Adye-Curran.

**Front Row:** Mr D Wright, Dhruv Kapoor, Drew Haig, Colin Moran, James Sadlier, Robert Emo, Ian Duggan, Cillian McCann, Cian McDonagh, David Kernan, Mr P McCaughy.

**Sitting:** Christopher Downey, Mark Swords, Andrew Stein, Joshua Wiler.

## JCT

Our season began with intense training and a few friendly matches to prepare us for the tough rugby year ahead of us. Our league campaign began with a tough match against the much stronger Roscrea and unfortunately we lost. The league didn't go as well as we had hoped although we beat Newpark 32-17 with great try from James Sadlier. We also came very close to beating Blackrock College.

We learned that our cup match would be against St Gerard's and we were to get revenge on them as they had beaten us in the league. We started off well but failed to take our chances! St Gerard's managed to take advantage of our mistakes and they won the game.

Throughout the season the season we were always improving, thanks to the coaching of Mr McCaughy and Mr Wright and we finished the year on a high. We won our last two games against English touring sides with the help of special performances from Paddy Wilson and Dhruv Kapoor. In the end it was an enjoyable and we learned a lot.

### Robert Emo, 3rd Form







#### U14 A Rugby

**Back Row:** Mr B McNamara, Aidan O'Byrne, John Martin, Luke O'Donnell, Jordan McQuaid, Jamie Connell, Cian Noone, Conor Sexton, Paddy Hanlon, David Fox, James Fleming, Mr K Clarke.

**Front Row:** Tom Moore, Conn Loane, Carl Huggard, Neil Cosgrave, Ethan Conroy, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Michael Tracey, Mark O'Kelly, Darragh Twomey.

## U14

This year the under 14 kicked off with three weeks of some well needed training sessions to get the boys back into the game.

Our first match was against a strong Gonzaga side. The match got off to a good start with us scoring the first try, after this, it was mostly High School defending with us looking a bit threatening when we got the ball. Unfortunately we did not win. Our next match was against Newpark, a team which we beat last year, but they had improved a lot this year and they came put the winners. Next we played St Michael's. We were up for this game playing very well throughout but losing our concentration towards the end we lost by a few points. We also played Blackrock. I think we were all a bit nervous but with a quick inspirational speech from Mr Malin we were ready to go. With outstanding play by everyone on the team we were unfortunate not to win.

We then played Presentation Bray followed by King's Hospital, a team that beat us last year but in both games we competed very well, winning them both.

We then started the league with a game against St Andrew's, we dominated the game, but let them

back in with a slip in concentration and then with one last controversial 'try' they won. Over the next few weeks we had games against CUS, St Gerard's, De la Salle, Sandford Park, St Columba's College, Wesley College, Castleknock and Tempelogue, and were fortunate to win most of these games. Our last two games were against Tempelogue and Newpark and we were disappointed to draw in both of these games.

So at the end of our second year as a team we have learned a lot and hopefully we can carry this into next year to be a more successful. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr McNamara, Mr Clarke, Ross and Stephen for all their hard work and commitment through the year.

**Ethan Conroy, 2nd Form**

#### U14 B Rugby

**Back Row:** Mr B McNamara, Peter Adye-Curran, Joseph Finn, Aidan O'Byrne, John Martin, Paddy Hanlon, David Fox, James Fleming, Peter Douglas, Mr K Clarke.

**Middle Row:** Matthew Holder, Tom Moore, Karl Huggard, Sylvan Benaksas, Neil Cosgrove, Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh, Robert Styles, Mark O'Kelly, Ian Sheridan.

**Front Row:** Kenneth Mason, Niall Burke.







#### U13 A Rugby

**Back Row:** Ing-Mar Lim, Zak Milofsky, Matthew Holder, Naoise McTeirman, Darragh Kirwan, Leeroy Turner, Eamon O'Sullivan.

**Middle Row:** Mr T Gill, Richard Beverland, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Mahon McCann, Ross Keogh, John Hackett, Paul McCarthy, Ben Gregory, Mr R Walker, Mr A Malin.

**Front Row:** Andrew Mooney, John Love, Gavin Power, Aaron Campbell, Conor Spain, Oliver Drakeford, Tim Harding.

## U13 A

We started the year with training sessions doing mainly ball skills, and after a few weeks we moved onto contact. Our first match was against Newpark in a blitz, and our first 15-a-side game was against Kilkenny College later that week. Our first win was against De La Salle, who we beat 38-12. We had games against CUS, Gonzaga, Willow Park and Presentation Bray. We had an excellent win over St Andrews in our first league match, winning 24-12.

After the Christmas break we had games against Willow Park again, King's Hospital, St Gerards, Gonzaga again, Newpark and Presentation Bray. In total in the league we played four games and won two, which was not bad, considering that most of our players had never played rugby before, and the team has made great progress since the start of the season.

Thanks must go to Jonny, Andy, Robbie, Tom, Mr Walker, Mr Malin and Mr Gill for coaching us this season.

#### Aaron Campbell, 1st Form



Stop scaring them, Mr Gill.

## U13 B

The season began in early September. Most of the lads had never played rugby before, and didn't really know what to expect. We were split into groups and worked on ball skills and fitness, which we needed to improve.

Our first fixture was against Newpark, a 10-a-side blitz. The lads were split into four teams of 10: Abbey, Belgrave, Harcourt and Galway. The blitz showed our strong points and our weaknesses. We spent the next few weeks preparing for two more 10-a-side blitzes against St Columba's and Templeogue. There was a good share of wins and losses throughout these matches.

It was then time for an A team to be put together for a fixture against Kilkenny. Three other teams of ten also played Kilkenny. Later in the season the Bs had a fixture against Sandford Park. It was our first match as a team, and that unfortunately showed, but the coaches reminded us that we were still young, and there is ALWAYS room for improvement.

The sessions got a bit more intense as the season went on, and the number of people showing up was getting smaller at each session. But still the season continued with fixtures against Gonzaga, Willow Park, King's Hospital, Kilkenny, Presentation Bray, St Andrew's and CUS.

We learnt a lot as a team this season and enjoyed learning it. We are looking forward to another good season. Thanks to Mr Gill, Mr Walker, Mr Malin, Johnny, Tom and Andy for putting up with us and teaching us what they could, we appreciate it! Cheers lads!

#### Ray Ardill, 1st Form



The High School - statistically faster than most other schools.





