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The 104th Erasmian Introduction

Variety: the quality or condition of being diversified or various, a collection of unlike things, especially of the same general group.

It has been four years since I started in this school and every day has been different; that's variety. Every pupil I have met, either in an academic or sporting capacity, has been different; that's variety. All members of staff, be they teaching or administration, that I have met, are all different; that's variety. This great school of ours is full of variety and it is the aim of this year's Erasmian to highlight this.

This year's production team was led by Isabel Baker, who took on the role of Editor and Chief. She was ably assisted by her team, which comprised of Laura Houston, Sam Meredith, Niamh Carroll, Pia Ward, Rebecca Murray and Craig Rankin. All the team performed such tasks as typing and collecting of articles, scanning and captioning photographs (of which there were plenty), proof-reading (aaagh!) and coming up with various ideas for the Yearbook such as the Photo Story. This group worked long and hard on the Yearbook and I would like to congratulate them on what is an excellent production. Special mention to Jonny Somerville for helping out at the end of the production. Well done one and all!

Averil Blakely and Katie Hamilton are responsible for this year's front cover and along with the designer, Alan Phelan, they have done a tremendous job. Anna McCormick, an exceptionally talented artist, designed the back cover.

I think both covers highlight the varied artistic talents that are present in our school.

As with any large scale production, mistakes are bound to go unnoticed and I apologise in advance for this and accept full responsibility for their occurrence.

On behalf of the team and myself I would like to thank the following people: Mr A. Phelan (Designer), Mr B. Duffy (Principal), Mrs J. Geoghegan (Deputy-Principal), John Davis, Richard Davies, Tim Gill, John Swan, Gillian Mellon, Mark Griffin, Rachel Missen, Becky Galligan, Jeanne Sadlier, Helen Kane, Debbie, Vivienne Barry, Matron, Valerie King, Sarge, Tommy Neiland, Brendan O'Donovan and all the pupils, teachers, parents and others who helped in producing the Yearbook.

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

Barry McNamara
Production Coordinator

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Editorial

As always, the school year went by in a flash and before we knew it summer had arrived. It seemed like only yesterday that we had been battling against winter gales and fighting the war against coughs and colds.

War has been a central theme of the past year, with the continuing conflict in Iraq and in many other countries around the world. The fifth year play, *M*A*S*H*, recalled an earlier conflict in Korea, while the sixtieth anniversary of D-Day and the fifth year trip to the Normandy beaches reminded us of an important event in World War II. In contrast, the expansion of the European Union to twenty-five countries on the 1st of May symbolised the possibility of rejecting war and cooperating in peace.

Within the peaceful grounds of Danum, The High School continued to develop its facilities with the addition of a second computer room. Students took part in a wide range of extra-curricular activities, many of which are reviewed in this yearbook. Academically, the school did very well in the tables produced by various newspapers throughout the year. All of these things serve as reminders not just of the quality of our school but also of the deep inequalities in Irish society. As privileged members of that society, it is important for us to try our best to change it for the better. We should congratulate the students who have done their bit, through CSPE projects, Gaisce community service, fair trade campaigns and many other activities.

It has been a privilege to be editor of this year's *Erasmian & Diocesan Times*. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard on producing this volume and Mr McNamara for his continuous help and encouragement. This is the one hundred and fourth edition of the yearbook, and without further ado, here it is.

Isabel Baker
Editor



Left: Artwork by
J. McGuire.

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Principal's

2002/2003 Report

National Developments

The legislative programme of successive governments over the last decade in the area of education has presented schools with a multiplicity of challenges. The main one is how to keep a school running on a day to day basis while spending enormous amounts of time reviewing and planning policies which will keep the school abreast of the new demands placed upon us by this legislation. Unfortunately, it seems to have become government policy in recent years that legislation may be passed and the sections of various Acts commenced, without the appropriate structures being developed and properly resourced by the government to implement the provisions of the legislation. This is placing an intolerable burden on school management as we find ourselves bound by law but without all of the necessary advice, training and support services to implement complex new policies. The Equal Status Act, for example, has required that we re-examine our ethos, mission and admissions procedures to ensure that we are not in any way breaching equality legislation.

Some examples of recent government practice are the provisions in the Education Act and the Education Welfare Act for divesting the Department of Education & Science of many of its responsibilities by allocating them to new services or commissions such as the National Educational Psychological Service, the State Examinations Commission and the National Education Welfare Board. Developing such independent agencies is doubtless a progressive idea but the frustration which is caused within the entire system when the agencies are not properly established or funded is palpable. Years after its foundation, the National Educational Psychological Service is still not up to its full complement of staff and what schools often now find is that when one of its psychologists makes a recommendation to the Department of Education & Science administration section with regard to the vital services needed for a pupil with special needs, the recommendation is frequently and arbitrarily reduced or ignored. As I write, six weeks into the

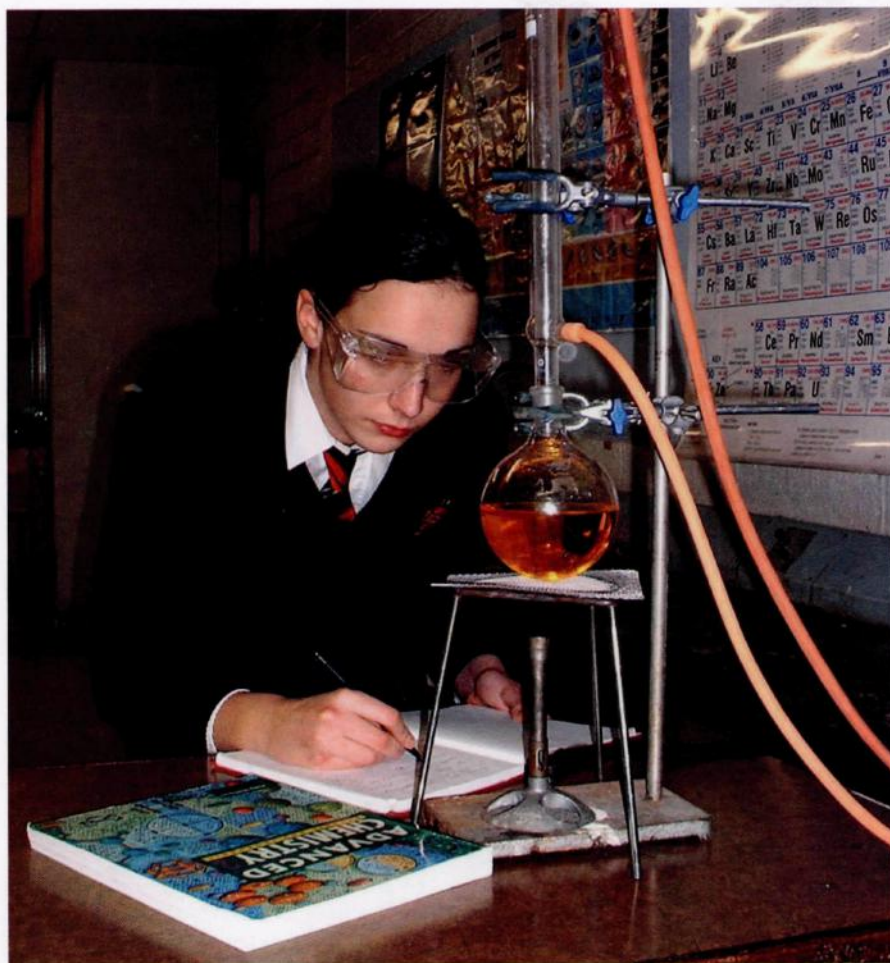


Above: Students from Form 6 Biology field trip.

school term, some emergency cases where pupils are not attending school have not even been processed. This callous disregard for the most vulnerable of our citizens is cloaked in the political language of "the need for a national review" and "the need to control expenditure" in the media while the child concerned sits at home, unable to attend school or to avail of any kind of education. In some cases, the situation has been ignored for periods of more than six months.

The Education Welfare Act has laudable ambitions. It aims to track every pupil in the state and to see that each has the best chance of remaining in school for his or her full entitlement of educational provision. It also aims to support schools and parents in seeing that children attend school. However, the National Education Welfare Board has now been established for years but is still grossly understaffed and is only dealing with the most critical cases in the worst affected areas of the system. Letters to the service receive an acknowledgement but with no follow up whatsoever for children who are drop-

ping out of school in other areas. One part of legislation which has been firmly implemented and which shows how the Department of Education and Science can move effectively and quickly to implement what suits it, is the part relating to disciplinary matters and codes of conduct. It has, quite correctly, been made possible that an expulsion from school can ultimately be appealed to the Department when local appeals have been exhausted. Every child should have the right of appeal but the approach which has been taken in the hearing of the appeals has been that where a tiny procedural detail has been overlooked by a school, the appeal has been upheld and the child returned to the school, even where the most serious disruption of the learning of other children is then going to continue. Often the procedural detail which has been overlooked is based on a circular letter from the Department issued over a decade ago and not even on record in some schools. Seldom are any, and certainly not adequate, resources provided to a school with a severely disruptive child to ensure that the education of other children is not affected. The Department



Above: Aoife Nic Philbin.

has therefore neatly sidestepped the issue of providing special remedial units to which disturbed children are referred for a time before being reintegrated into mainstream education. The burden of a serious societal problem instead has been placed on the individual school.

The teachers and school management personnel who are forced into the position referred to above are naturally in danger of becoming demoralised. This particular school has not yet had to undergo the experience but we are not looking forward to the time when we do. There has been no support from the Department in coming to terms with these new situations. The task has been left entirely to the school management bodies. Ireland has traditionally nurtured its teachers. Is that process coming to an end? Media surveys clearly show that the teaching profession is highly valued by the Irish people but we in the education system do not feel that this is being reflected in government policy and government actions.

What has been happening recently could be viewed as badly needed mod-

ernisation of the role of the Department, with appropriate delegation taking place. A less charitable interpretation might view the process as nothing other than a cloak and dagger operation by which the Department of Education & Science has absolved itself of responsibility for almost everything which causes difficulty within the education system and has shifted that responsibility on to poorly funded independent agencies or on to the individual school. The decision to bulldoze through a new Science syllabus in the junior cycle this autumn epitomises the present approach. When the emperor was clearly seen without his clothes, due to the appallingly inadequate amounts of money proposed to refurbish and re-equip school laboratories, the answer was to attempt to bludgeon the schools and teachers into implementing the course by using the classic tactics of divide and rule. Those schools with good laboratories would teach the new course, while those without would keep with the old course. The implication is that children in the larger schools are to be better provided for in the Irish education system than children in smaller or older schools. The

unprecedented situation may now arise where students undertaking a national certification receive grades in the same subject based on different courses! The new Science syllabus is an admirable development, worked on by teachers and the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment for many years and it deserves to be implemented as quickly as possible, but the usual under-resourcing is simply not acceptable.

School Developments

School review, evaluation, planning and development take place on a continuous basis, both formally and informally. We have recently completed the compilation of Part 1 of our formal School Plan. This is a document which schools must produce under the terms of legislation and it consists of all the permanent policies of the school along with our statements of ethos and mission, which have previously been contained in other documentation such as the prospectus and booklet of information for parents. For a school like The High School it doesn't really affect our planning processes because we have used the recommended techniques of planning for many years. Data has been gathered, surveys and questionnaires have been completed, staff training exercises have been conducted and we have laid out agendas for review, reform and development. We are continuing the process with a staff training day on Monday 3 November 2003 which will seek to identify new priorities for educational review and planning and this work will form the basis of Part 2 of the School Plan - educational action plans for the future.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is also 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

Below: Conor Dixon with Minister of Education Noel Dempsey.





Above: Students surveying on the Ardkill Bog field trip.

Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee and Sports Committee. So much work is undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but one example is the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee. Over recent months it has overseen the installation of the new ICT network referred to below, a new staff workroom, a soundproof partition between the Reynolds Hall and the dining room, new fire doors on the stairwells, a new air handling system in the Reynolds Hall and new window boards

in all of the classrooms following the Board of Works removal of asbestos boards. It has also supervised the refurbishment of floor surfaces, roof flashing, water tanks, boys and girls Physical Education changing rooms, the surface of the astroturf hockey pitch and routine painting of the school. All of this work is co-ordinated for the committee by the Administrator, Mr J. Davis.

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.

Another addition to the school Information and Communications Technologies network has been made with a new dedicated room and 28 new thin client workstations. This now means that we have four sub networks operating in four separate rooms (two computer rooms, one technical room, staff workroom) as well as computers in a number of other areas, such as Art, Music, Guidance and the Library. The adoption of wireless technology for transferring data from the central servers to the workstations now means that we can fairly easily install computers at any location in the school, opening the possibility of having computers in any classroom where they are required, subject of course to available resources. The installation of a 1 megabit ADSL broadband connection to the internet means that students and staff can now access the internet at high speed at any time. The installation of these resources has improved the educational provision in the Information and Communications Technology area substantially, with a significantly increased utilisation of ICT by an increasing number of staff. In line with the growing use of the facilities, the ICT co-ordinating team has been expanded to include Mr R. Davies (overall co-ordinator, network maintenance and European Computer Driving Licence Form 4), Mr M. Hilliard (staff support), Ms M. Burrows (students' website), Ms M. Hearne (European Computer Driving Licence Form 5 and computer club) and the Principal (main school website).

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

Below: The High School Orchestra in performance at the Inter Schools Musci Festival where they achieved second place.





Above: Nicola Collins horse-riding.

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. 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, 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 Princi-

pal 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.

Staff

Mr Ian Blackmore retired from the school at the end of the last school year and we would like to wish him and his wife, Janet, a long and happy retirement together. Mr Blackmore taught English in recent years although he also taught History and Geography in the distant past. Having qualified in Trinity College he came to The High School in 1966 and so has given thirty seven years of continuous service. Many students will remember Mr Blackmore for his consistent commitment to extra-curricular activities. In the past he coached both hockey and rugby, though recently he has put great energy into hillwalking and rock climbing and hundreds of students owe him a great deal of gratitude for his willingness to remain involved in such activities right up to the day of his retirement. Mr Blackmore also held many positions of responsibility in the school, such as that of Form Teacher, member of staff in charge of audio recording and tape duplication for languages and more recently in charge of publicity photographs in his capacity as Assistant Principal. He has provided many of the photographs featured in the weekly newsletter and on the school website. We thank him for his entire contribution to the school.

Ms P. Bergin (Home Economics), Mrs B. Davin (Geography), Ms B. Bourke (Music and Irish) and Mr I. Wilkinson (Mathematics and Physics) have taken career breaks this year. Mr K. Mills (Mathematics and Physics) has resigned to pursue another career.

