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EDITORIAL

THE 106TH ERASMIAN

Never underestimate the power of the word. It is hard to imagine a world without it, yet we take it for granted. It is a means of communication, of expression. People die and fight to get the freedom to use words as they wish. During the past year, Rosa Parks died. She was the lady who famously sat in a white person's bus seat, tired of being unable to speak and act freely.

Over the past year, we have seen the word at work – and not at work. How much more could have been accomplished if the word had been used in Iraq, for instance, Sudan or Colombia? Could the word allow Turkey to join the EU, or perhaps ratify the constitution?

Yet the word does not work alone. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, and over the past year, we have seen this to be true in many cases. The whole world has never been able to share its pictures as it does now, through the Internet and television screens. In September, the world was shaken by a run of natural disasters. The pictures of the destruction in New Orleans, caused by Hurricane Katrina, and in India and Pakistan by the earthquake, told more than words could. The pictures of devastated towns and villages, and the looks on the faces of the survivors of both catastrophes said more than news reporters could manage, and we saw it all from our sitting rooms. From one place, we could travel the world by means of these pictures. We could see the migration from the West Bank, and the terror in London as it was rocked by bombs.

So a picture can say more than reams of words. A picture is important. It is powerful. Would you rather hear that a goal had been scored in the World Cup 2006, or watch a player rattle it home? What we see in a picture is unique. Each person can see something different, something they cannot necessarily express by talking or writing about it. A picture can open our eyes to new worlds of possibilities. Though words are important, a picture is universal and reaches so many people.

Together, they tell such different stories, and the pictures in this magazine are no exception. Through their pictures, the whole yearbook team (thanks everybody!) show us a year of school activities, as do the accompanying articles, but also relate much more than that. Through the pictures, we can see a year of fun, laughter and friendships, which make schooldays so much more valuable.

So here you go. A book of pictures... and words.

Beth Kelly
Editor

INTRODUCTION

It is coming towards the end of June as I sit in the computer room writing this article and I'm thinking the school is such a quiet place, wouldn't it be great if it was always like this. It suddenly strikes me that if that were to be the case then we would be producing a very small yearbook. It has only been through my involvement in the yearbook that I have come to appreciate the enormous amount of activities that take place in our school over the school year.

The theme chosen for this year's yearbook was 'scrapbook', in other words, the aim of this book is to provide a series of collective highlights of what took place in the school during the academic year of 2005/2006.

Beth Kelly acted as editor-in-chief this year. She proved to be an excellent editor, who worked long and hard on the project, especially during the summer holidays. Well done Beth - you should be very proud of your achievements and your excellent production will stand to you in years to come. Beth was ably assisted by Eoin Silke who, although he didn't know it, took on the role of deputy editor, helped in various regards, writing articles, typing articles, scanning and captioning photos to name a few, also over the holiday period. We are still waiting for you to get Linda's badminton article though! Another to forfeit their holidays was Cameron Brownlee, who helped with teacher interviews, scanning and captioning photographs, writing articles and proof reading. Thanks a lot and hope the play goes well.

Various other students contributed in different ways throughout the year and to varying degrees. These include Joelle Grogan, aka Joel Le Roux, who helped with posters, interviews, articles, photos and, along with Eoin, was responsible for the High School survey. Tamryn Reinecke and Hannah Jennings who were involved in the posters, interviews, articles and typing, Fergal O'Connor who was involved in interviewing and Pimp my Locker, Fionn Fitzmaurice for the Photo Story. Laura Nelson, Laura Mellor, Jenny Murphy, Alison May and Ciaran Maginn assisted in drawing up posters and interviews. The cover design belongs to Faye Simms, an exceptionally talented and creative designer. Together with Alan Phelan, designer, they have done a brilliant job. Well done to both of you!

Because of the enormous amount of effort and work that goes into this production mistakes are bound to occur. For this I accept full and sole responsibility and I apologise in advance for any spelling mistakes or incorrect captioning.

This will be my last time acting as production coordinator for the yearbook. Over the last three years there have been so many people who have helped in putting together this production. I would like to say a big thank you to all members of staff, students, parents, past pupils and others who have all helped in putting together the yearbook. I must give individual thanks to the following people; Alan Phelan, designer, its been great working with you and I thank you for your patience, creativity and excellent workmanship, Mr B Duffy (Principal), Mr R Davies (Deputy Principal), Mr J Davis (Bursar), Mr J Swan (again your photos and assistance were a great help), Mrs V King (librarian), Mr P Prendergast (now that I don't have a job, I may look to take that camera off you!), Mr I Wilkinson (Printer Expert), Mr R Benson (PPU), Mr H O'Keeffe (Parents Association), Ms D Shaw, Mrs H Kane, Mrs V Barry, Mrs J Sadlier (apologies over last year's omission), Mr G Draper, Mr T Neiland, Mr B O'Donovan (all of whom helped to keep me sane when things weren't going to plan). Finally I would like to wish the next coordinator the very best of luck.

Please enjoy the 106th Erasmian & Diocesan Times.

Barry McNamara,
Production Coordinator

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 04-05

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

At Prize Day in 2003 I mentioned in my speech (as distinct from this report) that the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) had produced a suggested reform plan for the senior cycle curriculum. This was proposing a great deal of self-directed learning, small study groups, integration of technology and revision of the whole senior cycle structure and curriculum. In the longterm, the NCCA proposals sounded good but I cautioned then that they were unlikely to be properly resourced by the Department of Education & Science, since they would involve very significant investment in new buildings, additional staff, information and communication technology and in supervision.

The Minister's expert group reported to her that about 1,900 extra teachers would be required, at a cost of €100 million per year, in addition to an extra annual spend of €10 million by the State Examinations Commission on new methods of assessment and €50 million for the provision of laptops to teachers, an expense which would recur every four years as they needed renewal. Nobody has even begun to calculate the additional costs of new buildings and refurbishment work on existing buildings, in addition to the spending needed on ICT, which has received virtually no government money since the IT 2000 plan five years ago.

Recent murmurings in the national press seem to show that the Minister has recognised these difficulties and has begun to prepare us for disappointment with statements about the enormity of resource implications in modernising the senior cycle. I was rash enough in 2003 to predict that the only elements of the proposals which would be enacted would be those which could be bolted on to the current system without any great costs. My fear now is that something like that is about to happen and that the NCCA is going to overhaul all of the Leaving Certificate courses again in order to be seen to be active. These intentions are clearly stated in the June 2004 publication "Proposals for the future of Senior Cycle Education in Ireland".

What is being planned is the revision of the syllabi of all of the subjects at senior level and also the revision of the structure of the curriculum itself. This will, we are told, involve the distribution of "Transition Year material" throughout the senior cycle in the form of short courses or units of study, some to be incorporated into existing subjects and some to stand alone. Schools can choose to retain this material in a cohesive Transition Year if they wish.



Above: Graeme O'Meara playing in the School Orchestra.



Below: John O'Connor, Harry Fitzgerald Kelly and Robert Bradish with their painted mural.



Since the NCCA is only just finishing its last overhaul of the Leaving Certificate with all of the disturbance to established teaching and learning patterns which that entails, it is astonishing to see that the proposed timescale for this is between the years 2005 and 2007. The training for teachers on how to teach the present revised syllabi is not even yet completed and we are told that the whole process begins again this year! Currently, teachers are still being trained in the revised syllabi for Leaving Certificate Biology, History, Geography, Home Economics, Religious Education and Junior Certificate Science, Physical Education, Mathematics, Social Personal and Health Education. Granted, there will be a longer term plan for the actual implementation of the new syllabi but one does start to ask questions about whether some of these ideas arise simply because there is an NCCA, i.e. something for it to do.

It is not practical for the government to expect that a radical overhaul of the senior cycle will be successfully completed without substantial investment and it is correct of Minister Hanafin to express caution with regard to the expectations which are being

created by the NCCA. Ireland remains one of the lowest investing countries in education in the OECD, despite being one of the wealthiest countries. Last year, our investment in second level education ranked us twentieth out of the twenty six OECD countries.

The Minister has recently begun a consultation with the education "partners" concerning the publication of school evaluation reports written by the inspectorate. All of the bodies associated with post-primary education are opposed to such publication and so reacted with surprise to being consulted about the method of publication after the Minister had already made and publicised a decision to publish. The media have a strong agenda to promote publication in order to sell newspapers and attract audiences to radio and television and it is that media attention which is the main reason for concern about publication. Unfortunately, given the standards of media today, it is unlikely that publication will be fair, balanced and with the purpose of genuinely providing information. Rather, it is expected that selected excerpts will be published and set against one another with banner negative headlines in order to promote sales with sensationalism. One banner headline could severely damage the self esteem of the entire community which comprises a school, when this headline might be based on one paragraph out of a lengthy evaluation report. It would seem much more sensible that the Minister's desire for information to be available and for schools to be accountable can be achieved by having the reports available in the schools for anyone who wishes to see them, including prospective parents, but to maintain the current legal ban on publication by the media.

Another recent national development is the publication of new child protection guidelines. Designated people to liaise with social services and the Gardai have been appointed in the school (the Principal and the Deputy Principal) and the guidelines have been adopted as school policy. During the autumn of 2005 an awareness raising briefing will take place and all staff of the school will be invited to attend. For many years, schools have been requesting that the Gardai would vet all prospective employees. Due to resource implications the Gardai have not yet been able to agree to this although I understand that it is the intention of the government to introduce such a measure in the near future.

The convening of a task force on student behaviour is a welcome development which took place last year. An interim report has been produced, with predictable content, and the final report is eagerly awaited. However, as with everything else, the follow up and resourcing are the most important elements attached to any such report. So many times, on so many issues, glossy colour publications are produced by the Department and circulated to all concerned and that is taken as a replacement for action and resourcing. It is to be hoped that such will not be the case with such a serious topic. Consecutive governments have been happy largely to ignore the growing problems with indiscipline in many schools across Ireland, failing to provide adequate referral units and to fund proper programmes of counselling. Instead, the burden is placed by legislation back on the school and this is seen as a substitute for much needed investment.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS

The inspectorate carried out an evaluation of Physics and Science provision during the last academic year and a very favourable report was received by the school. Great credit is due to the teachers of those subjects for maintaining excellent standards.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning processes undertaken in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board sub-committees and have made valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee and Sports



Above: Smiles all round from these hillwalkers: Andy Stevenson, Mark Collins and Colin Sheridan with Valerie Sexton, Judy Kelleher, Jade Breen and Louise Blakely.



Above: Joelle Grogan, Ciaran Maginn, Claire Fergus, Conor Barry, Hannah Jennings, Jack Kavanagh, Ali May, Fergal O'Connor, Tamryn Reinecke in costume for the school play "The Importance of Being Earnest".



Above: Olwen Smith and Charlotte Leonard-Kane with their decorated cakes made in Home Economics.

Committee. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but one example is the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee. During the summer our rebuilding and refitting of the laboratories has continued, with four labs now completed. The whole school has also been fitted with a new wireless ICT network, meaning that any laptop or PC fitted with a wireless network card can now access the fileserver and broadband internet from anywhere in the school. A new staff workroom has been provided and the old staff workroom is being retained as a staff computer room. A dust extraction system has been installed in the Materials Technology Wood and Construction Studies rooms and some new machinery is also being supplied. A new school bus and a new photocopier have been purchased and the main water tanks have been replaced. In catering, there has been a review with a consultant of the menus on offer and there has been a gradual phasing in of new healthier menus and items on sale, reducing the amount of sugar and fat across the board. Also during September, the drinks with a sugar content in the machines will be phased out and replaced with diet drinks and waters for the present. As well as all of this, the normal maintenance, painting and replacement of worn furniture and equipment has taken place.

Much of this work is the responsibility of the Administrator, Mr J. Davis, and I would like to record my thanks to him and to Dr J. Reid, Chairman of the Grounds & Property Committee of the Board of Governors, as well as to staff who were involved at any stage of these projects. Parents will be glad to hear that all of the above work was completed on time, to budget and from within planned school resources, so there will be no need for fund raising, due to the excellent planning of the Finance Committee.

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

The Guidance Department is run by Ms T. Jones, a qualified guidance counsellor. There is a guidance course offered in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with Mr A. Kelly to focus their attention on preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Students in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit UCD open day and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career related computer programs

such as Qualifax. Students are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications and interview technique. We are grateful to the Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. Mr McClure organises a study technique course for Form 5. Form 6 students have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The guidance counsellor is available to parents and pupils by prior appointment for career and psychological advice.

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

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

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued financial support, through prizes and bursaries as well as special fund-raising projects. Although much of this work is unseen, it is certainly appreciated. An online network exists on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com so that past pupils can register their e-mail addresses by year of graduation, thus keeping in touch with their peers and enabling the school to keep in touch with them. This year the Union held a very successful dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the amalgamation, with about 250 people attending. There was also a celebration hockey match and a short service of thanksgiving on the same weekend. In addition, the annual dinners, a night of carol singing, a night at Shelbourne Road stadium and a barbecue, among other events, were organised.



Above: The first years celebrate World Book Day.

STAFF

Although not strictly speaking staff, I would like to mark the retirement of Mr F. Sowman as Chairman of the Board of Governors. Mr Sowman has served the school in that position for five years and prior to that was Vice-Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Finance Committee. His steady guidance and the great expertise which he brought to the position have been of significant benefit to the school. The altruistic tradition of governorship which has maintained the ethos and standards of The High School since 1870 will be continued by the new Chairman, Mr L. Ruttle, and we wish him well in his new responsibilities.

We are sad to see four of our longest serving teachers retiring this year, but would like to thank them for their enormous contribution and wish them and their families the very best in the future.

Mrs J. Geoghegan joined the staff in 1976 as a teacher of Science and Biology, was a form teacher, Year Head, assisted with the running of Upper Sixth and has been Deputy Principal for five years.

Mr R. McMullen came to the school in 1970 and has taught French and German in addition to serving as Year Head, Coordinator of the Modern Language Department and contributing strongly in the past to rugby coaching. Mr McMullen has been involved in cricket coaching throughout his career and has been in charge of boys' cricket for many years.

Mr M. Hilliard was a pupil at the school and returned as a teacher in 1970, teaching Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Computers for a number of years. Mr Hilliard was a Year Head, Coordinator of the Mathematics Department, ICT coordinator and scholarship coordinator at various times during his career, as well as contributing through positions such as internal examinations organisation, chess club and coordinator of detention system.

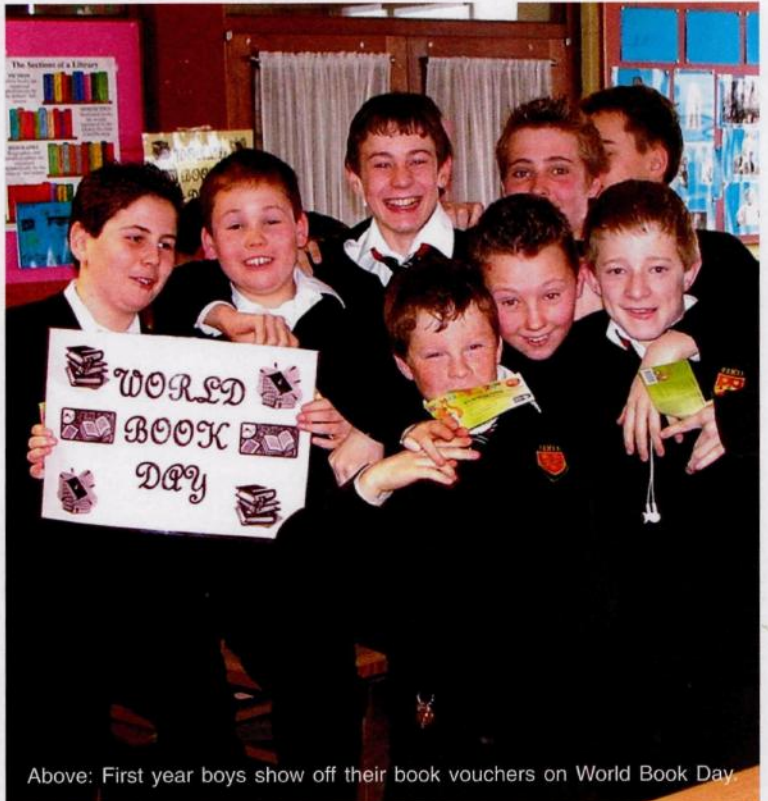
Mrs G. Mellon worked at the Diocesan School for Girls 1971-74 when the school amalgamated with The High School. She has taught Physical Education and games since then and will be remembered for her huge contribution to hockey, tennis and cricket. She held the formal positions of administrator of girls games and coordinator of pupil absence monitoring.

Our Nurse, Mrs D. Pfeiffer, also retired in June, having served at The High School since 1995. All those who were ever in her care were grateful for her patience, good humour and for the degree of care she exercised with every one of her patients.

Mr J. Dolan (Construction Studies and Technical Graphics) and Ms K. Hennessy (Irish) resigned their positions and we wish them well in their new schools. We also wish Ms S. Quinn (Irish) well with her career break while welcoming back Ms B. Bourke (Music) and Mrs C. Reilly (Mathematics, Religious Education) from theirs.



Above: Student Council 2005-2006.



Above: First year boys show off their book vouchers on World Book Day.

Below: All the kitchen ladies with the new sandwich bar.



WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW STAFF:

Ms S. Jones – PE, Games, Geography
Mr R. White – French, German, Spanish
Mr C. Flynn – Irish, History
Ms M. Lynch – Construction Studies,
Technical Graphics
Ms L. Watson – Science, Biology
Ms M. McKeivitt – Irish
Mrs V. Carson – French
Mr K. Clarke – Guidance part time (this
position arises dues to an increased
allocation of guidance hours to secondary
school)
Ms N. Emily – Language assistant from
October
Mrs G. Rath – Nurse
Ms C. Smyth – Supervisor
Mr S. McDonnell – Supervisor

NUMBERS AND EXAMINATIONS

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2005-2006 is 791. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2005, 119 pupils presented 837 papers in 21 subjects. 566 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 77% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 4.3% of all papers.

In the Junior Certificate, 133 pupils presented 1080 papers where different levels are available and 133 papers at common level (CSPE). 905 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 85% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.5% of all papers. When the number of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level is taken as a percentage of the total number of papers, it (71%) represents the best set of Junior Certificate results the school has ever had, equalling our previous best of last year.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschoolDublin.com and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the students of Form 5 and coordinated by Mr B.McNamara. I would like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school, and to all pupils I would say "the fun is there for the taking - be involved and be happy!"

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



Top: "To Infinity – and Beyond!" Debbie Newman and Jessie Elliott.



Above: Trinity College Entrance Scholarship Award Winners
Michael Sexton, Vicki Collins, Ian Thom, Tariq Mesallati, Richard Walsh.



Above: 'A host, of golden daffodils' The girls celebrate Daffodil Day.

PRIZE DAY AND PARENTS' EVENING

PRINCIPAL'S SPEECH

20 October 2005

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

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

If we dwell on the theme of success for a moment, we must surely be very proud of our country and where we stand now in the world.

The 2005 Human Development Report, published by the UN Development Programme, found Irish people to be the second wealthiest in the world, with a Gross Domestic Product per head of \$37,738 (€30,384). So we have passed out the United States and Japan in terms of what we produced over the last 12 months and some economists even expect us to be first in the world in the near future. We look around us at the indicators of our great success and wealth – we now have more Mercedes cars per head of population than Germany, we can afford so many cars in fact that our cities are choked with traffic. Our restaurants have never been busier, we are like a magnet for tourists, our entrepreneurial business community is thriving and is becoming more and more active abroad, just one example being Ryanair, the most successful and biggest airline in Europe. Our wealth is the result of a number of factors, including good economic and governmental planning, good outputs from the education system, a low tax regime for foreign businesses which locate here and the energy and capacity to learn of our young people. So, everything is great – right?

Or, is it?

That same education system has one of the worst drop out rates after the age of 16 in Europe. So, while we sitting here in a school like this may bask in our educational successes, our national education system is far from perfect. We are almost the wealthiest country in the world and yet we have the third highest level of poverty in the 18 industrialised countries mentioned in the report I quoted earlier. The report estimated that



Above: Airnee Jones and James Ryan receive their prizes from Lenny Abrahamson.

SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS 2005

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Katie O'Brien

Rathgar National School

School Scholarships:

Seraphim Dempsey

Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School

Julie Farrell

Loreto National School, Grange Road, Rathfarnham

Naoise Dolan

Zion Parish National School

Jessica Buttanshaw

Rathfarnham Parish National School

Robert Emo

Sandford Parish National School

Music Scholarship:

Sophie Lee

Zion Parish National School

Seraphim Dempsey

Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School



Above: Mr L Ruttle (Chairman), Mr L Abrahamson (Guest Speaker), Mrs C Duffy, Mr B Duffy (Principal), Mr R Davies (Deputy Principal).



Above: Rhiannon Ryan and Ross Hanan receive their prizes from Lenny Abrahamson.

PRIZES

2004-2005

15.2 per cent of Irish people live in poverty. So, what does that mean? It means that we have a very unequal society, with wealth increasingly being concentrated in the hands of one section of society. Is that success?

Is it success when you can't obtain a hospital bed and you bleed to death overnight, or you are eighty years old and you stay on a trolley in accident and emergency for four days, or you fall asleep again tonight hungry and cold in a dirty sleeping bag in a doorway on Baggot Street. Is a country that also consumes the most alcohol per head of population in the world successful? That amounts to national drug addiction.

Commentators in recent years have tended to equate success with just one indicator – how much money we generate. I would like to think that we as a school encourage our pupils to think that there might be more to life than that. The older you get the more you realise that once your basic needs are comfortably met, more and more money does not bring happiness and fulfilment with it.

The terrific young people gathered here tonight will be among those who shape Irish society into the future. The challenge for you and for us all is to remould Irish society again, keeping what is good at the moment and correcting what is wrong. What will form the basis for decision making in your lives? Will the criterion of economic success be the only indicator, or will we have helped you to develop a set of values which you will use as the benchmarks against which you will measure success? By all means seek success in your examinations – the points system demands it. By all means seek economic well-being and comfort for your families, but alongside those, seek something else as well. Seek your own fulfilment as a human being, in the spiritual sense as well as in how you relate with other people and with the world around you. Saint Augustine said "The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation." And I would like to think that you will aim very high and that you will base your plans at least partly on the foundations provided here.

I feel very proud of High School students when I see some of the activities which are undertaken here at the school. There is a strong sense of social justice among our students and they seek many opportunities to help others less fortunate than themselves – just one example being the raising of over €5,000 last year to commission a fishing boat for a village in Sri Lanka devastated by the Tsunami disaster. The boat was locally built in Sri Lanka and is now in use there and the students who organised the project were sent a photograph of it after it had been painted with its name which they chose – Danum, named

FORM 1	FORM 2
Class Prizes	Class Prizes
1-C <i>Luke Byrne, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh</i>	2-D <i>Deborah Blair, Mark Savage</i>
1-G <i>Stephanie Lodola, Tess Mc Cann</i>	2-G <i>Jamie Ryan, Alicia Smyth</i>
1-T <i>Liam MacNamara, Tom Roseingrave</i>	2-H <i>Graham Mills, Rhiannon Ryan</i>
1-W <i>Sebastian Adams, Laura Martin</i>	2-OH <i>Jack O'Kennedy, Olwen Smith</i>
1-WK <i>Iain Irvine, Andrea Murray-Byrne</i>	2-P <i>Jack Kelly, Stephen Shaw</i>
Progress Prizes	Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes
1-C <i>Naomi Reid, Cameron Ridyard</i>	2-D <i>Ian Levine, Ayesha Carrim</i>
1-G <i>Eoin Keenan, Niamh McDonagh</i>	2-G <i>Miles Campbell, Simon Kinnear</i>
1-T <i>Stuart Gray, Rebecca Conalty</i>	2-H <i>Alexander Conroy, Amy Jones</i>
1-W <i>Graham Flaherty, James Harding</i>	2-OH <i>Sean Keating, Gráinne O'Brien</i>
1-WK <i>Andrew Donovan, Camilla Hanney</i>	2-P <i>Lucy Bennett, Linda Callaghan</i>

after the estate on which this school is built. Many people probably don't know that Danum was the place near Doncaster in England from which the Bewley family, of café fame, came. They lived here before the school was built and of course were famous as Quakers, also famous for their good treatment of their workforce, and some of them for their work with Travellers in Ireland. I like to think that the spirit of their good intentions still permeates this place and that we continue their work and spread their values across the world when our students leave us.

There is a tendency in government planning nowadays to see education as increasingly vocational, in other words that what we do in schools must contribute to the process of getting a job and to the economy. That is, of course, one legitimate purpose of

education but it would be a sad day if it were to become the overriding purpose. There has been a creeping trend to encourage a business presence in schools, to encourage funding from the business world for education and even to measure supposed educational outcomes by using performance indicators from the business world. To the accountants of the OECD, this seems a valid approach to ensure society is getting what is referred to as "value for money" from the education system, but if it is allowed to replace a proper philosophical understanding of the purpose of education and proper resourcing of education, then we as a society will have abdicated our responsibility to young people and to ourselves and we will have adopted a narrow, utilitarian view of ourselves which will ultimately destroy our very humanity. We are more than machines, more than units of production and education is more than figures on a page.

We must continue to foster creativity, spirituality, innovative thinking, literature, language, responsible decision-making, as well as the artistic, musical and physical sides of our humanity. More importantly, we must value all of these as much as getting a job and we must realise that they are what will make our lives meaningful. Part also of what we encourage here at this school is that people should challenge the status quo, seek improvement and, for example, learn to analyse very critically what they read and hear in the media, where so much content is now fiction, simply made up to sell newspapers.

Well over a hundred years ago, an American author, philosopher and poet called Waldo Emerson gave an engaging view of success which I would like to share with you if you haven't already heard it,

*To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, to find the best in others;
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.*

I was quite deeply affected by a film I saw a while ago, called "Adam and Paul", a tale of two down and out young men wandering around Dublin for a day. The tale is told with moments which are extremely funny but also with an empathy for the two main characters and for the tragedy of their lives. It is a great film – I don't think it is going too far to say it is one of the best I have ever seen. This led me to the discovery that the director of the film, Lenny Abrahamson, is a past pupil of The High School, and I am delighted to have him here this evening. You are very welcome and we all look forward to hearing from you in a few minutes. It is a tragedy that people like "Adam and Paul" still exist in our society and I will conclude by asking that we all work towards achieving a society where they do not.

FORM 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best performance in Junior Certificate)
Hanah Mesallati

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize
Ruth Senior

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:
Andrew Gray

Civic, Social & Political Education
Parents' Association Prize
Andrew Howell,
Miriam Kerr,
Caoimhe Carty

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize
Pauline Carney

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize
Hanah Mesallati

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize
Hanah Mesallati

German - German Government Prize
Valerie Sexton

History - Casserley Prize
Hanah Mesallati

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize
Anna Earls

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize
Evanna Mills

Mathematics - Dillon Prize
Andrew Gray

Materials Technology (Wood)
Parents' Association Prize
Aaron Ward

Music - Diocesan School Prize
Karina McConnell

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize
Hanah Mesallati

Technical Graphics
Parents' Association Prize
Gavin Thornberry

Progress Prizes

3-F
Ronan Fox,
Ross Hanan

3-G
John Woolhead,
Ian Singleton

3-S
Sarah Byrne,
James Hickey

3-T
Hannah Bishop,
Conall Walsh

3-W
Brian Traynor,
Ciara Butler

FORM 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5)
Christopher Blair

Class Prizes

Aisling Bridgeman, Ailbhe Donnellan, Danny Finn, Timothy Harris, Mengxi Hu, Davey Kelleher, Megan Leonard-Kane, Frank Moriarty, Úna Ní Éigeartaigh, Rachel O'Byrne, Katie Smith, Karen Sutton

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.)
Ian Thom

John Thompson Scholarship
Ronan Kenny

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

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

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize
(next best performing pupil)
Ronan Loneragan

John Bennett Memorial Prize
(next best performing pupil)
Joseph Silke

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

Accounting
Tariq Mesallati

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize
Michael Sexton

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize
Paul McGonagle

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize
Isabel Baker



Business - SS Evans Prize
Marc Judge

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize
Ian Thom

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize
Ronan Kenny

Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize
Jonathan Somerville

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize
Owen Wardell

English - Bessie Bury Prize
Michael Sexton

French - McNay Prize
Pamela Webster

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize
Craig Rankin

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize
Richard Walsh

German - German Government Prize
Ian Thom

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize
Ronan Kenny

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize
Vicki Collins

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize
Isabel Baker

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize
Tariq Mesallati

Music - Diocesan School Prize
Sorcha Moloney

Physics - Campbell-Crawford Prize
Tariq Mesallati

Spanish
Leon Fernandez-Brennan

Technical Drawing
Miss Mitchell's Prize
Ronan Lonergan

Class Prizes
Alison Bass, Patrick Earls, Al Grogan, Peter May, Julie McRann, Hugh Nowlan, Liam Reidy, Steven Rorke, Cillian Suiter, Seán Froudish-Walsh

Left: (from top) Stephanie Lodola, Iain Levine, Hannah Messallati, and Leon Fernandez Brennan receive their prizes from Lenny Abrahamson.

Right: Linda O'Connor, Jonny Somerville, Craig Rankin, David Pierce.

SPECIAL CATEGORY PRIZES

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

PPU Debating Medal
Úna Ní Éigeartaigh

McDonnell Prize for the Arts
Robert Bradish, Davey Kelleher

Foundation Day Initiative Award
Aisling Barry,
for her exceptional help with the Junior Drama production

Frank Moriarty,
for his outstanding work as Editor of The Erasmian & Diocesan Times

Sam Fitzpatrick,
for his very valuable work in helping with the production of an award winning school magazine.

Past Pupils' Union Awards

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

Head Boy
Julie McRann

Head Girl
Craig Rankin

Jean Scott Trophy
Isabel Baker

Old Boys' Cup
Jonathan Somerville



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From top: Lenny Abrahamson presenting prizes to Amy Kenealy, Lee Murray, Sebastian Adams, Seraphim Dempsey, Sophie Lee, Niall McDarby, Ruth Roseingrave, Michael Sexton, Alison Bass and Vicki Collins.

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STAFF INTERVIEWS

MS MCKEVITT

Ms McKevitt was so nervous about this interview- she was afraid. Beth and Fergal were going to ask her very personal questions! She didn't know what was coming!! Hahaha! (They're not too personal!).

Where were you raised?

I lived in Killiney.

What school/ college did you attend?

I went to Rathdown School and then UCD to study English, Irish and History. I hated my uniform in school - it was a horrible brown! I liked school though, however I do think a mixed school is better.

Did you go travelling after college?

Yes. After my degree I travelled around Thailand, Australia, New Zealand and USA. I went back to college to do my masters, and when I finished, I travelled Spain.

What were your first impressions of The High School?

I really liked it! The staff and kids were down to earth. My least favourite thing is that the corridors are quite small and can get crowded. I like the uniform though.

As you were Assistant Director in this year's school play what did you think of the production?

It was very good, especially Saturday night! I loved getting involved. It was a very professional production and it was as good, if not better, than the Abbey.

Do you like the view from A3?

Well it's not my room, but it is where I am most of the time. The view is very boring, just a brown wall, nothing special.

Do you have any hobbies?

Yoga, theatre (I like Oscar Wilde), music (favourite song is "This is not a Rebel Song" by Sinéad O'Connor) and going out are some of my hobbies

What year is your favourite year to teach?

2nd years, mostly because they are keen to learn Irish and I like the 6th years too.

What other school have you taught in?

I taught in my old school, Rathdown. It was strange at first coming back, calling teachers by their first names.

MR WHITE

What did you do before you became a teacher? What were your previous jobs?

Mainly study and travelling, I also taught English abroad.

Favourite film?

Blade Runner.

If you could do anything again, what would it be?

I would have devoted more time to sports when I was younger.

Here's an original question; if you were stuck on a desert island what three things would you bring?

I would bring a solar powered radio, the internet and Miss Carson - she doesn't eat much and would find food.

What is your favourite radio station?

Today FM.

What is your favourite animal?

Dog.

Would you consider yourself cool?

No...not really.

Do you have any exciting stories?

Stories from abroad, Argentina.

Where does your name come from?

It's English of Norman descent.

Any brushes with the law?

Well, - WE'RE ASKING THE QUESTIONS HERE! - ... I was clamped once, but that's about it really.

Got any tips for robbing a jewellery store?

Earn enough money so you don't have to do it in the first place

How did you feel when Mr Orange got shot?

...Uh what? Depressed, I guess...

LIGHTNING ROUND

Book: 'Picture of Dorian Gray' by Oscar Wilde

Food: Potatoes (Ms McKevitt subsequently changed her answer to bread as she doesn't want to be 'the Irish teacher who only eats potatoes')

Drink (we specified alcoholic, not her!): Miller

People to be stuck in a lift with (one has to be a HSD teacher): Mr P, because bheithimid abalta Gaeilge a labhairt, Brendan Behan because he had a brilliant mind, and Gail Garcia Bernal.

Movie: Stand By Me

Song: "This is Not a Rebel Song" by Sinead O'Connor

Colour: Blue

Animal: Dog

Beth or Fergal: Ms McKevitt paused here, which is probably a good thing. Later she said that she thought 'Beth' but knew Fergal better, so we'll call it even!



Left: Back Row: Mr R White, Mr K Clarke & Mr C Flynn, Front Row: Ms M McKeivitt and Ms S Jones.

Below: Another new teacher, Ms L Watson (see page 27 for interview).

MS S JONES

1. How are you finding teaching in The High School so far?

Hectic, but great. Lovely staff and smashing kids!

2. What has been your most embarrassing moment so far in The High School?

Shouting for my old school as opposed to The High School (in a hockey match).

3. Are there any changes you would like to make in The High School?

Fridays should be abolished (ha ha!).

4. If you could be anything else other than a teacher what would you be and why?

A travel writer, that way I'd get to see the world and give my opinion. I also thought it would be cool to be a professional tennis player.

5. What has been your worst part-time job?

For three years I worked at Wimbledon as a hygiene technician (aka a toilet attendant) with my personal highlight being scrubbing the Queen's loo!

6. Who is your idol/hero?

Can't say I have an idol but someone I really admire is Ellen McArthur (sailor).

7. If you were stranded on a desert island what three people (alive or dead) would you like with you (one must be a teacher from The High School)?

Without hesitation it would have to be Mr McBride since he is full of useless information and could keep me entertained. The second person would be Michael Palin, as he is quite funny and would have lots of interesting stories. Finally the third person would be Jack from the TV programme "Lost", as he would have a master plan and he is quite fit! (Likes her fella's, that Ms Jones. She continued listing guys she would like on her desert island, I had to remind her she was only allowed three!)

8. If you only had one day left to live, what would you do?

Spend it with my family



9. Have you ever taken part in any rock and roll antics?

Yes, as a young dancing queen I managed to overcome the two left feet theory and have been strutting my stuff ever since.

(This has been particularly evident on the many staff nights out that Ms Jones has been on!)

10. If you happened to come across a lamp containing a big blue genie, what would your three wishes be?

- (1) Free jellies & shoes, always
 - (2) To be taller (longer legs)
 - (3) For Ireland to have a hot climate and to have the Great Barrier Reef on the doorstep!
- (Ed's note; would it not be easier just to move to Australia?)*

11. You are considered the new glamour girl in the High School, taking over the reins previously held by Ms Cramp, what do you think about that?

They must be hard up, unless being scruffy in a tracksuit is considered sexy these days!

12. Would you consider yourself cool?

Definitely (she said in a modest voice), but 'not too cool for school'.

13. Any brushes with the law?

Yes, unpaid parking tickets in Australia resulted in a court appearance, but I fought the law and the law won!

MRS CARSON



(Hrm... You're late)

(Hey, I thought we were meeting outside the staff room!)

Hello! How are you today?

I'm in great form! Last day of school, you see.

Parlez-vous francais?

(French gibberish)

Has working at The High School been your first full time teaching career?

No, I used to teach at Mount Temple, they beat the senior rugby team recently. It seems that my French teaching skills must have somehow enhanced their rugby playing abilities...

So... do you like cars?

Hmm, I'm worried where this is leading.

What subjects do you teach?

Just French.

What's your favourite mineral compound?

I don't know...

Favourite 7-digit number?

Uhm, hold on... OK I got it. Eight million, seven hundred sixty five thousand, four hundred and thirty two. (8765432) *Smiles with sense of achievement*

If you had to choose one teacher to aid you on your dragon slaying quest for world domination, who would it be?

OK, I expected something totally different!

I'd say Mr Hickey (when questioned on this Mrs Carson failed to give an answer, so the editor would like to suggest the reason being because of the many 'Yoda' like qualities that Mr Hickey has, for those of you that don't know 'Yoda' is the wise old head from the Star Wars film). Oh, but I also love Mr. Giles, he always makes me laugh.

So, come here often?

...Yes, 5 days a week.

What's your favourite French word?

"Haricot vert". It means "green bean". Not really sure why I like it so much though.

What aspects have you enjoyed most during your first year at The High School?

I have loved the friendly atmosphere in the school. I like all of my classes so much! Even if there are those occasional few who just do your head in...

It was very pleasant talking to you! We hope you continue to enjoy working here and good luck in the future!

Thanks, you too. Have a great summer!

Cameron Brownlee and Fionn Fitzmaurice

MR C FLYNN

Mr Flynn sits awkwardly across from us three girls, Hannah Jennings, Laura Nelson and myself, that is. We smile self-consciously, take a deep breath and plunge into our first official interview. We figure the only way to go about the whole thing is to ask the most simple basic question first and work our way from there. So Hannah does the talking, Laura does the writing and I sit uselessly in the corner... as per usual. Anyway the whole affair is relatively amusing because Mr Flynn is terrified that we may uncover some deep dark secret, which of course, is all we really want.

Why did you become a teacher?

I love Irish, I love languages, I like working with young people and I wanted the opportunity to pass on my love of the language. (I personally think he prepared that answer, it is very neat and tidy).

Who is your idol?

Nelson Mandela... he did so much for the black people of South Africa.

As a person or because of what he did? (Momentary pause)
As a person and because of his cause.

We quickly move on to a simpler question, which lights a small grin across our faces as we ask the it.

What do you think of the High School students?

Very well mannered! In comparison to other schools that I've been to... *laughs* girls have a calming effect on boys.

We grin ridiculously, blush slightly and then move on quickly. What School did you go to?

De La Salle in Churchtown. It's an all boys school. I really enjoyed being with the other boys.

Would you have liked to have gone to The High School?

Yes! (Why didn't you?) *Sheepishly* My parents wouldn't have liked me to go to a school with girls... my mom thinks they would have had a bad influence on me.

Oh so adorable. We all laugh and decide its time for the big question, and of course the purpose for my attending the interview, it seems, was to be bullied into asking this question. So we all look at each other, giggle a bit and taking a deep breath, I ask the inevitable.

You are considered the new heartthrob of the school, what do you think of that?

Blushes furiously completely speechless. Literally completely speechless, you can imagine our reaction to the whole affair.

Happy to move on, Mr Flynn dives into the next question eagerly.

So far what is the most embarrassing thing that's happened to you since you came to the high school?

Being confused as a student. On my first day I went into the office...I'm not sure what I was wearing, maybe *shrugs*...anyway I went in and one of the office ladies goes ' Oh hi, you're here to join 6th year?' *laughs*

What is your biggest fear?

Snakes *looks down at his leg* I just think they're gonna slither up my leg or something, *shivers* The 3 of us look at each other and giggle silently while Mr Flynn is still staring at his leg, imagining his worst fear.

If you had 3 wishes what would they be?

Oh okay hmm... For Liverpool to win the League...um... for Ireland to win the world cup and to be famous for 15 minutes (why only 15 minutes?) because you wouldn't want it for your whole life. Actually, maybe to invent something that helps humanity instead.

If you could be stuck in an elevator with 3 famous people, dead or alive who would it be?

Nelson Mandela (excluding Nelson Mandela)
O.K. George Best, who else...mm... Christopher Columbus. Oh and Albert Einstein, that would be a good conversation.

A lot of students don't like Irish and don't think it should be compulsory, what do you think?

I understand why... Irish is difficult, but if we give it up we will lose a big part of our heritage and I'd be out of a job.

Finally it's all over and we all breathe easier, no juicy gossip, but we got what we came for.

MS LYNCH

1. How are you finding teaching in the High School so far?

It's grand.

2. What is your favourite year to teach?

Probably 5th year.

3. If you could teach any other subjects, what would they be?

Maths.

4. What has been your most embarrassing moment so far in High School?

Ask Alan O'Keeffe (5th year), he can tell you!!

5. Are there any changes you would like to make to High School?

Ohh, definitely have a half-day on Friday!!

6. If you could be anything other than a teacher what would you be and why?

Uh...a popstar!!! Like Britney Spears or someone like that!

7. What has been the worst part-time job you have worked in?

Oh, I've had loads of jobs working in shops, once I had to sell gone-off sausages though, and now I can never eat sausages!!

8. Who is your idol/hero?

I'd say my dad, because I'm the favourite child!

9. What is your biggest fear?

Wasps!

10. If you could be stuck in an elevator with three people (dead or alive) who would they be? (Obviously they would be alive in the elevator!)

Jennifer Anniston (refers to her as her friend Jen, and that she was so upset when Angelina Jolie stole the gorgeous Brad Pitt from her!), that girl Sheree from "I'm a Celeb" and of course Mr McNamara!

11. If you had one day to live what would you do?

I'd be depressed!! No, I'd go to one of those adventure centres with all my friends and family and go surfing and stuff like that!

12. Have you taken part in any rock'n'roll antics?

Yes... let's keep them a secret though!

