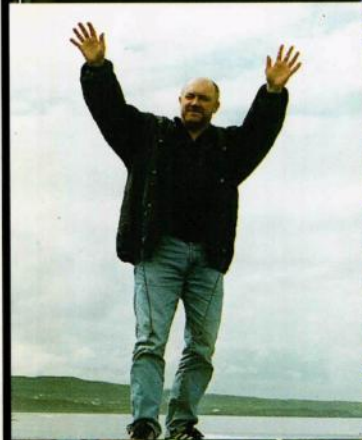


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The Erasmian & Diocesan Times is produced entirely by pupils of the school. All members of the production team are involved in collecting and typing the articles, many of which they research and write themselves. They also scan all the photographs, (well over 200 in this year's publication), using the computer room facilities.

Debbie Walker and Ellie Fry acted as co-editors and, assisted by Kara Cramp, were the main organisers of the team this year. Clare O'Connor organised the front cover competition. Johnny Ellis concentrated on extracting sports reports from team captains. James Murphy undertook the laborious task of scanning and naming all the class photos. Jane Wardrop and Jennie Rath compiled the Valette. Carrie Gray and Andrew Laughlin helped with interviews and typing. Shirley Beattie compiled the 'Day in the Life' photo pages and interviewed the new teachers.

The team worked well together and each member of the team showed a high level of commitment to the project which involved many hours of work after school and at weekends. On behalf of the team I would like to give special thanks to Kirsty Forbes, Mr. Hilliard, George Keegan, Mrs. Keogh, Mr. R. Miller, Mrs. Milne, Sarge, Rachel Sirr, and to all the pupils, teachers, parents and others who helped in producing the Yearbook.

I hope that everyone will enjoy reading this year's *Erasmian*.

-Tim Gill
Production co-ordinator

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Editorial

"What is education?" The child-like artlessness of such a question, and the deceptively simplistic outlook from which it seems to stem, are enough to take one unawares, thus preventing a straightforward answer and perhaps even inducing in us a few ripples of unease. It is the folly of a child – and paradoxically, the mark of the truly rational adult – to strive for answers to even the most awkward, daring and unconventional of questions. A far richer paradox lies in the fact that it is unquestionably education itself that unequivocally demands the probing of hidden depths, a voyage, which has, as its fundamental aim, the quest for truth.

How then, for easy reference, could we attempt to define education in light of our experiences at The High School? Happily, the daunting nature of such a task is dispelled by the conveniently opportune disclosure by the School of its Mission Statement: "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."

The italics are mine, to highlight the honourable and admirable goals of education which soar far higher on the scale of worthiness than the sordid scramble for points to which society at large, in an ever-proliferating degree, gives precedence. And it is for this reason that the Grind Schools, and any such institution which belittles and undermines human and spiritual development for the sake of fact-pounding and exam-cramming, cannot satisfy the needs of those who hunger for the evolution of individuality. The great need for such an objective in education has become acutely apparent in recent years, with the sprouting up of more and more 'results factories', churning out students like pressed mints spewed through a processing plant. Set against the disconcerting background of an increasingly shrill and sterile world, where the sac-

rosanct sphere of education is moulded into a marketplace commodity, an educational body which determines to entrust itself with the spiritual and moral development of its charges is as welcome as it is requisite. But what do such declarations actually signify for the average High School pupil, and how do they manifest themselves in our everyday life as a growing community?

At the heart of every genuinely liberal pursuit of education lies the willingness to approach positively the challenges that lie ahead. Failure to confront the unknown with both a zealous enthusiasm and a committed determination to seek objectivity must automatically render the purpose of such an undertaking defunct and void. What strikes one almost immediately on consideration of a typical day at The High School is the sheer myriad of challenges posed to students and staff alike in every conceivable pursuit. Permeating every corner of our charged calendars is a demand for our cogitative responses, as individuals and as a community, to frequently taxing and onerous situations. Like every other school, we must naturally enable ourselves to cope with the tasks and tests intrinsic in our examinations. And such endeavours are both healthy and sensible. But when a school like ours seeks to achieve more for its pupils than the mastery of exams and marking schemes and essays and past papers, other issues must come into play. Striving to imbue its students with such rectitudes as tolerance and understanding, our school must consequently prepare to encounter far more alarming and serious situations. Because along with any search for veracious human development come responsibilities. Moral ones. Since the last edition of this yearbook, the people of our nation have been inundated to the point of suffocation with an ever-swell-ing spiral of controversy, polemics and disputation. Amidst all the deluge of tribunals, peace talks and sex scandals, there really has been something for everyone! But, undoubtedly, the most pressing question of the past few months has been an attempt to evaluate our national perception of other cultures. The complicated and inflammatory debate on immigrants in Ireland, which has culminated in much bitterness and suffering, is an issue which any community seeking justice and awareness must address.

In the middle of last summer, the country was plunged into what was commonly known as the 'refugee crisis'. There was much heated debate on radio and television, as daily news bulletins chronicled the seemingly unexpected arrival of "large groups of refugees" on our shores. Church leaders lost no time in addressing the issue of asylum-seekers' rights and, conversely, our responsibilities – how we, as a wealthy nation, had a duty to implement and enforce those rights. Shortly after we began the new school year in September, officials of the Department of Justice announced that the application for asylum of 47 Romanian refugees had been processed with unusual alacrity. Just like many other asylum seekers, these refugees had travelled to Ireland concealed in a container on a ferry from Cherbourg. It soon transpired that

their applications were rejected; they had two weeks to appeal and if rejected, as is the norm, then two weeks to flee the country, like hunted animals. Catching a glimpse of the fate of such unfortunates as we zap through our unlimited range of television channels, or reading of such an occurrence in one of the thousands of newspaper articles written about refugees, one couldn't help deliberating on the gaping chasm that exists between Irish people and those who inhabit less fortunate countries, plagued with war and living in fear. These last three words are of paramount importance, as it is all too easy for us to forget, or simply ignore the fact that, for so many people, life is nothing more than a terrifying nightmare with no wake-up call to assuage the fear. The ridiculously hyperbolic language used in the press in relation to refugees - with "floods" and "masses" describing the arrival of about a dozen people, perhaps less - is conveniently contrived for use by those eager to whip up a wave of anti-immigrant feeling, and it thus fails to allow us to consider the individuals behind the generalisations. Because behind all language of persuasion and bias there are individuals - men, women and children - living in fear. As a well-off, affluent nation, it is now no more than our duty to reach out a helping hand to those human beings who are identical to us, who share the universe with us, who see, who feel, who hear, who think, who laugh, who cry, who suffer - "If you prick us, do we not bleed?"

Of course it's true that we have our own poor too, and it is utterly shameful to think that, for such a thriving nation, there still exist people who must sleep in doorways and lie in gutters, people over whom the Celtic Tiger so indiscriminately tramples. But the argument

that we must help our own poor first is a dangerously lazy and facile one, valuing, as it clearly does, one human life over another. History teaches us that the immigrants have not caused or increased Irish poverty; rather, our under-classes have existed because we have allowed them to exist, because those with power and status and authority have never bothered to share or care enough to make a difference. Above all else, the wrangling altercation about refugees has starkly clarified the reality that Ireland is still the 'Land of the Hundred Thousand Welcomes' - as long as you are legal and once you're not lonely, afraid, victimised or in need of food, shelter, love, protection, care.

These are harsh realities, and they don't make for apt blurbs in our diverting Wednesday-morning newsletter, but they are the issues around which any searching and open-minded community must revolve. It is not in the power of any institution, let alone a school so large as ours, to dictate the moral codes of those within its reach. Such militant brainwashing is indeed completely at variance with any liberal community. But we are all creatures of the world we happen to inhabit, and our outlook is conditioned by its assumptions, beliefs, values and ethics. And we must be grateful that our school community is so tolerant. With a broad blend of different religions, backgrounds and beliefs, one naturally learns the benefits of tolerance and sees the advantages of co-operation in action. Much more, however, remains to be done. If we, as students, are to equip ourselves with the abilities to be tolerant and understanding individuals in society, not just to immigrants but to all around us, then we must actively respond to the challenges presented to us on a daily basis by the voyage of education. In order to earn the liberality and generosity of mind native to thinking, responsible human beings, we must be able to justify our actions and consider the needs, the circumstances, the weaknesses and the misgivings of those around us.

"The past", as Marc Bloch has pointed out, "is by definition a fact that nothing can modify". The tragedies of the past, the atrocities of history, are painful warnings - and indeed, living proof - of the dangers of intolerance and apathy. The present, in all its nebulous uncertainty and confusion, is unfolding itself before our eyes. But one thing is certain: the future lies ahead. It is now left to us, the newly educated generation, to determine whether or not the course of history is to remain unchanged.

-Des Ryan, 5th

Special Features

Albert Coss – Ireland's Only Living Veteran of WWI

In January 1915, fifteen-year-old Albert Coss passed an army recruiting office while delivering a message for the firm he was working for. Noticing the plea for recruits, he entered and was swiftly sent back out again for being three years under the legal age. Immediately, he re-entered, claimed he was nineteen and found himself on a train to London the following month. After three months of training there and then further training in France, he was sent to the trenches with a train full of other soldiers. He was now part of the 13th Battalion of the King's Royal Rifles. It was en route to the front line that he became aware of the realities of war. They passed a field full of 'sleeping' soldiers. He inquired about them and learned that they were, in fact, dead.

The trenches were 'shocking', but Albert got used to them. Rats were rampant and sometimes as large as cats, while the lice were a major problem. Water flooded them, often waist-high, and the ground was covered in shell-holes, which supplied occasions to laugh as the soldiers fell in. The food consisted of hard biscuits and 'bully beef'. On rare occasions, depending on the supply, they received bread. In their free time they played cards, betting their cigarettes, which were rationed, instead of money.

Albert was unique in the fact that he was the only Jew, at least in his trench. When the men filed out to their services on Sundays he was left to do some cleaning. Soon he was bored of this so he began attending the different meetings, alternating each week, or just according to his preference.

One day, about a year after his arrival, he was summoned into the office. Having discovered his true age through a letter from his father, the authorities were sending him home.

Before a month was through, he had re-enlisted and was back on the front line. This time he was part of a Flying Battery Column and so went wherever he was



Albert Coss with pupils from fifth & sixth year

needed. He was trained to manage the horses, delivering food to the various trenches and being available for transport. If a deadly chlorine gas bomb landed in his vicinity he had to put the gas masks on his horses before he helped himself. Occasionally, en route to a certain destination, the wheels of his wagon would be bumping over the fields. The cause of this turned out to be dead soldiers.

Albert saw the joyous ending of the 'war to end all wars' (which claimed over 13 million lives) and celebrated in Belgium. He remained in the army for three years after the war's end.

In November of 1998, I was among a group of history students from High School who had the opportunity to interview Ireland's only surviving soldier from WW1, Mr. Coss, who is actually Mr. Davies' great-uncle. It was only this year, almost 81 years after the war's end, that Mr. Coss received his war medals. I felt privileged to have the opportunity and was glad I availed of it. It was a unique experience coming face-to-face with a man to whom the First World War isn't just words and images in a history book.

Thank you very much to Ms. Graham and Mr. Davies, who organised the interview and especially to Mr. Coss for sharing his memories with us.

-Debbie Walker, 5th

Daniel Vard

Daniel Vard, aged 15, has been playing golf for 3 years. He was introduced to golf as his father's caddy from when he was 10 until he was 12. He was then allowed to play for himself. A member of the Edmondstown Golf Club, Daniel has been getting group lessons with 10 or 12 other young players. Every Sunday, at his club, there is a competition for men, in which almost 120 take part. For a year and a half, Daniel has been participating in these weekly competitions, along with only one other minor. Last year Daniel won the competition four times, which was more than any other player. He was also the youngest ever to win his club's 'Player of the Year' award. There are two major competitions that minors aren't allowed to win: the Captain's and the President's Prize. Last year Daniel came first place in the President's competition, defeating all the men in the club, so they gave him the 3rd place prize!

At the moment Daniel's handicap is 12, the same as his Dad's. If, in three years time, he tries for the Leinster U-18s, the only team for young players, his handicap will have to be as low as 5. He is part of a training panel which is preparing young players for the U-18s Leinster team.



Daniel receiving his 'Player of the Year' award

Due to his impending Junior Certificate exams, Daniel's golf has been put on hold. Generally during the year he plays once or twice a week, and about 5 times a week during the summer but fourth year will provide a good opportunity to get back into the swing of it and to seriously improve his golf. He hopes to get private lessons and have lowered his handicap to his target of 8 by the end of the year.

From Ireland there are only 3 or 4 professionals who survive off money from touring as it is extremely hard to win enough to live on. In light of this Daniel can't see himself going professional when he is older but will probably take part in amateur competitions, such as the Walker Cup. Whether Daniel goes pro or not, it is obvious that, because of his personality, talent and drive! he will go far in life.

- Debbie Walker, 5th

Interpros

Kara Cramp - 'Trampy'!!

When did you start playing cricket?

I've been playing in my back garden with my brothers since I could pick up a bat but I only started to play at club level when I was in first year, in 1994.

What club do you play for?

The best in the country! Leinster C.C.

Why did you start playing cricket?

My family has influenced me into playing, I suppose, but I've always really enjoyed watching and playing the game.

When did you gain your first interpro status?

When I was 14 for U-15 Leinster. I have also played for Leinster at U-19 level and at Junior Ladies Leinster. Currently I am part of the Irish Ladies Development squad.

Have you achieved captaincy at any stage?

Yes, I captained in my club at U-15's.

What are your best figures?

Batting: 82 n.o.

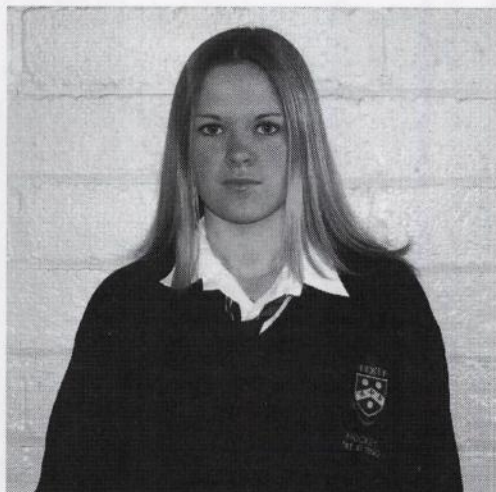
Bowling: 5 wickets
8 runs
5 overs.

What number bat suits you best?

Number 3; as it suits my 'tonking' style of batting. Though I also open much of the time.

Do you play alongside any other family members?

I have played with my younger sister Emma and let's just say there wasn't too much sisterly love flying about the place!!!!



Kara Cramp

Do your other sports come through in your cricket game?

I'm really sporty so this helps me to build up my strength and fitness. And as Susan Gray and Louise Foley will know well my cricket swing or should we say 'chop' definitely comes through on the hockey pitch.

Are you a devoted cricketer?

I usually am. But the game doesn't seem to appeal to me like it used to.

Do you think women are having a fair chance in the cricket world?

Well, it's hard for women to achieve what they really want to in a mainly male dominated game. Women's cricket is growing, but for real development you would have to seek it abroad.

How would you try to influence younger girls to start to play cricket?

It has to be made fun for the girls and it has to come across as an enjoyable sport, through the coaching methods. Just have a go and you'll be surprised how it's not as boring as you first thought!!

Who's your favourite player(s)?

Brian Lara and Mark Ramprakash.

Do you see your cricket career improving?

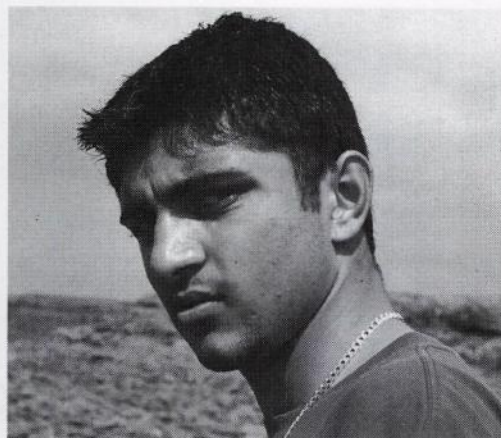
I hope so. My only wish now is to play for Ireland in the near future.

Imran Masood - 'Imy'

When I asked Imran Masood who his most admired cricketer was, he replied, "Alf Masood, my father." Imran says that cricket has always been a "family sport". His father was an international player for Pakistan at U-19 and U-23. Imran started playing cricket in 1985 at the age of four and has been playing for Phoenix Cricket Club ever since as well as representing High School.

Imran first achieved Interprovincial status at U-13 level in 1995 and in 1997 he represented Ireland at U-15 level and went on a tour of Wales which he says was a "great experience". He says that being an International is a brilliant feeling. "I am very proud to represent my country, but I worked hard to get there, and people expect a lot from me, but it was worth it." Although he has not yet achieved captaincy he claims to have played "many influential support roles to captains". Imran considers batting to be his strong point and likes to be number 1/3, his best result is 110 n.o. against King's Hospital while his best bowling statistics are 9-29-11 in the J.C.T. cup against Wesley. As well as playing cricket Imran plays rugby for the school and is glad that he doesn't have to choose between them as they are played in different seasons. "Rugby gives a physical buzz, whereas cricket is a strenuous mental game. You must have a good knowledge of the game, know where to put the ball, and also how to set your field etc. but it should also be played aggressively." His fondest memory of a cricket game was the final of the J.C.T. against Wesley. "It was different to a club match, but it was great as it was a rival school and I was surrounded by my friends."

Imran thinks that cricket is not being promoted well enough for young players to be able to reach the top. "They should be sent away like in rugby and soccer, so that their skills



Imran Masood

can develop. More pros should be brought in to try and improve and encourage the standards of cricket, so that they can play at a higher intensity."

So, there is not much opportunity in Ireland for improving a cricket career and Imran would consider going abroad but still hopes to be playing for Ireland (men's) by 2002.

When Imran was younger he used to pressurise himself and get annoyed with both himself and others over a bad game. "But cricket," he says, "like everything, is a continual learning process."

-Kara Cramp, 5th

Greg O'Meara - "Gommer"



Greg O'Meara

Greg is both a cricket and hockey interprovincial. He has been influenced by his father to play since he was six years old in Railway Union C.C. He first became an interpro in 1995 for U-15 Leinster. Cricket tends to create a way for Greg to meet new people, which he loves doing. He also played for Irish schools and U-17 Ireland, who went to Somerset last season.

His best figures to date are;

Bowling: 8 overs.
8 maidens
5 wickets.

Batting: 81 not out, at U-18's.

Choosing between rugby and cricket for Greg would most likely leave cricket pipping rugby to the post! Though he thinks his physical size from rugby helps in his cricket game.

"There's often a bit of abuse flying, need I say more", was how Greg described playing alongside family members. Greg is a devoted player, though he tends to build himself up a lot and finds it very hard to bring himself back down mentally, he thinks he never really has!

To play for Ireland would be his wish for furthering his career. However, cricket might take Greg abroad to England in the future "As I'd love the life as a pro' there" he added; if he was to play professionally given the chance.

-Kara Cramp, 5th

Jonathan Dunn - Rally Driver



Jonathan Dunn

For as long as Jonathan Dunn can remember rallying has been in his family. When Jonathan turned 16 he began grass-tracking in a Talbot Samba 1400cc with 125 bhp. When asked why he started rallying Jonathan replied, "My dad, taking part in it for years, gave me the feeling for it." Jonathan progressed on to kart racing and after successfully passing his driving test he got his competition licence. Jonathan only turned 18 this year, and has already been in two rallies, Kildare and Clonee. In Kildare his car quit half-way through, but in Clonee, Jonathan achieved a remarkable result of finishing third.

The cost of rallying can be extremely expensive. Jonathan reckoned it was about £2,500 for a good car but if you have contacts it is much cheaper. Rally insurance costs £45 per night and tyres are around £80. Joining a club costs between £15 to £20, but being in a club will get you started off in the area that you want to get involved in - either navigating or driving.

At the moment Jonathan drives a Peugeot 205 GTI 1.9 160 bhp and when I asked is it a dangerous sport he replied "Yes, if the navigator makes a mistake and you have to make up time to get to the next point so that you are not penalised".

Jonathan's role models are Tommi Makin (1998 World Rally Champion) and his Dad, who he has looked up to for years. Jonathan's main ambitions are to do a few tarmac events and hopefully be spotted and go over to England.

Jonathan's main advice to any budding rally champion is to "Join a club, go to navigation classes in R.I.A.C. in Dawson Street and above all make sure you are having fun."

-Jonathan Ellis, 5th

High School Wrestler takes the Gold



Adam Leahy throwing Sean O'hEigartaigh

Fifteen year old Adam Leahy, of Form 3, has recently earned the title "All Ireland Wrestling Champion" in the Under 18s' category. Adam studied karate for four years, and reached his third brown in that time. However, as he wanted to participate in more competitions and tournaments, he subsequently gave up karate to pursue his interest in wrestling. Adam began wrestling in the Hercules Club, Lurgan Street, in January 1999, and just five weeks later, he was All Ireland Champion!!

Under the instruction of Mick McCauly, Adam mastered the skills necessary to compete in, and win major competitions. Adam was selected from his more experienced counterparts to represent his club in the Championship, and he entered the competition with the hopes of defeating his opponents (who had travelled from all over Ireland to compete) and winning

a medal. At first, this seemed highly improbable, as Adam had been wrestling for such a short length of time, but the dream seemed almost a reality when Adam defeated the number one seed (the defending champion from the previous two years) in the first round. After this, Adam played his quarter-final, semi-final and final matches in the space of one week, challenging competitors who were both older and more experienced than he was. However, this proved no problem for Adam, as he took the gold.

Wrestling competitions are played in 2-3 minute rounds, and are decisively won by pinning the opponent to the ground. If a pin is not achieved, the competitor with the most points at the end of the round wins. Points are awarded throughout the competition for throws, holds and advantageous positions (positions which could lead to a pin, e.g. getting behind your opponent). Because there were no weight categories in this competition, Adam found himself competing against boys with both weight and height advantages. When asked what he enjoyed most about wrestling, Adam replied, "It is so exciting, the outcome can change in a split second. It is also challenging; a good wrestler needs speed, strength and concentration."

It is evident from Adam's success that he has a great talent for this sport, although he claims his achievements were due to his previous karate training. Either way, it is a fabulous achievement, as wrestling is by no means an easy sport to succeed in.

As far as Adam's future in wrestling goes, he will be too young for the Sydney Olympics 2000, but who is to say what could happen after that? Perhaps High School has a contender for the 2004 Olympics. Watch this space....

-Ellie Fry, 5th

What's the Racquet all About?



Kerrie Williamson

Kerrie Williamson is new to the school (1G) but already she has made an impression as an accomplished badminton player. Kerrie is on the Junior Girls' Badminton team this year and in a sport that receives little or no recognition in Ireland, Kerrie is determined to achieve what some would deem the impossible - she wants to represent her country in her chosen sport. In a family that already boasts an Olympic swimming coach and a swimmer, who would bet against her achieving her goal? Indeed, even as a thirteen-year-old, she has achieved a degree of early success. We decided to find out more about her and her sport:

What age were you when you started?

I started playing when I was 9. I tried for the St. Colmcille's school team and they told me that I was a bit young, but they said I should go for lessons and I did. My first coach was called Marie Samson, who was a very good teacher. When I got a bit older I changed my coach to Brian Magowan and eventually got on the school team.

Kerrie, how were you introduced to the sport?
My Mum started playing badminton when she was young, and it was her that introduced me to the sport.

So, you have only really been playing for a couple of years, yet already you have come to prominence as a potential champion. What are your achievements to date?
Well, I haven't entered that many competitions, but the ones I have entered I won - they were mostly class competitions. I'm going to enter the High School competition this year and I have had two trials for the Leinster Badminton Squad.

What exactly is it that you like about badminton?
There's not much running around, not like tennis, and also it's a very quick and fast sport, you really have to think on your feet.

How often do you play?
As often as I can! I play in school on Thursday afternoons. Ms. Wilson is a really good coach and I intend on joining Baldoyle Badminton Club.

Have you thought about being coached professionally?
Yes, if I join Baldoyle I'll try and get a coach and hopefully I can improve to my full potential.

Do you play any other racquet games, like tennis or squash?
I hate tennis! I play it in school for games during the summer but that's it. I don't play squash either.

Kerrie, what was your most embarrassing moment on court?
I haven't had that many embarrassing moments - the worst was probably when I hit my friend in the face with my racquet when we were playing doubles. Sorry again!

Finally, what are your hopes for the future?
Ultimately I want to represent Ireland in the Olympics, maybe even win a gold medal. Who knows? Anything is possible! I would like to improve my skills to the best of my ability first. I would also love to be a doctor, maybe a paediatrician, but I'll concentrate on badminton first!

- Andrew Laughlin, 5th

High School on Ice

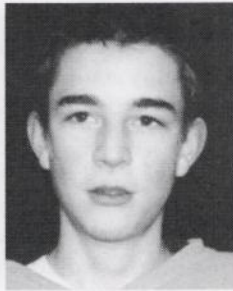
This year was the first year ever that Ireland had a National ice hockey team. They trained for 6 long months before the European U-18 Championships, held in March. The final selections took place in December. We can proudly say that five students from High School, are on the team!



Ross Killen



Graham Carey



Alastair Hodgson

They are members of the Dublin Flyers junior hockey club, run by IIHA (Irish Ice Hockey Association) and train on the Phibsboro Silver Skate Rink, twice a week. The game is a contact sport and is physically demanding. Sessions include fine tuning of skills, expansion of position knowledge and game strategy.

Before embarking on their ice hockey careers, they all enjoyed roller hockey and in line skating. The five are Ross Killen, Brian Pemberton, Alastair Hodgson, Alan Browne and Graham Carey.

Ross Killen is in 6th year and is 17. He is the captain of the team and plays no. 15, centre position. He enjoys roller hockey and computers.

Graham Carey is also 3rd year and aged 15. He plays no. 7, in defence position. He played roller hockey, and progressed to ice hockey. He thoroughly enjoyed the tournament and continues to play.

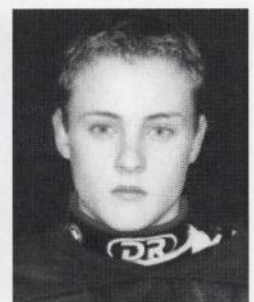
Alastair Hodgson is in 3rd year. He is 15. He plays no. 10, wing. He began playing roller hockey 4 years ago, becoming interested through relatives in Canada. He enjoys the speed of the game.

Alan Browne is in 3rd year, aged 15. He plays no. 12 as a wing. He plays rugby and roller hockey. He hopes to continue to play on the team.

Brian Pemberton is enjoying transition year. He is aged 15. He plays wing, no. 16. His hobbies are computers and roller hockey.



Alan Browne



Brian Pemberton

Stranded

We arrived at Killarney on the 27th of December. The mountains looked great covered in snow. We got a lift on the courtesy bus to Aghadoe House where we intended to stay on the 3rd January after completing our expedition. We left a plan of what we were doing at Aghadoe House. It was about 7 p.m. when we started our walk up the Gap of Dunloe. We camped near the head of the Gap, had our dinner and went to sleep.

When we woke up the next morning there was an extra covering of snow and we began our ascent. After climbing our first mountain we began our second which took us along spectacular mountain peaks that make up the bulk of the Reeks. Despite waking up late we were making progress and kept moving along the ridge. By 4.30 p.m. we were at the top of the Devil's Ladder, about one hour behind schedule. Conditions were pretty good and we went on to arrive at the top of Carrauntoohill, shortly after five. It was great; the sky had cleared, giving us a view of the stars and an almost full moon. Then, after some speedy navigation, we headed off down the Beenkeragh Ridge to its low point and the top of a snow gully. We descended this with few difficulties, until we reached our intended campsite. We pitched our tents as best we could on the snow-covered ground. We organised ourselves, sorting out our gear and food. I suppose it was about 8 p.m. when we started eating. By that time the wind was picking up, but it was nothing to be alarmed at.



It was about 9.30 p.m. when the wind became really strong and the situation became a little worrying. Our tents were being blown around a good deal and we did our best to keep them up. At around 11 p.m., when the storm was really bad, a section of pole snapped on our tents.

Numerous sections became bent and most of our tent pegs were ripped from the ground. We had no choice but to collapse the tents. We did this fairly rapidly and put gear on top to stop them blowing away. We moved all our gear and tents up to what little shelter we could find and eventually got into our body bags. Time went by slowly. Most of us spent the night shivering and so did not manage to sleep.



Eventually, it became bright and the orange colour of our body bags became more apparent. At about 8.30 a.m. we decided to try and get down from our devastated campsite to a mountain rescue hut, which I knew the location of. A number of different attempts failed as the wind kept blowing us back. We got back into our body bags again until about 9 a.m. when I decided that we had to get out there and then. We tried one more time and succeeded. We eventually made it down to the rescue hut where we got shelter and protection from the elements. We dried off a bit and warmed up. We decided that because of the weather conditions it would be too risky for all of us to go down so we decided that just two of us would go. Donal and I were the fastest of the group and I had the greatest knowledge of the area so it was decided that we should go. We made our way down the steep track that zig-zagged along the cascading waterfall that leads to the Hags Glen. After negotiating some seriously flooded rivers and walking the long distance, we arrived at Cronin's Yard car park. We went to the phone box and eventually got through to Mountain Rescue. By this stage, Mrs. Cronin had invited us into her house and we sat in front of her turf fire, eating and drinking whatever she put in front of us. We were getting constant phone-calls from the Mountain Rescue team, parents and vultures from the country's media circus. The rescue team arrived at the hut at around 4.30 p.m. and we were reunited with the rest of the group at Aghadoe House.

Looking back on the experience I can say it will be a benefit to us all. We did everything right and were just unlucky to get into the situation in the first place. We are all keen mountaineers and this experience definitely hasn't put us off in any way. We'll remember it for the rest of our lives!

- Darragh Curran, 5th

Super Model? - Sugar Model!

If you've ever dreamed about featuring as a model in a popular teen magazine, then Danielle Donnelly is the girl to talk to. Spotted by two scouts at the "Sugar" Dublin Roadshow last October, Danielle was encouraged to enter the *Sugar Face of '99* model competition. The competition was open to girls from both the UK and Ireland. With so many competitors, Danielle was ambivalent about the competition, but she and her two friends decided to enter anyway, even if it was just to get the "free *Sugar* goodies".

Two days later, she got a phone-call to say that she was one of the top twenty models. The following day, *Sugar* phoned her again, saying she was one of the six finalists, and would be going to London for a photo-shoot!! The photo-shoot took less than a day, and when I asked Danielle how she felt, she told me, "I still couldn't believe it until I got home the next day!"

The photos were printed in the February issue of *Sugar* (Britain's best-selling girls' magazine). Each finalist had a personal page, which included a photograph, a short interview and a phone



number which the readers could use to vote for their favourite model. Danielle is thrilled to have got so far and we congratulate her on this brilliant achievement. Watch this space!!

- Clare O'Connor, 5th

Ringling In the New Millennium

What will you be doing at 11.59 p.m. on the 31st December 1999? For a few High School students and many other bell-ringers throughout the country, the night will be spent in a cold bell tower, ringing out the old Millennium and in the new. Whilst the rest of you are at parties we will be filling the city with the sound of bells.

Dublin has four churches that can boast rings of bells: Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral, St. Audoen's Church and St. Augustine and John's Church. St. Patrick's has 14 bells, the largest weighing over 2 tons. Anyone can learn to ring, old or young, big or small, tall or short (although you may have to stand on a box), with or without church connections. The bell does most of the work - its own momentum keeps it moving with a little help from the ringer. Ring-

ers stand in a circle, each holding a rope, the other end of which is attached to the wheel, which is attached to the bell. It is safe to conclude that pulling on a rope attached to a ton or two of metal without experience can be dangerous, but after a few months of tuition most people can handle a bell safely.

After you learn to handle a bell you learn to ring along with others in rounds. That means ringing one after another in a scale. The next step is learning change ringing, where the order of bells is constantly changing. If you are ringing 4 bells, there are 24 different changes and it will take you 1 minute to ring them all. For 8 bells there are 40,320 different changes and it would take 1 day 4 hours to ring them all. For 12 bells there are 479,001,600 different changes, taking a massive 37 years 355 days to ring.

Bell-ringing isn't all doom, gloom and swinging lumps of metal, it is also an interesting hobby that costs nothing and will guarantee you a warm welcome in any ringing chamber both in Ireland and abroad.

-Suzanne McEndoo, 3rd

Philip Loane - An All-Star for the Future

I started playing hurling when I was about 6 years old at St. Mary's Boys' National School, under the tuition of Mr Edward O' Riordain. At the time my interest lay in football but as there was no soccer team in the school, I decided to give hurling a go. When I was in fifth class, I was made vice-captain of the Corn Oideachas Hurling Team. We won the final that year in Croke Park. The next year I was once again vice-captain but this time on the Corn Herald Team. Once again we got to the final in Croke Park but unfortunately we lost, although as consolation I picked up the *Evening Herald* "Man of the Match" award.

In first year here in High School my attention turned to rugby for a short while but my dedication to hurling didn't lapse long. I joined Ballyboden St. Enda's Under 13 Hurling team. I have won two honours with the club - two Under 16 championship winners' medals and have represented Dublin at Under 14 and Under 16 level. I am currently on the Dublin minor team.



Philip Loane (pictured left)

All support is welcome at the Leinster Championship matches in Parnell Park in the forthcoming weeks, so keep an eye out for fixtures (if you don't mind the plug!).

I hope to continue playing at inter-county level in the future and, who knows, we might yet find a senior Dublin hurler who attended High School.

-Philip Loane, 6th

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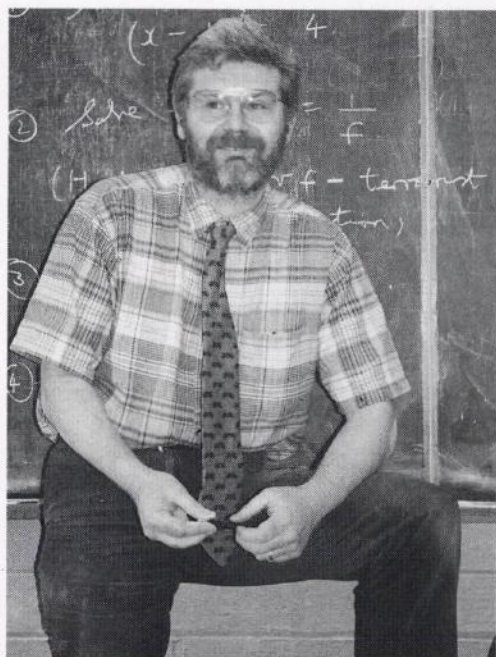
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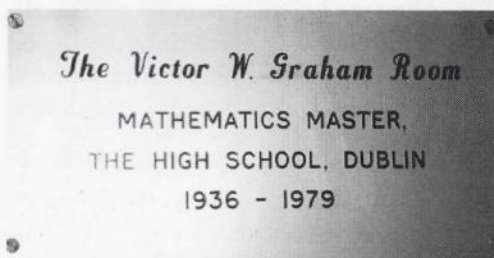
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Mr. Kelly

Have you ever sat in one of Mr. Kelly's classes and wondered where his ingenuity comes from? It is apparent from his enthralled students and their good exam results, that Mr. Kelly's unconventional teaching methods are very effective. His sincere and straightforward manner when dealing with students is reflected in the respect and admiration they hold for him. If you've never experienced one of Mr. Kelly's classes you won't truly appreciate this article. However, if you are one of the privileged minority, you will understand our enthusiasm.



Born in Dublin in 1954, the second of five children, Anthony Kelly attended secondary school at O'Connell's Christian Brothers' School on the Northside of the city. It was highly streamed, with the boys being seated according to their rank in the latest test results. The top right-hand corner was reserved for the boy with the best marks, while the boy with the lowest results sat in the back left. Needless to say,

Mr. Kelly almost always sat at the very top right! (Mind you, even the boys in the back row, labelled the 'thicks', would have left the school with honours). Unlike Mr. Kelly himself, his own maths teacher had not left a very good impression on his students. In fact, he hardly knew maths at all and doled out the chapters on the syllabus to his students and had them teach themselves. Mr. Kelly, in his front row seat, would be called on to verify the problems solved on the blackboard. He had an excellent Latin teacher, who sacrificed his Saturdays to study Horace (a difficult author on the course) with them. As it turned out Horace didn't even come up on the Leaving Cert. However, 9 out of the 10 students got 'A's. Mr. Kelly achieved 4 'A's, 3 'B's and a 'C' in the Leaving Certificate.

He went on to study Theoretical Physics in Trinity College in 1972. In 1974 he won the Foundation Scholarship, which paid his fees, board and meals. He finished Trinity with a 1st Class Honours degree and won a gold medal for his exceptionally high marks. These marks led to a scholarship to Cambridge where he studied and researched Physics in greater detail. He then went to Harvard to further his research and did some lecturing there as well. He returned to Ireland after a year and did a H.Dip in Greendale Community School. Subsequently, in 1978 he accepted the position of "Senior Maths Master" in The High School following Victor Graham's retirement. This position appealed to him because High School had a reputation in Trinity College for producing well-educated and competent individuals.