### U13 B Rugby

**Back Row:** Andrew Young, Jake Madden, Ross Keogh, Naoise McTeirnan, John Savage, Mark Carragher, Padraig McDonagh Fox.

**Middle Row:** Mr R Walker, Jake Hurley, Ryan Foley, Owen de Forge, Ryan Gallagher, Christopher Knockner, Alex Brohoun, Rupert Chambers, Mr A Malin, Mr T Gill.

**Front Row:** Andrew Mooney, John Love, Gavin Campbell, Ray Ardill, Alex Liddicoat, Oliver Drakeford, Zion Delaney.

**Sitting:** Daragh Kiernan, Ryan Byrne.

great runs and breaks from various players. Thanks to Mr Gill, Mr Malin, Mr Walker, Robbie, Andy, Johnny and Tom.

### Oisín Keenan, 1st Form

### U13 C Rugby

**Back Row:** Mr T Gill, Andrew Young, Owen de Forge, Sam Tracey-McGee, Shane Smith, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Conor Ryan.

**Middle Row:** Jake Hurley, Jamie Ralph, Peter Flaherty, Ryan Byrne, Eamonn Weitz, Mr R Walker.

**Front:** Brian Kenelly, Darragh Kirwan, Anthony Manly, Oisín Keenan, Alex Liddicoat, Eric Smartt, Mr A Malin.



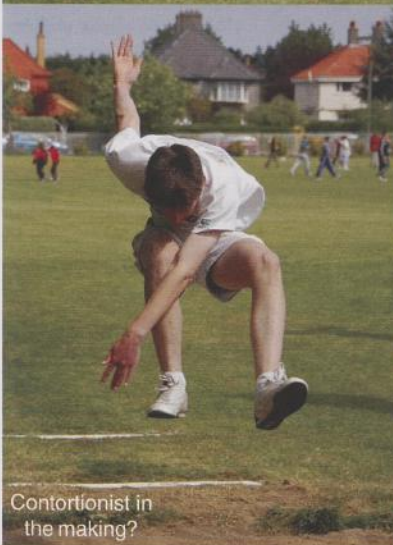
## U13 C

Though the Cs are considered the bottom team we haven't done too badly. We have played well and to the end without giving up. We have won a few matches and always played hard. We played a great game against Kilkenny College where we had a great audience of second years and fifth years. It was very tight, we were up by a try but they came back. We ended the half two points up but unfortunately things didn't stay that way with a few substitutions on each side things looked different but we went all out to win it. We tried hard but they got a couple of tries and they won the game but we tried anyway. We beat Presentation Bray. It was a great game it was a cold day with lots of rain. We had three new players who all played great for their first game. We had





One-legged race on the left.



Contortionist in the making?



Speed relay.



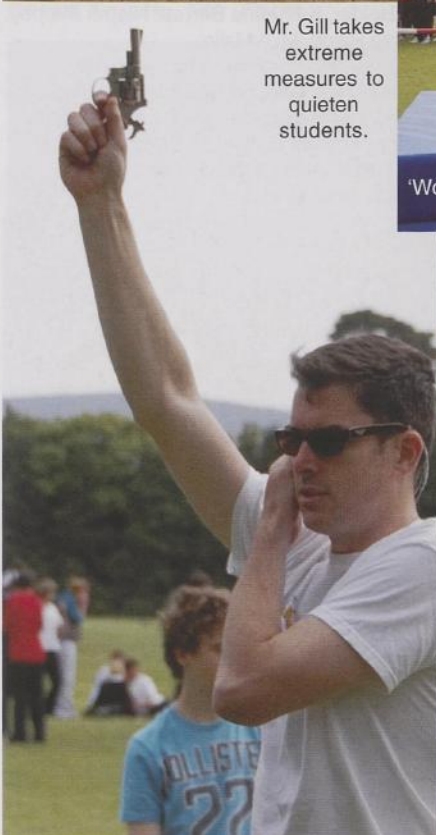
Robert Callaghan, winner of the Taylor, Moore and War Memorial Cups.



'Wow, I'm floating in the air'.



Leah Moore, winner of the Belgrave, Taylor and Parent's Association Cups.



Mr. Gill takes extreme measures to quieten students.



Heave!



## Swimming



### 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Year Swimming

**Back Row:** Ms T Jones, Josh Reichental, Dylan Farrell, Diarmuid Kennedy, Graham Flaherty, Guy Prendergast, Naomi Cooper, Cherith Cooper, Hanah Mesallati, Mr A Malin.

**Front Row:** Aimee Bannister, Megan Earls, Etan Kinsella McLennan, Lisa Meehan, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Laura Martin, Andrea Murray-Byrne, Aisling Naylor, Amy Deverell, Ms E Lanigan.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING

Another very successful year of swimming took place this year, with many students availing of the opportunity to improve their stroke techniques and fitness levels. We had fifty juniors and thirty seniors taking part. Many of the 3rd years hope to continue taking swimming as part of their President's Award during Transition Year.

For the first time the High School entered the Newpark Swimming Gala achieving a high standard at every age group. This event was the highlight of our swimming calendar this year, particularly since we were the overall winners of the competition.

Ms T Jones and Mr A Malin look forward to seeing continued high levels of participation next year.

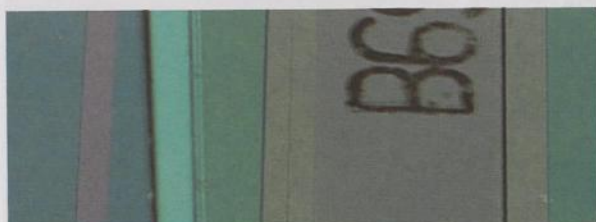


### 1st and 2nd Year Swimming

**Back Row:** Ms T Jones, Lorcan O'Byrne, John Hackett, Ann Barrett, Leeroy Turner, Naoise McTeirnan, Matthew Holder, Katherine Barrett, Niamh Murphy, Dyna Clegg, Jamie Ralph, Mr A Malin.

**Middle Row:** Conor Ryan, Sam Lunn, Brendan Murray-Byrne, Hannah Ridgeway, Aidan O'Byrne, Chloe Deacon, Siobhan McManus, Megan Kilpatrick, Laura Duggan, Ellen Baldwin, Ms E Lanigan.