13. If you happened to come across a lamp, containing a big blue genie, what would your three wishes be?

I'd wish to be happy, with my new car of course!

And that everyone else would be happy.

Oh and of course, World Peace!!

14. Do you have a life motto, if so what is it?

I don't really have one but I'll use my friend's one because she's a nutter!

"Live life to the max!"

MADemoiselle EMILY



1. Comment vous appelez-vous, et où êtes-vous née?
Je m'appelle Nolwen Emily. C'est un prénom breton, très difficile à apprendre ça pour les irlandais.

2. Vos grands-parents, ils sont bretons? Ils parlent la langue? Pourquoi les gens ne parlent pas le breton?
Certains parlent la langue, d'autres la comprennent. La génération de mes parents, ne parlent presque jamais.

Les gouvernements passés ont interdit le breton. Il y a vingt slogans qui disaient 'Il est interdit de parler breton et de cracher par terre'. Les gens ne parlent pas de breton. C'est une langue difficile, un peu comme le gaélique.

3. Vous aimez votre lieu de naissance?

Oui, beaucoup. C'est un endroit très agréable, très jolie. Il se ressemble beaucoup à l'Irlande. La Bretagne ne ressemble pas au reste de la France, mais plutôt au pays comme l'Irlande, le pays de Galles. Je pense que j'y aimerais vivre plus tard.

4. Pourquoi êtes-vous venue à Dublin?

J'ai choisi l'Irlande, en générale. Je pouvais choisir l'Irlande ou le Royaume-Uni, et j'étais déjà venue deux fois en Irlande. J'avais trouvé les gens très sympathiques (aww)! Donc j'ai demandé l'Irlande, et on m'a donné un poste à Dublin. Je pense que j'étais très chanceuse. C'est vrai.

5. Et vous aimez cette école?

Oui, vraiment. Je voulais décider, cette année, si je voulais devenir professeur ou pas. Dans une autre école, je n'avais pas voulu être professeur. Ici c'est facile, est agréable. Les professeurs sont très sympas, les élèves sont gentils, travaillent dur.

6. Qu'est ce qui vous manque?

Ma maison, me manque? Oui, et non. J'aime beaucoup être ici, et parler anglais, mais, quand je rentre à la maison pour les vacances, juste après, quand je reviens, c'est difficile parce qu'il faut parler anglais, et j'ai vu mes amis, ma famille, mais c'est très agréable être ici, ça va. C'est un séjour très court, seulement neuf mois.

7. Vous aimez la musique? Est-ce que la musique bretonne est comme la musique gaélique?

J'aime écouter de la musique, mais je ne joue pas un instrument.

Je suis terrible. Je n'aime pas la musique française. J'aime la musique irlandaise, la musique bretonne aussi – la musique est très douce, et très forte. C'est un peu les mêmes instruments, à peu près. C'est assez bon pour danser. Il y a une fête bretonne qui s'appelle 'La Fête de Nuit' en français, où les gens font les danses traditionnelles. Il y a beaucoup de festivals en été en Bretagne. Ces sont très populaire.

8. Vous faites du sport?

J'ai fait de l'équitation, pendant dix ans, à peu près, et ensuite j'ai commencé les études supérieures, après le Bac (là, j'ai arrêté, parce que je travaillais beaucoup). J'avais un cheval jusqu'à l'année dernière, et je pense que quand j'aurai une maison, et un travail, et un très grand jardin, avec des champs, j'achèterai un autre cheval.

9. Quel est ton film préféré?

'Le Seigneur des Anneaux' ('Lord of the Rings'), la version longue – douze heures ! J'aimerais habiter chez l'Hobbit. Si je n'achète pas une maison en Bretagne, je pense acheter une maison – 'Chez l'Hobbit'...peut-être.

10. Vous êtes sur une île déserte. Vous prenez trois personnes avec vous. Qui?

Je prends McGyver, parce qu'il peut faire un hélicoptère avec un chewing-gum. Je pense qu'il serait très utile sur une île déserte! Mon copain, et la troisième personne... Une personne qui gagne une compétition, pour 'Le Meilleure Copain'. Quelqu'un avec beaucoup de conversation, beaucoup de culture – vous avez compris?

11. Quel est votre livre préféré ? Vous lisez les auteurs étrangers?

J'aime lire l'auteur qui a créé totale monde irréel. Je l'ai lu quand j'avais douze ans, et c'était très impressionnant. Il a beaucoup beaucoup d'imagination. C'est très plaisant à lire. J'aime beaucoup Oscar Wilde (la pièce a été très bien). Je n'ai pas un auteur préféré. C'est souvent des auteurs anglais. À l'université, il faut lire les classiques, comme James Joyce. J'aime Henry Fielding, beaucoup de classiques anglophones, et Shakespeare, bien sur, en anglais.

12. Que pensez-vous des auteurs français, comme Maupassant?

Maupassant, ça va. J'aime 'Bel Ami'. Maupassant, c'est très fascinant, mais je déteste Balzac, parce qu'il a des descriptions très longues.

13. Dans dix ans, vous serez où?

Alors, je serai en Bretagne J'aurai un travail à l'université, je serai un professeur brillante, connue dans le monde entier. J'aurai une très très belle maison, avec quatre enfants, un bon mari, des champs avec des chevaux, une piscine... Je continuerai à parler anglais.

14. Vous aimez voyager? Vous aimez la culture en Irlande?

Oui, j'adore voyager. Au mois d'été, pendant les vacances, j'aime voyager, et apprendre des langues, et la culture... Je fais des choses très traditionnelles. Dublin – c'est très joli et pas très exotique. Limerick?! J'irai peut-être à Limerick.

Joëlle Grogan, Eoin Silke et Beth Kelly

MS BREEN

1. How are you finding teaching in the High School so far?
It's been great. I really enjoy it.

2. What is your favourite year to teach?
The first years. They're so cute.

3. Some students don't think Irish should be a compulsory subject. What are your thoughts on this?

I have such a big opinion on this. If the curriculum changed, so Irish would be taught as a modern language, but still remained compulsory, the students would be much happier and so would I.

4. If you could teach any other subjects what would they be?

I have a qualification in English and Spanish so definitely them.

5. What has been your most embarrassing moment so far in High School?

Oh God! No one saw this but on my very first day I was wearing heeled boots and I slipped and fell outside the staff room. I think Sarge might have seen but he did not say anything.

6. Are there any changes you would like to make to High School?

More vegetarian options for lunch. Nice things, not a piece of lettuce and a carrot!

7. If you could be anything else other than a teacher what would you be and why?

A travel writer definitely! Getting paid to travel around the world would be brilliant! Or Wonder Woman, her costume's cool!

8. What has been your worst part-time job?

Once I worked in a carnival making candyfloss! Yep, I was a carry!

9. Who is your idol/hero?

Well, can I say a few? As a style icon I admire Audrey Hepburn, she's amazing. I also admire Bob Geldof for all that he has done. I think just everyday, normal people can be inspirational too.

10. What is your biggest fear?

I'm claustrophobic, so being stuck in a lift would be a nightmare.

11. If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 people (alive or dead) who would you like with you?

Oooh...Oscar Wilde for entertainment, Johnny Depp and one of my friends for company!

12. If you only had one day left to live what would you do?

I'd have a big party for all my family and friends! I'd probably just cry too because I'm dying the next day!

13. Have you ever taken part in any rock n' roll antics?

Well once at a festival in Spain my friend got her ear pierced at one of those dodgy piercing stands so I decided to get my nose pierced. Bad idea because it got really infected!

14. If you happened to come across a lamp containing a big blue genie, what would your three wishes be?

Mmmmm...I'd stop animal testing! And nuclear power! Oh and one for me... That my bank balance would always be GINORMOUS!

15. Do you have a life motto? If so, what is it?

(sings) "Always look on the bright side of life!" Actually, if I want to do something, I just do it. I'm just impulsive! Seize the day!

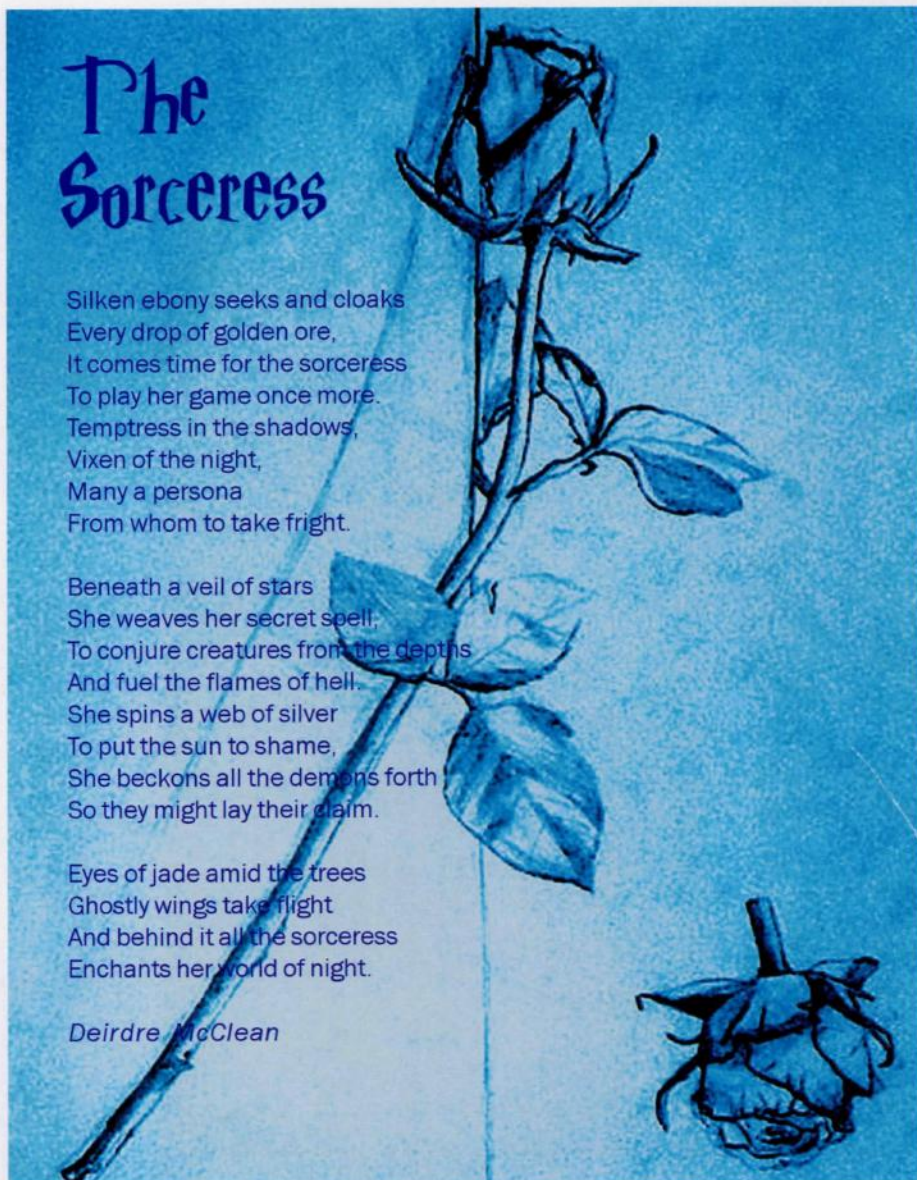
The Sorceress

Silken ebony seeks and cloaks
Every drop of golden ore,
It comes time for the sorceress
To play her game once more.
Temptress in the shadows,
Vixen of the night,
Many a persona
From whom to take fright.

Beneath a veil of stars
She weaves her secret spell,
To conjure creatures from the depths
And fuel the flames of hell.
She spins a web of silver
To put the sun to shame,
She beckons all the demons forth
So they might lay their claim.

Eyes of jade amid the trees
Ghostly wings take flight
And behind it all the sorceress
Enchants her world of night.

Deirdre McClean



MRS MILNE

1. How has The High School changed since you started teaching here?

The biggest change I think is in the staff. A lot of people retired at the same time and it's a much younger staff than it used to be. Another big change is mixed ability classes - they used to have banding here, and now, first and second years are mixed ability.

2. What is your favourite thing about the school?

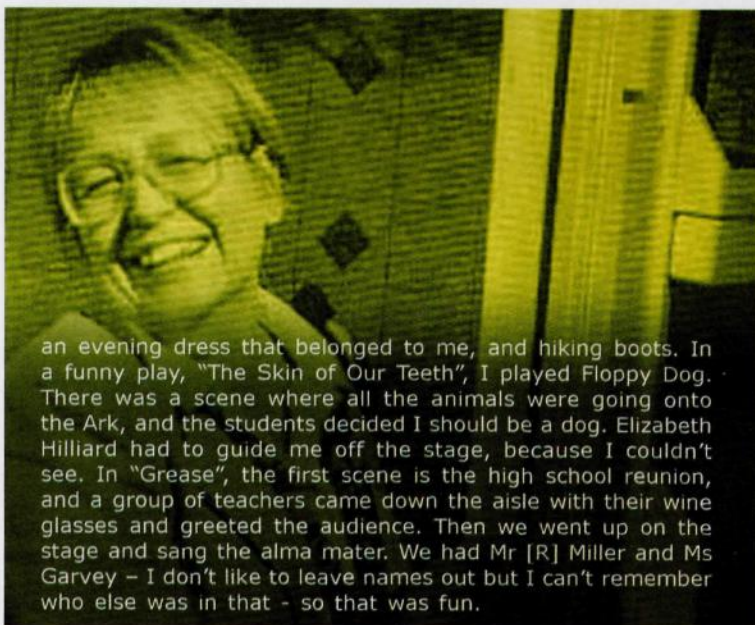
I think it's the friendly atmosphere, and I think the staff are terrific. I get along very well with the staff and it's always a pleasure to go into the staffroom. And I like the kind of relaxed atmosphere that you can have with the students.

3. Do you like working with the play, and do any of the plays stand out in your mind?

Yes, I do. Every play stands out in its own particular way. It's like having children - you don't say to your child that, "You stand out more than the rest of them". So I look at them all as my children and they all have their own special memories attached.

4. So have you ever had any walk-on roles in your own plays?

I have. I didn't this year - I should have been one of the can-can dancers. We had teachers dancing the can-can when we did "Bugsy Malone". My favourite memory of that play was Mr Hilliard in



an evening dress that belonged to me, and hiking boots. In a funny play, "The Skin of Our Teeth", I played Floppy Dog. There was a scene where all the animals were going onto the Ark, and the students decided I should be a dog. Elizabeth Hilliard had to guide me off the stage, because I couldn't see. In "Grease", the first scene is the high school reunion, and a group of teachers came down the aisle with their wine glasses and greeted the audience. Then we went up on the stage and sang the alma mater. We had Mr [R] Miller and Ms Garvey - I don't like to leave names out but I can't remember who else was in that - so that was fun.

5. What do you think is the most difficult thing about putting on the play every year?

Casting is very stressful, because you're trying to predict how people are going to act in three months' time. If you get it wrong, it can make rehearsals very difficult. Everything is stressful, to be honest. It means giving up a good portion of my life for three months, and I seem to live in this school. It takes a lot of time and energy. The nights of the play are no stress to me at all; the stress is on the student producer.

6. What is your favourite book?

I suppose the all-rounder would be 'To Kill A Mockingbird', to teach. To read - different books suit different times of your life. I remember being bowled over by books - Russian novels particularly, 'Anna Karenina', the Tolstoy novel. Also, 'Middlemarch', by George Eliot, had a big impact on me when I read it, but if I went back to read those books now I don't know if I'd have the same feeling about them. I have so many books that I've enjoyed I find it difficult to choose.

7. What is your favourite play?

I enjoy teaching any Shakespeare play, but probably 'Macbeth' to see? It depends on the production. I saw a fabulous production of 'Twelfth Night' in The Gate. I love plays that really use the stage, that there's a lot of action in. The Footsbar Theatre Company came to Dublin last summer, and they did amazing productions of Shakespeare in a circus tent. One had a load of plays stuck together. They had the Mechanicals, amateur actors from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', and they put on a 'King Lear', and made it into a farce. At one stage of 'King Lear' one of the characters has his eyeballs plucked out, and the line in the play is, 'Out, vile jelly, where is thy lustre now?'. They changed it to, 'Out, vile jelly, where is thy custard now?'. [laughs heartily]

8. What's your favourite sport?

[laughing all round! extended laughing...] Oh, swimming is a sport, isn't it? I love swimming. My favourite spectator sport is ice skating. I used to ice skate when I lived in Boston, but I had to give it up. I'd watch it on television. It's lovely to watch.

PUNCTUATION IS LIKE A TOUR GUIDE of language:
Telling you when to pause, and admire a sentence.
It tells you when to take a nice long breath
so that you won't
Run out of air before the sentence is finished
with the full stop.
It shows you all the best spots to view:
when, where and who,
And it will tell you all about them with a "quotation",
(or add some little aside for your information)
SOMETIMES IT WILL SHOUT TO GET YOUR ATTENTION!!!
Sometimes it will be confused by your question???
Sometimes it can be...
unsure, and not - say what it means,
But punctuation is generally honest and seems
Like a nice kind of tour guide:
Even if, as sometimes happens, a little, perhaps,
confusing!

And remember that without a proper tour guide language would be an unintelligible mass of words that made little sense to the eyes and none to the brain and the world would go round and round anyway as punctuation has no effect on celestial movement but it sure it would make people very dizzy indeed without it no breath just random thought

J. Leroux

MRS G RATH

NEW SCHOOL NURSE



What were your first impressions of The High School?

The High School has a lovely atmosphere. It is a wonderful school filled with happy students and staff. The only problem I will have is learning everyone's name. You get the occasional person trying to skip PE! (She knows who you are! Laura and I can never miss games again!)

What do you think of the view from your office?

Well, I do wish there was a garden on the cafeteria roof or maybe flowers. Instead, there is a lake (a big puddle) on the roof. I can wave at Mr Cryan, but it would distract the students. However, I'm too busy to look out of the window.

If you were on a desert island who would you bring?

I would definitely bring Helen from the office - she brings a smile to my face even when you can't see her! Then I would probably bring Mr Cryan. He could build some form of shelter... The third person I would bring would have to be Ray Mears, who is a survival expert on TV.

Would you ever take a little snooze on those lovely, comfortable beds in your office?

I can't! I have no time! It is very busy here. Since the start of the school year to this interview (07/12/05), I have seen exactly 1703 pupils - that is not even including late people, only the sick! Everyday I give out 20-24 Panadol on average. The beds in my room are actually designed to discourage students staying!

Have you any hobbies?

I like reading. I'm a member of a book club that I joined 10 years ago. I like to knit in my spare time. I don't watch much TV but I do like to watch "Strictly Come Dancing" on BBC.

Have you any medical tips for the students?

Crisps are definitely a no! You should only have one square of chocolate a day and no soft drinks!

Mrs Rath is delighted she is the new school nurse. We asked her were there any school rumours between the staff - her reply was "I'm not pregnant!" She has been married for 26 years and her son, Michael Rath left The High School last year, 2005 (we added that to embarrass him!). She works 6 days a week. Wednesdays are her quietest day in the office. When does she ever take a rest? This interview was hard to schedule into her timetable! We wish her all the best in her job and thank her for keeping us all well!

Oh yes, when Matron retired last year she took her title with her - Mrs Rath would like to be addressed by her name or just "Nurse"!

9. What's your favourite season?

Autumn. 'Seasons of mellow fruitfulness', that's Keats.

10. What's your favourite animal?

I know what animal I'd like to be, can I answer that instead? I'd like to be a bird. I have no doubt about that whatsoever. I think birds have such freedom. Wouldn't that be wonderful, to be able to fly all over the planet? I'd love that.

11. Teaching for 16 years in High School, you would have seen children grow up in front of you?

There's a teacher here that I taught for six years - Miss Watson. That's very interesting, to see somebody after they left school, because I don't always have the opportunity to see people once they've gone. It's nice if students keep in touch.

12. Do you notice a great difference over time in how they act towards literature?

I do. I think it's partially to do with how the course has changed. The students aren't required to read texts that are as demanding as they used to be. Instead of trying to make things more demanding for students, things are more accessible for them.

13. Do you prefer America or Ireland?

I'll have to say Ireland, because I've stayed here - but some people think I'm crazy for saying that.

Finally, we'd like to say that Mrs Milne is an amazing teacher and an asset to the school. She is vibrant and strong-willed (though not opinionated!) and all that sort of stuff. We wish her all the best in the rest of her teaching career, and her life after that. Thank you!

Eoin Silke, Joëlle Grogan and Beth Kelly

FLASHBACK MEMORIES

MR GILL'S

MRS H-E



I came to High School as a pupil for one year in 1987. That was when the school still had an upper sixth form which was especially for pupils like me who wanted to repeat the Leaving in an attempt to get better results. There were only about 30 of us in the upper sixth year group. About half were originally from High School and the rest came from a variety of other schools, although I was the only one who had come from Wesley. Mr Brook was the Headmaster of High School and Mr Hickey was our year head. We did not have to wear a uniform and we were allowed to jump the dinner queue. We had a common room in B22 with a table tennis table. Ms Saville taught me Physics (she was a very young teacher at the time). Mr Kelly (he was single at the time) taught me Maths and Applied Maths and Mr Hickey taught me Chemistry and also attempted to deprogram me as a Wesley boy! I had not played rugby since I was in third year but I took it up again in High School and played for the Senior Thirds. Our coach was Mr McClure. I really enjoyed the rugby and was nicknamed "the one-armed wonder" by Mr Cole because of my very bad habit of holding the ball with only one hand. I even went on a rugby tour to Brussels with Mr Cole and Mr McMullen. However, the most memorable trip we went on was a hillwalking trip to Co. Clare with the

lesser known contingent of the High School hillwalking department: Mr Kelly, Mr Prendergast and Mr Mills. The trip was a great success and was not in any way hampered by the absence of any hills in the area. I sat the Leaving again that June and my CAO points more than doubled! This was only possible because firstly, they were so low the first time around, secondly, I actually did some work, and thirdly, because I had brilliant teachers who helped and encouraged me throughout the year. I made new friends and really had a great time. Six years later I returned to High School as a student teacher. I enjoy being a teacher here as much as I did being a pupil.

T Gill

Above: Hey, look, it's Mr Gill!
Right: Mr Wright, over ten years ago. He has more hair...

My first memory of High School is arriving the day before the first full day of school, being arranged into forms, being shown around the school etc. I wasn't really nervous because I had lots of friends coming to High School and my sister was in sixth year. In first year it was cool to have a sibling in sixth year because all her friends would say hi to me, and since many of them were 'cure heads' my first year friends were most impressed. I was involved later on with the Cooperation North project and that was good fun since we had to visit the North a couple of times. We also did an environmental project on the Dodder (which probably, in hindsight, influenced my politics). I remember being taken to see 'Cry Freedom' by our English teacher. It made a huge impression. I was always mad about history, especially enjoying arguing with people about things, and I was absolutely hopeless at RE (only exam I remember failing). I really enjoyed fifth and sixth year – probably too much. The play we did was 'Black Comedy' – still have the t-shirt! The only thing I didn't like about being a prefect was reading in assembly, though it wasn't as difficult as trying to think of new things to talk about to pupils now! I still have good friends from school, and we see each other regularly – Ruth, Linda, and Emily! I hated the uniform and bullies; I loved playing hockey and long cricket matches, the Burren trip and jam doughnuts!

S. Hutchinson-Edgar



MS WATSON'S



I entered High School as a student in 1993 and very much enjoyed the 6 years that I spent there. I remember feeling quite overwhelmed on my first day by the size of the school - and the size of the pupils, who were so much bigger than I. Nevertheless, I found the atmosphere to be very inclusive - a feature which still characterises the school today.

I formed some really good friendships in High School and developed my interest in Science, among other things. I enjoyed being a member of the school hockey team, playing in the orchestra, and completing the President's Award. I also have great memories of our Fifth Year play.

Now, it's good to be able to contribute to the school community in a different way. I hope that each of my pupils will have the positive experience that I enjoyed when on the other side of the desk.

L Watson

Above: Ms Watson back then - she was a prefect too.
Right: A certain Maths teacher, you can probably guess who.

MR WILKINSON'S MEMOIRS 1988-1994

My first memory of High School is of watching a sports day that my brother was participating in, before I was yet a pupil in the school. Back then the sports day was held down where the hockey pitches are now. It was, therefore, on the front cricket pitch that I hit my first hockey ball when I arrived in the school...yes on grass! The grit pitch had arrived by that stage but certainly not the Astroturf, which was only put down when I was in 3rd or 4th year.

The school looked a bit different when I was a pupil... no murals on the walls, nylon carpet on the corridor floors (it used to be great for giving static electric shocks to each other!). I was always into science. A highlight was my classmate (let's just call him Anthony) accidentally setting his trousers on fire in chemistry class! I'm sure Mr Hickey remembers that well.

Being in the first year group to do a three year Inter Cert., we were the first ever transition year in the school. Subjects like Rock-Pop and Judo were a great novelty to us. Also around this time, the big computer room was created out of a couple of classrooms on the B floor. Computers were starting to become a big thing at that stage (the internet was only in the process of being invented!). Not having a computer at home, it was quite exciting to get my hands on one in school.

My final memory as a pupil of the school was of Mr Brook, the headmaster, who retired the year I did the Leaving Cert, carrying full water cannons down the B corridor and talking of lobbing water balloons onto unsuspecting pupils doing their exams in the gym!

I Wilkinson



THE R TEAM

Who are they? What do they do?



**Mrs Humphreys
and Ms Brennan**

- Help students understand difficult subjects
- Give helping hand in practical classes like science
- Put books and notes on tape
- Help students read difficult texts
- Make study plans and help with revision
- Organise special work experience and outings
- Work with students using laptop computer
- Provide equipment students forget
- Help students write and read exams
- Provide snacks for hungry visitors to C12
- Are always ready to help you, whatever you need, even if it means earning new skills themselves, e.g. crash course in woodwork from Mr Cryan!



Ms Delaney

- Helps in practical classes
- Puts on wellies and canoes
- Finds lost items
- Listens and talks to students visiting C12
- Helps with difficult work
- Microwaves popcorn and soup for the hungry
- Goes on outings and visits
- Gets students to class on time
- Keeps us all cheerful

Ms Jones

- Listens, talks and advises
- Motivates, encourages and helps with decisions
- Coordinates Social, Personal and Health Education
- Informs about colleges, courses and careers
- Helps with subject choices, applications and deadlines
- Organises mock interviews and career interviews
- Believes in exercise and loves all sport



Ms Stevenson

- Learning support teacher
- Teaches small groups to improve English skills
- Teaches French
- Likes uncluttered work surfaces
- Prefers no bags on desks!

Mrs Pearce

- Coordinates the 'R' Team
- Always available to help and support
- Teaches maths
- Helps with homework after school
- Opens lockers with magic key
- Recycles avidly
- Loathes chewing gum!



Library NEWS

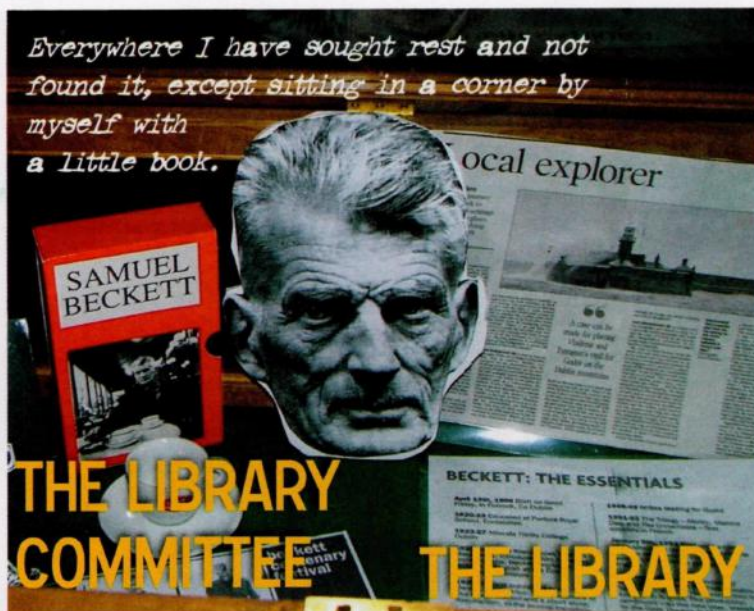
Right quote:
Thomas à
Kempis
1380 - 1471

The library has had a busy and productive year. The library is also keen to promote awareness of contemporary events or important historical ann-iversaries. This year's displays focused on the anniversary of the 1916 Rising and the Samuel Beckett Centenary. For World Book Day we invited the author Siobhán Parkinson to the library. She gave a very interesting talk about her writings. We also celebrated Europe Day on 9th May. In October we celebrated National Poetry Day. At Christmas we held an art competition.

The library is also keen to encourage pupils to read upon entering school. The 2005-2006 library prize of the traditional Complete Works of Shakespeare for the best overall reader in first year was awarded to Troy Gallagher 1T.

Many thanks to the Library Committee for all their work throughout the year helping to run book displays, put up information on the Country of the Moment and the ever-popular Word of the Week competition, and for fundraising events.

Valerie King
Librarian



This year has been a very fun and exciting year for the library committee. We had the usual 'Feed the Pig', which was very successful. Then Siobhán Parkinson paid a visit for World Book Day and gave an intriguing talk.

Even the making of the quizzes and displays were enjoyable and there was always a treat given by the fabulous Mrs King. There was always a delightful atmosphere in the library and everyone had a great time.

I would just like to say thanks to Mrs King for this wonderful experience and I hope that next year will be as great as this one.

Sarah-Kate McConnell 2T

Once again the library has had a wonderful time. With all the quizzes, competitions and displays the library was always full of a buzz of excitement for the many students that come up. Our librarian, Mrs King, always makes sure that the library is a fun yet civilized place for pupils and teachers to come to study, read or enter competitions to win great prizes. Our 'Feed the Pig' did brilliantly and we also raised money for Barnardos. Daffodil Day was a big hit and our latest display for Europe Day was greatly enjoyed. Thanks also to the library committee for helping to organize and set up the displays. Mrs King even set up a day commemorating Samuel Beckett. Movies were watched and everyone had a great time. So, in the end - WOOHOO! This year definitely passed with flying colours - see you next year.

Jessica Patterson 1G



Below: Mrs King
- the Librarian



Above: Author Siobhan Parkinson addresses students in the library.

Left: Ms M Burrowes, Mrs V King and Ms S Parkinson.
Middle left: Shauna McGuire, Kira Mulhere, Eva O'Byrne, Maeve Sweetnam, Kateline Men.

Below: English Scholars, William Anglim & Emmet Dwyer.
Lower right: Library Art Winners, Naoise Dolan, Michael Sykes, James Liddicoat, Clive Drakeford with Mrs V King.

Lower left: 'Feed the Pig' - James Liddicoat, Sophie Mitchell, Aron Sturdy, Sarah Kate McConnell, Lorcan Murphy.



HSD Interrogation

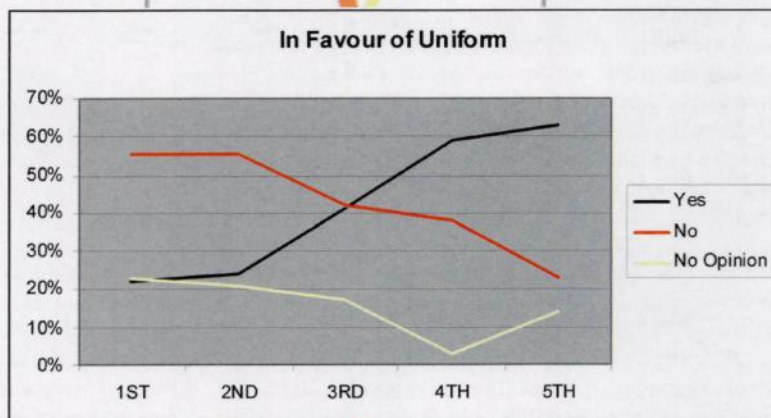
Introduction & Overview

The HIGH SCHOOL INTERROGATION took place this year over the period March – May. Each class (1st to 5th year) was visited by 5th year students and requested to complete a questionnaire. The questions on it ranged from 'I am...?' (with 22% answering 'HAPPY' and 5% 'a dog') to 'the last thing I would want on a desert island (13% answered 'this questionnaire'). In the questionnaire, students (and some brave teachers) had to choose between Communism and Capitalism (27% to 61%); and, between being 'rich and sad' or 'poor and happy' (21% to 72%). They also had to decide whether or not the vote should be given to teenagers (50:50 throughout the years); or whether or not there should be a United States of Europe (38% 'No' and 23% 'Yes').

The survey was compiled in order to ascertain the students' opinions and how they change across the years. 574 questionnaires were completed by 1st to 5th years giving a total of 17,220 answers to be logged. Out of the 574 students surveyed, 49% claimed they were male, 44% claimed they were female while 7% decided that they were uncertain. The exact percentage of those who were 'undecided' varies over the years. Due to the great amount of time available to discover oneself, 4th year had the lowest 'uncertainty of gender' at only 2.7%, or 1 in 36 people, compared to 1 in 17 of 5th years or 1 in 15 in 3rd years.

Our favourite answer (from 2W) when asked male/female/undecided, 'I'm weighing up the pros and cons'.

Because of the volume of information collected in this survey and due to pressure of space, included here are only a selection of the more striking results. All the results, graphs and the survey itself can be seen on the T drive in the file called 'HEY LOOK AT ME I'M THE HSD INTERROGATION'.



THE RESULTS

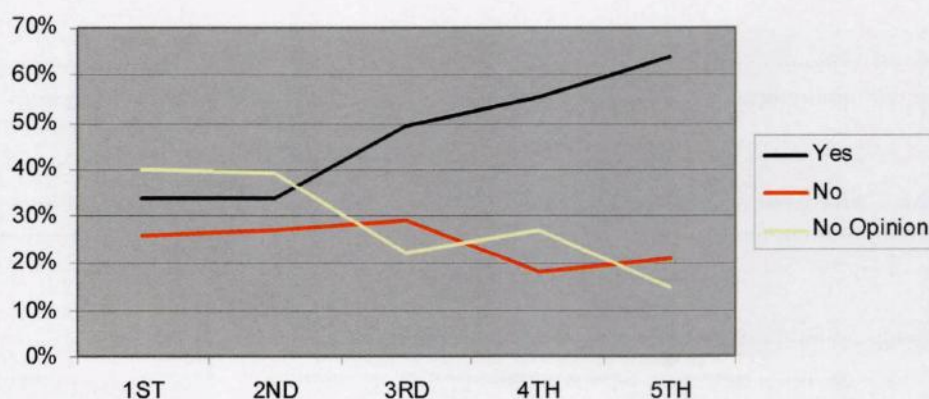
One of the most surprising results to come out of this survey was the radical change of opinion on the uniform. The graph on the right reflects this change; while in 1st year those favouring the uniform averaged out at 22% (with 30% of girls in favour and 17% of boys); by 5th year this had risen to 63% (again with girls more in favour than boys). The overall difference between those in favour and those against in 5th year was a staggering 40%. The cross over between majority for and majority against can be seen in the steep incline of pro-uniform (and steep decline of anti) from 3rd year. This dramatic change could be attributed to students realising that, with uniform, there is no pressure

for designer labels; but it could also be attributed to pride in the school. The 1st and 2nd years are new to the school and may not yet have developed a sense of belonging to this new school and so rail against conformity (55% anti-uniform). However, as students grow older in the school the uniform perhaps gives a sense of identity and represents a pride in the fact that 'we are Highschoolers!' 3D were most in favour of uniform while 1G were most opposed.

Formal education (as we defined it when asked) is what HSD is now, an organised schooling based on a set curriculum. Again there was a marked change over the years as students more and more declared their preference for formal education as they got older. In 1st year only 33% preferred formal education (to 26% against); 'for' remained at the same level in 2nd year. There was a slow rise of 4% in 3rd year in those against. But in 3rd year, also, there was a dramatic 17% increase in those in favour of formal education (33% to 50%). This again rose over the final years to an amazing 63% in favour. We can again attribute this to the students' growing attachment to the school or to a developed understanding or belief in our system of education.

Girls showed no great preference

In Favour of Formal Education



between languages and sciences (except for 3rd year girls who were 65% for science as against 31% for languages): Boys, throughout the years, were at least 30% more in favour of sciences (in 5th year 79% favoured science to 9% favouring languages)

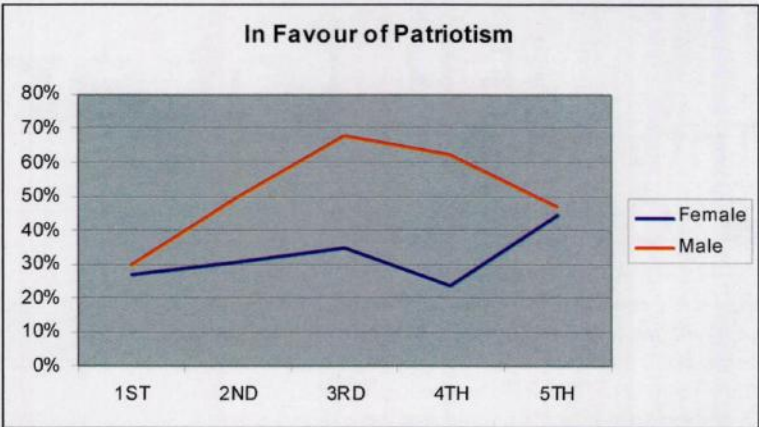
The question of 'women at home', was interpreted by many girls to mean that, 'women's proper and only place is in the home' and so there was a strong reaction to it across the years, with an average of 77% saying 'No', (highest in 2nd and 3rd year with 86% and 85%). The boys, on the other hand, ranged widely in their reactions; the 3rd year boys came out at 60% 'No' in comparison with 33% 'Yes', while in 4th year, 34% said 'No' and 55% 'Yes'.

On the question of Women in the Home, 4W was the most divided, 100% of the boys said 'YES!' while 100% of the girls said 'NO!'

Charting patriotism across the five years from 1st to 5th year was astonishing. While both sexes started at a near 27% (girls) and 30% (boys) in 1st year, by 3rd year this had risen to 35% for the girls and an astounding 68% for the boys, thus making a difference of 33% between the girls and boys. The boys' fervour for patriotism declined over the following years, as did the girls until 4th year (with a 38% difference between the two in that year). Most surprising of all, after the decline from 3rd to 4th year, the girls made a steep climb in favour of patriotism, from the lowest point of 24% to a high point of 45%, just 2% away from the boys at 47%. While the boys remained more in favour than the girls, and the boys between 2nd and 4th year in particular; it is worth noting that the girls almost equalled them in favour when at their youngest and oldest.

When asked to choose between patriotism and pacifism, the majority of girls said they were pacifist while the majority of boys declared they were patriotic.

On the question of 'who won this year's *Big Brother*', the accepted answer was either Chantelle (spelled multiple ways) or Anthony. What conclusions can be drawn from the graph of the question (on the left) is that the girls watched *Big Brother* more than the boys (or are more



willing to admit it). The 2nd year girls, with 79% with a right answer, seem to be the most aware of the winner, followed by the 5th year girls with 77%. Strangely 2nd year boys were the least informed about *Big Brother*, (or again were unwilling to admit they knew the answer), at 38% with the right answer. Douglas Hyde was the first President of Ireland in 1938. 5th year was the most aware of this fact at 28% right, followed by 3rd year at 25%.

Over 90% of people who got the question of 'the first President of Ireland' wrong, gave the answer - 'Eamon DeValera'. He was not elected President until 1959, 21 years after Douglas Hyde.

At present there are 25 countries in Africa suffering war (civil or international). Only 23% of the students gave a correct answer to the question asking them to name three of those countries, and in the end anyone who could name three African countries was deemed 'correct'. There are 25 countries in the EU, not 'a lot' and 'a million' which were the most common answers given

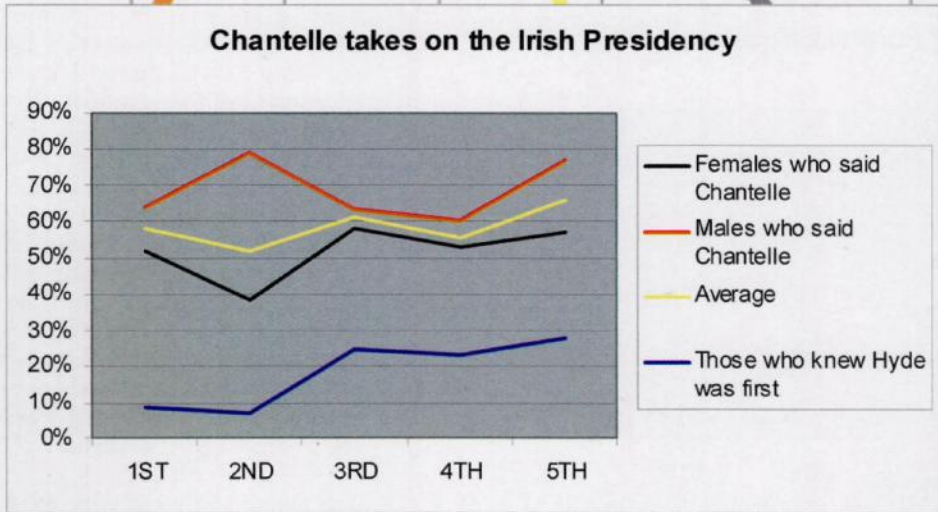
A FINAL NOTE

This survey was compiled, logged and analysed by Joëlle Grogan. However to do all this would have not been possible had it not been for the efforts of those who helped in the collection of the data. They deserve a special mention and thanks. They were Beth Kelly, Eoin Silke and Katie McCann with Debbie Newman and Katie Jane Barry.