It is said that behind every great man is an even better woman and this case is no exception. Mr. Kelly had been working in High School for three years when Miss Saville began teaching the same subjects as him, but on the C floor. Despite the distance, the friendship flourished. In fact, for five years before they ever dated each other, most of the students thought there was something more than a platonic relationship between them. And we all know that students have more foresight than teachers! Five years after their first encounter they started going out with each other and a mere 13 months later, they were married. However, neither party would divulge much information about the romance. After 11 years of marriage, Miss Saville and Mr. Kelly have 2 children, Beth (9) and Jack (7). Both children attend Rathgar National School. Thinking that the answer would be the day a maths theory was proved (or something equally intellectual), we asked Mr. Kelly about the best day of his life. He disregarded all his academic achievements and said that the best days of his life were the day of his marriage and the days his children were born.

On the weekends, he and Miss Saville don't sit around and correct maths papers together. Miss Saville says, "We're not that boring!" However, they do occasionally discuss maths and if an argument ever arises, they both admit that Miss Saville is sure to win! Mr. Kelly enjoys, as he puts it "messaging with D.I.Y." He doesn't play much sport except when he is with his kids. When he was younger his handball team won the Dublin Minor Championships. He also played Gaelic football, hurling and soccer (and he still faithfully supports M.U.F.C.). Clothes aren't important to him as long as they're comfortable and preferably dirty. He did admit to having a preference for cords! He owns



approximately 50 ties, his favourite being his 'Taz' one.

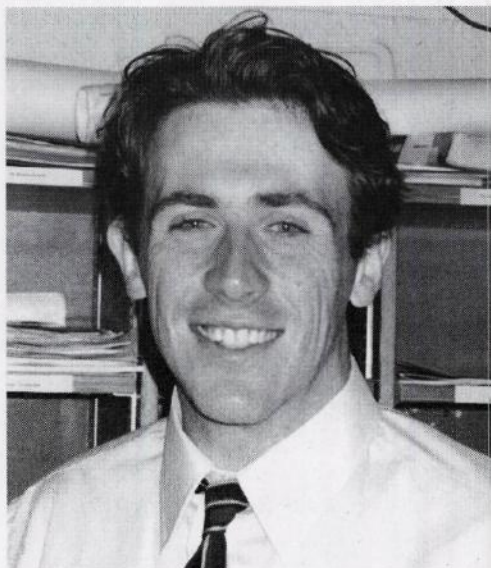
Mr. Kelly has no particular motto in life but holds to a few convictions. He believes that respect should be earned and that it is important to treat people fairly. As is evident in his inspiring and brilliant teaching, he enjoys his job. It gives him contact with young people, which keeps him young, and also with adults. He still thinks that High School is a great school and, despite what most people think, doesn't feel that the students get cheekier each year. The pressures on secondary school students are greater than they used to be. He marvels at how they succeed in having such energetic social lives and yet manage to produce good marks.

Mr. Kelly is by no means perfect, as Miss Saville says, "His bad habits are too numerous to mention!" but his teaching is definitely pretty close to it.

- Debbie Walker & Ellie Fry, 5th

New Teachers

Mr. McKay



Mr. McKay

Mr. McKay attended Newpark for his secondary school education. After graduating from U.C.D. he put his degree in economics to practice by teaching in many schools including Donaghmede, Newpark, St Louis' Rathmines, C.B.C. Monkstown and St. Mary's. He considers High School the best so far.

Mr. McKay is delighted to be a part of High School. He is very pro-transition year. He loves hockey, and is privileged to train such a successful girls' hockey team as the 2nd XI, and his wonderful Junior Boys.

When asked whether he could convey any juicy gossip from the staff room, he said he doesn't have any, "I'm a loner amongst the staff, but I'm trying really hard - nobody sits next to me." Oh, how sad! Although Mr. McKay's marital status may be single, he never gets lonely while out clubbing. He told me he is always "lucky", especially with his Gabriel Byrne, Carter Twins and Andy Townsendsque looks.

Mr. McKay still enjoys living with his mother. When he finds spare time (after spending quality time with his mother) he enjoys driving his new Volkswagen Polo car. Mr. McKay describes himself as "very easy going. I like to avoid stress at all times, by having a good sense of humour." Mr. McKay has been mocked for being pro-Goth, and would like to set the record straight, that he was only the best friend of a Goth.

He has travelled extensively around the world, including Belgium, Australia, and America and loved Germany, where he worked in a garbage incinerator! Mr. McKay was involved in a teachers' debating team, and the only thing he would like to change in the world is "More freedom of expression."

-Shirley Beattie, 5th

Ms. Lyons

On a cold dark morning this reporter called on Ms. Lyons for a face-to-face interview. After Donahies community school she continued her education in U.C.D. where she completed a degree course in French, Irish and German.

She considers herself "A good-living person," and thinks her colleagues in the staff room are "All nice people." When asked her age she stated she "was never born, always been here"

Ms. Lyons is a real horsewoman. The highlights of her life are horses and basketball. She also enjoys a good old natter with her "male companion" in the pub, after giving out homework, which she considers a necessary evil. Despite the recent love bug which swept the school there is no engagement ring on Ms. Lyons's finger (yet!!).

She has travelled extensively around her house, oh yeah, not forgetting France and Germany. Ms. Lyons hates falseness, rudeness and arrogance in people. Her advice to future teachers is; "If you like it - do it, if you don't - don't."

- Shirley Beattie, 5th



Ms. Lyons

Mr. Dolan attended Scoil Mhaire Na Nard, Shillelagh and Colaiste Bhríde Carnew, Co. Wicklow. The best memories of his school years involved playing on the senior football team.

He then furthered his education in the University of Limerick, where he studied woodwork and building technology. He has previously worked in Wesley College and in Wicklow town. He has enjoyed working in the school so far but he considers the months June, July and August the best part of teaching!

Mr. Dolan's hobbies include, "Sport and more sport," and his ambition in life is to "build and design my own house." Mr. Dolan admitted to having loads of bad habits, one being extremely untidy. Mr. Dolan has set foot on many parts of Europe, including France, Germany, Holland, Belgium and Bulgaria.

For Mr. Dolan, his wacky teenage years involved jumping off a 150-ft tower in Fun Park, drinking into the morning before his exams and having Brian Robson as a role model. We asked Mr. Dolan what 5 things he would bring to desert island he responded with "5 women!"

Mr. Dolan



Mr. Dolan

When asked whether he could tell us any juicy gossip from the walls of the staff room he told us, "all I can convey is that Ms. Lyons is obsessed with four legged creatures. Mr. Mc Kay fantasises about his Gabriel Byrne looks. And Ms. Fraser is known as a very nice person, because she is leaving.

Mr. Dolan's motto in life is "Veni, Vidi, Vici!" - I came, I saw, I conquered.

-Shirley Beattie, 5th

Love is in the Air

Ms. Wilson met her fiancé through her roommate, and has been going out with him for 14 months. Finally she revealed her lover's name as 'Colin'. She accepted his romantic proposal in a medieval abbey in Scotland????

They're impatiently waiting until June 2000 to exchange their long-awaited wedding vows. But Ms. Wilson is having a serious organisation problem, trying to arrange accommodation for her in-laws between now and the wedding day.

Ms. Fraser wouldn't divulge any more of her honey bun's name other than the initials 'G.W.'

She revealed that her fiancé is her childhood sweetheart. They first met in school at age 15 but they haven't been going out since then. "I'm not that bad" stated Ms. Fraser, who has broken a few hearts in her day, with no regrets!!!!

The wedding date is set for August 2000. And her advice for future High School sweethearts is "All good things come to those who wait." As for her fiancé's full name, we'll have to wait until August 2000.



Miss Wilson, Miss Sixsmith & Miss Fraser

Miss Sixsmith is very particular about the spelling of her fiancé's name. Is this right? 'Stewart.' Since the latter part of her school years in Kilkenny College their destinies have been entwined.

The wedding is definitely going ahead in August 2000, and nothing is going to stop that. Even though their ex's spring up now and then, as Miss Sixsmith says, "We don't get jealous, as we know we're the only ones for each other."

Miss Sixsmith is very secretive about the private location of the big proposal, so we'll have to leave it up to you, the readers, to do the detective work. Miss Sixsmith, in her day, hasn't broken too many hearts and doesn't intend to break Stewart's.

- Shirley Beattie, 5th

Student Xpress

Two teachers from The High School, Mr. Mills and Mr. Kelly, are setting up a free newspaper for students which will be distributed to every school in Ireland. The newspaper is called *Student Xpress*. A prototype and first issue have already been produced to test the feasibility of this project. These papers have been so well received by the schools that production will start in September 1999 with 9 monthly issues being produced up to May 2000.

Student Xpress is a paper in which much of the content will be written by pupils themselves. They will act as journalists expressing opinions on issues that directly affect them. In *Student Xpress* pupils will be able to write articles that give vent to their full range of views on all kinds of issues. It offers an opportunity to express the diversity of views they possess.

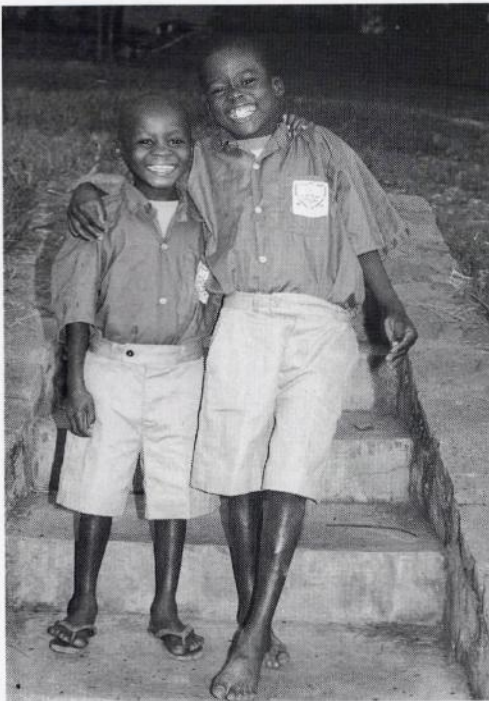
On hearing that we were both considering the possibility of journalism as a career choice, Mr. Mills asked Debbie Walker and myself to contribute articles for the first edition of *Student Xpress*, which was to be published on 1st March 1999. Having recently taken part in the St. Andrew's One Act Play Festival, I wrote an article about the outcome of our performance at it. Debbie decided to interview a band she had heard of, called Pelvis. We were both asked submit photographs of ourselves with the articles so that the readers could see who had actually written the material printed in the newspaper. It was an interesting experience, seeing our articles in print. It also gave us a confidence boost, as the editors decided to print both articles. If we are still considering studying Journalism when we leave school, we will be glad of the experience, and hopefully it will also seem impressive to any prospective employers. I would strongly recommend writing for this newspaper to all students who are interested in studying Journalism, English or any related subjects after they leave school.

-Ellie Fry, 5th

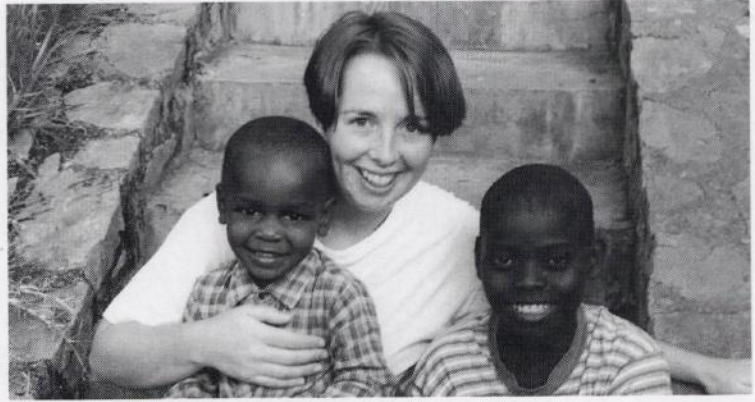
Miss Ritchie - A Year in Uganda

In 1997 alone, there were 57,000 reported new cases of AIDS in Uganda. Six years previously, the figure had been almost four times as high and, although the numbers are now slowly diminishing, the scourge of AIDS still continues today. AIDS is an incurable illness, which can affect people of all races, creeds and religions. It is, in short, a death sentence for all of its victims. It is because of the high numbers of deaths due to AIDS in Uganda that orphanages such as Besaniya Children's Home exist.

Miss Ritchie came to teach in The High School in 1992 and after teaching for five years, she decided it was time for a break. As I was a member of the form class she taught for the last three of those years, I can honestly say that she deserved one! Miss Ritchie wrote her own brief for her stay in Uganda, secured a job for herself, and received sponsorship from APSO (Agency for Personal Service Overseas). For twelve months, from September 1997 to August 1998, Miss Ritchie lived in Besaniya Children's Home where she worked part-time.



Besaniya Children's Home is situated 20km east of Kampala. It was established fifteen years ago, when it was home to less than ten boys. Now, there are thirty-five children (between the ages



of 2 and 22) living there, most of whom are boys, and all of whom have no family or friends to care for them. The facilities there are great in comparison to Ugandan standards, but poor as far as Irish standards go. In other words, it has basic facilities; electricity, one television and clean running water which is of immense benefit to the children and staff.

When asked if she had formed a special relationship with any of the children there, Miss Ritchie answered that there was one boy named Isima who had made a particular impression on her. He was seven years old when he entered Besaniya Children's Home, and has been living there for three years. One by one, his family had fallen victim to AIDS, and he summed up his feelings with, "I'm sick of death." Also, a boy named Martin Katungwensi corresponded with Ms. Pearce's English classes during Miss Ritchie's stay.

Miss Ritchie also worked part time at Bishop Senior School (the local secondary school), where she taught maths to classes of approximately forty students. This was no easy task, as she had "to make herself understood across cultural and linguistic barriers." Any of the little spare time she had was spent reading, writing, visiting people in the village, tutoring some of her students or playing with the children in the home.

According to Miss Ritchie, the best thing about her Ugandan experience was undoubtedly the people. Not only the children in the home, who had become her family, but also her co-workers at the school and the local people who were extremely generous and hospitable. She summarises her other memories as follows, "The beggars - lepers, polio victims, blind - and street children on the streets of Kampala. The noise, and bustle of crowds of people. The dust and heat on the streets. White-water-rafting down the Nile. The mosquitoes, and the prevalence of malaria. The huge Korean-built football stadium on the road to Kampala. The ancient overloaded buses careering along the bad roads at 120km per hour. The inevitable road accidents. Seeing a leopard, lions and elephants on a visit to The Queen Elizabeth National Park with my parents. The vibrant worship in song and dance at the various churches. The deaths, and the awareness of the spiritual reality of life. The beautiful hills, and lakes. Crossing the equator for the first time." Her fondest memories, however, are definitely of the people.

-Ellie Fry, 5th

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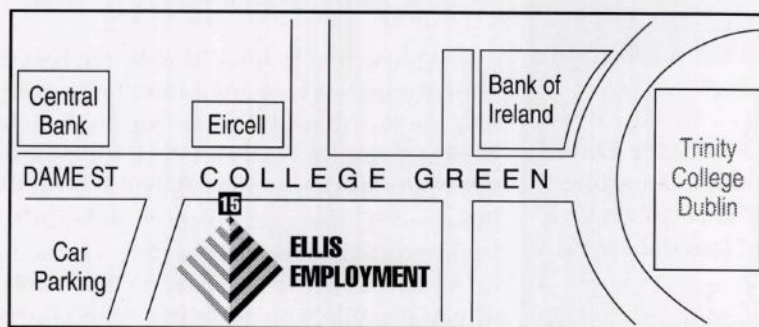
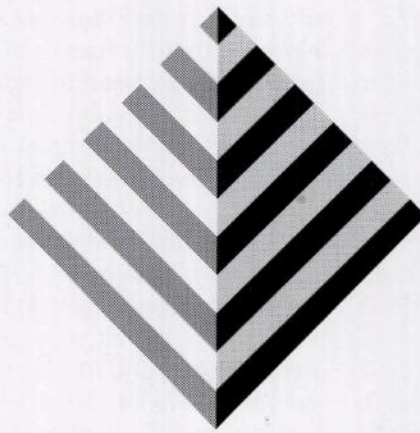
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Prize Day 1998

The annual Parents' Evening and Prize Distribution was held on Wednesday 21 October 1998. Mr. David Rowell, Chairman of the Board of Governors, presided. The prizes were presented by Professor David McConnell.

Principal's Address

I would first like to reiterate the Chairman's welcome to you all. It is good to see such a large gathering to celebrate the work of the school and it is the theme of celebrating all of the work and achievement of all of the pupils on which I would like to concentrate this evening.

Nothing I say this evening should be taken in any way to undermine or minimise the achievement of those who have won prizes this year. Prizes result from dedicated hard work as well as innate ability and I applaud and congratulate those who will be receiving their prizes later.

However, I would like to speak briefly tonight about the types of intelligence we see represented here this evening and the other types of intelligence which exist in other pupils and which are valued and recognised by the school in other ways. Prize Day is one major affirmation of the pupils but we also have many other ways of affirming their work.

There has been a long running argument about whether intelligence is inherited or whether it is the result of the influences on a human being as he or she grows up. I welcome our distinguished guest this evening, Professor David McConnell of the Genetics Department of Trinity College, who knows, I am sure, a great deal more about that debate than I.

Rather I would like to draw attention to the more recent debate about the very nature of intelligence and whether there is a single measurable intelligence or whether it is much more complex. The classical view of intelligence, held by Spearman and other followers of psychometric definitions of intelligence, is that there is one overall intelligence which can be measured by IQ or Intelligence Quotient tests, and that this type of intelligence is primarily the capacity for logi-



Mr. Rowell, Mr. Duffy & Professor McConnell

cal reasoning. On the basis of that belief, there has been much IQ testing performed both in educational and business circles, with debatable results.

In 1983, Howard Gardner, a Harvard University psychologist, put forward his theory of multiple intelligences, although there had been some debate on this issue before then. However, it is Gardner's theory which has attracted a great deal of attention and many disciples since then. Put simply, Gardner's theory is that there are many different types of intelligence and that we all possess these in differing strengths. He originally outlined seven different intelligences although this has since been extended to eight and he acknowledges that there are probably more. I would ask you to bear with me while I outline the seven categories for those not familiar with Gardner's work as it is important to how this school is responding to pupils' needs and to how we will develop in the future.

The first intelligence identified was linguistic and a person strong in this intelligence is thought likely to like reading, writing and using language. Among the occupations in which they might be happy are that of poet, journalist, lawyer etc.

Musical intelligence is second and is said to allow people to create, communicate and understand meanings made from sound. Occupations might include composers, conductors, musicians or audio engineers.

The third is logical-mathematical intelligence involving using and understanding abstract relations. If you were strong in this area you might become a mathematician, a computer programmer, an accountant or an engineer, for example,

Spatial intelligence concerns the ability to perceive spatial or visual information and to transform and modify it. A great painter, architect or chess player might be strong in this area.

Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence might seem to us, influenced as we are by the classical view of intelligence, not to be appropriate as an intelligence at all. However, it is the inclusion of such intelligences which gives Gardner's work such strength and relevance to schooling and to the development of each individual pupil's strengths. Those strong in bodily-kinesthetic intelligence develop skills as sports people, choreographers, dancers, jugglers or operators of certain types of machinery.

Intelligence number six is intrapersonal, an intelligence which enables people to distinguish among their own feelings. Such people are able to build an accurate mental model of themselves and to use that model to make decisions about their lives.

A separate intelligence, interpersonal, is an ability to make distinctions among the feelings, beliefs and intentions of other people. Those with strength in this area may well become teachers, therapists or be seen as particularly effective parents.

Some followers of Gardner have added an eighth intelligence, naturalistic intelligence, which is thought to understand the processes of nature, plants and animals and may be strong in farmers and foresters, for example.

If we accept that there may be some element of truth in Gardner's work, as many educationalists now do, then there are many implications for schools, parents, pupils, systems of assessment, entrance to third level institutions and employment practices in the business world. Some of the immediate consequences are that we realise that we all have intelligence. It is no longer a question of whether or not you are intelligent, it is a question of how you are intelligent. Note that that is not at all the same as how intelligent you are. How are you intelligent? You will have a combination of the seven or eight categories, in varying strengths.



Professor McConnell delivering his address

Here at The High School we have a mission statement which was refined some years ago in consultation with staff, parents, pupils and governors. It is "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."

I believe that our mission fits well with the theory of multiple intelligences and I would like to consider for a few moments how this school is seeking to affirm the work of pupils with differing combinations of intelligence.

When one looks at the examination curriculum followed in the school, one suspects that there might be an imbalance in favour of linguistic and logical-mathematical intelligences. However, if one looks a little deeper one finds that there are many aspects of the wide variety of subjects available which suit those strong in other intelligences as well. The use of drawing and illustration in many subjects such as Technical Drawing, Art, Geography and Science suits those with spatial intelligence while those who take Music will be strong in musical intelligence. The types of learning which have been encouraged by the Junior Certificate and Transition Year programmes encourage, for example, discourse, debate, reasoned argument and group co-operation on projects. Students strong in linguistic but also in interpersonal intelligence will enjoy these. Those strong in bodily-kinesthetic intelligence may revel in Materials Technology Wood, Construction Studies and Home Economics but the absence of Physical Education and Sport from the examination curriculum clearly mitigates against them. It is interesting to see the present Minister for Education exploring the possibility of examining Physical Education at Leaving Certificate level. I think many of us would regard that as a major step forward.

I would like to look for a minute or two about how this school attempts, within the resources available to it, to develop

pupils strong in intelligences other than those which suit the examination curriculum. It is not an accident that we devote considerable resources to so doing and that we are laying increasing emphasis on so doing. Passing examinations is very important to our pupils and we prepare them well but we also deeply value all of our pupils, some of whom may be strong in intelligences not presently catered for by the examination system.

The comprehensive sports programme in the school is probably the most obvious example. We provide over fifteen sports and these suit a wide variety of people. Bodily-kinesthetic intelligence is clearly supported here but so also is the intra-personal (the understanding of oneself) and the inter-personal (relating with and understanding others). The effort made by our staff to offer opportunities suitable to as many different types of pupils as possible is greatly appreciated by them and by their families.

Many of the more than sixteen clubs and societies in the school also develop and strengthen particular intelligences. From the spatial intelligence of the art portfolio club to the bodily-kinesthetic, inter-personal and linguistic development provided by drama, it is obvious without having to go into too much detail how important our club activities are.

It is well recognised that affirming the work of the pupils increases their confidence and self-esteem, thereby leading to happier pupils who achieve more and develop more of their own particular potential. We work very hard to offer affirmation in as many ways as possible. We display pupils' work, especially project work, art and craft work of various kinds. We listen to musical performances and we provide opportunities for musicians to enter competitions. Many types of intelligence are also strengthened in the large numbers of pupils who participate in major productions such as "Guys and Dolls" which is being staged by Form 5, the new rock and pop musicals being prepared in Transition Year and by other productions such as the Fashion Show in Transition Year last year. We congratulate those who achieve in the sporting area and in competitions in assembly, in the weekly newsletter which we publish and on our website where we update the

news pages weekly. Our pupils' activities are available for the whole world to see by that vehicle. We may be emphasising a cookery competition one week while we are congratulating entrants to the Young Entrepreneur competition another.

The Transition Year, in particular, gives the staff and pupils many opportunities to move away from over emphasis on the linguistic and the logical. The use of different learning strategies means that pupils may experience considerable development in the intrapersonal and interpersonal areas, resulting in increased confidence and mutual understanding. We have introduced Differential Aptitude Tests and interest inventories in Transition Year. The aptitude tests do not fully cater for all of the types of intelligence to which I have referred but they do offer seven different categories of testing of potential. They are complemented by the interest inventories where pupils answer a large number of questions about themselves. The two taken together, combined with other aspects of guidance work,



Declan O'Donoghue receiving his prize

assist the pupils to learn a great deal about themselves and to prepare for the future.

If the theory of multiple intelligences grows further in acceptance and comes to govern, rather than influence, educational thought, it will have much more significant implications than I have outlined, for the styles of learning in every class. I hope, however, that I have drawn attention to some ways in which this school is fulfilling its goal to pursue excellence while developing the potential of all within a framework of values.

An American writer has referred to the seven intelligences as number smart, people smart, body smart, music smart, self smart, word smart and picture smart. What is worth taking away from here is that it is not how smart you are that is important, but rather how you are smart.

Thank you.

Excerpts from the Principal's report for the year 1997/98

B.T. Duffy, M.A., H. Dip. Ed.

Michael Martin's Education Bill will, if passed into law, place Irish education on a statutory footing for the first time since the foundation of the state. Its provisions include the recognition of schools for public funding, the establishment of the Inspectorate on a statutory basis, the establishment of boards of management and parents' associations, a definition of the role of Principals and teachers and a permanent place for the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment. It is not the intention of this Minister to create regional Education Boards.

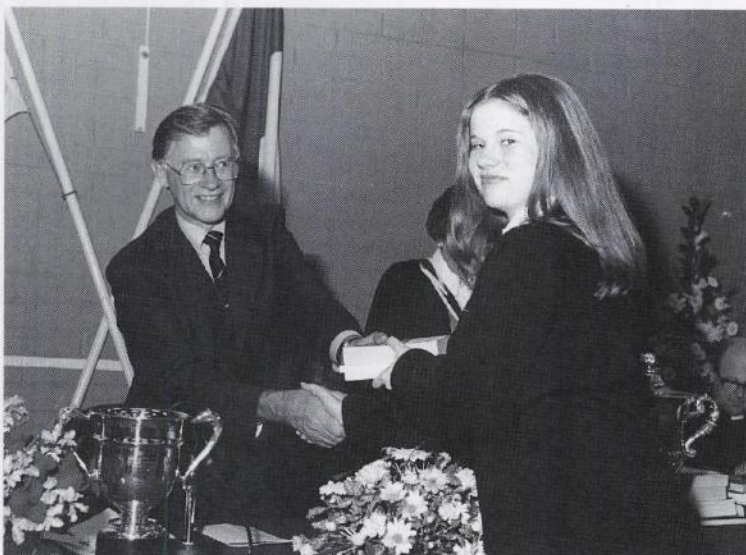
The provisions of the Bill do not become active immediately it is passed but require orders to be placed before the Dáil. In the case of some provisions, these will not be placed until agreement has been reached between the educational "partners", now usually defined as patrons, school management and principals' organisations, recognised trade unions, professional associations and parents' associations.

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. Much of the work is guided by the staff and one element this year was the seminar which took place in October 1997 when we invited Dr Brendan Byrne to facilitate a re-examination of our anti-bullying policies. Some of the staff surveyed the pupils to ascertain the extent of bullying and we were pleased to hear from Dr Byrne that we had a significantly lower incidence than in other comparable schools. However, bullying is an issue the school takes very seriously and we were glad to have this opportunity to undertake a few new initiatives, in co-operation with the Parents' Association.

The use of mixed ability classes has been further increased in the school with the introduction of mixed ability into most subjects in Form 3, following its successful introduction in Form 1 in 1996 and Form 2 in 1997. Setting is now provided in Mathematics in Forms 1 and 2, Irish in Form 2 and English in Form 3. The development of mixed ability learning continues to be monitored closely.

The relationships and sexuality education policy developed by the staff and the Education Committee last year has now become official school policy. Revised Social, Personal and Health Education courses have been introduced in Forms 1 and 4 and these will be extended to Form 2 in 1999 and Form 3 in 2000, unless the NCCA directs otherwise in the meantime.

The computer network has been rewired to speed up access to the Internet and work is underway to install new software to facilitate the downloading of complete internet sites for use by staff and pupils. A comprehensive school website has been published and the address is <http://indigo.ie/~btduf>. The site includes information about the services the school offers and weekly news bulletins, complete with colour photographs. The site also contains a listing of educational resources on the web, which is of value to all involved in education. In order to make the best use possible of the superb information and technology centre which the school now possesses, we have now run five training courses for staff.



Edel Smith receiving her prize at Prize Day

A great deal of refurbishment was carried out recently on the school buildings, including the replacement of the boilers and most of the lighting. In addition, the upgrading of the floor surfaces was completed and the corridors redecorated in brighter colours. Art students continue to add considerably to the aesthetic beauty of the school with murals and the hanging of the prize-winning entries in our school art competition.

We continue to publish a weekly newsletter (on Wednesdays). The news content is complemented by the broad range of photographs, taken mainly by the Assistant Principal in charge of school publicity, Mr Ian Blackmore.

During the year the management structures of the school were reviewed in accordance with the new Department of Education and Science in-school management scheme. The school

has appointed one Deputy Principal, nine Assistant Principals and fourteen Special Duties Teachers. The duties of Assistant Principals vary from taking charge of a year group to responsibility for state examinations, while those of Special Duties Teachers involve a wide variety of administrative, pastoral and curricular roles. The system is a valuable addition to the management of the school, creating more opportunities for teachers to share in the responsibility for the school and its pupils. It replaces the old post of responsibility structure.

Our programme of visiting clergy and speakers to morning assembly continues to be successful. We are very grateful to the dozens of speakers who agreed to visit us. Pupils also participate and the Principal leads assembly on an average of two mornings a week.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning process undertaken in the school. The Education Committee has continued to guide the review of the educational process. Among its concerns have been the Relationships and Sexuality Education policy of the school, staff welfare and the prize system. The Grounds and Property Committee has overseen the replacement of the boilers and much of the lighting in the school, the provision of a weight training facility for all sports, the resurfacing of the basketball courts and the creation of two new tennis courts. As well as its routine work of maintaining and refurbishing the entire school, the committee has been planning a major development programme and continues to oversee the implementation of health and safety standards in the school.

There is an active Parents' Association in the school, which elects representatives to the Board of Governors and its committees. There are also informal meetings between the officers of the Association Committee, the Principal and the Chairman of the Board of Governors. Such links with parents are extremely valuable and contribute a great deal to the happy atmosphere of the school. Last year, the Association held a meeting on "Understanding Drug Misuse" as well as running its annual uniform swap shop and annual cricket match against the

staff. An evening of cultural entertainment with David Norris and Bosco Hogan was greatly enjoyed by a large audience and raised £1636.60 towards the provision of a new sound system in the Reynolds Hall. The association also undertook the practical arrangements for the parent-teacher meetings which took place during the year.



Ralph Benson & Malcolm Taylor with the Old Boys' Cup

The Past Pupils' Union organised its usual calendar of events, including the ladies', mens' and London dinners. The annual golf outing, a table quiz, carol singing, a wine tasting evening and first aid demonstrations provided a varied programme of entertainment throughout the year. The school is grateful to the 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. We would also like to express our appreciation of the close cooperation we received over 24 years from the Treasurer, Ernie Frith, who recently retired.

Staff

Mr Rory Hill (Science), Mr Tony Reidy (Construction Studies) and Mr Eamonn O'Reilly (Business) have left the school and we wish them well in their new positions. Mrs Orla Purdy remains on career break while Miss Claire Ritchie (Mathematics and PE) and Mr Kieran Mills (Mathematics and Science) have returned to their positions. We welcome as new staff Mr Andrew McKay (Business), Miss Emer Lyons (Languages), Mr Joseph Dolan (Construction Studies), Mr Peter Ballagh (Religious Education and History) and Miss Lynn Crampton (English and Mathematics).

Mr John Hickmott and Miss Janet Barcroft retired during the school year after careers of thirty two years service to The High School. Mr Hickmott will be remembered by countless pupils as a very well organised teacher of Business Studies, Business Organisation and Accounting, who guided the Business Department to its present stature. He also made a substantial contribution to the sporting life of the school and, in recent days, as school publicist. We wish him a well earned retirement.

Miss Barcroft taught French, German and Religious Education. We greatly appreciated her deep contribution to the spiritual life of the school by acting as Head of the Religious Education Department, organising the annual carol service and, in recent years, the school assembly programme of visiting speakers. We wish her health and happiness in her future years.



Julie Gillen receiving her prize

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 1998/9 is 781. Of these, 462 are boys and 319 are girls. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 1998, 115 pupils presented 806 papers in 21 subjects. 478 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 71% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 7.4% of all papers. Zoe Lipson obtained first place in the Trinity College matriculation Geology examination, with an A1 grade. Kevin O'Reilly was awarded an entrance exhibition into Trinity College.

In the Junior Certificate 122 pupils presented 962 papers. 746 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 77% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 3% of all papers.

Events and Activities

The Erasmus Smith Trust Archive dates back to before the founding of the Trust itself in 1669 and Miss Kirsty Forbes has been appointed archivist. She and Mr David Benson (former Bursar) have been working on cataloguing the archives, creating a database of all past pupils and mounting occasional displays. It is intended that the archives will be available as a resource for the school and the global educational community. They contain material of great importance to Irish social history

As usual, many educational and field trips took place, including a language tour to Nicè, a visit by Form 6 to the Higher Options Conference, a Gaisce President's award trip to Kerry, an Irish department trip to Galway, caving trips to a number of locations, English department trips to drama productions, rugby and hockey tours to Britain and within Ireland, a Biology trip to Ardkill bog, a visit by pupils from Forms 5 and 6 to the Irish Film Centre, Transition Year trips to the Ulster Folk Park at Cultra, the Andy Warhol exhibition at the Irish Museum of Modern Art, the National Museum at Collins Barracks, Kilmainham Jail, the National Museum at Kildare Street, the National Gallery at Merrion Square, the ENFO environmental information centre and Dublin Castle. In addition, links were maintained with Knockbreda High School, Belfast, and St Columbanus High School, Bangor. A great deal of effort by members of staff results in these and other excellent educational opportunities for the pupils and I express the gratitude of the school to the staff concerned.

One of the highlights of the year was a visit by a delegation from the British Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body to the school. Roger Stott, M.P., led a delegation which included Lord Merlyn Rees (former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland), Marian Magennis, T.D., and William O'Brien, M.P., to discuss with the Principal, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, parents, staff and pupils our experience of multid denominational education. The High School community recommended that the delegation expand the Co-operation North exchange schemes in which this school has participated for about ten years. We are pleased to see that the Irish, British and American governments have recently invested £2 million in these exchanges, administered by the same organisation, now known as Co-operation Ireland.

The Library is large by school standards, with almost 12,000 volumes and a multi-media computer. A group of pupils assists our full time librarian, Mrs King, with the organisation of charity fund-raising, displays and competitions. Displays this year included a commemoration of the 1798 rebellion and a special display to commemorate World Book Day.

The Guidance Department contains a library of information about careers, colleges and courses as well as a multi-media computer and video viewing facilities. Parents, as well as pupils, are invited to view and use the library. There is a full Guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 at present, with individual interviews for pupils in Form 6. Differential aptitude tests and interest inventories are undertaken in Form 4 to provide information to pupils about their potential and interests. The services of the Guidance Counsellor are available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening and a careers exhibition.

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

The excellent performances of the orchestra and choir at Prize Day and the Carol Service were greatly appreciated by those present. The orchestra again won first prize at the Inter Schools Music Festival, for the fourth time in five years. The orchestra gained 148 out of 150 marks in the Department of Education examination while the choir gained 131 out of 150. Also at the Inter Schools Music Festival, Kate Higgs was first in the under 14 strings, Elizabeth Hilliard was first in the over 16 strings and in the over 16 piano, Jane Hilliard was first in the under 14 brass and in the under 14 piano, Benôit Ferré-Cullen was 2nd in the over 16 wind and Louise Watson (partnering a pupil from another school) was first in the over 15 piano duets. Elizabeth Hilliard was selected as a member of the National Youth Orchestra.

The Drama Society presented *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare. This innovative production was well received after an enormous amount of work by the cast and production team under the direction of Mrs M. Milne. In addition, the society entered *Lord Byron's Love Letter* by Tennessee Williams in the St Andrew's One Act Drama Festival, receiving the award for the best set and two merit awards for acting (Michelle Prunty and Saoirse Milotte). Pupils from Form 6, co-ordinated by Sean Curran, organised a rock concert in the school at which six bands performed.

The Debating Societies, senior and junior, have been active during the year, debating motions as intriguing as "That this house would stay away from Paula Yates". Ray Ryan received the best speaker award in one of the rounds of the Leinster Schools Debating competition. Ross Wynne was selected to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament in Edinburgh. The society also participated in the Model United Nations. The Civic, Social and Political Education Department organised a mock presidential election to coincide with the national election. Mary Banotti won!

The staff and pupils of the school are always involved in raising funds for a wide variety of charitable causes and this year was no exception. Among the charities assisted were the Guide Dogs Association, Focus Point, the Irish Stillbirth and Neo-natal Death Society, Am-

nesty International (homeless street children), Aquaboxes for relief agencies, the Cottage Home Dun Laoghaire and St Luke's Hospital, Rathgar.

The President's Award (Gaisce) involves undertaking a period of community involvement, physical recreation, the development of a personal skill and a venture project. The community involvement could comprise, for example, working every week with Oxfam, in a nursing home or organising football training for young children. It is not an easy challenge, entailing 15 weeks of community work and 26 weeks of skill development, but those who undertake it experience great satisfaction and fulfillment.

Among the many activities organised within Transition Year was a magnificently choreographed fashion show. Such a comprehensive and entertaining show takes about four months of preparation and is greatly enjoyed by its audience. Des Ryan, of Form 4, won the Uncle Ben's School Cookery competition from over 1,000 entries. Ellie Fry was selected to attend a Young Reporters of the Environment mission in Portugal. Caroline Gray reached the national final (last 20) of the Young Entrepreneur competition, from over 7,000 entries, with her jewellery company "Beads and Things". A table quiz was also held in conjunction with the Transition Year pupils from Alexandra College.