We have welcomed as new staff Ms D. Levis (Geography, PE and Games), Mr M. Healy (Physics, Science and

Mathematics), Ms D. Thorp (Physics, Science and Mathematics), Ms R. Missen (English), Mrs E. Wakely (Music), Ms L. Watson, Mr P. Fitzpatrick and Mrs P. Bena Hanly (Higher Diploma in Education students).

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the year 2003-2004 is 783. In the Leaving Certificate Examination, 2002, 121 pupils presented 844 papers in 21 subjects. 567 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 76% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 3.7% of all papers. These results are excellent and have only been better in one year in the history of the school (1999).

In the Junior Certificate, 136 pupils presented 1088 papers. 884 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 83.4% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.8% 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 (68%) represents the best set of Junior Certificate results the school has ever had, beating our previous best (2002) by 2%.

Events and Activities

The events and activities of the school are now reported weekly in our school newsletter. The same information is published on the school website at www.highschoolDublin.com where all of the weekly news pages for the last few years may be viewed. More detail on all school activities is available in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication which is produced by Form 5 pupils. I would like to congratulate and thank the many staff who give up their time to encourage so many enthusiastic pupils in their pursuit of extra-curricular activities. These experiences add greatly to the enrichment of the pupils' education.



Above: The US Ambassador Mr James Kenny, with Mr B. Duffy, Principal on the occasion of the visit of The Latin School of Chicago band and chorus.

Below: Some band members from the Latin School of Chicago during their visit.

Top: Claire Murphy and Mrs J. Geoghegan (Deputy Principal) on the occasion of the presentation of Claire's scholarship to N.U.I. Maynooth.

Left: Mr F. Hogan and the US Ambassador.



Prize Day

& Parents' Evening

School Entrance Scholarships 2003

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:

Jack Kelly
Rathgar National School

School Scholarships:

Mark Savage
Rathgar National School

Jack O'Kennedy
Rathgar National School

Debbie Blair
Rathfarnham Parish National School

Clare Cryan
Scoil Naithí, Ballinteer

Alicia Smyth
Divine Word National School, Marley Grange

Music Scholarship:

Linda Callaghan
Ranelagh Multi-Denominational School

The Chairman of the Board of Governors Mr F. Sowman, Mrs C. Duffy, Professor Richard O'Kennedy, the Principal Mr B. Duffy, and the Deputy Principal Mrs J. Geoghegan.



Principal's Speech

Mr Chairman, guests, pupils and staff of the school.

This is a happy occasion for the school and I echo the Chairman's welcome to you all. It is a pleasure on Prize Day to be able to reward people for quite different abilities and our prize system is designed to do just that, so it includes academic prizes, general class prizes, progress prizes for people who have worked hard and made notable progress, as well as awards for music, the arts, sport, initiative and all round contribution.

It is against the backdrop of inadequate funding and very badly implemented legislation, as mentioned in my annual report, that we can celebrate here tonight how incredibly fortunate we are that we have maintained our status as a fee charging school, because it is that status which enables us to make up the shortfalls imposed on us by government, to provide the type of curriculum and school to which we believe every child of the nation should be entitled by right and to provide the very basic necessity of enough teachers. There were various kites flown by the media during the summer about the Minister for Education & Science planning to withdraw funding from fee charging schools. I am pleased to be able to report to you that he has confirmed in writing recently that he has no such intentions.

On top of our fee charging status, what makes us different is the long tradition of altruistic governorship which our Board has provided. The overview which long-serving governors develop means that we are not swayed simply by the fashion of the day but that we develop at an appropriate pace to match the unfolding needs of modern education. Governors are unpaid and offer us their time and expertise in a wide range of professional areas such as law, property development and planning, finance, education, human resources management and many more. We are further lucky to have a dedicated teaching staff, a large percentage of whom have remained eager and willing to contribute to the very broad programme of extra-curricular activities we offer. We could not do it without them and we owe them a daily debt of gratitude.

The school curriculum changes and develops all of the time and the society within which schools operate changes as well, posing new problems and challenges every day as well as in long term planning. You will have read about the delay in introducing a much needed and excellent new junior Science syllabus this year, again because it has not been properly resourced by the government. The intention of the government to reform scientific education is to be applauded and we fully intend to build on our very strong reputation for scientific education as we move into the future. We are planning to refurbish and re-equip our laboratories in the near future.

I would like to welcome our guest here tonight, Professor Richard O'Kennedy, Professor of Biological Sciences at Dublin City University. Although I am sure the Chairman will introduce Professor O'Kennedy formally in a few minutes, I would like to congratulate you on the way you have devoted

Prizes 2002-2003

Form 1

Class Prizes:

1-S
Pauline Carney, Grainne Milton

1-G
Gordon Lai, Valerie Sexton

1-F
Andrew Howell, Christine Rorke

1-W
Miriam Kerr, Rowan Lacey

1-T
Clare Guy, David Whyte

Progress Prizes:

1-S
Mark Cabena, Siobhan Margolis

1-G
Carl McHugh, Graeme O'Meara

1-F
Ross Hanan, Clare Winslow

1-W
Hannah Lunn, Harry Ward

1-T
Ben Condron, Ellen O'Cleirigh

Form 2

Class Prizes:

2-D
Denise Fagan, Toby Lyons

2-G
Andrew Lohan, Andrew Stevenson

2-HE
Joelle Grogan, Beth Kelly

2-T
Claire Fergus, Eoin Silke

2-W
Janine Levine, Killian Rogan

Wilfred Lowry Progress Prizes:

2-D
Shane Gould, Roger Persechini

2-G
Jamie Wright, Kirsten McCann

2-HE
Jamie Kelleher, Anna McNally

2-T
Melissa Hanney, Sean O'Donohoe

2-W
Beverley Egar, Faye Simms

Mark Savage, Form 1, receives his prize from Prof. Richard O'Kennedy.



Jamie Wright, Form 2, receiving his prize from Prof. Richard O'Kennedy.

yourself and given your time so generously to working with young people who share an interest in science through your roles as Vice-President of the London International Youth Science Forum, Organiser of the Irish Biology Olympiad, Chairman of the Centre for Talented Youth, founder member of the Irish Youth Science and Arts week among many other things which you manage to fit into what must be a highly pressurised schedule in your day job running a very successful department in DCU. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to hearing from you shortly.

I have been reading with interest this little booklet which the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment published recently. You may have noticed newspaper reports about the forum which was held to discuss potential ways in which schools could change and develop over the next decade. Unfortunately some of the coverage suggested that the ideas in here were definitely going to be implemented, which is not yet the case. This is just a discussion document at present, but it does have some fascinating suggestions to make, which would meet with widespread approval if they could be resourced, and that is the key word. To achieve what the NCCA wants will cost a small fortune and the government will need to start planning for it now if it is serious about this booklet. Unfortunately, however, like so many reports nowadays, this one will probably meet the familiar fate of sitting permanently on a shelf except for those suggestions that cost nothing to implement.

I will take just a couple of examples. The booklet says that in the year 2010 each student could have a schedule which includes classes and times for independent learning. The school timetable is flexible and class periods are of different lengths for senior students to allow them to do research and to use technology between classes. That one suggestion alone, which would be wonderful, would require a substantial in-



Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):

Christopher Blair

Brook Prize

(best performance in Junior Certificate):

Una Ní Éigearthaigh

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Amy Brennan

Business Studies - S.S. Evans Prize:

David Kelleher

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

Robert Bradish, Harry McEvansoneya

English - Emily Latimer Memorial Prize:

Ruth Roseingrave

French - Carpenter Memorial Prize:

Ruth Roseingrave

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Christopher Blair

German - German Government Prize:

Sarah Lodola

History - Casserley Prize:

Christopher Blair

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize:

Katie Smith

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Una Ní Éigearthaigh

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

Christopher Blair

Materials Technology (Wood) - Parents' Association Prize:

Edward Flaherty

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Laura-Anne Stewart

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Christopher Blair

Technical Graphics - Parents' Association Prize:

Timothy Harris

Progress Prizes:

3-W

Bevan Carr, Christopher Stewart

3-M

Gorgi Hill, Rebecca Tadros

3-P

Grace Nugent, Joshua Plunkett

3-D

John Humphreys, Aoife Green

3-S

Scott O'Malley, John Kirkpatrick

crease in the number of teachers to cater for the mismatch in timetabled hours between junior and senior cycles, additional technology suites and small research rooms, increased library facilities fully equipped with PCs and broadband internet connections and an increase in the amount of supervision available around the school.

The booklet goes on "The curriculum allows time and space for teachers to meet students in small groups or one-to-one to provide guidance and monitoring on self-directed assignments and projects". Wonderful, again, but I did a small exercise to calculate the staffing implications of the two suggestions I have mentioned so far. It would mean increasing the number of teachers by between 30% and 50%. This is in a country where a child with severe special needs can not even have an acknowledgement to a letter from his or her school asking for a few one-to-one teaching hours.

We, as educators, would dearly love to implement all that is in this booklet, including all of the provisions for the further development of trust between school and pupils, the negotiation of individual programmes for students, the further training of pupils in self-directed learning, devolving responsibility for how a pupil manages his or her school day to the pupil himself - all of it. All we need is 20 or 30 more teachers, a large suite of new buildings and guaranteed ongoing funding and we're on our way. A recent survey of Irish people found that a large majority is not in favour of raising taxes, despite the underfunded schools and the overcrowded hospitals, so how are we going to do it?

While the government works this out, we will keep doing what we do well. Our exam results this year are again superb, with the Junior Cert results being the best the school has ever had while the Leaving Cert results were the second best we have ever had. It is interesting to note that over the last six years, the Leaving Certificate points average at the school has increased by approximately 30 points so well done to all who have worked so hard, both pupils and staff.

Thank you.

Brian Duffy
Principal

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5):
Catherine Jones

Class Prizes:
Jennifer Carr, Christopher Harding,
Alice Keogh, Denise Lui,
Stephen Mahon, Aoibhín McGreal,
Macdara Ó Seireadáin, Ben Senior,
Padraic Smith, Lyndsey Watson

Form 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

John Bennett Memorial
Prize:
(next best performing
pupil)
Kate Higgs

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



Laura-Anne Stewart receives her prize from Prof. Richard O'Kennedy.

Jack O'Kennedy receives his prize from his father, Prof. Richard O'Kennedy.



Accounting: Eoin Tippins

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley Memorial Prize: Andrew Grimason

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize: James Tuomey

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize: Paul Webster

Business - S.S. Evans Prize: Daryl Hoy

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize: Paul Webster

Classical Studies - Etheline Brady Prize: Lara Hickey

Construction Studies - Parents' Association Prize:
Brook Campbell-Crawford

Economics - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Eoghan Maginn

English - Bessie Bury Prize: Sudhakar Rao

French - McNay Prize: Méabh Cryan

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize: Jennifer Day

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Paul Webster

German - German Government Prize: Elaine Victory

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize: Rachel Walker

Home Economics - Dr Maurice Anderson's Prize: Christopher Somerville

Irish - Casserley Memorial Prize: Méabh Cryan

Mathematics - Foster Memorial Prize: Andrew Grimason

Music - Diocesan School Prize: Claire Murphy

Physics: Paul Webster

Spanish: Pamela Pimiento

Technical Drawing - Miss Mitchell's Prize: Brook Campbell-Crawford

Class Prizes:

Jamie Bonney, Tania Hashmi, Susan Walsh, Benjamin Frazer, Donna Lui, Clair Foster, Carolyn Goulden, Jennifer Kane, Sarah Tobin

Special Category Prizes

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

David Thompson

P.P.U. Debating Medal:
Rebecca Murray

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:
Chiara Farrell

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Holly Burke-Naughton
for her dedication and commitment to the work of the Student Council

Scott Halliday
organiser of the Battle of the Bands music show

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:
Eoin Tippins

Head Girl:
Donna Lui

Jean Scott Trophy:
Méabh Cryan

Old Boys' Cup:
David Thompson



Right: Carole Walsh presenting the Jean Scott Memorial Bowl to Meabh Cryan.

Left: Harry Booker presents the Old Boys Cup to David Thompson.



Talking with Teachers...

Mr M. Healy

Mr P. Fitzpatrick

1. What were you like when you were in school?

Very sport-minded, I wouldn't have been very academic, although would have achieved academically, but my main interest was sport.

2. What is your most embarrassing moment?

I fell out the window when I was in school.

3. What are your hobbies?

I play hockey, but I play that on a very serious level, so golf would be my hobby really.

4. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One has to be a teacher from The High School).

A Playstation 2, with a good selection of games, that's assuming there is electricity and all that scenario. I would probably bring some books, maybe read Harry Potter again or Lord of the Rings. Have to bring a teacher? Well I don't know many of the teachers so therefore it would possibly be, on the female side, Mrs Mellon, because she's the one I have the most interaction with and probably on the male side it would possibly be Mr McNamara or Mr Giles, these would be the guys I spend most of my time chatting to.

(Ed's Note: What about your wife!!!)

5. Describe yourself in three words.

Loyal would be one, sense of humour and determined.

Niamh Carroll and Sam Meredith



1. What subjects do you teach?

I teach Maths and Science.

2. Tell us about your education - primary, secondary and third level?

I went to Oughterard in County Galway for primary and secondary school. Then I went to UCG to do electronic engineering and immediately after that I did a masters in electronic systems. I then spent a couple of years working as an engineer but found that it was a bit too hard so I got a higher diploma in education in UCC but now I'm not sure which is the hardest!

3. What was your first impression of the school?

I thought that it had a very good atmosphere. In some schools that isn't the case and you have to be a bit street wise around the corridors. The students appear to be quite respectful and the teachers seem to be well experienced, very relaxed and very helpful.

4. What is your most embarrassing moment in The High School so far?

I haven't been here very long so I don't really have one yet...

5. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One of them has to be a teacher from The High School)

I would probably bring one of the woodwork teachers with me, a Swiss army knife and some positive thinking! (Ed's note: What about your wife!!!!)

Pia Ward and Laura Houston



Ms D. Levis

What subjects do you teach?

Geography and P.E.

Have you done any travelling in your career?

I've been travelling every summer holiday of university to America and to Europe. I travelled for fifteen months after university and taught in western Australia for a while.

What do you like and dislike about the school?

I like the way it's very involved with sport and other extra curricular activities, e.g. drama and music. I dislike... nothing of course!

What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One has to be a teacher in the High School.)

My diving gear! Mr Swan - he knows everything! And a lighter.

What three qualities do you think make a good teacher?

Enthusiasm, humour and organisation.

*Pia Ward
and Laura Houston*

Mr B. O'Hanlon

1. What subject(s) do you teach?
Geography.

2. What has been your most embarrassing moment so far?

I got a loan of a pair of shorts from Mr. Griffin to go running in. What I didn't realise was that they were actually boxer shorts and I ran the whole way down to Rathmines and back in them, I wondered why people were staring at me.