Thanks are also due to all the teachers who let a bunch of 5th years barge into their respective classrooms to carry out the survey; also a very heartfelt thanks to Mr McNamara, who put up with all the haunting and the hounding over photocopying.

Joëlle Grogan
June 2006

THE HIGH SCHOOL INTERROGATION will be coming to you soon - in the form of recycled paper!





Above: Hughie Macken gives us his Michael Jackson impression, again!!

1G

Above: Jonny Brennan, aka Damien Rice, hanging with his groupies.



Back Row: Dhruv Kapoor, Jamie McAvinue, Ella O'Leary Watson, Emmet Dwyer, David Cosgrove, Chloe McHugh, Kira Mulhere, Sean Adye Curran. **Middle Row:** Katie O'Brien, Paul Deering, Ellen Carney, Mark Swords, Gary Beardsley, Michael Leith, Eva O'Byrne, Michael Sykes, Jennifer Byrne, Ms P Graham. **Front Row:** Jessica Patterson, Maeve Sweetnam, Caolan Boyce, Geoffrey Gamble, Luke Synnott, Kateline Men, Shauna Maguire.

1H



Back Row: Kate O'Marcaigh, Catriona Spoor, Stefanie Wynne, Megan Skelly, Bill Geoghegan, Colm Moran, Alan Weekes, Elena Reed-Schmied, Oliver Walsh. **Middle Row:** Joshua Kennedy, Alan Young, Patrick Foster, Lee Campbell, Daniel Clarke, Ryan Farrell, Megan Lynch, Emma O'Rourke, Amy Cripps, Faye Leitch. **Front Row:** Sean Warren, Shane Whooley, Sheila Brownlee, Lynn Murphy, Naoise Dolan, Aimee Bannister, Matthew Smyth.

1M



Back Row: Laura Forsythe, Eve Roseingrave, Jenny Keogh, Eleanor White, Cillian McCann, Padraig Harrison, Ronan Lowther, Maresa McElvaney, Daniel Meijer. **Middle Row:** Ryan Kirwan, Ferdia O'Brien, Cian O'Neill, Jessica Buttanshaw, Rachel Spray, Megan Rayner, Sarah-Jane McCrann, Christopher Downey, Jack Doyle, Sarah Quirke, Ms R Missen. **Front Row:** Sarah Keating, Olivia King, Jessica Sargeant, Cian MacDonagh, Ella Scanlan, Johnny Brennan, Ian Stevenson.

1R



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

1T



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

PRESENTING:

Pimp My Locker



With your host, the ONE
the ONLY... Fergal, it's
no canon!
And my, isn't he looking
simply dashing?



Today, we come to explore the foul depths of one "Camilla Hanney's" locker. Some say that she keeps a bear in there, but nobody seems to know for sure... it is now that we expose what horrific obscenities may lurk inside. Be brave.



A cry of
terror is
heard in
the
distance...
or rather,
a few feet
away.



Oh no! It's worse than
anyone could have
ever imagined! Poor
Camilla!
I don't think I can take
it any more... help us
Fergal!



But it looks like Fergal has more
magical fingers up his sleeve, it
seems the entire top locker has
been totally upgraded! And I'm
sure there's a wide screen T.V. in
there somewhere too...



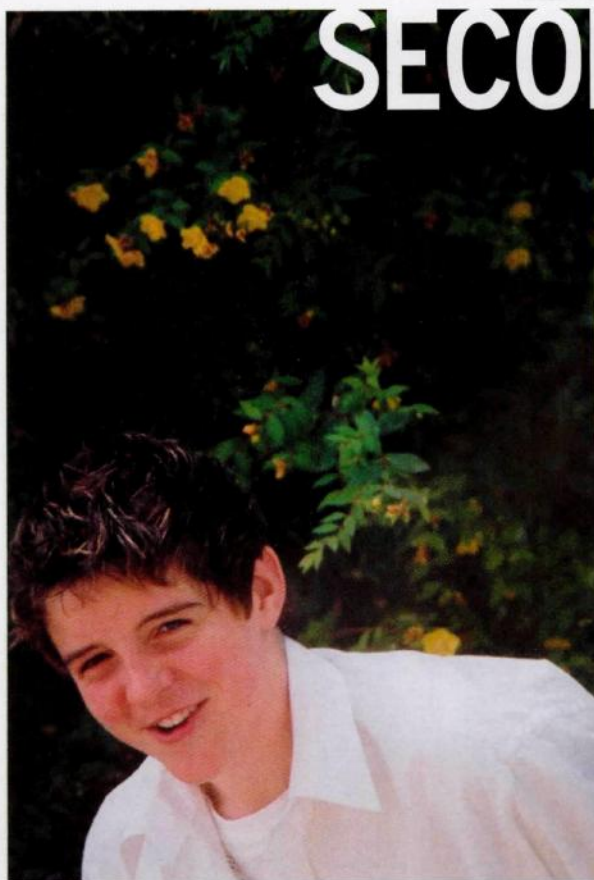
Fergal answers his call in the nick
of time! followed by his signature
pimp. And just look at it! It's
beautiful!



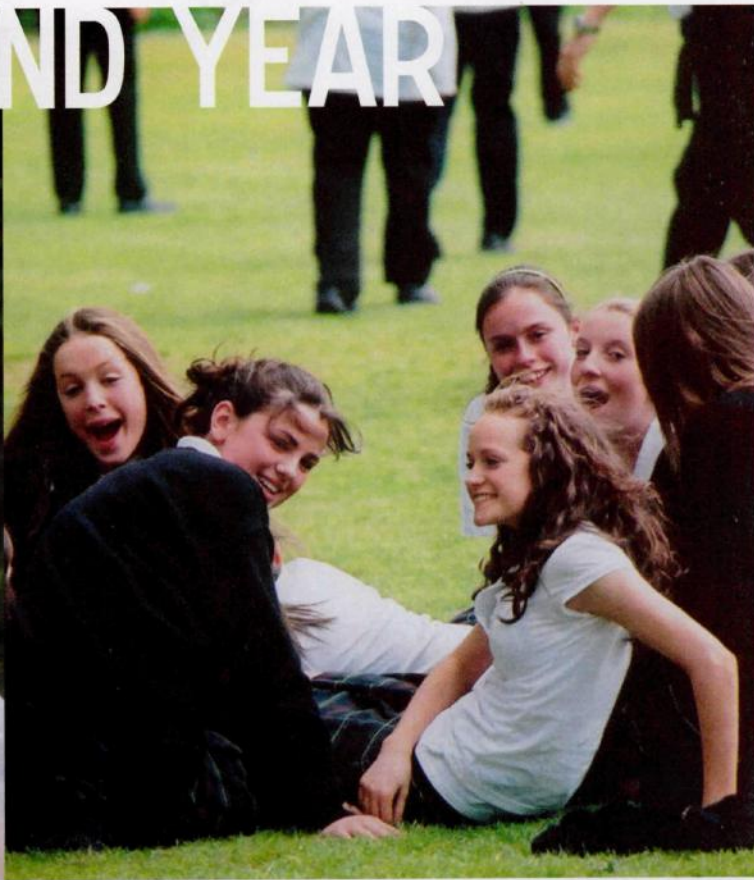
Wow, the
whole mess
has suddenly
vanished! And
hey, it comes
complete with
its own water
dispenser.
Talk about
pimpin'.

Aw, she must be so relieved now.
What have you got to say,
Camilla?
Thanks HSD, for pimpin my lockers!

SECOND YEAR



Above: Josh Tobin, at one with nature.



Above: Yes, they're just as hyper off-camera.

2C



Back Row: Michael Adye-Curran, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Richell McDonnell, Craig Hanan, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Brian Liston, Stephen Whelan, Cameron Ridyard. **Middle Row:** Mr P McCaughey, Luke Evans, Sathbh Soper Ni Chrafraidh, Josh Reichental, Keenan Lacey, Stephen Chapman, Rebecca Mills, Aoife Kearney, Luke Byrne. **Front Row:** Naomi Reid, Nicola Durrant, Neal Hickey, Ben Harding, Michael O'Shea, Martin Flower, Alex McLaughlin Callan.

2G



Back Row: Eoin Keenan, Scott Condon, James Hawe, Aaron Sturdy, Robert Savage, Vanya Eccles, Darragh Tate, Mark Evans.
Middle Row: Cian Twomey, Daire Hunt, Katie O'Connor, Andrew Gilbert, Tess McCann, Katie Hyland, Joshua Purcell, Eva Nugent, Stephanie Lodola, Mr R Giles, Louis Gregg. **Front Row:** Niamh McDonagh, Nicola Spendlove, Sam Williamson, Daniel Connell, Ian Duggan, Marie-Claire Foley, Alex Dakin, Freya Breen, Lorcan Murphy.

2T



Back Row: Aisling Kiernan, Gavin Mullan, Nicholas Jones, Dylan Farrell, Liam MacNamara, Mark Coffey, Tom Roseingrave, Simon Smith.
Middle Row: Aoife Ryan, Stuart Gray, Rebecca Conalty, Suzanne O'Connor, Owen Carroll, Matthew Ware, Nicole Campbell, Lisa Meehan, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Archie Heaslip. **Front Row:** Robbie McGuinness, Michael McNulty, Mohammad Kabadaya, Guy Prendergast, David Kernan, Sarah-Kate McConnell, Aoife Loftus, Sarah Burns, Daniel Cooke.

2W



Back Row: Josh Tobin, James Beahan, Miles Reilly, Mark Weston, Patrick King, Emmet McBride, Cal Howick. **Middle Row:** Kevin Browne, Laura Martin, Sarah McCoy, Diarmuid Kennedy, Stephanie Moore, James Harding, Graham Flaherty, Alan Ball, Sebastian Adams. **Front Row:** Stephen Dowling, Clive Drakeford, Kit Connolly, Etan Kinsella-McLennan, Adam Ryan, Bill O'Cleirigh, Sorcha Crilly.

2WK



Back Row: James Liddicoat, Daniel Corbin, Stephen James, Oscar Bowling, Mark Horgan, Milo Mays, Daragh Herlihy, Susan McRann, Sarah Cunningham. **Middle Row:** Andrea Murray-Byrne, Zara McElvaney, Lara Madden, Simon Ludden, Ellen Walsh, Mark Rogan, Georgie Twamley, Camilla Hanney, Andrew Donovan, Ruairi Nugent. **Front Row:** Sarah Brennan, Megan Earls, Iain Irvine, Lorcan Ahern, Lee Murray, Simon Wright, Brian Speller, Christopher Wyse, Danyal Fox.

SIMON FUN RUN 2005

The Simon Community Fun Run to raise funds for the homeless in Dublin was a great success this year. 57 pupils volunteered to run or walk and we raised €3,967.45, which more than doubled what we had collected the previous year. The pupils not only gave up their Sunday afternoon, but a lot of hard work was put in arranging sponsors and collecting money. They can be very pleased with their achievement in raising so much money. A big thank you goes to all the pupils, teachers, office staff and parents who were so generous and supportive. The day itself was great fun and our "High School Team" all enjoyed themselves. We will be entering again next year and we will be looking for new recruits to join our team!

L McClure

Above right: Shane Herlihy, Jamie Ryan, Stephanie Lodola and Pauline Carney presenting the cheque to Sinead Ni Mhaille.



BT Young Scientist EXHIBITION 2006

My project was 'High Frequency Hearing Loss and Age' and was entered in the Junior Individual Biological and Ecological Sciences category. I came up with the idea because I had noticed that my brother and I were able to hear noises emitted by ultrasonic pest deterrents (such as those used in gardens for scaring off cats and mice) while many adults could not. This set me wondering about when and how fast our hearing deteriorates in this higher range, which was what my project set out to answer. I split people into different age groups and tested their hearing with three high-pitched sounds of different frequencies. I used an ultrasonic pest deterrent to produce these frequencies.

Amy Hughes, Christine Rorke and Nicola Burns from TY also entered the Exhibition with their impressively titled project 'Susceptibility of Organic Fruit to Infection by Botrytis Cinerea.' This was also in the Biological and Ecological Sciences, at the Intermediate level.

I really enjoyed doing my project from start to finish, although there was definitely a lot of work involved! I learned a lot of interesting things (for example, 11-15 year olds have the best high frequency hearing!

'Go Us' and our great ears!) and it was a great experience for helping with general organizational and presentation skills.

I had lots of fun, not least assaulting the ears of my obliging volunteers (which unfortunately entailed assaulting my own ears a thousand times over). The Exhibition itself was amazing! There were loads of shows, one of the best of which was Titan, the eight foot tall robot. It was really funny, very cool and only mildly terrifying! Looking at the other projects was another highlight. They were all of such a high standard and about all sorts of things, from hurley sticks through computer programming, and the environment to cosmetics. Add to this the fact that you get a week off school, discos and other activities in the evenings and, if you're very lucky, prize money, and it's no wonder the exhibition is getting more and more popular every year!

When I was awarded 2nd place in my category I was absolutely astonished. My hands were shaking for ages afterwards! I hadn't thought for a second that I would actually win anything, but the surprise made it all the better!

I'd definitely love to take



Above: Ian Duggan wrestles with a large crab, all in the name of science!

part in the 'BT Young Scientist Exhibition' again. I'd better start thinking of another idea! To anyone else who is considering entering, I would give the following advice:

- Do enter! It's great!
- Think about how your findings could be used and why you chose your particular project.

I would really like to say on behalf of all the High School students at the '2006 BT Young Scientist Exhibition' a big thank you to Dr. Whitford, for her support, encouragement and helpful advice. I would also like to thank Mr. Kelly and last but not least, my generous volunteers (staff and students) who lent me their ears.

Sadhbh Soper Ní Chafraidh



Above: Conor Craig who won first place in the Irish Bouldering League.

3D

Above: Lucy Bennett, Hannah Phelan, Emma Satchwell and Aoife Daly.



Back Row: Josephine Geoghegan, Joe Comerford, Gillian Carr, Mattias Slattery, Ian Levine, Adam Elliott, Colin Ledwith, Samuel Browne, Mark Savage. **Middle Row:** Ms L Watson, Phoebe Laing, Laura Garland, James Barber, Damiano Fusciardi, Jane O'Donohoe, Stephen Carter, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Kevin Smyth, Leah Quirke. **Front Row:** Debbie Blair, Ayesha Carrim, Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Ronan Hennessy, Ryan Morgan, Niall Smith, John Willoughby, Joan Sommers Donnelly, Jessica Gamble.

3G



Back Row: Niall Noonan, Rebecca Wright, Iain Lane, Conor McGinley, Alan Day, Miles Campbell, Ross Finn. **Middle Row:** Alicia Smyth, Matthew Rourke, Grant Murphy, Tierna Brazil, James Ryan, Emma Connell, Saoirse Hogan, Abigail Shanley-Thian. **Front Row:** Denis O'Connor, Conor Craig, Emma Satchwell, Aoife Daly, Shona O Toole, Fiona Flaherty, Peter Hunt.

3H



Back Row: Graham Mills, Sam Moore, James O'Connor, Gareth Fallon, David Kavanagh, Colin O'Connell, Alex Conroy, Jake Jackson, Linda Silke. **Middle Row:** Rachel Regan, Olivia McEvansoneya, Hilary Cole Pidgeon, Eva Richardson McCrea, Thomas Burke, Paul O'Kelly, Saurin Kenny, Rory Simms, Clare Cryan, Therese Anglim, Shay Arias-Paz. **Front Row:** Hannah Carabine, Zoe O'Regan, Amy Jones, Rhiannon Ryan, Ruth Blackwell, Emily Kinlan, Rachael Bishop.

30H



Back Row: Kieron Men, Grainne O'Brien, Jack O'Kennedy, Conor O'Donnell, Ciaran Collins, Shane Grehan, Declan Fergus, Graham Young. **Middle Row:** Olwen Smith, Sam Kavanagh, Sarah Cox, Joshua Burdon, Robert Browne, Sean Keating, Jonathan Walker. **Front Row:** Grace Collins, Caitriona Grimes, Sinead Smith, Sorcha Williams, Amber Baruch, Michael Metoudi, Ishbel McGuckin.

3P



Back Row: Michael Gray, Bentley Allison, Alexander Mulcahy, Daragh Monaghan, Robbie O'Brien, Charlotte Leonard-Kane, Ben Boles. **Middle Row:** Justin Zehnder, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Helen Speller, Thomas Emo, Shane Webb, Keith Gray, Conor Frizzelle, Lydia Cosgrove. **Front Row:** Steven Shaw, Karen Lew, Jonathan Kinlan, Hanna Phean, Hannah Leavy, Jack Kelly, Lucy Bennett.

Yes, those third years sure are a trendy bunch. From top to toe (or skinny hair band to flattie shoes), they know what's cool. So, we decided to catch up with them and hand out some awards!

Third Year Trends

Girls

First we go to the girls. The first thing you notice is probably the uniform, and these girls are smart enough to make some changes without breaking the rules.

shoes

Out with the killer heels! Make the shoes extra flat and extra comfy.



Just click your heels three times and say 'there's no place like home!' Flat black shoes are in!

bags

With all that studying for the big exam in June, the girls need something to carry those books and exam papers in. They won't settle for an ordinary bag though – they look to the surfers for inspiration. Yes, surfer bags are all the rage, as are flowers and bright colours.



Surf bags are so hot right now dude.



Badges on, cuffs up!



Just quiff it!!

hair

Super straight hair is fine, but if you really want to be like these third years, waves are the way to go. Wet surfer waves are all in, so see the eight winners of Best Girls' Hair for how to get it right! Alternatively, try on a skinny hair band.



Shona O'Toole's hair is the WAVE to go.

Accessories

This is where it gets fun. Every girl seems to have an iPod mini or nano, so music is never far away. They all need to keep in touch, so the flippy camera phone is a must-have.

Put it all together, and you have a third year girl! We had a look around for the best example, and it turned out to be... (drum roll)... Catriona Grimes! She wins the award for Most Fashionable Third Year!

jumpers and shirts

Push up the sleeves, and roll the shirt cuffs around. See Joan Summers-Donnelly for best demonstration of this uniform adaptation.

Love the little hairband Richelle!



Aoife give us a heads up that hair-bands are in this Summer.



Kathy Kiernan all dolled up.



Above: Makin' waves! Karen Lew, Katie Murtagh, Shona O'Toole, Alison Walker, Hannah Phelan, Jane O'Donohoe.



Girl with a pearl earring, Camilla Hanney!



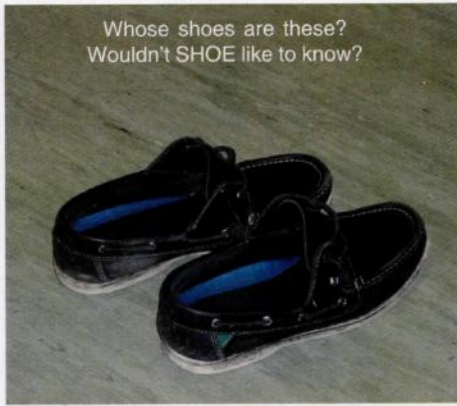
Bling Bling is all in!



Charity band aid.



Band Aid!



Whose shoes are these?
Wouldn't SHOE like to know?



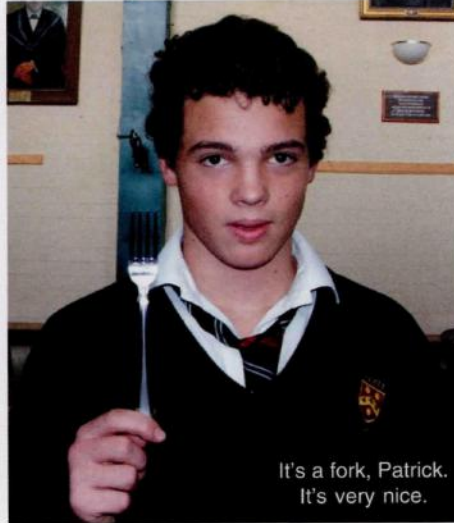
Third years like that flicked-up hair thing!

BMFA

At first we were sadly disappointed in the third year boys – they were very uncooperative. They did brighten up in the end though, and showed themselves to be just as trendy as the girls.

hair

These boys really do care about the hair. Some of them wear it long and floppy (going for the 'unkempt' look), but others can't get enough of the gel. That little flick up at the front seems to be pretty fashionable.



It's a fork, Patrick.
It's very nice.

accessories

As with the girls, the iPod is the way to go. The boys prefer the standard version as opposed to the nano (maybe they think it's more manly!), and they carry movies as well as music. They too have their flip phones (maybe for talking to those girls...). We have an award to hand out here – the Coolest iPod goes to Jack O'Kennedy for his U2 iPod (as modeled by, who else, Catriona Grimes!).



Pearly whites.



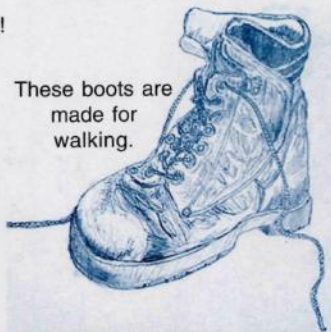
I guess it's all
the rage not to
be seen.



Talk about heels!



Above:
Ah,
the iPod...
as modeled
by Catriona
Grimes.



These boots are
made for
walking.



Surfer style
necklace.



Bands are back!



Right: The
natural wooden
necklace.

Sundown

JUNIOR DRAMA

Congratulations to all who were involved in the Junior Drama production of "Sundown" written and produced by Lesley Lalor. The performances and songs by the actors were wonderful and the backstage team worked very hard to produce an entertaining evening, which was enjoyed by all. Well done on all your hard work!



Above right: Take her away!
This junior drama production looks thrilling!

Above left: Maeve Sweetnam and Megan Skelly looking like princesses.

Left: A prince and a general -
Graham Flaherty and Simon Smith.

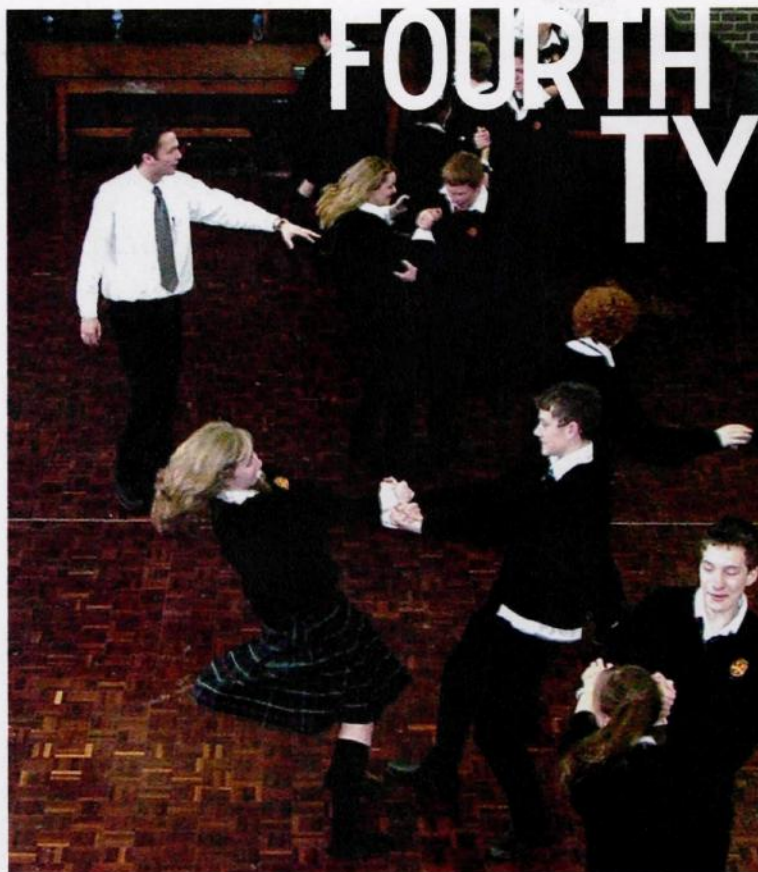
Below: The royal Julie Farrell,
Sadhbh O'Brien and Maeve Sweetnam looking down at us!



Below: a detail of some of the Third Year's colourful Home Economics projects.



FOURTH YEAR TY



Above: 'You spin me right round!'



Above: 'Luke-ing for this'.

4G



Back Row: Romano Fusciardi, Arron Ward, Conall Walsh, Conor James, Gareth Austen, Darragh Keller, Aisling Barry.
Middle Row: Jamie Comerford, Judy Kelleher, Carl McHugh, Alexander Lawson, Ciara Butler, Jade Breen, Caoimhe McDonnell, Ruth Murphy.
Front Row: Norah Mooney, David Mulholland, Emma Tallon, Karina McConnell, Stephane Hanley, Rebecca Burke, Andrew Stevenson.

4HE



4L



4S



Back Row: Mark Collins, Stan Harding, Annalise Murphy, Darragh Byrne, Jack Madden, Claire Guy, Robert Callaghan, Olwen Reina.
Middle Row: Hannah Messallati, David Whyte, Daniel Tuomey, Genevieve Deeley, Sarah McDermott, Niamh Mitchell, Saoirse Hickey, Dermott Jewell, Katie Anglim, Alain Lui.
Front Row: Ian Singleton, Pauline Carney, Laura Cooley, Joann O'Meara, Hannah Bishop, Christena Wiler, Graham Field, Andrew Gray, Barry Moran.

4W



Back Row: Christine Rorke, Fiona Collins, Desmond Cox, Daniel James, Jack Hickey, Mark Cabena, Gavin Sadlier, Sarah May Clarke.
Middle Row: Euan Mackay, Adam Drakeford, Gordon Lai, Anita Murphy, Evanna Mills, Kim Evans, Miriam Kerr, Sophie Higgs, Graeme O'Meara.
Front Row: Alexandra Taylor, Alison Walsh, Colin Sheridan, Richard Harrison, Triona Connell, Tanya Allison, Amber Brownless.

TRANSITION YEAR MEMORIES

4S TRIPS

Amber Brownless: The fact that we switched teachers every six weeks, it meant we got to experience the different teachers.

Hannah Lunn: It's not as tense. The Rock/Pop show was brilliant, though! And the amazing trip to Co. Down!

Romano Fusciardi: The new opportunities and options made available to us, with such comfort and a sense of freedom. It's like a reward for all of the work you do in 3rd year.

Adam Higgs: The great parties that went on, from Mark Collins to 'Sweet 16'.

Laura Cooley: What I liked most? All of it, we had so many laughs and parties. Oh, and the east coast adventure trip.

Evanna Mills: I loved my new class (4W) and all the great times we had together, e.g. making a volcano with Nick and Euan and our regular walks to French Class, when I forced Jack to talk to me!

Alex Lawson: One day at rugby training, Andy Stevenson was running backwards and flipped over a chair, which was on the pitch for no reason whatsoever!

David Whyte: Went to Kerry for the presidents award, climbed Carauntóhil and played the highest game of 'Go' (an ancient Japanese board game) in Ireland.

This year our English class went on lots of trips to many different places. Our first trip of the year was to the Screen cinema, D'Olier Street, to see 'Pride and Prejudice'. It was a remake of the older film, based on the epic tale by Jane Austen. Everyone really enjoyed the movie and a few weeks later we went to another film, Harry Potter, this time in Dundrum. It was a cold Tuesday afternoon in November, and the trip to the cinema was very enjoyable. The film was magical, although it didn't really compare to the books, but it still had many spectacular scenes and was fun to watch.

Our next trip was to Mountjoy Prison, both the men's and the women's sections. The women's center is called the Dóchas (Irish for hope) Centre. The contrast between the two was amazing. The women's prison is so modern, with various classrooms for subjects such as E.C.D.L., home economics, and courses for people completing the Leaving or Junior Cert. The men's prison, alternatively, is 150 years old, draughty, dirty and bleak, and we were warned not to touch anything in case we got pricked by a hidden syringe. It was a really thought-provoking trip, because we got a chance to see what happens to people once they are sentenced to prison, and what the conditions and environment they have to live in are like.

**Pauline Carney
and Clare Guy**

TY AWARDS

Gaisce-President's Award Bronze

Conor Barry
Aisling Burke
Nicola Cantan
Iain Cobban
Barbara Daly
Jessie Elliott
Denise Fagan
Claire Fergus
Elizabeth Glynn
Melissa Hannev
Sam Horgan
Graham Johnson
Beth Kelly
Katherine Kiernan
Nigel Kinlan
Max Lane
Janine Levine
Andrew Lohan
Alison May
Katie McCann
Suzanne McCoy
Mark McNulty
Gemma McRann
Karen Meade
Tom Meredith
Cara Mulcahy
Jenny Murphy
Laura Nelson
Evan O'Callaghan
Patrick O'Connor
Fergal O'Connor
Alan O'Keefe

Tamryn Reinecke
Killian Rogan
Caitriona Ryan
Eoin Silke
Andrew Stevenson
Rowan Stokes
Elizabeth Surgeon
Lauren Turner
Jamie Wright
Catherine
Alexander (F5)
Paul Jones (F5)

**Canoeing Awards
Level 2 Kayak
Proficiency Award**
Beth Kelly
Mark McNulty
Faye Simms
Niamh Sleator
Elizabeth Surgeon

**Young
Entrepreneurs
Scheme**
Alex Carey
Jennifer Flanagan
Stella Hawe
Lana Loane
Toby Lyons
Cara Mulcahy
Flynn Benaksas

Niamh Holohan
Kim McNair
Eneko O'Carroll
Fergal O'Connor
Sean O'Donohoe
Eoin O'Leary
Darren Edmondson
Shane Herlihy
Julie Kavanagh
Conor Barry
Kyle Gleeson
Nigel Kinlan
Luke Mulligan
Faye Simms
Andrew Stevenson
Susan Brusey
Suzanne Tallon

**Judo
White Belt Awards**
Nicola Cantan
Robyn Fitzpatrick
Beth Kelly
Nigel Kinlan
Cian Kinsella McLennan
Eneko O'Carroll
Sean O'Donohoe
Roger Persechini
Laura Price
Killian Rogan
Nicholas Stevenson

Yellow Belt Awards

Katie Jane Barry
Sam Bennett
Andrew Caulfield
Fionn Fitzmaurice
Jennifer Flanagan
Shane Gould
Graham Johnson
John Kilbey
Ciaran Maginn
Suzanne McCoy
Mark McNulty
Karen Meade
Evan O'Callaghan
Larry O'Connell
Patrick O'Connor
Max Prendergast
Jamie Wright

Bursaries

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

Last December, our English class went to the RDS ice-skating rink. With a few experienced skaters, and the rest amateurs we walked in, with high hopes of what the day would bring. The first challenge we encountered was the actual skates themselves. After a period of trial and error, we all managed to stand correctly in them. After being dispersed onto the skating rink, many had an interesting time fighting to stay standing. I was quite surprised by the standard of skating of some members of the class – some of the most unexpected people were capable of almost professional tricks. All in all, it was a memorable experience.

This February, a trip to the Dublin Fire Brigade Training Centre was planned for our English class. We left school in the minibuses and headed for the Malahide Road. On arrival, we were guided into a large conference room where we were given a talk on fire safety in Ireland. Our guide briefly explained the work firemen do. We then were showed into one of the training bases where fires are simulated. The chief fireman showed us the equipment used and we also saw a practice fire. We learned a lot about safety in the home and the dangers firemen have to face.

Clare Guy

ADVENTURE TRIP

On the 22nd February, 29 students and three teachers set off for the East Coast Adventure Centre in Co. Down. On our arrival, we were given a brief talk on the rules of the centre and then had our lunch. After lunch we got kitted up for wet bouldering. Unfortunately, the teachers could not join us on this activity. The cold did not dampen our spirits and some brave people even went cliff-jumping. We returned to the centre, freezing cold, for dinner and then prepared ourselves for the night walk. We walked through Devil's Alley where we were told a ghost story. The guys took advantage of this and scared the girls the whole way back!

The next morning we had breakfast and set off for our day trip in the Mourne Mountains. Despite the weather everybody was up for the activities, including rockclimbing, caving and abseiling, but because of the bad weather many were unable to do so. Others made a make-shift tent and kept their spirits high by having a sing-along. We



Above: Northern Adventure Group.

returned home and enjoyed a night in by the fire watching DVDs, including an old favourite of Mr Flynn's "Bring It On" (sorry Mr Flynn, the truth has to be told!)

Our last day we went orienteering, although many of us couldn't orienteer we still had a brilliant time. Oh, and well done to "Team Rejects"! On behalf of the whole group we would like to thank Mr. Irwin, Ms. Levis and Mr. Flynn for bringing us (And sorry for keeping you up all night!)

**Laura Cooley
Sian Cooley
Katie Anglim**

BALKAN TRIP

Below: The group in Croatia.



On 11 April some very excited 4th years gathered at Dublin Airport waiting to board the plane to Croatia.

On our first day we went to the beautiful city of Dubrovnik and had a tour of the old town and some time to explore the city. Our second day was an early start with a long bus journey to Bosnia and Herzegovina. We had a guided tour of Mostar and a visit to Medugorje. Our third day was a trip to Montenegro, with a stop in Kotor before heading up the mountain for lunch in the small village of Cekanje. Our next stop was Cetinje where we visited a small museum. Our last stop in Montenegro was Budva. We were very lucky with the weather and some of us had a refreshing dip in the Adriatic Sea before heading to the bus. Our last day was spent shopping in Dubrovnik before heading to the airport to catch our flight home.

On behalf of the group we would like to thank Mr Wright, Mr McBride, Mr Griffin, Ms Levis and Ms Jones for taking time out of their Easter holidays to bring us. We all had an amazing time! Thank you!!

Laura and Sian Cooley

CARRAUNTOOHIL

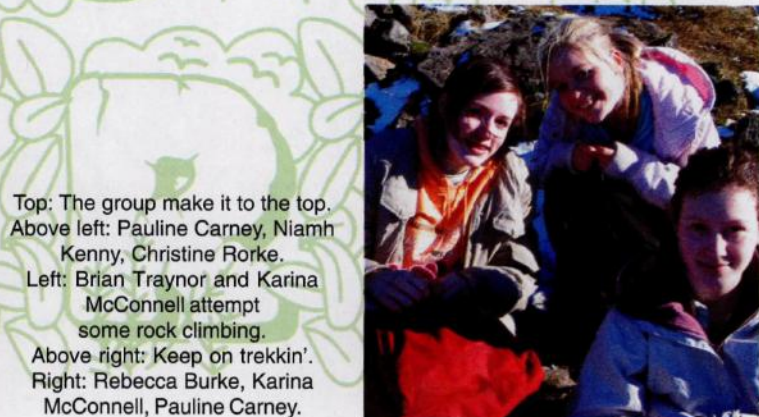
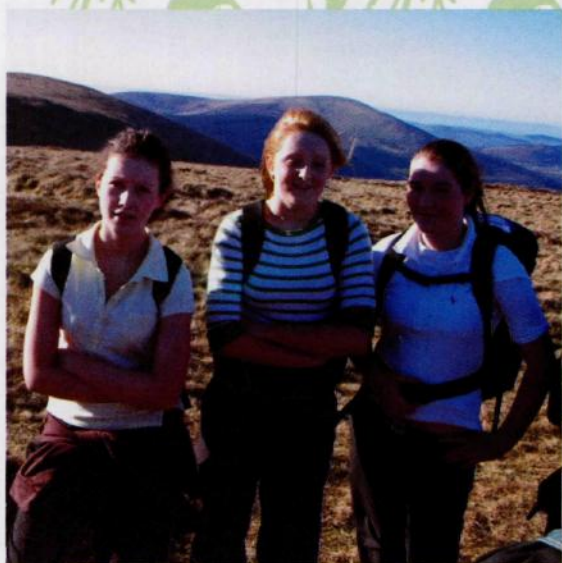
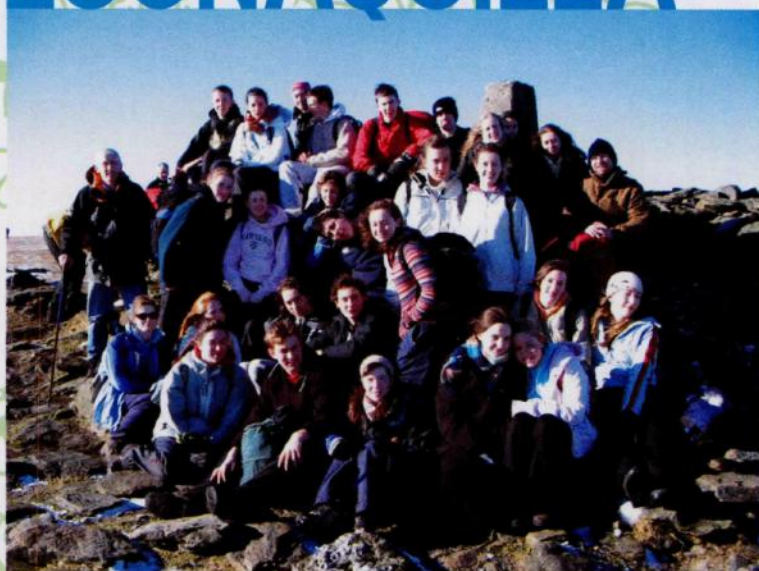
LUGNAQUILLA

As part of the **President's Award** a group of 4th Year students went on a trip to Kerry to climb Carrauntoohil. We left the hotel car park at 9:00 am and drove to the bottom of the mountain, where we commenced our climb. We walked up through Hag's Glen, walking south towards Macgillycuddy's Reeks. We climbed for a number of hours, stopping for lunch at the top of the Devil's Ladder, and reached the top at 1:30 pm. As there was little cloud cover and no rain, the view was spectacular.

After relaxing at the top for a while we split into two groups; one group went back by Been Karagh, the other group went back down the Devil's Ladder. We all met back at a river near the base of the mountain and walked as an entire group back to the buses.

All in all it was a very enjoyable and rewarding experience. Thanks a million to all the teachers involved: Mr Swan, Ms Toolan, Mr Cryan and Ms Jones.

Daragh Byrne and Evanna Mills



Top: The group make it to the top.
Above left: Pauline Carney, Niamh Kenny, Christine Rorke.
Left: Brian Traynor and Karina McConnell attempt some rock climbing.
Above right: Keep on trekkin'.
Right: Rebecca Burke, Karina McConnell, Pauline Carney.

THE ALISON SCHULZ INTERVIEW

WITH KATIE MCCANN

KM: Why did you decide to come to Ireland for four months?

AS: Well, I have always wanted to live in another country for a time as I feel it is a good experience. I chose Ireland as my mother is Irish.

KM: What did you think of Dublin in general?

AS: The bus system is awful! However, there is beautiful architecture in the city. I also love how there is music being played on Grafton Street, this is not allowed in Munich.

KM: What do you think are the major differences for teenagers in Munich compared to teenagers in Dublin?

AS: In Germany you are generally 21 when you finish secondary school. People get held back for failing exams so you could end up being 16 in a class with several 19 year olds. Therefore teenagers in Munich tend to hang around with a wider age group than in Dublin. Also, a big difference is that in Germany you can smoke and drink when you are 16.

KM: Did you find Dublin more expensive than Germany?

AS: No, not really.

KM: Are the fashions of teenagers over here different to fashions in Germany?

AS: A little bit. Tight jeans are popular over here at the moment and are not in Germany. I think the way people dress in Dublin is more interesting.



Alison Schulz pictured alongside her great grandfather, WB Yeats, a past pupil of HSD.

KM: What did you think of High School?

AS: An interesting place! What I liked most was the teacher-student relationship.

KM: What praises and complaints have you about High School?

AS: I think that all of the charity events that take place are wonderful. My complaint would be that the school day is too long! We finish school at one o'clock in Germany!

KM: What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of having a uniform?

AS: Well, in Germany we don't wear uniforms, and I love the fact that you are free to express yourself. However an advantage would be that you don't have to think about what you are going to wear in the mornings!

KM: After your experience of living in Ireland would you consider living here in the future?

AS: I am thinking of studying in Trinity. I don't think I would permanently like to live here though as I would miss the German summers.

KM: So, overall do you think your trip to Ireland was a positive or negative experience?

AS: Positive of course! I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Ireland at High School!

K. McCann, April 2006

The German-Irish Slang Dictionary *Compiled by Schulz and McCann*

Krass – exclamation of surprise

Geil – cool

End – when put in front of an adjective means really, eg. endgross (really big)

Spast – stupid person

Was geht'n ab – exclamation of surprise meaning 'What's happening?'

Keine ahnung – this expression is said everywhere, just as we would say 'like' and 'kind of' all the time. It means 'no idea!'

Servus – Bavarian expression meaning 'hey!' or 'hi!'

VOICE OUR CONCERN

'Voice Our Concern' is a new human rights education initiative from Amnesty International Irish Section.

The initiative brings together Irish artists and Transition Year students in the production of creative resources exploring human rights and brings these resources to a wider audience along with background material on human rights.

This year's project teamed filmmakers and photographers with Transition Year students across the country. The artists involved were John Boorman, Paddy Breathnach, David Farrell, Terry George, Alan Gilsenan, Julie LeBrocq, Hugh McElveen and Frank Miller.

This year 4HE's English class were given the opportunity to make a short film as part of the Voice Our Concern project. We were one of ten Transition Year groups chosen throughout the country. We were told we would be working with Julie LeBrocq who produced the powerful film 'Osama'. We first set about learning more about human rights and human rights abuses that occur in Ireland that we felt were important and could make a film about.



When Julie came out to meet us she helped us to make decisions on what type of film we would like to make and also made us realise the practicalities involved in transforming an idea into a film. We did a lot

of group work around how to approach each suggested topic through film. At the end of that day we were split between making a film on an asylum seeker's experiences in Ireland or the experience of the homeless in Ireland. Both groups set about researching each topic and we decided that we would like to work on the experiences of an asylum seeker.