Eoin Curran was selected to represent Ireland in South Africa in the Informatics Competition (computer programming), having been placed first in the national competition. He won a silver medal while abroad. Oliver Nash had the unique distinction of being selected to represent Ireland in two of the international olympiad competitions. He travelled to Taiwan for the Mathematics and to Iceland for the Physics competitions. Our school team was placed second of eighteen schools in the inter-schools Spanish quiz, while the French team was sixth out of twenty-two schools. In the Dublin competition organised by the Irish Science Teachers' Association, our two teams were placed second and sixth, in a field of seventy-five teams.

Sport

The 1st XI girls' hockey team won the "Maids of the Mountain" annual schools' tournament but was forced out of the cup competition by Wesley College after extra time in an intense, gruelling encounter. We also fielded second and third senior teams, three junior teams, two minor and two first year teams.

The 1st XV rugby team went out in the cup competition to a stronger King's Hospital side but defeated St Columba's and CBC Monkstown in the plate, eventually succumbing to St Michael's College. Ross McNally was selected for the Irish squad training weekend in March. This year, Mr. D. Cole stepped down from coaching the 1st XV to new duties with the 2nd XV. We would like to express our gratitude to him for over thirty years of coaching. The 2nd XV played well this season defeating King's Hospital and Terenure College but losing to Wesley College, the eventual winners of the competition. We also fielded a Transition Year team, two junior, two

under fourteen and two under thirteen teams. The under thirteen team won the final of its league competition against Wesley College.

In boys' hockey, the 1st XI had a good season, winning all of their league matches except one although being knocked out of the cup by a stronger King's Hospital side. We also fielded teams at junior, under fourteen and under thirteen levels. The Minor team, captained by Brian Mellon, was successful in its final against Dundalk Grammar School.

In boys' cricket Greg O'Meara was selected to play for the southern schools and for the Irish schools teams. Imran Masood played for the southern schools while Ross Wynne played for the Leinster under 19 team on its tour to Oxford. Under 14, under 15 and senior girls' cricket teams played in the leagues. The seniors had an exciting semi-final against St Joseph's, Rush, but were narrowly beaten in the last over of the game by Loreto Dalkey. Kara Cramp and Suzanne Kenealy have been recently selected for the Irish Ladies Cricket development squad.

The senior boys' tennis team competed well in their cup section and although they did not emerge from their group the young team gained valuable experience for next year. The juniors were more successful, beating Clonkeen and losing narrowly to St Michael's. The senior boys' school tournament was won by Daniel Hanlon and Conor McCartney won the junior tournament. Three girls teams were entered in the leagues (minor, junior, senior) and the winner of the senior tennis cup was Jane Harley, while Fiona Collins won the junior.

After Aidan Walsh's success at the European student championships last year, he had a difficult year with injury. He did achieve victory in the 1500m race



Ruth Carnegie & Zoe Lipson

at the East Leinster zone championships, 2nd in the Leinster championships and 6th in the All-Ireland. He has now taken up an athletics scholarship in the USA.

The intermediate boys 4x100m relay team won a bronze medal at the East Leinsters and a number of individual boys and girls won their way through to the finals.

Our badminton teams continued to receive professional coaching weekly. Some of the teams are building strength although the Under 14 girls were successful in winning four out of their five league matches. Basketball was played at senior boys, senior girls and cadette girls level this year. The senior boys soccer team enjoyed a mixed season.

The Caving club was again very active with repeated visits to the Burren. Hill-walkers roved over the area near the Shankill firing range, Carrauntoohill, Glendalough, Glenmacnass, Djouce, Mullacleabhan and the Glen of Imaal. They also held three night walks in the vicinity of Glencree, Upper Lough Bray and Knocknagun. Rock-climbing took place in Dalkey quarry on nine occasions during the summer term.

Canoeing continues to be a popular activity with pupils competing in races on the Grand Canal, the Upper Liffey, the Boyne and the Inny. In swimming, fifteen pupils achieved the Irish Water Safety Survival 2 Award.

Without the dedication of so many staff and the enthusiasm of so many pupils, the school would not be the thriving community it currently is. Well done!

Prizes 1997-98

Form 1

Etheline Brady Prize (best overall in Form 1): Jennifer Kane

Jellett Memorial Prize for Irish:

Sarah Tobin

Class Prizes:

1DA Paul Webster, Maeve Willoughby

1DO Karl Kavanagh, Donna Lui

1G Jennifer Day, Tania Hashmi

1S Nicola Sutton, Shalini Columb

1W Meabh Cryan, Claire Murphy

Progress Prizes:

1DA Andrea Burgess, David Young

1DO Sarah Cobban, April Kavanagh

1G Sarah Lowe, Daniel O'Byrne

1S Stuart O'Meara, Robert Smyth

1W Lewis Doyle, Alison McHugo



Macdara O'Seireadain receiving his prize

Form 2

Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize (best overall in Form 2): Suzanne McEndoo

McNay Prize for English:

Howard Thom

Parents' Association Prize for English:

Alan Metcalfe

Parents' Association Prize for Materials Technology (Wood):

Eoghan McIlwaine

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art:

Natalie Brandsma

Dorothy Blakeney Progress Prize for

General Science: Fiona Collins

Diocesan School Music Prize:

Linda Nevin

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2-1 Adam Argue

2-2 Brian Logan

2-3 Aoife McDarby

2-4 Karen Murphy

2-5 Ben Blackwell

Progress Prizes:

2-1 Emma Flanagan

2-2 Adam Leahy

2-3 Ruth Manley

2-4 Thomas Eager

2-5 Justin Dawson

Class Prizes:

2-1 Michael Staines, Rachel Garvey

2-2 Seán Ó hÉigearthaigh,
Eamon Garrigan

2-3 Fintan Gillespie, Talitha Brauer

2-4 Daniel Vard, Robert Vard

2-5 Anthony Walsh, Killian Barry

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate): Cuan Ó Seireadain

Brook Prize (best performance in Junior Certificate):

Edel Smith

Dillon Prize for Mathematics: Nathan Breen

Foster Memorial Prize for Mathematics: Drew Prendergast

Carpenter Memorial Prize for English: Vicki Glover

Emily Latimer Memorial Prize for English:

Gemma Reeves-Erskine

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Nathan Breen

Casserley Prize for History: Cuan Ó Seireadain

German Government Prize: Edel Smith

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Studies: Vicki Glover

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics:

Olga Maguire

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Catherine Kang

Parents' Association Prize for Technical Graphics:

Adam Hutchinson

Class Prizes:

3 D Robert Carnegie, Luke Slott

3 G Serafine O'Connor, Gillian Whelan

3 P Kathryn Laing, James Maher

3 Q Jack Glacken, Conor O'Shea

3 W Rebecca O'Reilly, Eamonn Mannix

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship (best overall in Form 5):

Michelle McCartney

Dr Start's Prize for Chemistry: Becky Peare

Parents' Association Prize for English: Michelle McCartney

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Katie Blackwood

Diocesan School Music Prize: Benoît Ferré-Cullen

Class Prizes: Nigel Bass, Declan Donoghue,
Benoît Ferré-Cullen, Emma Hilliard, Emily King,
Philip Loane, Shane Murphy, Sharon O'Byrne,
Redmond O'Connell, Louise Watson.

Form 6

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

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

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

Elizabeth Hilliard

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

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil who enters further education) Karen Cadoo/Eoin Curran^o

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

John Bennett Memorial Prize: (next best performing pupil) Zoë Lipson

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

Ivan King Memorial Prize for History: Zoë Lipson

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

Bessie Bury Prize for English: Mark Kenny

Casserley Memorial Prize for English: Ben McGuire

German Government Prize: Zoë Lipson

Miss Latimer's Prize for Geography: Julie Gillen

S.S. Evans Prize for Business Subjects: Stephen Nash

Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize for Home Economics: Karen Cadoo

Miss Mitchell's Prize for Art: Shane Grafton

Miss Jagoe Prize for Biology: Karen Cadoo

P.P.U. Debating Medal: Brian Kelly

McDonnell Prize for the Arts: Elizabeth Hilliard

Class Prizes:

Melanie Boyle, Rachel Dawson, Daniel Frazer, Kate Harris, Philippa Lock, Vicki McMullan, Karen Pickett, Louis Smith, Matthew Walker.

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

Jean Scott Trophy: Zoë Lipson

Old Boys' Cup: Ralph Benson

Note: Class prizes are awarded to pupils who perform best on average across the range of subjects in the class. Progress prizes are awarded to pupils who make the best progress during the year on average across the range of subjects in the class.

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.



Ruth Carnegie & Malcolm Taylor, Joint Presidents of the Past Pupils' Union with Zoe Lipson, Head Girl 1997/98 and winner of the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl & Ralph Benson, winner of the Old Boys' Cup.

Leaving Certificate 1998

Liny Abraham	Kate Draper	Sarah Kennedy	Joanne Mc Hugo	Seetha
Ben Allison	Jenny Dunne	Mark Kenny	Laughlin Mc Kee	Ramkissoon
Luke Ashe-Brown	Jonathan Fennell	David Killeen	Jennifer	Alan Rath
Philip Bailey	Pamela	Stuart Kinch	Mc Kenna	James Robertson
Ralph Benson	Fernandez- Morton	Eric Klotz	Vicki Mc Mullan	Georgia Scott
David Bird	Kevin Field	Gillian Lane	Suzanne Mellon	Keith Singleton
Heather Boles	Seamus Finn	Laura Lane	Sandra Mitchell	Nicholas Smith
Jesse Booth	Daniel Frazer	Stephen	Edward Moran	Louis Smith
Hilary Boyd	Cristin Frost	Langran-Geraghty	Jennifer Moss	Maureen Synnott
Melanie Boyle	Jack Gallagher	Zoë Lipson	Ross Murphy	Jenny Thompson
Brian Bradshaw	Julie Gillen	Philippa Lock	Oliver Nash	Richard Thompson
Paul Burke	Jacqui Gordon	Anna Louise	Stephen Nash	Jane Tippins
Michelle Byrne	Raymond Grafton	Mac Allister	Karen Nason	Christopher Vincent
Karen Cadoo	Shane Grafton	Terence Madigan	Fergus Naughton	Matthew Walker
Carolyn Camier	Jeanette Graham	Ross Maguire	Charles	Aidan Walsh
Daniel Clarke	Nicola Gray	Rebecca Manley	Nicholson	Bruce Wardrop
Jamie Collins	Michael Harper	Graham Masters	Justin O'Malley	Amy Warner
Bruce Cooper	Kate Harris	Rachel Mathers	Julie O'Sullivan	Ronald Whyte
Valerie Creggy	Samuel Hatfield	Jessica Mc Carthy	David O'Toole	Jane Wilkinson
Janis Crosbie	Danielle Hill	David Mc Coy	Nkemjika Okonji	Emma Willis
Eoin Curran	Elizabeth Hilliard	Julian Mc Dowell	Karen Pickett	Koren Wilson
Sean Curran	Nicola Hodgson	Mark Mc Endoo	Noelle	Ross Wynne
Rachel Dawson	Zoe Hutchinson	Zoe Mc Geeney	Prendergast	
Ross Douglas	Rebecca Keenan	Ben Mc Guire	Alexander Rafter	
Aisling Doyle	Brian Kelly	Ian Mc Hugh	Tarik Rahman	

Junior Certificate 1998

Darren Addie	Vincent	Robbie Gilbert	Lee Kutner	Rebecca O'Reilly
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Ian Dowling
Darren Fitzpatrick
Eoin Garrigan
Justin Hall
Daniel Hanlon
Shelley Horan
Suzanne Kenealy
David Kirkpatrick
Andrew Laughlin
Katherine Lowry
Russell Maidment
Andrew Mc Farland
Clodagh Mc Greal
Eva Mc Guire
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Carol Moss
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Andrew Reid
Ray Ryan
Kate Scanlan
Carol Shaw
Graeme Singleton
Clare Swift
Cynthia Taylor
Stephanie Taylor
Deborah Walker
Sharon Weekes

Gaisce-

President's

Award

Emma Allott
Suzanne Anglim
Fergus Boydell
Gavin Carroll
Andrew Coleman
Darragh Curran
Jenni Daly
Carol Davis
Nicole Dowley
Lesley Eager
Ellie Fry

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Caroline Gray
Jane Harley
Suzanne Kenealy
Stuart Mellon
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Carol Moss
Gail Mc Endoo
Eva Mc Guire
Sarah Mc Murray
Richard Mc Neill
Clare O'Connor
JJ Rolfe
Ray Ryan
Carol Shaw
Graeme Singleton
Cynthia Taylor
Stephanie Taylor
Susan Wilkinson
Andrew Laughlin
Kiran Woolhead

Judo

Joseph Burke
Fergus Boydell
Luke Campbell-Crawford
Nicole Dowley
David Duggan
Karl Fahy
Mark Fennell
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An Taisce

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Awards

Suzanne Anglim
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Mark Butterly

David Collins
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Jennifer Daly
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Andrew Fry
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Jack Harris
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Ian Logan
Andrew Lowry
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Ben Mc Nally
John Morton
Julie Nixon
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Jenny Rath
Kate Scanlon
Vicky Tadros
Cynthia Taylor
Susan Wilkinson
Kiran Woolhead

Canoeing

Emma Allott
Fergus Boydell
Darragh Curran
Eoin Garrigan
Andrew Lowry
William Lett
James Murphy
David Kirkpatrick
Cynthia Taylor
Allan Whyte

Swimming

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Darragh Curran
Jenni Daly
Lesley Eager
Ellie Fry
Eoin Garrigan
Sam Glacken
Stuart Mellon
Gail Mc Endoo
Eva Maguire
Stephanie Taylor
Jack Quilligan

School Trophy Winners 1997-98

Athletics

Belgrave Yvonne Elliott
Cornick 400 Metres - Senior Boys
Aidan Walsh
Magill 100 Metres - Junior Boys
Eoin McNally
Moore 200 Metres - Senior Boys
Aidan Walsh
Sloan Long Jump - Senior Boys
Kiran Woolhead
Southam 800 Metres - Senior Boys
Aidan Walsh
Staff Points - Intermediate Girls
Ruth Draper
Taylor 100 Metres - Senior Boys
Mark McCullough
Taylor Points - Senior Girls
Yvonne Elliott
Travers High Jump - Senior Boys
David Lalor
Walker 1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Aidan Walsh
War Memorial Points - Senior Boys
Aidan Walsh

Badminton

Evans (Mixed)
David Collins, Aislinn O'Toole
Factor (Junior Boys) Eamon Garrigan
Hennessy (Senior Boys)
Stephen Murphy
Junior Girls Fiona Collins
Senior Girls Jane Harley

Canoeing

Broad- Form 1
Joeseeph O'Callaghan
Canoeist of the Year
Emma Allott
Junior Liffey
Fergus Boydell

Cricket

de Vere Shortt-Best Batting(Boys)
Imran Masood
Hanly-Best Fielder(Boys)
Ross Wynne
Jacobson-All-rounder(Senior Boys)
Daniel Clarke

Hockey

Neville Davin - Senior Boys
Kevin Field
Diocesan - Minor Girls
Laura Stafford
Jean Scott - Junior Girls
Jane Harley
Jean Scott - Senior Girls
Kate Halligan

Rugby

de Vere Shortt
Ross Wynne
Evans - Place and Drop
Mark McCullough
Turner - Most Deserving Team
Under 13(Captain Mark Kelly)

Table Tennis

Evans Tarik Rahman

Tennis

Harcourt - Junior Boys
Conor McCartney
Sealy - Senior Boys
Daniel Hanlon
Jagoe - Junior Girls
Fiona Collins
Smith - Senior Girls
Jane Harley

Sports Captains 1997-98

Cricket - Boys Daniel Clarke
Cricket - Girls Suzanne Kenealy
Tennis - Boys Julian Mc Dowell
Tennis - Girls Jane Harley
Athletics - Boys Aidan Walsh
Athletics - Girls Michelle Byrne
Basketball - Boys Matthew Walker
Basketball - Girls Julie O'Sullivan
Badminton - Hon. Secretary
David Duggan
Hockey - Boys Jesse Booth
Hockey - Girls Hilary Boyd
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 Mr. R. Fennell (Under 13 B coach)
 Mr. B. Quinn

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 Miss D. Sixsmith (1st XI coach)
 Mr. A. McKay (2nd XI coach)
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 Mrs. D. Walker (Minor B coach)

Hockey (Boys)

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Zoe Hutchinson : Inchicore Vocational College.
Rebecca Keenan : Information & Communications Technology, T.C.D.
Brian Kelly : Early & Modern Irish, T.C.D.
Sarah Kennedy : Marketing, Mountjoy Square.
Mark Kennedy : History, T.C.D.
David Killeen : Hotel & Catering Supervision, D.I.T.
Stuart Kinch : Marketing, Rathmines.
Eric Klotz : Science, T.C.D.
Gillian Lane : Arts, U.C.D.
Laura Lane : Deferring a year.
Stephen Langran-Geraghty : Cert. in Navigational Studies.
Zoe Lipson : Psychology, T.C.D.
Philippa Lock : French & Spanish, T.C.D.
Terence Madigan : Engineering, U.C.D.
Ross Maguire : Deferring a year.
Rebecca Manley : Repeating.
Graham Masters : Repeating.
Rachel Mathers : Deferring a year.
Jessica McCarthy : Repeating.
David McCoy : Car Sales Representative.
Julian McDowell : Science, U.C.D.
Mark McEndoo : Deferring a year.
Zoe McGeeney : Telesales Forefront, Europe.
Ben McGuire : English, T.C.D.
Ian McHugh : Electronic Engineering, I.T.T.
Joanne McHugo : L.S.B. , South William St.
Laughlin McKee : Media Production, St. Kevin's College.
Jennifer McKenna : Business Studies & Computer Applications, Greenhills.
Clare McMullan : Deferring a year.
Suzanne Mellon : Arts, U.C.D.
Sandra Mitchell : Office Administration & Languages, Rathmines.
Edward Moran : Repeating.
Jennifer Moss : Science, I.T.T.
Ross Murphy : Repeating.
Oliver Nash : Maths, T.C.D.
Stephen Nash : Computers, Dundalk.
Karen Nason : Marketing & Languages I.T.T.
Fergus Naughton : Arts, U.C.D.
Charles Nicholson : Deferring a year.
Justin O'Malley : Repeating.
Julie O'Sullivan : Deferring a year.
David O'Toole : Repeating.
Karen Pickett : French & Classics, T.C.D.
Alexander Rafter : Engineering, D.I.T.
Tarik Rahman : Engineering, T.C.D.
Seetha Ramkissoo : Science, T.C.D.
Alan Rath : Repeating.
James Robertson : Applied Science, D.I.T.
Georgia Scott : Art Gallery, France.

Orchestra

Keith Singleton : Amateur Dramatics.
 Louis Smith : Science, T.C.D.
 Nicholas Smith : Repeating.
 Maureen Synott : Deferring a year.
 Jenny Thompson : Retail Management, D.I.T.
 Richard Thompson : Sports Therapy, Crumlin College.
 Jane Tippins: DTP & Graphic Design, Whitehall Senior College.
 Christopher Vincent : Sports Therapy, D.I.T.
 Matthew Walker : Jazz / Music, America.
 Aidan Walsh : Sports Scholarship, America.
 Bruce Wardrop : Sports & Recreation Management.
 Amy Warner : Deferring a year.
 Ronald Whyte : Civil Engineering, Dundalk.
 Jane Wilkinson : Interior Design, Liberties College.
 Koren Wilson : Commercial Course, Fairfield College.
 Ross Wynne : Repeating.

As a member of the school orchestra, I can safely say that this was quite an unusual year for us, considering it was the first time in years that we didn't win first place at the Wesley Feis - (we reckon the winning orchestra initiated a bribe!). Unaffected by the small number of players (in comparison to previous years), we still managed to produce an impressive sound at both the prize-giving and carol-service and we received 138 marks out of 150 in the Department Exam. On behalf of the orchestra, I would like to thank our conductor, Mr. Weisner, for his unwavering dedication and persistence. New members are always welcome.

-Clare O'Connor, 5th

Choir

Once again, the High School choir assembled for the musical highlights of the year. These included the prize-giving in October, for which we sang 'Mariannina'; the annual carol-service in Zion Church, which was the usual success and the Department of Education choir exam where we sang 'Mariannina' (again!), 'Yellow Submarine' and 'What is that goodly fragrance?'

Unfortunately, our tenors and basses left the school last year and although we can boast a large amount of sopranos and altos, many songs are off limits to us. We would like to say 'thank you' to Mr. Weisner for his dedication throughout the year. New members are always welcome.

- Claire Murphy, 2nd

Musical Awards

Wesley Feis

Jane Hilliard:

1st - under 16 Piano
 1st - under 15 Piano accompanist
 1st - under 15 Brass

Cuan O'Seireadain:

1st - over 16 Brass

Kate Higgs:

2nd - under 14 Strings

Des Ryan:

1st - over 16 Piano

Newpark Music Festival

Grace Tallon

Highly Commended - Vocals

Louise Watson

Highly Commended - Over 16 Piano

Ellie Fry & Rayne Booth

3rd - Vocal Duet

Des Ryan

3rd - Over 16 Piano Solo

Cynthia Taylor

2nd - Chamber Music

Feis Ceol

Jane Hilliard:

1st - under 15 Trumpet

Macdara O'Seireadain:

1st - Vocal Trio

1st - Vocal Duet

Cuan O'Seireadain:

1st - Senior French horn



Ben Frazer

The Library

Those of you who spend your mornings, lunchtimes or breaks in the library will know that it's the perfect place to be, whether you are rushing to finish homework, looking for information on a project or, like most of us, just trying to wake up after rushing to school. This is all thanks to Mrs King and the Friends of the Library, who have worked very hard all year. In particular, I would like to thank our great committee: Susan Walsh, Stuart McGuire, Brian Morton, Claire Murphy, Ruairi O'Connell, Sarah Cobban and Max Callon-McLaughlin.

We have had some colourful and inspiring displays during the year thanks to Jenny Kane and Shalini Columb. These included the 1798 Rebellion, a display for each month of the year and information on the Euro.

The library has been responsible for numerous fundraising events this year including Daffodil Day when £314.64 was



raised for the Irish Cancer Society. At Christmas, our little pig was fed until he could hold no more, which resulted in £100 being raised for the Cottage Home for Little Children. Our "Swearbox" only contains 7p, which is strange but I am told that no one swears in the library!!!

-Meabh Cryan, 2nd

The Librarian's Report

Happily the Library continues to thrive. Pupils use it for a variety of purposes whether as an area of relaxation at break time, for after school study, or to access electronic information via our computer databases. We had an excellent display of new books this year with subjects ranging from science to philosophy etc. Thanks must, as always, be extended to

the Board of Governors, and past pupils for the generous financial donations that keep the library running. The 1999 library prize for the best overall reader in first year was awarded to Cliodhna Noone 1G.

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them" - Mark Twain.

-Mrs. V. King (Librarian)

Central Remedial Clinic - Santa Bear Appeal

The Central Remedial Clinic provides a range of specialised services for physically disabled people of all ages. Based in Clontarf, the CRC has a pre-school and also provides education for physically disabled children up to the age of 18.

It has many consultants, physiotherapists, speech therapists etc. It also has a workshop/activity centre for adults.

All services provided by the clinic are free of charge, therefore fund-raising is very important. As part of their fund-raising, they organise an annual "Santa Bear Appeal". Each bear costs £1 and they are sold all around the country. Many thanks to all the pupils in High School who contributed to this very worthwhile cause. We raised £246.37. WELL DONE!

- Kate Mahon, 4th

Valentine's Day Post

The smiles, the laughter, and the occasional disappointed sigh of "Oh, mine must be in the mail then!" announced the deliveries of this year's Valentine's post. The previous week had been highly entertaining for onlookers, as student after student crept cautiously up to the Valentine's post box to deposit their cards. These cards no doubt, had been written with cunningly disguised handwriting, and sealed with a kiss.

It was Friday 12th February when emotions, (in particular envy) ran high. This was a result of the huge amounts of cards, roses and gifts received by certain High School babes!! A second year boy and a sixth year girl went home with six cards each, a fifth year girl was delivered six cards and a rose. However, the record was set when another fifth year girl received no less than seven cards and a rose!! You know who you are!

But let us not forget exactly why this post is organised in the school each year. All profits raised are donated to ISANDS (the Irish Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society). This charity was established in 1983 to provide support and information to those affected by perinatal death. With profits from stamps, cards and roses, a total of £200 was raised.



Ellie Fry presenting the cheque for £200

This was achieved due to the time and effort put in by those selling cards and stamps. Thank you to everyone who helped out, and who donated even the smallest amounts. Who knows, maybe next year we will raise even more.

-Ellie Fry, 5th

Funds for Breffni

Following a visit from Paddy Coyle, Development Officer of the Guide Dogs Association, a blind lady named Rita Corley and "Breffni", her guide dog, the students of 2G decided to do some fundraising for this cause. A stall selling Guide Dog Association merchandise such as posters, pencils and wallets was set up outside the Reynold's Hall for a period of two weeks. At the end of this time, we had raised £225! Mr. Coyle revisited our class to thank us for our fundraising endeavours. Well done to everyone who was involved, and a special thanks must go to Miss Graham.

-Ian O'Shea, 2nd



Paddy Coyle, Rita Corley & Breffni with members of 2G

Shaveathon

On Thursday 29th April, a Shaveathon took place in H.S.D., during Junior & Senior lunch. This was the culmination of 3 weeks of planning, coercing and bribing, and the tension backstage could have been cut with a knife - as the hair was going to be very shortly.

J.J. Rolfe and Russell Simmons took care of music, while Singo hosted the show and Chuck McGarry took care of all the little things we'd overlooked!

The atmosphere was electric as Raj and Mr. Gill went under the razor. After an initial short-circuit, the event was rescued by Andy the barber....

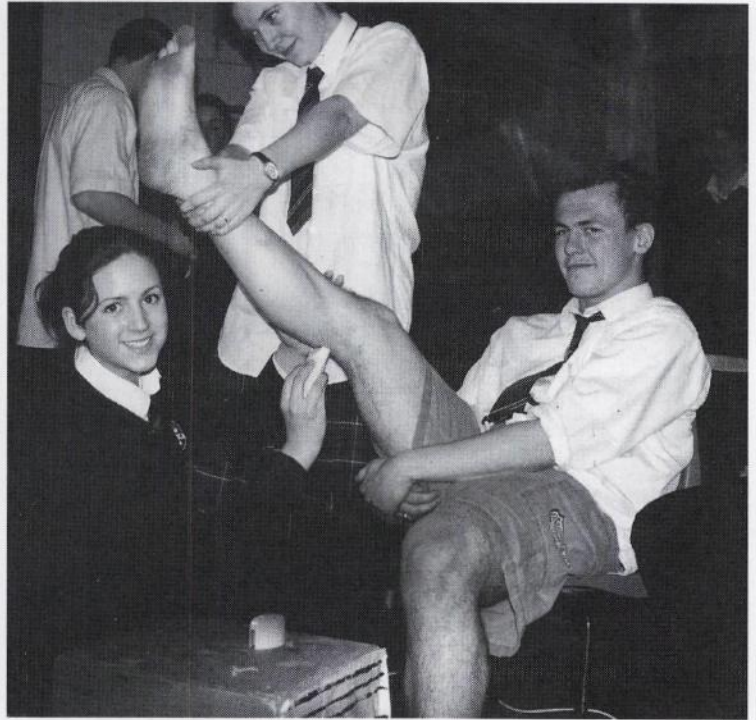
Twenty minutes later, you wouldn't have recognised the hall or the people in it! Shane Morton, Jack Quilligan, Alan Dunne and Mark McCullough had all sacrificed their heads (well, their hair anyway). Ross McNally's legs had been ladyshaved! And Julian Fraser's chest was as smooth as a baby's bum! Steve Corrigan may never be the same again... and Mr. McKay definitely won't! Singo capped off the event - but we all know he only wanted a free haircut!!

After a very slow start, we were astounded by people's generosity and raised a phenomenal £1630 - the highest total ever achieved in one single fundraising event in H.S.D.

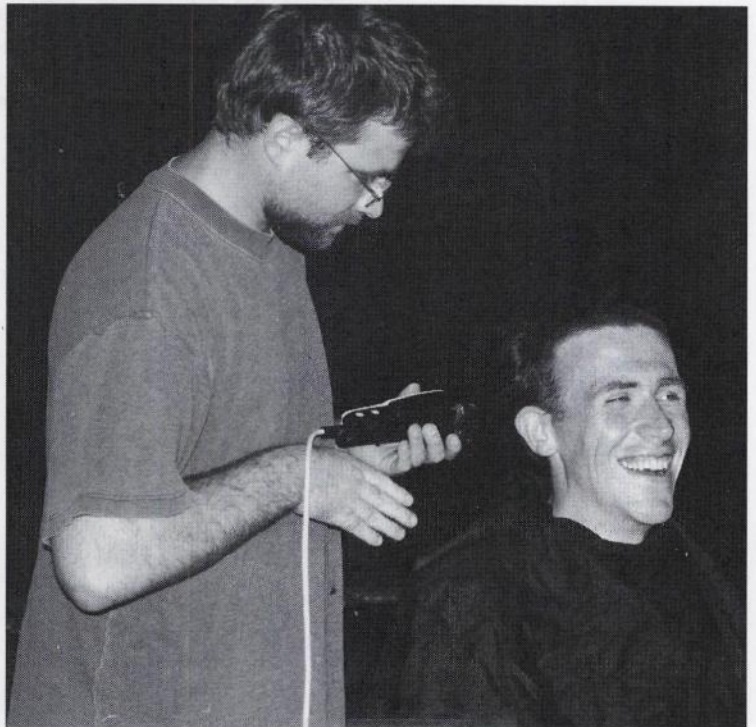
Thanks to 2RD, Mr. Duffy, Sarge, Andy "the barber" Hannon and everyone who contributed so much! Thanks also to AM-PM newsagent, Bijou Restaurant, O'Donovan's butcher and the Gourmet Shop for all their support.

Following the Shaveathon, an unprecedented happening occurred..... a first in the whole history of the school, the world, the universe! The whole of the High School had a NO HOMEWORK DAY! Who said that headmasters can't be hip?!!! High School - BE PROUD!!

-Jenni Daly & Aoife Mc Dermott, 5th



Wallis Handelman shaving Ross McNally's legs



Andy "The Barber" Hannon taking "a little off the top" of Mr. McKay's hair.

The Debating Society

In September 1998, the annual general meeting of the Debating Society took place in B7. The auditor was appointed and various bits and pieces, related to the year ahead, were sorted out. Little did anyone know what a season it would turn out to be ...

The season opened with an unusually early Concern Debate versus Sandford Park, with the wonderfully inspiring motion "public pressure is forcing multinationals to clean up their act". However, despite the motion, an entertaining debate ensued with 15-20 minutes dedicated to the merits of Ben and Jerry's (the ice-cream connoisseurs among you will understand). Despite a valiant effort on the parts of Ray Ryan, Rayne Booth, Jenni Daly and Stephanie Taylor, High School was defeated.

Due to ever decreasing numbers, the society decided to host a number of impromptu discussions as opposed to formal debates. Among the topics discussed were the Leaving Cert., personal shoppers and the fact that environmental protection has become a first-world luxury. These discussions proved successful, encouraging even the least vociferous into more active participation.

The French department joined forces with the society to take part in a debate at the Alliance Francais; a first for the society. *Las vie privée d'un homme public n'est pas d'intérêt général* (The private life of a public person is nobody's business) was the motion under discussion. The HSD was eventually defeated by Mount Temple, but not until we had surprised ourselves with our level of French, (take that as you will...).

In the annual Christmas debate, Mr. Miller, Mr. Gill and Mr. McKay proposed that Santa Claus is a woman. Allegedly a descendant of the fembeardales, an overdose of testosterone is responsible for her deep voice. She can't drive, takes a year to do her shopping and gets little men to do all the work for her. She's gotta be a woman!! But the opposition, Ray

Ryan, Jennifer Mayne and Cynthia Taylor, had something to say about that! Mrs. Claus is the woman in the partnership; he's a professional alcoholic; and what woman would wear a bright red trouser-suit at night?

Several controversial topics were handled by the society this season. The house proposed that drug addicts are the real victims and that religion is corrupt in all its forms; both resulting in a tie. The sterilisation of mentally handicapped children and eugenics were also discussed. Hopefully the airing of these issues has raised awareness and understanding of them and, perhaps, opened minds to unexplored points of view.



Members of the Debating Society

For the first time in a number of years the society hosted a balloon debate to coincide with the Gender Awareness Week. A balloon debate is one where the speakers represent characters as opposed to sides of a motion. All the speakers are sent up in a metaphysical hot-air balloon. It is their duty to defend their right to stay in the balloon. The audience decides who to throw overboard. Two girls, Cynthia Taylor and Rayne Booth represented men while two guys, Des Ryan and Anthony Brennan, spoke as women. Cynthia was a typical egotistical man, while Rayne was a woman trapped in a man's body; but it was Anthony's well-rounded woman and Des's flowing blonde hair that won the day, with both "women" being deemed fit to remain in the balloon while their "male" counterparts were thrown overboard (figuratively speaking, of course).

So, as we approach the end of another successful season, we would like to thank Mr. D. Miller for his continued support and we look forward to next year and the final debating season of the millennium.

-Jenni Daly, 5th

Competitions

French Quiz

The French Teachers Association held its annual French quiz in Mount Anville School on 2nd December 1998. The High School team consisted of Nathan Breen, Emily Holmes, Sharon O'Byrne and Gillian Patterson. Sponsorship came from TV5.

Thirty five schools took part, spot prizes were won by all and everyone had a wonderful night. The questions were particularly challenging, but we did quite well in each round. Ms. Stevenson deserves a thank you for organising the team and helping them to prepare for the quiz.

Irish Science Teacher's Association Quiz

The team consisted of Michelle McCartney, Becky Peare and Louise Watson. They were extremely successful and achieved 1st place, beating 72 other competing school teams. They received £50 each and a £400 prize for the school.

Irish National Maths Contest

The 18th Irish Maths Contest (1998) was very rewarding for The High School. The team consisted of Elizabeth Hillard, Michelle McCartney and Oliver Nash. They scored a total of 294 marks, tying in first place with Colaiste Chriost Ri (Cork).

Maths Olympiad

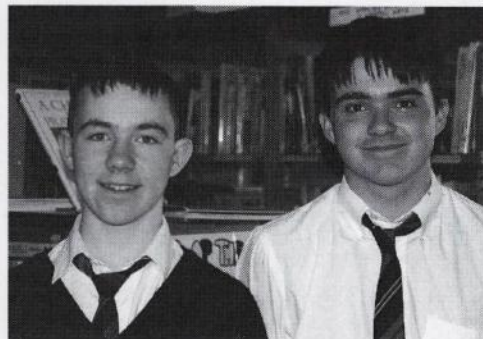
Nathen Breen and Drew Prendergast were selected for trials for the Irish Maths Olympiad based on their Junior Cert. Results. They attended lectures in U.C.D. and although they didn't reach the next round, they feel that it was a valuable experience and hope to participate again next year.



*Michelle McCartney, Mr. R. Miller, Fred Gilmore
Nicholas Nash, Killian Barry*



*Louise Watson, Mr. Hickey, Michelle
McCartney & Becky Peare*



Drew Prendergast & Nathan Breen

Classical Studies Quiz

A team of two Junior Cert. Latin students, Nicholas Nash and Killian Barry, a Leaving Cert. Latin student, Michelle McCartney, and myself (a Leaving Cert. Classical Studies student) competed in a table quiz in Mucross College before Christmas. There were thirty schools participating. Half way through the quiz we were in joint first position with one other school. However, during the second half, we fell slightly behind. In the end we settled for a close second place. It provided an enjoyable evening's entertainment and we were delighted to have left with a prize. I would like to thank Mr.R.Miller for organising our participation in the quiz.

-Fred Gilmore, 6th

International Biology Olympiad

Congratulations to Michelle McCartney (6th) on her selection to represent Ireland at the International Biology Olympiad in July 1999 in Uppsala, Sweden.

In February Michelle was one of fifty students invited to compete at the All-Ireland Biology Olympiad finals in Dublin City University as a result of her answers to a number of biological questions submitted to D.C.U. in January. In this competition she won the Gold Medal in Practical Biology. Twelve finalists were subsequently picked to compete for a place on the Irish team for the International Biology Olympiad. This involved further school based practical work culminating in a written paper in D.C.U. on 9th May. According to Professor Richard O'Kennedy of D.C.U. Michelle excelled throughout all stages of the competition and has won a place on the team of four to represent Ireland in Sweden.

-J. Geoghegan



Young Reporters for the Environment

Young Reporters for the Environment is an environmental education programme designed for secondary school students in nine European countries. It not only increases the students' environmental awareness, but it also improves their journalism skills, increases their knowledge of the Internet and it puts most of their school subjects into practice. One student from some of the participating schools receives the opportunity to attend a mission and work together with foreign students to write articles illustrating the problem studied in their mission. This year Sarah Fisher, 4th year, attended a mission in Waterford:

This year, the as part of the Y.R.E. project, I went to Waterford to study coastlines. The group consisted of one student from Cork, two from Offaly, three from Dublin, two from Roscommon and three from Denmark.