**Front Row:** Anthony Manly, Daragh Kirwan, Eimear Ni Bhroin, Jennifer Long, Ciara Margolis, Nicole Connolly, Andrew Shaw, Oisín Keenan, Emily Atkinson, Ing-Mar Lim.





# COMPETITIVE SWIMMERS

In The High School there are many other sports in which students participate in outside school one of these being Competitive Swimming. There are many swimming clubs throughout Dublin and Ireland like Tempelogue Swimming Club, Glenalbyn Swimming Club, ESB Swimming Club and many more. There are pupils in High School who take this sport very seriously, training up to 18 hours a week. Competitive Swimming is not easy. Many of the competitive swimmers in the school are up at 5 am before school training preparing for big competitions throughout the year. There are main competitions which include the whole of Ireland such as Division 2, Division 1 and Nationals. Division 2 is the slowest and usually for the younger swimmers. Division 1 and Nationals are similar for the older swimmers. To get into these main competitions you have to make a qualifying time the times are made at smaller competitions specific to provinces such as Leinster age groups.

These swimmers train Morning and evening for fitness but swimming like this gives a great sense of achievement .As well as fitness this sport requires technique and skill something gained by a lot of commitment. There are a handful of competitive swimmers attending High School who achieve great success. Their names are listed below:

## First Years:

Lorcan O'Byrne.  
Dayna Clegg.

## Second Years:

Sam Lunn.  
John Martin.  
Niamh Murphy.

## Fourth Years:

Lisa Meehan.  
Dylan Farrell.  
Laura Martin.

## Fifth Years:

Kevin Smyth.  
Michael Gray.  
Charlotte Leonard Kane.

**Kevin Smyth, 5th Form**



## Competitive Swimming

**Back Row:** Niamh Murphy, Lisa Meehan, Kevin Smyth, Dylan Farrell, Lorcan O'Byrne.

**Front Row:** John Martin, Laura Martin, Dayna Clegg, Sam Lunn.





# TENNIS

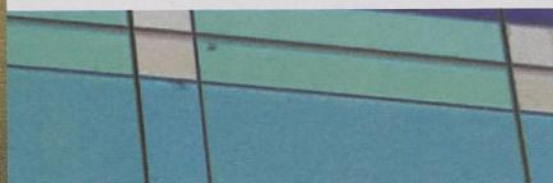


## SENIOR BOYS

This year's tennis team had a good season. The team played excellently and I would like to thank them for an enjoyable time and wish them the best of luck for next year.

Thanks also goes to Mr White and Mr McDonnell for their support, effort and coaching.

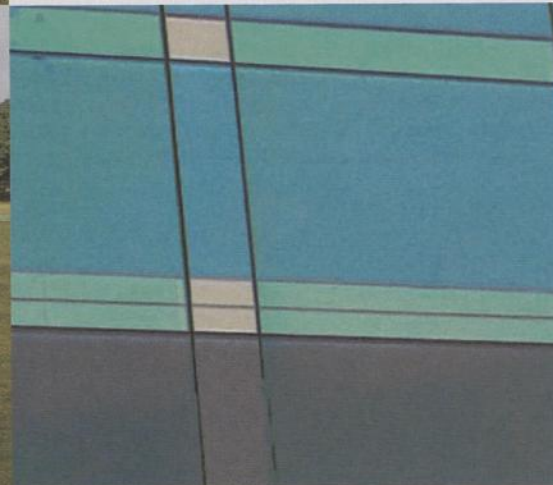
**Richy Harrison, 6th Form**



### Senior Boys Tennis

**Back Row:** Mr S McDonnell, Paul O'Kelly, Daniel James, Michael Adye-Curran, Mr R White.

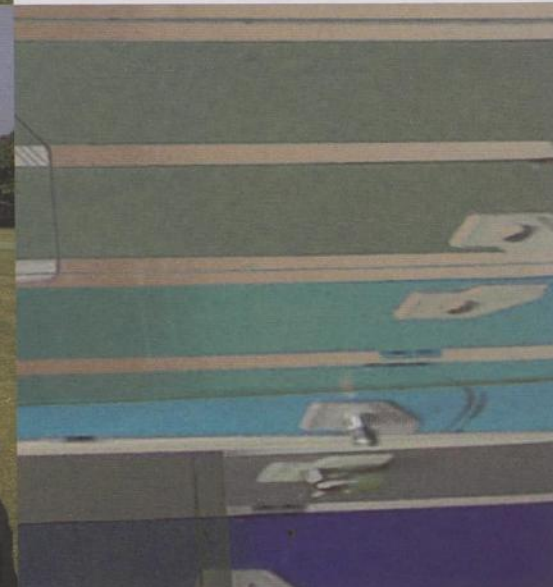
**Front Row:** Robbie McGuinness, Iain Irvine, Richy Harrison, Johnny Walker.



### Junior Boys Tennis

**Back Row:** Niall O'Leary, Mark O'Kelly, James Liddicoat, Andrew Donovan, John Hackett.

**Front Row:** Mr S McDonnell, Max Drakeford, Graham Campbell, Conor Ryan, Guy Prendergast, Stefano Fusciardi.



### Minor Boys Tennis

**Back Row:** Mr S McDonnell, Sam Lunn, Shane Smith, Padraig McDonagh Fox, Oisín Keenan.

**Front Row:** Sam Tracy-McGee, Gavin Campbell, Conor Ryan, John Hackett, Stefano Fusciardi.





#### Senior A Girls Tennis

**Back Row:** Tessa Meade, Linda Silke, Joan Somers Donnelly, Emily Kinlan.

**Front Row:** Ms S Jones, Amy Jones, Zoë O'Regan.



#### Senior B Girls Tennis

**Back Row:** Sarah Brennan, Susan Kinlan, Tiffany Coll, Tessa Meade.

**Front Row:** Ms S Jones, Olivia Ball, Hannah Choy-O'Byrne.

## SENIOR GIRLS

The tennis season was very short this year. Never the less the senior team played four league matches. The team members were Emily Kinlan, Linda Silke, Zoë O'Regan, Joan Somers Donnelly, Amy Jones and myself. We were put in a very tough group section but we were very enthusiastic and stuck it out.

I'd like to thank Ms S Jones and Ms Levis for organizing all the matches and for their support.