We organised for a speaker, Mercy Peters, to come out to us from the organisation ARASI. Mercy is a journalist from Sierra Leone who has been living in Ireland for a number of years. She talked to us about how difficult and confusing the asylum seeking process can be for a non-English speaking person who has often fled their country in distress, she shared some of her personal experiences with us and most importantly presented a positive view of asylum seekers' lives in Ireland.

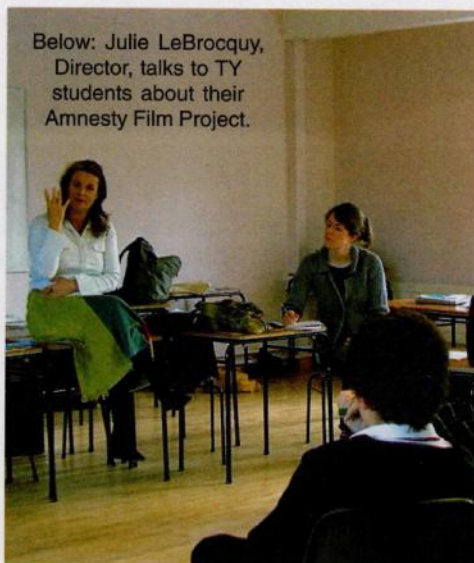
Mercy kindly agreed to be the subject of our film so we went about writing and planning an interview based documentary. At the last minute Mercy realised she was unable to make it on the day of filming but organised someone else to come out to us. So during the Easter holidays four of us met up with Ms Misen the day before we were



due to film to rewrite our interview of Armel Nwtari a 19 year old Leaving Certificate student from Burundi, Africa. As we knew very little about him this was a difficult task but we managed to cover all the relevant topics in the questions that we came up with. The next day a larger group 4HE students gathered at High School looking forward to our first meeting with Armel. Brian Fitzpatrick did some practice shots of our interviewers, Niamh Kenny and David Meade while other members of the class went to take photographs that we could use in our film. As this would be our first time meeting Armel we were slightly worried about whether he would be a suitable subject for our film. Luckily when he arrived we found him to be a highly articulate and handsome young man. He told us about his childhood in Burundi, his reasons for fleeing, the asylum process and how he is enjoying his life in Ireland. Now that we had this interesting footage we had the basis for our film and we started to formulate a plan regarding the central message of the film. We decided that we should show the positive side to integration after seeing how well Armel has adapted to life in Ireland.

Over the next few weeks we worked on finding images to combine with our interview footage. Brian then worked on these images with Photoshop. In the final stages of production we finalized all our ideas and chose music to accompany the documentary. The movie was professionally edited by a member of Amnesty and various groups of students assisted with the editing process.

We were all so excited to see the final product. The premiere took place on the 17th May in the IFI in Temple Bar where we also got to view films and photography projects made by schools all over Ireland. After the premiere the whole class went out for lunch to celebrate the success of our film. We enjoyed the experience immensely and learned a lot from it. We wish the very best to Armel who is still waiting to hear the results of his appeal.



Below: Julie LeBrocq, Director, talks to TY students about their Amnesty Film Project.

The films will also be shown at the Cork Film Festival in September and will be available to all schools as a human rights education resource as well as being available on The Amnesty International website. On behalf of everyone involved we would like to say a big thank you to Ms Misen for all her help and encouragement.

**Siobhan Margolis,
Sinead Nolan,
Sarah Corbin
and Anna Earls.**

FAIRTRADE FAIR

Congratulations to all involved in the Fairtrade Fair on Saturday and thanks to all who came to buy goods, to enjoy coffee and delicious home made cakes and biscuits (even truffles!) The Fair was again a tremendous success, with a turnover of more than €5,200! But, what is Fairtrade?

International trade may seem a remote issue, but when commodity prices fall dramatically it has a catastrophic impact on the lives of millions of small scale producers, forcing many into crippling debt and countless others to lose their land and their homes. Too many farmers in the developing world have to contend with fluctuating prices that may not even cover what it costs to produce their crop, because of the stranglehold on international trade held by huge global companies. The Fairtrade organisation aims to provide a more level playing field by providing a consistent market, paying fair prices and reinvesting in developing local communities.

Producers registered with Fairtrade Labelling Organisation receive a minimum price that covers the cost of production and an extra premium that is invested in the local community.

The good news is that sales across the 18 countries that license the FAIRTRADE Mark are growing at around 20% every year. In the majority of these countries, Fairtrade products are now mainstream products available in major supermarkets and independent shops and are beginning to gain substantial market shares.

In Ireland, YOU are part of the success story. All of the coffee used in The High School is now Fairtrade and we have a constant supply of Fairtrade snacks in the machine in the dining room which YOU are buying!! So, well done!!!



Above "Does this come in blue?"
"Er, that's a wine glass, Miss".



Above: Do you have change for a fifty?



Above: It's a busy, busy day!

Below: Feel free to admire our wild assortment of seasonal greeting cards, the more we smile, the guiltier you'll feel!



Above: Ross Hanan, Adam Drakeford, and Stephane Hanly selling fairly traded goods.

Remember - only products labelled with the Fairtrade mark are really Fairtrade approved.

Read more about it at:
www.fairtrade.ie
www.tradejustice.ie
www.makepovertyhistory.ie



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We went around to all the classes explaining what the project is about and what they could do to help. This mainly was to fill shoe boxes with small presents for under-privileged children in foreign countries. We were delighted to receive 150 boxes and a selection of students dropped these to the main Christmas Child depot in Sandyford. They were shown how to check the boxes and in any fillers if necessary. Thanks to to all those who participated!

Ruth Senior, Sian Cooley, Evanna Mills, Amber Brownless, Sarah-May Clarke



Below: Operation Christmas Child, Mr T Neiland, Sian Cooley, Evanna Mills and Ruth Senior.

THE Film Club

2006 saw the birth of a new after school activity: film watching.

"What's so special about that?" you say, "I can do that whenever I want."

Well, that's true, but film club is something different; a chance to watch the films which brought about a change in the industry or introduced fresh new ideas and then discuss them with like-minded people afterwards. It's a chance to watch those "classics" which you have never seen but have always wanted to.

Throughout the year the films shown have come from a wide range of genres; drama and romance in the form of "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Breakfast at Tiffany's", thrillers from Alfred Hitchcock's repertoire including "Psycho" and "Vertigo", even comedy from the Marx brothers' "Duck Soup", among many others.

The year was not entirely about film watching either. Lenny Abrahamson, former High School pupil and highly praised director of the film "Adam and Paul" came to talk to the film club about his career and life in the film industry. He described his experiences while working on "Adam and Paul"; working with the actors, the crew and the production companies, and the problems he and his crew encountered along the way. He also discussed his earlier career path in philosophy, and how he must be the only person to have travelled back to Ireland from California to pursue a career in film!

Special mention must also go to the week in which the film club was sponsored by Amnesty International, where the film was a recent release called "Lord of War" starring Nicholas Cage. The film was an eye-opening insight into the global arms trade.

Thanks to Ms Missen for setting up and presenting the Film Club each week! Thanks also to Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for presenting the Amnesty-sponsored film. Apologies to John for causing any inconvenience throughout the year!

Andrew Howell

POETRY

Joe the Hobo

Joe always sits,
on the same bench.
While people frown,
at his hobo stench.
But he'll never moan
and he'll never cry,
Because this hobo,
has apple pie.

Quink

Quink, quink, the bottled quill ink,
in purple yellow and even in pink.
You use it to put in a quill,
when words flow from a think,
Quink, quink, the wonderful ink.

George Bush

(10/01/2004)

You threw a bomb
at an innocent city.
Then you denied it,
and just said "what a pity".

You shot some children,
and only for fun.
You thought they were a threat,
so they sampled your gun.

Who will be next,
Japan, France or Bahrain?
To you they're all a threat,
so they might join your game.

Junior Science Olympiad Medals

The Junior Science Olympiad is an international science competition. Students are selected for the Irish finals on the basis of their Junior Cert. Science results. The top 100 students in the country were invited to enter the Irish Finals. The High School was qualified to enter six finalists, the highest number of finalists from any one school. The finals were held at DCU on 5 November and consisted of three hours of tests on Science and Math (and even included sudoku puzzles!). The top nine finalists were awarded medals and two of these went to High School pupils, a silver medal and a bronze. Our silver medallist will now go on, with five students from other schools, to represent Ireland at the International Competition to be held in Indonesia. Our bronze medallist will be on the reserve panel. Congratulations to all.

Left: Back Row: Aisling Barry, Rowan Lacey, Evanna Mills
Front Row: Hannah Mesallati, David Whyte, Alison Walsh



BY OLWEN REINA

That's Not Where I Belong

I sat slumped in the bus shelter
In the most lonely side of Dublin
It was dark and lonely and I was dripping
In the bus shelter where I was waiting
Begging the wind of sadness and woe
to pack up its rain drops and go
That north westerly wind
bringer of the cold and misery.

As I reached to adjust my bag
with a few belongings in it
I noticed a shadow pass by me
A couple holding hands
their shadows one like their hearts
they didn't notice me

They were followed
A child skipping with her Barbie
"Mommy!" she called
and she ran up to them
they parted and each held one hand
one each side while the girl
pulled and swung
and they lifted and made sounds
of joy and laughter

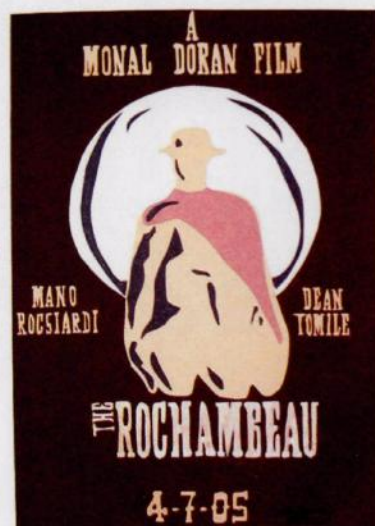
I looked down at my plastic bag again
A tear drop fell
down the side of my cheek
and rested along my jaw line
I wiped it away briskly
with my sleeve too big for me
"That's where I belong,"
I think and I pick up my things
and start to run
back to where I really belong

Emotional Breakdown from TV

Last night I cried,
because I was scared,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I laughed,
because something amused me,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I frowned,
because I was annoyed,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I felt love,
because I liked someone,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I felt hate,
because I was intimidated,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I sulked,
because I was being forced to do something,
but forgot about it,
when I turned on the television.
Last night I was emotionless,
because I was watching TV,
not for the last time.

Above right:
TY Art by
Romano
Fusciardi.

Below: TY Art
by Evanna Mills.



A Need For Love

(Spring 2005)

She sits alone
watching a drop of rain
running, falling, dashing down
the window pane.
Imitating it
a tear drop falls down her face
rolls onto her lips
she tastes its salty taste

He lies alone
listening to music
but not hearing it
all he hears are words
that are pessimistic.
His body cools swiftly
but he doesn't reach for a blanket
he doesn't care about being cold
at the ceiling he stares blankly

A world without love,
receiving love,
speaking love,
hearing love,
feeling love,
tasting love,
seeing love,
is a sad world indeed.



Love is a Riddle (2/11/2004)

They have loads in common,
but have different interests.
They share the same heart,
but have two different bodies.
They share the same thoughts,
but have different minds.
They speak the same way,
but have different voices.
They share the same home,
but live in different houses.
They are the same person,
but are two different people.
But they both love each other,
and that's all that matters.

With Cheese Please (17/07/2004)

I wander over to the fridge,
For a tiny little smidge,
Of cheese...

I look for the thing I live for,
On the shelf of my fridge door,
My cheese...

I look around for a while,
Then there fades my hopeful smile,
Where's the cheese???

The more and more I start to search,
The more my stomach starts to lurch,
I can't find the cheese!!!

With my eyes I start to scan,
On top of plates and under pans,
But still no cheese...

What I find makes me go cold,
I find a cheese that's mostly mould
My poor cheese!!!

What I found makes me go pale,
The hunk of cheese has gone all stale!
There goes the cheese...

But for such days I am prepared,
So there's no need to be scared,
I might yet have cheese...

I look in the porto-fridge,
For my daily scrumptious smidge,
Of cheese...

I look in the cold red box,
And pill back the safety socks,
I see the cheese!!!

I pick it up and start to devour,
The stuff that always gives me power
My cheese...

Right: TY Art by
Donal Moran

A Typical Day

Eating my shoes
Putting on my car
Getting into my corn flakes.

Speaking to my pyjamas
putting on my face cloth
Washing my face with my friend.

Licking my cat
screaming at my lollypop
petting my neighbour and rubbing
her fluffy ears.

Ironing my windows
Reading to my T-shirt
cleaning my aunt's son in the washing
machine.

Swallowing my cds
walking with my meditation
burning my dog.

Discussing politics with my light switch
Turning on my 7 Up
Throwing out my best friend

Hugging my face good-bye
Sello-taping my granny to the wall
Putting make up on my poster

Changing the bag on my phone
Tying up my vacuum
Texting my hair

Ridding my brother's cage of all the poop
Telling a match to do the dishwasher
Lighting my gerbil on fire to light the stove

I'm just licking a bar of soap
sitting on an icecream
and cleaning myself with a chair

When Love Hurts

(26 May 05)

His words hit me like a thousand needles,
slashing to pieces my tender heart,
the lonely days,
the bitter evenings,
the crying nights,
amounting in lakes of salt water.

She got what she wanted
but is what she got all that it seems?

The water flows,
the tides roar,
the waves of sorrow drown the swans,
the screaming monsters of the night,
howling fear to drown out the smile

Life Goes By, Then Life Is Gone (Spring 2005)

The lights go dim.
The air grows cold.
The world is ending,
or so I'm told.

On a bench,
a couple kissed.
They stay so long,
their bus is missed.

An old wife smiles.
A couple fight.
And old man laughs,
into the night.

Down on her knees,
a woman wails.
An old wife's heart,
gives up and fails.

Life goes by,
Then life is gone.
A man phones her,
no answer yet.
An old man smokes,
a cigarette.

A woman jumps,
and hits her head.
And old man falls.
onto his bed.

A man cries out,
his girlfriend's dead,
he now regrets,
all that he said.

Death does come,
life does go,
It could be someone,
that you know.

Life goes by,
Then life is gone.

She sits alone, crying silent tears
of sorrow, heartbreak and love.

Agony fluids in a cup,
hours of opinion unravelling
and catching fire in the pits of
misery
the curtains blow the anger of the
wind
the tears flow the sorrows the soul

Is this life,
of the father's daughter?

Rock Pop Shows

One mildly sunny day in December the fourth years dutifully filed into the seats in the Reynolds Hall and waited for the show of a lifetime.

Alright, so it wasn't the defining moment of our young adult lives, but it was darn good. The kick-ass collective began the show and got the crowd going with their enthusiasm, and unusual (in a good way) rendition of "Baby One More Time". Rollback were their usual talented selves and backed up El Gordo with Layla (who sounds a bit like Justin Timberlake/Michael Jackson IN A GOOD WAY) and "Diva's on Ice", who gave a surprise performance of "All I Want For Christmas Is You", and got a standing ovation, from all the guys at least! In between these, two dance groups broke up the singing and were both different but both very good, especially since they choreographed their own dances. The Supertones were excellent and picked two amazing songs, "Golden Touch" and "Float On". Nice exit too!

The next rock pop show or the Peter Cox show as it is known, affectionately I'm sure, had a lot to live up to. With the dance being cancelled a few days before after failing to "sex it down" we were all wondering what was going to happen. It didn't disappoint. Some of the fourth year photo stories were shown before hand and after a while the show kicked off. Peter, Caoimhe, Jordan and Rowan started with Modern Way, and they were joined by Adam and Stan respectively for their next performances for "Ain't no Sunshine When She's gone" and "Bet You Look Good".

The rest of the show continued the same way; great! The four girls, Laura Cooley, Laura Oliver, Judy Kelleher and Caoimhe McDonnell, managed to give a brilliant performance despite the few problems with the microphones... Judy Kelleher and Laura Oliver also gave stunning solo performances, which stole the show, and let's not forget the two MC's, who had a lot of strangely quick costume changes, with a lot of coordination. Hmm... at the end the group singing "California Dreaming", with Jordan's AMAZING dancing in the background, finished up the show. All in all, both of the shows were fantastic and it was clear a lot of work had gone into them. Well done to everyone who took part and a big thank you to Ms Bourke for all her hard work and efforts, we clearly have a very talented year!!!

Aisling Barry



Above: David 'Jimi Hendrix' Kenny.
Below left: TY Art by Daniel Tuomey.
Below: Niamh Mitchell, rockin' and er, poppin'.



HSDBANDINTERVIEWS

Friggi Thalgo

ROLL BACK

We sit outside on the benches and the guys look relaxed enough if maybe a little apprehensive. Their music is settling into indie rock and the band are beginning to find their feet with their own stuff. They mess around a bit but take my questions pretty seriously. Throughout the interview they readily laugh at themselves and each other (and me) but it's obvious music is no joke to them.

How did the band get together?

(Sean-lead vocals and guitar - takes this one) Jordan and I (Bass and backing vocals) played together for about a year then we came across Johnny (drums) and jammed.

Describe your own music in three words.

Original, unique... and... RAW. (I move quickly onto the next question).

Explain the song writing process.

Inspired by life events.

Who are you influenced by?

The Chili's, Alkaline Trio, and Blink 182 (hugely, drum wise).

Do you have dreams of conquering the Irish music scene in a big way, or are you more of a just for fun kind of band?

No we're serious. (Jordan adds) I'm deadly serious. (Sean continues) We're going to make an album and... (Johnny interrupts) No we're going to make THE album, and (Sean finishes) see where we go from there.

How did you come up with the name?

We were on our way to a gig one time and we saw this sign for a beauty place. One of the treatments for a seaweed bath was called Friggi Thalgo and it was just so catchy.

What would you say are the pros and cons of what you're doing?

Pros only: music makes people feel good.

Music has been called "the language of freedom" is there any kind of message you want to get across through your music?

Not really, music changes people's lives, we were influenced by music and we just want to pass the torch.

Performance wise, what is the worst thing that has ever happened?

We played a gig on Christmas Eve and we were disappointed with the response, (Jordan thinks of something else) yeah, and I got hit in the face with a mic before. (I don't take that any further).

As a band if you could have one wish what would it be?

(The boys know what they want to say straight off) To be able to live for our music.

Roll Back or three of them at least sit on the front steps of the school, they seemed laid back and interested in my questions. The rock band consists of four fourth year guys, Rowan Lacey (drums), Adam Higgs (base), Romano Fusciardi (vocals) and Marcus Spray (Guitar) who wasn't in that day.

How did the band first get together?

Adam, Marcus and myself (Rowan) started jamming together last summer, we had a few songs already and we needed a singer so we found Mano.

Describe your music in three words.

"For everyone" (does that count as one word or two?) anyway, it's enough...

Explain the song writing process.

Rowan writes them, we play them. (Rowan takes over modestly) I do tend to write chords and lyrics but we all work on the songs.

Who are you influenced by?

Well we all have different inspirations, U2, The Strokes, and blues in general for Marcus.

Do you have dreams of conquering the Irish music scene in a big way, or are you more of a just for fun kind of band?

Maybe not conquer just make an impression.

How did you come up with the name?

We pretty much sat in a room and thought of stuff. There's a Horslips album called Roll Back and we decided we liked the sound of it.

What would you say are the pros and cons of what you're doing?

Pros: We get to play music.

Cons: We have to miss sunny days to rehearse.

Music has been called "the language of freedom" is there any kind of message you want to get across through your music?

We don't consciously write with a message in mind, not yet anyway.

Performance wise, what is the worst thing that has ever happened?

(Mano) Once I forgot the lyrics and just blanked, I turned to Rowan in a panic and then just decided to go back into the chorus. No-one mentioned it.

As a band if you could have one wish what would it be?

A sell-out world tour.

The Immaculate Conception

These guys come across very dedicated as they chat away from behind their CD-selling table. The demo has four tracks and is called Don't tell me anything Simon. It features Mark Cabena on guitar and vocals, Euan McKay on drums and someone from Gonzaga called John on bass.

How did the band first get together?

Well the two of us were playing drums and guitar separately. The idea of the band was already there and John took up bass so we could complete the complicated triangle of fear.

Describe your music in three words.

Pulsating, soaring, majestic

Explain the song writing process.

So far Mark has written most of them. *(Mark chimes in)* I think of the music, we all learn the feeling of the song. John wrote track three on his own though.

Who are you influenced by?

Queens of the Stone age, Nirvana, Rage against the Machine.

At the moment we are just having a laugh, we can see it going places though, in the foreseeable future. It might be fun but we're in for the long haul. *(Laughs)*

All pros, (Euan is enthusiastic) learning new skills, making new friends...*(Mark takes over)*. We haven't made any new friends... scratch that...em, we make money...no wait don't put that in. And the cons, well, its a lot of work (the guys look at each other) sorta...not really, actually, there's no cons.

Music has been called "the language of freedom" is there any kind of message you want to get across through your music?

It's personal stuff, not really relevant to society, like we aren't trying to say anything about the world. Our point is to make a connection and tell people stories they can relate to.

Performance wise, what is the worst thing that has ever happened?

Ha! Stuff just breaks the second we go on stage, (Euan) I've dropped my sticks, the guys break strings, oh and there were riots going on during our second gig.

As a band if you could have one wish what would it be?

A recording studio!



Above: TY Art by Des Cox.



Above: TY Art by Andrew Howell.

FIFTH YEAR

EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The National Selection Conference of the European Youth Parliament officially opened on the 7th April 2006. The three-strong High School team had been selected at the Leinster regional conference at St. Michael's College earlier in the year. Jenny Murphy, Beth Kelly, Joëlle Grogan, Denise Fagan, Laura Mellor, Aisling Barry and Eoin Silke attended the regional conference, while Jenny, Joëlle and Eoin were chosen to proceed to a national level.

They gathered at the King's Hospital in Palmerstown, along with all those who had been selected in the regional conferences across the country, to participate in a weekend of debating the topics at the forefront of Europe today, and seeking solutions to many complex issues, ranging from farming subsidies to the question of Iran. The delegates were divided into committees beforehand, and each committee was to discuss a single topic.

A number of eminent speakers addressed the delegates during the opening ceremony. Afterwards, everyone divided into their committees (each committee was to discuss a single issue) and team-building exercises began. These included various games designed to build a sense of camaraderie and to ease all the delegates into the weekend. Part of this process was committee sketches; in this session, the sketches consisted of performing a song from a Disney movie. There were some very memorable moments, such as the extremely agricultural interpretation of the classic "A Spoonful of Sugar" by the Committee on Agriculture, of which Joëlle was a member.

The following day, the debating process began in committee. The committees had about eleven hours in which they were to debate their topic and formulate a resolution on it,



which would be later presented to the General Assembly. This incredibly intensive debating process, with the delegates sharing the same room for such a long period (with the occasional breaks for food and drink, of course!) at times brought tensions and tempers to a boiling point. As the spirit of EYP is cooperation, though, a compromise was always found.

After the resolutions had been completed, there was a karaoke session in which all the committees performed a song. After an exhausting day, the delegates crawled to bed for a few hours, only to be awoken at an ungodly hour the next morning for the final day. This consisted of General Assembly. All the delegates were present, and one by one the committees presented their resolutions, and the entire European Youth Parliament debated their merits, before finally voting to either pass or fail the resolution.

Finally, after all the resolutions had been debated, on 9th April the session was brought to a close with a sometimes-tearful closing ceremony, proving the effect EYP has in building friendships. Overall, the High School delegation thoroughly enjoyed their weekend and hope next year's team has as much fun as we did!

Eoin Silke



Below: Cameron sure loves his food.



Above: Eoin Silke, Joëlle Grogan and Jenny Murphy, EYP national finalists.

Below: Film Festival

Ciarán Maginn, Fionn Fitzmaurice, James McDonald, Conor Barry and well, Hector!





Back Row: Patrick O'Connor, Fionn Fitzmaurice, Alan O'Keefe, Max Lane, Robbie Rath, Tony Lee, Andrew Smyth, Eoin O'Leary, Jamie Wright, John Kilbey, Tycho Armstrong-Block, Graham Johnson, Andrew Stevenson, Killian Rogan, Andrew Caulfield, Darren Edmondson, Eneko O'Carroll

2nd Row: Sam McKenna-Barry, Max Prendergast, Sam Horgan, Jack Mays, Mark McNulty, Eoin Silke, Nigel Kinlan, Jamie Kelleher, Robbie Bannister, Rowan Stokes, Fergal O'Connor, Shane Herlihy, Jonathan Browne, Sean Nicholson, Colin Keegan, Kyle Gleeson

3rd Row: Ali May, Robert Farhat, Ciaran Maginn, Ian Cobban, Alcha Aboudinar, Kate Lyons, Caitriona Ryan, Jonathan Sargeant, Tom Meredith, Flynn Benaksas, Larry O'Connell, Conor Barry, Niamh Sleator, Toby Lyons, Sean O'Donohoe, Jack Kavanagh

4th Row: Lucy Keogh, Hannah Jennings, Nicholas Stevenson, Kim McNair, Jonathan Mathers, Katie Jane Barry, Julie Kavanagh, Kier Johnson, Alan McMurray, William McConnell, Aisling Burke, Andrew Lohan, Jenny Murphy, Katie Marconi, Gemma McRann, Roger Persechini

5th Row: Tamryn Reinecke, Laura Nelson, Kim Taylor, Kate Ryan, Isobel Scally, Jessie Elliot, Alex Carey, Jennifer Flanagan, Stella Hawe, Susan Brusey, Lana Loane, Niamh Holohan, Cara Mulcahy, Anna McNally, Sadhbh Donnellan, Barbara Daly

6th Row: Stephen Spoor, Keith Ellman, David Lusby, Evan O'Callaghan, Anne-Marie Jordan, Shane Gould, Harri Grunitz, Simon Burgess, Richard Kiernan, Cameron Brownlee, Carol-Ann Sherlock, Robyn Fitzpatrick, Katherine Kiernan, Claire Fergus, Melissa Hanney

7th Row: Madeleine Boyle, Debbie Newman, Elizabeth Surgeon, Ruth Hunter, Joelle Grogan, Nicola Cantan, Suzanne Tallon, Lana Mitchell, Deirdre McClean, Lyndsey McFarland, Laura Mellor, Claire Nelson, Janine Levine

Front Row: Lauren Turner, Beth Kelly, Faye Simms, Ms. Lynch, Mr. Miller, Mr. McClure, Mr. Gill, Mr. Duffy, Ms. Milne, Mr. Kelly, Denise Fagan, Karen Meade, Katie McCann.

BURREN TRIP 2006

The annual 5th year Burren trip returns! This time, over 30 others and I headed to the Burren, along with its unique landscape and rare plant life.

Our long journey began at 9.00am and stretching over a period of at least 5 hours, along with the necessary pit stops, we arrived sometime in the early afternoon..

Things really kicked into action upon reaching Bishop's Quarter Beach. It was a hot, blistering afternoon and perhaps the perfect time to stroll along the seaside. Our young Geologists observed the coastal deposition, or rather, "rocks", while the Biologist crew headed for those newly bloomed buds along the dunes.

After a successful trail at the beach, we were off to the Aillwee caves, our minds echoed with quotes from Father Ted. The main cave was impressive; with a cool constant temperature of 10 degrees, it was a break from the scorching sun, but more of a dim, chilling sensation.

We later acquainted ourselves with our new rooms at the "Imperial-Inn" located in Lisdoonvarna, a calm, peaceful community. Our dinners were included in the costs and they were more than inviting. It really added a sense of class to our 'little' school trip.

After dinner we all met for our 'brief' summary of the day, with both Mr Wright and Mr Gill giving a short analysis over the earlier sights, complete with 'Cockie's' priceless artwork.

The arranged party at "Megs" was misleading, so it glided towards a 'quiet' evening and everyone was off to bed, bursting with dreams of what discoveries awaited in the morning.

The following day; breakfast turned out to be just as classy as dinner, ripening our yearning to experience the Burren to its limits. Today's tour rushed

straight onto the karst region, commonly known as the 'heart of the Burren'.

We first glanced through the features of Caherconnell, before wandering along the Pollsallagh Limestone Pavement, careful not to fall into the abundant "crevasse-like" joints, but this was merely sightseeing, the "black-pools" of the shore transect were what our teacher-guides really had in mind. We worked in groups of four, or so. Our job was to examine these black-pools, uniting both the Geologists and the snobby Biologists...

The shoreline was flooded with life, presenting many bizarre creatures.

We departed this magnificent display of natural adaptation for a quick lunch in Ballyvaughan, where some lucky students, spotted a familiar figure. Simply put, they had lunch in the same café as Brendan Gleeson! This really added a sprinkle of excitement to our meal...

Pollnagollum became High School's next victim, a massive cave with roots totalling over 5km, although we still trekked through an impressive 1km, or so.

We were forced to abseil down a steep slope to reach its cubbyhole of an entrance. This cave was alien to us, cold, moist and claustrophobic, but it was good fun and everyone had a great laugh trying to squeeze through the tight entrance and exit holes.

We arrived back a bit late for dinner, but I think we were all tired enough as it was. Afterwards was another talk from the staff, then off to bed. I think we all appreciated the sleep.

We awoke to our final morning; I can still hear the rattling on my door and Mr McBride telling us to get up. After breakfast we got packed and cleared out our rooms for our final visits of the trip, starting with The Cliffs of Moher. Unfortunately due to the bad weather we were unable to appreciate fully the magnificent views, next time hopefully!

We skipped along to the "Rock Shop" in the hopes that the mist would have risen, but it was not to be. I think we all had a great time in the "Rock Shop" though. No, seriously, we did!

Our final stop of the trip was Lahinch Aquarium, with a broad display of sea creatures, even hosting Ireland's largest Lobster, who apparently, has grown too big and become dangerous to remove!

Final moments were spent with antics on the beach as well as a nippy snack, giving us a laugh for the agonising journey home.

I'd like to say thank you to all of the staff that accompanied us on this thrilling experience, for their time and devotion in just making sure everyone had a good time. We sure did.

Cameron Brownlee



Above: Burren Trip gang.

Below: We should never have given him that "bop it" pen...

CAVING TRIP TO DOOLIN



From top:

- Don't look bored, Mr. McBride, it's probably very interesting...biology...
- Niamh Sleator, the ecologist. Does someone want to give her some help?!
- Baywatch eat your heart out!!!! Ali May and Tamryn Reinecke
- Cameron – at one with the seaside
- And straight ahead you will see one of the Burren's more recognised species – the cow..

Underneath the barren karst landscape of Co. Clare runs a labyrinth of limestone caves for over a hundred miles. For the uninitiated, venturing beneath the countryside of Co. Clare is like stepping into a different world, a world into which only the brave, the courageous and slightly deranged would venture forth.

12 inexperienced explorers, accompanied by Mr Wright, Mr Flynn and Ms Lynch, fell into this category, as we had committed ourselves to explore the sub-terrain.

On the first morning of April, at the end of a short hike, we found ourselves staring into a hole in the ground, surprised to be told that this was in fact the entrance to the cave into which we were about to descend. We donned our headlights and followed Mr Wright unquestioningly into the dark bowels of the earth, but the fears of claustrophobia struck Kier and Jamie within 20 metres of entering, and they withdrew from our advancing expedition.

This was my first time caving and I am sure never to forget it. Picture this: being on all fours wedged in a crack in the limestone pavement, packed so tightly that the only option was to manoeuvre forward, with no chance to retreat, your only vision the soles of the shoes of the person in front of you, crawling through wet, alien-like terrain with the only audible sound being the pounding of your heart. Scary, quite scary!

Our first major challenge and obstacle was slipping through a particularly small passage connecting two caverns. All passed through without too much difficulty except, I'm afraid, Beefcake, who had a little claustrophobic moment – we nearly had to take out the baby oil that we bought on the trip down. However, he managed to force his way through the passages when we mentioned the use of baby oil – the poor guy. After almost three and a half hours underground, with all of us (except Mr Wright of course) being completely disorientated, we miraculously returned to the top. Mr Flynn was the most relieved to be out, as he was getting uncomfortable!

That afternoon we gathered round to watch Leinster and Munster in their Heineken Cup quarter- finals, and with both teams winning there was great spirit and atmosphere among our group. Over our less than gourmet dinner we shared legendary stories of our morning caving expedition, and laughed heartily at the funniest moments. The night was filled with great stories and songs from our spirited leader. In particular, the story he recounted about a cave he recently discovered that passed directly under a graveyard! Since reporting this to the local caving club the cave has now been closed off... only those of us who heard the story know why.

The following day we set out again to a different area, this time to a grade 3 cave, which promised to be bigger and more challenging than the last.

As we entered the hollow, loose rocks shook as we stumbled over them. The descent into the dark was steep and a lot more treacherous than the day before.

As we descended further into the cave we could hear the torrential sound of water emanating from within. After about five hundred metres the tunnel opened up to a cavern, where we found the most spectacular sight of the entire trip, a one hundred foot vertical waterfall, the source of which we could not be seen with our lights, as it was high in the roof of the cave and beyond their reach. Mr Wright explained that this spectacular waterfall was a result of a stream flowing from impermeable shale to permeable limestone. At this divide in the landscape all rivers go underground in search of bedrock, as they cannot flow on limestone. The waterfall that had the exploring party mesmerized in the cavern was an example of this.

As we ventured on we came to our turn-back point. By that point we had caved more than two hundred metres into the crust of the earth. As we shared around a box of Cadbury's Dairy Milk, Mr Wright told us of the difficult nature of the remainder of the cave, which, if we had continued along it, would have meant that we would have required the agility of a contortionist in order to pass through some of the narrow passages. Mr Wright of course boasted to have negotiated this passage right to the sea.

On returning to the surface and leaving the caves of Co. Clare behind us for the last time, we were all relieved to have survived the extraordinary experience of caving. It was time to pack the bus for the last time and try our best to get dry and comfortable for the drive home. The group was elated and delighted that we had made the effort to partake on this expedition. On behalf of the group I would like to thank Mr Wright, Mr Flynn, and Ms Lynch for their extraordinary patience, good humour and company while giving up a weekend to supervise us. It was a weekend to remember.

Patrick O'Connor

MOCK INTERVIEWS

The first part of the mock interviews is making up your application letter for your chosen career. Think carefully. It may only be a mock interview, but it's worthwhile, so pick a career you're genuinely interested in. And if you change your mind, it's no big deal, just keep up an interest until the interview is over!

Then it's time to write up your C.V. If your work experience only involves what you did in 4th year, then include a few lines about your hobbies and interests. Show a bit of personality.

Your interview is in an hour and after searching your wardrobe you've no idea what to wear. Panic not. For boys, you have it easy, a suit, shirt and tie is all you need. Oh, and assert your manliness and have a shave. For girls, wear something that makes you look around 20. If it's a career involving art (photography, fashion design, etc) then reflect that in your clothes. If it's a business-like career, dress... businessy.

Not sure how to sit or smile? Then make sure you get into Mr O'Hanlon's careers class! He'll give you a 40-minute crash course and even gives you hints on 'How Not to Stare'.

Be friendly, gratuitous, and give it your all. Have a few questions lined up for the end of the interview too. Show you're interested. Thanks to all the staff and parents who helped out this year!

Lizzy Surgeon



Top: Future Presidents of Ireland Club. Fergal O'Connor, Mrs. M. Burrowes, Mr. K. Clarke, Beth Kelly, Anna McNally, Anne-Marie Jordan, Kim Taylor and Darren Edmondson.

Above: Some of the interviewers - Mr Kieran O'Connor, Mr Bill McConnell, Ms T Jones and Lt. David O'Toole.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WEEK

We are delighted to say that this year we raised over €500. Every year we work hard selling badges and ribbons and this year we had the introduction of wrist bands and trolley coins. All the money raised is passed to the worthy cause of research on breast cancer.

We would like to thank Ms Graham for once again supporting this admirable cause and the new 1st year students who were taken on board. Thank you to everyone who took part and to everyone for supporting us again!

Right: Tamryn Reinecke, Hannah Jennings, Laura Nelson, Jenny Murphy, Kathy Kiernan, who raised money for Breast Cancer Research.



The Valentines Post

This year as usual round February, love was in the air. High School was no exception and the Valentines Post was running again. The money raised was for the charity organization ISANDS. It is a small and little known charity that funds support for the families of stillborn children. They genuinely appreciated the effort made by everyone to get involved in some way. This year was a wonderful success and the huge amount of cards and gifts you all sent put our poor cupids under pressure. We managed to raise over 500 euro for ISANDS, the largest amount of money raised so far. Thank you so much Ms Graham, Ms King and the ladies in the office. Well done and thanks to all the fourth and fifth year girls who made it happen. Thank you to Head in the Clouds card company for their beautiful cards, and to the companies that sponsored us. And of course I've saved the biggest thank you for every single person who supported us in some way. Since it's sixth year next year, the girls and I won't be as involved with the post, so we would all like to wish whoever takes over good luck, and enjoy spreading the love!

Hannah Jennings and Tamyra Reinecke

GUIDE DOGS- DOG DAYS!

A few years ago Flurry and his owner Robbie visited us at High School. Flurry is one of the 50% of puppies who graduated from the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. Each year a lot of work and effort go into the training of these future guide dogs. Dogs like Flurry assist their owners in completing their daily tasks such as leading them through the busy streets and crossing roads. These dogs not only provide a

sense of security but a loyal bond of friendship too. This year we managed to raise €550, which went directly to supporting this worthy cause. We would like to thank Ms. Graham and her class for all their help and support, and everyone who contributed to the cause. Thanks again!

Deirdre McClean and Aicha Aboudinar

ROBERT FARHAT

On April 20, Robert took part in three competitions in advanced senior piano playing in the Sligo Feis Ceoil and obtained first prize and gold medal in all three. He consequently went forward as one of the six finalists - from various instrumental categories - to compete for the overall prize, where he achieved the overall prize of the Most Promising Musician of the Year and the Instrumental Bursary to the value of €1000.

Later in May, Robert took part, for the first time, in the senior section of the Dublin Feis Ceoil and was runner up in the Benson Cup for playing Bach and a finalist and third prize winner for the prestigious Nordell Cup (for playing a Sonata).

Robert rounded up his musical activities of this school year with a solo piano recital in Paris on May 20.

Below: Robert Farhat receiving The Sligo Borough Council Instrumental Bursary of €1,000 and Anita Loretto Memorial Cup from the Deputy Mayor of Sligo, Councillor Jim McGarry and the Chairman of Sligo Feis Ceoil, Roe Finnegan.



DAVID NORRIS

On 30th March, the High School was visited by David Norris, a past pupil of the High School. Senator Norris, member of the Seanad Eireann, has been for many years a strong campaigner for civil and human rights, and it was on these issues as well as many others that he spoke. As a politician and a member of Amnesty International, his concerns included the environment, immigration, asylum and the European Union. As he is an excellent public speaker, he managed to attract a large crowd, and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy his discourses into Irish architecture, his kerfuffles with the Revenue Commissioners and a host of seemingly unconnected topics that he managed to bring together in a wonderfully hilarious address.

Aside from his political leanings, Senator Norris is also a Joycean scholar, and he recited for us an extract from The Dubliners. He then opened the floor to questions, and afterwards refreshments were available and there was the opportunity to talk to him face to face. He proved to be a very interesting and knowledgeable person. Having been born in the Congo, I asked him whether he still kept any connections with his birthplace, seeing as the High School was set to represent the Democratic Republic of the Congo at the upcoming session of the St Andrew's Model United Nations. However, he had no recollection of that early part of his life in the Congo. Nevertheless, he was still able to discuss the various human rights issues, which the DR Congo faces at present.

Overall, it was a very enjoyable evening, and we can only hope that David Norris will come and visit us again!

Eoin Silke

Frida Kahlo

UNA ARTISTA MÉJICANA

Katie McCann

Frida Kahlo nació el 6 de julio 1907 en Coyoacán, Méjico. Fue una chica alemana-méjicana.

Cuando tuvo seis años estuvo enferma con polio. La pierna fue para siempre delgada y corta. La gente la llamaron "Pata de Palo" Frida.

Terminó la escuela primaria (Colegio Alemán de Méjico) en 1922. Entonces, fue a la Escuela Nacional Preparatoria. Ahí, fue socia del grupo Cachuchas – un grupo político con ideas socialistas y nacionalistas.

El 17 septiembre 1925 un accidente ocurrió y cambió su vida. Estuvo en un choque de autobús. Hirió la pierna y el espinazo. Se quedó en su cama por mucho tiempo. Durante este tiempo comenzó a pintar.

En 1928, conoció al artista méjicano, Diego Rivera. Fue comunista. Diego dijo, "Esta chica fue una artista auténtico." Diego y Frida se casaron el 21 agosto 1929.

Durante los próximos cinco años Frida fue, con Diego, alrededor los Estados Unidos para exposiciones del arte de Diego. Frida todavía fue una artista famosa.

En 1935 Diego tuvo una aventura amorosa con la hermana de Frida. Frida y Diego se separaron.

En 1936 Frida tomó parte en la política. Frida y Diego se reunieron. Fueron comunistas. En 1937 el revolucionario ruso, Leon Trotsky, se hospedó con ellos cuando tuvo asilo en Méjico. Rusia fue peligrosa por Trotsky.

El año 1938 fue un bueno año porque Frida tuvo su primera exposición. Por fin Frida fue una artista famosa. Dijo, "No sé lo que a la gente le gusta en mi trabajo."

Frida fue independiente con esta nueva fama, y en 1939 ella y Diego se divorciaron... pero en 1940 se casaron otra vez y volvieron a vivir en Méjico.

Fue una artista muy famosa, pero enseñó una clase de arte. Tuvo métodos insólitos, no le gusta estar en el colegio y dijo, " ¡ Vamos y pintamos la vida en la calle!"

Paulatinamente, su espinazo empeoró y en 1950 tuvo varias operaciones. Pudo andar solamente distancias cortas. En 1953, los médicos amputaron la pierna. Estuvo muy enferma.