We met at the Customs House on Monday 3rd May where the organiser Andrew Cox welcomed us. We got the rapid express bus to Waterford City. In Waterford we met the host families with whom we would be staying. We arranged to meet in Newtown Secondary school the next day. On Tuesday the group met at the school where we went by Kilmeaden reed beds. Here we were told about how the reeds filter the water from the Kilmeaden Cheese Factory. Then we went to Kilfarresy, a small beach cove, where wind turbines are proposed. A local resident told us why she disagreed with the idea. At this stage the group were getting quite hungry so we went as far as Tramore beach, where we were introduced to the famous Waterford Blah. A mixture of ham, cheese and tomato did not sound enticing to most of us, so we went to the nearest takeaway. After lunch we did a beach survey and discovered that for such a popular beach it was not taken very good care of. It was nearly 6 p.m., so we headed for home.

The next day we went to Waterford Crystal, where we were shown how the glass was made which most of us found quite interesting. We had the rest of the day free, so we all decided to do some shopping. Unfortunately, we were sorely disappointed at the limit of shops there. We headed back to the school at 5.30 p.m. where we took up the task of writing reports on Tuesday's findings. Andrew Cox then set up on the Y.R.E. chat-room on the Internet, where we were supposed to talk to fellow young reporters. Unfortunately, no-one came on line and the whole idea was a flop!! Everyone was tired and we left for our respective houses.

On Thursday we spent the day comparing surveys of different beaches - Dunmore East, Tramore (again) and Woodstown. We also went to the fishing harbour in Dunmore where we learnt about the work involved in overseeing the harbour. The next day we were going home, so packing had to be done by all. Everyone left early to complete it. I would like to thank Mr. Irwin for involving me in the project and Mr. Andrew Cox for making the project possible. Everyone found the trip interesting and a great time was had by all.

-Sarah Fisher, 4th

E.Y.P.

E.Y.P. stands for the European Youth Parliament. It is an organisation that is run in all E.U. member states. Its main aims are to encourage the youth of Europe to take an active interest in the running of Europe and its everyday affairs and to also have fun doing it. Schools from all over Europe are requested to send a team to their nearest regional selection conference. During this conference, issues are put forward and solutions proposed. These are rigorously debated and a vote then occurs.

High School put forward a team of five people, Rayne Booth, Shelley Horan, Ria Czerniac Lebon, Aoife McDermott and Howard Thom. This team went to the first selection conference on the 12th of March in Our Lady's College, Terenure. Four of our team were selected to go through to the National conference, held in St. Michael's College on the 9th of April. Congratulations to Rayne Booth who was one of the twenty people out of two-hundred delegates to be selected to represent Ireland in the actual youth parliament, which will be held in Weimer, Germany in October 1999. Aoife McDermott has been short listed for the parliament also. Well done!

The selection conferences are open to all seniors in secondary school. They are run by people who have taken part in E.Y.P. before and nearly all of these are in either school or col-



lege. There is an excellent atmosphere at the meetings which are relaxed and all the High School participants told me they had great fun taking part. It has also changed their views on politics forever.

-Carrie Gray, 5th

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme 1999



Robert Anton & Adam Hutchinson

The High School's young entrepreneurs this year were Adam Hutchinson and Robert Anton. They began in September 1998. They devised a business plan to begin with and planned to make a profit by January 1999. Their idea was to set up F.P. Co. (Football Predictions Co.). In this business they sold cards to school pupils, teachers, their families and friends for £1.00 each. Predictions of the Premier League Football matches were made and

written on these cards. If anyone got all the results correct, they won a jackpot which was guaranteed to be between £80 and £200. The jackpot began at £80, and was raised by an extra £20 for every week that it was not won.. The main prize was never claimed, but some people came as close as one result away. As consolation prizes, £10 vouchers were given to runners up. These were people who scored the most points. The vouchers kept up the interest of all participants, and were very useful incentives.

The first step for the business was to raise capital. Robert Anton got sponsorship from A.M. Art & Print Co. Ltd. They gave the entrepreneurs half-price printing in return for advertising on the back of all the cards. A total of £100 profit, a good deal of hard work, and an excellent project, earned them the title of 'The High School Young Entrepreneurs'. The A.I.B. Rathgar generously awarded them a £50 prize. As High School winners, the boys progressed to the Dublin City Final, held in the Regency Hotel, Swords on Sunday 7th March 1999. They displayed their business plan and were interviewed for approx. 7 minutes. They were declared runners up, which was a great achievement, as they were in competition with all the participating schools in Dublin City. They received certificates and a cheque for £50, presented to them by Mr Tom Kitt T.D., Minister for Labour, Trade and Consumer Affairs.

Transition Year Photography Module

At the start of the module, most of us wouldn't have known an S.L.R. (Single Lens Reflex) camera if it jumped up and bit us. But after a couple of weeks, we had learned how to use one and how to load the film, using a bulk loader. When doing this, we had to make sure that no light got near the film, or it would be useless. We then started to take indoor portraits most of which turned out well. When that was done, we had to develop the negatives in total darkness, which was quite nerve-wracking. After the negatives were completed, we got to develop the prints. When the final pieces were completed, the results weren't that bad, for our first attempts. We also got to visit the Gallery of Photography in Temple Bar, to see the work of Padraigh Murphy, who had taken a series of photographs from where he lived in Kerry. The pictures were very basic, but very well done.



There were also young people who had taken pictures of what was important to them, like friends, family, animals and places. Altogether, this module has been a great experience and the trip to the gallery was very interesting.

-Joanne Flower, 4th

T. Y. Work Experience



The Asgard II

Since the introduction of Transition Year to the High School in 1991, many different ideas have been brought forward to try and make this year as interesting and beneficial as possible. A six-week subject module allows the students to get a taste of various subjects they might take up in 5th year. Fashion Shows are organised and outings to different educational centres are made. Another asset to T.Y. is work experience. For one week in November and two weeks in March, students have a genuine excuse to be absent from school, while they either observe or participate in their chosen career area. Some students are paid, but the majority of jobs are undertaken voluntarily. I spoke to two such students recently who obviously wanted to make their work experience as memorable as possible.

When Róisín Cox, in 4T, applied to sail on the *Asgard* for her 1-week's work experience, she knew her chances of being accepted (considering the fact that she had no previous sailing experience) were very slim and so she was genuinely shocked when her application was accepted. So, on a freezing cold morning in November, Róisín bravely stepped aboard '*The Asgard*'. This is what she had to say about her experience:

"Upon boarding the ship, we were immediately assigned to our watch groups - Starboard Watch, Port Watch and Middle Watch. The crew was made up of 5 permanent crew members, 3 watch leaders and 18 trainees. We were given a tour of the ship and a talk on safety. Then came the climbing of the masts, which was terrifying at first! By the end of the trip,



One of the Air Corps Helicopters at Baldonnel

though, I had accomplished this task quite well! Our daily routine started at 8 a.m. with 'Happy Hour', which involved all the crew polishing the brass, scrubbing the decks and generally cleaning the ship from top to bottom. Night duty was assigned to two people at a time and so I never really got much sleep. The week flew by as we sailed through the Irish Sea in some of the worst weather possible. Some of our destinations included The Isle of Man, Carlingford Lough and Warrington. Overall, I had a fantastic experience and I would recommend it to anyone, even if you have never sailed before."

Adam Hutchinson, in 4R, spent his work experience with the Irish Air Corps in Baldonnel Aerodrome. As he was considering a career in the Air Corps, Adam applied early and was accepted for the first week in March. This is what he had to say about his experience:

"The first day, I was brought into the Apprentice School along with the seven other work experience students where we introduced ourselves. We were told briefly about the Air Corps history and we also watched a health and safety video. Later on, we were brought on a tour of Baldonnel where we went from hangar to hangar looking at all the different aircraft. They had *Fougas*, *Marchettis*, *Alouettes*, *Gazels*, a *Beechcraft* and

my favourite helicopter – the *Dauphin II*'s. Some of the planes we saw included the *Casas* and the *Gulfstream 4* (which is the government jet and is travelled in by the president and several different ministers). The next day we were shown the weapons on the airfield and I was surprised to see that they had Anti-Tank Guns which are like rocket-launchers. We got to hold and fire the handguns and semi-automatic machine guns (they weren't loaded though!). Later on in the week, we were taken to the Air Traffic Control Tower. Just as we arrived, ATC received a message from *The Defender*, which is the Garda Patrol plane, saying that it had an engine failure and there could be a possible crash landing. The Crash Rescue Team was called out on standby – this was the first time they had been called out in ten years! Luckily *The Defender* landed safely with one engine and no one was injured. During the week, I also tried out the Flight Simulator. I truly enjoyed this week and I'm now pretty sure about what I want to follow as a future career."

Work experience gives students the opportunity to participate in a working environment. It not only gives them an insight into the career that they are considering, but it also provides the student with a wide variety of skills which are beneficial throughout life, such as punctuality, attendance and co-operation. It also aids their search for further employment, as employers look for the most experienced applicants who are suited to the job. And of course, it's really good fun!

-Clare O'Connor, 5th

Art Awards

An art competition was run at the end of last year and awards were given as follows:

Senior: 1st Emma Sweeney, 2nd Shane Grafton, Highly Commended Rachel Keeley, Jenny Eames, Audrey Smith and Elizabeth Dowling.

Intermediate: 1st Emma Allott, 2nd Bernice Millar, Highly Commended Mark Hill

Junior: 1st Ashley Kindness, 2nd Clive Lew, Highly Commended Natalie Brandsma, Craig Watson

The winning entries can be seen hanging in various locations around the school.

A Christmas Art Competition was run during December 1998, and the winners were:

Most Artistic: Meabh Cryan

Most Original: Natalie Brandsma

Most Appropriate to the Theme: Ross Condron

The President's Award

This year there were 35 pupils who participated in the President's Award. There are 3 different awards that can be achieved: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Most people in Transition Year try to complete the Bronze Award, while a small number in 5th Year attempt the Silver and sometimes even the Gold.

There are four sections of the President's Award that have to be completed within the school year: Community service, Physical skill, Personal skill and the Venture Project. Community service consists of 15 weeks of working within the community. This year people volunteered their service in many different ways, such as working with the Brownies, working in charity shops or helping elderly people.

The physical skill consists of 12 weeks participation in a chosen sport. You must reach a set target within this time. These sports can include badminton, canoeing, hockey, swimming etc. Then there is the personal skill. Being 26 weeks long, this is the longest part of the President's Award. One can choose any skill they



want, as long as they benefit from it themselves and reach their set target. Some of the skills people did this year included lifesaving, sign language and typing.

The venture project is probably the hardest and most challenging out of the four sections. Out of the 35 pupils, 32 went on the hillwalks organised by the school. We had to participate in four hillwalks, which trained us for the final walk up Carrauntoohill in Kerry.

When we have completed the award, we will receive a medal and certificate. The President's Award is great fun, very satisfying and very beneficial, especially during 4th Year.

-Kathryn Laing, 4th



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President's Award - Trip to Kerry

It all began on the 18th of March at around two o'clock. The 33 students involved in the President's Award left by mini-bus and train, accompanied by four brave teachers.

We arrived at our destination on time and spent the evening preparing ourselves for the tough day ahead. This involved making our packed lunches and a meeting with the leaders at 10 o'clock, concerning safety and our route up Carrauntoohil. Everyone got a good night's sleep as they considered the feat ahead. Our wake-up call was at eight o'clock, but many sensible people had raced for the showers already. Last minute preparations were made and the gang left after a big breakfast.

We arrived at our starting point at about ten past ten, and Mr. Blackmore (our professional photographer) took some pictures. After an hour and a half of flat ground, our knees went weak when we saw a vertical climb- THE DEVIL'S LADDER! An hour of hand-and-feet climbing elapsed but it was worth it when we saw the view. We had a longer than expected lunch break thanks to one person (remaining nameless) who got stuck *en route*!

Another hour of focused climbing brought us to the summit of Carrauntoohil, Drew Prendergast being the first on top. Subsequently, at the highest point in Ireland, a fog moved in, and we momentarily lost our view. It was now twenty past two, and we needed to move on as there was a descent, lasting four hours, ahead of us. The group split into two, one led by Mr. Swan and Ms. Ritchie, going back via the same route. The other, guided by Mr. Cryan and Mr. Blackmor, was to attempt a more daring ridge-walk. The two groups met *en route* and we all proceeded back to the buses. Everyone was relieved, proud of the accomplishment and very, very sore!



That evening we were presented with certificates, and we took some time to write up an account of our day. We all slept peacefully, as we were too tired to chat. The following morning involved a relaxing scenic walk before beginning the long journey home. Everyone was delighted on approaching the School gates and at the chance to stretch aching limbs. All the students were extremely grateful to the teachers for making this final stage of the President's Award so much fun.

-Vicki Glover and Sarah Lysaght (4th)



Hadrian's Wall Venture Gold President's Award

On Easter Monday, the 5th April, Gail McEndoo, Lesley Eager, Cynthia Taylor, myself - all in 5th form - and Meabh Cryan (2nd form) left Dun Laoghaire Harbour on the HSS, headed towards Holyhead. Our aim? To walk Hadrian's Wall from Bowness-on-Solway in the west to Newcastle-upon-Tyne in the east, as part of the Gold President's Award Venture. On arriving in Holyhead, we drove across the north of Wales and up through England, to Haydon Bridge, which is about halfway along Hadrian's Wall. We had rented two cottages a couple of miles above Haydon Bridge. The parents had one cottage and the rest of us had the other. This was because we had to cook for ourselves and for this, we had arranged that one person would cook each night. This turned out to have been a good idea as the kitchen was very small!!



Hadrian's Wall

The next morning, we left the cottages at 8.10 a.m. It was cold but sunny - ideal walking weather. By 9.30 a.m., we were walking eastwards from Bowness-on-Solway. The road ran along beside the sea and was very flat, which made for rather boring walking. We stopped for lunch in a village called Kirkandrews and then walked on through Carlisle. Soon

after, it began to pour rain. As we were walking on paths through the fields, we could see where the wall had been, by the remains of the ditches, which the Romans had dug on either side. We all began to lag towards the end of the day; stiles became more difficult to climb and Meabh provided the highlight of the day by falling off a low gate! We arrived at Newtown that evening, tired and wet, having walked 21 miles.



*Stephanie Taylor, Gail McEndoo, Meabh Cryan,
Cynthia Taylor & Lesley Eager*

Wednesday morning was dry, and the sun was shining towards the end of it. At first we followed a path and then we landed up walking on the road where we began to see the remains of the wall itself and also some of the turrets. We finished that evening before the most beautiful section of the wall, Windshields Crag.

On Thursday morning, we were walking by 8.30 a.m. However, when we arrived up beside the wall on top of the crags, we could see nothing of the view because of some fog. This proved to be one of the most difficult days, as we were either going steeply uphill or steeply downhill. However we did have a real feeling of having realised our plans in that we were walking right beside the wall. We finished that evening at 6.15 p.m., very tired and sick of hearing Cynthia and Meabh singing "99 Roman Soldiers Sitting on the Wall"!!

On Friday, our last day, we walked on fairly straight and undulating roads to Heddon-on-the-Wall, our final destination. We were tired but had a great feeling of having achieved something worthwhile.

We drove back down to Holyhead the next day to catch the HSS home. In total we had walked 63.5 miles in four days. We had a multitude of blisters and two damaged knees, but we still enjoyed ourselves. The remains of Hadrian's Wall can still be seen in many places along its original length and I would recommend walking along it - even if you just walk sections of it. It's definitely worthwhile.

-Stephanie Taylor, 5th

Roaming 'round Rome

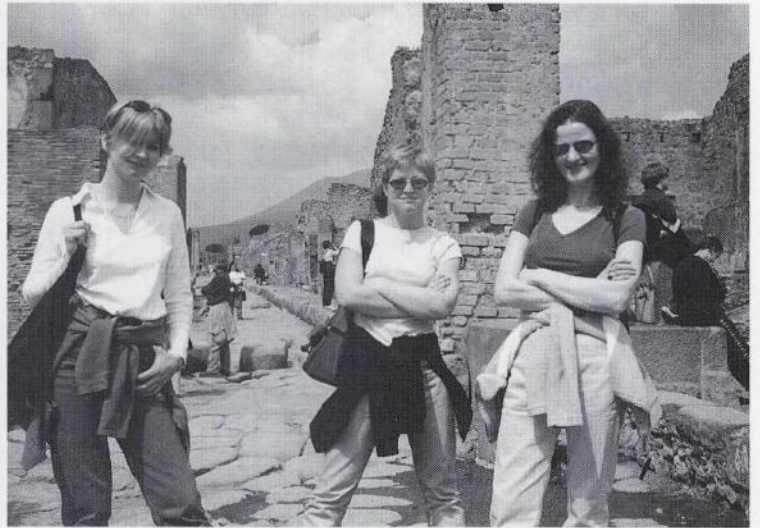
1st and 2nd years' trip to Rome and Naples

At 9pm on Saturday 27th March, the HSS set sail from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead. Among its passengers were 40 excited High School students and 5 apprehensive teachers. We were all prepared for the long journey ahead of us, and a long journey it was! We arrived at 11 o'clock, but as the clocks went forward, it was now midnight. We set off by coach on a six-hour journey to Heathrow Airport, with a 45-minute stop. We then flew to Rome, a two and a half-hour flight, where we got another coach, and although we were exhausted, we were ready for our tour around Rome.

Our first stop was St. Paul's Basilica, where we met up with the first group who had arrived the day before. This huge Basilica is situated outside the walls of the old city and contains the tomb of St. Paul, who was crucified by Nero. The architecture was amazing, and the altars were made out of alabaster and marble, but as time was short, we had to leave. We stopped to collect our guide and to sample some fine Italian cuisine ...McDonalds! Then we toured the city, seeing the Circus Maximus, a hippodrome where chariot races took place and The Colosseum, an amphitheatre with over 80 entrances. We also visited the Paleline Hill, where Rome all began with Romulus and Rehmus.

The next day, we set off early and drove to Vatican City, the smallest independent state in the world. We also visited St. Peter's Basilica, which was originally designed by Michaelangelo and re-

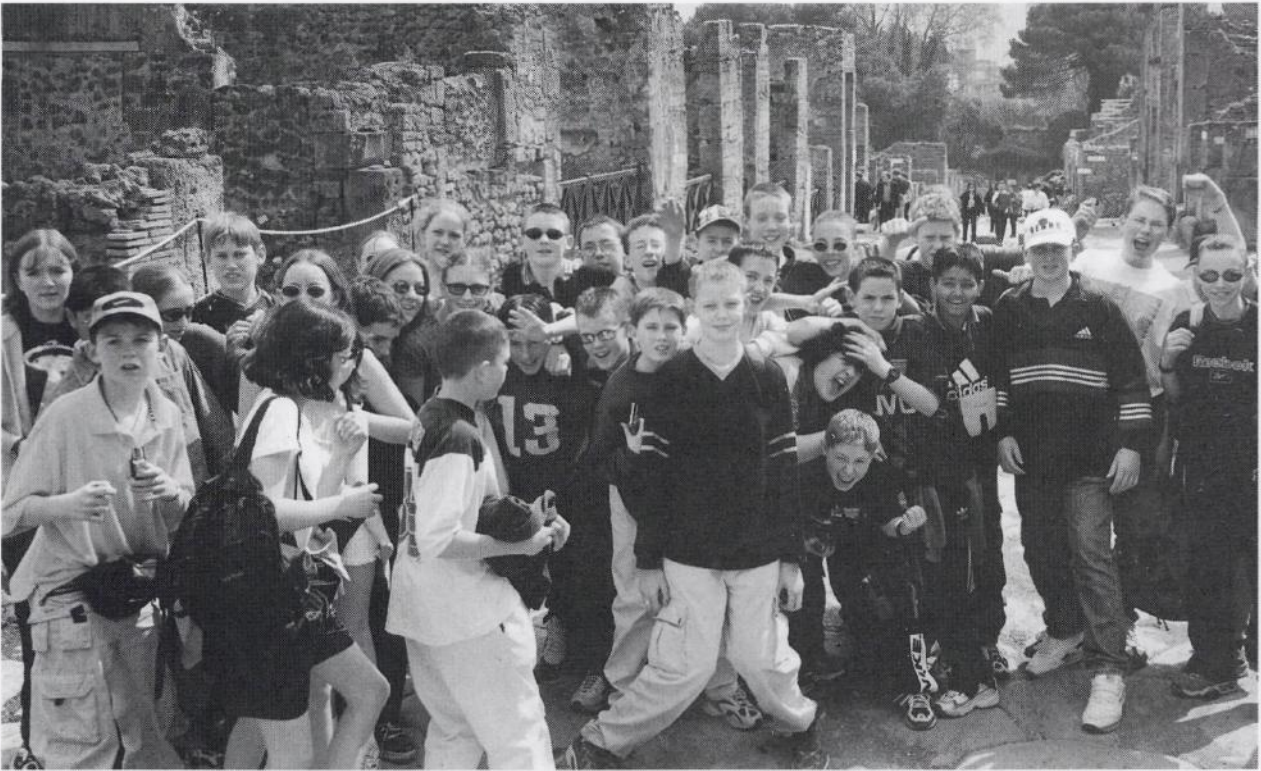
built by Raphael in 1514. It houses the Pieta, the famous sculpture by Michaelangelo and also the tomb of St. Peter. You are not allowed enter the Basilica wearing shorts, sleeveless tops or mini-skirts, but that was no problem, as it was cold that day! Next in line was the Sistine Chapel, recognised mainly for its ceiling, which is painted by Michaelangelo. Known as "The Last Judgement", it tells the story of Creation.



Miss O'Sullivan, Mlle. Roulet & Miss Bourke

On Tuesday morning, we travelled down to Vesuvius, the volcano responsible for the destruction of Pompeii in 79A.D. We drove halfway up, and the rest...we climbed. It took a while, but eventually we were right up at the crater. The view of the Bay of Naples was amazing. Lots of smoke was coming out of the crater and there were clearly visible lava rivers down the sides of the volcano from previous eruptions. In the restored town of Pompeii, we visited one of the best-preserved houses there. Inside, there was a kitchen, a dining room, a garden and an ornate Atrium with frescoes and a pool in the centre to collect rainwater. We also saw the bodies preserved by the ash and rainwater, looking just as they had moments





before their death. You see so many pictures of Pompeii, but it's never the same as seeing it in real life.

On Wednesday, the last day of touring, we travelled by ferry to Capri, the picturesque island situated just off the Bay of Naples. We travelled by funicular up the steep cliffs and got the bus to a little stretch of beach, where those who were smart enough to bring their swimming gear went swimming in the clear green water. Even Mr. Swan, Ms. Davin and Mr. Miller got in! The rest of the day was spent shopping, and on travelling back down the cliffs, we had a chance to admire the scenery and the orange and lemon trees growing beside the tracks. When we arrived back in Naples, we got the bus and went shopping in Sorrento. The town was all lit up and all the shops were ready for Easter. It's a lovely town.

The next morning, we set off to Naples Airport for the long journey home. We arrived back in Dun Laoghaire at 6 a.m., and drove home thinking of the wonderful sights we had seen in those six days. The tour was a great success, everybody had a good time and I'd like to thank everyone involved for an amazing experience I won't forget in a hurry.

-Jenny Kane, 2nd

Form 5 Art Trip To Casino

Last February the 5th year V-option art class went on a trip to the Casino in Marino. We stopped on the way to sketch the Customs House and we toured the building. We learned about the architecture of the building and how it shaped our city. Afterwards, we stopped to take lunch before heading onwards to the Casino. We had time to sketch the building and had a guided tour by two Victorian style actors in costume. It was an entertaining tour. Afterwards, we took time to work on our questionnaires before Mr Corrigan turned up to drive us back to the school. I would like to thank everyone for organising the trip.

-Stephen Smith, 5th

6th Year Biology Field Trip

On Thursday 17th September, all sixth-year biology students - accompanied by Mrs Dowsett, Mrs Geoghegan and Mr. Gill - went on an ecology field trip to Ardkill Bog, Co. Kildare. Ecology is an important part of the Leaving Cert. Course and the day was spent on the very wet bog learning to identify typical bog plants and animals, examining their adaptations to this unique environment and exploring their inter-relationships. The fieldwork techniques employed included the construction of both profile and belt transects. After a hard day collecting data on the bog we returned to the farmhouse where we were treated to tea and scones before heading for home.

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Ski-Trip to Bulgaria



Amy Hamilton, Lora Dolan & Kelly Baird

On the 27th March, 49 fourth and fifth year students accompanied by five teachers, left the High School to begin their journey to Bulgaria for a weeks skiing holiday. After a three hour coach trip, we all arrived in Belfast airport to check in for our flight to Bulgaria's Ploudiv Airport. Our plane was slightly delayed, which was fortunate for those who had forgotten their passports and were waiting for them to arrive from Dublin. Three and a half hours later we all arrived safe and sound in Bulgaria and reached our hotel in Pampovoro in the early hours of the morning. After sorting out our rooms - and having a few snowball fights - we all went to bed for a couple of hours before getting up bright and early the next morning, ready to hit the slopes.



Will Lett

We were all fitted with skis and divided into different skiing and snowboarding groups, according to our standard. Most of the first day was spent getting used to the snow and doing a few exercises. That night, exhausted, we all went to bed fairly early to prepare us for the week ahead. As the week progressed, we were all improving, flying down the slopes and doing exercises such as parallel turns and traversing. Everyone was always anticipating the next day, but not before the evening entertainment. This included bumboarding, shopping, swimming and a cabaret-type show held by the ski-instructors. Probably best of all, though, was the karaoke, where Mr. Davies performed his version of 'My Way'. Mr. Dolan sang 'Delia', while Ms. Quinn and Mr. Quinn sang the duet of 'Summer Lovin' from Grease.

As all good things must come to an end, so did our trip and everyone was disappointed to see the gates of the High School ahead of us as we returned home a week later. On behalf of everyone on the ski trip, I would like to say a huge thanks to all the teachers involved, particularly Ms Quinn who organised it, for making our holiday such an enjoyable and memorable one.

-Gillian Carty, 4th

The Burren Trip '99



Nick Lyons

Our adventure began at 8:30 on Wednesday 5th May. The food was put into our picnic baskets and the bus was packed. Our first fuel stop was in the desolate town of Moate where the teachers gathered round for a 'lovely' cup of morning coffee. Our first educational stop was at a turlough, where we learnt that despite being a lake during the winter it becomes a luscious green field for the months of June, July and August.

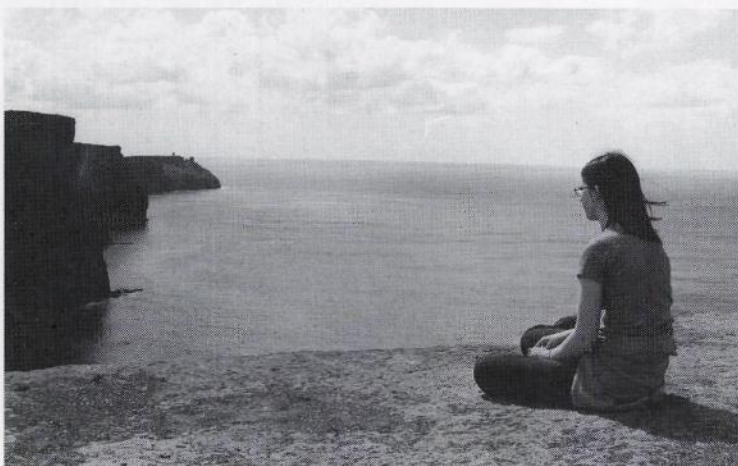
At Bishops Quarter we completed some line-transects of a sandy beach and had our lunch. We arrived at The Aillwee Caves at 4 p.m. where we were put in the sticky situation of having to find our own way out in the dark.



Nicole Dowley, Clare Swift & Lindsey Clarke

Having been led out by our troop leader Mr. Gill, a few of the girls amused themselves in the gift shop by buying wobbly water snakes! Our day came to a close with a delicious dinner followed by a very educational class and then an early night.

Day two began with an early morning trip to the rather misty 681 foot high Cliffs of Moher. Here we saw a spectacular array of kitty wake gulls, puffins, razorbills and shags. Due to unfortunate weather conditions we had to change our plans for the day and so we headed to Lahinch Aquarium. At about 1 o'clock the day mysteriously brightened up so we went down to the beach for our lunch. A few of the girls even ventured into the sea for a paddle.



Emma Allott at the Cliffs of Moher

We then went to Pollsallach do a belt-transect on a limestone pavement and a coastal survey on the nearby shore. We headed home via Ballyvaughn for a quick shopping spree among the spectacular array of shops. With dinner at 7.30 followed by another class the evening came to an end.

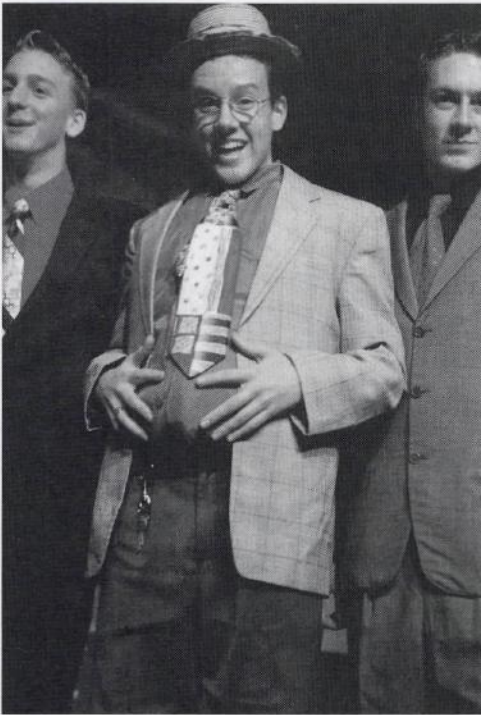
We all arose on Friday morning with sad faces, as we knew our wonderful adventure was slowly drawing to a close! The most challenging part of our trip was definitely the expedition down Pollnagollum Cave. Most students managed to make their way in, but some didn't even make it past the entrance to the cave! We then went back for a return trip to the Cliffs of Moher for lunch where we all hung over the edge of the cliff, and timed the descent of a slab of stone as it fell to the bottom of the cliff. It took seven seconds!

A six hour bus journey packed with gossip brought the expedition to a close. Unfortunately for those of us dying to get back to Dublin the bus driver decided to take us on the scenic route of Dublin and it's surrounding area! We arrived back to H.S.D. at around 8.30 that evening, very tired but feeling fulfilled after our expedition on this year's Burren trip. We would like to thank Mrs. Cummins, Mrs. Geoghegan, Mr. Gill and Mr. Wright for organising the trip.

-Kara Cramp & Andrey Kelly, 5th

Drama

Guys and Dolls



Graeme Singleton

Have you ever seen such an incredible performance?! Rumour has it that *Guys & Dolls*, performed by a cast of 50 fifth years, with dozens behind the scenes, is the best play ever staged in The High School.



Lana Condron & Jane Wardrop

It began with a still scene of the colourful citizens of New York. Moments later, we witness the bustle of Broadway, Nicely-Nicely Johnson (Graeme Singleton), Benny Southstreet (Philip

McGouran) and Rusty Charlie (Ben McNally), three gambling 'no-gooders' are leaning against a newspaper stand. They boldly and tunelessly kick off the show with 'Fugue for Tin Horns'. Right from the start, the audience was totally enthralled by the creatively and colourfully constructed sets, the '50's costumes and the sweet-talkin', sassy New Yorkers.

Enter Nathan Detroit, the nervous New Yorker who runs the oldest established floating crap game in the city. He is panicked, searching for a location for the game. Detroit was portrayed by the talented Jack Olohan, whose every action, word and facial expression was consistent with his character. In the play he is often surrounded by a gang of slick crap-shooters, such as Harry the Horse (Ross Glacken), Society Max (Imran Masood) and others, who all add personality and attitude to the production. Throughout the play they all display talent and fervour, especially in the entertaining scene of the crap game in the sewers.

We soon meet Miss Adelaide, the star of the Hot Box Girls and Detroit's fiancée of 14 years, who has developed a cold from their long engagement. Lana Condron played this part and was absolutely superb. With her pouty expressions and high pitched lower class New York accent, her character's insecurities, disappointments and hopes were amusingly displayed. Her singing was excellent. She too was constantly surrounded, not by the crap shooters but by their dates - the Hot Box Girls. They were fun, sassy and pretty and did a wonderful depiction of the dancers of that time.

Throughout the play the characters struggle with their relationships, crap games, colds and kids. Meanwhile Sergeant Sarah Brown of the Save-a-Soul mission, seeks unsuccessfully to save the city. Jane Wardrop, whose very gait displays the personality of her character, fantastically portrays the sergeant with serious, determined and insecure actions.

Sky Masterson, so named because of his sky-high bets, visits the city and on a bet with Detroit, manages to take the stern Sarah Brown to Havana. Unexpected, to everyone but the audience, they fall in love. The suave Sky is played by the equally suave Christian Phelan with class and finesse. Confident and cool to the utmost, Christian glided with talent through the play. His singing and acting were both strong and smooth.

And so as the play proceeds we watch the development of these main characters. Nicely-Nicely (Graeme Singleton) was incredible. He did an excellent job with his character, acting and singing, and the audience loved him. Lt. Brannigan (Jonathan Dunn) was perfect for his part and the audience found him absolutely hilarious. Everyone threw so much into the play and their dedication was rewarded by a fantastic performance.

-Debbie Walker, 5th

Guys & Dolls - Stage Manager's Report

When the play committee was elected in May of last year, I don't think anyone really knew what an extraordinary event *Guys & Dolls* 'would become. For myself and Ms. Milne the work started over the summer, trying to familiarise ourselves with the play. However when we returned in September, the committee met and decided to reconsider our position. Other big-cast plays were considered, such as the *Mikado* and *HMS Pinafore* but eventually we stuck by our original decision and went with *Guys & Dolls*'.

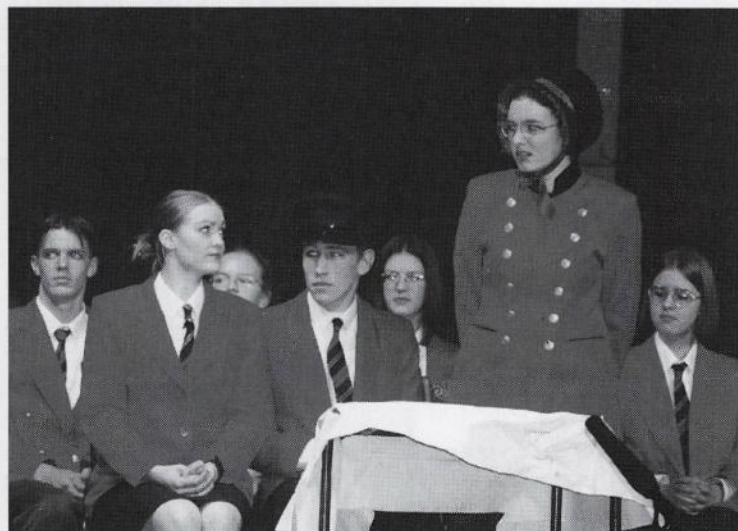
It was such an incredible undertaking for us all. Not only was it a comedy but it was a musical - a musical with more scene changes than any other play ever performed in High School. Fortunately, we were blessed with a truly amazing cast, and a fantastic stage, lighting and sound crew. With Ms. Corrigan as set supervisor, Ms. Pearse as costume and props organiser, Mlle. Roullet as our choreographer and, of course, Ms. Milne as the Director, we couldn't really go wrong and judging by the comments we heard I think people really enjoyed it.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made *Guys & Dolls* such a success and so enjoyable to produce.

- Andrew Laughlin, 5th



The Crap-Shooters



The Save-a-Soul Mission



The Hot Box Girls

Audience

A one-act play with a cast of thirteen and a difficult script was deemed a foolish and even impossible task for any director, but Mrs. Milne undertook the challenge and came up trumps. Her entry to the St. Andrew's One-Act Play Festival, Michael Frayn's "Audience" was a huge success. It achieved second place overall and one of its stars Ben McNally earned the title "Best Supporting Actor".

With a simple minimalist set and few props, the visuals were sharp, clear and effective. This, together with the obvious acting talent, made for a great performance. "Audience" is undoubtedly a difficult play to act in, with its long pauses and confusing cues. However, the characters are humorous and highly entertaining. The storyline is mixed, but successfully holds the attention of the audience (the spectators, not the cast!).

In our case, the cast consisted of; Antonio de Gregorio as the tormented playwright; Jack Olahan as a seventy year old American, devoid of all his faculties; Nicole Dowley as his solicitous wife; Ben McNally as a stereotypically gay theatre buff; Christian Phelan as his Drama student; Luach Hardiman as a "sleazy" young businessman; Sophia Lawless as his "companion"; Shirley Beattie as a neurotic forty year old; Rayne Booth as her "upholstery-obsessed" mother; Graeme Singleton as an obnoxious middle aged man; Saoirse Milotte as his unfortunate wife; Ellie Fry as their self-conscious daughter and Lana Condrón as the apathetic usherette.

Some might say the actors were typecasted, as many of the cast showed almost scary similarities to their characters (although Ben pleads otherwise!!!). Because the cast was so well selected, the characters really came to life and this added energy to the performance, which might otherwise have been lacking. The entire cast and crew of "Audience" were given one month to learn lines, prepare props, gather costumes, perfect makeup, and more importantly, time their cues. This proved to be no easy task. However, it is said that people work better under pressure, and this was indeed the case. After a month of sweat, tears and a few jars of prozac (just kidding!!) the play was ready for an audience (well, two really).

We performed on the final night of the competition, and this added to our anxiety. Due to the strange nature of this play, we decided it would be better to perform it on the tiered seating at the back of the auditorium, rather than on the stage. At the interval before our play was to begin, we asked the audience to turn their seats around so they faced the back of the theatre. This perplexed the spectators, and made them less eager for the plays to end and the adjudication to begin.