3. What are your hobbies?

I play a lot of sport. I play GAA to quite a high level, I play soccer and I run. I like watching DVDs after a hard day's teaching as well.

4. If you have a nickname what is it?

When I was in school I was called 'Heinz' (as in Heinz beans) because I was prone to passing wind now and then.

5. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One of them has to be a teacher from The High School)

The first thing I'd take would be my girlfriend. The second would be my dog, Heskey, because he's a bit of a legend. The teacher I would take would be Mr Griffin, he's probably the most intelligent teacher I know.

6. What three qualities make a good teacher?

A good teacher has to be patient, humorous and someone who doesn't bore students by shouting out information.

Pia Ward and Laura Houston

Mr B. Quinn

1. What subjects do you teach?
I teach French, German and Spanish.

2. How long have you been teaching for?

I have been teaching quite a number of years in the High School. I was also a tutor in UCD and have worked in a gymnasium (secondary school), as well as in a teacher's training college in Germany and I taught for a year in Spain.

3. Have you always known that you wanted to be a teacher?

No, it was something I drifted into and have been in the profession ever since.

4. What are the things that you most like about teaching?

In subjects like languages despite the constraints and pressures of the leaving cert course there is still huge scope for originality and creativity. The variety in teaching languages is enormous.

5. How many languages can you speak and what are they?

I have done courses (of varying lengths) in fourteen different languages. I would like to think that I can speak eight languages, some fluently, others less so.

6. What qualities do you think a good teacher should have?

A good teacher means different things to different people. High School is full of good teachers. Teachers who are enthusiastic, interested in their subjects and work extremely hard for their pupils.

7. What is your favourite subject to teach?

It often depends on the class. A good, motivated and pleasant class is a pleasure to teach.

8. What were you like when you were a student?

Diligent.

9. What three words would you use to describe yourself?

Crafty, Cunning, Mean.

10. Is that guy in your slides really your brother?

You refer to the guy who crops up in places like Germany, France, Spain and even Mexico. Of course he is my brother. Where would a secondary teacher get the money to visit all those countries?

Pia Ward

Mrs P. Bena Hanly

What subjects do you teach?
I teach French and History.

Did you always know you wanted to be a teacher?

It was always in the back of my mind but I wanted to be qualified first, so I got on with other things until the time came.

What was your first impression of the school?

Quite good. I liked the atmosphere downstairs in the 6th year room. There is a lot going on around the school. It's a nice place but its full of students.

What three things would you bring if you were stranded on a desert island? (One has to be a teacher in the school).

I would bring Mr D. Miller, so that I would not have to bring any books. I could rely on him to tell me stories. He would probably bring everything else necessary for survival.

What three qualities do you think makes a good teacher?

Great patience, a good sense of humour and perseverance.

*Pia Ward
and Laura Houston*



Ms R. Missen

1. What subjects do you teach?

I teach English and a Transition year module in Drama.

2. What were your first impressions of High School? Any likes and dislikes?

They were very positive, everybody seemed very relaxed and friendly and there were and still are lots of smiles in the corridors. In terms of likes and dislikes there are definitely more likes. I like the way there are a lot of different things for people to be involved in. I think the school itself is a great building and has great facilities. I don't really have any dislikes actually and I'm very proud to say I teach here.

3. Do you have a nickname? If so what is it and why do you have it?

There's been a few plays on my name in the past and my friends think it's funny that I've ended up being a teacher because it's Miss Missen. That usually goes down a treat and I have no others that I know of...

4. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One of them has to be a teacher from the High School)

I couldn't pick a teacher! If I had to, for company it would be any of them, the list is endless. On a practical level I think Mr. Swan would be the person you could always do with on your side, he's got a good head on his shoulders. I don't know about the other two things.

5. Describe yourself in three words

Happy, sociable...teacher!

6. What is your motto or philosophy on life?

Be honest and smile at the world because it will smile back at you, tried and tested!

Pia Ward and Laura Houston

Ms N. Phelan

1. What was your first impression of the school?

The students were very well behaved, in other schools that I have taught in there have been discipline problems there and the facilities here are excellent.

2. What are your hobbies?

I like reading and outdoor pursuits, I like running and swimming, I hate to be sitting inside, I like to be outside a lot.

3. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One has to be a teacher from The High School).

Em... a male teacher? Mr. Gill, he's very funny, and the other thing I'd bring would be a vanity case.

4. Describe yourself in three words.

Funny, confident and outgoing.

5. What is your motto?

Work hard and you'll get there.

*Niamh Carroll
and Sam Meredith*



Ms D. Thorp

1. What subjects do you teach?

Physics, Science, Maths and CSPE.

2. Tell us about your education.

Muckross Primary and Secondary, UCD to do Electronic Engineering, graduated with an honour. Didn't want to be an engineer, did the dip straight away and did my dip teaching training in Muckross.

3. What was your first impression of the school?

Big, big and scary, and boys... scary.

4. What are your hobbies?

Soccer, football, badminton and going out....a lot.

5. What is your nickname?

Dee.



25 Years Teaching Service

Mrs E. Wakely

1. What subject do you teach?

Music.

2. How long have you been teaching for?

A long time, around 25 years.

3. What are your plans for the future?

To do lots of travelling hopefully.

4. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island?

Sound system and favourite CD's, my needlework, and my favourite books

5. What three qualities do you think make a good teacher?

Enthusiasm for one's subject, the ability to explain as clearly and as simply as possible and to be able to make learning fun and a life long experience.

6. What is your motto?

Keep on trying until you succeed.

Niamh Carroll and Sam Meredith



Above: Mr B. Quinn receives a presentation from the Principal to mark 25 years teaching in the High School.

Below: The Principal makes a presentation to Mr M. Wisener to mark 25 years teaching in the High School.



6. What three things would you bring with you if you were stranded on a desert island? (One has to be a teacher from The High School).

My bed, I love my bed, a teacher, hmmm, I'd bring one of the woodwork teachers so he could build me a raft with his tools.

7. Describe yourself in three words.

Shy, organised and nice.

Pia Ward and Laura Houston

1. What subjects do you teach?

Science and Biology.

2. Tell us about your education, (Primary, Secondary and college)

Primary – Taney National School

Secondary – The High School

College – Trinity College Dublin

3. What do you like and dislike about the school?

It has a friendly and open atmosphere.

4. What are your plans for the future?

In the immediate future I want to do a bit of travelling, for the next year anyway, and perhaps do some teaching while I am away.

5. What three qualities do you think make a good teacher?

Enthusiasm, willingness to listen, flexibility and patience!

*Niamh Carroll
and Sam Meredith*

Ms L. Watson



Retirements

Mrs M. Dowsett

Mrs Dowsett first came to The High School 25 years ago. She grew up in Fulham, just up the road from Craven Cottage where Fulham Football ground is. She went to a school called Putney High School.

When we spoke to Mrs Dowsett, she told us what sparked off her interest in Biology. She said, "I think, when I was a very little girl my mother used to work, and so, for the school holidays, I was sent to a friend of hers down in the country and...it was lovely. Staying on a farm and I always loved the wildlife round there, and I think that probably was the beginning of it".

Mrs Dowsett also told us that she finds new things like bio-molecular biology absolutely fascinating and that there are huge amounts still to be covered about it.

We asked Mrs Dowsett how The High School has changed since she arrived and she said, "Um...I don't think it really has. I think High School is a terrific school. I think it allows more scope for individuality among students and I think it was so in those days and I think it still is. That's what I like about The High School".

Mrs Dowsett encouraged us to look into teaching as a career. She said being a teacher was wonderful.

Mrs Dowsett told us that she had many favourite memories. One of the funny stories she told us was about a boy, when asked what the other type of

cell besides a white cell was, answered a black cell.

She told us there was nothing we could do to make her stay. At the moment, she has no definite plans for retirement but she hopes to spend much more time with her grandchildren.

Mrs Dowsett was a wonderful teacher. She is an extremely caring and kind woman. We would like to wish her all the best in her retirement.

Isabel Baker and Pia Ward

Mrs D. Larkin



Richell Duggan, President of the Parents' Association, making a presentation to Mrs D. Larkin to mark her retirement.

1. When did you first come to High School?
1978.

2. Where did you go to school and where did you grow up?

I was born and grew up in Belfast. I went to St Dominic's High School (same as President McAleese).

3. What sparked off your interest in Art to begin with?

My uncle/godfather was a professional illustrator and encouraged me to draw and paint.

4. What is your favourite aspect of Art?

Textiles. I love spinning and especially weaving.

5. How has High School changed since you arrived here?

The Junior School closed in 1985. I had been Headmistress. More students are choosing Art – in 1985 only four students chose it, now forty-eight or so do it for Junior Cert.

6. What advice would you give to pupils looking to become teachers?

You must like young people, you need energy and you need to love passing on your subject.

7. Any favourite memories?

Nothing specific – outings with T.Y., seeing students' successes, the fun of the Rock/Pop shows. I loved being involved with T.Y.

8. What do you plan to do when you have retired?

Weave – I have my own loom and hope to make a business out of weaving floor rugs.

9. Is there anything we could possibly do or say to make you stay?

I would stay if I could only teach weaving.



Mr R. Miller

Mr Robin Miller, a fantastic Latin and Classical Studies teacher, left the High School this year after forty-one years as a teacher in the school. I spoke with him about his past and his retirement.

Mr Miller said that he first came to High School as a pupil in 1951. He told me that Dr Reynolds, who was headmaster of the school at the time, inspired his original interest in Classical Studies. Dr Reynolds taught Latin and Greek and gave Mr Miller a "great love for classics".

Mr Miller grew up on the North-side of Dublin in Phibsboro. He went to National School there and then crossed the city to go to The High School which was in Harcourt Street at that time. When he was finished his education there he went to Trinity College where he studied Classics.

When I asked Mr Miller who his favourite writer in Classics was, he found it a difficult question to answer. He said that he enjoyed reading Homer and Virgil, and Horace in Latin poetry. He said that he thinks he enjoys the poetry more than the prose.

He told me that High School has changed in lots of ways. "When I was there it was a boys-only school. Now there are girls. When I was there every-

body was known by their surname, you didn't use first names, that's something that changed."

At this point, Zoe interrupted to ask if Mr Miller had ever smacked Mr Hilliard, whom he had taught in times past. Mr Miller asked, "Is there a thing called the Fifth Amendment I can plead?"

When I asked Mr Miller what advice he would give to pupils thinking about teaching as a career he said, "Think of all the cruel things you did to teachers and wonder do you want others to do that to you." I found that quite upsetting and asked if there were any positive aspects to being a teacher. He assured me that there were many and said that he enjoys working with people and that if you enjoy your subject then you'll enjoy putting it over to people.

Mr Miller told me that he has many plans for his retirement. He is going to sit down in September and think for a long time about which of them he might carry out. He doesn't have any definite plans at the moment.

We tried to convince Mr Miller to stay but he said that we deserve a fresh



After 40 years of service the Principal makes a presentation to Mr R. Miller on his retirement.

face and a fresh approach. He said there was nothing we could do to make him stay.

However, that didn't stop us trying! And on Thursday the 27th of May we showered him with gifts – a toga, crown, and drinking goblet (for libations to the gods).

Mr Miller was a terrific teacher and is a wonderfully kind man. We would like to thank him for many enjoyable classes, and we would also like to wish him all the best in his retirement.

Isabel Baker

Mr J. Toomey

1. When did you first come to High School?
1970.

2. Where did you go to school and where did you grow up?
I went to Oatlands College, Mount Merrion and I grew up in the general Stillorgan area.

3. What sparked off your interest in your subject to begin with?
The excellent teaching I received from a group of committed teachers in the area of Science.

4. What is your favourite aspect of your subject?
The practical work often gives a teacher an opportunity to interact with pupils on a more informal basis than often would be the case in other subjects.

5. How has High School changed since you arrived here?
It has of course changed from being a city centre all boys' school to a much larger co-educational school with a

more varied mix of pupils and staff alike in a suburban environment.

6. What advice would you give to pupils looking to become teachers?
Talk to and take advice from trusted, experienced teachers you have respect for.

7. Any favourite memories/ embarrassing moments?
Too many favourite memories to recount all, but one recurring one might be the end of week Friday social run in the company of good friends, whether pupils or staff, who were prepared to listen to and exchange views on literally any topic or subject raised.

8. What do you plan to do when you have retired?
Look for new challenges. We all need to be continuously challenged

to some level in life.

9. Is there anything we could possibly do or say to make you stay?
Who knows? I may want to return when I see what life is like outside the hallowed walls of Danum.

The Principal making a presentation to Mr J. Toomey to mark his retirement.



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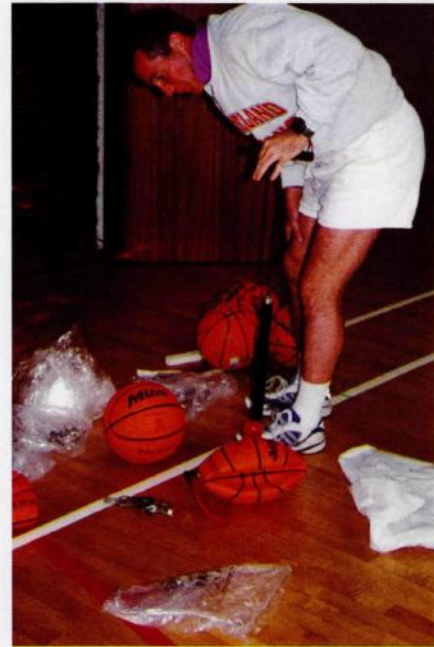
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Above: Mr R. Walker, sports co-ordinator, hard at work.

Below: Temporary secretary, Ms T. Heffernan.



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John C. Reid, B.A.I., Ph.D, C.Eng., M.I.E.I., M.B.C.S.,
 Chairman Grounds and Property Committee
David W. Rowell, F.P.M.I.
Gladys Ruddock, M.A., H.Dip.Ed. (T.C.D.)
Leslie Ruttle
Salters Sterling, M.A.
Charles T. Watson
Robert P. Willis, M.A., F.I.A.

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Librarian

Mrs V. King

Erasmus Smith Trust Archivist

Mr A. Phelan, M.F.A. (R.I.T., New York), B.A. (First Class Hons.) (D.C.U.), Cert. Archival Studies (G.E.H., New York)

Administration Staff

Administrator

Mr J. Davis, B.B.S. (T.C.D.), A.C.A.

Accounts

Mrs V. Barry

Secretary

Mrs H. Kane

Secretary

Ms D. Shaw

Principal's Secretary

Mrs J. Sadlier

Matron

Mrs D. Pfeiffer, R.G.N.