Finalmente Frida murió de pulmonía en 1954, tuvo solamente cuarenta y siete años.

Frida Kahlo fue una artista muy importante y brillante, con pinturas muy inspiradoras.

Vive en su arte.

«LE HIGH SCHOOL, LE PROBLÈME DE L'ENVIRONNEMENT, LES ADDICTIONS ET LES ACCIDENTS»

Par Joelle Grogan

Le problème de l'environnement est à l'ordre du jour, et on ne le prend pas à la légère. En effet, c'est un enjeu capital. Même si qu'on n'a pas un «green flag» comme les autres, (quant à moi, je dis «pfut!» de leur meilleure gestion des ressources), on comprend les mesures à prendre pour limiter les dégâts, surtout avec le problème de la surexploitation de nos ressources de profs. Il faut bien reconnaître que, en Irlande, on a un manque aigu de profs, et personne ne conteste le fait qu'il y a une abondance d'étudiants. Ainsi, parmi nos projets porteurs d'espoir, nous avons un programme spécial de recyclage d'étudiants.

L'administration, qui, de plus en plus, a l'esprit vert, souligne l'importance de cette idée. Ainsi, tous les ans, les jeunes et jolies dames et les jeunes et beaux sieurs de notre école, qui y finissent leur éducation et qui y passent leurs exams, reçoivent l'ordre de revenir quand ils deviennent profs.

Cette idée produit des résultats merveilleux, maintenant, en raison de ce recyclage d'étudiants-comme-profs, nous avons avec nous certains des meilleurs profs d'Irlande- Monsieur Gill par exemple qui aime la biologie (je n'ai le moindre idée pourquoi), ou le jeune homme des mathématiques, Mr Wilkinson; mais aussi les femmes intelligentes, Mme Hutchinson-Edgar et la belle Mme Watson; et, il va sans dire, le censeur, Mr Davies. Et qui peut oublier le prof de rugby qui habite en B1? Il est connu affectueusement sous le nom de «Cockie».

Soit vrai, soit fausse, je dois dire que les choses s'améliorent ici, à High School. Mais, comme tout le monde, on a d'autres questions épineuses, comme la tentation de la cuisine et encore l'addiction aux baguettes avec «chicken tandoori», cette situation se répète un peu partout. Et par-dessus le marché, on a des accidents de couloir entre des essaims de «first years»; cette tendance irritante s'accroît.

En vérité, on a des problèmes réels, et parfois les réponses sont loin d'être évidentes, mais il est utile de s'attarder sur le fait que ses points puissent être émis en français par une jeune femme irlandaise. Et, enfin, il vaut mieux confondre que de comprendre.

LE VOCABULAIRE

le vocabulaire	vocabulary
prendre à la légère	to take lightly
un enjeu capital	a prime issue
meilleure gestion	better management
les dégâts	damage
au sein	within
le recyclage	recycling
souligner	to emphasize
le censeur	vice-principal
s'améliorer	to improve
s'accroît	to become more marked
l'essaim (m)	swarm

Les Questions

1. What does the writer think about 'green flags'?
2. What is the 'recycling students' programme?
3. What do you think of the economic situation of Ecuador?
4. Why are six teachers mentioned here?
5. According to the writer, what is it better to do?

HSD BAND INTERVIEWS

THE SKUTS

The Skuts lounge around me at the B-floor lockers totally at ease. The girls are exploring a gentle female punk kind of thing with a lot of other styles and influences mixed in. It's clear that they are close as friends, not just as musicians and that they all share a real passion for what they do.

How did the band get together?

(Ali -lead vocal and base- speaks up) Well, Babs and myself formed a band way back, not a great one, which can remain...em, nameless. (Then Babs -guitar- picks up) We had this song called "Cheese Sandwich" and I guess we realised we really had something. We were going for an all girl feel and we hung out with Rachel anyway, so when we found out she played drums it was a perfect fit...(the girls laugh). We've been playing sweet music ever since.

Describe your own music in three words?

It is great!

Explain the song writing process.

We all write the songs. The ones they have worked on so far have been mainly mine. (Ali's) When do I think of them? I dunno...the shower is a good place but anywhere, anytime, really.

Who are you influenced by?

Gemma Hayes (Rachel says instantly). (Ali has a think) Performance wise Iggy Pop...and Juliette Lewis (Babs pipes up) oh yeah definitely Juliette Lewis. And its crazy I've always loved Pink and recently she brought out a song that was based on a book called "Female Chauvinist Pigs". The funny thing is I wrote a song called Teenage Beauty Queen a little while back that was also inspired by the book. So Pink and the stuff she is doing now as well.

Do you have dreams of conquering the Irish music scene in a big way, or are you more of a just for fun kind of band?

More world domination (they crack up). (Then Babs becomes a little more serious) We don't want to stay low key, we want to travel the world...on a bus. (We all look at each other then fall about laughing).

How did you come up with the name?

We were just walking through town one day talking about someone who was sick. Babs described them as having the skuts and it just...em, stuck! We didn't like the old name "Invisible Eden", I mean we're not that religious, so we needed something else.

Music has been called "the language of freedom" is there any kind of message you want to get across through your music?

(Rachel starts singing Rebel girl and the others nod in agreement) Yea I know its been done but our message is just be yourself especially for teenage girls because its pretty hard with all the Barbie role models around.

Performance wise, what is the worst thing that has ever happened? Any horror stories?

(Rachel knows straight away) When Ali started slagging the culties in Ballyknockan (aka, 'the middle of nowhere'), they just were not showing us a good time. So Ali told them we had played a gig in Dublin recently and this crowd were nothing compared to the Dubliners. Guess that didn't go down too well. (Suddenly Babs pipes up) Oh and can you refer to the fact that I was called a "dingle berry on a sheep's ass." (Ali takes over) It was pretty bad, we were waiting for the tumble weed to roll past. Other then that we have had amazing responses from people.

As a band if you could have one wish what would it be?

(Ali has been waiting to say this one) Oh, oh, oh...World Peace!

SAM HORGAN

We are sitting outside a classroom on two chairs facing each other and Sam looks a little unsettled. He seems to be playing around with an easy-going singer-songwriter style at the moment but (as he mentions later) is pretty open to progression. He begins before I ask a question. This is like the mock interviews all over again ...but scarier.

How did you get in to playing music?

Well I first got a guitar for Christmas when I was eleven and I started messin around you know, "letting out my feelings, man" (eh, please note my sarcasm on that one). I played it a few times and it was fun, so I played it a few more times.

Who are you influenced by?

Damian Rice, Jimmy Eat World, Billy Brag, The Beatles, they were wicked cool.

Do you have dreams of conquering the Irish music scene in a big way, or are you more of a just for fun kind of musician?

Ah man, I guess I'm all for the fun at the moment but I'm making an album this summer and I might send it away to a few people.

What would you say are the pros and cons of what your doing?

The Pros: It brings people together, at parties and stuff.

The Cons: Well you get these hard things on your fingers.

Music has been called "the language of freedom" is there any kind of message you want to get across through your music?

My message would be...be excellent to each other.

Performance wise, what is the worst thing that has ever happened?

Well I've had no gigs as such so far. I lost my voice once at a party and just kinda rasped my way through the rest of the song...like "aaaaaaahh" (Sam asked me to put in the noise).

As a musician if you could have one wish what would it be?

I could be totally space age and say "expand my mind man", but really I just wanna progress, write better songs with more emotion that people like and I like too.

Sam also requested that I plug him shamelessly so here goes. Fine examples of Sam's musical talent can be found at: www.purevolume.com/

FIFTH YEAR PLAY

The Importance of Being Earnest

After three months of rehearsals, many nights spent in school way past closing time, one broken gnome, and one large pizza order, the night had arrived. The audience were in place, the dancers were hiding in a mist of smoke behind the curtain, and the crew were waiting backstage with bated breath. The fifth year play, 'The Importance of Being Earnest', was about to get underway!

Back in September, auditions had taken place, and the cast had been chosen. Rehearsals began, and, slowly but surely, everything began to fall into place. By the end of November, everyone was ready for the play to begin.

The curtains opened to a rousing can-can, courtesy of the fabulous and colourful dancers. The dance had been choreographed by Ms Breen, and the girls performed it with a very polished pizzazz. A very drowsy Algernon (Eoin Silke) then awoke after a rough night and managed to treat us to a swinging rendition of a Scott Joplin piece. The play had well and truly begun.

The play tells the story of Mr Jack Worthing, who poses as Ernest to win the fair Gwendolyn. He has not, however, told Gwendolyn about his 'exceedingly pretty' ward, Miss Cecily Cardew, who lives in the country. His best friend, Algernon, finds out about this ward and decides to pay her a visit. He pretends to be Jack's wicked brother - Ernest. As 'Ernest', he tries to grow closer to Cecily. Both women happen to have a fascination with the name 'Ernest', and fantasise about marrying a man with that name. But - things are not so simple. Algernon's plans fall apart when Jack arrives at his own house in the country and finds him posing as Ernest. Things take a turn for the worse when Gwendolyn follows Jack/Ernest. She believes that Jack is Ernest, while Cecily believes that Algernon is Ernest. Such an outlandish situation results in a ridiculous, hilarious play!

Jack was played by...Jack...Kavanagh. He played his part with a cool, laid-back attitude that made his performance look easy, and his priceless facial expressions drew even more humour into his character. At the same time, he looked the part! Eoin Silke was Algernon, a debonair bachelor who enjoys the high life. Who better to play the part? Eoin showed us the ever-charming, though vain, Algernon, and later revealed a 'softer' side while trying to attract the lovely Cecily. Hannah Jennings played Gwendolyn, the confident and stylish daughter of Lady Bracknell. She put forward every aspect of this character, and made us laugh at her foibles, and her disgust for all things 'below her'. Lady Bracknell herself was played by Tamryn Reinecke, who I would say managed to scare the little children in the audience with her dominating presence, never mind some of the bigger ones! Cecily Cardew was portrayed by Claire Fergus, who gave the character a dreamy side while still being able to



Clockwise from top left:
 - Hannah and Claire, full of sisterly love!
 - Jack is more than a little frightened of Tamryn as Lady Bracknell. And who wouldn't be?!
 - Joelle Grogan as Ms. Prism.
 - Eoin Silke as Algernon.
 - Fergal preaches one of his excellent sermons to Jack.

hold her own in the memorable spat with Gwendolyn! Claire showed us in a winning way how ridiculous her character was. Cecily's governess, the eccentric Ms. Prism, was played by Joelle Grogan, who played the part with an excellent degree of exaggeration, and really made us laugh at this absurd woman! The local minister, Dr. Chasuble, who later falls in love with Ms. Prism, was brought to us by Fergal O'Connor, who drew some of the biggest laughs over the nights with his various gestures. Fergal gave us a wonderful portrayal of this character. Finally, we have the house servants. The first one we see is Algernon's butler, Lane, a canny character who uses his master's position to his own advantage. Ciaran Maginn played Lane and captured his personality with style. Jack's country butler, Merriman, was played by Conor Barry. Conor managed to make Merriman a very creepy character indeed, seeing more than he lets on, sneaking up behind people, and having a very ghostly trick of appearing in rooms unnoticed. Ali May played Lady Bracknell's maid, a streetwise character (not unlike Ali herself), who has her eye on the higher spheres of life. She drew many a grin from the audience, in part due to her close acquaintance with Lane.

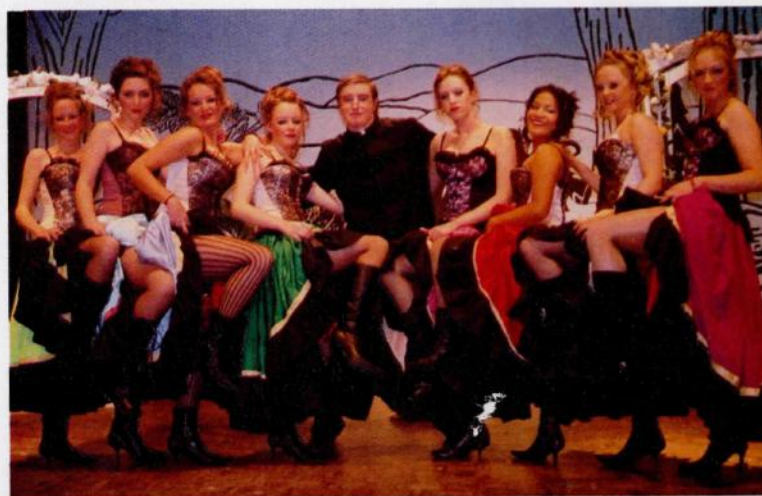
All the actors drew out the finer points of the characters and complemented each other to make a polished production. They exposed the ridiculous natures of each character. All in all, they made for a hilarious performance!

Of course, the actors are not the only part of the play, and it could not have been possible without the backstage crew, the people the audience don't see. The make-up, hair and costume artists captured the essence of the early 20th century. The construction team did a fantastic job making the set, with the famous tree trunk table and Fergal's favourite windows! The rest of the set team managed not to add colour to the set, keeping the black and white theme alive. Paddy and Rob were in charge of lighting, and Evan, Ciaran and Cameron took on the sound, and created the right atmosphere for the play. Niamh Sleator procured all the props she needed for her '20th century' charges. The two student producers coordinated the show and stood in the wings for three nights making sure it ran smoothly. As one of the producers, I have to say that the experience was definitely worthwhile, even if it involved a lot of work! However, Katie McCann, the other student producer, was there to help with all the work and support her colleague throughout!

None of this could even have begun without the head of operations, Mrs Milne. From beginning to end she knew what had to be done, and made sure it was done to exceedingly high standards. She looked after all the rehearsals, visualised the play, and took a lot of stress upon herself to make sure of an excellent play. She was ably assisted by her assistant director Ms McKeivitt, who helped us all out and contributed to a great show. Ms Breen choreographed the dance and added a welcome splash of colour and vibrancy to the production. Thanks to everyone, we couldn't have done it without you!

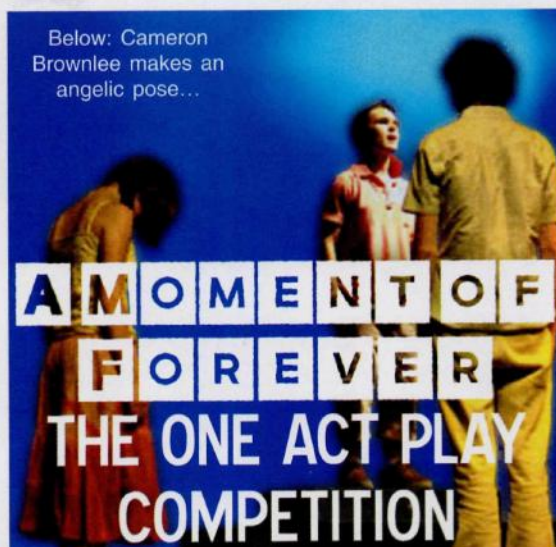
By the end of three months many of those involved in the play were quoting it in the corridors, and someone even dreamt about it, but all the work paid off. The result was an excellent production, enjoyed by all who saw it!

Beth Kelly



Above: Can, can you do the can-can? Fergal, can-can dancer extraordinaire!

Below: Behind every good play there is a great backstage team! Here are the backstage team.



Below: Cameron Brownlee makes an angelic pose...

The troupe of actors this year representing the very best of High School's young acting talent at St Andrew's One Act Play competition played true to their skill as actors in the play, 'Lunch in Venice' by Nick Dear. The play tells the story of five teenagers on a cultural trip to Venice; but through each character's words and experiences, a darker, more chilling idea than that of an ordinary school trip is slowly revealed to the audience, one telling of where the students have truly come to exist and what horrors have happened to them. This play captures 'a moment of forever'.

The five teenagers were - Harley (Cameron Brownlee, who played this part with a great confidence and remarkable vanity that was much needed by the part), Bianca (Niamh Sleator, beautifully playing the teenage girl living in the moment of true love-forever), Emmie (Caoimhe Carty, who did an honest and believable performance of this intriguing character), Ben (Des Cox winning Best Actor for his insightful role) and Conrad (Eoin Silke, who was wonderfully 'in touch with his inner creep' for this role). Completing the cast were the French socialite, Vivi, (played by Sarah Corbin, who was marked out for her chilling performance of a woman in denial) and the acrobat, Danny Finn (who was awarded with a Merit Certificate for his performance). Rachel O'Byrne provided the musical accompaniment for this play.

Their artistic director, Robert Bradish (6th year), according to the Judges, Christine Poulter and Patrick Sutton, created a 'stylised' and 'beautifully crafted' play and successfully directed a very moving cast of characters and rightly deserved the Merit Certificate awarded to him for his art.

The cast would like to extend their thanks for all the effort and support of Ms Fitzgerald, Ms Milne, Ms Breen (who deserves special mention in this writer's opinion for her choreography of the haunting opening and closing sequences), Ms Killane and Ms Boyce, for helping with their Italian. Also, thanks from the cast to Hannah Jennings and Jill Harding for all they have done for the production.

J. Grogan

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WEEKEND AT FIONNIS



1. TV is boring.



2. The doorbell.
Who could it be?



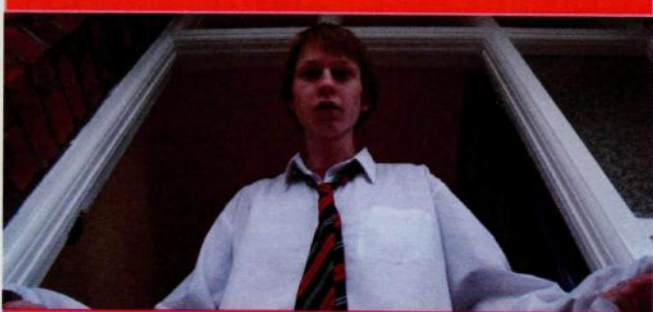
3. Gustav! My pen friend!



4. How are you?
Come in me old pal!



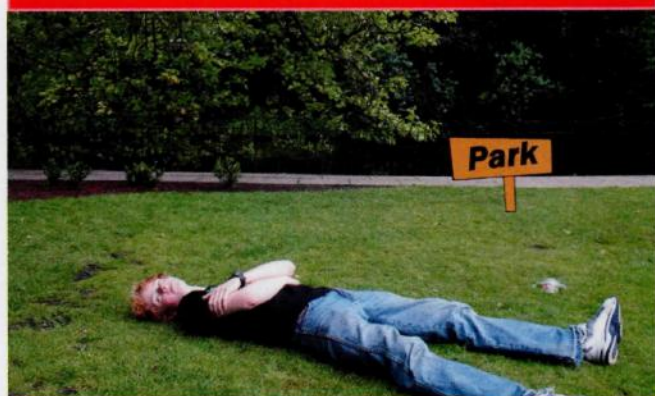
5. Gustav?



6. Oh no! How am I
going to dispose of
the body...?



7. Somehow me thinks
this won't work?



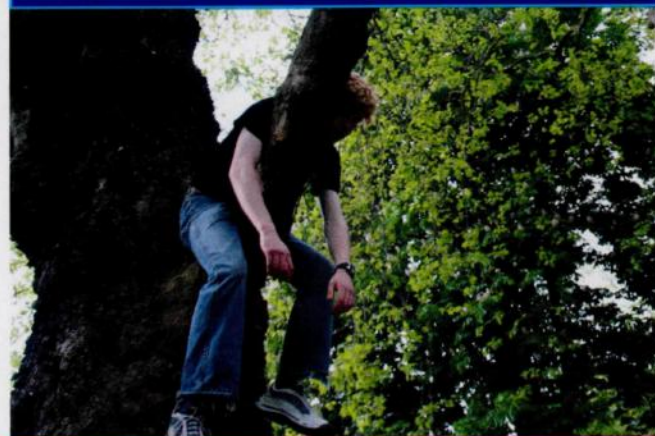
9. People are always
lying around in parks



11. Sleeping with the
'fishies'



8. Suddenly it dawns
on me...



10. Maybe it would be
better to leave him
hanging...



12. A definite no go...



14. In The school...



15. Who could that be?...



16. Wow! We have so much in common!



17. Hello!

18. And they both lived happily ever after!



THE END

MI CASA SU CASA

In July 2005, a group of 16 young people from Christ Church Rathgar travelled to Honduras in Central America. Susan Brusey, Aisling Burke, Alex Carey (Form 5), Emma Laing and Sara Miller (Form 6) from The High School as well as three past pupils went with the charity Habitat for Humanity. Habitat is a non-profit organisation which works in 85 countries throughout the world including Ireland. We were the first Irish team to work in Honduras and our aim was to build simple, decent housing at no profit for families in need. Honduras struggles with high poverty rates and 60% of Central America's HIV/AIDS cases. More than half of all Hondurans live in extreme poverty (less than one US\$ per day). It is overrun with sweatshops. In fact, we drove past one factory that manufactures Puff Daddy's clothing range "Sean John".

The country was devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998, which killed about 7,000 people and left 1.5 million homeless. There are problems with gangs in the cities but we were working in the centre of the country in a rural mountain town called Siguatepeque. We were there for three weeks and helped local masons build 4 houses. From 8 am to 4 pm, five days a week, we were on the work site doing things like making cement, brick laying, plumbing, doing electrical work, putting up scaffolding, digging trenches and moving blocks and sand. It was very difficult as there were no power tools so everything was done by hand. We even had to manually saw metal reinforcement bars which took ages!!

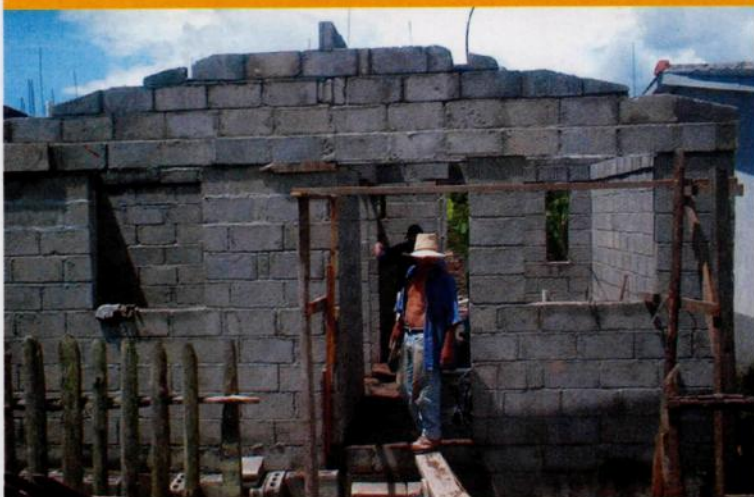
Our group stayed in the National School of Forestry. We couldn't have asked for better accommodation! It was really nice. Cold showers help your sunburn! The showers in Honduras are nicknamed "widow makers" because they are so dangerous! They have open electrical points in them! There weren't toilets on every site but when there were, they weren't particularly nice as they were basically outhouses infested with flies. The weather was very hot but it still rained every day because we were there during the rainy season. Every night, there would be a power cut. The next morning, we would spend a while scooping out water from the houses which was very frustrating. There were a few minor accidents such as when the scaffolding collapsed while another team member and I were on it brick laying!! Luckily, we weren't injured.

The Honduran people were extremely friendly and courteous to us, always generous even when they could not afford to be. It was heartbreaking to see the children with very little. Many did not have shoes so we decided to leave some clothes and shoes for them. The roads weren't paved in the neighbourhood where we worked. The tarmac seemed to stop on one particular road at the point where a large fenced house ended. To help explain this, our guide told us, "That's a bakery, but they only sell the

flour." He was trying to explain the drug problem which Honduras is consumed with.

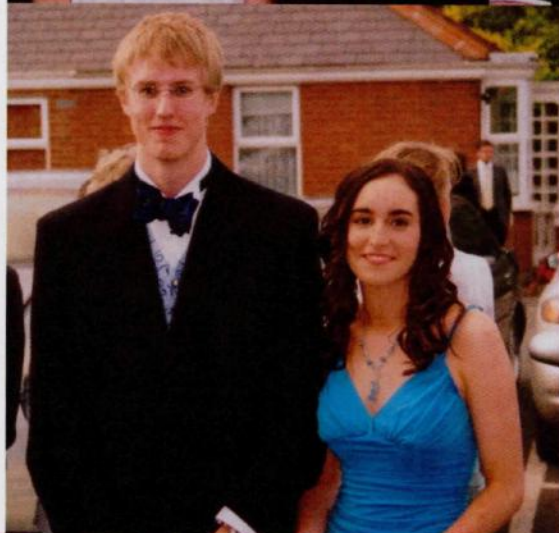
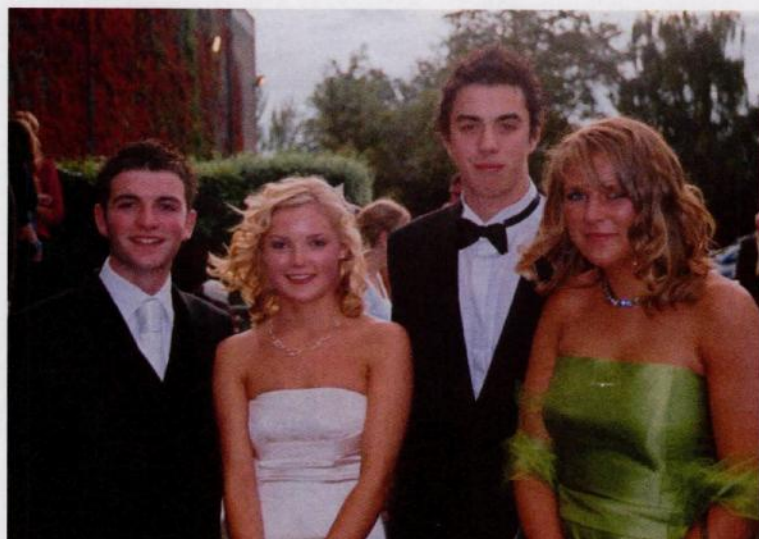
The Habitat people were keen for us to see their country so we would realise that Honduras is still a beautiful country despite the poverty. We got the weekend off and drove 8 hours across the country to Copan beside Guatemala. There are 5,000 year old Ancient Mayan ruins here. Habitat also treated us to a barbeque in one of their employee's house. Honduran food is mostly rice, beans and plantains which is delicious! We also tried horse at the barbeque!! And no, it doesn't taste like chicken! The next weekend, we visited a waterfall called Pulapanzak, which is 300 feet tall. A local boy helped us swim underneath it and climb halfway up into a small cave behind the falls! It was one of the scariest things I have ever done! On our way home to the airport, we took a two day break on the north coast. We went snorkelling on the coral reef and had lunch with the Garifuna island tribe and relaxed after a lot of hard work! The trip was an amazing experience and made us realise how lucky we are and how it is possible to make a difference to the lives of other people. I would recommend to anybody interested in a trip like this to contact Habitat or similar organisations. We would like to thank those who assisted us or donated money to our fund-raising efforts.

Sara Miller (6th Form)



SIXTH YEAR

Debs 05



Top left: Katie Smith and Glenn Sheridan.
Top right: Conor Dixon and partner.
Above: Ian Thom and Anna McCormick.
Below: Sarah O'Callaghan and Jonny Somerville.

Left: Rachel O'Byrne and Scott Hanan
Above left: Clare Fry and Claudine Murphy with their guests.





Back Row: Edward Flaherty, John Tobin, Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly, Dylan Murphy, Jordan Ralph, Niall Milton, Gerard Prunty, Stefan Slattery, Bevan Carr, Daragh Walsh, Paul Jones, David Kelleher, Karl Browne, Robert Hunt, David Laing, Fergus Keane.

Row 7: Michael MacSweeney, Samuel Sherwood, Ruarc O'Boyle, Francis Moriarty, Aidan Hunt, Gorgi Hill, John Kirkpatrick, Daniel Staines, John Humphries, Josef Opdebeek, Sam Boles, Ronan Keller, Nathan Barber, Elis Czerniak, Luke Begley, Luke McSharry, Robert Bradish.

Row 6: Adam Hurley, Jake O'Brien, Billy Parkes, Simon Coyne, Mark Rooney, Ailbhe Donnellan, Freda O'Donnell, Nicola Gregory, Alexandra Wilson, Holly Warren, Michael Willoughby, Nicola Daly, Sinead Frizzelle, Kellie O'Flynn, Scott O'Malley, Alexander Cole Pidgeon.

Row 5: Joe McGuire, Harry McEvansoneya, Robert O'Brien, Christopher Blair, Josh Plunkett, Karen Sutton, Danny Finn, Samuel Cogan, Mark Nolan, Robert Nason, Katie Smith, Avril Nolan, Rachel O'Byrne, Manus Cronin, Tim Harris, Ciaran O'Callaghan.

Row 4: Ciaran Brennan, Nicky Wynne, Barry Browne, Karl Kabena, Sam Fitzpatrick, Derrick Denby, Rory O'Connor, Kevin Finnegan, Jamie O'Neill, Andrew Cobban, Sara Miller, Geoffrey Keating, Phelim O'Reilly, John O'Connor, Mengxi Hu, Amy Kenealy.

Row 3: Robin Leavy, Nadine Eustace, Christine Boyle, Kim Weekes, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard Kane, Aisling Barry, Benn Satchwell, Peter Jackson, Scott Kohlmann, Elizabeth Donnelly, Emma Laing, Paddy O'Shea, Chloe Stacey, Rachel Lyons, Sarah O'Reilly, Amy Ward.

Row 2: Tamara Rahmann, Rebecca Tadros, Sarah Clarke, Neil Barrett, Amy Brennan, Mary Lim, Jill Harding, Ruth Jones, Aisling Bridgeman, Grace Nugent, Lorna O'Rourke, Suzanne Burke, Rachel McCoy, Roxanne Brownlee, Jennifer Keane.

Front Row: Jennifer Weekes, Mr C Flynn, Ms D Fahey, Ruth Roseingrave, Ms C Whitford, Mr B Davies, Mr B Duffy, Shane Sargeant, Mr B Quinn, Mr P Prendergast, Mr C Cryan, Naadiya Carrim, Grace Cummins.

head boy

It was late last August when I received a phone call inviting me to meet Mr Duffy for a 'chat'. Little did I know, I was to come out of his office as the next head boy of the High School.

Throughout the year, Ruth and I had various tasks to perform. Our main duty was to organize different rotas and delegate other jobs to some fellow sixth year student. Every morning, we would come in extra early to ensure that the prefects knew what duties they were to perform. Their duties consisted of ringing the bell at assembly, recording the names of students arriving late and, my favourite duty, clearing the corridors. We were lucky enough to have an excellent team of prefects behind us this made our tasks much easier.

Every month or so, we had to make a new cleaning rota to ensure that the common room was kept clean and tidy. Every day, Ruth or myself were on the rota. This was probably our most difficult job as the majority of students would know we were coming and so hide before we would remind them. Other days, some students, (CHRISTINE BOYLE) would be 'conveniently' out of school on the day that it was their turn to do the cleaning!

Another task of ours was at the beginning of the year when Ruth and I had to form a Debs Committee. At the start there didn't appear to be many interested parties but we eventually found some volunteers. Catherine Alexander and Robert Bradish took on the task of chairing the committee and so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for relieving the stress of the Debs from us. I'm not sure they knew what they were getting themselves in for when they agreed to organize it!

Apart from delegating tasks and organizing rotas, Ruth and I had some special duties to perform. Our first was at the beginning of November when we attended Prize Duty. All the prefects were called upon for this evening as it is the most important school event of the year. Ruth and I met members of the board of Governors and also helped in the distribution of prizes to the prizewinners. While we were doing this, the rest of the prefects were showing people to their seats and patrolling the car park.

When Christmas was approaching, so too was the annual carol service. Again, I would like to thank all of the prefects for assisting in the smooth running of this event many of them, (Michael Willoughby and Katie Smith) found it difficult to drag themselves away from their books, so they deserve an extra thanks. Ruth opened the service in reading a short parable from the bible, while I closed it with a poem.

As we headed into 2006, we were starting to get the hang of our roles. In early January I (along with Frank Moriarty and Ronan Keller) helped out



at the annual Old Boy's Dinner. We hung up the coats of the guests and were rewarded by generous tips from all of them and so this turned out to be a great night for us!

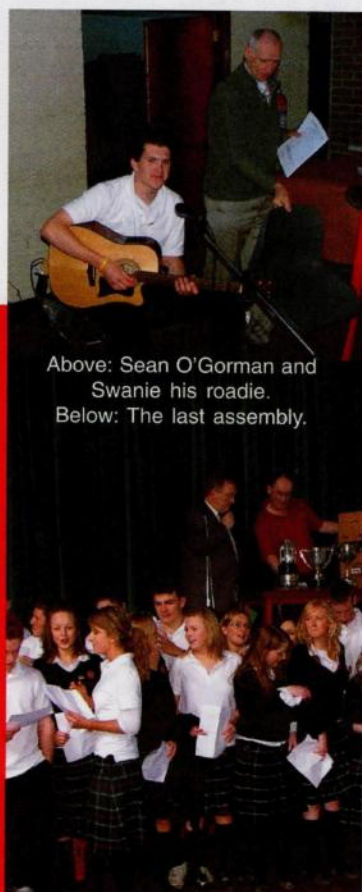
As our year comes to an end, our approaching graduation speeches are our last task as Head Boy and Head Girl. I would like to thank Mr Duffy, Mr Davies and Dr Whitford for all their support throughout the school year. I would also like to thank Ruth, the teachers and the school staff and all of the prefects for making my job as Head Boy as enjoyable as I could have expected it to have been.

Shane Sargeant

School Prefects

Head Girl: Ruth Roseingrave
Head Boy: Shane Sargeant

Christine Boyle, Robert Bradish, Ciaran Brennan, Aisling Bridgeman, Karl Browne, Simon Coyne, Grace Cummins, Sinéad Frizzelle, Nicola Gregory, Jill Harding, Tim Harris, John Humphreys, Aidan Hunt, Robert Hunt, Ruth Jones, Davey Kelleher, Ronan Keller, Amy Kenealy, Emma Laing, Frank Moriarty, Dylan Murphy, Avril Nolan, Grace Nugent, Seán O'Gorman, Patrick O'Shea, Katie Smith, Karen Sutton, Holly Warren, Michael Willoughby, Alexandra Wilson.



Above: Sean O'Gorman and Swanie his roadie.
Below: The last assembly.

head girl

Strolling casually down towards High School last August, about three weeks before the start of term, I wondered why on earth I had been asked to attend a meeting with Mr Duffy. Did all the prefects get this call? Was it some kind of administrative mix-up? Or even worse, was I in trouble? Of all the possibilities that ran through my head, being asked to be the Head Girl of High School was definitely not one of them. I walked out of the front doors twenty minutes later completely shell-shocked, but absolutely thrilled.

I knew from the beginning that I was taking on a great responsibility by accepting this position. Apart from the organizational aspect of the job, the Head Boy and Girl are looked up to as role models by the rest of the student body, and I hope that during my year as Head Girl I have been able to lead by example through my behaviour and attitude while at school.

That said, it is the organisational part of the job that takes the most time and effort to carry out. The drawing up of prefect schedules, and of course, the infamous common room cleaning rota were our responsibilities, and it was up to us to make sure that each job was carried out. It is in this area that I am utterly indebted to Shane, the Head Boy, for whose tireless and enthusiastic input into these tasks I am incredibly grateful.

The annual Prize Giving was the first important event of the school calendar, and Shane and I were appointed to greet the guests of honour and distribute prizes to the students. In November we attended the Carol Service in Zion Church, an evening of beautiful music and readings, and delicious mince pies! Just before the Easter holidays, I had the honour of being invited to the Diocesan School Past Pupils' Union dinner at the Royal St. George Yacht Club, which, thanks to the warm, welcoming members of the Union, was a very enjoyable night. And our ultimate duty as Head Boy and Head Girl was to make a speech at the 6th Year graduation ceremony.

Serving the school this year as Head Girl has been an honour. I have learned so much from my position, and I am so proud to have been granted this opportunity by my classmates and teachers. I would like to give my most heartfelt thanks to all our prefects who carried out their tasks with enthusiasm; it was a pleasure working with such an eager group. Thank you also to Mr Duffy, Mr Davies, Dr Whitford, our Year Head, the teachers, staff and pupils for all your support. And finally, I wish next year's Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects the best of luck for the year to come.

Ruth Roseingrave

SUMMER CONCERT

Left: Katie Hyland, flautist.
Below: The High School Orchestra.
Middle right: Seraphim Dempsey, cellist.
Middle left: The Pussycat Dolls.
Bottom: Sebastian Adams fiddles a fine tune.



LEAVING CERT 2005

Ahern, Edward
 Anglim, James
 Aslanis, John
 Baker, Isabel
 Bannister, Andrew
 Barry, Evan
 Bass, Alison
 Blakely, Averil
 Bowens, Louise
 Bright, Tara
 Carabine, Zoe
 Carroll, Niamh
 Collins, Vicki
 Condren, Ciaran
 Corcoran, Meave
 Coughlin, Stephanie
 Cullen, Patricia
 Daly, Ayodele
 Daly, Barry
 Deegan, Philip
 Dempsey, Scott
 Dixon, Conor
 Douglas, Karen
 Duffy, Philip
 Earls, Patrick
 Elliott, Kim
 Fallon, Richard
 Fernández-Brennan, Leon
 FitzGerald, Carla
 Flower, David
 Forsythe, Rory
 Fox, Sean
 Froudust-Walsh, Sean
 Fry, Claire
 Fullarton, Robert
 Gilbert, Saoirse
 Glynn, Emily
 Goldsmith, Jane
 Gordon, Nicholas
 Greene, Aoife
 Grogan, Al
 Hale, Ciaran
 Hanan, Scott
 Hanlon, James
 Hogan, Niamh
 Hohan, Gearoid
 Hughes, Ashling
 Jackson, Ian
 Johnson, Ross
 Judge, Marc
 Kelly, Brian
 Kenny, Ronan
 King, Daniel
 Kinlan, Graham
 Lane, Stephen
 Lawless, Brett
 Lett, Allison
 Loane, Alan
 Lonergan, Ronan
 Long, Ercus
 Lowe, Ross
 Lui, Andrew
 Lynch, Joe
 Marconi, Simon
 May, Peter
 McCormick, Anna
 McDarby, Niall
 McGonagle, Paul
 McGuckin, Gregor
 McNair, Zoe
 McNeill, Scott
 McRann, Julie
 McSharry, Miriam
 Meehan, Sarah
 Meredith, Samantha
 Mesallati, Tariq
 Mitchell, William
 Moloney, Sorcha
 Mooney, Alice
 Murphy, Claudine
 Murphy, Susan
 Nelson, Steven
 Nic Philibín, Aoife
 Nowlan, Hugh
 Nwosu, Augustine
 O'Byrne, Jordan
 O'Callaghan, Sarah
 O'Donohoe, Michelle
 O'Toole, Ciara
 Okonji, Michael
 Phelan, Brendan
 Quinlan, Jonathan
 Rankin, Craig
 Rath, Michael
 Reidy, Liam
 Rorke, Steven
 Sexton, Michael
 Sheridan, Glenn
 Silke, Joseph
 Somerville, Jonny
 Sookram, Cein
 Stevenson, David
 Suiter, Cillian
 Synnott, Adam
 Synnott, Holly
 Tevlin, Orla
 Thom, Ian
 Thompson, Alan
 Traynor, Ross
 Walsh, Richard
 Walsh, Steven
 Ward, Pia
 Wardell, Owen
 Warren, Jeffrey
 Webster, Pamela
 Whelan, Melanie
 Whitaker, Lucy
 Wilson, Robert
 Zavershinskaya,
 Ekaterina

JUNIOR CERT 2005

Ahmed, Zana
 Alkin, Daniel
 Allison, Tanya
 Anglim, Katie
 Aslanis, Jordan
 Austen, Gareth
 Barry, Aisling
 Bishop, Hannah
 Blakely, Louise
 Brady, Barry
 Breen, Jade
 Burke, Rebecca
 Burns, Nicola
 Butler, Ciara
 Butler, Edmund
 Byrne, Daragh
 Byrne, Sarah
 Cabena, Mark
 Callaghan, Robert
 Carey, Sam
 Carney, Pauline
 Carty, Caoimhe
 Casey, Susan
 Collins, Fiona
 Collins, Mark
 Comerford, James
 Condron, Ben
 Connell, Triona
 Cooley, Laura
 Cooley, Sian
 Cooper, Cherith
 Cooper, Naomi
 Corbin, Sarah
 Cox, Desmond
 Cox, Peter
 Deeley, Genevieve
 Donnelly, Sarah
 Douglas, Laura ann
 Drakeford, Adam
 Earls, Anna
 Evans, Kimberly
 Evans, Marc
 Field, Graham
 Fitzpatrick, Brian
 Fitzpatrick, Nick
 Fitzpatrick, Darragh
 Fox, Ronan
 Fusciardi, Romano
 Gray, Andrew
 Guy, Clare
 Hanan, Ross
 Hanlon, William
 Hanly, Stéphane
 Harding, Stan
 Harrison, Richard
 Hickey, Jack
 Hickey, James
 Hickey, Saoirse
 Hickey, Shane
 Higgs, Adam
 Higgs, Sophie
 Horgan, Eve
 Howell, Andrew
 Hughes, Amy
 James, Conor
 James, Daniel
 Jones, Richard
 Keenan, Fionan
 Keller, Darragh
 Kenny, David
 Kenny, Niamh
 Kerr, Miriam
 Lacey, Rowan
 Lai, Gordan
 Lawson, Alexander
 Lohan, Thomas
 Lui, Alain
 Lunn, Hannah
 Mackay, Euan
 Madden, Jack
 Margolis, Siobhan
 McAuley, Ruth
 McConnell, Karina
 McDermott, Sarah
 McDonnell, Caoimhe
 McHugh, Carl
 McLeod, Alex
 Meade, David
 Mesallati, Hanah
 Mesbur, Mark
 Mills, Evanna
 Milton, Grainne
 Misstear, Bruce
 Mitchell, Niamh
 Mooney, Norah
 Moore, Leah
 Moran, Barry
 Moran, Donal
 Mulholland, David
 Murphy, Anita
 Murphy, Annalise
 Murphy, Ruth
 Nolan, Sinead
 Noone, Orfhlaith
 O Cleirigh, Ellen
 O'Dea, Helen
 O'Meara, Graeme
 O'Meara, Joann
 Oliver, Laura
 Reina, Olwen
 Rorke, Christine
 Sadlier, Gavin
 Senior, Ruth
 Sexton, Valerie
 Sheridan, Colin
 Sheridan, Daniel
 Singleton, Ian
 Smart, Amy
 Spray, Marcus
 Staines, Luke
 Stevenson, Andrew
 Sweetnam, Darragh
 Tallon, Emma
 Taylor, Alexandra
 Tevlin, Sean
 Thornberry, Gavin
 Traynor, Brian
 Tuomey, Daniel
 Wade, Aron
 Walsh, Alison
 Walsh, Conall
 Ward, Aaron
 Ward, Harry
 Whyte, David
 Winslow, Clare
 Woolhead, John

PAST PUPILS UNION

It has been a great honour and privilege for us to serve as Joint Presidents of the Past Pupils Union this past year, representing our members at both our own events, and those of other Past Pupils' Organisations.