**Tessa Meade, 5th Form**



#### Junior A Girls Tennis

**Back Row:** Maeve Daly, Emily Dunleavy, Ella Scanlon.

**Front Row:** Ms S Jones, Karen Blennerhasset, Lauren Mc Garry, Jane Ward.



#### Minor A Girls Tennis

**Back Row:** Jessie Meeke, Lauren Walsh, Sophie Collins.

**Front Row:** Ms S Jones, Jennifer Rynne, Marianne McClaffery, Siobhan McManus.



#### Minor B Girls Tennis

**Back Row:** Amy O'Regan, Amber Graham, Tess Haines.

**Front Row:** Ms S Jones, Caoimhe Cassidy, Lauren Tully, Hayley Jackson.



# SCHOOL TROPHY WINNERS 2006-2007

## ATHLETICS

**Belgrave**  
**200 Metres - Senior Girls**  
*Valerie Sexton*

**Cornick**  
**400 Metres - Senior Boys**  
*Robbie Rath*

**Cunningham**  
**Points - Junior Boys**  
*Guy Prendergast*  
*Josh Wiler*

**Diocesan Staff**  
**Points - Intermediate Girls**  
*Susan McRann*

**Magill**  
**100 Metres - Junior Boys**  
*Robert Lowry Walsh*

**Mathers**  
**Points - Junior Girls**  
*Leanne McDonnell*

**Moore**  
**200 Metres - Senior Boys**  
*Robbie Rath*

**Pakenham Hamilton**  
**High Jump - Junior Girls**  
*Chloe McHugh*

**Parents' Association**  
**100 Metres- Senior Girls**  
*Valerie Sexton*

**Sloan**  
**Long Jump - Senior Boys**  
*Max Prendergast*

**Southam**  
**800 Metres - Senior Boys**  
*Max Prendergast*

**Taylor**  
**100 Metres - Senior Boys**  
*Robert Rath*

**Taylor**  
**Points - Senior Girls**  
*Ellen Ní Cleirigh*

**Travers**  
**High Jump - Senior Boys**  
*Darragh Sweetnam*  
*Conall Walsh*

**Walker**  
**1500 Metres - Senior Boys**  
*Gavin Sadlier*

**War Memorial**  
**Points - Senior Boys**  
*Robbie Rath*

## BADMINTON

**Factor**  
**Junior Boys**  
*Simon Jackson*

**Hennessey**  
**Senior Boys**  
*Toby Lyons*

**Junior Girls**  
*Sarah Lucas*

## CANOEING

**Broad Cup**  
**Form 1**  
*Jack McCabe*

**Canoeist of the Year**  
*Peter Hunt*

**Junior Liffey Cup**  
*Stephen Shaw*

## CRICKET

**Davies**  
**Second Eleven**  
*David Meade*

**Dawson**  
**Form 2-Boys**  
*Alan Hughes*

**de Vere Shortt**  
**Batting-Boys**  
*Kier Johnson*

**Hanly**  
**Fielding-Boys**  
*Alan Cairns*

## HOCKEY

**Neville Davin**  
**Senior Boys**  
*Max Prendergast*

**Diocesan**  
**Minor Girls**  
*Eve Roseingrave*

**Karen Eppel**  
**Sportmanship**  
*Jade Breen*

**Jean Scott**  
**Junior Girls**  
*Eva Nugent*

**Jean Scott**  
**Senior Girls**  
*Jessie Elliott*

## RUGBY

**Dawson**  
**Form 2**  
*Cillian McCann*

**de Vere Short**  
**Player of the Year**  
*Jonathan Sargeant*

**Turner**  
**Most Deserving Team**  
*Ciaran Collins (capt.)*

## SOCCER

**Shield**  
**League**  
*Marc Evans (capt.)*

## TABLE TENNIS

**Evans**  
*Sam Horgan*

## TENNIS

**Jagoe**  
**Junior Girls**  
*Amy Jones*

**Smith**  
**Senior Girls**  
*Karen Meade*

## SPORTS CAPTAINS

### 06-07

**Cricket - Boys**  
*Alan Cairns*

**Cricket - Girls**  
*Jade Breen*

**Tennis - Boys**  
*Richard Harrison*

**Tennis - Girls**  
*Annalise Murphy*

**Athletics - Boys**  
*Robert Rath*

**Athletics - Girls**  
*Leah Moore*

**Basketball- Boys**  
*Andrew Stevenson*

**Basketball - Girls**  
*Beth Kelly*

**Hockey - Boys**  
*Patrick O'Connor*

**Hockey - Girls**  
*Gemma McRann*

**Rugby**  
*Andrew Lohan*



# PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At the 64th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parents Association held on 1st October 2007, the following committee members were elected:

Brian Hunt (Secretary); Ken Farrell (Treasurer); Alan Browning (President); Angela Harding; Bernie Quirke; Eamon Flaherty; Eileen O'Driscoll; Lorraine Brunell; Peter Cabena; Peter Manly; and Sue Barber.

The past year has been a busy and eventful 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 on the benefits of this exercise.

- A talk for parents on 'Parenting the Challenges and the Rewards' was presented by John Lonergan, Governor of Mountjoy. A witty and informative insight into the subject was delivered by John.

- Mock interviews were organized for fifth year students in conjunction with Thelma Jones. 90% of the students 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 improve their technique were given to Ms Jones.

- The organisation of tickets and transport to a party in Old Wesley to celebrate the Junior Certificate results. A somewhat boisterous journey from the school to Old Wesley was undertaken by those members of the Parents Association who accompanied the students on the buses.

- Sixth Form party in Old Wesley on their graduation night.

- Organising the Parent/Teacher cricket match.

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 have had regular contact and input with the school on the introduction of defibrillators in the past year and I am glad to say that several are now in place in the school. We have also had regular liaisons with the school in relation to a memorial for Mark Cabena. I am delighted to say that several benches have been purchased for the school grounds and one will have a plaque in memory of Mark.

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 cost of the school orchestra's trip to Prague and subsidised 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, and the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Leslie Ruttle. This gave us the opportunity of exchanging views and information on matters such as healthy eating in the school, language exchanges, developments in technology and participation in school sports. We would like to thank both Brian and Leslie for their time which ensures us as parents are kept informed of school thinking and activities.

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. In particular I wish to thank Brian Hunt who has completed the maximum four year term on the committee. I would encourage all parents to attend our AGM and if anyone is interested in joining the committee please contact us through the website.