Catering Manageress

Mrs J. Gillis

School Sergeant

Mr G. Draper

Groundsman

Mr B. O'Donovan

Security

Mr T. Neiland

Below: Administrator, Mr J. Davis



Staff

Responsibilities 2003-04

Principal

Mr B. Duffy

Deputy Principal

Mrs J. Geoghegan

Pastoral Care

Form 1

Year Head Miss A. Parle

Form teachers Mr R. Davies,
Mr T. Gill, Ms M. Hearne,
Mr B. O'Hanlon

Form 2

Year Head Miss P. Graham

Form teachers Ms G. Fitzgerald,
Mr P. Sheridan, Ms S. Toolan,
Mr M. Healy

Form 3

Year Head Mr J. Toomey

Form Teachers Mrs M. Dowsett,
Mr J. Swan, Mrs S. Hutchinson-
Edgar, Mr R. Walker

Form 4

Year Head Ms C. Ritchie

Form Teachers Mr R. Giles,
Mr P. Irwin, Ms G. O'Sullivan,
Mr D. Wright

Form 5

Year Head Mr R. Miller

Form Teachers Ms M. Burrowes,
Mr M. Griffin, Mr A. Kelly,
Mr L. McClure, Mr D. Miller,
Mrs M. Milne, Ms R. Missen

Form 6

Year Head Mr R. McMullen

Form Teachers Mr C. Cryan,
Ms D. Fahey, Mr P. Prendergast,
Mr B. McNamara, Mr B. Quinn,
Ms S. Quinn

Subject

Co-ordinators

Art Mrs D. Larkin

Business subjects

Mr P. Sheridan

Classics Mr R. Miller

CSPE Mr P. Irwin

English Mrs M. Milne

Geography Mr J. Swan

History Miss P. Graham

Irish Miss A. Parle

Mathematics Mr M. Hilliard

Modern Languages

Mr R. McMullen

Music Mr M. Wisener

Religious Education

Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

Technological subjects

Mr C. Cryan

SPHE Ms T. Jones

Science Mr J. Toomey

Information and Communication Technologies Team

Mr R. Davies (overall co-ordinator,
European Computer Driving Licence
in Form 4 and 5)

Mr M. Hilliard (staff support)

Ms M. Burrowes (students' website)

Ms M. Hearne (European Computer
Driving Licence and computer club
after school)

The Principal (school website)

Sports

Sports co-ordinator

Mr R. Walker

Girls' games administration

Mrs G. Mellon

Rugby

Mr D. Wright (administration, senior
coach)

Mr R. Walker (coaching
co-ordinator, senior coach)

Mr R. Giles (Under 16)

Mr M. Griffin (JCT)

Mr J. Dolan (Under 14)

Mr B. McNamara (Under 14)

Mr T. Gill (Under 13)

Mr B. O'Hanlon (Under 13)

Girls' hockey

Mrs G. Mellon (administration, 3rd
XI, 4th XI, Minor squad, 1st Year
squad)

Ms C. Ritchie (SCT)

Ms D. Levis (Junior B,C,D, 1st Year
squad)

Mr P. Fitzpatrick (Junior A, 2nd XI,
1st Year squad)

Boys' hockey

Mr D. Miller (SCT)

Ms D. Levis (administration)

Boys' cricket

Mr R. McMullen (administration, 2nd
XI, Under 15)

Mr R. Walker (SCT)

Mr R. Davies (Under 14)

Mr B. Quinn (Under 13)

Girls' cricket

Mrs G. Mellon

Tennis

Mr L. McClure (boys)

Ms C. Ritchie, Ms D. Levis, Ms T.
Jones (girls)

Badminton

Ms K. Hennessy

Ms D. Thorp

Athletics

Mr P. Irwin (administration, coach)

Mr J. Toomey (coach)

Basketball

Mrs K. Kavanagh (girls),

Mr J. Boylan (boys)

Canoeing

Mr J. Swan,

Ms S. Toolan,

Ms T. Jones

Caving

Mr D. Wright

Cross country

Mr P. Irwin,

Mr J. Toomey,

Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

Hillwalking

Mr C. Cryan,

Ms S. Toolan

Rock climbing

Mr C. Cryan,

Ms S. Toolan

Soccer

Mr M. Kirby (senior boys)

Swimming

Ms T. Jones,

Mr J. Swan

Table-tennis

Mr P. Sheridan

Additional part-time staff are employed in many sports.

Other Responsibilities

Art portfolio development

Ms B. Galligan

Assembly co-ordinator

Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar

Booklists

Mr L. McClure

Choir

Mr M. Wisener

Co-operation Ireland

Mr P. Irwin

Curriculum co-ordinator

Mr J. Hickey

Debating

Mr D. Miller (Senior),
Ms S. Hutchinson-Edgar (Junior)

Detention system

Mr M. Hilliard

Drama

Mrs M. Milne,
Ms G. Fitzgerald,
Ms R. Missen

Enterprise Education

Mr M. Kirby

Erasmian & Diocesan Times

Mr B. McNamara
(from 2003-04 edition)

European Youth Parliament

Mr D. Miller

European Studies information exchanges

Mr P. Irwin (junior),
Mr J. Swan (senior)

Examination organisation

Mr R. Davies, Mr J. Swan

European exchanges and links

Mr B. Quinn

Form 5 course on college applications, UCAS applications

Mr A. Kelly

Guidance counsellor

Ms T. Jones

Incremental returns

Mr R. Miller

Induction of new staff

Miss P. Graham

Lockers

Mr M. Kirby

Model United Nations

Mr D. Miller

Monitoring of pupil attendance

Mrs G. Mellon

Orchestra

Mr M. Wisener

Photographic club

Ms B. Galligan

Photography of school activities, publicity

Mr P. Prendergast

President's Award

Mr J. Swan

Prize system

Ms P. Saville

Punctuality

Mrs C. McCartney,
Mr P. Irwin

Scholarship examinations

Mr M. Hilliard

School council

Ms S. Quinn,
Ms L. Pearce

School steward

Mr P. Irwin

Special needs

Mrs L. Pearce,
Ms A. Stevenson

Staff services

Mrs M. Dowsett

State examinations

Mr P. Sheridan

Stationery

Mr J. Hickey

Study skills seminar

Mr L. McClure

Supervised study

Miss M. Garvey

Timetable

Mrs J. Geoghegan

Transition Year Co-ordinator

Mrs D. Larkin

Trophies

Mr J. Hickey

Video equipment and recordings

Mr D. Wright

Young Reporters of the Environment

Mr P. Irwin

Committee Representatives Board of Governors & Management Committee

Miss P. Graham,
Mr D. Miller

Finance Committee

Miss P. Graham

Sports Committee

Ms C. Ritchie,
Mr R. Walker,
Mrs G. Mellon

Grounds & Property Committee

Mr J. Dolan

Education Committee

Ms S. Toolan,
Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edgar,
Mr P. Irwin

Safety Representative

Mr R. Davies

Staff Governor Committee

Mr B. McNamara,
Ms G. Fitzgerald,
Mr R. Giles

Student Council

School Prefects

Head Girl: Orla Walsh

Head Boy: John McDermott
Patrick Anglim, Jason Brooke,
Matthew D'Arcy,
Steven Duggan, Christopher
Harding, Matthew Leahy,
David Lee, Mark Lew, Evan
McAuley, Macdara Ó Seireadain,
Sean O'Connor, Shane Prunty,
Daniel Roantree, Padraic Smith,
Gerome Van Jaarsveld,
Barry Walsh, Scott Wilkinson,
Margaux Kenny, Alice Keogh,
Denise Lui, Shelley McGeeney,
Aoibhin McGreal, Kiva Murphy,
Grace Nelson, Sophie O'Hare,
Freya Oatway, Sarah Reynolds,
Anna Stewart, Julie-Anne Tector,
Lyndsey Watson,
Genevieve Boyle, Joanna Burke,
Rosalind Campbell

Student Council

President:

Scott Wilkinson

Vice-President:

Max McLaughlin-Callan

Secretary:

Alice Mooney, Pamela Webster

Form 1: Joan Somers Donnelly,
Saoirse Hogan, Eva Richardson
McCrea, Jack O'Kennedy, Robbie
O'Brien

Form 2: Jack Hickey, Marcus
Spray, Saoirse Hickey, David
Whyte, Sinead Nolan

Form 3: Tony Lee, Sam Horgan,
Lauren Turner, Andrew Smith,
Larry O'Connell

Form 4: Ruth Jones, Gerard
Prunty, Daniel Staines, Billy
Parkes, Tim Harris

Form 5: Pamela Webster, Alice
Mooney, Scott Dempsey, Ercus
Long, Brett Lawless, Ross Lowe,
Lucy Whitaker, Patrick Earls

Form 6: Daniel O'Rourke, Max
McLaughlin-Callan, Mark Lew,
Sally Horton, Scott Wilkinson,
Chris Lawson, Donal Curran

Ex-officio: John McDermott
(Head Boy), Orla Walsh (Head
Girl).



Report 2003-04

This has been a quiet year for the members of the student council. Certain members have been very active and hugely enthusiastic while others have been less so. That said we have still achieved a few things.

During the year, we finally got our student council notice board, which is now situated on the wall beside the Reynolds Hall. Hopefully the board will be used with many items published so that the pupils will be made aware of what is happening within the council.

Sixth year soccer will be brought back and Mr Kirby has agreed to take charge of it. In addition, a recycling plan will also be introduced next year.

The student council can make a significant input into the life of the school, but it needs determined people who want to make it work, not someone who thinks it would be funny or a laugh to be on the council with no intention of making a positive input. Furthermore, there needs to be more interaction between the pupils and the members of the council. We have tried to do this over the school year but without too much success! Hopefully in the coming year this will happen resulting in a more active council which can be taken seriously throughout the school.

Finally, I would like to thank Ms Pearce for her support and dedication during the year and the outgoing members of the council for all their efforts.

Scott Wilkinson
President

Back Row: Pat Anglim, Chris Harding, Roz Campbell, Julie-Anne Tector, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Mark Lew, Matthew Leahy, David Lee, Barry Walsh, Macdara O'Seireadain, Jason Brooke.

Third Row: Anna Stewart, Joanna Burke, Sarah Reynolds, Kiva Murphy, Padraic Smith, Lyndsey Watson, Alice Keogh, Genevieve Boyle, Scott Wilkinson, Shane Prunty, Matthew D'Arcy.

Second Row: Denise Lui, Stephen Duggan, Freya Oatway, Aoibhin McGreal, Sophie O'Hare, Daniel Roantree, Margaux Kenny, Grace Nelson, Shelley McGeeney, Sean O'Connor.

Front Row: Orla Walsh (Headgirl), John McDermott (Headboy).

Below: Barry Walsh, Evan McAuley, Matthew Leahy.



Orla and John's Year in Office

It all began in early August when we both received phonecalls from the school in order to inform us to come in on Monday. Both of us had a fair idea that this was the call to become respective head pupils for the year. In fact it was curious Orla who rang John and other girls in the year, in pre-emptive fashion, to discover the truth, only John and Orla had received a call! Both of us now became very excited; John to the extent that he forgot his passport on a weekend trip to Halifax.

Our hopes and dreams were realised on the Monday as we both met Mr Duffy. He offered us a chance we couldn't refuse, and we delightedly accepted. We then received a list of all the other prefects in the year, and this was the first time we saw all the names. It was impossible to foresee who would be the good and bad prefects at this stage, but time soon revealed both.

As the head pupils, we were destined for many events and functions throughout the year. A nice and easy way to start off our roles was the Introduction Day for the first years entering the school. Along with a selected group of prefects, we arrived at the school to give them a grand tour of the school building, which would become only too familiar to them in the next few weeks. The next event was the Debs reception. Unfortunately Orla was too busy to attend her duty as head girl for this one, since she was enjoying the Debs as the

date of 'Chubb'. John was left to find other prefects up to the challenge, as we served drinks to the beautiful couples and tidied up after them as they left for dinner at the Killiney Court Hotel. Orla soon recovered and we both were present for Prize Day, which usually is the height of the head pupils' duties. Our duty was to distribute the prizes to each student, and in the end it was a breeze, although it was quite nerve-wracking. All the prefects were on duty for this night, even the reluctant ones who were missing the Manchester United match. However in the end it was a great success.

We both were called upon in November to sell poppies, which was definitely one of our easier roles. It was good fun going around to each class selling poppies and making fools of ourselves, but in the end we made a lot of money for charity. At Christmas we again had to gather some prefects, at the last minute to help out with proceedings of the Carol Service. Orla introduced the show, as she simultaneously lit a candle and read out the introduction, while John found it tough to deal with an Alfred Lord Tennyson poem. The mince pies at the end of the night were a great reward for our efforts!

In 2004, the reality of the Leaving Cert. finally began to hit us all, but this was not to deter John, Orla or the prefects. It now would be a good time to explain our daily tasks and struggles. Each morning John and Orla had to worry about prefects doing assigned duties which varied from ringing the bell in assembly to taking late names for Matron to watching the gym door to make sure no pupils tried to skip the late system. As a result of this, John became the bell-boy and Orla became 'fit' from running up and down the corridors. Eventually prefect duties' lists were distributed to try and make the prefects more efficient, but there were still some who could not be relied upon. If this wasn't enough, lunch cleaning rotas were devised to try and keep the 6th Year room in some orderly appearance. It really is a surprise that the room still stands after the various food fights and etc. that took place.

Anyway our functions continued as we both received two separate occasions. John along with Dan Roantree and Sean O'Connor looked after coat hanging at the Old Boys' Union dinner while Orla presided over the Lady's dinner.



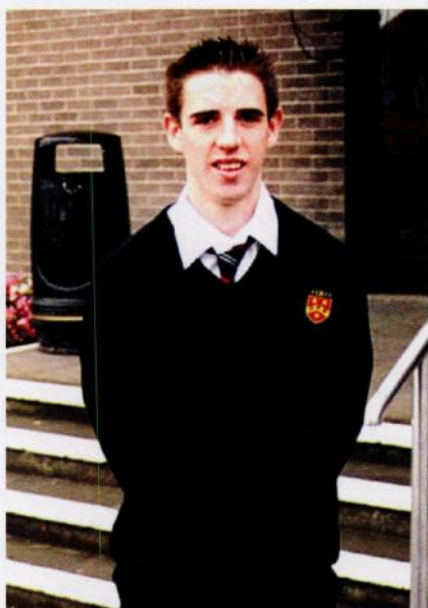
Above: Head Girl Orla Walsh

Below: Head Boy John McDermott

John became jealous of the attention given to Orla, after she was fed at her dinner, and also received a free voucher to get a sun tan from the school, but in case it seemed the scales were heavily balanced in Orla's favour, John forgot to mention to Orla, until recently that he was paid at the Old Boys' Union Dinner (Oh Oh!)