The year started well with a new event, the Mid Summer Barbecue. This took place in the grounds of the school and was attended by around 70 people, who enjoyed great food, wine, and music. It seemed to appeal to members that were not necessarily interested in attending one of the single-sex dinners, and proved so popular that we plan to repeat it again this summer.

At the moment, we also run a number of annual events including the Men's Dinner, the Ladies Dinner, Carol Singing, the Annual Golf Outing, and the Thanksgiving for Sports Service. These are all highly successful, well-attended and popular events that will remain on our Calendar.

However, most past pupils' organisations face the challenge of competing for time and participation in a society that has become increasingly goal-oriented, and our Union is no exception. It has begged the question – where does the Union fit into our busy lives, and how can we best represent the needs of our diverse membership.

For this reason, your input is essential. We need to know your views on developing what is already one of the most vibrant and dynamic Unions around. What can we do to make it even better? Please feel free to contact us with any opinions you might have on developing the Union into an association of which all our members can be proud. The easiest way to contact us is by email to ppu@highschool.ie.

Our job as Joint President has been made all the easier by the tireless efforts of the Committee who work away behind the scenes, attending meetings, organising events, and providing support when most needed.

We are also very fortunate as a Union to have such a high level of support within the school itself, so we would like to take this opportunity to thank Brian Duffy and staff for their time, advice, and the use of school facilities throughout the year.



Finally, we would like to wish Avril Poff and Brian Priestman, your new Joint Presidents, the very best for their year in office.

*Linda O'Connor
David Pierce*

Left: 2005-06 PPU Joint President Avril Poff caught up with Gavin Henson at the Ireland - Wales rugby match in February.



Above: David Pierce and Linda O'Connor, High School and Diocesan Past Pupils Union Joint Presidents 2005-06.



Above: PPU Committee members Julie Dowling, Linda O'Connor, Bepi Gaidoni, Stephen Brown and Harry Booker represented the school at the annual Association of Schools Union Dinner.

Below: Incoming PPU Joint President Avril Poff, former Deputy Principal Joan Geoghegan, and Head Girl Ruth Roseingrave at the Annual Ladies Dinner in April.



NEWS OF PAST PUPILS

This year's selection of news from past pupils has an international feel to it – but we'd like to include news from past pupils at home too. Keep in touch by mailing your news to ppu@hghschool.ie

Donall Fox (1947-49) came to High School having been a boarder at Morgans School in Castleknock, winning the OBU Cup and captaining the rugby team in his final year. On leaving he became an articled clerk in Craig Gardeners. His tutor was Sam Cunningham. He moved to London in 1957, and still has on the wall photos of the JCT of 1946/7, and the SCTs of 1947/8 and 1948/9.



Maureen Greenwood (1950-55) moved to London in 1961 and has lived there ever since. She has been painting for about thirty years, and turned professional five years ago.

Alex Donaldson OBE (1955-60), Managing Director and international veterinary consultant with Bio-Vet Solutions Ltd in Surrey, has been working as an advisor to the governments of Serbia and Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and Jordan. For his work on veterinary science, particularly foot-and-mouth disease, he has received such awards as the 2002 Pfizer Animal Health prize, the Gold Medal of the World Organisation for Animal Health, an honorary fellowship of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and an honorary degree from the University of Edinburgh.

David Hughes (1958-62) lives in Fife, Scotland. His wife and he run a company that takes people on ski and snowboard instructor and leadership courses in Canada, Argentina, New Zealand and Switzerland. He still remembers the first part of the roll for class 1a – Valentine, Johnston (son of one of the masters), Jones, Micks, McDougal, Taylor, Hughes, Went.

Keith Cairns (1959-1967) had great craic in 6U before joining the Royal Bank of Ireland, later AIB. He retired this year and is involved with fundraising for the Friends of St Luke's Hospital and the National Children's Hospital in Tallaght. Three of his kids went to High School, and one will do his Leaving Cert next year.

Charles Woodhouse (1963-68) did law at Trinity before emigrating to Australia, where he took another law degree, and settled in Tasmania. A barrister, he has been Secretary of the Board of Legal Education, and Deputy Chairman of the Law Reform Commission of Tasmania. For those with a historical Charles 'rediscovered' Irish patriot John Mitchell's cottage on the banks of Lake Sorrell (in Tasmania) by referring to the local maps and

topography of the area set against the background of the sketch of that cottage found in his 'Gaul Journal'. Charles is single (divorced in 1995) and has two daughters the eldest of whom made him a grandfather on 2nd February 2006.

David Tough (1970-76) and his daughter Hazel have been selected to take part in a Church Mission Society Ireland mission experience team in Kenya this summer. As part of a team of 15 they will be involved in building a church community centre in the Kajiado diocese.



Robin Benn (1970-77) enjoyed the entry of girls to High School so much that he and 12 other pupils stayed and repeated the Leaving! After school he studied electronics and this year moved to Cisco Systems. Married to Orlaith, they have three children, two at Wesley College, and one at Whitechurch N.S.

Andrew Wilson (Junior school 1976-7; Senior school 1977-81) trained in England as a professional dancer and from 1983/4 was a member of Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. He was a soloist of the Birmingham Royal Ballet 1990-95, and currently teaches dance at Bird College in Kent. After a degree in History and Politics at TCD, postgraduate work in Government at Georgetown University and a degree in law from Cambridge, Stephen Douglas (1980-90) is now putting the finishing touches to a novel about love and revolution entitled "Playclothes". In his spare time, he works as a Parliamentary Assistant to a TD in Dáil Éireann, and is campaigning to succeed Senator Mary Henry.

Jenifer Coleman (1985-89) has been living in Brisbane since 2000 with her partner Jeff. Her parents have just emigrated there, and RTE are making a film of her sister Pamela Coleman and Russell Whittaker (both former HSD students) and their family moving to Australia. Jenifer cites the cricket training at school as particularly useful.

Luke Thompson (1985-89) lives in Hollywood and has just had his first movie premiere. He also works as a film critic, acts, and writes screenplays. His most recent release was Mad Cowgirl, starring Walter Koenig from the original Star Trek.

Julie McGouran (1989-95) was head girl in 1995, along with Garret Lyons who was headboy. They held their ten year reunion last October. These days she's Events and Sponsorship Manager for A&L Goodbody solicitors, having forked for Murray Consultants for five years with a break in between for a year living it up in Australia.

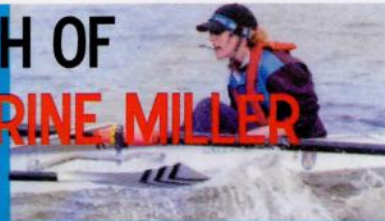
Aidan Walsh (1992-98) lives in New Jersey, where he got married last year. He is pictured winning the New Jersey State five mile championships this year, and has just signed a professional shoe contract with Brooks Running.





Above: The High School Old Boys of 66 got together in the Dropping Well to mark four decades out of school: Brian Hewson, Derek Singleton, Don Cromer, Alan Benson, Stuart Webster, Michael Delmonty, Ian Booth, Roger Cole, John Mousoulides, Derek Tyrrell, Neill Sholdice, Martin Andrews, Finlay Collet, Wyndham Beere, Brian Duncan, David Singleton, John Armstrong.

LAUNCH OF KATHERINE MILLER BOAT



Grants from the TCD Association and Trust, DUCAC and PricewaterhouseCoopers enabled the DULBC to purchase a new racing boat in the 2004-2005 season. This was essential for the club, since irreparable damage to the novice boat early in the year created a strain on resources.

The Sims 'Evolution' eight is of special significance to Trinity rowers, as the Club named it after Katherine Miller, a dedicated coxswain and rower for both DULBC and DUBC who was tragically killed along with her sister in a car accident in December 2004. Kat, a 4th year drama student, exemplified the spirit and enthusiasm of a true club rower and DULBC is honored to be able to commemorate her in this way.

On May 14th, the boat was unveiled in a ceremony at the Boathouse organised by Club Captain Anna Walsh and DUCAC, following a tree planting in the Trinity College Rose Garden held by Kat's drama class. Her parents, Britt and Liam Miller, christened the boat and a reception with her family and friends took place afterwards.

DULBC is very grateful to all parties involved in arranging the acquisition of the boat and supporting the Club. The Club celebrates its 30th anniversary in October 2005.

Keep in touch with events, send us your news, and arrange reunions by contacting the PPU: ppu@highschool.ie or telephone Joint Presidents Avril Poff or Brian Priestman on 085 7057943 and 01 4923757

Right: Redmond O'Connell, past pupil, now working as a researcher at the new Trinity College Institute of Neuroscience, at its opening with the Tanaiste.



Ralph Benson (1992-98) has worked as political assistant to Independent TCD Senator Shane Ross since leaving Trinity. During this time he has written for the Sunday Independent and the Irish Times. He is moving to the M&A department of Ernst and Young Corporate Finance in Edinburgh this summer.

Cynthia Taylor (1994-2000) is house tutor and Academic Music Teacher in the Purcell School for young musicians outside London. The music practice sessions she teaches start at 7.20 am! Her two older sisters (both ex-HSD) also live in London.

Stephanie Taylor (1994-2000) studied at the University of St Andrews after school. Now she's working on the thesis for her M.Phil on the Roman Empire, and starting as an Assistant Housemistress and teacher in Tudor Hall school in Oxfordshire.

Right: The sun shone at the first Summer Barbeque at the cricket pavilion.

FIRST IN IRELAND

Ian Thom is presented with his trophy (right) for achieving 1st place in the Leaving Certificate in Applied Math. Also in the picture are Mr J. Hickey, Ian's teacher and Mr Kevin Conliffe of Friary Publications. Well done!



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

The 62nd Annual General Meeting of The High School Parents' Association was held on the 10th October 2005, and the following committee members were elected for 2005/2006: Harvey O'Keeffe (President), Deirdre Lyder, Ian MacKay, Bill McConnell, Deirdre Kennedy, Caroline Canton, Brian Hunt (Hon Sec), Niamh Harty (Hon Treasurer), Eamon Flaherty, David Keating and Angela Harding.

At the beginning of the summer term Deirdre Kennedy had to resign from the committee for personal reasons. I would like to thank Deirdre for her time and commitment since being elected to the committee in 2004.

Mr Brian Duffy, Principal, attended the AGM and addressed the parents with regard to school policy and ongoing developments, after which, he partook in a Question & Answers session with the parents. We greatly appreciate Mr Duffy's attendance each year and the ongoing support, which he and his staff give to the Parents' Association. The PA continues to be represented on many of the subcommittees in the school. Throughout the year Harvey O'Keeffe and Niamh Harty represented the Parents Association at the Board of Governors and Management Committee meetings. Niamh also attended Finance Committee meetings.

Also the association's committee members represent the Parents' Association on the various subcommittees that relate to other issues of school management; Eamon Flaherty - Grounds and Property, Niamh Harty - Sports, and Caroline Canton - Education. David Keating was the High Schools Parents' Association representative at The National (Post Primary) Parents association (COMPASS) meetings.

The Parents Association are also involved in the organisation of a number of what are now annual school events as follows:

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS

One of the year's first events for the Association each year is the organisation in September of the Junior Cert Students results night party. Ian McKay in cooperation with Mr Wright the year head, acquired and sold the tickets for the event which included transport from the school to the venue. This occasion, which is very popular with the students, provides them, as it does, with an opportunity to enjoy the evening in a well-organised and safe venue.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker this year was none other than David Norris. David, a High School Old Boy, lived up to his reputation as a very entertaining and witty public speaker. On the evening in question he covered a wide range of topics from his High School days to his involvement in Georgian Society and of course politics. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable and exceptionally well attended.

On the 31st May 2006 the committee met with the Chairman of the Board, Mr Leslie Ruttle and Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr Stan Mason. Once again the opportunity to exchange views, ideas and information on all aspects of the school community. The Parents Association committee is very appreciative of and values our access to, the Board of Governors by way of our representation, both on the Board and it's sub committees, which ensures as parents that we are kept fully informed on school matters and activities. The full P.A. committee also availed of a separate opportunity to discuss such matters with Mr Duffy on the 24 April 2006.

PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent-teacher meetings for years 1, 2, 5 and year 3 (for the first time this year) were again held with the support of the Association. As President I wish to thank all those involved in the organisation and administration of these very important events. In particular, The High School office staff and committee members for their time and efforts on your behalf.

The introduction for the first time, this year, of the 3rd year parent teacher meetings was very successful and greatly appreciated by parents. The engagement and commitment of the teaching staff to these meetings is very much appreciated by the Parents Assoc. as we consider them to be one of the most important school activities the Association is involved with.

MOCK INTERVIEWS

The annual Mock Interview event for 5th year students took place on the 24 April this year. The interviews, which are aimed at giving the students a realistic experience of participation in job or course interviews, involved one hundred and ten students and fifty-six interviewers. The event continues to prove to be a very positive experience for all involved. I would like to thank all the parents, past pupils and friends of the school who gave of their time for the benefit of the students, without whose involvement and commitment this event would not be possible. A special word of thanks to committee members Bill McConnell, Deirdre Lyder, Caroline Canton and Thelma Jones the career guidance counsellor.

6TH YEAR GRADUATION

Our committee member Ian McKay was the Parents Assoc organiser for this year's 6th year party, in co-operation with the 6th year head, Dr Whitford. A private party including food and a disco, for the one hundred and twenty students, was held in Old Wesley R.F.C. following the student's graduation ceremony in the school on the 24th May. The event was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The annual Staff-Parent cricket match was played in May. Colin Rogan managed and Des Johnson captained the Parents' Team, with the parents winning back the trophy after yet again, a very enjoyable and tightly contested match.

The committee provided the sustenance and refreshments for the gallant efforts displayed by both of the teams. A most enjoyable evening was had by all.

Finally, at the end of another year I would like to thank, on behalf of all the parents in the school, all the members of the committee for their time, commitment and effort, throughout the year. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM in October this year and I would encourage as many parents as possible to attend, as your support and continuing involvement is essential.

Harvey O'Keeffe
President

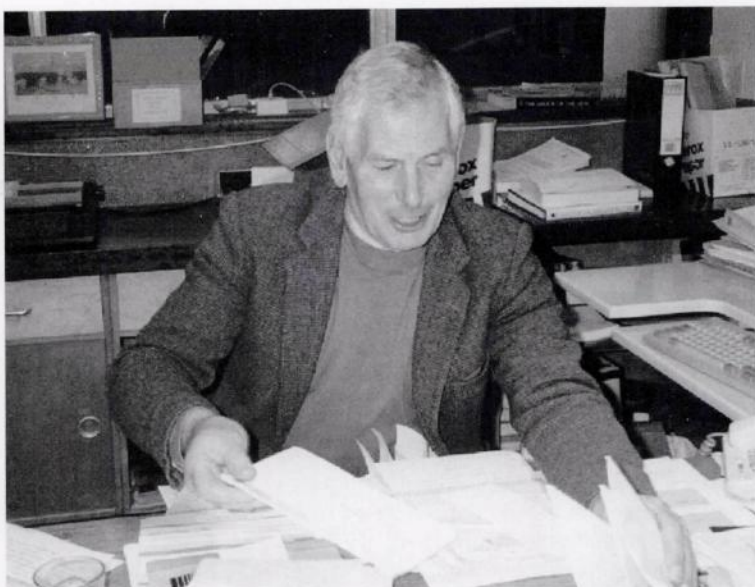
OBITUARIES

DAVID BENSON

A businessman, David Benson once explained to me, was a man with responsibilities – to his investors, of course and to his own family, but also to his customers and his employees. Yes, high on the list were the employees of a company and their families. By safeguarding your business you were safeguarding their futures; you were contributing to the surrounding community; you were making a difference. When I arrived in The High School in the mid-eighties I had no idea that David had once run his family business, a laundry company in Milltown. His tanned expressive face reminded me of an actor's. James Coburn maybe, or Lee Marvin, one or the other – even now I'm not sure which. That big open expression would greet you in the school office. How could he be of service?

Know this about schools: they are an institution unto themselves. Neither a charity nor a business, they are manned by paid employees and yet, if each employee performed only those tasks for which he is paid, the school would cease to function. Each week numerous situations arise for which someone has to accept responsibility and it was into this vacuum that David, nominally employed as the school bursar, fashioned a position for himself, a kind of troubleshooter if you like, someone to go to when you had no one else to go to. Need some supplies? Ask Benson. The Under 14's need to go to King's Hospital? Ask Benson. Big or small, it didn't matter, once the problem had no obvious home the response was generally the same – go ask Benson. A sick child needed to be brought home and David would drop whatever he was doing.

He didn't mind. In fact, he liked to be asked. There are people like that, you know. I'm the opposite. One of my students needs a detail sorted out, an exam timetable for instance, I usually tell them to scoot. Go ask someone else, I say. But Benson was different; to see him operate between the office and the kitchen, his two main areas of responsibility, was to witness someone who had found a place where he was needed, where he belonged. His attitude was the same as when he ran his family's laundry company. To be in charge meant to accept responsibility; if something



was upsetting you, if something was causing you anxiety, he wanted to know. Maybe there was something he could do about it.

And he did plenty. Both students and teachers still reap the benefits of his achievements. The food, for instance, his insistence on higher quality, or the increased funding for the library. David played a significant role in the building of the all-weather hockey pitch. He championed minority activities. He purchased canoes, rock-climbing equipment, portable soccer goals. That trim abundance that hits you when you roll on through the school gates, the plants and the flowerbeds and that rush of colour – all David's work.

Just as his professional diligence astonished (David himself used to arrive just after six each morning) there were times when his personal kindness seemed limitless. If you were sick he would turn up to cut your grass; if you were moving flat he would haul your belongings in the back of the school bus; when I broke my arms off Pearl Moffitt's bike (anyone remember Miss Moffitt?) it was David I called to ferry me to the hospital. My soccer teams loved him. It didn't matter what time or day the match was arranged for, he would be available to drive the minibus and we would go traipsing off around the greater Dublin area. It was a habit of his to treat the players to chocolate and a drink on the way back to the school. He liked to get the exact route clear in his head, complete with drop off points so no child would arrive home any later than absolutely necessary.

In 1997 David left his job as bursar to The High School and moved over to where the music block is now situated to begin work on the archive section, a job which allowed him to stay in touch with the friends he had made through the previous thirteen years. I'm not sure how well that job suited him; at times he reminded me of a head coach working as an office clerk. Yes, it was easier, with less hassle and less responsibility, but it also took him out of contact with general school life. When David finally retired in 2000 we wished him well, hoped he would find a comfortable balance between tending to his garden and the travelling he hoped to do. He would no doubt listen to endless hours of test cricket on the radio. David was a superb gardener. Passers-by would pull over outside his house in Ballinaclesh to complement him, to seek advice in relation to their own gardens. But a garden of that size and variety can be as demanding as a six-month-old baby. Some time later David sold up and moved to Arklow. He travelled. He kept in touch. He helped John Hickmott with his Christmas tree business. He regularly visited Valerie King and her husband, Robert. Every so often he would turn up on my doorstep.

David died on Christmas Day 2006. He had been seriously ill, we knew

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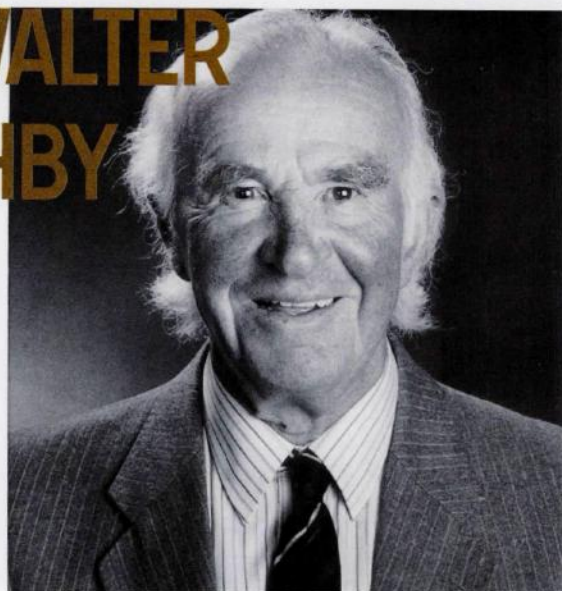
this, but his recovery was going well. Last time we had spoken he'd seemed strong, in good spirits, as uncomplaining as ever. Yet a call came to my wife Trish's mobile phone to relate the sad news. David had, at his own request, already been buried. It was the flip side of the coin really; there are people who are so committed and so willing to help other people, whose eye is so keen for someone in need of assistance that they develop an overwhelming aversion to being helped themselves. In their minds, this is simply not how things work. They would do anything rather than impose. David's decision was a logical, if extreme, extension of this. There were many of us who knew and loved him as a friend and he simply did not want to cause us any inconvenience.

But funerals are for the living, are they not? Just as proud parents announce their joy at a christening, just as a bride and groom declare their love for each other at a wedding, a funeral allows us to draw a curtain on a life, to celebrate it, to mourn together its passing. Most of all funerals allow us to act out that which is so difficult to put into words. We, his friends, would have liked that. It would have been no trouble, I tell you, no trouble whatsoever.

But we each have our memories of David, don't we? That open smiling expression, the joy he took at being ragged, the way if you asked him for a cigarette he always gave you a couple extra for later in the day. The pride he took in the improvement in the school dinners and his modesty at the charity work he undertook with the Masonic Order. I remember him playing with my kids in his garden in Ballinaclesh, yapping away to Trish about school business. But my clearest memory of him is behind the wheel of that minibus. Happy as monkeys the troops would barrel aboard; it always amazed me how many students David knew by name. He was a man of routine. He would check that all were present. He would ensure that the back door was safely secured (we didn't want anyone to tumble out onto the roadside after all) and then he would offer a big cheery grin. "Well, off we go then," he would say. The key would turn in the ignition and the bus would rumble into life.

Peter Prendergast

JAMES WALTER WILLOUGHBY



"Scrum Here!" These words, following a sharp blast on the whistle and accompanied by the firm planting of a heel in the mud, were my introduction to Mr Willoughby. He was taking Under 12 Rugby practice at Palmerston Park, and involvement in games was part of the large contribution he made over thirty-nine years to the High School.

Jim Willoughby joined the staff of the school in September 1949. History was his main subject, but he also taught English and RE over the years to many pupils. His enthusiasm for the subject was obvious, as we pupils benefited from his detailed knowledge and copious notes, laboriously written on the blackboard before class began – no overhead projectors nor photocopied handouts in those days! Many will remember the initials "JWW", etched beneath a comment, both perceptive and helpful, at the end of an essay. The numbers choosing History in the senior classes grew, and Entrance Scholarships to TCD followed. His teaching laid the foundation for success at Third Level, on occasions leading to Professorship. Jim saw History as a living subject, and in 1953 he brought a radio into the classroom for us to hear "history in the making" as the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was broadcast. The nationalist side of him was not neglected when in 1966 at Assembly he delivered the 1916 commemorative address.

Jim was fully committed to activities within the school. He coached rugby and cricket for many years, and took a special interest in games in the Junior School. He introduced the Hanly Cup competition in 1978 for rugby teams within the Junior School. He was Headmaster of Belgrave House, and loudly urged on his teams from the touchline to victory over those coached by Wilf Lowry or Robbie Fennell.

In 1985 he was appointed Vice-Principal of the school. As well as possessing the other qualities needed for the job, Jim showed a great sense of fairness in his dealings with the management, staff and pupils. He took pride in the school, and urged others to do the same. As he patrolled the corridors, few pieces of litter escaped his clutches. For the pupils he always had a cheerful greeting both inside and outside the school, and he was indeed a great encourager. Always a gentleman, for his colleagues on the staff and for Mr Brook, the Headmaster, he was a source of wise counsel.

In addition to all this, Jim also had a life outside the school. He was well known at the Curragh, a popular member of Rathfarnham Golf Club, and active in his local Church of Ireland parish. Above all Jim was a dedicated family man, and his wife Violet attended many school events with him. Their children, George, Pamela, Stephen and Sarah, were also pupils of the school, and played their part in its activities. Jim retired in 1988 and was a familiar figure around Templeogue. He enjoyed sixteen active years before an unexpected short illness ended his life in March 2005. To Violet and the family we extend our sympathy, and assure them that Jim's name is indeed written in the history of The High School.

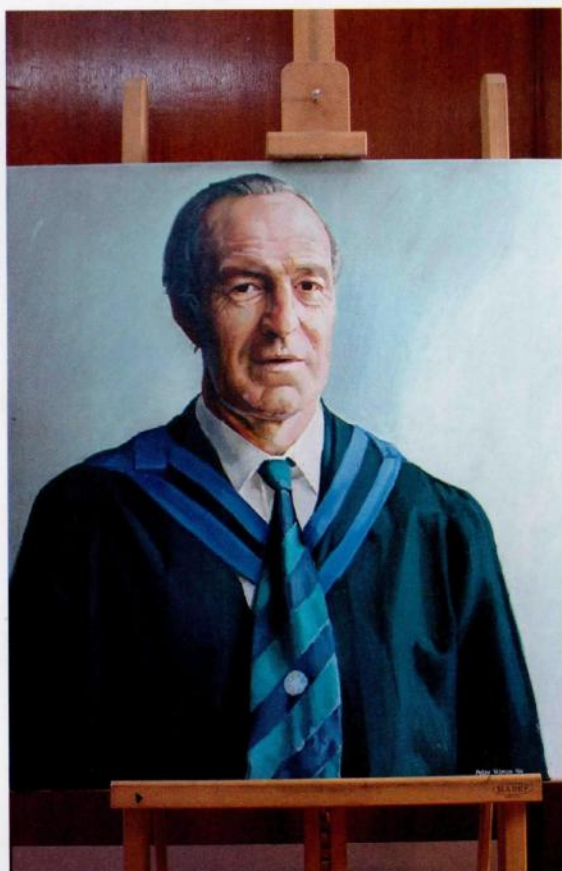
R.J.M.

ARCHIVES NEWS

The archiving process continues as ever with work now being carried out on non-current material – this means records that are no longer required for current business purposes but still not old enough to be fully archived. Sometimes there are, however, older records in these boxes and so these are sorted and placed with existing archived records.

Research requests and visiting scholars have been coming in at a steady pace this past year. There has been serious research completed by PhD candidates into the Tipperary Grammar School and also the teaching of Irish during the 1920's and 30's. Other research areas include gate lodge architecture; the HSD War Memorial; Endowed Schools; past pupils and former teachers from HSD and several English Schools; queries regarding schools in Colloony, county Sligo and Philipstown/Daingean, county Offaly; and WB Yeats information for a film documentary. The Archives has also received several donations of documents, old HSD badges, ties, caps and photographs from past pupils. I would like to especially thanks George Sibley for many of these.

Former Galway Grammar School pupil, Charles Ruttle, who now lives in Bangor, Northern Ireland, has organised a reunion for Galway Grammar



Above: A cartoon from the Archives collection, the inscription reads: "Received from the Rev. Wm Anderson (late Headmaster of Mountjoy). Sketch made about 1890 (Wm Anderson was the Mathematical Master [at High School] until 1896)" "The genius Class at the High School".

Below left: The portrait of former Principal Allan Brook while being restored earlier this year. All the portraits hanging the the Reynolds Hall were cleaned and reframed which was organised by former Deputy Principal Joan Geoghegan.

Below right: A selections of Prefect badges from the Archives collection.

School for 30th September 2006 at the Great Southern Hotel in Galway. 120 past pupils are expected to attend with six returning from Australia, three the USA and twenty from Britain. A brass Remembrance Plaque will be unveiled in St Nicholas' Church after a Church Service on Sunday 1st October. The wife of the last Headmaster from Galway Grammar also plans to donate some records from her former husband to the Archives.

There are copies of W. J. R. Wallace's "Faithful To Our Trust, A History of the Erasmus Smith Trust and The High School, Dublin" still available directly from the Archives. The price is still €30 (which includes postage with Ireland and the UK only). Also available for €30 is the DVD film "The High School, Dublin", 1971 directed by Nigel Cox, co-directed by Niall Moore, edited by Sebastian Delmonte and produced by Ian Broad, approx 28.5 minutes in duration.

If you would like to order a copies of the book or DVD please or for any other queries, contact the Archive for details, tel: 01-4922611, or email: archives@highschoolublin.com

Alan Phelan
Archivist





ATHLETICS AND CROSS-COUNTRY

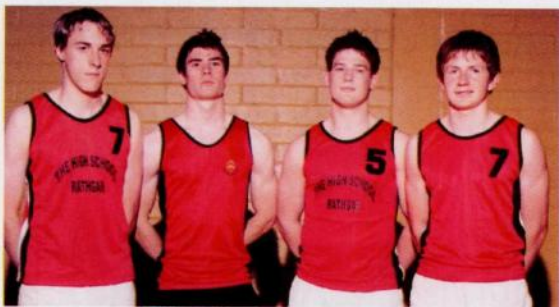
Winter was spent in cross-country training, with roughly twelve people taking part. It was a great way to make new friends for us first years, even though the first time we ran the 2.2, it felt like running a marathon! Midway through the season the cross-country team took part in a race in the East Leinster Cross-Country championships in the Phoenix Park.

In the summer season there was an intense training session before the East Leinster athletics championship held in Irishtown Stadium. There was a very large turnout of participants in Irishtown from a lot of different schools. About eight first years participated out of a group of around twenty-one High School athletes. The girls' events were held on a different day with a similar amount of athletes. Events entered were the 80m sprint, the 500, 800 and 1100m, the 4 X 100m relay and both the long and high jumps. The best of the first years was Christopher Downey who came a very close 4th place in the 80m sprint. The relay team came 4th also. It was a great experience to get out into competition and we all learned from the experience. What we really learned was to make sure we were on the bus in time, when we had to wait for the bus to come back!

Sports day kicked off with a fine display of strength. This was a tug of war between teachers and pupils, with the pupils winning the women's competition and the teachers winning the men's. To top the day off, it ended in the most competitive race of the day – the three-legged race!

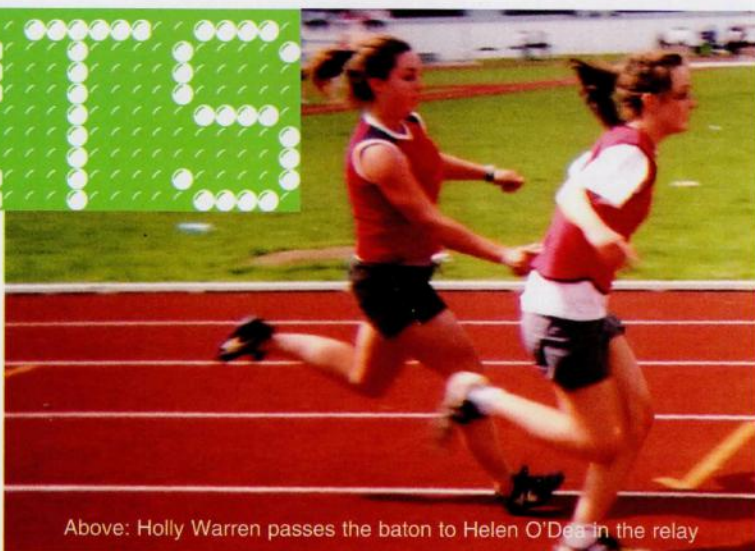
We all hope to return to training next school year and improve our performances. A huge thanks to Mr Irwin who was out with us for both sessions. Also a big thanks to Mrs HE, Mr Griffin and Ms S Jones for getting us ready for the athletics championship.

Cian Ó Néill, 1M



Senior Boys Athletics

Graham Johnson, Robbie Rath, Nigel Kinlan, Jonathan Sargeant



Above: Holly Warren passes the baton to Helen O'Dea in the relay



Junior Boys Athletics

Back Row: Colm Moran, James Harding, Emmet Dwyer, Mark Weston, Diarmuid Kennedy, Ian Hall, Christopher Downey.

Middle Row: Luke Synott, Ruairi Nugent, Niall O'Leary, Ian Duggan, Bill O'Cleirigh, Simon Jackson, Mr P Irwin

Front Row: Cian O'Neill, Stephen Dowling

LEINSTER ATHLETIC CHAMPS

Fifty High school athletes (boys and girls) took part in these championships at Irishtown Stadium, Ringsend. It was a first championship for some athletes who gained valuable experience, which will stand to them when they compete again in the future. Others ran well and qualified from heats into finals and have the potential to do better next year. A number of athletes won medals and represented the school at the Leinster finals later. The medal winners at the East Leinsters were Robbie Rath (100m senior gold), Holly Warren (senior shot silver), Ciara Butler, Valerie Sexton Alison Meeke, and Ellen Ni Cleirigh (intermediate relay gold); Valerie Sexton (intermediate 100m bronze), Ciara Butler (intermediate 300m bronze), Stuart Gray (under 16 200m gold), and Mark Weston (junior shot bronze).

Robbie Rath went on to win the Leinster senior 100m championship, with a great performance! Well done to all who represented the school!



Senior Girls Athletics

Back Row: Valerie Sexton, Ellen O'Cleirigh, Leah Moore, Julie Kavanagh, Amy Keneally, Jessie Elliott.

Front Row: Mr P Irwin, Ciara Butler, Evanna Mills, Holly Warren, Ruth Senior, Helen O'Dea.



Junior Girls Athletics

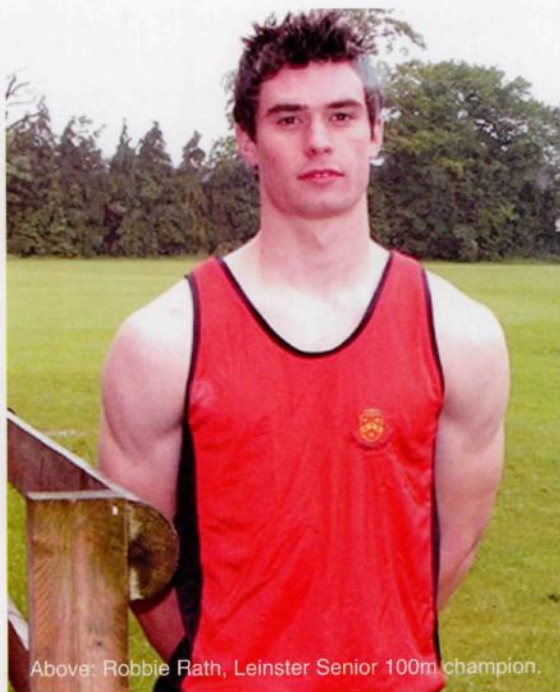
Back Row: Sadhbh O'Brien, Freya Breen, Rebecca Mills, Aoife Ryan

Middle Row: Kira Mulhere, Marie-Claire Foley, Maoliosa Nugent, Megan Lynch, Etan Kinsella-McLennan, Megan Earls

Front Row: Alex Dakin, Rona O'Donnell, Stefanie Wynne, Nicola Ryan, Lauren McGarry, Eve Roseingrave.



Above: Megan Earls, Rona O'Donnell, Katie O'Connor, Naomi Reid.



Above: Robbie Rath, Leinster Senior 100m champion.

BADMINTON POEM

Badminton again, fun for all,
But with a shuttlecock we played, not a ball.
We had come a long way, when we started in transition,
But for our final victory we failed at our mission.

Though we started as boys, soon to be men,
Helped greatly by the return of prodigal son Benn.
Though we didn't take Ireland or Leinster for that matter,
Between the As and the Bs is where dreams would shatter

Although the Bs lost six games to nil,
They blamed their rackets. Karl said he was ill.

So the As were through, they played to win,
But no one could help them, not even Mr Flynn.

Now out of the league, their dreams were hurt,
How for pride they needed to beat a purple lavender shirt.
"OK, I'll play" he said removing his jacket,
Then turning around "eh, can I borrow your racket?"

Even with Ms Thorpe sitting at the side,
Victory for all the challengers was regrettably denied.
Finally we would like to thank our fans, the
blonds, the brunettes
And even the reds, we know were the best.

Aidan Hunt and Ciaran Brennan

Badminton

U16

The boys U16 badminton team of 2005/2006 consisted of Ben Harding, Keenan Lacey, Michael McNulty (Form 2) and Graham Mills (Form 3).

The year started well with a big win against St. Mary's. After that we had a very narrow loss and were beaten in our last match too.

We had very mixed results with some wins and some losses.

On behalf of all the team I would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorpe for all their help and coaching throughout the year.

Michael McNulty 2T



U16 Boys

Back Row: Michael McNulty, Ben Harding
Front Row: Mr C Flynn, Keenan Lacey, Graham Mills.



FIRST YEAR

Numbers for first year badminton grew significantly this year and we had three successful and enthusiastic teams who competed in the Leinster league. Our first team of Leinster squad players, Cian McDonagh, Mark Swords, James Sadlier and Dhruv Kapoor were pitted in the group of death, coming runners-up to the eventual League winners, Terenure.

This year's B team consisted of four talented, enthusiastic players - Niall O'Leary, Simon Jackson, Patrick Dennis and Alan Weekes. Every Tuesday we trained after school from 4 to 5:30 trying to develop our skills. Under the guidance of our coaches our hard work paid off with victories against St. Andrew's and Wesley. A really special thanks goes to Ms Thorp and Mr Flynn, our coaches, who brought us to all of our matches and gave us great support throughout the year.

Our third team of Sam Williamson, Chris Drakeford, Sammi Esghyer, Shane Whooley and Alan Young found the going tough but performed admirably and did the school proud.

Well done to all the lads and we look forward to another successful year next term.

Niall O'Leary
Simon Jackson

Right:
Senior Boys #1:
Back Row:
Toby Lyons,
Ciaran Brennan
Front Row:
Mr C Flynn, Karl
Browne, Dylan
Murphy.



Left:
Senior Boys #2:
Back Row:
Robert Nason,
Rowan Stokes
Front Row:
Mr C Flynn, William
McConnell, Stephen
Spoor.



Right:
Senior Boys #3
Back Row:
Robin Leavy, Aidan
Hunt
Front Row:
Mr C Flynn, Peter
Jackson, Benn
Satchwell.



U13 Boys #1

Back Row: Dhruv Kapoor, Cian McDonagh
Front Row: Mr C Flynn, Mark Swords, James Sadlier

Right:
U13 Boys #2
Back Row:
 Patrick Dennis,
 Alan Weekes
Front Row:
 Mr C Flynn,
 Niall O'Leary,
 Simon Jackson

Below right:
U14 Boys
Back Row:
 Sammi Esghyer,
 Christopher
 Drakeford,
 Sam Williamson
Front Row:
 Mr C Flynn,
 Alan Young,
 Shane Whooley



Below: Junior Girls

Back Row: Katie Hyland, Jessica Patterson
Front Row: Mr C Flynn, Sarah Lucas, Megan Daly.



Senior Girls

Back Row: Linda Silke, Laura Oliver
Front Row: Mr C Flynn, Aoife McGovern, Jane O'Donohoe.

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR GIRLS

The first and second year girls' badminton team trained in the hall every Tuesday after school for an hour. The team was made up of Megan Daley, Jessica Patterson, Katie Hyland and myself. We won all our matches until we came to the semi-final against St Colmcille's Community School, Knocklyon. We did our best but unfortunately we lost. The whole team would like to thank Mr Flynn and Ms Thorpe for coaching us so well.

Sarah Lucas



BASKETBALL

SENIOR GIRLS

This season was a busy one for the senior girls' team, as we were entered in two leagues and a cup, meaning we sometimes played as many as three matches a week. We put up a good fight in the Leinster league, but losses against Alex and Beaufort put us out of the running.

We were off to a good start in the cup (which includes not only teams from Dublin, but all of Ireland), winning a VERY memorable match against St. Oliver's, Drogheda. However, our next match, which was also the quarter-final, proved tougher, and a loss to Clonaslee VS, from Laois, put us out of the cup.

We now concentrated our efforts on our third and final competition, the South Dublin Basketball League, where, after some tough matches, we reached the semi-finals against Beaufort. It was a close match which ended with a comeback, both brilliant and somewhat terrifying for those of us who had been sent off for too many fouls, with scores from Katie Murtagh and Julie Kavanagh winning the match for High School in extra time.

This win put us through to the final against Holy Child Sallynoggin, where baskets from Beth Kelly, Ali Meeke and Jenny Murphy kept our score up, and defence from Catriona Ryan, Karen Meade and Candace Horton kept Holy Child's offence at bay. The competition was too fierce however, and we lost by almost the slimmest of margins, final score 45 - 43. The Most Valuable Player Award, however, went to Julie Kavanagh, who played brilliantly as always.