The play, when performed, was not in fact free from glitches. A slight technical hitch, namely one alarm clock that refused to work, disrupted the performance, but this was cleverly disguised by the cast's improvisational skills. Our performance was energetically received and the cast's acting skills were commended. There were excellent performances from Antonio de Gregorio, Jack Olahan and of course, Ben McNally, which were all mentioned in Jeananne Crowley's adjudication.



The Cast of 'Audience'

After an interval, the results were announced, and the prizes were awarded. We were of course, delighted to receive second place, after Mount Temple. Although we did not actually see Mount Temple's play, we were all in agreement that it must have been a superb performance to beat ours!!!

On behalf of all the cast of "Audience" I would like to thank Mrs. Milne for all her dedication and hard work. I would also like to thank Andrey Kelly and Jennie Smith for arranging our costumes, JJ Rolfe for organising the sound and Chuck MacGarry for helping out with production and every other aspect of the play. That leaves only one person to thank. Andrew Laughlin - thank you for being a fab Stage Manager and for generally being cool!

-Ellie Fry, 5th

The Time Warp

The *Time Warp* was a production put on by this year's fourth year first rock/pop dance module. Mlle. Roullet and Miss Bourke directed the show. Much of the preparation was done during the actual class time. The show included lively singing and dancing from the 1920's, right through to the 1990's.

Emily Holmes and David O'Connell presented the show. It has to be said that the crowd absolutely loved them. After every act they reappeared on the stage to keep the audience up-to-date on what each act consisted of. Emily getting David to dance must have been one of the highlights of the show as their little acts and jokes kept the audience happily amused. Eight girls made up the "front row wonder" opening act, with the "Can-Can". Their abrupt flashing of colourful skirts got the show off to a good start. Group songs such as "It's a long way to Tipperary", "The Jive" and "Summertime" created a lively atmosphere that kept everyone, from the young five-year-olds right through to the grandparents singing away happily to the well known classics that flooded the room. "Rock Around the Clock" brought the first half to a close.

Stephen Day as the "King" was surrounded by adoring girls and ran off old time classics, such as "Blue Suede Shoes" and "You ain't nothing but a hound dog". Michael Jackson's moonwalk was brilliantly imitated by Jack Dooley but nothing in the production could have over shadowed the fantastic use of Luke Slott's amazing voice. Luke and his support



band must have enticed nearly everyone in the Reynold's Hall to join in. They performed a number of wonderful songs by the Beatles as well as "With or Without You" by U2 and "All around the world" by Oasis.

"Stop" was bravely performed by The High School's newest set of Spice girls and a very sharp set of "All Saints" kept the crowd pleased with a little "Voulez Vous Coucher Avec Moi !". The appropriate "Time Warp" song was used to bring the show to a close. It was a spectacular show of talent, that along with clever usage of songs from the 1920's to the 1990's kept the crowd applauding warmly throughout.

-Kara Cramp, 5th

Upwardly Mobile



Last October, Mrs Milne's and Mr Blackmore's Transition Year drama classes attended a recording of Upwardly Mobile in RTE. The night was very interesting, as we were able to observe different people such as the actors, the camera-crew and the floor managers perform their jobs. When the recording was complete, we were allowed to tour the set and meet the actors. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

-Kathryn Laing, 4th

Left: Karen Prunty & Sarah Lysaght on the Set

The Battle of the Bands



Luke Slott

The Reynold's Hall gradually filled up with plenty of familiar faces, all of whom were eagerly awaiting the six bands to come. Who else but "Singo" was presenting them! As he talked and talked and as the time for them to go on stage was creeping up the bands' backstage nerves were getting worse.

First up was "Circus", who appeared on stage in tuxedos. The crowd looked up in amazement at our very own head boy Ross McNally along with Phil Nevin, Simon Eustace, Jemel and Larry Keogh.

Their first song "High & Dry" really got the crowd going and we all knew it was going to be a great night. As an added extra, during one of the songs, Ross started playing the harmonica.

The next band up was "Calypso" with Adam Eager, Sean O'Neill and Eric Smith. Although this was their first gig as a group they showed no signs of nerves as they got on stage and blasted out their very unique "Rock & Funk" style of music.

The third band "Melaton" were greeted on stage by the screams of the High School crowd. Luke Slott, Johnny Black, Anthony Mooney, Declan Garvey and Andrew Brennan opened up with "Beam Me Up", one of their own songs.

As Melaton played All My Lovin', even Mr. McKay was bopping away to himself in the corner, thinking no-one was watching (we saw you!!).

The strobe light was going 90 as "Jip" (nice name!) the fourth band came out. As Jack Olahan, Davy Dwyer and Barry Collins opened with "Gay Punk Song", things started to get a bit steamy.

Surprisingly, the crowd seem to be getting tired as the fifth band "Shelflife" came on stage but Evan Mc Guire (bass), Eric Klotz (drums), Tom Martin (vocal) and Rob Davies still managed to keep the them alive. They brought the crowd along through their five songs (4 of their own) and proved that they were well used to playing gigs.

The last band were "Sense" - Dave Redmond (bass) with Barry Kavanagh (vocals & guitar) and Rob Porter (drums). As they blasted out their songs, the crowd were becoming anxious to find out who the overall winners would be.



'Melaton'

Throughout the night, Singo managed to keep the crowd amused. JJ and Russell (A.K.A. "The Sound Men") played Y.M.C.A. for Singo but unfortunately for us, he didn't do it alone, fellow classmates (Greg, Rory & Eoin) accompanied him. After this, Singo still strutting his stuff, announced the "Surprise" act - Wallis, Fiona, Ross and Dave. All in white & gold, our very own "Abba" singing "Waterloo" and "Mama Mia". It was a great end to an amazing night. All that was left was to find out the winners.....and for the youngest band "Melaton" it was a dream come true!

We raised £506, which went to Amnesty International, the charity chosen by the winners. Well done to everyone involved... John Anglim (Organiser & Promoter), Wallis Handelman (Assisant Promoter), Shane Murphy & Laughlin Mc Kee (Lights), J.J. Rolfe & Russell Simmons (Sound), Colin Brandsma (Security), Eleanor O'Neill (Production Manager), Suzanne Anglim (Judge Assistant), all the staff who helped out and a BIG THANKS to Ms. Bourke. WHAT A SPECTACULAR NIGHT!!

-Jane Wardrop & Jennie Rath, 5th

The planning for the Debs began in February, which was quite late for such a big function. A group of us got together and began the job of finding out information about various locations around Dublin. After a week or two, the group was sent off in pairs to check out the short-listed venues. We met up again and decided on the County Club, Dunshaughlin. It has a great nightclub called The Vortex, where the Debs was to be held. After deciding on the location, the group disbanded and I began to make arrangements with the manager. Once the deposit was paid, things calmed down so we could concentrate on the Leaving cert..



Ellie Fry

As summer approached, people slowly but surely began to pay for their tickets. Over the summer I finalised details with the manager. There was to be two meals available for dinner, a vegetarian option and a meat dish to try to accommodate all tastes. The band "Backalley" were booked, and a D.J. arranged. There was also to be a Karaoke, which I thought was an interesting idea. A few house calls were needed to get the final stragglers to pay up, but the bill was finally paid in early September.

The Debs was to be held on the 22nd September. The High School kindly allowed us to use the front foyer and the car park to meet up. People started ar-

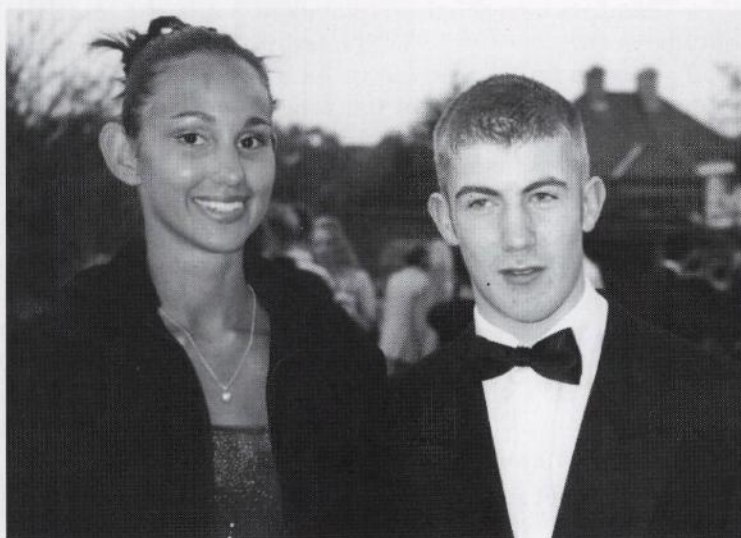
The Debs



Mr. Swan & Julie Gillen

iving at around 7.30 p.m. We had all sorts of transport ranging from limos to horse drawn carriages! Everyone looked great and was in flying form. The photos were taken by Mr. Jackson Hutchinson, who did a really great job on the night. Everyone had arrived and all the photos were taken by about 8.15 p.m., so it was time to get on the coaches and head for Dunshaughlin.

Once we arrived, everyone got a drink or two and found their tables. It wasn't until everyone had sat down, that my nerves finally settled!! The meal was delicious and the service impeccable. The band "Backalley" started playing immediately after the meal. They did a great job getting everyone going, and soon the dance floor was full. The more adventurous of us even joined them on stage for a spot of singing!! After they had finished, the crowd was really on a high. The Karaoke started up at the back bar a few minutes later. I was worried that this would not be that popular, but thanks to the likes of Keith "Boyzone" Singleton and Nige "Mustang Sally" Smith, who started the ball rolling, it went down a treat! The night



Seetha Rampkisoorn & Mark Kenny

finished up with the D.J., who kept things going until the small hours of the morning. I know at least 25 people who were only back a day from their holidays, but kept on dancing regardless. Some people showed incredible energy to keep going all night. The less energetic spent a little more time at the tables, but seemed to be enjoying themselves none the less. At about 5.30 a.m., breakfast was served and after that we climbed on to the coaches for the journey home.

The night was a great success thanks to a lot of people. I would like to thank the manager and the staff at the County Club, Dunshaughlin for helping me to organise a great night. I would highly recommend them to anyone organising something similar. I would also like to thank Jackson Hutchinson, the photographer, for doing such a great job and helping me out on the night. Finally, I would like to thank my year group, I hope you all had a great night and I wish you all the best in the future.

-Bruce Wardrop (Head Boy 1997/1998)

Study Skills Seminar

On Saturday 16th January, around 60 students from 5th year arrived at High School for a Study Skills Seminar. The group of pupils was divided between two classrooms where Steven Donnelly and Rory Mulvey of Studen Enrichment Services took us through a crash-course of study methods, note taking and time management.

Setting goals and having ambitions was the first topic. We were told that if you want to do well in your exams, you should have something to work for and look forward to. Your goals have to be specific - not just "I'll work harder at Irish!"

The seminar was incredibly positive, with every student being encouraged to determine his or her own destiny. The emphasis was not just on passing exams but on being successful in all aspects of life. The seminar provided hints, tips and strategies about how to study effectively such as using horizontal lists and leaving lots of space between each point. The point was made that people are not usually taught how to study and this echoed true in many of our minds. The speakers were incredibly informative and eager to answer questions.

By the finishing time of 3.15pm, most students were very happy with the day and the information that they had picked up. Everyone left High School more motivated and more determined than when they had gone in. It was certainly a Saturday morning well spent. Special thanks must go to Mr. McClure for organising the event!

-A. Laughlin, E. Allott & J. Daly

Careers

Careers Talks organised this year are:

Private Colleges
Study Skills
Engineering-Civil
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The Careers Committee for 98/99:

Kathryn Laing
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The Parents' Association

The 55th Annual General Meeting of the High School Parents Association (H.S.P.A.) was held in October, and the committee elected for 1998/1999 was Ann Rath (President), Susan Boyle, Ruth Dover, John Ellis (Treasurer), Maura Fraser, Des Johnson, Terry McParland (Secretary), Tadhg O'Connell, Maura Phealan, Margaret Wilkinson and Trevor Wynne. The Principal attended the A.G.M. and was available to answer parents' questions on school development and policy. We are most grateful to Mr. Duffy for giving his time to attend our meeting.

In recent years members of the Parents' Association Committee have been invited to send a representative to all sub-committees in the school. Ann Rath and Terry McParland have attended Board of Management Committee meetings, John Ellis, Terry McParland, Des Johnson and Trevor Wynne have represented parents on the Management sub-committees. The full H.S.P.A. Committee have met Mr. Duffy and the Board Chairman and Vice Chairman Mr. David Rowell, and Mr. Frank Sowman. We value the opportunity, as parents, to exchange ideas and information with the Principal and the Board of Governors and thank them for their interest.

The Parents' Association continues to facilitate the parent teacher meetings which are now very much part of the school calendar. Meetings took place for forms 1, 2 and 5 this year. Many thanks to all those who helped with appointment schedules and to all of you for your help on the day.

In January 1999 we held an "Introduction to the Internet" meeting for Parents. It was a most informative and enjoyable evening for all those who attended. Many thanks to Mr. Duffy and Mr. Hilliard for all their hard work in preparing the presentation.

In response to a request from Ms. Jones, Guidance Counsellor, we helped to arrange a Mock Interview for any fifth form student who was interested. May I take this opportunity to thank, in particular, John Ellis and Des Johnson for all their help in the organisation of the evening. The interviews were held in March and were most successful. Many thanks to all our interviewers and hopefully we can request your services again in the future!

Other events this year included the annual Parent-Staff cricket match, which as usual was a tightly fought battle.

In recent years the annual swap-shop has had a large amount of items for sale but few buyers. This year we are going to try something different and use the newsletter as a medium. This event will be reviewed by the committee in the Autumn.

We are most grateful to all parents, school teachers and administrative staff for their help and support throughout the year. The increasing role of active involvement of the H.S.P.A. with the School provides great opportunity for parents to continue the development of school policy.

-Ann Rath (President 1998/99)

Mock Interviews

In early March this year, 5th year students were offered the opportunity to take part in mock interviews. The interviewers were made up of volunteer past pupils and parents. Interviewers had expertise and experience in the range of jobs to be applied for.

Students were given an advertisement (Train At Globalcorpe), and wrote a letter requesting an application form to Ms. Jones. On receipt of the application form, students forwarded the completed form for a specific job. The application form was very detailed and we had to put in as much experience as we could. This was the part we found most difficult and afterwards most of us realised how important it is to fill in the application forms well.

When the big night came along, we arrived at our school twenty minutes before our designated time. We were all dressed very smartly, most boys wearing jackets and ties and the girls in skirts and jackets, all looking neat and business like. Many of us brought our C.V.s along.

We waited for our names to be called. It was surprising how nerve wrecking the waiting was. Once in the room, the process had begun. I felt more comfortable then. The interviewers were both friendly and well informed.

Interviewers completed feedback sheets, which were distributed to pupils by Ms. Jones afterwards. Many thanks are due to all of the Parents' Association, especially John Ellis, Des Johnson, Anne Rath and to those past pupils and parents, who gave so freely of their time for this valuable and worthwhile learning experience. It will be easier the next time as a result!

-Stephen Smith, 5th

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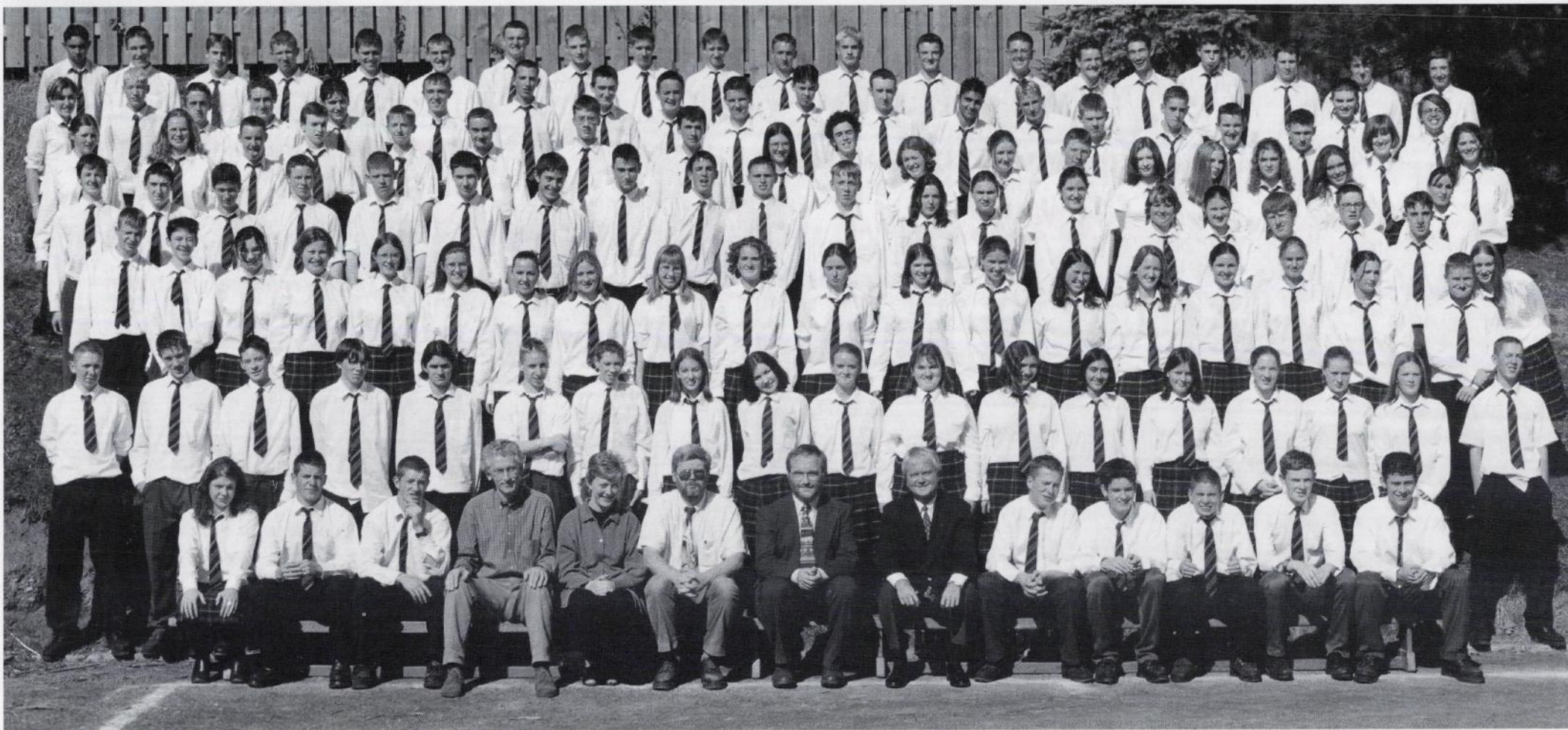
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Poems and Essays

The Space We Share - Where's That?

We organise the space we have,
We arrange it as we like it,
And then we turn attention to,
The space our neighbour has.

We disagree with the plans he's
made
For the space that is his own.
He has some rebel factions
Who want space of their own.

He doesn't treat them fairly,
So we support their cause.
He should follow our example-
Sit down and talk to them.

Both sides refuse to talk,
They say it's past that now,
An agreement then is written,
Which he will not sign.

It's his space he says,
He wants no peace-force there.
So we threaten air-strikes,
To make him change his mind.

We don't care if World War Three
Is just around the corner.
Our credibility's at stake,
Pride sends out that order.

We have to look into the past
For future's possible course.
Didn't World War One start
From a similar source?

People will be maimed and murdered
By a fruitless war.
It's our fault, we started it,
Our pride is what's to blame.

Can't we share the space we have,
The world is big enough,
We're thinking only of ourselves,
The space we share - where's that?

Stephanie Taylor, 4th

Invited

I stand here at the edge,
Not scared; but still hesitating.
The water is crystal clear
And glistening in the sunlight.
The sparkling deep blue
Draws me toward it,
And invites me for a dive.
Clouds float by,
And birds fly on this reflection.
Then as in a dream.
I leap.
The glass is shattered.
The Still ripples,
As I plunge down.

K. B.

Peace in a 90's World

Sadness descends today,
It sets upon the life of another,
Like a dog on a helpless cat.
Dreams of Peace will forever be stained,
Not even the best bleach can remove the marks.

Innocence of children dead for someone else's,
Age old belief in something, which no longer possess honour.
Lost is the 'Let it be' age that brought forward ideas,
That showed roads to peace.
Now its the 'Let 'em have it' era,
Angry people, Angry tears.

If this is the future, then let us live in the past,
Let us go back and start over,
Drop egos and arrogance at the door,
See the gallery of innocence already lost,
And realise that this is all the incentive needed for peace.

Katherine Miller, 4th

A Poet Knows

A poet knows,
how tough she grows
She is the sequence of lust and
power
And if he knows the lust she shows
There is no doubt he will endower,
And as he sees, falsely perceives,
She does not realise what she's
done,
This love platonic he can't receive,
Affection brevity in what was long
So as the septuagenarian in his seat
Laughs at the farcicality of his
contemporaries,
He knows he's lived a life so neat,
For she has left so many memories;
Left to think what does one say,
Does it lie in the sunset at the end
of the day?

S. O'M.



The Bruiser

With muscles bulging
And eyes ablaze
He strolled down the corridor
With certain ease
With legs like tree trunks
And vicious eyes
He was a bully in disguise
But one fine day
He came across
Two hard men
People called them 'Boss'
Their names were Bubba
And Mr.Fro
This soft old bruiser
Had nowhere to go
Now the two hard lads
Are kings of the school
No one messes with them
O how they do rule!
But do not fear
Just don't get in their way
Or they'll bite off your ear!

Danny Scales & Oscar Long, 5th

Minor B's

So we were told,
And so we went
To battle with sticks in hand,
Chattering away as merry can be
To war we went

There was a captain in command
Two generals (one shouting tackle)
The parrot with its non-stop talk
There was the one from Liverpool,
And the one from Man.U
There's K.H. in front,
And "I can't" behind her
Waiting, the loud last line of defence,
There's Michelle Smith
And the aggressive one,
Who somehow gets past them,
There's Dance behind them and not tackle
And me

We are all part of an army,
Fighting for a purpose,
Sport, fun of the game
We fought, marked and tackled,
And won the plate
Because we're the High School hockey team

Vicky Wright, 2nd

Castles in the Sand

I stand on the beach, looking out over life
While you build castles in the sand,
Castles of hope, dreams, ambitions.

Life seems so good to us now,
So calm, peaceful and quiet.
I watch you build your castles in the sand,
Promise to guard them, to protect them.
You smile, and all is well
Until the tide turns.

Ominous, threatening, ever-approaching,
You can feel it, but you can't accept it.
Your castles are too precious.

But they never could have stood up
To the powerful, relentless assault of reality,
Their fragile beauty crushed, nothing left.

I stand on the beach, looking out over life.
Yours is a drowned world, lost now.
I know the tide will turn again, there will be other good times,
And other bad times,
But we must not be so vulnerable again, so easily hurt.
Next time, there will be walls around your castles.

Sean O' hEigeartaigh, 3rd

The Diary of Rhythm

The pen that writes this poetry
Is my voice of joy and sorrow,
It's the physical end of my emotions
When my heart is hurt and hollow.

It's the cushion that I beat in anger,
And the thing I love so much to do,
It's the confession of my sins,
The contemplation of what's true.

When in a state of absolute bliss,
Or when I long to escape from all the mayhem,
I combine pen and heart,
And add to this diary of rhythm.

Uriel Boland, 4th

Before You

What did I do before you?

Before I knew all your secret ways
And you knew all of mine.

Before I had your tender caress
To wipe away my tears.

Before I felt the pain
Only inflicted by one so close.

Before we laughed, before we cried,
Before we argued, before we forgave.

Before I had your arms to hold me
And rock away my fears.

Before the sound of your voice
Was as familiar to me as my own.

I don't know.

Did I ever see this coming?

Vague is the memory of what we were before we were,
But who we are now is who I wanted to be.

Billowing smoke; cousins on green buses;
Earth Angel; DDTs; snowstorms;
Locked gates; square fibs; skin 96;
Fireworks; 9-2; Emily; champagne;

To name but a few.

Words that mean so little to so many,
But so much to just two.

Did I ever know such anger
As yours when I am hurt?

Did I ever know such sorrow
As mine when I hurt you?

Did I ever trust my heart to one
With honesty complete?

Did I ever really know that love is not love that alters
When it alteration finds?

Did I ever need someone
And have them need me so much back?

Did I ever know the laughter
That you and I share now?

I did not.

For all this is what is me and you.

Jenni Daly, 5th

Hair Mousse

Rain begins to gleam
Out in the dark extreme
Sitting in my mind
Singing here I find
I often wonder why
She poked me in the eye
And ran around the room
Dancing with a broom
Under the kitchen light
Didn't want a fight

Emma Artesian, 5th

Tribute to a Superstar

In every generation there is a superstar.
Seldom, however is there one quite like this.
Time after time he shows his superiority,
And yet he often does it rather cheekily.
By now he is a legend who
Requires little introduction.
And yet we do not fully appreciate his ability, which is
Quite simply breathtaking.

R.R.

How to get away!

If I were an aeroplane, -----
I'd soar through the sky.
If I were a bumble-bee,
I'd just buzz 'n' fly.
If I were a car,
I'd drive fast as I could.
If I were a bear,
I'd run through the wood.

If I were a cat,
I'd hide in a tree.
If I were a ship,
I'd sail out to sea.
If I were a horse,
I'd run far away.
But since I'm a human,
I'll just have to stay.

Serafine Gunn O'Connor (4W)

Women Now

The women's liberation movement of the 1950's had a goal. Equal rights for all people, regardless of their gender. Women, for the first time, realised that they had a voice; that together they could unite to fight the oppression of the society around them. Oppression that was ingrained deeply in the nation. The fight would be long and the struggle would be hard, but the outcome worthwhile. Women were fed up with being treated as lesser people, as second-class citizens; tired of being expected to bend at the every whim of a man, simply because he was a man; sick of being obliged to behave a certain way because that's what women did; determined that their daughters would not lead the lives they themselves had done. Whatever the reasons, little did anyone know the tremendous repercussions this revolt would wreak on society for generations to come.

Nearly fifty years on, feminism has turned full circle. The aim of equal rights has been lost in the misty space of so many years, and women now want to take over the dominant role in society. Many have now become carbon copies, both in attitude and behaviour, of the men they so vehemently opposed.

Chauvinism, once the domain of the male pig, is now prevalent among the female population, hidden from such criticism under the umbrella of women's liberation. Women asserting their rights is one thing, but trampling those of men under-foot is another. There is something very wrong with a society where a man's opinion is accepted more readily than a woman's, simply because he is a man. There is an equally disturbing force at work in a society where 92% of women receive custody of their children, simply because they are women. Women who have been discriminated against for so long should be the first to see discrimination. Fighting for the rights of 50% of the population is no longer acceptable. It's time everyone worked together to achieve equal rights for all.

Equal rights, however, does not mean exactly the same rights, but rather evenly balanced status. Men and women are different; one fact that can't be denied. As a result, both have different requirements. Equality is about having the same opportunities, but also having the ability to accept or reject those opportunities. Employers should not be employ-

ing either men or women solely to reach a quota; so that their work force contains a token number of whichever sexes, but rather the best person for the job. Making token gestures, simply to be seen to be politically correct defeats the whole point of equal rights.

Fifty years on from modern women's liberation movement and equality; real, true equality is the stuff of dreams. Advancements have been made and back-steps and side-steps taken, but there are still barriers to be broken and bridges to be crossed. It takes more than one generation to change the psyche of a nation. Women cannot expect to be treated exactly the same as men, and not forego all niceties such as having doors opened, and first moves made. Not until women and men feel comfortable and secure within themselves, will they cease to feel the need to emulate each other; this, unfortunately cannot happen overnight.

Women themselves are often the greatest barriers to change and improvement. While in one breath still harping on about women's rights, in the next they cast aspersions on the integrity of other women, as if inherently jealous of their success, "What did she do to get herself there?" It's been a tough enough battle against their male counterparts and the last thing women need is for their own kind to add voices of dissent to the foray.

Misinterpretation also hinders the transition of single gender movements to one seeking equal rights for all. The majority of parents who stay at home with their children are women. The majority of chief executives are men. These facts are not an indication of discrimination; presuming so is the conclusion of a prejudiced mind. Men and women do not have to follow the same paths to be equal. Choosing to work at home is as valid a decision as choosing to open a business; choosing being the operative word. Choice is the crux of this whole issue. Everyone should have the choice to live their lives as they see fit, regardless of their gender. Women should not be pitied for becoming housewives nor men admired simply for working outside the home. Again, time is the crucial factor. It will lead to the dilution of in-built values and the creation of new, hopefully more equal ones.

Women have achieved more than they could ever have hoped for fifty years ago. Mary Robinson became Ireland's first woman president; succeeded by Mary McAleese. Mary Harney is now Tanaiste; women are becoming more and more involved in every aspect of society, out of their reach for so long. Women's liberation has served its purpose and run its course. It's now time for everyone to work together to achieve equal rights for all, not divided by issues of gender, race or age. Women will never be equal people while headlines in newspapers claim that "90% of women stay at home!" and not "95% of men go out to work!"; and while essays are titled "Women's Rights" and not "The Oppression of Men". When all matters concerned mainly with women are given equal status with men's issues, equal rights will have a hope.

Women now? They've demanded equal rights. Men now? They're getting used to the idea. What now? Only time and people can tell.

-Jenni Daly, 5th)

Distant Dream

It was icy cold as the wind howled and moaned like some wild animal that was fighting desperately for its life. The atmosphere was tense and there was a feeling of despair about the whole place. The terrible sound of guns being fired filled the air, shattering the silence of early morning. The Irish Volunteers looked out from their hiding places inside the GPO, their faces grim as they aimed and then fired at the British soldiers who stood nearby.

Colm O'Shea, a young man of only 22 years, had only recently joined the Irish Volunteers. He was also part of an illegal organisation known as the Irish Republican Brotherhood or the IRB, with some members having infiltrated the ranks of the Irish Volunteers. He was a strongly patriotic person and felt that his country had been oppressed for too long by a nation that didn't even realise the true value of the Irish people. Sweat rolled down his forehead and he clenched his fists together to stop himself from shaking. A sudden feeling of burning hatred rose up inside him as he peered through the window and saw a tall British officer shooting an Irish man in the head.

Colm had to breathe deeply to stop himself from screaming with rage at the utter unfairness of it all. Vivid pictures flashed through his mind of other scenes and he was filled with deep longing for revenge as he realised how long Britain had ruled Ireland, treating it like a subservient country.

Blood covered the ground and houses blazed as yellow and orange flames engulfed them. The sound of screams filled the air and they were ear-piercing in their intensity. Colm tried to harden his heart against the horrible stench of death and decay which filled his nostrils as he fought desperately to stop himself from screaming out in despair and anguish. Irish men and women lay on the ground dying and wounded. Colm felt a heart-wrenching feeling of pain as he looked out at them, knowing that he was the cause of their suffering. They died fighting for Ireland's freedom, he told himself but he knew that their blood was on his hands.

There was death everywhere and Colm felt a twinge of anger touch at his mind as he realised that war was no child's game but was a time of bitter hatred between two equally opposed enemies that weren't willing to give in.

A lump formed in the man's throat as he saw a little girl's head covered in blood. Her eyes locked into his for a moment and they were so full of innocence and sadness that for the first time since the Easter Rising of 1916 began, he felt guilty. What right had he to destroy people's lives, he wondered, but then he shook his head angrily. War is non-sensical, he thought, when you are fighting for no reason at all other than greed. But when you're fighting for freedom it means something.

He closed his eyes as he remembered the powerful emotions which had filled him when Padraig Pearse, the President of the Provisional Government, had read the Proclamation of the Irish Republic. It expressed the true feelings of the Military Council and the Irish Volunteers, with the main belief being that the Irish people should be governed by an Irish government. Colm felt an overwhelming feeling of sorrow engulf him as he remembered how the crowd of listeners hadn't even understood what Pearse had been talking about but had just looked bewildered. Ireland's freedom seemed like a distant dream at the moment, he thought, but one that would eventually be achieved.

Colm shook his head as he tried to forget about the painful memories. He slowly looked around as he felt someone touch him on the shoulder. Another Volunteer stood in front of him with a serious expression on his face. Colm immediately recognised him as being Lieutenant Patrick O'Sullivan, a man who he'd grown to like and admire. "It's time", Patrick whispered, his voice authoritative.

Colm just nodded, for he knew what that meant. Another man stepped towards him. There was a look of fear about him in the way that he kept moving his head from side to side and stepping from one foot to the other. "Seamus will go with you", Patrick said. "There's no guarantee that he'll survive", Colm said, hoping desperately that he could prevent Seamus from going, for he knew in his heart that what he intended to do was really only a suicide mission. Patrick sighed as if he'd heard those words a hundred times before. "Is there ever", he murmured, a sound of incredible sorrow about his voice.

Colm knew then that there was no choice for them as he slowly began to walk towards the enemy lines with Seamus following close behind him. His eyes flickered constantly as he scanned the area and looked for any sign of danger. He kept to the shadows as he crouched low to the ground, wondering for a moment what total freedom was like; the freedom to have our own government and make choices for ourselves, he said to himself with a slight hint of bitterness.

He glanced around once and saw Seamus staring directly ahead of him, his face ashen white. Colm sighed as he realised that Seamus was even younger than he was, only barely seven-

teen, little more than a boy. He hoped fervently that nothing would happen to him but he knew that he could make no promises.

Colm looked around the whole fighting area where already dozens of Irish and British soldiers lay dead on the ground. The land seemed to quaver underneath all the hundreds of footsteps pounding against it. His hand tightened around the small gun at his side and he felt a feeling of reassurance at its touch. The two men crawled along the ground and then stopped as they saw the horrific scene which confronted them.

Men were dropping like flies and the whole land was covered in dead bodies, making it look more like a graveyard than anything else. The ground was stained red with the blood that covered it and a horrible wailing filled the air, sounding something like a banshee. Colm shuddered at the implications of it, hoping for one desperate moment that the horrible scene, which lay before his eyes, was just a nightmare and that it would soon disappear. He knew, though, that he wasn't just imagining things as he took a cautious step forward.

Seamus let out a low moan and as Colm turned around he felt a stab of pity at the look of stark terror on his face. "God save us all", he prayed fervently and he tried to harden his heart against

the horrific scene of bright red blood. Colm swallowed as he tried hard to quell the sudden overwhelming feeling of rage which filled him and threatened to engulf him at the thought that his friends and comrades had been brought so low. He felt a taste of bile in his mouth and as he crouched down he saw a British soldier walking straight towards their hiding place.

He couldn't contain his burning hatred any longer or the want for revenge. He knew even as he was slowly pulling the trigger back that he was placing his life in danger. He fired. A dead silence followed and the soldier fell tumbling to the ground, a bullet in his heart.

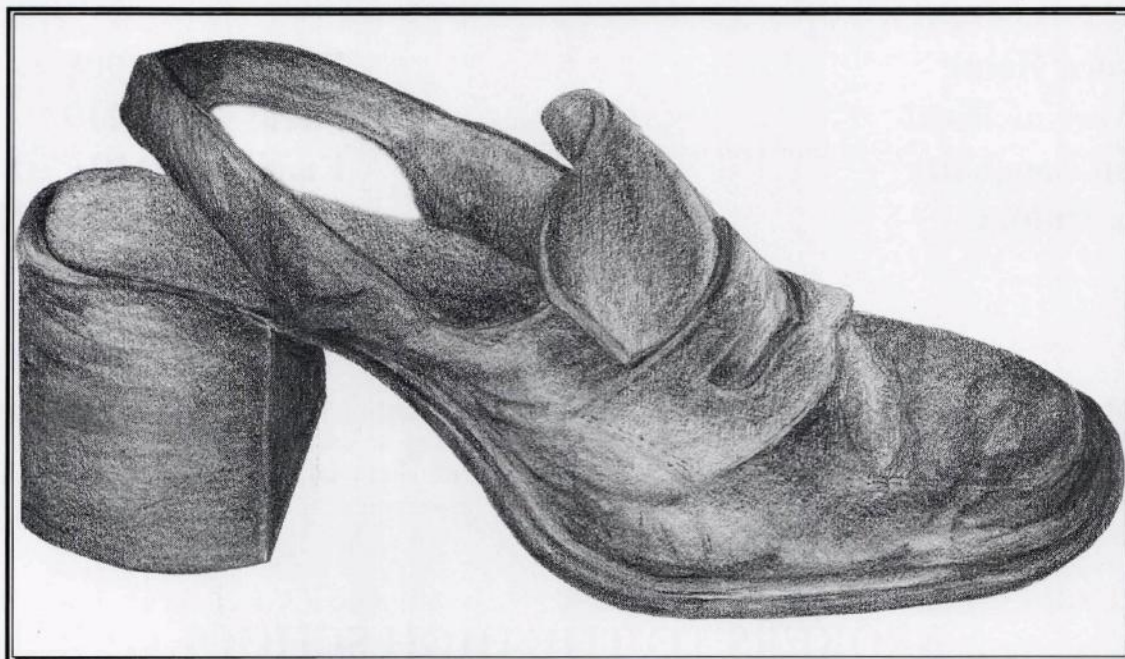
Seamus just looked at him and in his eyes there was a look of hope and sorrow. Colm shook his head slightly, trying to concentrate on the enemy as the sound of gun shots filled the air.