The most pleasant duty of the year was hosting the students from Chicago Latin School for the day in our school. They came to our school and performed some musical pieces for us. As head pupils we greeted and welcomed them. We then mingled with them and showed them what Irish school life was all about.

Finally at our graduation ceremony, John and Orla had to make a speech. This was a very nervous experience for both of us, but we got through it in the end. Then it was all over! We both admit that we have received so much attention as a result of the duties, and it did carry loads of responsibilities, but it was bearable in the end. It certainly has been quite a lot of pressure on both of us during our leaving cert year but it has left us all the more mature. Both of us would like to thank Mr Duffy, the teachers and our pupils for giving us the opportunity. We would also like to thank all the other staff of the school, including the office staff, Matron and Sarge, who were always there to support us. It certainly was a pleasure serving as head pupils for the year.



Library

News

The Library continues to strive at being the literary oasis of The High School. Pupils use it for a variety of purposes whether it is for use of the resources, which, in addition to books, includes newspapers, periodicals, multimedia facilities and of course a general study area.

There are over 11,000 books, most impressive for a school Library, and an excellent choice of reading for all levels.

World Book Day, the annual celebration of all things literary, took place in March and we invited Fiona Murdoch to the Library. She gave a most interesting and stimulating talk about her books – 'Able Lives' and 'Victor Bewley's Memoirs'

In addition to World Book Day we celebrated Shakespeare's birthday on 23rd April and Europe Day on 9th May. At Christmas we held an Art Competition, the theme was Global Christmas. The winners were Darragh Keller for Most Original, Evanna Mills and Ruth Senior for Most Artistic, William McConnell for Nearest to Theme and Kevin Smyth for Best Drawing. An annual Library Prize is given to the most accomplished reader. This year the award went to Alicia Smyth 1G.

The Library is continuously busy all day, showing evidence of its popularity with all age groups.

We also have a Library committee who help to provide a series of displays throughout the year.

Thank you to the Board of Governors for providing the main source of Library finance. During the year a generous legacy was received, this donation was greatly appreciated and will be used to provide further reading material.

Books will remain the most effective source of mental refinement.

Valerie King
Librarian



Sitting in Mrs King's comfortable chair watching people flit in and out of the library, picking up a book occasionally, whether it's one to help them pass a science quiz or just a short novel to while away a few hours, one can hardly say that the library is left unused at the end of the B floor.

This has been a very busy year for the library. It seemed as though every other week there was a new event or competition for people to take part in, and take part they did! Whether it was the World Book Day competition or Europe Day, everyone, from the wee first years to the sixth years found some event to take part in.

Some of the highlights of the year were World Book Day which attracted the most attention from every year, Europe Day, for which classes from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year came down to watch an interesting video about the workings of the

*Above: Shakespeare's Birthday:
Alexander Mulcahy and Conor
Frizzelle.*

European Union, and of course the Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration which had a special twist this year – a drama competition. This featured some very funny acts from 1st years. In fact, it was so successful it looks set to be a yearly event.

All in all it's been a very busy year but, even though the year has only just ending, Mrs V. King is already making plans for next year! We would like to thank her for organising the events, visitors and competitions. Whether you're an avid reader or can't bear to read more than you have to, no one can say the library has been collecting dust this past year.

Anita Murphy, 2S

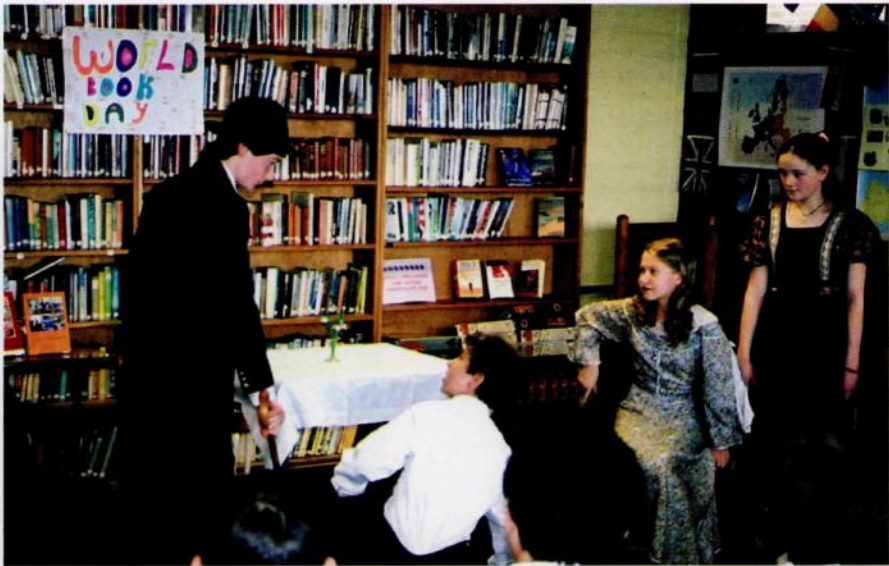
World Book Day

The David Copperfield Experience

On Thursday the fourth of March, Ms Burrowes' first year English class performed a play of David Copperfield in the library. After studying the movie in class, Ms Burrowes separated us into groups, and each group then had the task of editing a certain part of the novel.

Miraculously, on the day we managed to stage an enjoyable performance for 2S, along with assorted teachers and staff. Nobody seemed to mind the forgotten lines, although many were confused by the accidental reincarnation of Clara Copperfield. Thanks a million to everyone who came to watch us, to Mrs King, to Mr Prendergast for taking photographs (I want them burned!) and to Ms Burrowes. Although she takes no credit, the play wouldn't have been possible without her. Last but not least, well done to the dedicated, hard working, Oscar-worthy cast!! (Okay, I may be a little biased.)

Joan Somers Donnelly, 1D



Above: Mark Savage, Aiden Cowland-Joyce, Joan Sommers Donnelly, Gillian Carr.



Above: 100 year anniversary of the first flight - Jake Bridges, Richard Whelan, Jack O'Kennedy, Joshua Burdon.

Below left: Library Prize Winner - Alicia Smyth.

*Below right: Europe Day
Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Jessica Gamble, Jane O'Donohoe.*

Visit of Fiona Murdoch

Also in connection with World Book Day, author Fiona Murdoch (Able Lives and Victor Bewley's Memoirs) visited the school and addressed classes. Fiona is the great-granddaughter of Ernest Bewley who bought the land on which High School now stands in 1900. He called it Danum, the Roman word for Doncaster, where the family came from. The produce of the Danum farms was sold in the famous Bewley's Cafes.

Below: The Principal, Fiona Murdoch and Mr P. Irwin.



Carol Service

On Tuesday 9th December, the annual High School Carol service was held in Zion Church. The theme of this year's service was "A Global Christmas". The service began with the Head Girl reading a poem and the welcoming the large crowd to the service.

Students from 2nd, 3rd and 5th years did readings in Latin, French, German, Spanish, Italian and Irish, in keeping with the theme. Candles were lit after each reading to symbolise the spread of the Word of God.

A group of 4th years then read prayers of their own composition. After a final poem read by the Head Boy, the service drew to a close with the Gospel.

Special thanks must be given to Mrs Hutchinson Edgar for all the effort she put in, without whom this service would have been impossible. Thanks to all involved, for making this year's service so memorable.



**What runs but never walks,
has a mouth but never
talks?**

Answer: A river!

A man went to bed during a storm and knew that he forgot to do something important. The next day he woke, looked out the window and knew that because he forgot to do something he killed hundreds of people. How did he know?

He was a lighthouse keeper and he forgot to turn the lights on and a ship was dashed on the rocks!

*With thieves I consort,
With the vilest, in short,
I'm quite at ease in depravity;
Yet all divines use me,
And savants can't lose me,
For I am the center of gravity.*

Answer: V

This thing all things devour:
Birds, beasts, trees, flowers;
Gnaws iron, bites steel;
Grinds hard stones to meal;
Slays king, ruins town,
And beats high mountain down.

Answer: Time

*If a man carried my burden
He would break his back.
I am not rich,
But leave silver in my track.*

Answer: A snail

Above left: Carol service
(part of the choir)
Ellen O'Cleirigh, Anna McNally,
Hannah Jennings, Emma Tallon,
Karen Meade, Ruth Murphy,
Elizabeth Surgeon, Janine Levine,
Nicola Cantan.

Left:
Laura Ann Stewart
Amy Ward
Frank Moriarty
Neil Barrett
Rachel O'Byrne.

Riddles

Stealthy as a shadow in the dead
of the night,
Cunning but affectionate if given
a bite.

Never owned but often loved,
At my sport considered cruel,
But that's because you never
know at all.
What am I?

Answer: A cat

*Voiceless it cries,
Wingless flutters,
Toothless bites,
Mouthless mutters.*

Answer: The wind

Inside me the adventurous find
Quests and treasures of every
kind.

Trolls, goblins, orcs, and more,
await
Within my closed walls for
All those that wish to visit me.
Your hands are the key
To secrets untold,
And your mind will unlock the
door.

What am I?

Answer: A book

*I go around in circles,
But always straight ahead
Never complain,
No matter where I am led.*

Answer: A wheel

Thirty white horses on a red hill,
First they champ,
Then they stamp,
Then they stand still.

Answer: Teeth

*Who makes it, has no need of it.
Who buys it, has no use for it.
Who uses it can neither see nor
feel it.*

Answer: A coffin

I have a hundred legs, but cannot
stand, a long neck but no head; I
ease the maid's life. What am I?

Answer: A broom

First Year

Poetry

Role Reversal

He walked into the alleyway,
where his shape was like a
shadow in the thick fog.
The attacker was crouched
behind the bins like a panther about to spring.
In the silence the sound
of the flick-knife opening
was like the flick of a switch.
Leaping from behind the bin, he
shouted "where's my money" like
a trainee Tony Soprano.
The intended victim spun like a
ballerina and his knife cut through
his attacker like a hot poker
through butter.
His cut chest opened like an
overripe melon and
he stumbled and fell onto
the cold damp ground like a
man falling asleep.
After the evil deed, the
intended victim melted into
the fog like a modern
day Jack the Ripper,
blackhearted and without
a backward glance.

Sam Moore 1H



Unanswered cry

As our doom fast approached us,
"There! A ship", came a cry.
People screamed, "save us",
But we were left to die.

Left to drown here at sea,
Drown during the night.
For those about to die at sea,
There was no hope in sight.

As I watched this ship sail away,
My heart was filled with sorrow.
All chance with it sailed away,
The chance to see tomorrow.

Mark Savage 1D

1D



Back Row: Phoebe Laing, Debbie Blair, Jane O'Donohue, Gillian Carr, Colin Ledwith, Matthias Slattery, Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Josephine Geoghegan, Kevin Smyth. **Middle Row:** Adam Elliot, Mark Savage, Damiano Fusciardi, Aidan Cowlard Joyce, Leah Quirke, James Barber, Joan Somers-Donnelly, Jessica Gamble, Sam Browne, Doina Lloyd, Laura Garland, Mr R. Davies, Alison Walker. **Front Row:** Ayesha Carrim, John Willoughby, Niall Smith, Ronan Hennessy, Ian Levine, Joe Comerford, Ryan Morgan, Stephan Carter.

1G



1H



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Back Row: Conor O'Donnell, Sarah Morgan, Graham Young, Sorchia Williams, Sean O'Riordan, Shane Grehan, Grainne O'Brien, Jack O'Kennedy, Ciaran Collins. **Middle Row:** Michael Metoudi, Katie Fallon, Sinead Smith, Jonathan Walker, Ishbel McGuckin, Aoife McGovern, Declan Fergus, Jake Bridges, Robert Browne. **Front Row:** Grace Collins, Amber Baruch, Catriona Grimes, Sean Keating, Patrick Butler, Sam Kavanagh, Joshua Burdon, Richard Whelan.

1P



Back Row: Robbie O'Brien, Helen Speller, Alexander Mulcahy, Ruth Bourke, Lydia Cosgrove, Candace Horton, Daragh Monaghan, Lucy Bennett. **Middle Row:** Charlotte Leonard- Kane, Jack Kelly, Ben Boles, Micheal Gray, Keith Gray, Conor Frizzelle, Ben Allison, Justin Zehnder, Katie Murtagh, Sophie Madigan, Aislinn Coghlan. **Front Row:** Stephen Shaw, Matthew McKenna-Barry, Linda Callaghan, Hannah Leavy, Shane Webb, Karen Lew, Thomas Emo, Jonathan Kinlan.

Italy Trip

On Saturday 28th of April thirty eight first and second year students landed in Milan airport along with five teachers. A coach then took us to our hotel in situated on the outskirts of Venice, where we spent the night eating ice -cream and playing in the arcade down the road. The next day we took a water taxi to the city of Venice.

In Venice we spent many hours sightseeing, shopping in the beautiful shops filled with decorative masks and feeding the hundreds of pigeons in St. Marks square who would fly on to your head for some bird seed. We saw many historical structures including The Bridge of Sighs and St. Mark's Cathedral. The next day we left Venice and headed to Lake Garda with a stop to see the balcony in Verona, where Romeo and Juliet were supposed to have spoken. Once we reached Lake Garda we went on a ride on a motorboat to view the beautiful scenery, which everyone enjoyed (except maybe Ms Hennessy). The next day was spent hours on the roller coasters getting very wet. Unfortunately the next day we had to go home, but it was a great trip and we all had a great time.

On behalf of all the students I'd like to thank Ms K. Hennessy, Ms S. Toolan, Ms B. Galligan, Mr B. McNamara and Mr J. Swan for putting up with us.

Alicia Smyth
First Year

It's pretty difficult to describe what the Italy trip was like but it was definitely worth all the money we paid! The brilliant thing was that we were always busy and not one moment was boring or not worth it.

Some of the best parts of the trip came when we were simply roaming the streets of Venice or Verona, and the hours we spent in Garda land theme park!

I think all the people on the trip probably owe Romano and Damiano Fuscuardi a big thank you (for their translation skills), because if it weren't for them we'd probably still be in Milan Airport! Also, thanks to Mr Swan for wearing the big rainbow umbrella hat, we appreciated it! Special thanks to all of the teachers who gave up their holiday time to bring us - Ms Hennessy, Mr Swan, Ms Toolan, Ms Galligan and Mr McNamara.

Jack Hickey
Second Year

Below: Ms B. Galligan, Ronan Hennessey, Niall Noonan and Ian Levine



Jokes

Egg#1: Knock, Knock.

Egg#2: Who's there?

#1: Omelette.

#2: Omelette who?

#1: Omelette smarter than I look?

Mrs Yolk (in a restaurant): Waiter, these eggs are too runny!

Waiter: Do you want to send them back to the chef?

Mrs Yolk: Too late! They've just run out the door.

Question: What has two arms, two wings, two tails, three heads, three bodies, and eight legs?

Answer: A man on a horse holding a chicken.