On behalf of the team, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Kavanagh for all the time and effort she gave to the team and for being such a great coach.

Una Ní Éigearthaigh



Senior Girls

Back Row: Mrs K Kavanagh, Caitriona Ryan, Julie Kavanagh, Candace Horton, Jenny Murphy.

Front Row: Karen Meade, Una NíEigearthaigh, Beth Kelly, Katie Murtagh.

JUNIOR GIRLS

We started off this year via a really good start by winning the majority of all our matches. Our first loss this year was to King's Hospital, which was in the ASP.I league. Unfortunately we were kicked out of this league, so we were really determined to get to the finals of the South Dublin and advance to the A league. We all worked really hard to get there. After all our efforts we reached the semis where we played Loreto Beaufort and easily won. Our next match was against Loreto Dalkey, and we were determined to win this last match. We used all the time we could to have extra practices in preparation. The day finally arrived. The game got off to a good start with some amazing and enthusiastic supporters. It was a very physical match and a number of the team sustained some injuries, including one that resulted in a team member being unable to play for the remainder of the match. The final result was 32-27 to Dalkey. I would like to thank all the supporters who came to our matches. We really did appreciate it and in particular would like to thank Mrs K Kavanagh for everything she did for the team; it would have been impossible without her! Thank you.

Aoife Gordon



Left: Junior Girls

Back Row: Mrs K Kavanagh, Sarah McCoy, Richelle McDonnell, Rebecca Conalty, Suzanne O'Connor, Etan Kinsella McLennan.

Front Row: Eve Roseingrave, Stephanie Lodola, Aoife Ryan, Aoife Gordon, Sarah Burns, Lara Madden, Aoife Loftus.



MINORS

This year our minor basketball team had a very enjoyable season. Although we faced tough opposition, since we had been moved up to a higher league, we improved significantly throughout the year. We also had many friendly matches during the year, which were all great learning experiences for the team.

Our league matches were always very close, the opposing team only winning by three or four baskets. One of the most exciting matches of the year was against Loreto Balbriggan. All through the game both teams scored many baskets, but when the final whistle blew, High School and Loreto were even. In extra time, High School managed to score two baskets while Loreto Balbriggan only scored one, bringing the final score to 28-26.

I would like to thank Mrs K Kavanagh for all the great coaching and motivation we received this year! Well done minors!

Eve Roseingrave



Minors

Back Row: Aimee Bannister, Megan Rayner, Laura Pearson, Jenny Keogh, Nicola Ryan, Joan McCarthy, Jessica Patterson, Clodagh Sleator
Front Row: Mrs K Kavanagh, Rose Halpin Duffy, Kateline Men, Eve Roseingrave, Kate O'Marcaigh, Sarah-Jane McRann, Kate Hennessy.



Above: Stephanie Lodola sets up another attack.

CADETTES

The cadettes began this season enthusiastically. Early in September we won an encouraging victory against Our Lady's Grove (38-13) in the SDBL.

Following this was another memorable triumph against Beaufort (41-24). This was a great boost of confidence to our team and enabled us to climb to the top of our league. Later in the season we were proud to find ourselves facing Muckcross in the semi-final. We played on neutral ground at UCD and fought our way through the lengthy match without giving the opposition an extra inch. Unfortunately, we were honestly defeated and didn't see it through to the final.

We also reached the quarter-finals in the All-Ireland Cup where we trekked way up to St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, to play the match. It was a disappointing result in the end for us. However, there were no solemn faces on the journey home as we had high hopes for the many other games ahead in the SDBL league. Sadly, we didn't rank very well in that league.

In this final note, I would like to say that the girls were amazing. They performed brilliantly throughout the year and we had great fun together. I'd also like to give a huge thanks to Mrs K Kavanagh, our coach, who supported us so well during the year and who put so much dedication into organising everything, helping us to come as far as we did.

Hopefully next year we will progress even further.

Alison Walker

Cadettes

Back Row: Sarah Morgan, Richelle McDonnell, Aislinn Coghlan, Candace Horton, Katie Murtagh, Mrs K Kavanagh
Front Row: Alison Meeke, Sophie Madigan, Alison Walker, Aoife Gordon, Sarah Burns.



SENIOR BOYS

This year's basketball team was one of our most successful yet, with an unbelievable turnout for training and a few decent results in the bag. Our most important win was over Templeogue, who we met at the National Basketball Arena for the first time. We knew only "of" them. They turned up in their masses sensing a win, but they hadn't got much of a chance from the start. Some might say they should never have come...just stayed at home...made us look like the fools!!! But no, they insisted on humiliating themselves (with the exception of Steven Maguire who proved himself worthy, scoring the large majority of their baskets).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our coach Joey, for all his contributions and team spirit, and to Dylan Murphy, Ciarán Brennan, Alex Cole-Pidgeon and Ronan Fox for all their appearances at training, not forgetting of course the fourth years who make up most of the team, thanks to them too. Hopefully your next few years in the school will include a successful basketball season or two, and good luck in the future.

Karl Browne (Captain.)



Senior Boys

Back Row: Marc Evans, Ronan Fox, Daragh Byrne, Conor James, Daniel James, Mark Collins.

Front Row: Andrew Stevenson, Sean Tevlin, Karl Browne, Alexander Cole Pidgeon, Dylan Murphy, Ciaran Brennan.



Left: U16

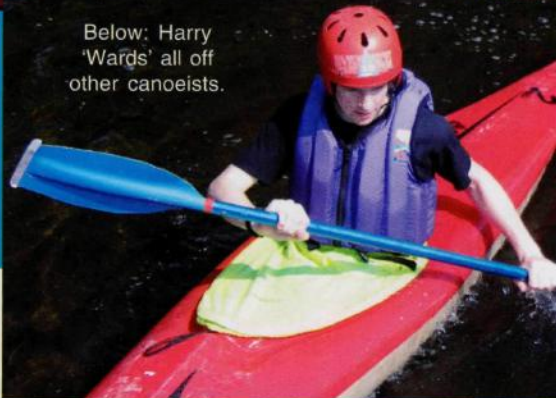
Back Row: Saurin Kenny, Mark Collins, Conor James, Daragh Byrne, Daniel James, Daragh Monaghan, Matthew McKenna Barry.

Front Row: Coilin O'Connell, Michael Gray, Shane Webb, Andrew Stevenson, Stephen James, Jack Kelly, James Barber.



Above:
A collection of canoeists, Robert O'Callaghan, Rowan Lacey, Mr J Swan, Daniel Tuomey, Ms T Jones, Harry Ward, Alain Lui.

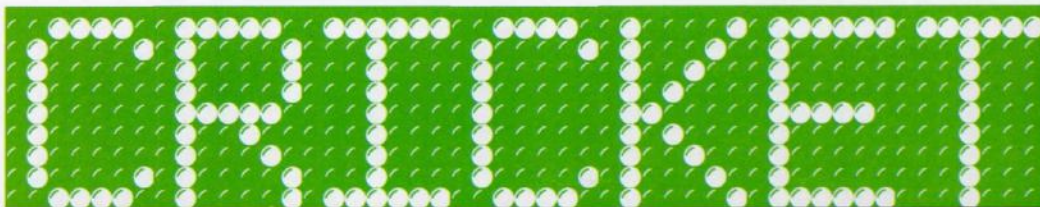
Below: Harry 'Wards' all off other canoeists.



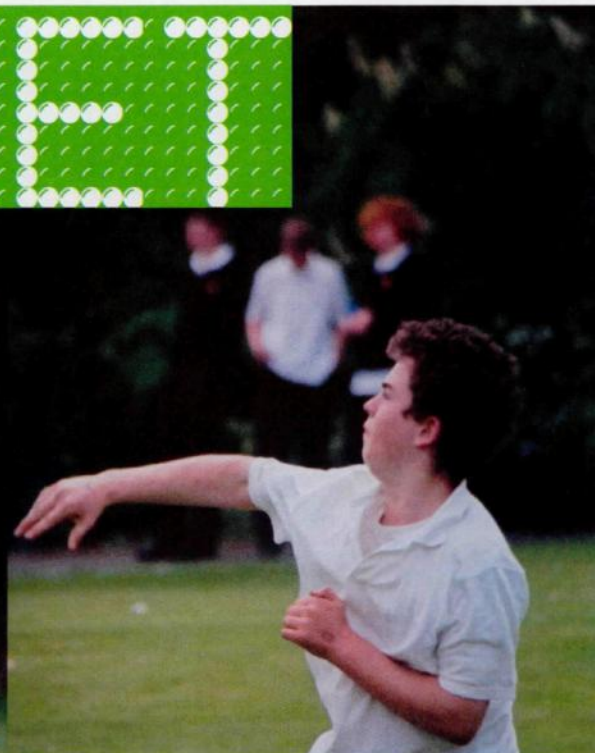
Below: Rowan Lacey thinks 'get me out of here!'



Left: 'Where did the hole go?'



Right: Iain Levine's masterclass on fielding.
Below: Preparing to strike but who's that 'monkeying' around in the background.



SENIOR BOYS 1ST XI

Due to bad weather, the 1st XI Cricket Team had a very short season but in all, a very enjoyable one. We started off our season with a loss to Wesley College but thanks to the bowling of Kier 'Big' Johnson, we turned it into a close match losing by a few runs.

Next, we played the annual game against the Past Pupils at Danum. The game was a very entertaining one thanks to a good spell of weather. There was a good batting performance by David Lusby hitting over 63 runs. Thanks to the speed of Ross Johnson on the Past Pupil's side, he injured the wicket keeper of his team and had to sacrifice his bowling. Thanks Ross.

Lastly we played another annual game against Coleraine of N. Ireland. The sides were in happy moods and we all enjoyed the day. The game became very competitive due to early wickets taken by Colin Keegan and myself, but they replied giving us a hard chase of 140 runs. Our effort was consistent but we fell short by a few runs.

I would like to thank Mr Walker for trying hard to get us out training in all sorts of weather conditions and for his patience with us and particularly with Mark Mesbur for his terrible quotations, which made the season entertaining.

Alan Cairns

Senior Boys First XI

Back Row: Killian Rogan, Patrick O'Connor, Andrew Stevenson, Rowan Stokes
Middle Row: Mr R Walker, Andrew Gray, Colin Sheridan, Mark Collins, Mark Mesbur, Benn Satchwell
Front Row: David Meade, Colin Keegan, Alan Cairns, David Lusby, Kier Johnson



2ND ELEVEN

Our season this year was a mixture of ups and downs. We played our first match on a chilly Wednesday afternoon against Belvedere College; they won the toss and chose to have a bat, which proved to be a good decision as they notched up a good total of 145 off twenty overs. We went out knowing that it would be a hard total to reach, it was made even harder when we lost our first four wickets for twenty runs, but a good batting stand of 30 from Andy Gray got us back in it until he got caught out in the boundary trying to hit a six off their weaker bowlers. Our last five batsmen did well helping us reach a total of 120 but unfortunately it was not enough and Belvo took the victory.

We played our first league match against a strong Columba's College side on their extremely bouncy mat, once again they won the toss and choose to bat, which proved to be a bad decision, as an amazing display of bowling from Killian Rogan, who took 6 wickets for only 10 runs, helped us bowl them all out for 98 runs. We were confident as we walked out to the crease that this total was very achievable but it proved to be a different case as our opener got bowled out in the third over. Luckily I managed to stay in and score 30 runs hitting their opening bowler for two consecutive sixes. Once again however we were unable to get their total even though we only needed two runs off the last four balls.

Our third and best match was against Wesley College on a very rainy day, this time I won the toss and chose to bat. We batted very well I myself made a 49 and the rest of the team all batted well with no one getting below 5 runs. Our final total was 150 and we were very happy walking out to bowl. The day turned out to be a great one all round as we bowled them out for 70 or so runs with good bowling displays from everyone.

Our last match was a quarterfinal against CUS which was a bad performance overall. We batted first and only made a total of 60 which we knew was never going to be enough to win and this proved to be the case as CUS went out and wrapped up the match in less than fifteen overs.

All in all our season wasn't too bad although we didn't win anything there was still a lot to look back on and improve on. It was a good laugh captaining the lads and under the inspired guidance of Mr Giles I feel that in years to come the seconds will achieve great things.

David Lusby

Right: **JCT Boys**

Back Row: Saurin Kenny, Richard Whelan, James Ryan, Ciaran Collins, Graham Mills, Paul O'Kelly, Dhruv Kapoor.

Front Row: Jane O'Donohoe, Sam Moore, Josh Purcell, Niall Noonan, Ryan Morgan, Michael Willoughby, Mr T Gill.



Boys Second XI

Back Row: Killian Rogan, Patrick O'Connor, Rowan Stokes

Middle Row: Andrew Gray, Mark Collins, James Comerford, Mark Mesbur, Mr R Giles

Front Row: David Meade, Colin Keegan, David Lusby, Colin Sheridan, Brian Traynor.

JUNIOR BOYS

The Junior cricket team had a very enjoyable season this year, but hard-working nonetheless.

Our season kicked off with an away match against St. Andrew's. We lost the toss and we were put in to field. Our bowling was very sharp and we came out with a few well deserved wickets. Jamie Ryan, a newcomer to the game, fielded strongly, making it hard for St Andrew's to get runs on the board. After our refreshments we went in to bat, but with the team's lack of training sessions we didn't perform on the day and came out losers in the end. Graham Mills' batting was first class and Richard Whelan nearly split the bat in two when scoring a great four. Our next fixture was against our arch rivals Wesley College. This match was also away and unfortunately we lost the toss again, and had to field. Our bowling was average and we found it very hard to get wickets. Finally, after our clever change of bowling style, we



started making progress. Ryan Morgan bowled very consistently and Josh Purcell got a humorous catch. When we went in to bat this time we were very prepared. Our aim for the first few overs was to stay in but that didn't go to plan as our two openers went out in the first few overs. Finally we made a breakthrough with our mid order batsmen scoring brilliantly. Saurin Kenny got a high score, as did Ciarán Collins with a display of magic and John Willoughby "not out", with his enormous hitting strength finding it hard to keep a hand on the bat. To Wesley's delight the match was called off halfway through our innings and we were unable to get a victory, but got a draw instead.

Our next match was against Wilson's Hospital in the league. This match was away and we had to travel to Westmeath. This match was the highlight of our season. We bowled first and started well with Mark Rogan and Dhruv Kapoor getting a few early wickets. Half way through Wilson's Hospital's innings, the enthusiastic Paul O'Kelly "Quack Quack" and Ciarán Collins took a substantial amount of wickets due to the dramatic appealing and good bowling overall. We got Wilson's Hospital all out for 38 runs. We knew this was a great achievement and we couldn't blow it on our batting performance. We batted violently with Ciarán Collins getting a few sixes, and we reached the total without delay. We were delighted with this win and we were through to play Belvedere in the next round of the league.

We knew this match was going to be difficult and our confidence was really fading – but we tried our hardest. We didn't reach a high enough run amount and unfortunately we came out losers in the end.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Gill for the enormous effort he put in to the organization of the matches and training. I would also like to thank Niall McDarby for coaching us throughout the season.

Niall Noonan

U14

We had a very short cricket season this year but we got a fair amount of games in. Our first match against Wesley was a good first game, but we hadn't got into our rhythm. However, we only lost by a few runs, so we had confidence in our next game, which was against Sandford. We fielded first and despite dropping early catches, we kept them to only 52 runs. We had a great bowling attack from Oscar Bowling, taking four wickets. Full of confidence, our next opponents were C.U.S. We went in to bat first and Stephen James got an excellent 22 runs, but their bowling was too good for everyone else, and we got 60 runs. With it really up against us to keep them at a low score, it all collapsed and they got the runs very quickly. In all it was a good season and we all can't wait for next year. And, we will all miss Josh Purcell who won't be allowed to play for us because of his age.



U14

Back Row: Stephen James, Brian Liston, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Mark Coffey, James Hawe
Middle Row: Robbie McGuinness, Oscar Bowling, Stephen Chapman, Kevin Browne, Ben Harding
Front Row: Mr P McCaughey, Bill O'Cleirigh, Mark Rogan, Ian Duggan, Daniel Connell, Iain Irvine

Under 13

Back Row: Mark Swords, Lee Deighton, Colm Moran, Ian Hall, Sean Tee Lim, Ferdia O'Brien, Shane O'Reilly, Caolan Boyce.
Front Row: Mr B Quinn, Finn Murphy, Sean Warren, Alan Hughes, Lee Campbell, Dhruv Kapoor, Patrick Wilson.



U13

The U13 cricket team played extremely well in their first match against Wesley, only losing by eight runs. Mark Swords was top scorer. Then we played our cup match against Sandford, which was very close, seeing Sandford coming out on top in the last few balls. Then St. Andrew's defeated us by seven runs. Ferdia O'Brien took four wickets. Our first win came against C.U.S. at home. We won by 39 runs. Lee Deighton was top scorer with 29 runs (retired). Then, in our last match, we were narrowly beaten by Headfort. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mr Quinn.

Alan Hughes

SENIOR GIRLS

There was little preparation at the start of the season, with no matches, no players and no training, the idea of even one game seemed way out of our reach. We managed to pull together a team just before our first league match against Mount Anville. Our team consisted mainly of the 2nd XI, a few sixth years and one superb first year, Cliona Rogan. The team played really well and ran circles around Mount Anville that day, with fantastic batting from Nicci Daly and Valerie Sexton, and great bowling from Jade Breen and Amy Kenealy.

Later we heard that Rush had pulled out of the league; this resulted in us receiving all necessary points for the game. This left us with only one game left to play in our section, against Kings Hospital. The pouring rain had everyone soaked right through. But there was light at the end of the tunnel as both umpires agreed to reduce the game to 15 overs each way. We batted first and made a total of 62 (give or take a few!). This game had some ridiculously bad falls (cough Amy cough cough Jade); the two teams were quite evenly matched as it came right down to the last over. After some more confusion with the score books the umpires came to the decision that KH needed two runs in the last over. Val bowled it and even got a wicket but they also got one run leaving both teams with a tie. Val really held her nerve bowling dot balls but it unfortunately wasn't to be. On the fifth ball of the over they scored a quick single and from that they won the game.

As we were runners-up of our section we also went through to the semi-final. We played Wesley College. This game was a bit of a wash out, as we only scored forty two runs, which was no match for a team full of Leinster representatives. Also with the huge loss of our star player Holly Warren the situation was bound to be dire.

For a team that was originally entered into the second division to go on to reach the 1st XI semi-final was a huge achievement regardless and I was very proud to captain such a talented bunch of girls.

I would like to congratulate all the team and also thank them for a memorable final season. I wish you all the best and hope you don't waste your talent and all continue to play after school.

Finally on behalf of my team I would like to thank Rob O'Connor, Mr Fitz and Mrs Reilly (Ritchie to me) for all their help and patience this year and Mrs Mellon in previous years!

Amy Kenealy (Captain)

First Year

Back Row: Jessica Patterson, Nicola Ryan, Rona O'Donnell, Eleanor White, Stefanie Wynne.

Middle Row: Mr P Fitzpatrick, Ella Scanlon, Maeve Sweetnam, Laura Mills, Hannah Browning, Sophie Lee, Keri Sheehan.

Front Row: Amy Deverell, Aisling Naylor, Katie O'Brien, Cliona Rogan, Kate O'Marcaigh, Rose Halpin Duffy, Rachael Spray.



Senior Girls

Back Row: Mr P Fitzpatrick, Sian Cooley, Jade Breen, Christine Rorke, Evanna Mills, Ruth Senior, Cliona Rogan.

Front Row: Laura Cooley, Valerie Sexton, Amy Keneally, Holly Warren, Nicola Burns.



JCT

Back Row: Shona O'Toole, Katie Tallon, Rebecca Conalty, Candace Horton, Susan McRann, Eva Nugent, Aoife McGovern.

Front Row: Mr P Fitzpatrick, Freya Breen, Alison Meeke, Ayesha Carrim, Aoife Daly, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Sarah McCoy



1ST YEAR GIRLS'

We played around four matches in the season against King's Hospital, Mt. Anville, Muckcross and Wesley. And most of the team enjoyed it, I think...

Our season started with a loss by four runs to King's Hospital! Oh well, most of our team didn't know how to play cricket, apart from two or three people! But sure, it was great. None of the other three matches were ones that had a win on our part. Our last match of the season against Wesley was one where we didn't get hammered as much as Mt. Anville or Muckcross! (Thankfully!) Our pairs went in getting singles here and there and a lot of wickets against us. After all the wickets were deducted from the 100 runs we started with we were on a miserable 35 runs, although most of our team didn't seem to mind because they kept running off to the 'Bathroom' (aka, tuck shop!) when Rob wasn't looking!

Oh well! Maybe next year! Thanks to Rob O'Connor who had to put up with us! It wasn't easy!

Also thanks to Suzanne for coming to our match when Rob couldn't, even though we only had 6 people, toffee pops! (Private joke)

GO TEAM!

Cliona Rogan



Above: What happens next?

AMY HENEALLY

Congratulations to Amy on being selected for the Irish Senior cricket team. She has been training for the world cup in 2007. She will hopefully be heading to Sussex to play an English 'A' team and Canterbury of New Zealand and then later a summer tour with the Under 21s to Holland, as well as a week long cricket academy in Edinburgh.

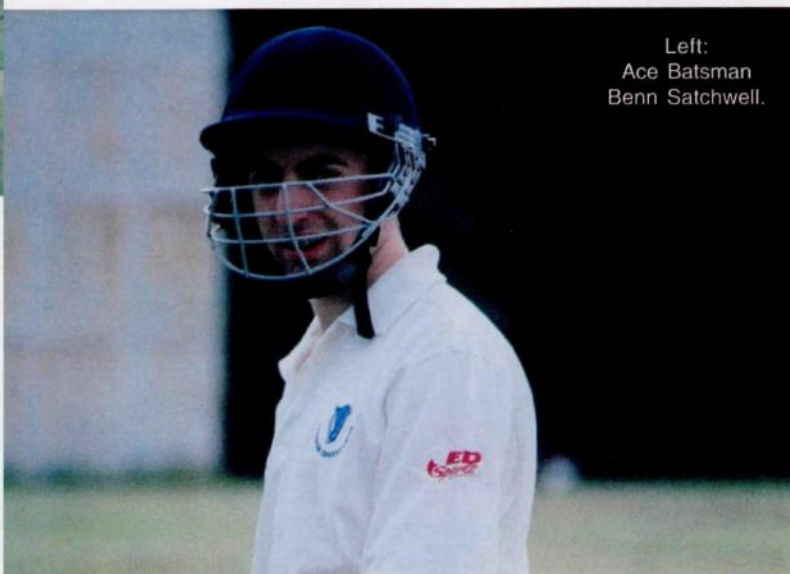
Holly Warren

the frisbee flyers

The year, the High School Ultimate Frisbee Squad had one of our most successful seasons yet, losing no games whatsoever. Our membership numbers SOARED by almost THREE players, one of whom – Trevor Nevitt Duphy – is an international Frisbee star, playing for Belgium. This undoubtedly brought a more professional edge to our play.

On Friday 26th May 2006 the Frisbee Flyers took to the field, challenging the Staff Squad to an Ultimate Frisbee extravaganza (with all proceeds going to Concern). Inevitably the students came out victorious! After many gracious donations, over €550 was raised. Many thanks to all the teachers and students who participated, making it a huge success.

Isobel Scally and Jessie Elliott



Left:
Ace Batsman
Benn Satchwell.

GOLF

During the month of October, we began our season playing against De La Salle in the Castle Golf Club. It was an enjoyable day blessed with good weather. The match was stroke play and it came down to the 18th where we lost. Next we played Colaiste Eanna at Milltown where we won on the 14th hole.

There was a three-ball tournament in Elm Park where only 3 players were selected to represent The High School. There were bad performances from all due to torrential rain and flooding and unfortunately our scores proved it.

Next we went back to the Castle Golf Club where we played Wicklow National. We won comfortably with good performances from Sean'Soggy' O'Gorman and Andrew Pollock. For two years running Andrew is our longest driver averaging a mighty 100 yards. Keep up the good work!

Lastly I would like to thank Mr Kirby for arranging the games and organising the teams.

Alan Cairns



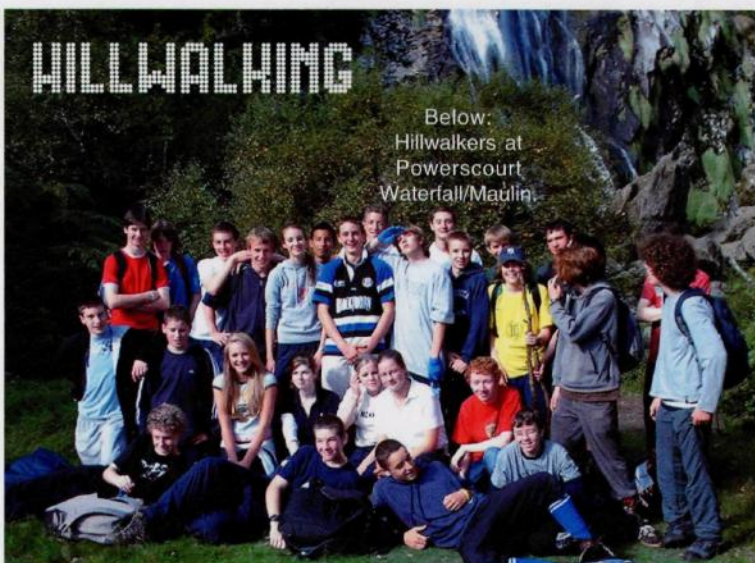
Senior Boys Golf Team
Back Row: Alan Cairns, Sean O'Gorman.
Front Row: Andrew Pollock, Richard Jones.

Junior Boys Golf Team
Niall Noonan, Patrick Butler, James Ryan.

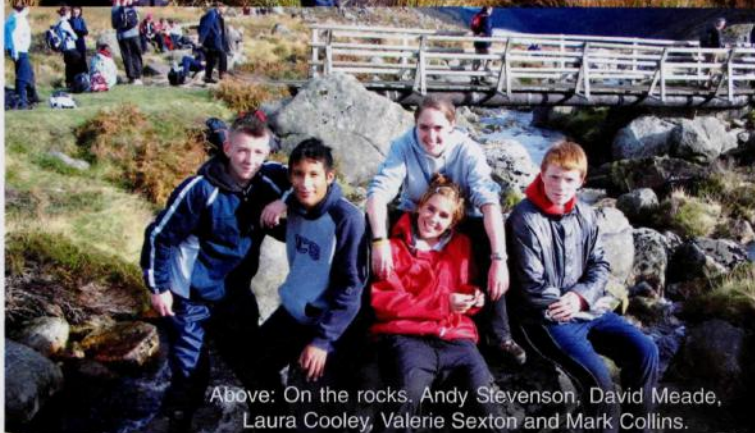


HILLWALKING

Below:
Hillwalkers at
Powerscourt
Waterfall/Maulin.



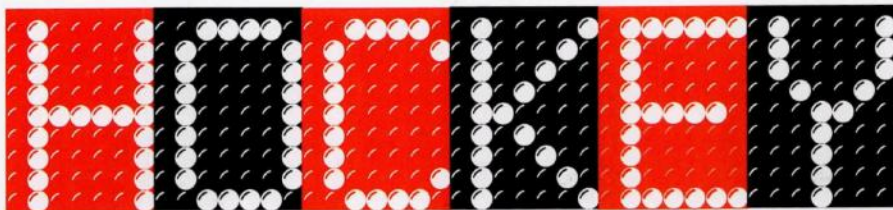
Below: Hi ho, hi ho, it's up the hill we go!



Above: On the rocks. Andy Stevenson, David Meade, Laura Cooley, Valerie Sexton and Mark Collins.

Below: Andrew Stevenson & Darragh Keller bump into Alex 'Farmer Brown' Lawson.





1ST XI GIRLS

This year's season got off to a great start. Having lost only one player from last year, we headed into the league sporting a strong team, consisting of 16 highly skilled girls who were enthusiastic and hardworking throughout the year.

There was tough competition for positions all year, the squad being spoilt for choice on goalkeepers and forwards.

Our regular first eleven included Tessa Meade who we managed to rob from the Juniors. She was our young hotshot who saved us on many an occasion with her superb cat-like reflexes!! Our sweeper needed to be strong, confident and reliable, Holly Warren was handed the role and performed brilliantly throughout the season.

At left back was Katie Smith, who proved very valuable in helping her fellow defenders. She made some great tackles and from time to time played on attacking in the midfield. In the center of defence was our solid centre back Grace Nugent. Strong and consistent, she beat her opponents to the ball every time. Grace also took up the job as our pitch supporter, bursting blood vessels while saving the team. To complete our defence was Christine Boyle at right back. Christine was where we stored our energy and fitness, proven by the fact that she beat everyone in the fitness test, even our coach. She never stopped running for entire matches, driving up the right side of the pitch linking well with the right mid.

Having adopted the 4, 4, 2 strategy this season, our mids consisted of 4 players. On the outer right was Catherine Alexander, who progressed with every match, and taking on a consistent role in midfield she fulfilled not only the role as defender but as attacker.

Ellen O'Cleirigh joined the team this year taking up position of inside right midfield. Ellen played to her defensive duties and showed great physical strength in challenging her opponents even if it did result in a few shocked faces from her opponents.

I took up the inside left midfield position with Gemma McRann on the outside left. Gemma was a very strong defender, who was always there when the other mids went attacking. She was also involved in short corners, where she used her thunderbolt strike to score from the top.

Up forward were our two goal scorers, Valerie Sexton and Ruth Jones. Val was the attacker with all the skill, beating players inside and out, she was also very aggressive and a challenger for the ball every time. Ruth played as a link for Val and the other midfielders, scoring all of 2 goals from the penalty spot!

Our bench is where we kept the heat, with Megan Leonard Kane, Jessie Elliott, Sarah Lodola and a few juniors including Debbie Blair and Ali Meeke, who, when they came on, carried their own skill and speed, and played very well!

We started out a happy team, however the fight for positions caused mixed feelings between Mr Fitzpatrick and some players, causing a bit of conflict in the workplace.

However the players, who will remain nameless, have somewhat forgiven poor old Mr Fitzpatrick.

Anyway, having been drawn into, well, a not so challenging league group of Dalkey, Mt Sackville and King's Hospital, we managed to sail to the top of our group and headed straight into the semi-finals against Muckross. It was a very tough match and a super save of a penalty flick from Tessa Meade sealed the game for us. We were then in the final against a very tough school, Our Lady's Terenure and unfortunately on the day nerves got the best of us and we didn't play well, which resulted in a bad 3-1 defeat.

Since we had got so far in the league, we were determined to do better than the cup, but again a bad first round draw saw us face Alexandra College and if we were to win, it would have to be a good performance. Nerves seemed to get the better of us and we lost the match on a score line of 3-1.

Our hopes of winning the cup were over forever! Tears were shed, but overall we got what we put in, and we all enjoyed the year.

On behalf of 1st XI team which has been the same for the last few years, we would like to say thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick for leading us to two Junior Cup titles, a senior league final and a cup final in the for years under his coaching. It's not just a wonderful achievement for him, but for the school and us.

It has been a great four years of learning and experiencing new things. He has had a great influence on our hockey and has helped some of us reach higher standards with out coaching. Thanks!

I would also like to thank the girls for a great year of fun and games!

Nicola Daly



Senior First XI

Back Row: Ellen O'Cleirigh, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard Kane, Gemma McRann, Valerie Sexton, Holly Warren.

Front Row: Jessie Elliott, Grace Nugent, Christine Boyle, Catherine Alexander, Katie Smith, Mr P Fitzpatrick.

2ND XI

This year the 2nd XI hockey team consisted of 4th, 5th and 6th years. We had a very successful season and managed to make it to the semi-finals. We played Mt. Anville in our final match, but unfortunately lost 3-0. It was a disappointing result because we had worked so hard throughout the year.

We'd like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for all the effort and time he put into the team and also thanks to Ms Levis and Ms Jones for all the organizing they did.

I'd like to thank the whole team for all their hard work and for making the whole season so enjoyable. The sixth years from the team (Nikki, Karen, Amy and Me) would like to wish the team the best of luck next year.

Freda O'Donnell

3RD XI'S SEMI FINAL

As the Senior III Girls hockey team piled into the bus to travel to Tullamore to play our semi-final, we were full of high hopes. After a tense and thrilling season that all the players enjoyed, we were all excited to get out on the pitch again as a team.

When we arrived, we were blessed with great weather, and after stretching our legs, a quick bathroom break and a warm up, followed by our usual bonding session, we were all spread out on the pitch ready to tackle our competition.

After a strenuous first half we knew we were up against a very competitive team. We kept focused and defended well, keeping the score 0-0 as the half time whistle blew. We gathered in the goal to receive a supportive talk from Ms Levis. Re-energised, we headed back out, ready to defend again and this time looking to score the all important goal.

Unfortunately, Tullamore earned a short corner, from which they scored a goal. We were now even more determined but the opposition put up a great fight, scoring again just before the finish. After an enjoyable yet arduous match we were ready for our trip home, with hope in our hearts for next year.

I was very proud to be captain of this team and well done to all the girls on their performances throughout the season and a huge thank you to Ms Levis for her support, encouragement and time given up for our extra practices.

Ali May



Senior 2nd XI

Back Row: Ellen O'Cleirigh, Ciara Butler, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard Kane, Karen Sutton, Freda O'Donnell, Nicola Gregory, Mr P Fitzpatrick.
Front Row: Jessie Elliott, Karen Meade, Anne-Marie Jordan, Jade Breen, Amy Keneally, Alison May.



Senior 3rd XI

Back Row: Rachel McCoy, Carol-Ann Sherlock, Genevieve Deeley, Katie Marconi, Julie Kavanagh, Aicha Aboudinar, Lucy Keogh, Ms D Levis.
Front Row: Katibeth Rendek, Jenny Murphy, Caitriona Ryan, Alison May, Anne-Marie Jordan, Amy Hughes, Jennifer Flanagan.



Senior 4th XI

Back Row: Ms D Levis, Caitriona Ryan, Elizabeth Donnelly, Aicha Aboudinar, Rachel McCoy.
Front Row: Katibeth Rendek, Jenny Murphy, Katherine Kiernan, Lorna O'Rourke, Amy Hughes, Lynsey McFarland.



JUNIOR A

This year was the first year that the Junior A had a league and a cup. Many of the team had played together before and we had a strong bond. Our new coach Ms Jones worked us hard from the beginning and we really developed, improving our standard of play.

Our first league match was against St Andrew's. It was a really good game and Leah scored an early goal. Our defence held strong for most of the match but in the last few minutes, St. Andrew's scored an equaliser. The final score was one all.

Goals from Ali and Leah won us the match against Rathdown. Our Lady's Terenure had a strong team and we knew we had to perform. They scored an early goal and despite our constant pressure and many chances, the ball simply couldn't find the back of the net. Luckily we still went through our group in second place. We were drawn against Wesley in our quarterfinal - a team we had played many times before - and we were evenly matched. The standard of hockey at this match was very high and we held our own. Unfortunately they scored two goals but we never gave up and Ayesha scored in the last play of the game.

We knew we were playing well and wanted to improve on our performance in the league. The first round of the cup was against Loreto Foxrock and Aimee scored the only goal of the match. In our second round we played Our Lady's Terenure. Early in the second half Ali and Judy scored a goal in each of two short corners.

Our quarterfinals were against Loreto Bray. Our forwards played an outstanding match with Ali, Aimee and Abi scoring a goal each helping us win the match 3-0.

The semi-finals finally arrived during third years' mock exams. It was against Loreto Beaufort, a really strong team. Our squad consisted of Tessa, myself, Ruth, Aoife, Christine, Olwen, Ali M, Evanna, Abi, Leah, Ayesha, Judy, Ali W, with Susan, Eva and Aimee coming up from the minors. We went out focused and with belief in ourselves. The atmosphere was amazing but Beaufort had the edge. Tessa made many amazing saves and our defence was strong. Each member put everything into the game. The final score was

LEINSTER HOCKEY SELECTION

Congratulations to Nicci Daly on being selected to represent Leinster on the Under 18 girls hockey squad in the forthcoming provincial tournament in Belfast in early December.

Left: Go Holly go Holly go!
Below: The Senior Girls come close in the final.



Junior A

Back Row: Alison Meeke, Olwen Smith, Evanna Mills, Christine Rorke, Judy Kelleher, Ruth Senior, Abigail Shanley-Thian.

Front Row: Ms S Jones, Ayesha Carrim, Debbie Blair, Aoife Daly, Tessa Meade.

2-0 to Beaufort, who would go on to win the cup.

Throughout the entire season, every person put so much energy and effort into the team. I would like to thank our coach Ms Jones and everyone who came out to support us during the season.

Debbie Blair

JUNIOR B

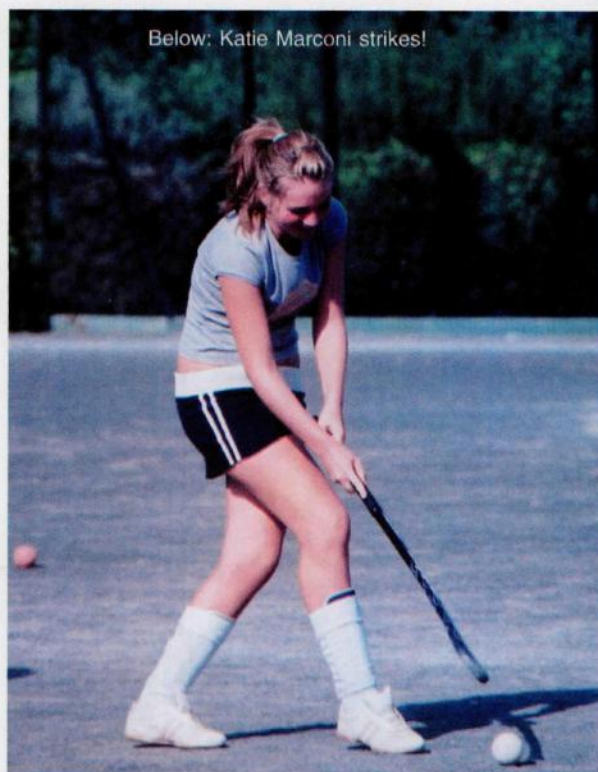
The Junior B got off to an unfortunate start, with a tough match against Mt Anville, which resulted in a defeat. Despite this, every member of the team gave 100% of themselves in training and throughout the season, with great help from Ms Levis our coach. We fought hard to get through the league but unfortunately our determination and hard work weren't enough to see us through to the end. I would like to thank every member of the team for their work and Ms Levis for all the help she gave us.

Shona O'Toole, 3G



Junior B

Back Row: Grace Collins, Eva Richardson McCrea, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Candace Horton, Katie Murtagh, Alison Walker, Karen Lew.
Front Row: Linda Callaghan, Emma Satchwell, Amy Jones, Shona O'Toole, Emily Kinlan, Sarah Donnelly, Ms D Levis.



Below: Katie Marconi strikes!



Junior C

Back Row: Joann O'Meara, Ruth Shannon Doyle, Eva Richardson McCrea, Candace Horton, Annalise Murphy, Emma Connell, Katie Tallon, Ms D Levis.
Front Row: Aislinn Coghlan, Gillian Carr, Phoebe Laing, Emma Satchwell, Sarah Morgan, Helen Speller, Linda Callaghan.



Junior D

Back Row: Ms. D. Levis, Joann O'Meara, Rachel Regan, Clare Guy, Olivia McEvansoneya, Zoe O'Regan, Hannah Leavy.
Front Row: Aislinn Coghlan, Ruth Blackwell, Lydia Cosgrove, Gillian Carr, Hanna Phelan, Karina McConnell, Linda O'Callaghan.



Above: Maoliosa Nugent contesting the First Year Girls A hockey final.

MINOR A

This year the minor a hockey team had a good season. We had a tricky start playing St Andrew's without any training sessions. However then we trained twice weekly and worked to the best of our ability. We definitely improved throughout the season and had great fun and a good team spirit. We had more victories than defeats and were being taught all sorts of new tactics. We built up our team well and Maolisa Nugent fitted right in even though she was a first year amongst the second years! Our captain took charge of us all and proved both capable and reliable. Although we put up a very good fight in the semi final and put our opponents under as much pressure as we possibly could - we were beaten in the hard fought match. After the season three of our players were called up for Leinster Development Squad: Eva Nugent; Susan McRann and Aimee Jones O'Connor - proof surely of the success of our season. We would like to thank all of the hockey coaches especially Mr Fitzpatrick.

Aimee Jones O'Connor

MINOR C

The Minor C had a great start with a win against Dalkey. We had some memorable matches and always gave 100%. Though we didn't win our league we learned a lot. We enjoyed the long, cold training on every Thursday and especially the early Saturday mornings! We would like to thank Ms Jones who trained and supported us.

Tess McCann

1ST YEAR A LEINSTER LEAGUE FINAL

It took a lot of work to reach the final last Thursday and everyone was really nervous beforehand but we knew we'd get great support, as we did for the semi-finals against Alexandra which we won 2-1. The final was a great game with a lot of good passes and brilliant tackles. Both teams had many chances on goal but never got to the back of the net. First, the game went to extra time of seven minutes a side and that still left us at nil all. The penalty flick contest which came after that resulted in Mount Anville winning by 2 to 1, our goal being scored by Stefanie Wynne. Eve Roseingrave (goalkeeper) made some brilliant saves in both the game and the penalty flicks. We would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for coaching us and getting us this far.

Aisling Naylor, Megan Lynch, Stefanie Wynne



Minor A

Back Row: Freya Breen, Maoliosa Nugent, Sarah McCoy, Rebecca Conalty, Ellen Walsh, Mr P Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Susan McRann, Sarah Brennan, Aoife Ryan, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Eva Nugent, Sadhbh Soper Ni Chafraidh.