**Alan Browning**

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

### COMMITTEE 07/08

**Chairperson:** Alan Browning

**Hon. Secretary:** Brian Hunt

**Hon. Treasurer:** Ken Farrell

**Committee:**

Sue Barber,  
Peter Cabena,  
Eamon Flaherty,  
Angela Harding,  
Lorraine Kirwin,  
Peter Manly,  
Eileen O'Driscoll,  
Bernie Quirke.



# PAST PUPILS' UNION REPORT 07/08

We began our role as Joint Presidents of The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union at the AGM in May 2007 and, it has been both a privilege and a great honour to represent the PPU at various functions either in the School or elsewhere. We thoroughly enjoyed the 'year' and were very proud to wear the chains of office at these functions and to meet with the Presidents of other Past Pupils Unions, affectionately known as the 'Chain Gang'!

Our first pleasant task as Joint Presidents was to host the annual Mid Summer BBQ in the Cricket Pavilion. This proved to be a most enjoyable night with a great turnout of past pupils and friends – the weather was a little unkind but failed to dampen the fine fare that was on offer!!

The annual Golf Outing took place in the Grange Golf Club in September and our thanks to Brian Priestman as usual for co-ordinating the day. The OBU Cup (and Presidents Prize) was retained by Stuart McCreedy.

A new event to the PPU calendar was held in November in the form of an informal Past Pupils' Re-Union in Old Wesley Rugby Club. Those who were in attendance enjoyed the good food and company and hopefully a similar evening will take place again in the future.

In December, a group of loyal supporters of the PPU sang Christmas Carols for residents of the Orwell Nursing Home in Rathgar. Our visit was as usual greatly appreciated and we wish to thank Ethni Seymour and Ruth Farrell for their assistance.

The 2008 Mens' Dinner was held in the School on Saturday January 26th and as ever, was a resounding success and booked out well in advance. The toast to the guests was proposed by Peter Boyle and ably replied to by John West. Unfortunately Mr Duffy was unable to attend due to illness and at the last moment, Robin Miller kindly stepped in and spoke on behalf of the School. Robin's son Jonny organised a very enjoyable evening and as he steps down as the Hon. Mens Dinner Secretary, we salute and thank him for all his unseen work over many years.

Our fund raising event was in memory of Mark Cabena and Rory O'Connor and took place in February in the form of Wine Tasting and a Silent Auction. This was a fantastic evening, numbers were high, auction items were in abundance and the monies raised exceeded our expectations. Almost €3,000 was received and divided equally between Multiple Sclerosis and The Irish Heart Foundation. Thanks must go to those Members who contributed to the event and to Henry Anderson for providing the wine and entertainment.

The Sportsman's Service in March, organised by Bryan Wilkinson, was as usual a success with a full turn out.

The 2008 Ladies' Dinner took place on Friday April 11th in the Royal St George Yacht Club. It was a most enjoyable and memorable night and we were delighted to welcome Liz Quin as



**PPU Presidents:**  
Carole Bardon  
and Wayne  
Sheridan.

our guest speaker. Liz is one half of the successful fashion design partnership of Quin & Donnelly and also a Past Pupil of Diocesan. Special thanks to Alison Hunt for her help in making it a successful night and also for her contribution over the years as she 'retires'.

As our term of office has now drawn to an end, we would particularly like to thank our fellow Committee Members for all their help and support in making our 'year' so enjoyable and wish our successors, Joan and Philip a very successful 'year', knowing that they will enjoy it as much as we did.

**Carole Bardon**  
**Wayne Sheridan**  
**Joint Presidents 2007/08**

## PAST PUPILS COMMITTEE 07/08

**Patron**  
Harry Booker

**Joint Presidents**  
Carole Bardon  
Wayne Sheridan

**Joint Past Presidents**  
Avril Poff  
Brian Priestman

**Joint Presidents Elect**  
Joan Love  
Phillip Orr

**Vice President**  
The Headmaster

**Honorary Secretary**  
Julie Dowling  
dowling.julie@gmail.com

**Honorary Treasurer**  
Stephen Brown

**Honorary Membership Secretary**  
John Lundberg

**Committee Members**  
Ross Ardill,  
Sandra Byrne,  
Janet Cruickshank,  
Linda O'Connor,  
Alan Osborne,  
David Pierce,  
Jeff Ryan.



Barman, Brian Priestman.



Wayne Sheridan  
and Carole Bardon.



Willie Campbell  
and Wayne  
Sheridan.



Alan Osbourne  
and Julie Dowling.



Sally Campbell,  
Sandra Byrne  
and Hilary  
MacDonald.



David Mayrs and  
The Rev. Ernon Perdue,  
Class of 1948 Reunion!



# LADIES' DINNER

Carole Bardon,  
Joint President  
2007/08  
Liz Quin, Guest  
Speaker.



Gill Reynolds  
and Sandra Watkins.



Audrey Orr  
and Vic Large.



Above: Linda O'Connor, Past Joint President, Joan Love,  
Incoming Joint President, Carole Bardon, Joint President 07/08  
and Avril Poff, Past Joint President.

Patrica Graham, High School  
Carole Bardon, Joint President  
07/08 Liz Quin, Guest Speaker.



Above: Wendy Porter, President, Alexandra Guild  
Sally Walker, representing the Associated Schools Union  
and Valerie Sexton, Head Girl in High School.



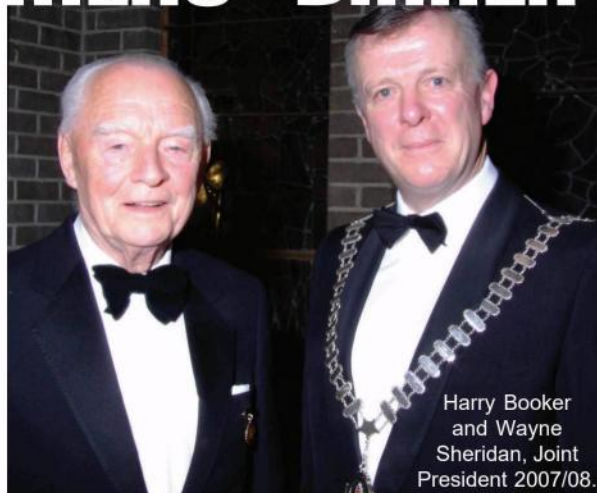
Daphne Bell, Barbara Strong and Hilary Robinson.





# MENS' DINNER

Robin Miller  
and Wayne Sheridan,  
Joint President 2007/08.