Question: What side of a chicken has the most feathers?

Answer: The outside obviously!

Amy Jones 1H

Question: Which female film star wore the same coat for 20 movies?

Answer: Lassie

Rachel Regan 1H

Question: Why did Beethoven kill his chicken?

Answer: Because it kept on saying 'Bach, Bach, Bach!'

Question: What type of axe do you use to stop someone from climbing?

Answer: An anti-climax

Anonymous

A bear walks into a bar and says "can I have a beer... bear", and the bar tender says "why the big pause?"

Second Year

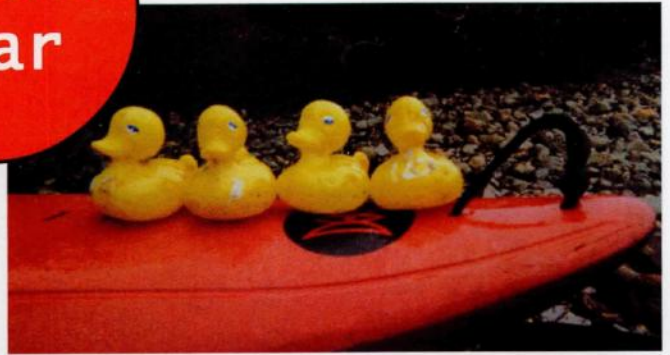
Poetry

ROMEO beatnik poem

Sorrows.
Heart-torn love not returned
For 'tis Rosaline [click]
Untamed beauty
Dark dark rooms he locks himself in
For to think of his beloved Rosaline
Romeo [hands down]
Bliss [pause] is yet to come

Juliet, his new apple of eye
Is the one
No really she is the one
Prepared to die for [click] Juliet
Rosaline is..... Scum
Compared to fair Juliet
Romeo [hands up]
[long pause] dead

David Mulholland and David Whyte



Spring

Spring is here; it's here at last,
With its beautiful flowers and fresh green grass.
There are bees and birds, and their babies as well.
I think spring is really quite swell!

The air is filled with a chirping sound,
While daffodils and snowdrops cover the ground.
There are so many colours to be seen-
White, blue, purple, and of course green.

Everywhere you'll find animals doing their job,
Behind every toadstool, flower and log.
For nature the busiest time is here,
SPRING, the best season of the year!

Hanah Mesallati

2F



Back Row: Ronan Fox, Sam Carey, Jamie Comerford, Conor James, Gavin Thornberry, Alex McLeod, Jade Breen, Caoimhe McDonnell, Jack Hickey, Ross Hanan, Ms G.Fitzgerald. **Middle Row:** Barry Moran, Ruth Senior, Daniel James, Stanley Harding, Claire Winslow, Christine Rorke, Gareth Austen, Andrew Howell, Louise Blakely, Sarah McDermott, Amy Hughes. **Front Row:** Sophie Higgs, Adam Drakeford, Alain Lui, Aaron Ward, Luke Staines, Joann O'Meara, Tanya Allison, Leah Moore.

2G



Back Row: Olwen Reina, Ruth Murphy, Evana Mills, Marc Evans, Carl McHugh, Daragh Byrne, Genevieve Deeley, Marcus Spray. **Middle Row:** Alexander Lawson, Laura Oliver, Alison Walsh, Susan Casey, Valerie Sexton, David Meade, Mark Collins, John Woolhead, Robert Callaghan, Miss P. Graham. **Back Row:** Thomas Lohan, Norah Mooney, Zana Ahmed, Aron Wade, Graeme O'Meara, Euan Mackey, Gordon Lai, Ian Singleton.

2S



Back Row: Jordan Aslanis, Romano Fusciardi, Anita Murphy, David Kenny, Aisling Barry, Órfhlaith Noone, Jack Madden, Sean Tevlin. **Middle Row:** Colm Brennan, Siobhán Margolis, Niamh Mitchell, Sarah Byrne, Caoimhe Carty, Gráinne Milton, Laura Cooley, Darragh Keller, Mark Cabena, Daniel Tuomey. **Front Row:** Andrew Gray, James Hickey, Donal Moran, Saoirse Hickey, Alexandra Taylor, Pauline Carney, Nick Fitzpatrick, Darragh Sweetnam. **Absent:** Nicola Burns

2T



Back Row: Shane Hickey, Richard Harrison, Sarah Donnelly, Cherith Cooper, Clare Guy, Sian Cooley, Katie Anglim, Triona Connell, Edmund Butler. **Middle Row:** Naomi Cooper, David Whyte, Ruth McAuley, Eve Horgan, Niamh Kenny, Fionan Keenan, Bruce Misstear, Conall Walsh, Barry Brady, Daniel Alkin. **Front Row:** David Mulholland, Hannah Bishop, Ellen O' Cleirigh, Laura Ann Douglas, Stéphane Hanly, Hanah Mesallati, Ben Condron, Graham Field.

2W



Back Row: Annalise Murphy, Harry Ward, Miriam Kerr, Rowan Lacey, Peter Cox, Des Cox, Gavin Sadlier, William Hanlon. **Middle Row:** Brian Fitzpatrick, Daniel Sheridan, Kim Evans, Mark Mesbur, Darragh Fitzpatrick, Ciara Butler, Hannah Lunn, Anna Earls, Adam Higgs, Fiona Collins, Mr M.Healy. **Front Row:** Andrew Stevenson, Colin Sheridan, Richard Jones, Sinéad Nolan, Rebecca Burke, Helen O'Dea, Karina McConnell, Amy Smart.

Interview

with Rodl



Above: Rodl with 2G.

On Thursday 13 May 2G interviewed Rodl, one of High School's cleaning staff. Rodl is from a small town in the Philippines called Provinces. He came to live in Ireland with his brother in August 2001 and has been working in High School for three years. He got the job through an agency and he enjoys it a lot as the staff and pupils are friendly. Before he came to Ireland he worked in a casino in the Philippines.

He says life in general is better here, the people are friendly and he has a higher salary. When asked about the weather here he said "Not too bad"! (in comparison with the humid weather in the Philippines). Rodl told us he would like to travel around Ireland when he gets the time. He enjoys playing basketball and chess and he likes to watch Gaelic football and "Eastenders" on TV. He supports Man U and his favourite actor is Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Rodl told us he visits the Philippines every year but he still misses his family and he hopes to find work there and return home permanently in the future. We would like to thank Rodl for taking the time to talk with us, Miss Graham for helping us with the interview and Mr Prendergast for taking the photos.

**Valerie Sexton
and Evanna Mills, 2G**

The Politics of the High School

The politics in this school are subtle under currents of the feelings and opinions of the present time.

It is commonly known that Mrs Hutchinson-Edger is running in the local elections and in a recent survey it was revealed that the Green Party (which she is running for) is one of the most popular parties in the school at the moment.

The school is a power struggle between two different groups, the teachers and supervisors vs. the pupils. The fight is long and bitter, ties not pulled up properly, shirts not tucked in, not wearing runners and the big one this year is the war against the Dubs. Since the beginning of the year Miss Graham, Ms Garvey and Mrs Geoghegan have been on the war path against the white-soled uniform violators. Hopefully next year this will change!

The jumper rule is also one which students have an intense disliking for. Most people see this as a nuisance that we could do without. With a bit of luck next year some of these rules will change.

Ellen O'Cleirigh

Summer

"summer"
melted ice-lolly dripping down my hand
drip
drip
onto the ground

drip
drip, it went

an assortment of E numbers
in a colourful gloop
are down there
see? by that ant
no little ant! no! don't go into the gloop!
don't! you'll drown! no!

the ant is dead.

it died in my gloop.

MY gloop.
i killed that ant!
its grave is that sticky spot on the pavement.
the grave is now a murky dark colour because E645 and E12 have mixed together.
i killed that ant and i LIKED it!!
yea!!! you heard me!!!
I liked it!

Sarah Corbin

Junior Drama

Springtime

All the birds were singing,
High up in the trees,
Honey was being made,
By all the busy bees

The snails were in no hurry,
Moving slowly on the ground,
Mice ran through the bushes,
Hardly making a sound.

The flowers were shooting up,
The white snowdrops already out,
And soon enough everywhere,
A little colour would be about.

Niamh Kenny

The High School Song (It's so great)

I'm so lucky it's handling my fate
The teachers are really cool
They don't make you feel like a fool

The food at the snack shop is yummy
It fills up the inside of my tummy
The lockers are really small
But that doesn't matter at all

Everybody sits together at lunch
(Don't forget about brunch)
We all have great fun at games
But it's confusing to remember every
body's names

All the notes we have to take
(And all the food in home ec. that they
bake)
The timetable is sometimes confusing
And in the corridors, all the manoeuvring

It's cool the way we are allowed mobiles
And the way we all have different files
But what I really love to do
And I hope you love it too
Is hanging around at lunchtime with my
friends

And what I really came to say
Is that High School is the best
Better than all the rest
And I hope you get to come and visit us
some day.

Clare Guy

The Determinator

The junior drama group performed "The Determinator", written and directed by Leslie Lalor, to a full house. The appreciative audience greatly enjoyed the freshness and humour of the script and the brilliant performances of the cast.

Drawing on the best traditions of pantomime, Ms Lalor crafted a production which could cope with a cast of thousands (well 38 anyway) by creating little sideshows to the main plot in which the tyrannical ruler (The Determinator) has overthrown the fair and good Princess and the characters are either goodies trying to restore her or baddies trying to stop them.

Some of the scenes had the audience in roars of laughter (Who, What, I Don't Know?) and screams of appreciation greeted the three "bimbos" (Niamh Mitchell, Saoirse Hickey, Sophie Higgs) every time they appeared with their brilliant parody of the mid-atlantic "I'm like, oh my God, you know what I mean, hello.." tradition. (It was a parody, right girls?).

A production like this demands dedicated rehearsal, set construction, costume design and manufacture, organisation, ticket sales, sound and prop control, etc. and huge gratitude is due to all who contributed, especially to actor Bosco Hogan and Leslie's daughter Niamh Hogan for their help.

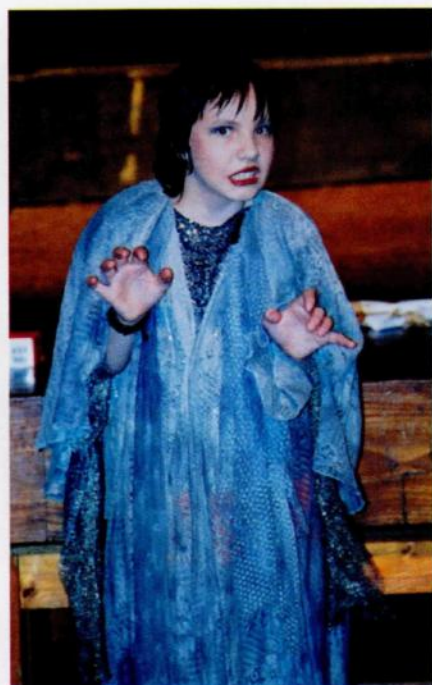
The High School Song

The High School is the best school
So much better than any other school
The food is great
Except for the big line to wait.

When I get to class late
I go to detention and join my mate
Later on I go home in a state
And finish my homework very late.

We have assembly three times a week
But I try hard to stay on my feet
When we play rugby we always win
And I try to cream the opposition and
break their chin.

Ed Butler 2T



*Above: A Frightening Sight:
Stéphane Hanley in a particularly scary
pose.*

The Cay

On 16 January 2S put on a production of The Cay by Theodore Taylor. After weeks spent writing the script, and not learning our lines, we got half-ready and invited all of 2nd year to the Reynolds Hall. It all started with Daniel Tuomey introducing The Cay when the CD was playing so no one could hear him. This was followed by a short hilarious skit by David Kenny and Romano Fuscardi with more musical mishaps.

We continued with forgotten lines, not knowing when to come on and Siobhan Margolis hitting Jack Maddan too hard with a can. And, who can forget Nick Fitzpatrick as the brilliant barber. But, after all that, we like to think it was a complete success.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us with the experience, especially Ms Missen, for all the effort she put in. Thank you also, Mr Prendergast, for taking photographs.

D. Moran

Exchange to France



Right: French Exchange Group from Cours Bautain, Juilly, north of Paris.

On the 8th of March students from the High School, St Louis Rathmines and St Paul's went on an exchange trip to France.

We had already had our French girls to stay so it wasn't too awkward. When we arrived at the school, (Cours Bautain in Juilly) the whole school came out to greet us. It was highly embarrassing for us, however it was great to be made feel welcome. We were then taken into the school for French cakes and gaufre.

From then on we enjoyed our mornings in school and were unleashed on an unsuspecting France for the other half of the day. We went to Senlis, a historic French town and two huge shopping centres. The highlight of the trip was a day well spent in Disney Land.

The trip was different for everyone. French families are very different from their Irish counterparts but everyone learnt some French and had a brilliant time.

I would like to thank on behalf of all of us, Mr B. Quinn, who organised the High School part of the trip.

Ellen O'Cleirigh

Why

What do clouds taste of?
Why do trees lose their leaves? How are petals soft? How is candyfloss made? What is the function of the eyebrows? Why is it hard to thread a needle? When is that special moment when rain turns to snow? Why do we leave footprints? What is that special snugness that a hug has? Why can you eat ice-cream any time of the year? How do peanut butter and jelly go together? Why do cartoon animals wear clothes? Why does everyone hate Mondays? What will we do when we are grown? How can we survive without chocolate? Why does rain make all feel cleansed? Why are pillows fun to fight with? Why does music soothe the soul? Why do siblings fight? How can people hate each other?

Why can't you have your cake and eat it?
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Sarah Corbin 2T

10 THINGS ABOUT BOYS

1. They never phone.
 2. They are never on time.
 3. They don't like shopping.
 4. Can't do more than one thing at a time.
 5. Always watch football.
 6. Always think of themselves first.
 7. Can't ask for directions.
 8. Can't cook or won't cook.
 9. Won't admit it when they're wrong.
 10. Won't admit it when they're lost.
- Men; can't live with them, can't live without them!

Sian Cooley

10 THINGS ABOUT GIRLS

1. Lack of common sense, at times.
2. Cannot park (well).
3. Lack coordination (sports wise).
4. Should stay in the kitchen.
5. Admit when they are wrong (always).
6. Great cooks.
7. Great listeners.
8. Good to look at.
9. Say silly things.
10. Smell great.

Jonny Somerville

Poetry

The Storm

Out go the lights
The lightening strikes,
Hits a tree tall.
The rain starts to fall.

At first just little patters
But soon against the pane it clatters

The thunder growls
The lightening howls.

Rhiannon Ryan

Third Year



Above and left: Home Economics projects.

Beauty

In woods, trees stand tall.
In the wind, their branches soar.
Even though leaves may fall,
They will come again once more.