The things that happened afterwards passed like a hazy blur for Colm. All of a sudden he heard the sound of a loud bang and as he looked around, he saw Seamus stumble and fall. His eyes were filled with tears and there was blood all over his shirt.

Colm fell to his knees as he reached out to clasp the man's hand. Seamus just stared blankly at Colm as he mumbled "Win this war for me". His words were almost incoherent. Then his head fell back against the ground and he just lay there as still as a statue. He was dead.

Colm let out an animal-like moan as he pounded his fists against his forehead. After a while he looked down the man who had fought and died for his country. "I'm sorry", he whispered, as a feeling of extreme anguish filled him, for he knew in his heart that the man's blood was on his hands.

- Vicki McKenna (4th)



Drawing - Jenny Eames, 6th

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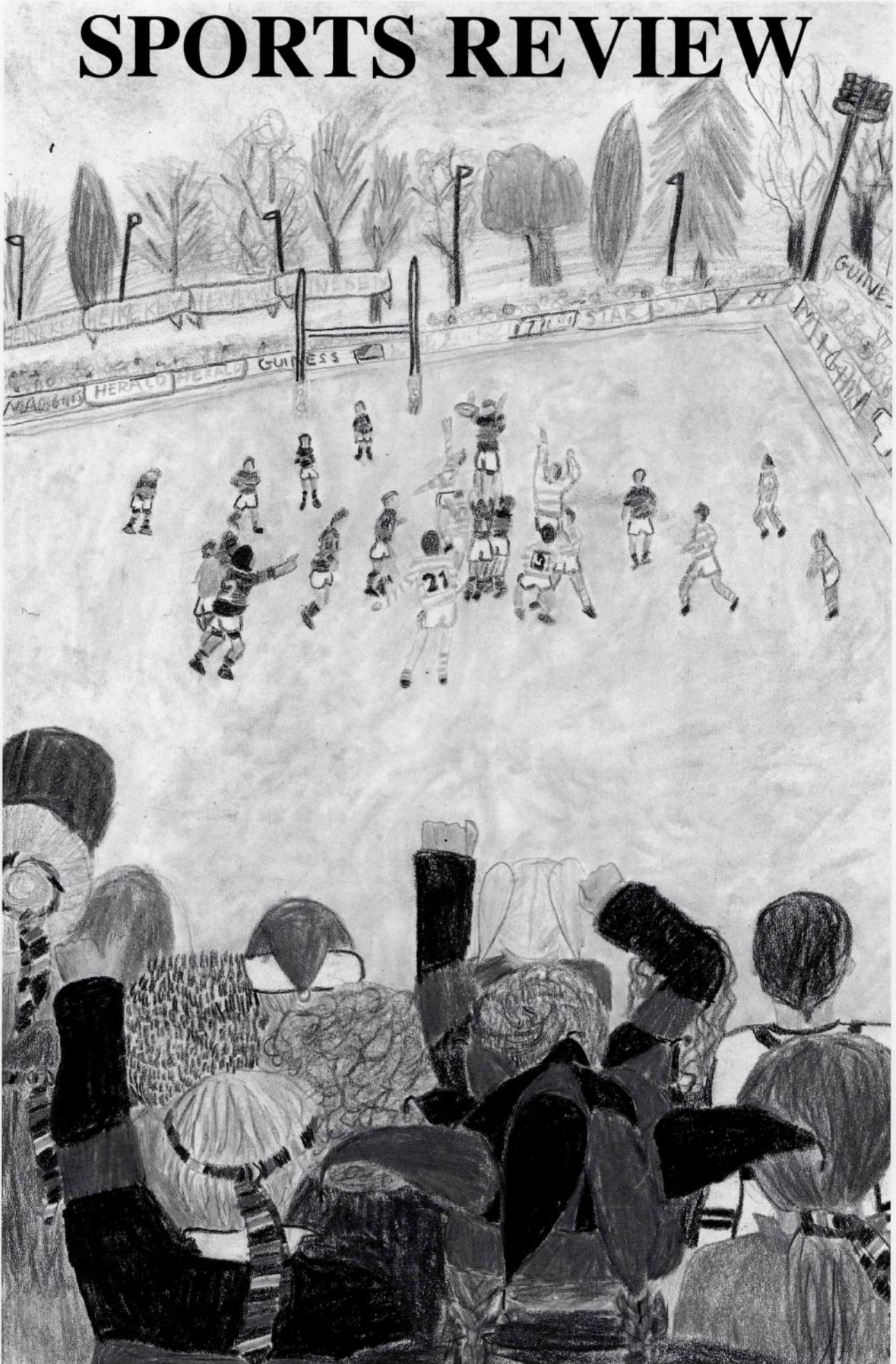
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Rugby

Senior Cup Team



Back Row (L to R): Mr. R. Walker, D. Campbell, P. Bridges, I. Logan, J. Fraser, S. Cusack, W. Lett, J. Ellis, G. Black, I. Masood, Mr. D. Wright.

Middle Row (L to R): M. McCullough, D. Downey, A. Dunne, N. Stanley, D. Dunne, R. McNally (capt), R. Hilliard, G. O'Meara, H. Hogan, S. Murphy

Front Row (L to R): S. Loane, J. Maher.

Despite pre-season training throughout the month of August, the start of the season came a bit too soon for our liking. The first match was away to St. Andrew's and in a tightly-fought contest we were pipped by four points by the eventual League winners. Next came King's Hospital and, with the lads wanting to prove a point from the previous match, we came out and played some excellent rugby, dominating most of the possession and territory. However, due to matters out of our own hands (and Bosco Hogan's), the match seemed to slip from our grasp!

After this dismal opening to our season things began to come together. Everyone started working hard in training and on the pitch, and with team morale beginning to ascend, we began to play some breathtaking rugby out of the top drawer. With wins in the League over C.U.S., St. Paul's and Templeogue, the true potential of this talented side began to shine through. The team had the highest try-scoring record in the League and due to this felt we were going to qualify for the League semi-finals. Unfortunately for us however, it was not decided

on points difference in the end and what was a glimmer of hope for the team, turned to morale-crushing despair.

However, with the positive attitude of this year's 1st XV, we bounced back miraculously to continue our winning streak. Our next match was against the might of the 'Rock'. Despite the Williamstown side fielding a slightly under-strength team we went at them with all we had and hammered them by 38 points to nil. This got confidence levels back on track and the team developed excellently over the next couple of weeks, keeping our unbeaten run of ten in a row intact.

After quite a successful start to the season, we thought we would chance our luck abroad against some foreign opposition. This year the 1st XV embarked on a thoroughly enjoyable trip to Bordeaux where we beat Merinac U20's by 47 points to nil. This was an excellent result and a huge confidence booster to the high flying senior squad.

As Christmas drew nearer the intensity of our training increased, and the lads responded admirably. The Cup was drawing near. After drawing arch rivals Wesley, the scene was set for what would be a phenomenal day out for both schools. In the run up to the Cup the winning streak continued except for a very close game against Ulster Cup winners, Campbell College, in which we were just beaten in torrential rain and mud up in Belfast. Winning came our way again, however, when we beat C.B.C. Monkstown in the following match.

1st XV Tour to Bordeaux 1998

The first round of the Cup took place in Kilternan against a suprisingly strong Wesley College side. It was a beautiful day, and the hundreds of colourful High School supporters who came to the match were in full voice. Despite a poor performance on our part, we eventually came out winners 16-14. With a wipe of the brow, we now began to prepare ourselves for the biggest test of our season.

The second round of the Cup was against Blackrock College at Donnybrook during the mid-term. It was an occasion greatly enjoyed by everyone who came to watch. After a poor opening half, which saw us concede 31 points, we decided to start to play. The second half was a lot closer with High School coming out on top by 7-5. However, this Rock side was far too strong for us (or any team) to beat and went on to win the Leinster Senior Cup.

After the hype of the Cup, things became a little more relaxed and in the Plate we managed a good win over St. Michael's 8-3. However, the second round of this competition failed to get much of a reaction from the team and surprisingly, we went down to Wesley. This long but enjoyable season drew to a rewarding close for us, coming second place in the Old Wesley 7-a-side competition to St. Michael's and also beating two touring sides from England by 60 points each.

On the whole, this year's season proved to be an excellent one and was enjoyed by all of the players who took part. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the team to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Wright for all of their expert coaching and advice throughout the season, without which we would not have done half as well. An unforgettable season, full of highs and lows and one which will be remembered for years to come.

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-Ross McNally (Capt.)

The tour kicked off at the tender time of "5 bells" on Thursday morning December 17. The team was not complete however until 7a.m., when a certain winger strolled up without a care in the world. When questioned on his lateness, Dave replied "I could not find 'Fluffy' my teddy bear!" Eventually the team boarded their luxurious Ryanair plane. In spite of the fact that most of the team were up since 4.30 a.m., the lads were full of energy and anxious to keep their "nine in a row" unbeaten record intact.

On arrival in Paris at 9 a.m., we met our transport for the next four days. The journey down to Bordeaux took around 6 hours, which we passed with topical discussions on issues like the introduction of the Euro and the state of the property market at present. These discussions were only interrupted by democratic arguments for the coveted circle of seats at the back. We arrived at our home for the four days, Hotel Climat. The lads were hungry and after a little siesta, the first stop was the local Auchen supermarche to stock up on munchies and general rugby players' needs. Upon our return, we were greeted with unfortunate news that one of the teams in the triangular tournament, "Grading", had pulled out. The lads were saddened by this news but found consolation in the fact that they must have heard about our unbeaten run. That night we went to bed quite early, some even a bit homesick.

We woke early on Friday morning, as the team that had pulled out organised a trip to a French chateau to fill the vacant time left by the match. Everyone was really interested in how the wine was produced, especially Danny who remarked on the various different scents. When the tour was over we travelled to Bordeaux City, where the lads split into different groups to explore the massive city. One group stumbled across the natural history museum, which they found very educational, while another group visited an Irish cultural museum. Bordeaux is a beautiful city and was well worth the day spent there. That night after dinner a menagerie of lads stayed in, saying that they could not keep up with the pace. Led by Jules they gathered in room 101 and got mentally prepared for the match the next day and quietly celebrated his 18th birthday. The rest of us headed to a great go-karting track where Loaner showed us his skill and prowess behind the wheel and blew us all away with his amazing driving.

Match day arrived. It was a beautiful day for rugby. We went for a light training session that morning to get all the French cuisine out of our systems. Later that day, kick-off came and the whole team was psyched up and rering to go. We were determined to show France what Irish rugby is all about. As soon as the whistle went, both teams tore into each other and after a tight first half we came out on top, despite a lot of hard French rugby. In the next half we capitalised greatly on their lack of control and came out winners 48-12, in spite of a great deal of pressure in the last couple of minutes. After the match, the Merinach coach complimented us on our great team spirit and camaraderie. After a lot of singing and shouting in the showers, we entered the clubhouse to chat and, more importantly, to be presented with our trophy. Ross lifted the trophy

with pride, as we were representing Irish rugby in France. After some celebrations, we went to an Aussie restaurant called Down Under with our hosts, Merinac. We laughed together and exchanged views of the game and showed each other different aspects of our two cultures. We went back to the hotel and most of the team were fast asleep by 11 p.m., except for an intrepid gang of die-hards who stayed up talking in the hotel lobby 'til the early hours.

The next morning, after we had collected some items of value from the ho-

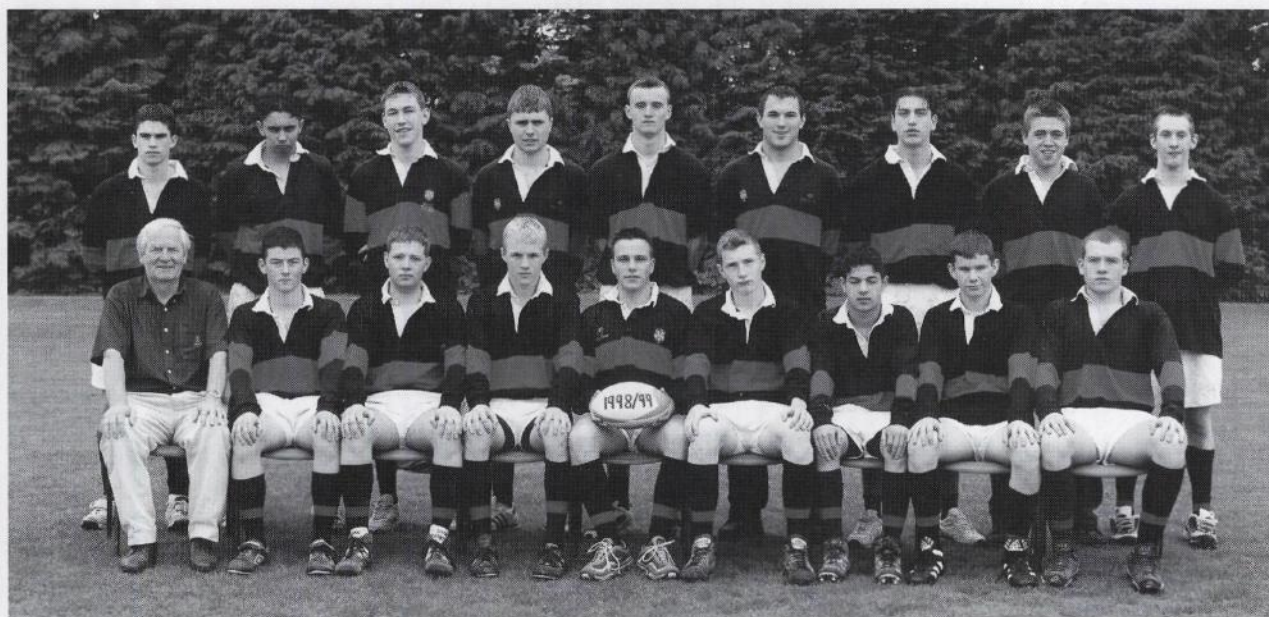
tel strong room, we set off on our homeward leg of the trip. On our arrival in Paris we were given a guided tour in broken English by our driver. We visited the sights of Paris including the Eiffel Tower and The Champs Elysees. We boarded our plane and vanished into the night sky, leaving another successful tour behind us.

We arrived back in Dublin in one piece, tired but content after painting Bordeaux red and black. On behalf of the touring panel we would like to thank Mr. Wright and Mr. Walker for a memorable tour.

Tour Honours: George's Cross Award- not awarded
Best Tourist- Ross McNally (being his last tour)
Worst Tourist- Danny again!

-Jonathan Ellis and Will Lett, 5th

Second XV



Back Row (L to R): Daniel Hanlon, Kieran Woolhead, Stuart Mellon, Rhys McAllistar, Shane Cusack, Julian Fraser, Harry Feldman, Jack Olohan, Mark Francis.

Front Row (L to R): Mr. D. Cole, Russell Simmons, Colin Brandsma, David Foran, Daniel Downey (Capt.), James Maher, Conor Sookram, Simon Loane, Ian Logan.

We started off the season with only a handful of players, so initially we trained with the 1st XV and were soon to be known as the "tackle bags". As the season progressed Mr. Cole decided to take up our cause and attempt to get a 2nd XV side together. The seconds consisted of almost all the substitutes of the 1st XV and the younger 4th-year players progressing from U16's.

By the time we had a team picked and enough players aboard, the team sheet looked fairly promising with some powerful forwards and useful backs. Daniel Downey, whose team talks pre-match really psyched up the team (as any

2nd's player will tell you), skippered us from the start. Daniel played out-half, but it took him a while to get used to the scrum-half beside him, as we went through three scrum-halves during the season.

Our most capped and influential scrum-half was David Foran, who came into 2nd's rugby only this year. It's hard to tell the rest of the backs' positions as they were switched so often and our real strength lay in the pack. Our season consisted of friendlies up until January. During these friendlies we disposed of teams such as Blackrock, C.U.S., Gonzaga and many more which gave us great confidence heading for the League.

We drew Pres. Bray, Mary's, Belvedere and King's Hospital in our group. Our opening League game was played at home on a glorious day against St. Mary's. The match was played at an electrifying pace, with High School looking like we had done

it, when in the last minute of the game, with H.S.D. up by two points, Mary's got a try and won the game. It was daylight robbery, with the best team losing.

Next we travelled to Pres. Bray, disposing of them with ease which raised our hopes of League success. King's Hospital were our next opponents. On the day we were overpowered in the forwards and our backs couldn't cope with the onslaught of the King's Hos' backs

and forwards. This loss meant we were out of the League, so we didn't play our remaining League match against Belvedere. For us the rugby season was now over, except for one match against a touring side from Canada called A.L. Fortune. Five minutes into the match we were 14-0 down. We turned up the tempo and edged them out in the end. It was an enjoyable climax to the season for all.

For some of the lads on the team (including myself) it is our last year in the school but I'm sure we will always have good memories of rugby at H.S.D.

-Mark Kavanagh (Vice-captain)

Transition Year



*Back Row (L to R): John Kelly, Jack Dooley, Robert Carnegie, David Foran, Adam McDonnell, Mark Walsh, Niall O'Byrne, Graham Ruddle, Tony O'Brien, Adam Hutchinson, Mark McCoy, Conor O'Shea.
Front Row (L to R): Shane Killoran, Conor Sookram, James Grimason, Colm Doyle, Simon Loane, Steven Day(Capt), James Maher, Gareth Conlon, Ned Tapley, Mr. R. Walker.*

The squad was quite different from last year's Juniors, with some players playing Juniors again and a couple of people playing Seniors. However this made room for a number of new and talented players on the squad.

Due to bad weather conditions a lot of games were cancelled, but in the games we did play, we played well, especially against Wesley. Having lost to them only a week before, we got back up to beat them in a very close game.

In the 3rd's League we came up against much bigger sides who used their power against us and we lost some tight games as a result. After our tour of London our last game was against Sandford Park Seniors. The visitors dominated the first half but in the second, we crept back into the game and played some good flowing 15-man rugby. With great tries from our backs we won the game.

1999 Tour of London

At 5.45 a.m. on Saturday March 13th we met in Dublin Airport and set off with a full squad to London Stansted. From there, a coach took us to Campion College where we played our first match under the blazing heat of the sun. Both teams played good rugby and the game flowed from one end to the other. After we had dominated the first half, the fatigue of the flight began to show and the home team came out on top.

Then we had the "Twickenham Experience" - a grand tour of the stadium and a visit to the Museum of Rugby. After a night in Piccadilly Circus we got an open-top bus tour of London, then we met up with our hosts for Sunday night, Eltham College. After an enjoyable night with the lads, we had free time in London, then it was back to Eltham for our last game. The game was played at a fast pace and it was always very close. At the final whistle it ended at 22-22. After that nail-biting game we headed back to Dublin.

On behalf of the whole squad, who thoroughly enjoyed the trip, I would like to thank Mr. Walker and Mr. Gill for giving up their weekend and for coaching us through the year along with our forwards coach Alan "Bill" Hillard.

-Steven Day (Capt.)

J.C.T. 1998/99 Winners of the Leinster Junior Plate



Back Row (L to R): Mark Kelly, Daniel Vard, Matthew Doogue, Iain O'Connor, Tennyson Egar, Robbie Burns, Eoin Morrissey, Eoin McNally, Francis Cooney, Niall O'Shea
Middle Row (L to R): Alan Duggan, Philip De Barra, John Collery, David Foran(Capt.), Cathal D'Arcy, Ross Condon, Alex Feldman, Mr. T. Gill
Front Row (L to R): Fintan Gillespie, Brian Logan, George Misstear, Rob Smith

This year's Junior Cup side was undoubtedly the best Junior Cup side in years, with two trophies to their name this season - which was a huge success.

For the first two or three months of the season, the team was just beginning to get organised and get our game plan together. We had a lot of experienced players coming back from last year's Junior side including Eoin Mc Nally, Tennyson Egar, Robbie Burns and Dave Foran.

Before Christmas we had some convincing wins and some very narrow defeats. We just needed to add the finishing touches to our game-plan. During the Christmas holidays our game started to really come together. The entire team started playing on the same wavelength and we started getting clean quick ball out to our skilful backs. This allowed us to run other teams off the park. It was a style of play that suited us perfectly. At this stage we already knew we were drawn against Newbridge in the Cup. We were all very confident that we could win. During Christmas we took a trip to Campbell College in Northern Ireland with the First XV. We won convincingly and were the first ever High School Junior side to beat them.

After Christmas we had a string of wins but we all had our minds fixed on Newbridge in the Cup. We knew that they were going to be tough, as they were League finalists. Leading up to the Cup we developed new tactics, such as line-out variations and an emphasis on moving the ball quickly away from the pack. During the lead up to the Cup, the Leinster fullback, Kevin Nowlan, helped us in training. He introduced some useful moves and tactics.

The day of the Cup match finally came. It was held in Anglesea Road. The pitch was in great condition. We went out "fired up". Newbridge were given an early penalty and took the lead by three points but we controlled the rest of the half and eventually got a well-earned try, after keeping them pinned inside their 22. It came from the back of a ruck on their line when Tennyson Egar powered over to score. The try was converted by Philip de Barra. We went into the second half leading and after about ten minutes Newbridge started putting on the pressure, rucking their way up the pitch and sucking in backs and creating overlaps. By doing this they scored two tries. We kept our heads though, and after five minutes of pressure Dave Foran managed to get another try from a blocked down ball. The score was 12-15 to Newbridge and there were about four minutes remaining. We started to regain our confidence, but it was not enough as they were given a penalty on our 22 which was converted. At the final whistle the score was 18-12 to Newbridge.

We all had such high hopes and to lose that match was a terrible blow. I have never experienced so many tears shed, in disappointment, in the changing rooms. It just shows how much we wanted to win. Newbridge were later knocked out in the

second round by St. Mary's and were entered into the Plate competition along with us.

Our campaign started against League winners, St. Paul's. St. Paul's had beaten Newbridge in the final of the League. We went out confident and played one of the best matches of the season and beat them. Our next opponents were De la Salle, who were not up to much, but we were too cocky approaching the match and only narrowly won 8-3. That match was followed by a semi-final against a tough St. Andrew's side, who had beaten us by one point earlier in the season and also reached the third round of the Cup. The first half was very tight and ended 0-0 but in the second half we got our act together and played some lovely rugby, scoring a great try. They came back with an onslaught of rucking for at least ten minutes but every single one of us wanted victory and we did not let them cross our line. We began to retaliate, kicking deep into their half and scoring a try to end the game.

We heard news that we were playing Newbridge in the final and everyone wanted to get their own back. The final was held in Templeville, Templeogue and much support was rounded up for the game. We started the game off poorly, conceding two first-half tries. Going into the second half the score was 12-0 and we were determined to come back. We managed to pick up the pace and scored a try thanks to Dave Foran, who jinked over for a try. Now we only needed a converted try to go into the lead. We managed to pile on the pressure again - from a great run by fullback Rob Smith, who then kicked ahead and our speedy centre Robbie Burns chased up, kicked over the line and dived onto the ball for a spectacular try. There was a lot of pressure on the kick as it would put us in the lead with only fifteen minutes to go, but Philip de Barra coolly slotted it over. We then managed to get 3 points to put us further in the lead. The match ended with no further score 17-12 to us and for the first time ever, High School lifted the Jun-



David Foran accepting the Plate Trophy

ior Plate. The High School name is now up there with the best, which is hopefully a sign of things to come, and maybe High School Rugby will eventually return to the standard of the best five or six schools in Leinster.

There was more joy to come when we entered The Irish International Festival of Youth Rugby. The competition was held over three days at Anglesea Road with the final at Stradbrook. There were two pools, each consisting of six teams from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. We won four of our pool matches and drew one, which meant that we made it to the final at Stradbrook against an English side called 'Sutton and Epsom'. In the final Sutton and Epsom got the first points with a try in the first ten minutes but Rob Smith was given the ball in space and scored a great solo try which was converted. We started the second half well and got a try in the first few minutes which came from David Foran breaking blind from the back of a ruck and popping to Fintan Gillespie, to score in the corner. Sutton and Epsom were determined to come back and in the last play of the match scored in the corner. The try was excellently converted to even the scores. In youth rugby there is no extra time, so the result came down to the number of tries scored during the tournament. Both teams had scored 13 tries so there had to be a penalty kick competition. Our usual kicker, Philip de Barra, was chosen to take them. Philip got two kicks from three and the other kicker only got one. We were lucky to win such a tight match. Robbie Burns was awarded player of the tournament and Philip de Barra was given a special prize for his great kicking under pressure.

We would all like to thank and congratulate Mr. Gill and Scott Wynne on their success as coaches and for their commitment all season.

-Dave Foran (Capt.)

J.C.T. 'B'



Back Row (L to R): Alex Feldman, Gavin Coleman, Mark Kelly, Robert Tierney, Simon Goldsmith, Thomas Eager, Adam Leahy, Sean McGinley, Craig Watson, Robert Smith, Brian Mellon, Ross Condrón.

Middle Row (L to R): Mr. Dolan, Alex O'Connell, Ben Blackwell, Daniel Sheridan, Iain O'Connor (Capt.), Alan Duggan, Clive Lew, Noel Geraghty, Joseba Nafarrate.

Front Row (L to R): George Misstear, Daragh Hogan, Sam Dooley, Barry Milton, Eamonn Garrigan, John Gillen.

This year's J.C.T. 'B' had a successful season. Before Christmas we had some very close matches, losing narrowly to arch-rivals Wesley and Templeogue.

After Christmas our season began to pick up. We were entered in the J.C.T. 'B' league along with Mount Temple,

Newpark, C.B.C. and St. Paul's. We had three fine wins and only one loss which was against Mount Temple. Having lost to Mount Temple we failed to qualify for the knock-out stages.

We feel this has been quite an enjoyable season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dolan and Mr. Doyle for all their hard work with us throughout the season.

-Iain O'Connor (Capt.)

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Under 14



Under 14 'A'

Back Row (L to R): Gavin Murphy, Robert Thackaberry, Robert Horne, Lewis Doyle, Joseph O'Callaghan, Eoghan O'Reilly, Alex Feldman, Kealan Kelly, Alan McCarthy, Rajiv Bose.

Front Row (L to R): Andrew Hui, Niall O'Shea, Ralph Prendergast, Robert Smyth, David Thompson (Capt.), Ross Condon, Brook Campbell-Crawford, Wesley Mahon, Martin Anglim.

The Under 14's got off to a bad start this season. We lost five players to the J.C.T. A's and B's. Despite this, we produced some good results. We beat Terenure, a game in which Ross Condon scored six tries. We also beat Newpark, C.B.C. Monkstown and De La Salle Churchtown, in which Rob Smyth scored a hat trick.

At the end of the season we competed in the Wesley Blitz. We drew St. Michael's and Newbridge. We lost to Newbridge twice, and we beat and drew with St. Michael's.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Robbie Hamilton, Andy Smyth and especially Paul Kirwan and Ger McCarthy for all their help with coaching this season.

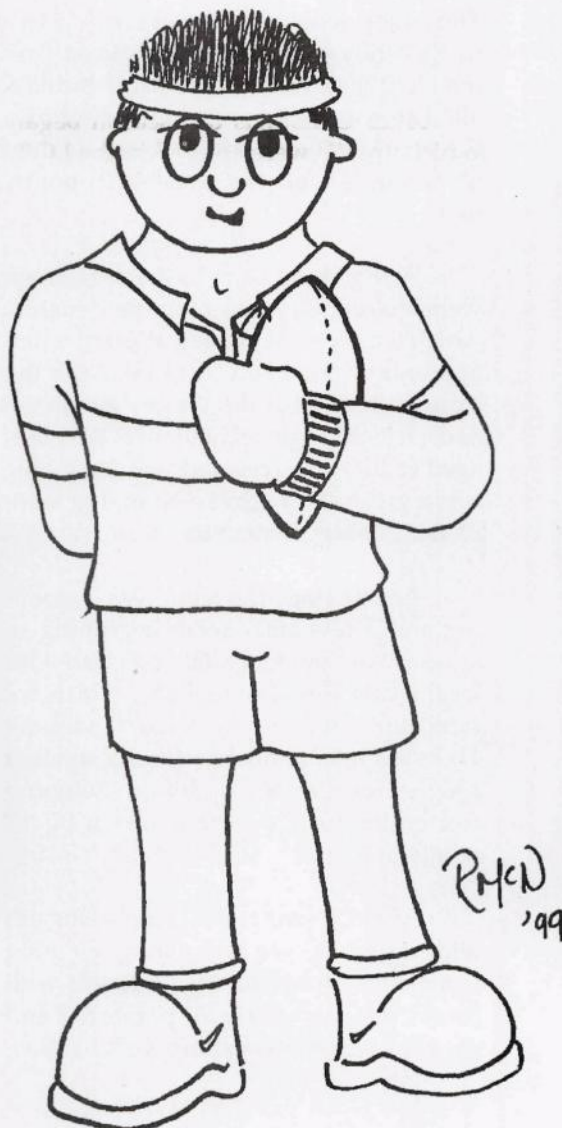
-David Thompson (Capt.)



Under 14 'B'

Back Row (L to R): R. Thackaberry, H. Nicholson, G. Murphy, L. McGuire, J. O'Callaghan, D. Hoy, B. Campbell-Crawford, E. Monaghan

Front Row (L to R): A. Field, E. Tippins, E. Henny, A. Grimson, C. Somerville, G. Whyte, A. Hui.



Under 13 'A'



Back Row (L to R): Rory Bannigan, Robert Sherwood, Segun Fakinle, Greg Sheridan, Paul Webster, Matthew Leahy, David Lee, Pat Anglim, Sean O'Connor, Ben Cantan
Front Row (L to R): Daniel Donnelly, Ben Leonard-Kane, Chris Somerville, Shane Prunty, Matthew D'Arcy (Capt), Cillian Meldon, Mark Lew, Max Olohan, Mr. R. Davies.

The rugby season kicked off with a trip to Kilkenny and the long-awaited first match. It was a tight match and ended 8 all. The team was confident going into the first League match, at home against St. Gerard's, and we won by 10 points to 5.

With a good start to the season we were looking forward to our next match, which was against Wesley. We had a disappointing game and lost 24-0. After the disappointment of the Wesley game, we had a friendly against St. Paul's. We managed to lift ourselves and win 24-0. This was a great win against a team that were physically bigger than us.

At this stage the team was improving and a few stars were beginning to appear. We then had a heated clash with local rivals Terenure College, which we came out of with flying colours, winning 47-7. We had another friendly against King's Hospital and sadly our winning run ended and we went down by 17 points to 7.

After Christmas the League was still wide open, so we went into our next League match against St. Andrew's with confidence. We won by 37 points to 7 and the whole team was gelling well together.

We had our next League match against Gonzaga. After a great start, being 12-0 up after 10 minutes, we went to sleep and it finished 17 all. The draw with Gonzaga meant that we had to win all the rest of our matches. We got off to a great start by beating C.U.S. by 12-7. After that we had a very tough match against Wesley and we drew 10-10, which showed a great improvement from our last match. The team was lifted by the performance against Wesley and we went into our next League match, against St. Gerard's, determined to come away with a win and we did, by 29-12.

We had a break from the League with a friendly against Castleknock and we had a fabulous win in a physical and tough match by 24-19. The next match was crucial to us and it was against the League leaders St. Andrew's and we had to win. We were missing some key players and went down by 35 points to nil, in a match which none of us enjoyed. This result meant we were out of the League, but we showed great heart to come out and beat C.U.S. by a huge score of 48-3 in one of our best matches of the season.

After that great win against C.U.S. we had another great win, this time against De La Salle by 46 points to 5. For our last match of the season we had a trip to C.B.C. Monkstown but with only 13 players we lost 20-12.

In all, we scored 349 points during the season. We are improving all of the time and next year we hope to do even better. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who helped coach the under 13's this year and especially Mr. Davies and David Bell.

-Matthew D'Arcy (Capt.)



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Under 13 'B' & 'C'

As you can see from the results below, this was a very successful season for both teams. We were fortunate to have over 40 very keen and skilful players in this group, well capable of playing for the A XV, if required. There was little difference in standard between both XV's, in fact, in a few practice games the C XV won. The B XV suffered in some games by having to supply 3 or 4 substitutes for the A league games.

The C XV was in the lead for the "The Rugby Team of the Year" right up to the end of the season, when they were 'pipped at the post' by the great results of the J.C.T. Their number of games

played were limited as many of the other schools were unable to field a C XV. They had some fine wins over Wesley, St. Paul's, Gonzaga, C.U.S., Castleknock and De La Salle A XV. The leading try scorer was Macdara O'Seireadain (6) closely followed by Noel O'Meara and Neil Smith (both with 5).

I would like to say a "Big Thank You" to Johnnie Fennell and David Bell for their willing, dependable and expert help during the season. This was a season I enjoyed very much and I look forward to seeing these boys progress up the school. "Well done lads" and many thanks for your attitude and input during the season.

-R.H.F

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Pts.F	Pts.A
U13B	15	9	0	6	356	216
U13C	12	10	1	1	252	145

Under 13 'B'



Back Row (L to R): Brian Hannon, Noel O'Meara, Brian Geary, Chris Harding, Andrew Lett, Sean O'Connor, Jason Brooke, Scott Wilkinson.

Front Row (L to R): Christopher Lawson, Tim Mills, Elliott Leavy, Patrick Mullan, Peter Burns (capt), Graham Cooley, Karl Hill, Mr. R. Fennell

Absent from Photo: Jamie McDonald, Sam Abraham

Under 13 'C'



Back Row (L to R): Padric Smith, Tom Gillespie, Macdara O'Soireadain, Neil Smith, Barry Walsh, Daniel Murphy, Robert Stratton, Chris McAuliffe, Donal Curran, Eoghan Cullen

Front Row (L to R): Richard Begley, Simon Jones, Mark Lew, John McDermott, Scott Wilkinson (capt), Ross Murphy, Max Callan McLaughlin, Daniel O'Rourke, Mr. R. Fennell

Girls' Hockey

1st XI



Back Row (L to R): Kelly Baird, Kathryn Lowry, Deborah Nevin, Sharon O'Byrne, Wallis Handelman, Adele Camier.

Front Row (L to R): Jane Harley, Kara Cramp, Lora Dolan, Susan Gray, Louise Foley, Brenda McParland, Emily Holmes. Absent from photo: Debbie Walker

This year's 1st XI squad was a combination of 4 of last year's senior team and 10 new and very enthusiastic players. The season was going to be an exciting one.

Emily Holmes, our new and experienced goalie stood strong throughout the year. Our backs this year consisted of Debbie Nevin at right back, who unfortunately became injured mid-season and her position was taken over by Jane Harley. The ever-reliable Debbie Walker played sweeper, working with Brenda McParland as centre-back. Adele Camier made up the last member of defence as left-back. Mid-field was made up of the skilful Louise Foley as centre and Kara Cramp, who left her cricket bat on the sideline to play left mid. I moved from the wing to play right mid this year. Kelly Baird, as substitute mid, showed great determination for her first year in senior hockey. Our frontline was made up of the speedy Lora Dolan as left wing and Kathryn Lowry playing on the right. Wallis Handelman along with Sharon O'Byrne played centre forward. Despite being out last season, Sharon ended up as our top goal scorer of this year.

The season didn't start too well, as we lost our first Cup match 5-0 to Loretto Bray, so we set our sights on the League.

We got off to a pretty good start as we drew 1-1 with Newpark. Our next match was against Santa Sabina, Cabra, which we won 2-0. It was now Christmas and we had a bit of a set back with three of our players, Debbie Nevin, Wallis Handelman and Kelly Baird, all getting injured and, unfortunately, all out for the rest of the season. We still had the League to think about but when we returned to school in January, we found we had a shortage of players. We were lucky to come across players such as Rachel McSharry, a very promising player for the future, Kate Mahon and Jenny Hickey. Our last League match was against Mt. Sackville. This was a tough match which resulted in a 1-1 draw, meaning that we had come top of the table and were drawn against Wesley in the quarter-finals. The quarter-final was an extremely tough match and Sharon O'Byrne scored the only real goal of the match with a spectacular reverse shot. Unfortunately, a dodgy decision gave Wesley a penalty in the last minutes of the game which they scored making the final score 1-1. Even though we lost 3-0 in the replay we did not let ourselves down, showing great improvement since the start of the season. In our eyes, our biggest success was beating Wesley in a mid-season match.

I would like to thank my vice-captain Louise Foley who helped me look after the team. I would also like to thank all those who subbed for us and all those who supported us during the year, especially Miss Ritchie and Mr. McKay. On behalf of all the team I would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to Miss Sixsmith. It was her first year coaching at senior level and she had the difficult task of moulding a team who had not played together before. She is a great coach and a good friend. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the team for their hard work and dedication throughout the year, one that I enjoyed immensely.

-Susan Gray, 6th

2nd XI

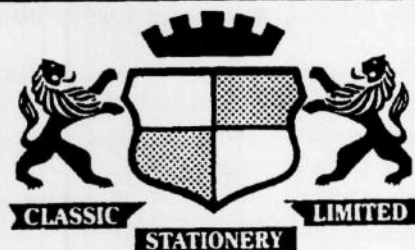


Back Row (L to R): Roisin Cox, Sarah McMurray, Julie Nixon, Helen Tippins, Aimee Hamilton, Hazel Dawson, Rebecca Borland, Ellie Fry, Eleanor O'Neill, Stephanie Patterson.
Front Row (L to R): Mr. A. McKay, Lindsey O'Callaghan, Jennifer Hickey, Yvonne Elliott, Lydia Foster (capt), Sarah Brusey, Carol Moss, Susan Wilkinson, Lynsey Stuart.