Harry Booker  
and Wayne Sheridan, Joint  
President 2007/08.



Wayne Sheridan,  
Joint President 2007/08  
and Albert Rance.



Glenn Sheridan  
and Wayne Sheridan,  
Joint President 2007/08.



Harry Booker, Peter Boyle, Wayne Sheridan, Joint President 2007/08,  
John West, Guest Speaker, and Jonny Miller.



# DEBS 2007

It seems like years ago that we all elegantly traversed the front steps of High School on the night of our Debs, October 3rd 2007. After a glass of wine, or two, and some tasty Butler's chocolates, we bid everyone farewell, class rings donned and headed off to Dunboyne Castle Hotel for a long and crazy night... When we arrived in Dunboyne, we wolfed down a scrumptious 3 course meal before hitting the dance floor where the hotel's band got everybody moving with some classic tunes like 'Dancing Queen' and 'I'm A Believer'. We then migrated downstairs to the hotel's late night venue for some karaoke where Sean Nicholson and friends serenaded us with some Shania Twain, and some really classy ladies covered 'The Bad Touch' (with dance moves of course). The rest is history... DJ, breakfast rolls, chanting, milk, hula hoops and the irreplaceable feeling of being a part of the High School class of 2007!

Many thanks to Dunboyne Castle Hotel and Dave Lane for being absolutely top-notch; our fantastic year head Mr Gill and all the teachers that came out with us to see off our school years in style, and all of them who couldn't; to the whole debs committee, especially Johnny and Cat; all the parents who helped out on the night; T J Faye the photographer and our reliable rings guy!

**Jessie Elliott**



Above: Katie Marconi and Mr C Flynn.  
Above left: Max Lane and friends.  
Left: Robbie Bannister.  
Below: Katibeth Rendek, Jamie Levine, Clare Fergus and Julie Kavanagh.



## OBITUARY SIR DAVID ORR 1922-2008

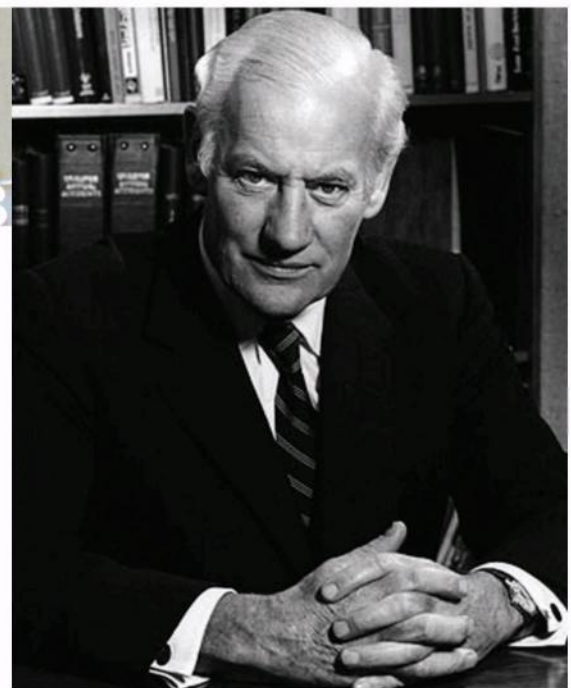
David Orr was born in Dalkey on the 10th May 1922. He won a scholarship to High School and went on to read classics at Trinity College, where he was a champion boxer as well as a captain of rugby. He went on to play rugby for London Irish, captaining the club from 1951 - 52 and also had a trial for Ireland.

He then went on to serve with Queen Victoria's Own Madras Sappers and Miners during the reconquest of Burma in 1944-45; his brave actions earning him two Military Crosses.

After demobilization in 1946 he returned to Trinity to complete a degree in Law. He contemplated a career in the Colonial Service but instead joined Unilever (a major manufacturer of food and personal products including Dove soap) as a graduate trainee. He was posted to the group's Indian subsidiary, Hindustan Lever, and spent five years there.

He was knighted in 1977 and was appointed Commander of the Dutch Order of Orange Nassau in 1979. After his retirement from Unilever in 1982 his skills were very widely in demand elsewhere – not least because, as a non-executive director, he tended to demand straight answers from management rather than rubber stamping their decisions.

He was Chairman of the British Council from 1985 to 1992 and travelled extensively to assist in the spreading of British cultural influence abroad. In 1982 he was asked to take part in the development of the Globe Theatre. As chairman of the Globe Theatre Trust for a decade, Orr was a calming influence on Sam Wanamaker,



the project's mercurial driving force, and a highly effective fund-raiser during repeated financial crises. The building was completed, to acclaim, in 1997.

Sir David loved poetry, parties and good jokes. He married in 1949 to Phoebe Davis, with whom he had three daughters.

He passed away on the 2nd February, 2008, aged 85.



The past year has seen a typical flow of queries into the Archive from an array of people and places. We have had many enquires about Past Pupils from High School as well as the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls. Other schools once run by the Trust have also generated queries like Galway, Tipperary, Drogheda Grammar Schools and some of the primary schools set up by the Trust known as English Schools. There were several donations during the year, including a Roll Book from Galway Grammar School and some interesting documents from Past Pupil Michael Richardson (1949-59) which included a hand written transcript of Headmaster John Thompson's retirement speech from 1928.

We also had various scholars visiting who were conducting research into educational history. One such from the UK was keen to see an ornate Certificate issued in gratitude from Trinity College when the Trust purchased the Fagel collection of books from the Netherlands which arrived into their collections in 1802. A Symposium was held in Trinity College in September 09 bringing together many scholars to discuss the history surrounding this unique collection and open up further avenues for research.

A complex series of political events and connections resulted in the Erasmus Smith Trust providing just under £10,000 for the purchase of the Fagel Library. These were discussed over three particular presentations which helped shed some light on how this donation emerged in 1798. Henrick Fagel was a high ranking political figure of the time and his family had held the position of Greffier for several generations. The Fagel library was used within this position which spanned many aspects of government administration.

He fled to London after the French invasion in the 1790s he was assisted by several individuals including John Foster, Speaker of the Irish House of Commons. As Erasmus Smith Trust Board meetings were held in College Green at that time and Provost of Trinity was on the Board of Governors, various speakers suggested he sold his family collection of books to re-establish his life in England where he later served as the Dutch Ambassador to the UK. The Governors of the Erasmus Smith Trust made this extraordinary

gesture of financial support to Trinity and Fagel as they would have been in opposition to the Revolutionary movements sweeping Europe at the time.