Up mountains, views so far as the eye can see.
The solitude of simply being, while the world goes by.
Where there are no words, there is only me.
Lying on the grass, looking up at the sky.

Rhiannon Ryan

3D



Back Row: Alan O'Keeffe, Robbie Bannister, Andrew Caulfield, David O'Connor, Niamh Sleator, Kate Ryan, Lana Loane, Rowan Stokes. **Middle Row:** Tony Lee, Aisling Burke, Nicola Collins, Evan O'Callaghan, Roger Persechini, Stella Hawe, Jennifer Flanagan, Cara Mulcahy, Alexandra Carey, Toby Lyons, Mrs. M. Dowsett. **Front Row:** Karen Meade, Lucy Dooley, Shane Gould, Denise Fagan, Stephen Spoor, David Lusby, Jonathan Mathers, Kier Johnson.

3G



Back Row: Cian Kinsella-McLennan, Keith Ellman, Sam McKenna Barry, Iain Cobban, Darren Edmondson, Aicha Aboudinar, Shane Herlihy, Kate Lyons. **Middle Row:** Andrew Stevenson, Jack Mays, Caitriona Ryan, Andrew Lohan, Julie Kavanagh, Hannah Jennings, Jenny Murphy, Rawan Ahmed, Sam Horgan, James Wright. **Front Row:** Deirdre McClean, Paddy O'Connor, Lucy Keogh, Gemma McRann, Robyn Fitzpatrick, Lana Mitchell, Tamryn Reinecke, Laura Nelson.

3HE



Back Row: Ruaridh McGuckin, Thomas Meredith, Fionn Fitzmaurice, Lochlainn Mahon, Jonathan Browne, Max Lane, Robert Farhat, Alan Cairns. **Middle Row:** Susan Brusey, Katie Jane Barry, Jamie Kelleher, Sam Bennett, Sadhbh Donnellan, Laura Price, Sabina Kerr, Elizabeth Glynn, Suzanne McCoy, Anna McNally. **Front Row:** William McConnell, Larry O'Connell, Séan O'Neill, Madeline Boyle, Suzanne Tallon, Beth Kelly, Joelle Grogan, Katie McCann.

3T



Back Row: Barbara Daly, Eoin Silke, Eneko O'Carroll, David Wilson, John Kilbey, Andrew Smyth, Graham Johnson, Alan McMurray. **Middle Row:** Sean O'Donohue, Fergal O'Connor, Kym Taylor, Katie Marconi, Melissa Hanney, Jack Kavanagh, Niamh Holohan, Diana Donnelly, Elizabeth Stewart, Jessie Elliot, Eoin O'Leary. **Front Row:** Harri Grunitz, Flynn Benaksas, Lysay McFarland, Claire Nelson, Jonathan Sargeant, Ruth Murray, Claire Fergus, Leanne Farrell.

3W



Back Row: Kyle Gleeson, Robert Rath, Nigel Kinlan, Jonathan Senior, Conor Barry, Killian Rogan, Sean Nicholson, Alison May. **Middle Row:** Anne-Marie Jordan, Nicola Canton, Elizabeth Surgeon, Katherine Kiernan, Janine Levine, Faye Simms, Lauren Turner, Beverley Egar, Isobel Scally, Mark McNulty. **Front Row:** Simon Burgess, Ben McNally, James Nerney, Richard Kiernan, Luke Mulligan, Max Prendergast, Colin Keegan, Nicholas Stevenson. **Absent:** Mary Ann Mesbur

Charity Swim

Humourfit Theatre Visit

Form 3 had the pleasure of a visit from a three person theatre company. The visit was part of our SPHE course and the main act was centred around the part alcohol plays in youth culture today. It was mostly portrayed by one actor and was called "Helen's Story".

I had no idea what to expect at first but the acting was amazing and the context was relevant to our lives. The director introduced the play as "food for thought" and as Helen brought us through the consequences of her alcohol affected actions, it definitely gave everyone something to think about.

The production ended on a lighter note with some comic rhyme from the director. We all enjoyed this experience.

Hannah Jennings 3G



Above: The full crew of brave winter swimmers.

The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind

3G raised €650 selling Christmas cards, calendars and badges for the Irish guide dogs. On the 6th of February Paddy Coile, the National co-ordinator of the guide dogs, along with Rita Corly and her guide dog Larch visited 3G.

Rita lost her sight at the age of 46 in a car crash. Rita told 3G how she is still able to do the same things she used to do before she lost her sight. Rita has raised a lot of money for the guide dogs by taking part in events such as Skiing, cycling in Thailand, canoeing, mountain climbing and even sky diving from 9,000 feet!

The Irish guide dogs, takes in puppy Labradors, retrievers and German Shepards and train them. When the dogs are trained they are matched up with a person. The dog and the owner bond for 6 months before they live together full time. It is a long but worthy process. The guide dogs help hundreds of people in Ireland each year.

**Deirdre McClean
and Aicha Aboudinar**

On the 22nd December 2003 (which some claim was the coldest day of the year), the brave class of 3G headed out to the Forty Foot at Sandy Cove soon to be the location of our charity swim or perhaps charity dip. For two weeks beforehand we had been promoting this event to the people we knew and looking for sponsorship from friends and relatives. People were very generous, not just because they admired our nerve but because the money was to go towards the St Luke's Hospital Fund. Just like us, our friends and relatives considered this a very worthy cause, and were eager to help.

We set off from the school at nine, very apprehensive due to the freezing weather. When we got there, the stone pier and cold air that made your face tingle, were bad enough and jumping in took courage, however we were committed so in we went. The icy water was like a jolt of an electric shock that physically washed over your body and most of us were out of the water in seconds. With hot chocolate to warm our throats and a quick jog to regain the use of our feet, we were soon warmed up.

We all got a great thrill out of the experience and I would recommend a mid-winter swim to anyone. We were also very happy with ourselves when we heard that the amount raised was €1,431. We would like to thank all the people who contributed to this fund and the helpers who made it possible with their support and participation, Mrs Jones, Mr Connor, Mrs Kane and Mr Swan. Also well done to our photographers Deirdre McClean and Lucy Keogh and to Andrew Lohan for jumping in three times. Crazy!!

Hannah Jennings 3G

Web Design Prize

A group of fourth year students won first prize in the General Practice Information Technology (GPIT) National Web Design Competition. The objective was to design a web site dealing with teenage health matters.

The website entitled "Teen Health" contains articles on issues such as drug use, smoking, skin problems etc. It also includes an interactive element in the form of online quizzes and games based on health issues. The project was completed over a two month period by the students who showed much talent and commitment throughout. The prizes of a laptop computer for the school and an iPod for each of the students were awarded at a prize giving ceremony on Wednesday 26 May. Each iPod is worth about €450 and with the laptop the total prize value is about €3,800. Well done to the pupils concerned and to Ms M. Hearne, the member of staff who co-ordinated the project!

Above left: S. Fitzpatrick, R. Bradish, D. Walsh, C. Blair, Ms Hearne.

Below left : A junior web team who also received tokens - D. Kavanagh, T. Burke, G. Mills, A. Conroy, with Peter Lennon (Director GPIT) and Nessa Feehan (GPIT).

Fourth Year



4G



Back Row: Catherine Alexander, Joseph Opdebeeck, Luke McSharry, Gerard Prunty, Fergus Keane, Luke Begley, Jordan Ralph, Gorgi Hill, Niall Milton. **Middle Row:** John Kirkpatrick, Mark Rooney, Aidan Hunt, Karl Cabena, Nicola Gregory, Megan Leonard-Kane, Aisling Barry, Edward Flaherty, Scott Kohlmann. **Front Row:** Nicola Daly, Robin Leavy, Mary Lim, Holly Warren, Sinead Frizzelle, Alexandra Wilson, Sarah Clarke, Andrew Cobban.

4I



Back Row: Simon Coyne, Ciaran O'Callaghan, Frank Moriarty, Ronan Keller, Sam Cogan, Josh Plunkett, Robert Hunter. **Middle Row:** Daragh Walsh, Laura Mahon, Aoife Green, Rachel O' Byrne, Robert Nason, Kevin Finnegan, Derek Denby. **Front Row:** Aimee Black, Rory O'Connor, Paddy O'Shea, Rachel Lyons, Laura-Anne Stewart, Aisling Bridgeman, Neil Barrett, Amy Ward. **Absent:** Ruth Jones, Jennifer Weekes, Nathan Barber.

4OS



Back Row: Paul Jones, John Humphreys, Sean O'Gorman, Karen Sutton, Daniel Staines, Simon MacAree, Sam Boles. **Middle Row:** Ruarc O'Boyle, Daryl Winslow, Emma Laing, Avril Nolan, Patrick O'Shea, Ruth Roseingrave, Scott O'Malley, Kellie O'Flynn, Jamie O'Neill. **Front Row:** Peter Jackson, Grace Cummins, Sarah Boutiche, Sam Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Brennan, John O'Connor, Rebecca Tadros, Amy Kenealy. **Absent:** Roxanne Brownlee.

4R



Back Row: Shane Sargent, Manus Cronin, Dylan Murphy, Billy Parkes, David Laing, Sam Sherwood, Robert Bradish, Nicky Wynne. **Middle Row:** Jake O'Brien, Kim Weekes, Rachel McCoy, Chris Blair, Danny Finn, Katie Smith, Freda O'Donnell, Harry McEvansoneya, Phelim O'Reilly. **Front Row:** Jenny Keane, Jill Harding, Sarah O'Reilly, Nadine Eustace, Sarah Lodola, Alex Cole-Pidgeon, Mengxi Hu, Una Ní Eigartaigh.

4W



Back Row: Karl Browne, Christopher Stewart, Ailbhe Donnellan, Ellis Czerniak, Adam Hurley, Harry Fitzgerald-Kelly, David Kelleher, Stefan Slattery. **Middle Row:** Tim Harris, Andrew Pollock, Barry Browne, Michael Willoughby, Michael MacSweeney, Mark Nolan, Benn Satchwell, Sara Miller, Elizabeth Donnelly, Robert Hunt, Mr D. Wright. **Front Row:** Nadia Carrim, Grace Nugent, Lorna O'Rourke, Suzanne Burke, Amy Brennan, Chloe Stacey, John Tobin, Christine Boyle.

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Awards

Presidents Award 2002/2003

Isabel Baker
Averil Blakely
Ruth Borland
Maeve Corcoran
Conor Dixon
Karen Douglas
Philip Duffy
Kim Elliott
Katie Hamilton
Scott Hanan
Daniel King
Graham Kinlan
Ronan Lonergan
Peter May
Gregor McGuckin
Miriam McSharry
Sarah Meehan
Tariq Mesallati
William Mitchell
Claudine Murphy
Susan Murphy
Rebecca Murray
Michelle O'Donohoe
Sarah O'Callaghan
Ciara O'Toole
Craig Rankin
Liam Reidy
Patrick Earls
Michael Sexton
Glenn Sheridan
Jonny Somerville
Steven Walsh
Jeff Warren
Pamela Webster

Gaisce President's Award 2003/4

Neil Barrett
Robert Bradish
Karl Browne
Suzanne Burke
Bevan Carr
Andrew Cobban
Grace Cummins
Ailbhe Donnellan
Elizabeth Donnelly
Danny Finn
Sam Fitzpatrick
Sinead Frizelle
Tim Harris
Mengxi Hu
Rob Hunt

Aidan Hunt
Adam Hurley
Fergus Keane
Davey Kelleher
Amy Kenealy
John Kirkpatrick
Emma Laing
Rachel McCoy
Sara Miller
Frank Moriarty
Dylan Murphy
Robert Nason
Úna Ní Éigeartaigh
Jake O'Brien
Rachel O'Byrne
Ciaran O'Callaghan
Seán O'Gorman
Scott O'Malley
Lorna O'Rourke
Jordan Ralph
Ruth Roseingrave
Katie Smtih
Laura-Anne Stewart
Karen Sutton

Canoeing Awards

*Level 2 Kayak
Proficiency Award*
Philip Duffy
Ross Johnson
Gregor McGuckin
Tariq Mesallati
Craig Rankin
Liam Reidy
Glenn Sheridan
Jonny Somerville
Steven Walsh
Jeffrey Warren

Judo

White Belt Awards
James Anglim
John Aslanis
Niamh Carroll
Ciaran Condren
Ayo Daly
Richard Fallon
Leon Fernandez-Brennan
Ciaran Hale
Ashling Hughes
Ross Johnson
Brian Kelly
Graham Kinlan
Ercus Long
Scott McNeill
Alice Mooney
Sarah O'Callaghan
Joe Silke
Adam Synnott
Steven Walsh
Jeffrey Warren

Yellow Belt Awards

Stephanie Coughlin
Nicholas Gordon
Ian Jackson
Stephen Lane

Ronan Lonergan
Andrew Lui
Simon Marconi
Brendan Phelan
Alan Thompson
Robert Wilson
Daragh Walsh
Amy Ward
Jenny Weekes
Michael Willoughby
Alexandra Wilson



Young Entrepreneur Scheme

Congratulations to Daragh Walsh (above) who has won this year's Young Entrepreneur Scheme competition in the school. His company "The Cookie Shop" was judged best in a closely fought contest, gaining more points than some other excellent entries.

Daragh wins the Andrew McKay Memorial Prize and a very generous voucher donated by AIB Rathgar. He also represented the school in the Dublin finals of the YES, run by the Dublin City Enterprise Board.

Well done to all those who participated this year. Setting up and running a small business is a very good learning experience. Thanks are also due to our judges Ms McKay, Ms Vard and Ms McColgan (AIB Rathgar) for taking the time and effort to judge and interview all the companies involved.

Young Entrepreneurs Scheme

Averil Blakely
Ruth Borland
Stephanie Coughlin
Philip Deegan
Philip Duffy
Leon Fernandez-Brennan
Rory Forsythe
Saoirse Gilbert
Olwyn Horgan
Ronan Kenny
Ercus Long
Ross Lowe
Scott McNeill
Glenn Sheridan
Lucy Whitaker

Trip to France

It all began when Mr Giles had the crazy idea of taking a group of transition year students on a trip to Paris. So it came to pass that on Friday 7th May, twenty-one students, Mr R. Giles and Ms K. Hennessy set out on a wing and a prayer. Literally, we were flying with Ryan air!

We arrived in Beauvais airport and then took a bus, a metro and a train to our hotel. We ditched the bags and were set loose in Paris to find food. Let me just say that the employees in fast food restaurants in France speak better English than we do here! We then wandered, as a group, getting more and more lost under the expert guidance of Mr Giles until, by some miracle of fortune found our way back to the hotel for the night.