It was a pretty good year for the Seconds. We succeeded in getting to the finals of our League by winning the majority of our matches; Manor House (2:0) Sion Hill (1:0) Newbridge (4:1), drawing with Notre Dame (0:0) and only narrowly losing to Wesley (2:0). Unfortunately we weren't as lucky in the quarter-finals, conceding 2 goals to Beaufort, only for Stephanie Patterson to recover a goal just before the final whistle. We finished the season by playing a tournament in Our Lady's Terenure, where we redeemed ourselves by coming first. With a constant 'family' of substitutes, we were always ensured a panel of excellent players and our ever-reliable backs defended well throughout the season.

On behalf of the Seconds and its 'Extended Family', I would like to thank Mr. McKay for the blood, sweat and tears that he poured into the team. Also, thanks are due to Gav for his fair refereeing and advice, to Ms. Ritchie and Mr. McKay for organising our hockey tour to Cork and last but by no means least, thank you to all those who came to support us through thick and thin. Long live CARSO!!!

-Lydia Foster (capt.)



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Junior A

In the beginning, the team was a bit mixed up, so it took a while to sort out positions. Then the team really started to come together and we had some very exciting matches. Everyone was dedicated and attended fitness training on Mondays and skills training on Tuesdays. We would all like to thank Miss Ritchie for all the time and effort she put into the team. We really appreciated it.

-Kate Mahon (captain)



Back Row (L to R): T. Brauer, H. Simmons, K. Prunty, S. Lysaght, J. Collins, R. O'Byrne, L. Stafford.

Front Row (L to R): Ms. C. Ritchie, A. McDarby, K. Mahon (Capt), F. Collins, J. Nason, R. O'Reilly

Junior B

The Junior B's had a very enjoyable season this year. Everyone got on well with each other and played well as a team. We won our first three league matches and unfortunately got knocked out by Muckcross in our last match before the quarter-final. I would like to say well done to all the team, especially Breffni, who was a really brilliant goalie. And, on behalf of the team, I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Fraser, our coach, who gave us great encouragement and support all season.

-Hazel Bird (Capt.)



Back Row (L to R): N. Hall, L. Gleeson, S. Doyle, S. Keogh, A. Jenkinson, V. Glover, J. Woolhead

Front Row (L to R): Ms. Fraser, N. Brandsrea, L. Nevin, H. Bird, S. Cadoo, B. Sexton, C. Shine

Minor A

The Minor A's had a very good season this year, beating Alex (3-1 and 2-0) and Wesley (2-1 and 1-0). We beat Santa Maria, Alex and St. Columba's College in the League and came top of our group. We then played Our Lady's Terenure in the quarter-final. This proved to be an exciting match. The final score was 2-1 to us. As the semi-final got closer, the team was psyched and we went to the pitch with high spirits and confidence. The match was fast-moving and exciting. The team worked well but Loreto Dalkey proved stronger on the day, and they won 2-0. They went on to win the League. The Minor A's worked well as a team and played well together this year. We finished off the year playing a tournament in Alex, which we won. Thank you to Mrs. Mellon who coached us during the year.

-Rachel McSharry (Capt.)



Back Row (L to R): Rebecca Fisher, Aoibhin McGreal, Maeve Willoughby, Orla Walsh, Lyndsey Watson, Kate Asheleonard, Sophie Hare

Front Row (L to R): Mrs. G. Mellon, Aoife O'Donoghue, Sarah Walsh, Rachel McSharry (capt), Suzanne Cairns, Ros Campbell, Gillian McMurray.

Minor 'B' Plate Winners 1998/99



Back Row (L to R): Mrs. D. Walker, Zara White, Ciara Nugent, Becky Nicholson, Vicky Wright, Fiona Traynor, Debra Keogh, Carolyn Goulden
Front Row (L to R): April Kavanagh, Ciara Fahy, Fiona Condron, Fiona Keller (capt), Karis Brauer, Riynon Gleeson, Susan Walsh



Celebrations at the end of the Plate Final

After a disappointing first round match in the Cup we came back after Christmas with greater confidence and strength, winning the first round of the Plate 9-0 against Santa Sabina. We then moved on to the second round to play Balbriggan, winning 2-1.

Our quarter-final proved to be a long hard match. It was played against Mount Sackville and went into extra-time at 2-2. There was great defensive work through the whole match by Fiona Condron, Karis Brauer, Susan Walsh and Rebecca Nicholson. The final score was 5-3, with Carolyn Goulden scoring her first hat-trick.

The semi-final was played in Three Rock Rovers against Rathnew. The score was 3-0, won by a great team effort. The final was a long, tense match against Mount Anvil. The score at half time was 1-0 to us and we had to work hard to keep ahead in the second half. The final score was 1-0, with Carolyn Goulden scoring the winning goal.

We would like to thank our coach Debbie Walker for her support and encouragement and a special thanks to Mrs. Mellon who stepped in at a critical time of the Plate, i.e. the semi-finals and the final. Her time and help were greatly appreciated by all the team.

-Fiona Keller (Capt.)

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1st Year 'A'

This was our first year as a hockey team. Most of us hadn't played hockey before, but Mrs. Mellon trained us well. We really surprised ourselves in the beginning. We won our first couple of matches and had the potential to do well in the League. Our first few League matches went extremely well. We won them 4-0 and 6-0. Then we played Wesley. Everyone played extremely well but neither team had scored as the end drew nearer. We thought it was going into extra time, but a goal was flicked into the box at 45 seconds left. After that we drove the ball up the pitch. It hit the foot of one of the Wesley players in the circle so we got a short corner. This was followed by another, but we failed to score from either. One-nil to Wesley. Next year we will do better. Thank you from all the team to Mrs. Mellon.



Back Row (L to R): Lyndsay Watson, Alice Keogh, Ros Campbell, Gillian McMurray, Ciara Nugent, Jenny Kearns
Front Row (L to R): Mrs. G. Mellon, Aoibhin McGreal, Kate Asheleonard, Orla Walsh (capt), Karis Brauer, Sophie Hare, Freya Oatway

-Orla Walsh (Capt.)

1st Year 'B' League Winners 1998/99



This year was a very successful one for the 1st Year B team. Our first success was a plaque that we won for the Rathdown tournament. In the final of the competition we played a long, defensive game against Alexandra College. The game went to a penalty shoot which we won 3-1. As well as competitions, we played in several friendlies during the year.

The hockey season ended brilliantly when we won the 1st Year B League final against St. Joseph's of Cluny, Killiney. We received a silver plate for the school and gold medals for each team member. The match could have gone either way but luck was on our side and we scored a goal just before half-time. The second half was harder and we had to play our hearts out to defend our narrow lead and to try to score another goal. Everyone worked for each other and we scored two more goals while our goalkeeper kept a clean sheet. The final score was 3-0. It was a great team performance but none of this would have been possible without Mrs. Mellon & Mrs. Debbie Walker. Thank you both for all your hard work.

-Jenny Kearns, 1st



Back Row (L to R) : Mrs. G. Mellon, Soirse Ryan, Sara Maguire, Zoe Allott, Margaux Kenny, Jenny Stafford, Freya Oatway, Mrs. D. Walker

Front Row (L to R): Grace Nelson, Rebecca Rolfe, Sharon Johnson, Jenny Kearns (capt), Anna Stuart, Genevieve Boyle, Danielle Donnelly



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Boys' Hockey

1st XI



*Back Row (L to R): Nick Holmes, Gary Mahon, Mark McMullan, Stuart Mellon, Robert McNamara
Front Row (L to R): Mark Burke, Ian Carey, Robbie Collins (capt), Fred Gilmore, Brian Mellon, Nigel Bass
Absent from photo: David Duggan, Philip De Barra, James Grimason, John Kelly, Jonathan Dunn,
Mr. Gary Ringwood (coach).*

This year's boys 1st XI had a mixed season. The team consisted of players from sixth year and younger players from fifth, fourth and third year. With only 3 players from last year's team, a relatively young team was put together.

The team had a strong defence with Fred Gilmore playing centre back and Robbie Collins playing in a sweeping position. In goal we had Mark Burke who improved with every game and made some amazing saves throughout the season. The two brothers, Stuart and Brian Mellon played exceptionally well together in the midfield. Both players showed their brilliant skills on the pitch,

with Brian finishing the season as our top goal scorer. Our forward line consisted of David Duggan, Nicholas Holmes and John Kelly. All three performed well, scoring goals throughout the season.

The highlight of our season was beating Drogheda G.S. 7-0. In the cup we were drawn up against Sutton Park. The team played very well but we were unable to get any goals past the Sutton Park goalkeeper, who plays for Ireland. We lost 2-0, which was unfortunate as the team played amazingly well.

I would like to thank all the players for their commitment and great spirits throughout the season. I would also like to thank Mr. D. Miller and Gary Ringwood, our coaches, whose efforts made the season possible and enjoyable. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Benson, who brought us to and from our matches.

-Robbie Collins, 6th

Junior Boys League Winners 1998/99

The junior hockey team had a successful year. With some survivors from last year, John Kelly, Brian Mellon, Mark McMullen, James Grimason and myself we had experience on the junior team. We were confident from the start of the season when we were given a new coach Mr. McKay, who had experience with Newpark hockey. We won every league game and only conceded one goal in the run-up to the finals. We won the semi-final, with Brian Mellon scoring a hat-trick. We were drawn against Wesley in the final and had to play them at Wesley. We all played our best, with notable performances from Brian Mellon and Jonathan Walker, and we won 3-0. Next year there should be another strong team with over half the juniors playing again. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. McKay for coaching us all season, Mr. Miller for organising pitches, matches etc. and Steve Corrigan and Mr.



Back Row (L to R): Mr. A. McKay, J. Walker, R. Gilbert, M. McMullen, A. Gilmore, J. Kelly, C. Watson.

Front Row (L to R): F. Cooney, R. Cramp, P. de Barra, B. Mellon (capt), F. Gillespie, J. MacNamara, D. Prendergast.

Benson for driving us to and from our matches. Last but not least, I would like to thank all our loyal supporters who will be happy to hear that there will be an official autograph session before the year is over.

-Philip de Barra (Capt.)

Minor Boys



Back Row (L to R): Glenn McNeill, Aidan Field, Gavin Whyte, Davy Thompson, Gavin Murphy, Eoin Monaghan, Keith Flower, Davy Holmes

Front Row (L to R): Andrew Grimason, Paul Morrissey, Ross Condrón, Brian Sargeant, Ralph Prendergast (capt), Robbie Thackaberry, Declan McGonagle, Mr. D. Miller

At the start of the season only a few players came down to hockey training sessions but soon more players were joining in and a good season looked more and more likely. The season started with a lot of tough games and, as our team was not that experienced at playing together, we suffered a few big defeats. As the season went on, we kept improving and in the league-cup we had a full-time score of 2-2 and we were put out by 2 extra-time goals. Towards the end of the season we played a different cup game against St. Gerard's but the match was called off half way through because of bad weather. In the replay we were beaten by a very enthusiastic St. Gerard's, who were just about the better team. Next year we will be the juniors and with some luck (or a miracle) we hope to be nearly as good as this year's cup-winning junior team. Lots of thanks to Mr D. Miller for organising our games.

-Ralph Prendergast (Capt.)

Under 13 Boys



Back Row (L to R): Allan Ellmann, Kerril Fahy, Bryan Hannon, Sean O'Connor, Robbie Wynne, Graham Cooley, Chris McAvliffe, Matthey D'Arcy, Neil O'Connor

Front Row (L to R): Steven Duggan, Matthew Leahy, Ben Frazer, Cillian Meldon (capt), Gavin Whyte, Shane Prunty, Mr. D. Miller

It has been a long time since a boys' hockey or rugby team has reached a cup final. It is a task that everyone undertakes, when entering the Leinster Cup. Some come close, but never get there, however, with the excellent coaching of Mr. D. Miller and the enthusiasm of the whole team, we managed to do it. In the final we were beaten by a brilliant Wesley College, who were the better team on the day, but we fought them all the way to the final whistle.

For most of the people on the team, the start of this school year was their first time ever playing hockey. Some people, including myself, had some experience, playing for clubs and/or primary schools. I had prior experience, playing for Three Rock Rovers for a number of years.

In the run up to the final we played St. Andrew's in the quarter final. We won by a brilliant goal, scored by Graham Cooley, just inside the circle. The semi-final was against St. Gerard's, Bray. We put up a terrific fight, and were rewarded with 3 goals. I scored the first goal from a short corner, which was pushed out by Shane Prunty and stopped by David Holmes. The second goal was scored by Sean O'Connor and the third, which I also scored, came from another short corner.

Overall, the Under 13 boys' hockey team had a very good season, with a lot of matches which were well organised, thanks to Mr. D. Miller. To conclude I would like to thank Mr. Miller for an excellent season. I would also like to thank my fellow team-mates for all their hard work throughout the season, and all the supporters who were there for the good games, and the bad.

-Cillian Meldon (captain)

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Boys' Cricket

1st XI



Back Row (L to R): Mr. R. McMullen, Rob Carnegie, Gareth Conlon, Imran Masood, David Blackmore, David Duggan, Andrew Fry, Alan Brown

Front Row (L to R): Greg O'Meara, Gary Black, Daniel Clarke (capt), Jonny Fennell, Fred Gilmore, Mr. R. Davies.

This year's team was captained by Dan Clarke. The season went very well as far as the League was concerned. We played four matches and managed to accomplish three out of four wins.

Unfortunately though, it just wasn't enough to secure a place in the League final.

Two members of this year's team, Greg O'Meara and Imran Masood were selected for the Irish School Boys team, this was a great achievement on any account!

Thanks must go to Mr Davies for coaching the team this year. Also much credit is due to the tea ladies and to Kara Cramp who kept the score for us throughout the season.

-Daniel Clarke (Capt.)

J.C.T.



Back Row (L to R): Mr. R. Walker, Eoin McNally, Niall O'Byrne, Mark McMullan, Robbie Burns, Gareth Conlon, John Kelly, Jack Dooley

Front Row (L to R): James Maher, Philip De Barra, Robert Carnegie, David Foran, Rory Cramp, Brian Mellon

We had an excellent season last year; we managed to reach the semi-final of the cup, but were sadly beaten by Wesley.

Still, we had some excellent matches with notable performances from James Maher, Jack Dooley and especially John Kelly's not out against St. Mary's and Phil de Barra's incredible catch in the same match. Our bowling was also excellent, with helpful performances from Robbie Burns and Rory Cramp.

-Rob Carnegie (Capt.)

Under 14



Back Row (L to R): Alex O'Connell, Noel Geraghty, John Gillen, Aindreas Gilmore, Fintan Gillespie, Francis Cooney, Sam Dooley, Alan Duggan

Front Row (L to R): Eoin McNally, Philip De Barra, Robbie Burns (capt), David Foran, Rory Cramp, Brian Mellon, Mr. R. Fennell.

This season got off to a great start with a win over old rivals Wesley! Robbie Burns scored 59 and David Foran scored 30. Gilmore led the bowling with 8 for 23 and Eoin McNally with 2 for 2.

Unfortunately, we managed to lose all three league games this season against C.U.S, Belvedere and St. Columbus; all of which were played in terrible conditions. We had many newcomers this year and hopefully with further practice over the next few years we should have the basis for a strong S.C.T team.

Thanks must go to Mr Fennell who coached us this year.

- Robbie Burns (Capt.)



Back Row (L to R): Ian O'Shea, Alex Feldman, Robert Smyth, Niall O'Shea, Brook Campbell-Crawford, Suda Rao

Front Row (L to R): Daniel O'Byrne, Wesley Mahon, David Thompson (capt), Chris Somerville, Anthony Camilleri, Mr. B. Quinn

Under 13

The U-13's unfortunately didn't have a very good season this year. We all had little experience, but we tried our best. Our best game was against C.U.S, which we narrowly lost by one run. On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr. Quinn for a great season.

-David Thompson (Capt.)

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Girls' Cricket

1st XI



Back Row (L to R): Aimee Hamilton, Debbie Walker, Adele Camier, Lora Dolan, Jennifer Hickey.
Front Row (L to R): Mrs. G. Mellon, Kelly Baird, Suzanne Kenealy (capt), Kara Cramp, Lydia Foster.
Absent from Photo: Ellie Fry

The Senior girls cricket got off to a brilliant start this year after beating Our Lady's Tempelogue in our first League match. We then went on to beat Mt. Anville and King's Hospital. This then put us through to the semi-finals.

We were drawn against St. Joseph's, Rush. After losing the toss I thought that it just wasn't my day, but we went on to win after being all out for 69, St. Joseph's were all out for 36.

At the final on the 29th May 98, we all arrived at Merrion Cricket Club extremely nervous. Our opponents were Loretto, Dalkey. I knew it would be a tough match. We batted first and scored 84 runs. By the half way stage of their innings you could tell that it was going to be close. High School were 45 for 1, Loretto were 44 for 3.

The game was really close and after 19.4 overs Loretto needed 1 run to win! Their No.10 batter scored 2 runs off a lucky edge. After an exciting match we said, "we'll do it next year". We hope to be promoted to Division One.

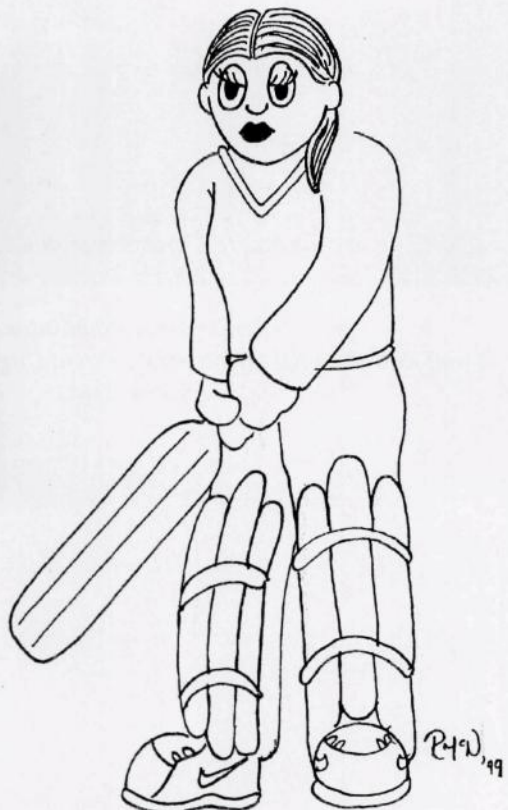
On behalf of the whole team I'd like to thank Ms. Mellon for coaching us.

-Suzanne Kenealy (Capt.)

Under 14



Back Row (L to R): Zara White, Aoife McDarby, Fiona Keller, Jenny Hanan, Grace Tallow.
Front Row (L to R): Mrs. G. Mellon, Kerri Wynne, Maeve Willoughby, Suzanne Cairns, Rachel McSharry, Ciara Fahey



Badminton

Senior Boys Badminton

The season started off well with a good home win against St. Andrews 5-1. Things seemed to change from here on, with three draws to Wesley, Terenure and St. Andrew's, and a defeat to De la Salle. However, we were still in with a chance of qualifying from our group going into our last match against Wesley. We won 6-0, this took us into the last stage of the competition against Gormanstown. Unfortunately for us we were not able to proceed any further, as we lost out in a well fought match.

The team consisted of Andrew Reid, David Collins, Simon Alkin and David Duggan. I would like to thank Mr. Sheridan for all his hard work and help during the year, and also Niall Tierney for his help in training us.

-David Collins (Capt.)



Senior Boys Badminton
Front Row (L to R): Simon Alkin, David Duggan, David Collins, Andrew Reid.



U14 Boys Badminton
Back Row (L to R): Glenn MacNeill (capt), Matthew Leahy, Ms. Wilson
Front Row (L to R): Bryan Hannon, Ben Leonard-Kane



U14 Girls Badminton
Back Row (L to R): Ms. Wilson, Grace Nelson, Sarah Hennessy
Front Row (L to R): Nicola Sutton, Kerrie Wynne
Absent from Photo: Aislinn O'Toole (capt).

Tennis



Senior Boys Tennis

Back Row (L to R): Gary Mahon, Justin Hall, Mark McCartney, Ben McNally

Front Row (L to R): Mr. L. McClure, Daniel Hanlon, Stephen Murphy (capt), Jack Quilligan, Trevor Fisher

Boys' Tennis

The junior Boys' team was defeated by Terenure and Clongowes in their League section but they played with great enthusiasm. A number of substitutes had to be used to replace players who were unfortunately unavailable and they performed very creditably. Mark Mc Cartney was a helpful and efficient captain of the team while David Mc Neill was probably the most improved player. The Senior Team also came up against Terenure in their League section and were beaten but the game against St. Peter's, Wexford was more evenly balanced. Stephen Murphy was a very capable and reliable captain and his enthusiastic participation at team practices was assured. He was given good support by Trevor Fisher and Gary Mahon while Daniel Hanlon and Ben McNally are both promising players.

-Mr. L. McClure

Girls' Tennis



Junior Boys Tennis

Back Row (L to R): John Collery, Gordon Anton, Phil De Barra, Robert Anton

Front Row (L to R): Mr. L. McClure, Mark McCartney (capt), Conor McCartney, David McNeill



Minor Girls Tennis

Back Row (L to R): Holly Simmons, Caoimhe Milotte, Rachel O'Byrne

Front Row (L to R): Fiona Collins, Talitha Brauer, Sara Walsh, Mrs. G. Mellon

Tennis, as always, was enjoyable and relaxing. Since most of us had slugged away at hockey we didn't take it too seriously but enjoyed the mild competition and sun (rare as it was). We won a few games, lost some others and didn't do well enough to win. But our team was quite talented and we always gave our opponents a run for their money. Thank you to Mrs. Mellon for her time and dedication.

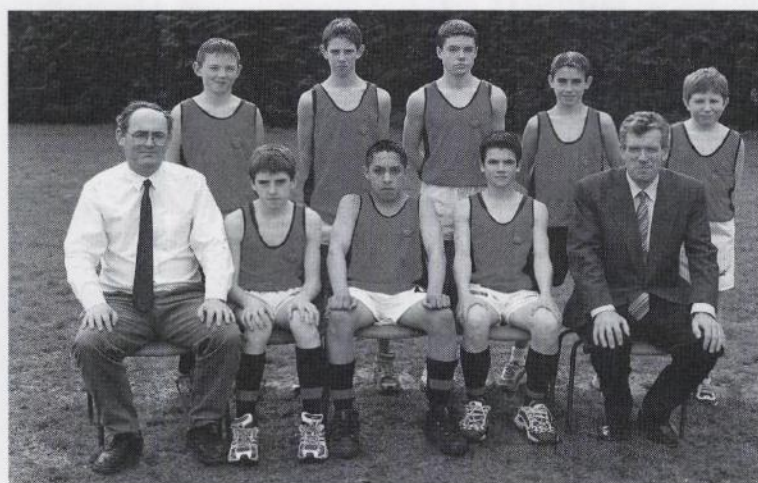
-Debbie Walker, 5th



Senior Boys Cross Country

Back Row (L to R): Benoil Ferre-Cullen, Thomas Blackwell, Ronan O'Laoire, Steven Day

Front Row (L to R): Karl Fahy, Eoin Kearney, David Collins (capt), Andrew Coleman, Mr. Toomey



Junior Boys Cross Country

Back Row (L to R): Patrick Mullen, Paul Morrissey, Brian Geary, Tim Mills, Brian Sargeant

Front Row (L to R): Mr. P. Irwin, John McDermott, Chris Lawson, Keith Flower, Mr. Toomey



Junior Girls Cross Country

Back Row (L to R): Jessica Fahy, Nadine Grunitz, Karis Brauer, Orla Walsh.

Front Row (L to R): Mr. Toomey, Sharon Johnson, Sarah Maguire, Anna Stewart, Mr. P. Irwin.

Cross Country

The first cross-country race of the year was the annual First Year 'School Championship', which was held in October. The Championship produced some performances of the highest quality, with Karis Brauer winning the girls' race, followed by Sharon Johnson and Zoe Allot. The boys' race was won by Tim Mills, with Patrick Mason and Brian Geary taking the silver and bronze respectively.

In order to gain running experience several individuals entered the 'Leinster Cross-Country League' for selected races. The most notable finisher in the League was David Collins, who came in 10th in the intermediate race at Rockbrook in December 1998.

The Leinster finals were held in the Curragh on 10th February and saw one of the best performances ever, from a HSD girls' running team. They won a silver medal in this competition, which is believed to be the first ever won at this level by a girls' team from our school. This placing, had it been in any other age group, would have been good enough to qualify them for the national finals, but unfortunately, there is no such level for this age group. Had there been a national final for them to enter this would also have been a first for a girls' team in High School.

As a final note, I would like to thank Mr. Irwin and Mr. Toomey for the time and effort they put in supporting all the athletes in High School. I would also like to congratulate all the runners involved during the year on their commitment and effort.

-David Collins (Capt.)

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The start of the Senior Girls 200m race



J.J. Rolfe competing in the High Jump



100m

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Andrea Vard
- 3rd Vicky Wright

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Stephen Duggan
- 2nd Matt Davey
- 3rd Patrick Mullen

U/15 GIRLS

- 1st Heidi Kinsella
- 2nd Vicky Wright
- 3rd Rachel McSharry

U/15 BOYS

- (Magill Cup)
- 1st Mark Kelly
- 2nd Ross Condran

U/17 GIRLS

- 1st Rachel McSharry
- 2nd Aoife McDarby
- 3rd Talitha Brauer

U/17 BOYS

- 1st Andrew Walsh
- 2nd Conor Sookram
- 3rd Karl Fahy

SEN. GIRLS

- 1st Yvonne Elliott
- 2nd Sarah Brusey
- 3rd Simona Murtagh

SEN. BOYS

- (Taylor Cup)
- 1st Rhys McAllister
- 2nd Mark McCullough
- 3rd Kieran Woolhead

200m

SEN. GIRLS

(Belgrave Cup)

- 1st Yvonne Elliott
- 2nd Sarah Brusey
- 3rd Simona Murtagh

SEN. BOYS

(Moore Cup)

- 1st Kieran Woolhead
- 2nd Rhys McCallister
- 3rd Dominic Mullen

400m

U/17 BOYS

- 1st Gavin Coleman
- 2nd Karl Fahy
- 3rd David Collins

SEN. BOYS

(Cornick Cup)

- 1st Steven Day
- 2nd David Collins
- 3rd Andrew Coleman

500m

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Sharon Johnson
- 3rd Nadine Gunitz

U/15 BOYS

- 1st Mark Kelly
- 2nd Paul Morrissey
- 3rd Ian O'Connor

800m

SEN. BOYS

(Southam Cup)

- 1st Johnny Ellis
- 2nd David Collins
- 3rd Benoit Ferre-Cullen

1000m

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Sharon Johnson
- 2nd Sophie O'Hare
- 3rd Anna Stuart

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Elliott Leahy
- 2nd Brian Haran
- 3rd Tim Mills

U/17 BOYS

- 1st David Collins
- 2nd James Maher
- 3rd Gavin Coleman

1500m

SEN. BOYS

(Walker Cup)

- 1st Johnny Ellis
- 2nd Benoit Ferre-Cullen
- 3rd Steven Day

Relay

1st YR. BOYS

- 1st 1R
- 2nd 1WK
- 3rd 1WS

1st YR. GIRLS

- 1st 1G
- 2nd 1WK
- 3rd 1WS

Long Jump

U/14 BOYS

- 1st Ben Leonard Kane
- 2nd Matt Darcy
- 3rd Stephen Duggan

U/14 GIRLS

- 1st Karis Brauer
- 2nd Orla Walsh
- 3rd Lynsey Walson

U/15 GIRLS

1st Andrea Vard
2nd Karis Brauer
3rd Sophie O'Hare

U/17 BOYS

1st Ian O'Conner
2nd Mark Kelly
3rd Gavin Coleman

SEN. BOYS**(Sloan Cup)**

1st Ross McNally
2nd Rhys McAllister
3rd Andrew Bent

SEN. GIRLS

1st Ruth Draper
2nd Sarah Brusey
3rd Simona Murtagh

Shot**U/14 GIRLS**

1st Rosalind Campbell
2nd Andrea Vard
3rd Lynsey Watson

U/14 BOYS

1st Jamie McDonald
2nd Brian Geary
3rd Pat Anglim

U/15 BOYS

1st Mark Kelly
2nd Paul Morrissey

U/15 GIRLS

1st Aoife O'Donoghue
2nd Susan Walsh
3rd Rachel Senior

U/17 BOYS

1st Tennyson Eager
2nd Mark Walsh
3rd Nathan Breen

SEN. GIRLS

1st Sarah Brusey
2nd Yvonne Elliott
3rd Ruth Draper

SEN. BOYS

1st Ross McNally
2nd Tennyson Eager
3rd Hugh Hogan

High Jump**U/14 BOYS**

1st Graham Cooley
2nd Brian Geary
3rd Max Olahan/
Matthew D'Arcy

U/14 GIRLS

1st Karis Brauer
2nd Andrea Vard
3rd Lindsay Watson

U/15 BOYS

1st Martin Anglim
2nd Paul Morrissey
3rd Mark Kelly

U/17 BOYS

1st Karl Fahy
2nd Adam Leahy
3rd Robert Tierney

SEN. BOYS**(Travers Cup)**

1st Domonic Mullan
2nd Karl Fahy
3rd Adam Leahy

SEN. GIRLS

1st Ruth Draper
2nd Sarah Brusey
3rd Simona Murtagh

Javelin**U/14 GIRLS**

1st Rosalind Campbell
2nd Karis Brauer
3rd Nadine Grunitz

U/14 BOYS

1st Stephen Duggan
2nd Matthew D'Arcy
3rd Jamie McDonald

U/15 GIRLS

1st Aoife O'Donoghue
2nd Susan Walsh
3rd Aislinn O'Toole

U/15 BOYS

1st Mark Kelly
2nd Paul Morrissey
3rd Joseba Nafarante

U/17 GIRLS

1st Sarah Brusey
2nd Ruth Draper
3rd Yvonne Elliott

SEN. BOYS

1st Andrew Bent
2nd Ross McNally
3rd Mark McCullough

Cunningham Cup

Mark Kelly

Whyte Cup

Ross McNally

War Memorial Cup

Karl Fahy/
David Collins



*Sharon Johnson & Jessica Bell-Fahy
winning the 3-Legged Race*



*Jessica Bell-Fahy, Jenny Kearns,
Sarah Maguire & Nadine Grunitz*

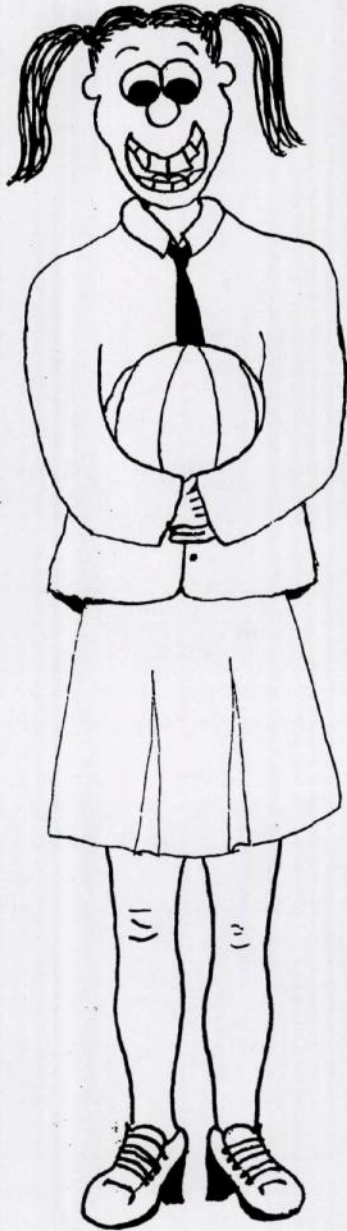


Rhys McAllistar - Shotputting



Hugh Hogan competing in the Long Jump

Basketball



2nd Year Girls Basketball

*Back Row (L to R): Donna Lui, Jennifer Day, Holly Naughton, Claire Foster, Elaine Laing, Nicola Sutton, Andrea Burgess.
Front Row (L to R): Shalini Columb, Amy Wilkinson, Jenny Kane, Sarah Lowe, Sarah Cobban, Vicky Wright.*



1st Year Girls Basketball

*Back Row (L to R): Mandy Lowe, Cathy Jones, Julie-Ann Tector, Rosalind Campbell, Grace Nelson, Ms. Lyons
Front Row (L to R): Shelly McGeeney, Sarah Hennessy, Saoirse Ryan, Karis Brauer, Louise Duggan, Jennie Stafford*



Some of the members of the Senior Girls Basketball Team

Soccer



Soccer 'A' Team

Back Row (L to R): Sean O'Meara, Billy Sheehy, Andrew Day, Andrew Reid, Ronan O'Laoire, Terence Gunning, Johnny Morton

Front (L to R): Fred Gilmore, Michael Slott, Brian Marcony, Peter Synott, Ian Kinsella, Justin Hall.

It's been a great year for football in High School with Mr. Prendergast assembling a team capable of competing with the best. An unbeaten run, stretching from October to April, is good proof of that. The team was based on hard work, discipline and enthusiasm to represent your school in the game you love. A new set of goals also helped. Everyone marvelled at the sight of a full soccer pitch in High School. Some great victories were recorded during the year with Rathmines, Ashbourne, St. Columba's, Stratford B.C.S (at home and away) and good rivals, St. Killian's, all being put to the sword. Another reminder of the interest and enthusiasm to play a game of football was that the B team consistently had squads of up to 25 players for every game. The B Team played good games against Killians (twice), Wesley and John Scotus. At the time of writing the team and I are preparing for our annual tournament. We are very confident that we can do ourselves justice and play to the best of our ability as a team. Next year I hope that High School will be allowed to enter a team in the Football Association of Ireland Schools' Cup. This would be another great boost for football in the school.

I would like to thank Mr. Prendergast greatly for all his time and effort during the year. He has given us lads something special in school over the last two years. I hope future players can enjoy playing for High School as much as I did.

-Peter Synnott, 6th



Soccer 'B' Team

Back Row (L to R): Mark Duggan, Rory Gleeson, J.J. Rolfe, Andrew Reid, Karl Fahy, Joe Burke, Keith Moore, Mark Hill, Conor O'Brien

Front Row (L to R): Danny Scales, David Foster, Eoin Rice, Donal Barrett, Billy Sheehy, Andrew Day, Robert Holmes, Adam Eager, Mark Burke

Kneeling: Andrew Coleman, David Collins.

Hillwalking

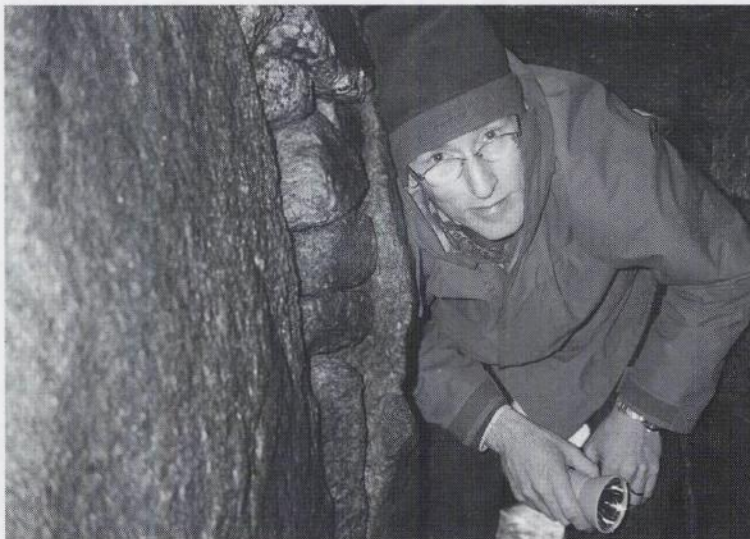
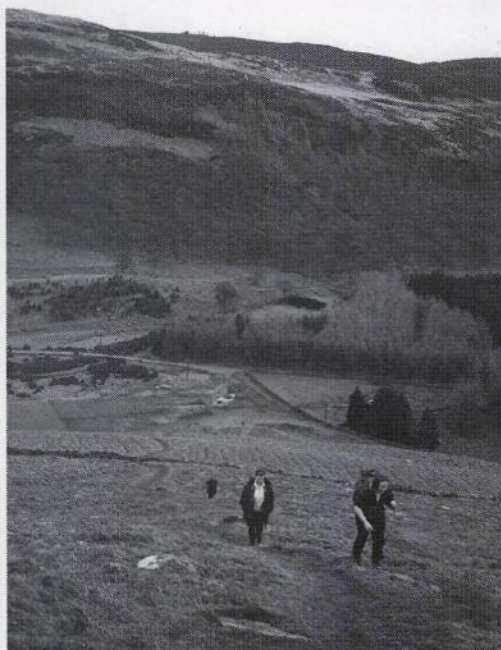
We started hillwalking last September as part of the Bronze President's Award. We really didn't know what to expect as we headed towards Glendalough on the 13th September for the first walk of the year. The weather was lovely that day. The first part of the walk was quite steep – scary for beginners who were glad of the rests along the way. The views of the lake and surrounding areas were beautiful. On the way down, we were all treated to a nice mud bath and returned to High School wet and tired, but happy with the day's achievement. Our next hillwalk was on the 11th October to Three Rock Mountain. This was an enjoyable walk and not as steep as the last one. Despite the fact that it was sunny that day, it was extremely windy on the top. We managed to have lunch without it blowing away, by all crowding into a dip in the ground surrounded by rocks where Mr. Blackmore, as always, produced the camera! Other destinations of '98 included Tonleage and Luggala.