The Fagel Collection in Trinity is of much interest to Dutch scholars as it is one of the few remaining complete libraries from the time. For Trinity it increased their holdings by 40%, transforming the content of a university library that had until then been dominated by theology. The newly acquired holdings were particularly strong in such areas as history, politics, law, belles lettres, geography, cartography (everything from cosmography to manuscript plans of dyke systems), natural history and philosophy.

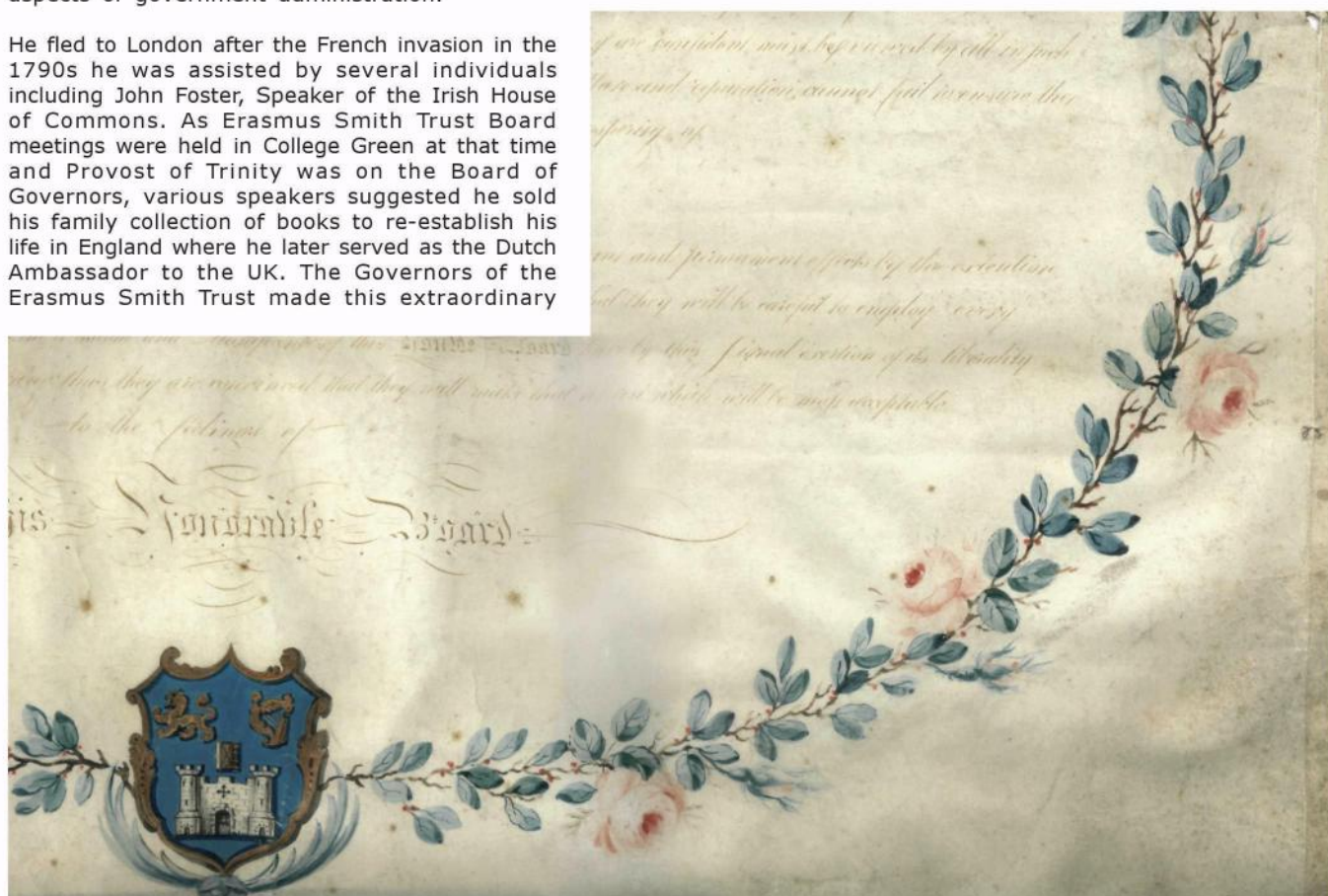
The Symposium was a fascinating insight into the early workings of the Trust as very little was known about the nature of this significant donation and purchase before. It will hopefully encourage wider European collaboration and research into the collection which has never been fully catalogued or made available to the public or research community. An exhibition of botanical illustrations call "Nature's Bounty" is being held in the Long Room of Trinity College Library which displays many fine examples of books from the Fagel Collection which runs until December 2008.

**Alan Phelan, Archivist**

## Errata

In last year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times Archives section on page 132, the caption incorrectly named Dr KHM Young as JH Long. Apologies for the error.

Below: a section of the richly illustrated Certificate from the Provost, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College regarding the purchase the Library of the Greffier Fagel of the Hague, by the Board of Governors of the Schools founded by Erasmus Smith Esq. The document is undated and is a long thank you the Board of Governors for their "Liberal Patronage" in the "Purchase of the Library of the/ Greffier Fagel/ A Library which is sincerely [?] equalled by any private collection in Europe, in the number, the Selection, and the importance of the works which/ it contains".





# DANUM



'Danum' under construction during 1904-05.



A hackney cab, of the horse variety, leaving the house.

A full boat probably on the lake which was once in an old quarry which has long been filled in.



These pages show photographs from an album owned by the Johnson family who are related to the Bewley family who once lived at 'Danum'. The Johnsons live in the former Mill building, now called 'The Barn', which is located on the edge of the school property above the basketball courts. We are most grateful to the family for their permission in reproducing these fascinating images. Steffi Johnson (Ernest Bewley's great grand daughter is starting at the High School this year).

Left and right:  
The original house that was located on the 'Danum' estate. The house was demolished during the construction of the present school buildings in the 1970s.



*Danum during building - 1904-1905.*



The Barn on Orwell Road near the basketball courts.



Above: View from the Barn drawing room onto what are now the basketball courts.



The Barn building.





1936



1933



1935

Above and left: Prize cows in the fields and being lead out from the cowshed which is now the dressing rooms beside the caretaker's house.