Minor B

Back Row: Naomi Reid, Niamh McDonagh, Suzanne O'Connor, Stephanie Lodola, Sarah Cunningham, Nicola Durant, Aoife Gordon.

Front Row: Ms S Jones, Marie-Claire Foley, Susan Kinlan, Richelle McDonnell, Alex Dakin.



Minor C

Back Row: Holly Taylor, Rebecca Mills, Katie O'Connor, Aoife Fitzpatrick, Sophie Mitchell, Etan Kinsella McLennan, Lara Madden.

Front Row: Ms S Jones, Katie Hyland, Georgie Twamley, Tess McCann, Andrea Murray Byrne, Zara McElvaney, Alex Dakin.

FIRST YEAR A

This year's first year A's didn't get off to a great start, but we trained hard every Friday to build up our skills. One of our first matches was against Alexandra College, which ended 4-0, to them. Next we played Newpark. This was our first match that we won, with a score of 2-0.

As we played more and more matches we got better and stronger. With a lot of hard work we got into the quarterfinals. We were playing Cluny and we beat them 3-0, which meant that we were playing Alexandra College in the semi-finals.

We were all very nervous but we went in with all our hearts and the game ended 3-0 to The High School. Now we were in the final against Mount Anville.

We trained extra hard and before we knew it the day of our final arrived. It was a very tough match, with excellent saves from our goalie Eve Roseingrave and some great shots from our forwards and midfielders; but we could not score!

The match ended 0-0. The game could only be decided by penalty flicks, the cruellest way to decide a match. It was not our day. I took the first penalty and missed. Thank you to our trainers Mr Fitzpatrick, Ms Jones and Ms Levis. It was great to wear the High School shirt.

Maoliosa Nugent



First Year A

Back Row: Jessica Sargeant, Sarah Keating, Rose Halpin Duffy, Jessica Patterson, Megan Lynch, Jessica Buttanshaw, Aisling Naylor.
Front Row: Mr P Fitzpatrick, Katie O'Brien, Stephanie Wynne, Maoliosa Nugent, Kate O'Marcaigh, Eve Roseingrave.



First Year B

Back Row: Megan Daley, Jenny Keogh, Sadhbh O'Brien, Rona O'Donnell, Megan Skelly, Nicola Ryan.
Middle Row: Ella Scanlan, Aislinn Traynor, Faye Leitch, Cliona Rogan, Jessica Patterson, Sophie Lee, Lynn Murphy.
Front Row: Ms S Jones, Keri Sheehan, Amy Cripps, Kate O'Marcaigh, Lauren McGarry, Sarah Quirke.



First Year C

Back Row: Hannah Browning, Sarah Lucas, Jenny Keogh, Laura Pearson, Faye Leitch, Megan Rayner.
Front Row: Julie Farrell, Maeve Sweetnam, Laura Mills, Amy Deverell, Olivia King, Ms D Levis.

FIRST YEAR B

We started the year brilliantly with games against Alexandra, Wesley, Newpark, Our Lady's Terenure, and Our Lady's Grove.

In most of our matches we won or drew, but of course there was the odd time when we lost. We made it as far as the quarterfinal, but next year we will try to get further and bring home the cup.

We wouldn't be the first year B team without our brilliant right mid Amy Cripps, left mids Ella Scanlan and Lynn Murphy, and center mid Jessica Patterson. Also on the team was centre back Aislinn Traynor, right back Cliona Rogan, left back Sophie Lee, and our sweepers Sheila Brownlee and Megan Skelly. There was our left forward Lauren McGarry, right forward Rona O'Donnell, and center forward Kate O'Marcaigh as well, not forgetting Sadhbh O'Brien. We wouldn't have done so well without our brilliant goalie Sarah Quirke.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches Ms Jones, Ms Levis, and of course Rachel McSharry! Well done girls, this year was brilliant; well done for all your hard work throughout the year. Next year will be even better!

Amy Cripps and Kate O'Marcaigh

SENIOR BOYS

It has been a tradition in High School that the senior team's captain always does an excellent job. Examples such as Willy Mitchell and Crazy Jerome van Jaarsveld. We didn't feel that we had anyone who could hold the reins so we decided that Sam and I would do the job. It didn't work out very well, in that neither the players, Mr Wilkinson, myself, nor Sam ever really knew who was captain at any time. Maybe this was the reason we came second in the league.

Following the inspirational memories of Jerome, Willy, Don, Grey, Mr Miller and Stewie we set out to win the league, remembering to tackle dirty, melt the ball, run fast as we could and use the "vings".

After getting hammered by St Columba's and St Andrew's in friendlies thanks to Satchy, we decided to change our tactics. So we called in Glenanne's finest, Paul Fitzpatrick. After he finished insulting the whole team he finally changed our game plan. This helped a lot and next week we hammered Newpark and Sandford, with Paddy, Cogee, Leary and myself bagging a few goals.

Then came the first league match against King's Hospital. Paddy gave another morning speech to get us motivated. It appeared to work, after 20 minutes we were 5-0 up. Gould was able to set me up for two goals and my third was a drag flick to the top left. Even Lusby and Niall scored in the match.

Niall, hitting the ball for the first time in his life, was able to slot it into the bottom corner. Richie and the Penguin kept it tight at the back not giving anything away. We then introduced Ellmo to the game of Hockey. His random style of play shocked the opposition and shows that he's one for the future.

Friendlies against Wesley and Newpark followed. We played really badly in both matches (especially Max) but still somehow won them, and McNugget was finally able to pick himself a goal.

For our next league match against Wesley Sam thought it would be a good idea to turn up late with the keeper and all of our hockey balls, and I think this is why we narrowly lost. Although, Evan did show some real promise and kept our defence together whilst covering for all Sam's mistakes, and we saw Paddy again like Chrisiano Ronaldo - all of the tricks but no result.

In our next two matches we lost to St Andrew's 6-5 in an eleven goal thriller. League matches against Kilkenny and Newpark were basically walkovers. "Mighty Max Prendergast" and "Four Eyes O'Leary" were able to reel in the goals. Special mention must also go to Sam for his goal, running with the ball from our 25 into Newpark's circle finishing with a reverse to the top right.

When Neil Barrett heard that we were going to St Andrew's he cried. High school seniors haven't won a cup match in living memory so we were determined to win.



Senior Boys

Back Row: Mr I Wilkinson, Keith Ellman, Luke McSharry, Karl Browne, Patrick O'Connor, Mark McNulty, Max Prendergast, Neil Barrett.

Front Row: Benn Satchwell, Christopher Blair, Sam Cogan, Stephen Spoor, Shane Gould.

We trained hard with countless games of dragonball and metal. And after some more inspirational team talks from Paddy and Big Bag Nick we were ready to conquer. Unfortunately it didn't go as planned and we lost 5-4. I was able to score a hat-trick and Max was able to score an own goal. Satchy also slipped a few times which cost us a few goals.

Also, "Special Spoor" made a lightning speed run down the line and swung across in for Samba Sam to deflect into the top left.

I must mention the exceptional job "The Blair Witch" did in marking that Irish guy. Kudos to "The Blair Witch", kudos.

Having lost two league matches it meant that the championship was out of sight. So we weren't really up for our next match against Dundalk. And again Sam turned up late, and again Ellmo got lost. We played terribly and somehow Gouldy scored his first ever goal through his incredible vision and height. McNugget also scored a fantastic goal in the last minute to get to three points.

Killian's were the next team on our hitlist, and this was a personal vendetta for me having lost to them as Seniors three years in a row. Star striker Eoin O'Leary started things off with a trademark root of the next goal. Unfortunately when the sun reflected of the highlights in Max's hair, Chris became confused and hit the ball into his own feet, letting Killian's break and score. This was ironic, because last year Chris scored a very bad own goal against Killian's costing us the match. Killian's struck again through another mistake by Lusby and we were now 2-1 down. The legend Karl Brown wasn't having any of this and struck twice in quick succession from a tight angle to give us the match. They don't call him legend for nothing.

I think the real reason we won is because of Sam's captaining skills. To quote him exactly, "High School look at me, I'm keeping possession. Play like me". We finished the league in second place and I finished the season as top scorer with ten goals.

Cheers to Mr Miller and Mr Fitzpatrick for the coaching in games and such. But most of all thanks to Mr Wilkinson for all of the effort and time he put into us. I can't really thank the team because it was all me.

Luke McSharry (Captain)

JCT

We had a very good season this year and had many wins. Our first match was against Wesley, when we had a weakened side, and we lost 4-1, with a few errors in goal. We then played St Andrew's and lost 2-1 in another friendly. In our first league game against John Scottus we drew 1-1 in a high-tempered match. The next game was against St Columba's, where we lost 2-0. We beat St Andrew's 2-0 in our final game. We played our Cup game against Kilkenny and brought the match into extra time with a goal from James Barber sneaking in, but we lost in extra time.

We were in the semi-finals of the league, against St. Killian's, and we won with ease 5-2, with Johnny Walker scoring three. In the final we faced a strong Sutton Park, and we went 1-0 up, thanks to Ciarán Collins, but we stopped playing in the second half. They scored twice but we continued, and then Andrew Gray beat the keeper to draw. In the last play off a short corner, Shane Gould scored.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr Miller for all the work he did with us this season.

Mark Collins

U14

The under 14's had a fair season, playing Sutton Park in the first round of the cup and only losing by a small score – Sutton ended up getting quite far in the Cup. We managed to make it to one league final after beating St. Andrew's in the semi-final. Our mids Mark Rogan and Michael McNulty attacked and defended well. Our forwards also played well, but were unlucky to score when the opportunities arose. Mark Evans, Iain Irvine and Daragh Herlihy played well also, as did the subs Stephen Chapman, Mohammad Khabadaya and Keenan Lacy.

We were unlucky in our final, not showing our attacking skill. We were forced to defend and were put under pressure. The score was 3 – 0 but does not reflect our defence or the effort our defenders Tom Roseingrave, Robbie McGuinness, Daniel Connell, Danyal Fox and Guy Prendergast.

It was a successful season all in all, and big thanks to Mr White our manager and Will Mitchell our coach.

Josh Purcell



Above: Shane Gould on the attack for the Senior Boys.



JCT

Back Row: Ciaran Collins, David Kavanagh, Sean Tevlin, Jack O'Kennedy, Josh Purcell.

Middle Row: Robbie McGuinness, Michael McNulty, Andrew Gray, Paul O'Kelly, Patrick Butler, Damiano Fusciardi, Guy Prendergast, Mr D Miller.

Front Row: Michael Willoughby, James Barber, Niall Noonan, Mark Collins, Richard Jones, Shane Gould, Jonathan Walker, David Meade.



U14

Back Row: Mr R White, Ruairi Nugent, James Liddicoat, Michael McNulty, Daragh Herlihy, Andrew Donovan, Guy Prendergast, Daniel Connell.

Middle Row: Danyal Fox, Stephen Chapman, Mark Evans, Josh Purcell, Tom Roseingrave, Kennan Lacey, Mark Rogan.

Front Row: Ian Irvine, Robbie McGuinness.



U13.

Back Row: Ferdia O'Brien, Sean Tee Lim, Robert Lowry Walshe, Finn Murphy, Ian Hall, Ronan Lowther, Cillian McCann, Jack Doyle, Caolan Boyce.

Middle Row: Lee Campbell, Colm Moran, Niall O'Leary, Lee Deighton, Alan Hughes, Ian Stevenson, Simon Jackson.

Front Row: Cian O'Neill, Shane O'Reilly.

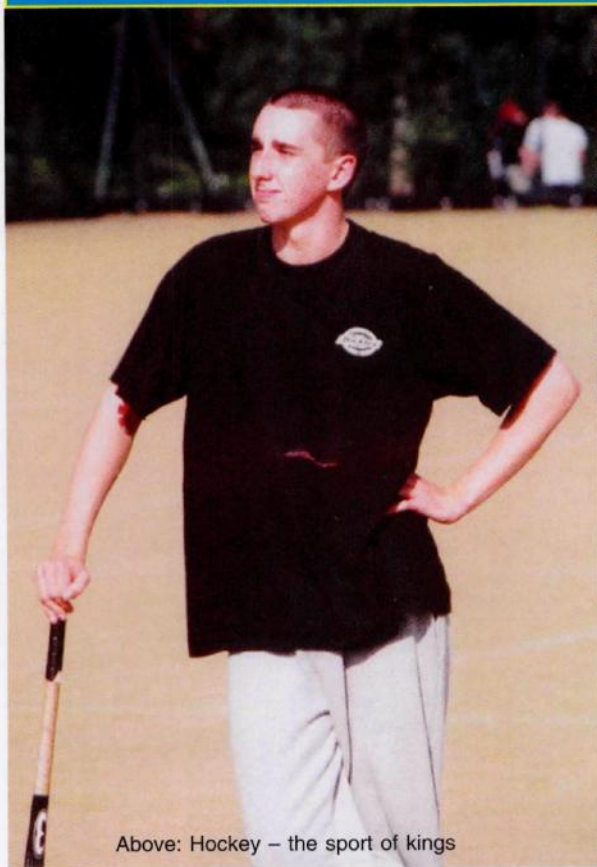
JUNIOR BOYS HOCKEY LEAGUE WINNERS!

On Wednesday 29th March the Junior boys hockey team successfully overcame the challenge of Sutton Park School in the final of the Junior Hockey League. High School took a deserved first half lead when Ciaran Collins scored directly from a rebounded short corner. Sutton Park hit back in the second half, clinically converting two short corners. As the game neared its conclusion Andy Gray scored an equalising goal to level the game and extra time looked certain.

However, Shane Gould got a deflection to score an over time winner from the last short corner of the game. The JCT Panel were delighted with their victory and this League Final win finished off their season in style. Well done! We also congratulate the Under 14 who beat St Andrew's 4-1 in the league semi-final and the Seniors who beat St Kilian's 3-2 to finish second in the league.



The Junior Boys team, winners of the league!



Above: Hockey – the sport of kings



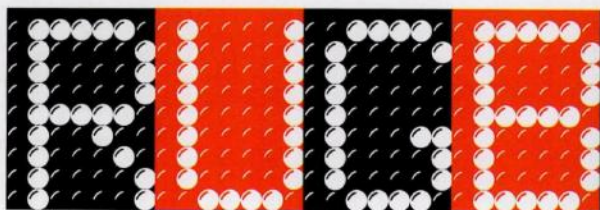
Above: Chris Blair and Max Prendergast.
Below: U13 hockey team after a great victory!

UNDER 13 BOYS

The first year under 13 boys hockey team had a fairly good season this year. The highlights were the scores against St Andrew's, as we won 10-1, and in the Wesley match, where we won 6-2, not forgetting the fun match against the under 13 girls' A team that we won 2-1. I would like to thank all the staff that helped, and a special thank you to Robbie Wynne and Mrs Carson for helping this year, and we all can't wait for next season!

Lee Deighton and Alan Hughes





SENIOR CUP SQUAD

We began the year on the back of a very good season the previous year in which we were league semi-finalists and were beaten by a very strong Blackrock side in the Cup. This year saw the return of very few of last years side and there were a lot of new faces in the squad.

Pre-season training began in early August and with fitness levels getting back on par after a lazy summer, we were all hopeful of a fruitful season ahead. Unfortunately we were plagued with several injuries to the panel early on in the season. The loss of Gerard Prunty to torn ligaments and Shane "HB" Sargeant with a broken thumb, to name but a few, affected the line up in the opening games.

After a disappointing start to the season we began our league campaign away against St Andrew's. We started well and had the lead entering the second half. A relapse to "Gerbo" Prunty's ankle injury and ill-discipline led to our demise and we were pipped at the post by St Andrew's, who won 17-16 with a last-minute penalty.

Our next league game was at home against CUS. We were defeated 10-3 in a tightly contested game which just seemed to slip away from us. The loss of yet another player during the game came to us as a terrible blow, especially as it was Johnny Sargeant, our place kicker. Johnny broke his wrist in a tackle and was forced to leave the field.

Things just seemed to go from bad to worse after that and we suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Newbridge. Following on from this defeat, the lads were happy to partake in a more light-hearted game against St Columba's, where Robbie Rath scored a hat trick of tries and Nathan "Shovels" Barber scored an unforgettable try as well. The game finished 36-0 to High School.

After some heavy defeats in the league, team morale was low, and we took off from Dublin Airport on an icy cold October morning in search of some inspiration in France.

After a short bus tour of Paris guided by our learned tour guide (Mr Wright) we settled into our hotel and went for a short training session. The next day we took a tour of the Champagne region of Paris, before travelling to Provins for our first tournament. Our first performance on French soil was disappointing to say the least, and after losing 24-0 to a Kilkenny side, we were determined to up our game the following day in the St Maur, drawing against Orsay. In a fiercely competitive match against Kilkenny College we redeemed ourselves from defeat the previous day, but were beaten 6-7.

Perhaps the most memorable aspect of the tour



Senior Cup Team

Back Row: Ronan Keller, Niall Milton, Jamie Wright, Gerard Prunty, Luke Begley, Andrew Smyth, Nathan Barber.

Third Row: Tony Lee, Tom Meredith, Shane Sargeant, Robert Rath, Alan O'Keeffe, Kevin Finnegan, Simon Coyne, Manus Cronin.

Second Row: Mr D Wright, Robert Bannister, Nigel Kinlan, Paddy O'Shea, Colin Sheridan, Jonny Sargeant, Gareth Austen, Mr L McBride.

Front Row: Michael Willoughby, Andrew Lohan.

was Manus' stories and impressions on the bus! All in all, it was a very enjoyable trip.

Following our tour to Paris we played several friendlies in the run-up to the cup season. We beat our sister school in Sligo 17-12 and managed only a draw against CBC Monkstown in a match played in torrential rain.

On 16th January we played the first round of this year's Senior Cup against Mount Temple. The conditions under foot were perfect and the rain held off so we were very hopeful. A poor start to the game, however, left us trailing 7-0 after only a few minutes. After a less-than-perfect start we got a try scored by Shane Sargeant, which brought us back to within two points. We let Mount Temple in for another easy try and with the loss of Karl Cabena with a dislocated elbow, things were looking bad. At the close of the first half we had reduced the lead and things were beginning to look up.

The second half started much like the first and we conceded yet another 'soft' try and from there on we were chasing the game. Despite a good performance throughout the second half we were unable to close the gap and with two disallowed tries on the verge of full-time, we knew that it just wasn't our day.

On behalf of this year's Senior Cup Squad, I would like to thank all of the students, staff and parents who supported us this year. I would also like to give special thanks to our coaches, Hugh Hogan, Mr Wright, Mr McBride and Mr Walker. They stuck with us through everything and their efforts are much appreciated.

Paddy O'Shea

CHALLENGING

SENIOR II

The 'Super Twos' had a very memorable year this year with many highs and lows. We began our quest for glory on a warm autumn day down in the fortress that is Kilkenny College. We took to the field with hunger in our bellies (they don't feed you until after the match) and despite their superior size (their pack would make your eyes water), we defended bravely, tackled like demons and, with two tries from Alan 'the Red Mist' McMurray, we came out on top.

Following a tough match against St. Gerard's, we had our first home game against another beefy team, CUS. Despite towering performances from several players including the enigmatic (and dedicated of course) Rory O'Connor and the reliable Kier Johnson (the cause of many a coach's headache for his energetic bus banter) we came out on the wrong end of the scoreline.

Our last outing before the much anticipated league was against the ever underachieving Blackrock. In the dying moments of the game, the ball somehow landed in the arms of our star winger, Barry Browne, who then tore up the pitch, leaving most of his pursuers for dead before throwing a telepathic (!) pass to Colin 'how does he get them so smooth?' Sheridan to score the match-winning try. The bus trip home was enlivened thanks to the impersonations of Manus Cronin.

Our next game against our old enemies, Wesley, proved to be the most enjoyable of the season. With many of us wishing to regain our spots on the firsts for the Cup, there was no shortage of motivation. With an inspiring speech from the superb captain (*and a bit of help from Manus!), we played some fantastic rugby and blew away a decent Wesley side. Luke 'Swamp Thing' Begley and Jamie Wright provided the aggression up front to secure solid ball for our talented back line.

Our league campaign started disastrously with a loss to St Mary's. I would describe the game as watching a continuous car crash for an hour or so. We ended up by losing by about five tries to two, much to our disappointment. Our final game came against our old adversaries, CUS. As it was our last game, we played some legendary rugby and destroyed them (10-0) with Tom 'let's hear it for the Cone' Meredith and Andy 'Bob Dylan' Lohan performing out of their skins.

In all, it has been a great year. They're a great bunch of lads and I wish them all the best for the future. On behalf of the 'Super Twos', I would like to thank our coaches Mr Walker, the eternally youthful Mr Wright, Mr McBride and Mr Hogan. They are excellent coaches and we all appreciate their hard work.

Michael Willoughby



Above: The power of EMO.



Senior Seconds

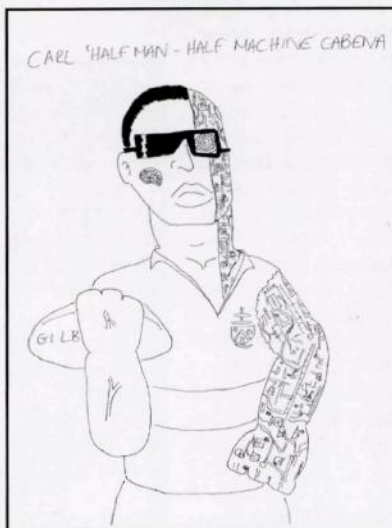
Back Row: Ross Hanan, John Kilbey, Luke Begley, Jamie Wright, Sean Tevlin, Gavin Thornberry, Daniel James, Manus Cronin.

Third Row: Adam Higgs, James Comerford, Rory O'Connor, Alan O'Keeffe, Mark Collins, Barry Browne, Jack Madden, Iain Cobban.

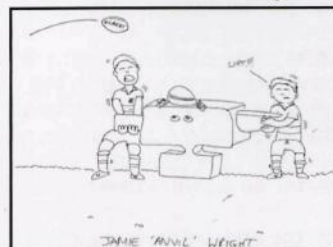
Second Row: Mr D Wright, Mark Cabena, Graham Johnson, Max Lane, Michael Willoughby, Andrew Lohan, Gareth Austen, Mr L McBride.

Front Row: Colin Sheridan, Alan McMurray, David Kenny, Marc Evans.

Below: Karl 'Half Man, Half Machine' Kabena.



Below: Jamie 'Anvil' Wright.



Below: Robbie '100m Leinster Champion' Rath.



JCT 2006

This year's JCT looked forward to a successful year as the team was very promising and had a lot of talent.

The year started extremely well with two very convincing wins over Kilkenny and St Gerard's. After these two games, the league campaign begun. We started off averagely drawing 10-10 with St Andrew's in the pouring rain. We then followed this with a great victory, 19-14 over CUS. Three narrow defeats followed against Newbridge, Roscrea and Gonzaga. This meant that we had to qualify for the cup via the Father Godfrey Cup.

We were drawn against our old rivals, Wesley, in the first round of the cup. We knew this would be an extremely tough match as both teams would be very well prepared. Some players were nervous before the game but these nerves went away as soon as we arrived at the very windy, Kiltarnan pitch. It wasn't looking too good as we were losing 7-5 with five minutes to go, Josh Purcell having scored an opportunistic scrum-half try. Then we scored a well-worked try with Thomas Emo touching down. The Wesley kicker missed a few late kicks to give us a 10-7 win.

We then played Mount Temple in the second round. We went into this game very confident and this showed on the pitch. We won this game 10-0 with Sam Moore and Shay Arias-Paz getting over the line for the tries. I came close with a number of my kicks, even hitting the post, but it didn't matter in the end.

We then started preparing for the cup match against Blackrock. We were confident we could upset the favorite's hopes. This confidence was soon quashed on the pitch as they ran out easy winners. However, we all enjoyed the occasion.

We then played the semi-final of the Godfrey Cup against King's Hospital. We were very pumped before this match, as we wanted something to show for our season. It was a brilliant match with both sides cancelling out each other. We were 10-0 down when I halved the deficit. Then Iain Lane scored a last minute try in the corner to bring it to 10-10. I came agonizingly close with the conversion attempt. Then in the replay, we again were well matched with both teams having spells on the opposition's line but it ended scoreless on the day. Then came the third and final meeting of the teams. We wanted to win this match badly. However the match ended badly for us, as we lost 15-10, with the tries coming from Conor O'Donnell and Iain Lane. We were very disappointed at the end of the match, William Hanlon had a particularly poor match, which in turn put us out of the competition. We were all gutted that it had to end, but it was a great experience nonetheless.

We would like to thank everyone who coached us this season including Mr McCaughey, Fran Cooney, Jimmy Anglim and Mr McBride. It was a very enjoyable season and we improved greatly.

Ciarán Collins

Right: Spotting a gap at the JCT Semi-Final match.



JCT A's

Back Row: Mr P McCaughey, Colin Ledwith, Mark Savage, William Hanlon, Conor McGinley, Conor O'Donnell, Jack O'Kennedy, Alex Conroy.

Third Row: Matthew O'Rourke, Richard Whelan, Steven Carter, Simon Kinneen, Declan Fergus, Shane Webb, Sean O'Riordan, Josh Purcell, Graham Mills.

Second Row: Graham Young, Shay Arias-Paz, Ian Lane, Ciaran Collins, Iain Levine, Thomas Emo, Sam Moore.

Front Row: Ryan Morgan, Johnathon Kinlan.



JCT B's

Back Row: Graham Mills, Robert Browne, Colin Ledwith, Mattias Slattery, Conor McGinley, Jack O'Kennedy, Richard Whelan, Kieron Men, Niall Smith.

Middle Row: Mr P McCaughey, Ian Lane, Matthew O'Rourke, Simon Kinneen, Ronan Hennessy, James Ryan, Ryan Morgan.

Front Row: John Willoughby, Jonathan Kinlan.



U16

Our season got off to a very impressive start with a 35-10 win over King's Hospital. We trained hard, knowing the start of our league was not far away and our first league match was against Kilkenny. We won the game 21-10 with a good team performance. With most of the team gaining experience playing with the Second XV, and some on the First XV, we were confident of doing well for the season.

Our next match was a tough friendly against St Michael's, which we won 13-12 with a last minute try and conversion from Kier Johnson. We played Castleknock in our next league match, and with a poor performance we lost 17-9. We played Belvedere in our next league match and got back to winning ways with a 25-10 win. Our next match was against Clongowes with an opportunity to get into the semi-final. We won the game 33-5 with good performances from Gareth Austen and Marc Evans.

The next game was our semi-final against Blackrock, which we won 27-10 with a great team performance. We trained very hard for the final but were not as well prepared as we could have been, having been away on work experience. We played the final in King's Hospital against Belvedere. We were 5-0 down at half time but got back in the game thanks to a great try from Jamie Wright, only to lose the game 10-5. It was a disappointing result, knowing that we hadn't played our best rugby.

For the rest of the season all the players played for the First XV, the Second XV, and the Third XV and therefore gained experience all the time.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coaches Mr Walker and Rosco for a great season.

Colin Sheridan



Above: Going, going, gone. Josh Purcell scores a crucial try against 'the auld enemy'.

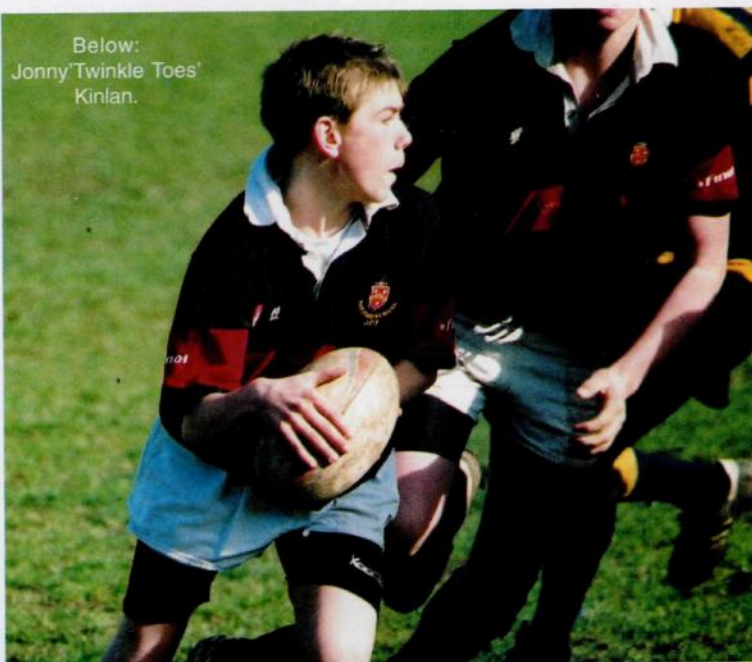


U16

Back Row: Ross Hanan, Adam Higgs, William Hanlon, Jamie Wright, Sean Tevlin, Gavin Thornberry, Daniel James, Gavin Sadlier.

Middle Row: Marc Evans, Mark Cabena, James Comerford, Jack Madden, Carl McHugh, Alex Lawson, Andrew Stevenson, Alain Lui.

Front Row: Mr R Walker, James O'Connor, David Kenny, Colin Sheridan, Max Lane, Gareth Austen, Mark Collins, David Meade.



Above: We are the Champions!

U14

The under 14's team had a good year this year because we were trained, motivated and inspired by our great mentors and coaches Mr Griffin, Mr O' Hanlon, Goldy and Shane.

We had ups and downs but one of the great wins was against Blackrock. We beat them 32-19, and James Harding scored his first try of the year- one of our best matches.

At the end of the year we entered a competition. In our first match we were playing Columba's where we won 14-0. In the second match we were playing Bangor. We led the way by 12-0 in the first half and defended well in the second half, even when Adam broke his arm when he had a bad fall. In the third match we played in the competition, we won, by a try scored by Oscar.

Unfortunately we didn't win the competition, as we didn't know it was the amount of points you had that counted, not the amount of matches you won. Next year we are on the JCT and have a good chance of winning the Junior Cup.

Mark Weston



U14

Back Row: Eoin Keenan, Brian Liston, Alex Daly, Hugh O'Marcaigh, Mark Weston, Mark Coffey, James Hawe, James Harding.
Third Row: Bill O'Cleirigh, Mark Rogan, Diarmuid Kennedy, Oscar Bowling, Tom Roseingrave, Gavin Mullan, Stuart Gray, Ben Harding.
Second Row: Mr M Griffin, Milo Mays, Stephen Chapman, Cian Twomey, Iain Irvine, Ian Duggan, Scott Condon.
Front Row: Luke Byrne, Martin Flower.

U13

We started our rugby year with a few training sessions. Most of the squad had never played rugby before so it was hard work for the coaches.

Our first match was against St Gerard's in a 10-a side blitz with three teams. We won all of these matches. We played surprisingly well for our first match! Our early season performances were good and we beat Wesley 25 - 0 and Sandford 15 - 0.

Injuries and detentions in mid-season led to some heavy defeats. However, a great performance against Terenure showed that we had greatly improved. A few matches later, we played Newpark and unfortunately our No.8 (Ian Hall) was taken away by ambulance and missed the rest of the season. Fortunately, he has recovered.

We would like to thank Mr McNamara for his patience and great encouragement throughout the season. We would also like to thank Mr Clarke, Brendan, Ross, Niall, Alan, and all the dedicated players who showed up for training and matches despite some heavy defeats.

Seán Warren and Ian Hall



Above: First Year Fans, what a mad bunch they are.



U13 Stags

Back Row: Daniel Clarke, Mark Swords, Paul Deering, William Anglim, Daniel Jones, Ronan Lowther, Joshua Wiler, Christopher Downey, Cian McDonagh.
Front Row: Mr B McNamara, Ferdia O'Brien, Alan Weekes, Colm Moran, Sean Warren, Troy Gallagher, Sean Tee Lim, Shane O'Reilly, Mr K Clarke



U13 Tigers

Back Row: Lee Deighton, Michael Sykes, Patrick Wilson, David Cosgrave, Emmet Dwyer, Finn Murphy, Dhruuv Kapoor, Patrick Foster, Andrew Stein.
Front Row: Mr K Clarke, James Sadlier, Niall O'Leary, Hugh Macken, Ian Hall, Alan Young, Drew Haig, Simon Jackson, Mr B McNamara.



FOOTBALL

SOCCER LEAGUE WINNERS

Left: 'Cleveland Steamroll their way to Victory'
Jonathan Sargeant, Kyle Gleeson, Kier Johnson,
Robbie Bannister, Colin Sheridan, Eoin O'Leary, Sean
Nicholson

WINTER SWIM



Above: Mr Gill shows off his 'big guns'.
Below: A happy group of winter swimmers.



Above: Charlotte Leonard-Kane 3P, receiving the gold medal for the U15 200 backstroke at the Div 1 National Age Group Championships in Limerick.
Below: Grrrr!!!! Burrrr!!!!



THE HUNT

SENIOR BOYS

This years Senior Boys Tennis Team had a very good season. They won three out of four matches and qualified for the Division final against a very strong Terenure team. The result of the match is still undecided with a doubles match still to be played with the overall match score still standing at two all. All the Senior Boys (with the help from some Juniors when required to sub) played their part in a successful season. A big thanks to all of you playing and especially Sean and Ruarc for all of your help and support.

I would like to say thank you to Mr McClure for all of his help and advice to Mr White and myself in this, our first year in charge of Boys Tennis.

Sean McDonnell



SENIOR GIRLS

The tennis season was very short this year due to an unusually late Easter, and bad weather made scheduling quite difficult! Nevertheless, we managed to fit in a few great games!! Well done to all the girls who readily faced the opposition down on the courts, and thanks a million to Ms Levis and Ms S Jones!

The matches were fun, the biscuits were tasty and the bus journeys were BRIEF!!!

Jessie Elliot



Senior Boys

Back Row: Paul O'Kelly, Daniel James, Conor James, Gareth Austen, Richard Harrison.

Front Row: Mr S McDonnell, Michael Adye-Curran, Sean O'Gorman, Johnathan Walker, Mr R White.

Above: Mr J. Hickey presenting the Harcourt Cup to Paul O'Kelly, Form 3, winner of the Junior Tennis Championship, June 2005 - well done!

Senior Girls

Back Row: Deirdre McClean, Isobel Scally, Kate Lyons, Gemma McRann, Anna McNally.

Front Row: Karen Meade, Anna Earls, Genevieve Deeley, Aicha Aboudinar, Ms S Jones.

JUNIOR BOYS

This year's tennis team looked quite promising. On the team were Paul O'Kelly, Johnny Walker, Robbie McGuinness, Jack O'Kennedy, Andrew Stein, James Sadlier and myself.

The season started off well when we won a close match against King's Hospital. The day after that we had to play Terenure. Unfortunately, this match did not go very well and we lost to a very good Terenure team.

We did not manage to qualify for the semi-finals. Overall we had a very good time. We played some good tennis and had fun.

I would like to thank Mr McDonnell and Mr White for all their time and effort.

Michael Adye-Curran

JUNIOR A GIRLS

This year's tennis season may have been short but we still had fun playing in the matches. The team was great and so enthusiastic. A special thanks to Ms Jones and Ms Levis for organizing all the matches and for all their support.

Amy Jones and Zoë O'Regan



Junior Boys

Back Row: James Sadlier, Michael Adye-Curran, Paul O'Kelly, Andrew Donovan, Robbie McGuinness.

Front Row: Mr S McDonnell, Johnathan Walker, Jack O'Kennedy, Andrew Stein, Mr R White.



Junior Girls

Back Row: Emily Kinlan, Debbie Blair, Joan Sommers Donnelly, Zoe O'Regan, Tessa Meade.

Front Row: Annalise Murphy, Amy Jones, Clare Guy, Ms S Jones.

IRELAND SELECTION

Well done to Susan McRann who has been selected to play tennis for the Irish Under 14 team.



SCHOLARSHIP TO USA

Kellie O'Flynn (pictured left) has just been offered a four-year scholarship to one of the most prestigious universities in the world - Notre Dame, Indiana, USA. The scholarship, a combined sports/academic award, worth over \$170,000, will make Kellie the first Irish woman ever to play on Notre Dame's tennis team, which is the No. 2 college team in America. She has also been offered a free choice in the degree she wishes to pursue. What a wonderful opportunity! Well done, Kellie!!

MINOR A GIRLS

It was a relatively short season for the Minor A tennis team, in which we played against Muckcross, Santa Sabina, and we were on our way to play Wesley but due to rain we had to turn back. However we showed that we have the potential to go on to greater things in school competitions in the future. The three teams consisted of myself and Suzan McRann, Eva Rosingrave and Lauren McGarry and Suzanne O'Connor and Lisa Meehan. All teams played well and enjoyed the competitive spirit of the matches we played. I would like to thank Ms Levis and Ms Jones, for their coaching and time and hope that we can persuade them to continue coaching us next year. Well done everybody.

Aimee Jones O'Connor

MINOR B GIRLS

The Minor B tennis team consisted of myself (Sarah), Susan Kinlan, Tess McCann, Katie Hyland (all second years), Sarah Keating and Aisling Naylor (both first years).

Our first match was cancelled so we moved on to play Woodland Academy in Fit Zone tennis club! Susan and I got off to a good start but unfortunately didn't win the two sets! The other pair didn't win their games (Susan and I think our opponents cheated).

Our next match was against St Gerard's (at home) – when we found this out we weren't feeling so confident about playing them as we know they have a reputation for beating us in sports! Success at last, two out of two wins (Katie and Tess and myself and Susan).

The next match was going to determine our place in the league! As you would assume it was very nerve-wrecking! We were over the moon when we found out that it was a walkover, we had made our way to the quarterfinals!

This match was against Mount Anville, an away match for us! I was very nervous playing this match. It ended up with us losing the game 6-3, 6-4, but I'll tell you if it hadn't been for Susan we could have lost by a lot more! Sarah and Aisling's game ended with the score being 6-2, 6-4 to Mount Anville, while Katie and Tess's game ended with Mount Anville winning both matches 6-3!

Although we didn't do very well in the league playing the matches was a lot of fun! I would like to thank Ms Jones and Ms Levis for the training and organizing! It must have been hard work seeing as we had a lot of matches to play in three weeks! Thank you to parents offering to give lifts and subs (Aoife Gordon), but most of all thank you to the team and maybe we will do better next year!!

Sarah Brennan



Minor A Girls

Back Row: Lisa Meehan, Lauren McGarry, Eve Roseingrave
Front Row: Suzanne O'Connor, Susan McRann, Aimee Jones O'Connor, Ms S Jones



Minor B

Back Row: Aisling Naylor, Tess McCann, Sarah Keating.
Front Row: Katie Hyland, Susan Kinlan, Sarah Brennan, Ms S Jones.



Minor C

Back Row: Sarah Burns, Ellen Carney, Aisling Kiernan, Mollie Kate Richardson, Megan Rayner, Jessica Sargeant.
Front Row: Andrea Murray Byrne, Aisling Traynor, Lara Madden, Ms S Jones.

ERASMIAN

SPORTS CAPTAINS SCHOOL TROPHY 2004-2005 WINNERS 2004-2005

Cricket - Boys

Steven Walsh

Cricket - Girls

Amy Kenealy

Tennis - Boys

Scott McNeill

Tennis - Girls

Karen Sutton

Athletics - Boys

Brendan Phelan

Athletics - Girls

Holly Warren

Basketball - Girls

Ruth Roseingrave

Basketball- Boys

Karl Browne

Hockey - Boys

William Mitchell

Hockey - Girls

Julie McRann

Rugby

Niall McDarby

ATHLETICS

Belgrave

200 Metres - Senior Girls
Ciara Butler

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys
Shay Arias-Paz

Diocesan Staff

Points - Intermediate Girls
Joan Somers Donnelly

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys
Stuart Gray

Mathers

Points - Junior Girls
Megan Earls

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Pakenham Hamilton

High Jump - Junior Girls
Candace Horton

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys
Alan Thompson

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Taylor

100 Metres - Senior Boys
Adam Synnott

Taylor

Points - Senior Girls
Holly Warren

Travers

High Jump - Senior Boys
Alan Thompson

Walker

1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Graham Johnson

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Whyte

Field Events - Boys
Alan Thompson

BADMINTON

Evans

Mixed
Ciaran Brennan,
Tamanna Rahman

Factor

Junior Boys
Mark Cabena

Hennessey

Senior Boys
Ciaran Brennan

CANOEING

Broad Cup

Form 1
Sam Williamson

Canoeist of the Year

Elizabeth Surgeon

Junior Liffey Cup

Mark McNulty

CRICKET

Davies

Second Eleven
Rowan Stokes

Dawson

Form 2 - Boys
Niall Noonan

de Vere Shortt

Batting - Boys
Niall McDarby

Hanly

Fielding - Boys
Benn Satchwell

HOCKEY

Neville Davin

Senior Boys
William Mitchell

Diocesan

Minor Girls
Debbie Blair

Karen Eppel

Sportmanship
Julie McRann

Jean Scott

Junior Girls
Jessie Elliott

Jean Scott

Senior Girls
Grace Nugent

RUGBY

Dawson

Form 2
Stephen Carter

de Vere Short

Player of the Year
Alan Thompson

Evans

Place and Drop
Alan Thompson

Turner

Most Deserving Team
Andrew Lohan (capt.)

TABLE TENNIS

Evans

Joseph Silke

TENNIS

Harcourt

Junior Boys
Paul O'Kelly

Jagoe

Junior Girls
Susan McRann

Sealy

Senior Boys
Richard Harrison

Smith

Senior Girls
Kellie O'Flynn



Above left:
Andrew
Stevenson.

Left: Anne-Marie
Jordan on the
Ski trip to New
Hampshire.

EDITORIAL TEAM



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