The hillwalking year of 1999 got off to a start on the 7th February, when the intrepid band of 'High Schoolers' braved the highest mountain in Leinster – Lugnaquilla (925m). The ground was frozen and the higher we climbed, the icier and windier it got. We stopped for lunch before the top, as it would have been too cold and windy to do so at the summit. When we finally reached the top – and Mr. Blackmore had taken our photo – we headed back down again fairly quickly as we were rapidly turning into a pack of large ice cubes.

These walks, although they were open to students from all years, were also in preparation for the President's Award trip to Kerry in March. Accompanying the 33 participants were Mr. Swan, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan and Ms. Ritchie. We climbed Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland (1039m) and stayed in a lovely hostel in Killarney.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan, Mr. Swan and Ms. Ritchie for their dedication throughout the year. Hillwalking is open to students from all years, though participation is mainly by 4th years for the President's Award. We would definitely recommend giving it a go.

-Edel Smith and Roslyn Reddy, 4th



Mr. Cryan



Sarah-Jane Pardoe

Dawn Raid



At 5 o'clock on a cold Saturday morning towards the end of December a handful of 6th year students somehow gathered up the energy and courage to rise out of bed. We all made our way to our relative meeting points (or at least most of us) where Mr. Blackmore picked us up in the Minibus.

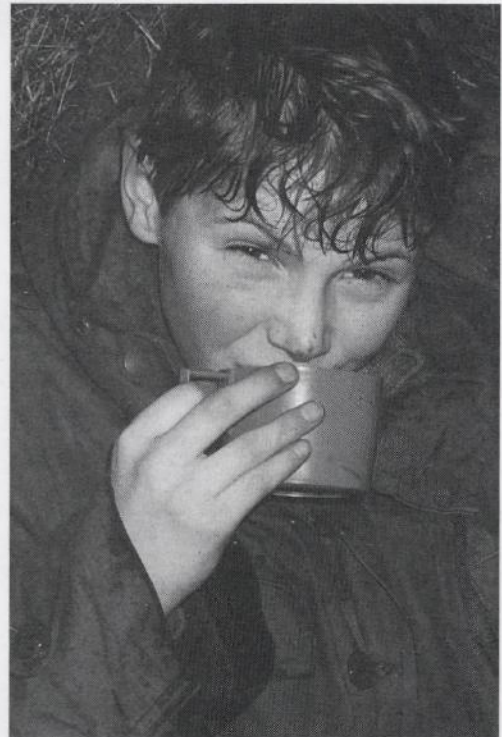
By 6.30, we had reached the foot of Three Rock Mountain. We were soon on our way up the dark uneven path to the summit. I don't know about the others, but I couldn't see where I was putting my feet. We reached the top of the mountain just in time to see the sun slowly peeping over the horizon. We all sat down and watched the sun move slowly up into the sky. The colours were truly amazing as the light reflected off the water and the clouds. It was a very moving sight, so much so that one member of the group wept a tear for a lost love. It was a truly interesting experience.

-Benoit Ferre-Cullen, 6th



Night Walks

On the 28th January 1999, a group of 30 excited 'High Schoolers' set off on the first nightwalk of the season. We were set to go to Upper Lough Brae but, due to thick fog, the destination was changed to Knockgunn. It was an unusual experience, most of us not being able to figure out why we weren't allowed to use our torches while we were walking. We figured that one out before long though! We were each given a number to make it easier for us all to be kept track of. This produced a good few laughs, as it was a good idea for us to have a number, but it was another thing entirely when it came to certain people remembering what their numbers actually were!!



Emmet Forde

Firstly, we walked along a stream and then we ventured through a really muddy area - a few of us falling into the odd hole!! Everyone really enjoyed this nightwalk and so a second one was organised to Lough Brae (our original destination back in January). We would definitely recommend the nightwalks - they're really good fun!

-Edel Smith and Roslyn Reddy, 4th

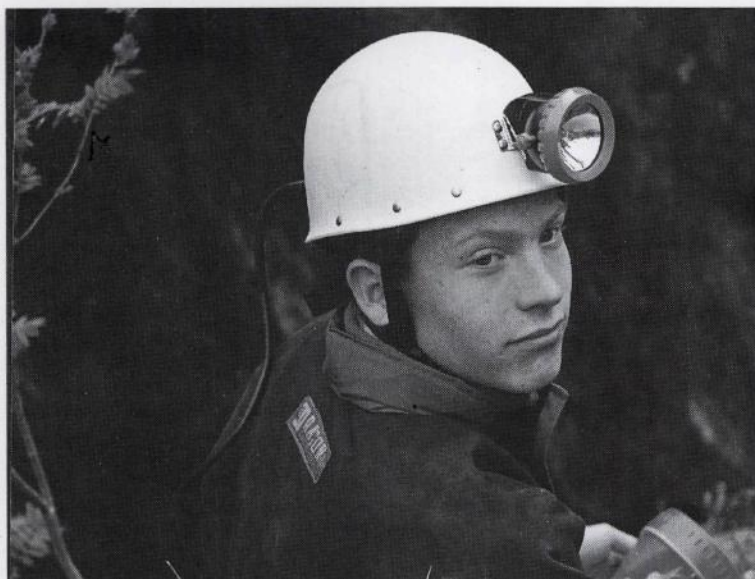
Caving

The 5th year caving trip was a great success. Everybody had a great time and we all want to go back next year. Quite a lot of the group had never been caving. Unluckily, some of the people got carsick on the lovely Clare roads, but they weren't too bad. In the hostel, many new friends were formed as we all got to know each other better. Leaving brought a tear to many an eye, most notably the rugby boys Johnny Ellis and Ian Logan. Anyway, time for the diary of the trip:

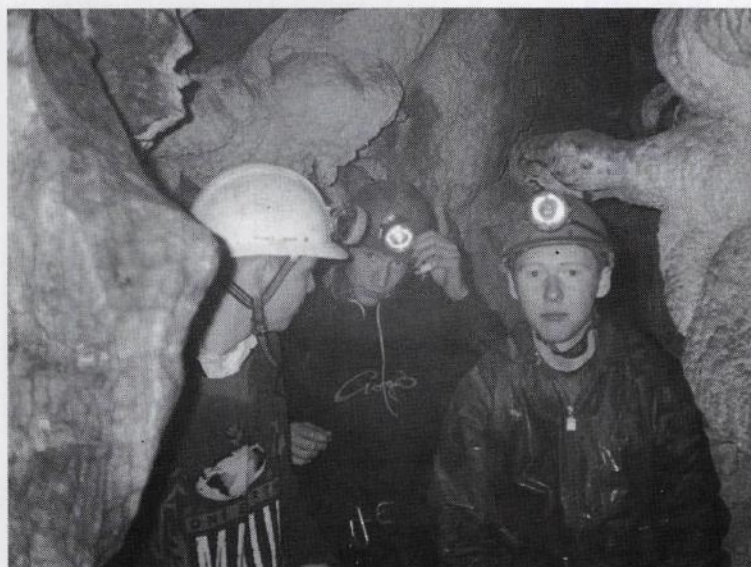
On Friday at 5 o'clock, an old 25-seat mini-coach pulled into the school. Twenty-one of us (four leaders, fifteen 5th years, Gary Mahon alias 'spider-man' and Andrew Day) piled into the bus. A few hours later we stopped in Moate to get some food into us. The rest of the journey went fairly quickly, especially with the lovely songs supplied by James Murphy and Mr. Wright. We arrived in Doolin at 11 o'clock. We were all very tired so we got an early night.

At 10 a.m. the next morning, we were munching down our breakfast. After we had cleaned up and watched the old Batman and Robin, we were all ready for some caving. When we arrived at the caves we split into two groups: one group for beginners, led by Mr. Wright and Mlle Rouillet, headed down Pollnagollum. This is the longest cave in Ireland with 12 miles of passages. All went well until Mr. Wright realised that he had left some equipment on the surface and he had to run (more like squeeze) back to get it. The other group lead by Pecker and Brian (the bus-driver) went into Poll Nua. Nothing special happened, apart from coming across a car-door in the cave! We were a bit worried when we got back to the hostel that evening, to find it had changed colour to green: it was either painted extremely quickly or we had got radon poisoning from the caves! For dinner we had a mountain of chilli con carne. Afterwards, we settled down for a few exciting games of monopoly and scrabble! We were all tired so we got another early night.

The next morning we had a big fry for our breakfast with scrambled eggs *aux* burnt-black-bits, thanks to Philly McGouran - Master Chef.



We then tidied up our rooms but unluckily, our driver had flooded his engine, so we had to wait around for a bit. We eventually left to go to Poll na Grai. We all went down except Mlle Rouillet, who went for a walk instead. In the cave, we came across this chamber, which was about 100 feet high, with a waterfall flowing down the middle. We all stood around and sang 'Singin' in the Rain'. We came out at 5.30 p.m. wet and tired, but happy. The journey back was fairly uneventful with Sam Marshall and Johnny Ellis drawing for the title of best at scrabble. We arrived back that night to a warm bed and a well-needed shower.



I would like to thank Mr. Wright, Pecker (Martin Oaks), Mlle Rouillet and not to forget our faithful bus driver Brian King, who was always ready for nearly anything. We all can't wait to invade the little village of Doolin on the caving trip next year.

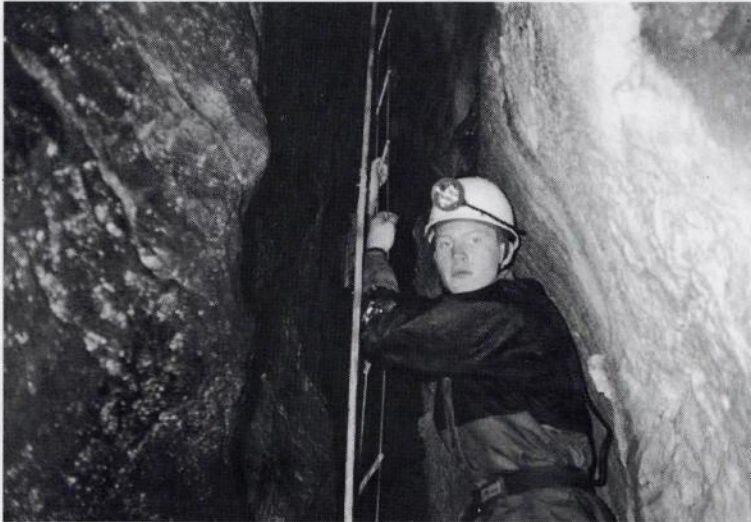
-Fergus Boydell, 5th

Youth Cave Romania Rockclimbing

Last September, Mr. Swan handed me an application form for an expedition called Youth Cave Romania 99. This was the beginning of what promises to be the adventure of a lifetime. Darragh Curran, also from fifth year, also applied. We were requested to attend an assessment weekend in the Burren. While in the Burren, we were surrounded by older, more experienced students, who go caving every second weekend. A couple of weeks later, news came that we had both been accepted. We were delighted as it was a great surprise to us both but unfortunately, Darragh has since had to drop out.

In June, twelve of us and seven leaders will be flying to Romania. Romania was picked for the expedition because of its excellent caves, but also because it is generally not visited by many Western tourists. We will be camping in a small village called Closani in the Transylvanian Alps. During the three week trip we will be caving (surprise, surprise), studying the geography and geology of the area and also studying the local culture.

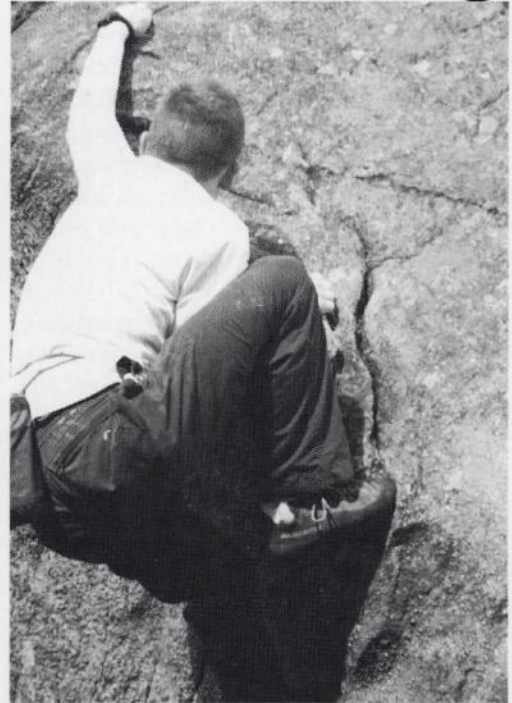
In preparation for the trip there have been three training weekends in the Burren, at which we have learnt caving techniques, cave safety and cave rescue. I have also attended a Rescue Emergency Care level 2 first aid course. Before we leave, we will be vaccinated against rabies, typhoid and other 'tropical' diseases.



Fergus Boydell

I have to raise £600 sponsorship to go on the trip and I would like to thank the Parents' Association and the Past Pupils' Union for their generous financial support. I would also like to thank Mr. Swan and Mr. Wright for introducing me to the expedition.

-Fergus Boydell, 5th



James Murphy

This year the rock-climbing club has been venturing out on Wednesday afternoons as opposed to Fridays. Under the expert supervision of Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Cryan, Conor O'Shea (4th) and Darragh Curran (5th), we donned our harnesses and tackled all that Dalkey Quarry could throw at us. While pupils climbing for the first time climbed around the Eliminate wall, more experienced climbers tackled the harder routes around the quarry. Darragh and Conor lead us on some pretty tough and intimidating routes but we were always excellently protected by High School's ample supply of safety equipment. When climbing with the school, pupils are not only taught the techniques of climbing but are also instructed with regards to personal safety and the safety of those with whom they are climbing.

Rock climbing is exciting, rewarding and is also one of the fastest growing sports in Ireland at the moment. High School climbing provides the opportunity to experience challenging climbing in a safe and well-supervised atmosphere. This level of climbing tuition and instruction outside of the school would cost serious money and so I recommend for students to take part in the school rock-climbing club.

- James Murphy, 5th

Swimming

This year, under the expert supervision of Mr. Swan, Mrs. Mellon and Mrs. Kelly (an instructor from Terenure Swimming Pool), school swimming was a huge success. The year was spent learning and practising for several different awards, but the structured sessions posed no difficulty to the swimmers. The boys seemed to really enjoy the Lifesaving course, as they received the opportunity to practise their kissing - sorry, mouth to mouth - techniques on 'Little Anne' (the resuscitation dummy)! However, the boys were not too distracted by her good looks, and they soon knew the course. Everyone's acting (if not our swimming) was superb by the end of the term. In fact, our unconscious scenes were so realistic that when someone played the casualty and another asked "Hello. Are you awake? Can you hear me?" we received a few worried looks. However, the examiner for the Royal Lifesaving Life Support 1 Award was very impressed with the standard of our First Aid and Lifesaving knowledge. He is even quoted as saying we were probably the best group he has ever examined (and there were no bribes involved). However, it was not all hard work. We played a few games of water polo and had loads of fun throughout the year.



Ten students, Emma Allott, David Blackmore, Sarah Brussey, Ellie Fry, Noel Geraghty, Jack Glacken, Eoin Kearney, Adam Leahy, Aoife McDermott and Jack Quilligan received their Gold Survival Proficiency Awards. Rob Carnegie, Karl Fahy, Gail McEndoo, Anna Nicholson, Sara-Jane Pardoe, Cynthia Taylor and Stephanie Taylor all received their Silver Survival Proficiency Awards. Emma Allott, Ellie Fry, Noel Geraghty, Eoin Kearney, Eva McGuire, Aoife McDermott, Cynthia Taylor and Stephanie Taylor earned their Royal Lifesaving Life Support 1 Awards. Emma Allott, Ellie Fry, Noel Geraghty, Eoin Kearney, Eva McGuire, Aoife McDermott and Stephanie Taylor all passed their Royal Lifesaving Bronze Medallion tests.

Congratulations to everyone for working so hard throughout the year. On behalf of all the pupils who took part in swimming this year, I would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers who continue to dedicate their time and effort to make swimming so enjoyable for us all.

-Ellie Fry, 5th



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Canoeing

Canoeing started around the middle of September for all Transition Year students who wished to do it for the President's Award. It's an exciting and exhilarating sport and what makes it all the more enjoyable is the fact that one is able to take the Basic Certificate in Canoeing towards the end of the year. This involves all of the different strokes that we learnt throughout the year, such as draw stroke and sweep stroke. One also has to know how to row backwards, forwards and how to get in and out of the canoe properly.



The thing that stands firmly in my mind is the day that we had to capsize. For as long as I live I will never forget the moments before I had to capsize. There was a knot of fear in my stomach and an overwhelming feeling of tension filled my whole body as doubts plagued my mind. What if my head knocked off the canoe and I was knocked unconscious or I couldn't get out of the canoe once I'd capsized? These were the questions that swarmed around my head like furious bees.

Before I capsized, I had to throw my oar to one side of the canoe and then throw all my weight against the other side. For the briefest of instants I was underneath the canoe. This was an extremely terrifying experience for me as everything was pitch black and I didn't know which way to turn. I then had to look up and pull the spray deck off the canoe. While the canoe was still on its back, I had to place it on my shoulders until I reached the grassy verge a few feet in front of me. The water was absolutely freezing and as a result, I had to kick my legs really fast so I wouldn't catch my death of cold. I felt that it was a really worthwhile exercise because I had been dreading capsizing since I first started canoeing. It gave me the confidence I needed before taking the Basic Certificate.

Canoeing is run every year, and is open to all year groups. It is an interesting and exciting sport to take part in, and is always enjoyable. Under the excellent supervision of Mr. Swan and Mr. D. Miller, you can learn the basics, or improve your skills. I would strongly recommend it to anyone

-Vicki McKenna, 4th

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The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union Presidents' Letter

Dear Members,

One of the aims of our Past Pupils' Union is to give us the benefit of meeting again and maybe reminiscing on times past, but primarily to be together with a common bond. We need to keep the Union alive - we need your support. When you receive your notice of forthcoming events next September, mark the dates in your diaries and do your best to attend. It would be encouraging to all at committee level to know that their efforts are not in vain. This is especially important as this year not only marks the millennium, but also 25 years of the joint PPU.

The prize distribution and parents' evening in October was most enjoyable. Our duty on that occasion was to present the Jean Scott Memorial Rose Bowl and The Old Boys' Cup to extremely worthy recipients in Zoe Lipson and Ralph Benson respectively. Afterwards we were treated to the School's excellent catering.

We attended together or individually many other schools' PPU dinners and social evenings. It is very enjoyable to represent our own Union at these functions, to receive their hospitality and to return it by way of our own dinners.

The annual Old Boys' Dinner was held on 23 January, 1999. It was, as always, a full house with 287 members and guests attending. The outstanding success of the evening was due once again to Harry Booker (who was celebrating his 80th birthday), Wayne Sheridan and Maurice McDonough. The highlights of the evening were the excellent speeches by the Principal, David Went and Heatley Tector.

The ladies' dinner was held on 23 April in the Royal St. George Yacht Club. We were delighted to have Mary Woodworth (formerly Drought) as our guest speaker. Mary is matron of Glenstal Abbey School - a unique female amongst a sea of boys, young men and monks!

The widow of the Dean of Cashel at 49 years of age, and left without husband and home, Mary inspired us all with her humour and great courage.

The yacht club is a popular place, as we also had our autumn dinner there in October 1998. Harry Booker takes on the mantle of organiser for this event. It gives the ladies, the men and their partners a chance to sit down together and enjoy an evening being royally entertained by Maurice McDonough and his colleagues.



Malcolm Taylor & Ruth Carnegie

We would like to thank our committee for its support over the last year, especially Wayne Sheridan who works tirelessly as our secretary, Trevor Lloyd who looks after the cash and Carole Bardon who, as membership secretary, keeps track of us all.

We are grateful to the Principal, Mr. Brian Duffy, for the use of the school for our meetings and for the help of Mr. John Davis and the office staff.

There is a new partnership on the horizon and we wish Marina Pearson and Howard Kilroy much success with their endeavours for the Union into the year 2000.

-Ruth Carnegie & Malcolm Taylor (Joint Presidents)

The High School and Diocesan Past Pupils' Union

Secretary's Report

As I present my report, I must state from the outset that the hard-working committee are disappointed with the lack of support members are giving to the functions arranged on their behalf. It is our aim to organise events with a wide appeal to all and during the past year we hosted:

- The Annual Golf Outing.
- A 'Hands-on' Demonstration of 'The Benefits of Massage' and, on another evening, Interior Design Arrangements.
- An Informative Discussion Regarding the Implications of the Year 2000.
- A Fund Raising Evening for the 'Friends of St. Luke's Hospital', from which we collected £1,200.
- Autumn Dinner and The Annual Ladies' and Men's Dinners.

In light of the numbers who attended, the programme in reality did not appeal to all members and the committee welcomes suggestions on the type of functions that should be held.

Last May, the retirement of Ernie Frith (Hon. Treasurer of the Union for 24 years) was marked with a presentation from the committee, to thank him for his work over the years. Regrettably, Ernie died suddenly this October, and we sympathise with Pat and her family on their (and our) sad loss. During his years in the Past Pupils' Union, Ernie was truly 'Faithful to His Trust'.

In January, Harry Booker celebrated his 80th birthday and at the Men's Dinner, a healthy rendition of 'Happy Birthday' filled the Reynolds Hall. We thank you Harry for all you have given to the Union for 'More years than you care to remember' and we know that you will continue to keep us going in the future.

I conclude my report in thanking both Ruth Carnegie and Malcolm Taylor for an excellent year's service as joint presidents of the Past Pupils' Union.

-Wayne Sheridan (Hon. Secretary)

REMEMBER - THIS IS YOUR UNION AND WE REQUIRE THE FULL SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS, AT ALL TIMES.

Roger Halliday Kyle



Roger Kyle attended The High School from 1938 until 1945 when he obtained a Mathematical Sizarship and Entrance Scholarship to TCD. While attending High School he played 1st XV rugby and 1st XI cricket and he was also awarded the Old Boys Cup. In 1947 he became a First Class Scholar and went on to graduate in 1949 with a First Class Honors Degree in Mathematics and Experimental Science and a Gold Medal in Experimental Science. He then went on to Princeton University and was awarded a PhD in Mathematics in 1952. He returned to Ireland to take up a lectureship in Trinity but it was not to be as, tragically, he was killed in a climbing accident in Cave Hill, Belfast on October 1st 1952.

The School is very grateful to Mr. R.F. Kyle, who has presented Roger's gold medal to the school archive. It will be used in displays in the future. We are also grateful to Mr. R.P. Willis, who facilitated the donation.

Mountain Lion Expedition



Alison & Bill with 'Panguar'

Alison Gardner graduated from The High School in 1980. She met Bill Shelby in Seattle and they have been living there for the last 6 years while working at Microsoft. Her favourite subjects in school were English and Art, and his favourite hobby is photography, so they were happy to be able to get away from computing for a while, and put these interests to use.



Alison & Bill with 'PeeWee'

In January of this year they travelled from their home in Seattle to Malta, Southeast Idaho, where they spent 9 days as volunteers on a study of mountain lions, run by Idaho State University and Earthwatch. They were part of a diverse group ranging in age from seventeen to over sixty. As part of the project the mountain lions are tracked and tranquillised so that they can be studied and then radio-collared so that they can be located in the future.

An important daily task was preparing deer-feeding boxes from which data were gathered on their feeding patterns - this is vital to the mountain lion study because the mule deer are their favourite food. Alison and Bill helped prepare data for computer modelling of cat predation behaviour. The team of volunteers was accompanied during the expedition by Kevin and Ken who are conservationist hunters and use hounds to help them track down the mountain lions. The first cat that the team tracked down was chased by the hounds and found up a tree. When this 'treed' lion was tranquillised and examined, it was discovered that it was an uncollared cat. Kevin named it 'PeeWee'. Many measurements were taken including the weight, the recession of the gums from the teeth and the width of the great paws. The lion's ear was tattooed and a radio-collar fitted. A sample from the ear was taken to be used for DNA analysis.

Several other mountain lions were found during the nine days of the expedition but the highlight for Alison and Bill was the discovery of a tiny kitten weighing only 14 kg Alison and Bill were allowed to pick the name - 'Panguar', after a cat in a medieval Irish poem.

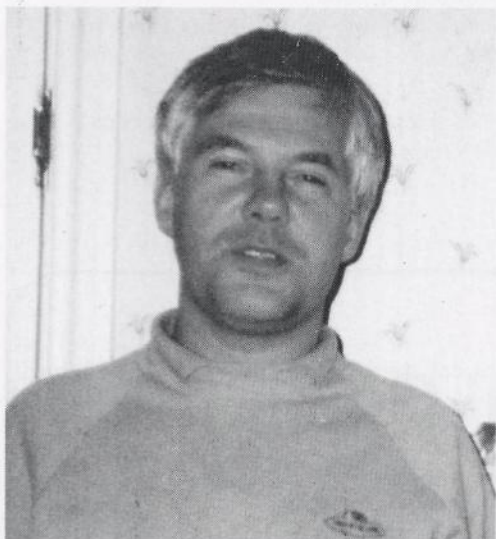
Mountain lions like to avoid people and are by no means the vicious attackers of humans and pets that they are made out to be - often as justification for hunting and killing them. Alison and Bill see hunting as an unfortunate fact of life for the lions and their conservationists - without the funds provided by hunting licences, it would not be possible to support the lion habitat and in the end they would suffer more.

During their adventure Alison and Bill learned how to distinguish between deer and jackrabbit tracks as well as dog from mountain lion track. They were sad saying goodbye to everyone that they spent the week with and they miss the glorious scenery and especially the thrill of the hunt. Above all they feel immensely privileged, for being able to have played a small part in the conservation of the beautiful and magnificent mountain lions.

For more information on Earthwatch International, see their website; www.earthwatch.org

Doug McCoy

Doug McCoy takes over as president of Old Wesley Rugby Football Club next year. There has been a close association between the club and The High School for many years. Kara Cramp spoke to him;



Doug McCoy

What are your earliest memories of H.S.D?

The old tree-lined playground in Harcourt Street with the many ashes from the fires strewn around the playground.

Why did you choose to play rugby?

I loved the game, and just loved playing it.

What year did you start playing rugby?

I started playing rugby in 1964.

Was it your main or only sport at the time?

No, I also played soccer, cricket and tennis.

How would you describe rugby in one word?

'PHYSICAL'

What are your fondest memories of playing in H.S.D.?

Beating Kilkenny in the Senior Cup in 1969/70.

How long did you play Senior 1st for in H.S.D?

3 years (5th, 6th and 6th upper)

Did you captain/vice-captain the team at any stage?

Yes, for one year in 1971 I was vice-captain.

Did you win anything at all during your career?

A Blackrock festival medal

How did your career go after leaving H.S.D.?

Four/five months after leaving H.S.D. I made my debut for Old Wesley 1st XV. We reached the cup final in 1975 but were unfortunately beaten by St. Mary's College. In 1978 I toured the West Coast of America with Old Wesley for three weeks. I captained Old Wesley in 1980/81. In 1982, I played my last match against Civil Service, as I retired in 1982.

Did you do any coaching?

I coached the 3rds, 2nds, and 1st XV in Old Wesley rugby club. I coached the 2nds in 1990 to a League and Cup double. I was also assistant coach to Old Wesley 1st XV when they won the 'All Ireland' division 2 in 1991.

What club(s) have you been a member of?

Old Wesley from the very beginning; up to this present day.

What position(s) have you played?

Out-half (fullback for half a season!)

What's the social scene been like?

There've been some very good times on the social scene, it's been very enjoyable throughout my career, and it has brought many good friends along the way.

Did your experience of youth rugby intrigue you to pursue rugby?

Yes, it would have definitely been an influencing factor.

What's your position at present in rugby life?

Senior Deputy President, due to be President of Old Wesley in the year 2000.

Do you still support the High School boys in the Senior Cup?

Yes. There is a strong nucleus of old High School boys in Old Wesley.

Do you have any ambitions left in rugby?

To see Old Wesley into division 1 of the All Ireland League.

Do you have any particular coaching rugby tips?

Coaching has changed so much in the past 2-3 years; just always listen to your coaches.

Who is your favourite player/idol?

Barry John, former Welsh out-half.

-Kara Cramp, 5th

News of Past Pupils

Derek Chapman (1962-69) who is now an actor and director ran a workshop on the speaking of Yeats's verse dialogue in the Yeats Memorial Building in Sligo last summer.

Karen Eppel (1975-81) has been promoted to the grade of International Outdoor Hockey Umpire and is President - Elect of the Leinster Hockey Umpires Association

Denis Halliday (1952-58) who was the co-ordinator of the UN oil-for-food programme in Iraq resigned last September in protest at UN policies in Iraq. He had been at the agency for more than 30 years.

David Mc Murtry (1948-50) is the former deputy chief designer at Bristol Siddeley Engines who went on to form the Bristol based company Renishaw. The company floated in 1983 and David McMurty recently had his stake valued at £83.5m.

Adrian Moran (1954-1963) has been elected as Chairman of the London Branch of the T.C.D. Association.

Niall Rudd (1937-39), formerly professor of Latin at Liverpool and then Bristol Universities has been made a Doctor in Letters by Trinity College where he previously obtained both a Foundation Scholarship and a first class Moderatorship.

John Seager (1943-52) has retired as a research officer with Teagasc after 34 years and is now investigating the growth of blueberries in Ireland as a potential use for underdeveloped bogland. He is currently producing 90 per cent of the national blueberry yield on his farm in Portarlinton.

Jane Suiter (1983-84) has been appointed economics correspondent of the *Irish Times*.

Annual Golf Outing

*Wednesday, 15th Sept. '99
at Rathfarnham Golf Club*

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Deaths

Reginald Caldwell (1935-1940), 11th June, 1998, Dublin.

Gerald Cole (1936-43), 11th January, 1999, Dublin.

Sandra Fraser (1970-76), 22nd April 1999.

Ernie Frith (1932-41), 31st October, 1998, Dublin,

Jim Haine (1943-48), 5th October, 1998, Dublin.

Thomas Hempenstall (Tommy) (1946-51)
27th November, 1998.

Michael Hudson (1958-69), 19th April 1999, Dublin.

Alan Keegan (1963-69), 20th February, 1999, Enniskerry.

James McKell (1928-33), 13th March, 1999, Shankill.

Arthur Moore (Teddy) (1925-34), 10th March, 1999, Dublin.

William Edward Montgomery (Eddie) (1913-23),
12th October, 1998, Dublin.

Albert Parsons (1935-39), 15th March, 1999, Dublin.

Obituaries

Sarah Stewart

In January we were deeply shocked to hear of the death of Miss Sarah Stewart, (known as Sadie to her friends and colleagues). She was the longest serving teacher at The Diocesan Secondary School for Girls, Adelaide Road, Dublin.

Sadie was educated as Wesley College and Trinity College, where she graduated with a B. A. Degree & H. Dip. Ed. She followed in a family tradition, as both her parents were teachers, and took up teaching History and Latin; achieving a very high standard which was much appreciated by the students in her care, both in Diocesan and later High School. Her days at Diocesan were very happy, as being a small school the teachers and pupils had an exceptionally happy relationship.

Sadie could place and name most pupils she had taught even years after they had left the school. She also had a great head for dates of various functions and events. In addition to teaching, she

supervised the production of the *Diocesan Times* magazine - she appointed and advised the editorial committee, obtained sufficient advertising to cover expenses and dealt with The Kilkenny People who printed the magazine.

When Sadie retired from The High School & Diocesan School she helped out with the Mission for Leprosy; a total change for her from her days of teaching, but one she found most fulfilling and rewarding.

She had spent most of her holidays in Belfast with her Aunt and cousins - the McBrides. Later she made her home in Belfast, taking care of her cousins and, not content with daily routine tasks, she also helped tutor her neighbours' children. This was typical of Sadie, always helping, showing kindness and consideration to her friends, neighbours and colleagues.

There was a large attendance at her funeral in Belfast which showed the high regard in which she was held by so many others. Four fellow teachers and a past pupil, from the Diocesan School days, travelled to Belfast for the funeral, bringing a wreath of roses and carnations in the old school colours of which she was so proud.

*Quietly today, your memory we treasure;
loving you always, forgetting you never.*

Ernie Frith



Ernie Frith at the A.G.M. of the P.P.U.

Ernie Frith passed away on 31st October 1998 while resting in preparation for the Captain's dinner in Rathfarnham Golf Club. Alas, he didn't make it.

Ernie loved the sense of occasion. He loved being present; and wherever he went, whatever function he attended, be it club, society, or private house party, he always showed genuine signs of pleasure, indeed of privilege, at just being there. Others were always delighted to see him, and he never failed to reciprocate with his good humour and witty turn of phrase.

Ernie gave unstintingly of his time to others over the years. He was first and foremost a family man, a devoted and thoughtful husband to Pat, and a loving father to Roger and Wendy. He was kind, thoughtful, generous, modest, always good-humoured, and unbelievably stubborn; a man for whom every day was a new and exciting challenge, which he approached with relish and delight. Ernie did great work for charity over the years and derived immense pleasure and satisfaction from helping others through, for example, the Masonic Order where he was a treasurer for many years. He was very proud of the fact that he was an Old Boy of The High School. He loved to wear the Old Boys' blazer whenever the opportunity arose. The fact that it didn't fit him very well in recent years didn't bother him in the slightest. It had shrunk! You see, it reminded him of some of the best days of his life. He gave back what he

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could to the school by serving on the Old Boys' Committee from the time he left school until last year. He was a past President of the Union, and served as Treasurer for many, many years. Ernie was a banker all his working life, and tended, therefore, to be considered trustworthy enough to be treasurer of whatever society or club he was in. He was Treasurer of the Old Boys' Union right up to 1997, thus helping to guide the formation of the new Past Pupils' Union. In the years leading up to the amalgamation, Ernie was always listened to as the voice of reason and good common sense. The Union misses him, as do the other societies, clubs and organisations of which he was an active member.

He also held the position of Treasurer in Rathfarnham Golf Club, and was subsequently elected Captain and later President of the Club. He was highly respected. Ernie loved his golf and one of

the few things in this life which Ernie could never fully understand was why he never seemed to be able to improve his ability at the game. But then, for him, that was the topic of many a conversation – after all, most golfers are like that! All those who played a round with him always enjoyed the occasion immensely – his enthusiasm, his modesty, his friendly nature made even a bad round a pleasurable experience! All helped, of course, by the little drink afterwards, and possibly the odd game of poker! Ernie played rugby for Wanderers and cricket for Y.M.C.A., and retained a great armchair interest in both these sports, and in sport in general. Bowling was his latest source of excitement and he was recently President of the Bank of Ireland Pensioners' Bowling team. In fact, just one week before his death, he and Pat had returned from a bowling holiday in Spain, where he told me he didn't play all that well, but the pints were very good indeed!

We all extend our very sincere sympathy to Pat, Roger and Wendy. The very large attendance at Rathfarnham Parish Church bore fitting testimony to the fact that Ernie was one of those whom so many of us loved to number among our friends. We have lost a good friend and a true gentleman.

B.R.W.

Arthur Hillis

Arthur Hillis was born in Dublin into a Protestant Anglo-Irish surgeon's family. A schoolboy during the Easter Rising of 1916 and the Civil War of 1922, he went on to Trinity where he read classics and law and obtained a prize scholarship. Trinity led him to the Chancery Bar in 1931.

In 1941, he went to the Establishment Division of the Treasury. In 1950-51 he was awarded a Harkness scholarship, which took him to India and the US. Then came a period at the Civil Service Commission with Hillis running the selective examinations for administrative-class civil servants. From 1958-61, he was the Treasury adviser with the UK mission to the UN.

In 1961 the UN Secretary-General, Dag Hammarskjöld, asked Hillis to become his under-secretary for administration, a key job for control of the UN at a time when the Cold War was at its height and the Western powers were still in effective control. The West had repulsed the USSR's attempt to scrap the post of Secretary-General and impose on the UN a ruling troika, which it would have controlled.

The next challenge was how to stop the Russians sabotaging the UN's peace-keeping mission to the then Congo. It fell to Hillis and his American colleague in the Fifth Committee (budget and administration) to accuse the Russians of trying to subvert the UN charter by refusing to pay their dues. A relatively obscure committee became the focus of political attention. Hillis's UN post was not to be: a month later Hammarskjöld was killed in the mysterious Congo plane crash.

Hillis returned to the Treasury with the decoration of Commander of the Order St. Michael and St. George. After his retirement from the National Debt Office in 1974, with the rank of under-secretary, he continued, until the age of 75, as a much respected member of the International Civil Service Commission set up by the UN.

The return of Hillis and his wife to London was also a return to the Inner Temple, into which they had moved in the 1940s as refugees from a bombed Chelsea flat. Within yards of millionaire barristers, the Hillises continued to live by the precepts of an age that lacked such comforts as central heating, but in spirit was gentle and generous. They entertained and educated the large virtual family they had substituted for their own childlessness.

As Hillis was ending his work for the International Civil Service Commission, Mary, whom he had married in 1936, fell victim to Alzheimer's disease. In his final years, alone, he stoically coped with increasing blindness and then cancer, his intelligence kept sharp to the end by taped versions of the *Times*. In his final weeks he battled with a daily journey to St. Bart's for radiotherapy. It was in character that he should say the travel was worse than the tumour.

A.C.