Above right: This picture shows Susan Bewley, wife of Ernest Bewley.

The Bewley family are best known for their many cafés around Dublin City and their notable charity work. The High School used the grounds for sports many years before finally purchasing the grounds for the new school buildings which replaced the Harcourt Street premises.

Below: Some family members in sports gear beside the house where there was a lawn tennis court and croquet lawn. These include Harold Johnson on the left and Doris Johnson (née Bewley) - Peter's mother, who is still very much alive!

Below: This picture shows Victor Bewley with his chrysanthemums in the glasshouses at 'Danum' 1935, grown for a Garden Show.



Edward & Phillis Bewley and family 1936.

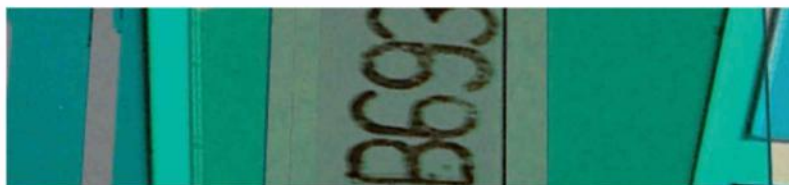


# RATHMINES ARTS FESTIVAL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

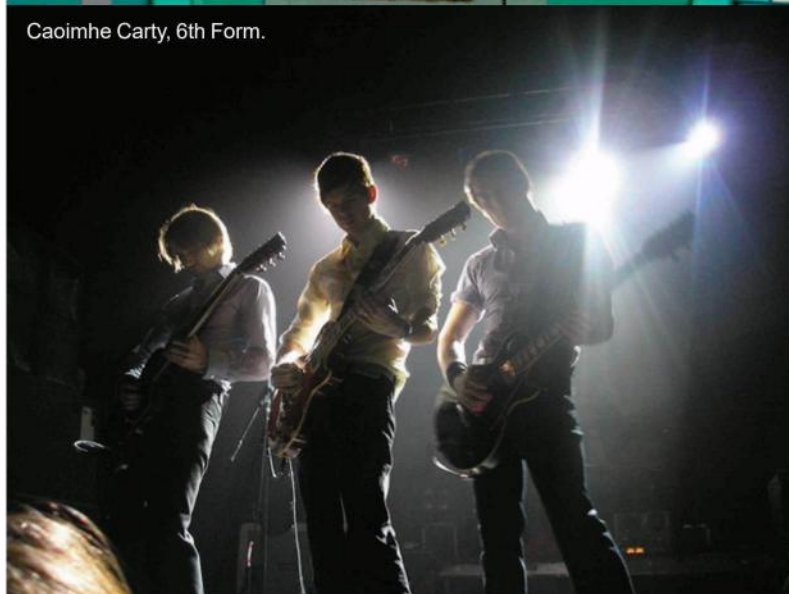
A number of High School students entered the Rathmines Arts Festival Photography Competition which was open to local schools. Congratulations to Donal Moran, Form 6 (right), who was one of the prize winners. The other entries are shown below.



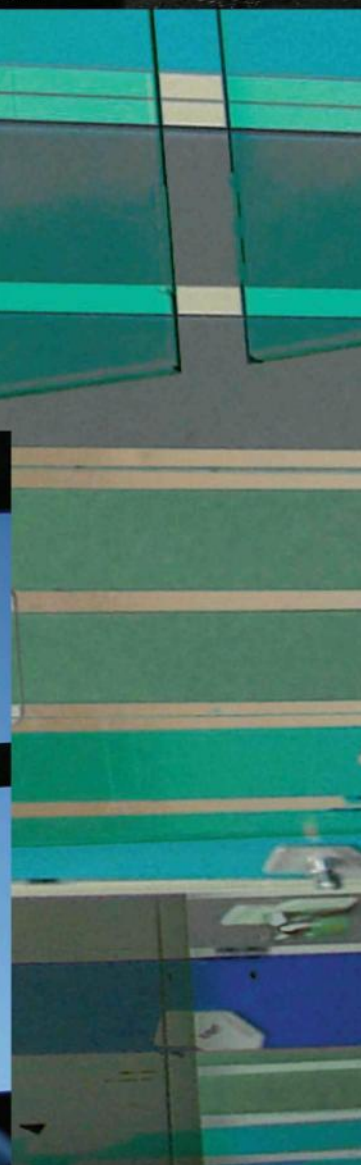
Donal Moran, 6th Form.



Caoimhe Carty, 6th Form.



Archie Heaslip, 4th Form





# EDITORIAL TEAM 2007



Aoife! What a corny photo.



When he's not designing covers, Daragh likes experimenting with hats.



A spoonful of Debbie.



Gill: away with the fairies.



Our pimpin' editor, Jack.



There's only room for one Jack on this page... hang on!



Johnny, up to his neck in (p)articles.



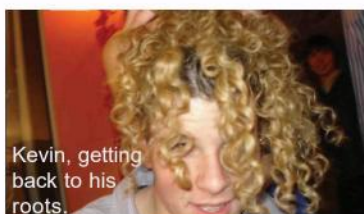
Daydream Believer (Jane).



Joan really helped get the yearbook off the ground.



Ms Watson horsing around.



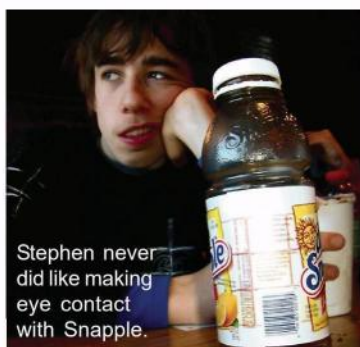
Kevin, getting back to his roots.



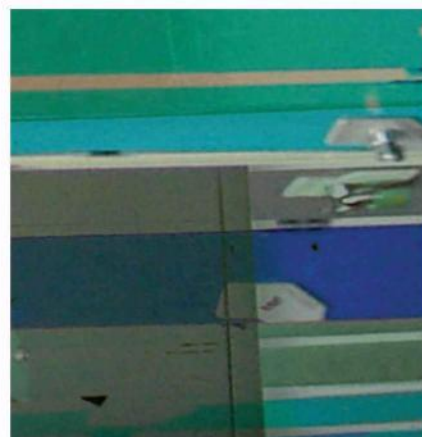
Matthew Captain Caption.



Awww Rory's so cute.



Stephen never did like making eye contact with Snapple.





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