The next day, for breakfast, we feasted on French bread and coffee. We then went out in the pouring rain to walk along the Seine and queued up for the Musée D'Orsay. After that we were unleashed once again on an unsuspecting capital city. As it happened, a Frenchman unleashed himself on an unsuspecting Neil and stole his wallet. After various visits to the Louver, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame Cathedral, Pompidou Centre, La Defence and several other tourist traps, we regrouped miles away from anywhere, on a bridge, in order to take a "Bateau Mouche" along the Seine. The boat trip was great fun and we took many great photographs, including a photo of some Japanese



tourists who were taking photos of us, taking photos! We trundled off the boat to find out that the evening wasn't over yet! Oh no! Mr R. Giles had some plans for us; including paying a visit to Crêperie. It was said that if we stuffed our faces and were subsequently attacked by a Frenchman, we would have had the crêpe beaten out of us! At this time it was still raining and it wasn't long before the weather drove us back to the hotel, not literally, we had to take the metro/train combo. Our last day, Sunday, also had terrible rainy and foggy weather. What better time to ascend to the Eiffel Tower! Visibility was poor and the prices were high, but it was an experience none the less. We then travelled due east to Notre Dame where we spread out in our usual plague-like fashion, buying French berets and other useless items. We had lunch there also were I dined upon a rather suspect Greek Kebab from the Latin Quarter.

When we became penniless (expensive city don't you know!), we took another metro to Gare du Nord, where we took yet another of the accursed trains to the bus station. Here a complication arose; Grace and Úna had



Above: Neil Barrett on the Seine.

Left: A. Bridgeman, J. Keane, R. Roseingrave, U. Ní Eigearthaigh, D. Kelleher, J. Weekes, A. Ward.

failed to get on the metro with the group. Dehn Dehn Dehn!!! Shock! Horror! What would we do? Where would we go? How could the group function without an intricate part of our society? We were like a centipede that had lost two of its favourite legs and refused to go on until they were recovered. So every one had to wait in the station with tears in their eyes and panic in their hearts while the ever-vigilant Mr Giles attempted to rectify the problem and Grace and Úna tried to navigate a cold and heartless underground train in just as cold and heartless city. The terrors that they had faced could not even be printed on paper... Several phone calls, crossed wires, metro trips, misunderstanding and cardiac arrest later we were all together again (hurrah!). We then headed for the airport where Karl "lost" his wallet (the same renegade Frenchman!). We arrived in Dublin, none the worse of our ordeal. At this point I believe that it is compulsory to thank the teachers involved, so, thanks to Mr R. Giles and Ms K. Hennessy, thanks too for reading this abomination.

Davey Kelleher 4W

The Driving Experience

On the 20th of May 2004 around twenty High School students from fourth year were chosen to take the experience of their life when getting a fully qualified driving instructor to teach them to drive.

At nine o'clock that morning we were all taken down to the demo to have a brief lecture and watched a video on how to drive a car. The whole experience was brought to us by

Temple driving schools. We were put into groups of two and were given a time to go down to the grit pitches where two cars were waiting for us. One was a Primera and the other was a Micra.

We got half an hour each experience, although short it was very enjoyable and I would highly recommend it.

Dylan Murphy

Below: Ciaran O'Callaghan looking good behind the wheel.



President's (Gaisce) Award

Towards the end of April, forty-one fourth years and a handful of teachers left High School, just after senior lunch on a Friday with a mission to climb the highest mountain in Ireland, Carrantuohill. Thirty-two of us went on a viscous six-hour bus journey, stopping in Limerick to eat McDonalds and buy food for the weekend. The other nine took the train and joined us in the hostel later that evening. That night, we sat up in the corridor chatting away until about 11:30. We had a long day ahead so we had to get some sleep.

The following day, at 7:00 am, the first half-awake people began to make their way into the tiny kitchen of the hostel. Some managed to whip up a fry whilst the rest of us stuck to toast and cereal. At about 9:30, we were at the bottom of the mountain. We began our hike. It was fairly easy for a good while, until we reached the bottom of the suitably named "Devil's Ladder." This is a 250m high climb. It's almost vertical. Nervous, but excited, we began our ascent. A stream trickled down the Devil's Ladder, making the climb more difficult, but we made our way up it never the less. At the top, we reached a mucky saddle where we stopped for lunch. It was misty there, but it was nothing compared to what was ahead.

After lunch, we continued up the mountain. We hiked up a rocky path and it wasn't long before visibility was about five meters. Eventually, we came across a cross, which signalled the top. We took a few photos. The visibility was too poor to see anything so we began our descent. We slowly but surely made it down the Devil's Ladder, shouting "BELOW" as we went at the few falling pebbles dislodged by people. At about six o'clock, we had returned to the hostel, tired, but with a sense of accomplishment.

Instantaneously, a queue for the three showers formed. But little did people know that there were four showers in the main building! After a while, the kitchen began to fill up. Most people cooked ready-meals, pasta bakes and spaghetti, however, some of the food looked quite dodgy... After eating something, we had a meeting where we were presented with certificates for climbing



Above: This years President's Awards participants.

Right: Amy Ward stops for a refreshing drink.

the mountain. After this, we scattered into various groups. Some went outside to play Frisbee, others went upstairs to the sound of guitars and others just chatted away in the corridor and laughed at the entertainment on hand, provided by Mick's Homemade, bed-sheet toga!

The following morning, several of us, still half-asleep began to make breakfast. Those who were half awake, or even those asleep, were all awoken by the melodious sound of the fire-alarm, courtesy of Ailbhe, burning the breakfast. We went off to the Gap of Dunloe where we had an easy walk. Mr Swan demonstrated the wonders of watershed before we headed back to the busses. We returned to the hostel, packed up and headed back to Dublin. We were all wrecked, but we all enjoyed the experience.

Neil Barrett



The Kerry Trip

Preparation

For my venture activity I took part in Hillwalking. To prepare for Corrán Tuathail we took part in two Sunday walks before Christmas in the Wicklow Mountains, and one night walk also in the Wicklow Mountains after Christmas.

For our final preparations we climbed Lugnaquilla, which stands at an impressive 3,000 feet.

On our Hillwalks we learned about safety e.g.:

- Never walk alone.
- Always leave an estimated time of return.
- Always know how many are in your group.
- Count your group periodically.

Kerry

After all our preparing, we were ready to set off for Kerry. After a quick lunch we packed the van, and set off from High School for Kerry at 2:30 on Thursday the 22nd of April, thirty-two students by bus and nine by train.

After a brief stop in Limerick for our final chance to buy food and for some impulse buying in Tesco's, we continued on to the hostel.

The next morning, after an "interesting" breakfast and fire scare thanks to Ailbhe's "unique" cooking style, we set off to Corrán Tuathail at 9:40.



Above: Mr J. Swan, our inspirational leader.

Below: The arduous trek up Carrantuohill.

Corrán Tuathail

We arrived at the car park of Corrán Tuathail at 10:00. We began our journey up the mountain and after crossing a less than raging river we arrived at the Devil's Ladder at 11:30.

The Devil's Ladder is a steep rocky gully, which climbs for about 250 meters from the head of the glen to the saddle between the Ridge of the Reeks and Corrán Tuathail.

Initially, the way is on a rough path, which climbs alongside a small stream tumbling down the gully. At around the half way mark, the gully

widened and then narrowed again to the final steep section. This last section, about 50 meters in height, is over steep shaly stone, and this is where most care had to be taken.

We arrived at the top of the ladder at around 12:30, tired and out of songs to murder. We had lunch and rested for a short time, before continuing on towards the summit.

After what seemed like an eternity, the huge cross, which marks the summit, rose ominously out of the mist, which had reduced the visibility to less than ten meters.

When we finally reached the summit at 2:00, we were standing at 3414 feet and had walked twelve km.

We returned down the devil's ladder as the mist had made the visibility too poor for any other way.

Gap of Dunloe

The next morning we packed up and prepared to set off for the Gap Of Dunloe ("a glaciated U shaped valley", this trip came complete with a geography lesson).

This was an easy walk for all involved (apart from Una "I'll go down the hard way" Níe Eigearthaigh who took a mucky slide down the mountain, my beloved CD player also took a slide down the mountain, thanks to Amy).

After lunch we returned to the bus and drove to "Kate Kearney's Cottage" where we all enjoyed an ice cream.

We then went to our final stop, the train station, where we dropped off the nine students who were returning by train and Rob's Guitar.

And so we began our long drive home, which was made a lot less boring thanks to Dylan's Mini Disk Player, speakers, and excellent taste in music, and of course the walkie-talkies, which were graciously supplied by Tim.

We arrived back at High School at 7:30 on Saturday the 24th, all very tired but with great memories of our trip.

I would like to say thank you to Mr C. Cryan, Ms C. Ritchie, Ms S. Toolan and especially Mr J. Swan for every thing he's done for the Presidents Award Participants.

Adam Hurley



Rock/Pop Show

Guitars blaring, drums thumping and vocals soaring. Yes, it was that time of year again! The rock/pop show was back. The practice, which had been going on since Christmas, was over. It was time for the real thing.

In the forty minutes before the show itself started, there was absolute mayhem! Girls wearing more jewellery than clothes were running down the corridors, towards the hall, in fear of being seen by anyone, despite the fact they were soon to perform in front of the whole of 4th year! Guitars were being tuned loudly causing many people to block their ears. Then before we knew it the curtains were drawn and the presenters were introducing the show.

Manus Cronin and Daniel Staines, the presenters, warmed the crowd up with jokes-a-plenty.

The first act (opening) was an excellent dance to "Big Spender" and "Diamonds are a girl's best friend". A heart-wrenching edition of "Kissing You", by Una Ní hEigearthaigh, quickly followed this. Next up was a group performance of "Ironic" including guitars played well by Rachel Lyons and Aimee Black. Singers included Holly Warren, Amy

Ward and myself.

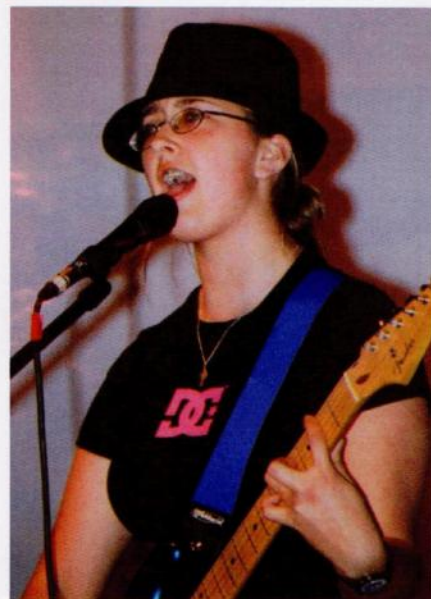
The acts that followed included a stunning solo by Laura-Anne Stewart, an enjoyable version of "California" by Rachel McCoy and a band (Aimee-bass, Rachel Lyons-electric and Christopher Stewart on drums) who performed a song by Blink 182. Also there was a performance by Sean O'Gorman and Rob Hunt of "Under The Bridge", which was a good tribute to the Red Hot Chilli Peppers.

Two more dances followed, both to Britney Spears songs "Me Against The Music" and "Boom Boom Boom", both were fabulous to watch and were well choreographed.

The closing act, however, stole the show. The guitar duet (with improvisation) by Scott Kohlman and Elis Czerniak was the highlight of the show and the perfect ending to it.

I say Good Luck to the 3rd years that have to follow in our talented footsteps.

Ruth Jones



Above: Rachel Lyons giving it loads.

Left: Avril Nolan and Sarah O'Reilly.

Below: The compere, Daniel Staines.



The Fair Trade Fair

This was the second year that the Fair Trade Fair was organised by the 4th years and again proved to be a big success.

The Fair Trade Fair aims to raise money for charities such as Amnesty International, Oxfam, Tearcraft and Concern.

This year it was held on the 6th December. There were stalls containing confectionary, toys, jewellery, house ware, refreshments and gifts.

Throughout the weeks before the fair the stock group contacted the charities to ask for their co-operation in the supply of stock.

The marketing group organised for flyers to go out to local houses and shops and for posters to go up in school.

On the day of the fair, the hall was decorated with a Christmas theme. In the end we raised over €4387.

A huge thank you to Ms Ritchie, Mrs Pearse, Mr McClure and everybody else who helped out, and well done to all the TY students: Harry McEvansoneya, Chris Blair, John Humphreys, Davy Kelleher, Holly Warren, Alex Wilson, Aimee Black, Laura-Anne Stewart, Adam Hurley, Jill Harding, Rachel McCoy, Amy Ward, Jenny Weeks, Katie Smith and Ruth Jones.

**Rachel McCoy
and Laura-Anne Stewart**



Top: Ms C. Ritchie, Amy Ward and Jennifer Weekes.

Middle: Katie Smith, Ruth Jones
Above: Mrs M Milne and Mrs L Pearce

Operation Christmas Child



Above: Amy Brennan and Chloe Stacey of 4W

Operation Christmas child was very successful this Christmas, with the collection of over 680 boxes from seven different schools around Dublin including our own. Operation Christmas Child was set up by Samaritans Purse. It seems to get more successful every year.

The idea is that you wrap up an old shoebox in Christmas paper and fill it with toys, hats, teddies etc. They are then sent to countries where the children are less fortunate than us. In this case they were sent to a small country called Armenia. It is located in Eastern Europe just beside Romania. In the winter, temperatures reach lows of -20°C . It is a country that was impoverished by war over many years.

This year the team consisted of twenty-two people. Emma Laing, Grace Cummins, Chloe Stacey, Ailbhe Donnellan, Amy Brennan, Karen Sutton, Rebecca Tadros, Amy Kenealy, Avril Nolan, Sarah Clarke, Sinead Frizzelle, Roxanne Brownlee, Una Ni Eigheartaigh, Lorna O'Rourke, Suzanne Burke, Ruth Roseingrave, Laura Mahon, Sarah O'Reilly, Ashling Bridgeman, Jenny Keane, Aoife Green, Kellie O'Flynn.

It was very successful and we would like to thank everybody who participated this year. Thanks a million.

Chloe Stacey



Visit to Mountjoy Prison

On the 13th of May, Mr L. McClure's English class left school to visit Mountjoy. When we arrived at the prison, the Prison Officer Ed Farrelly, who gave us a guided tour of the prison met us.

He first led us into the visiting area where he talked to us about the prison. He told us about the drugs problem and how up to 90% of the prisoners were and still are involved with drugs. Also he told us how drugs were often smuggled into the prison. Violence is also an issue in the prison. He told us fights could arise over drugs and hatred between prisoners. We were told about the hygiene problems in the prison. The prisoners only have buckets in their cells (no toilets), so every morning each prisoner must go through a process of "slopping out". He also told us about the design of the cells.

Each cell is around 7 feet wide, 13 feet deep and 9 feet high. Sometimes there could be up to three prisoners in one of these small cells.

The visiting hours in the prison are not very long. Each week, prisoners are allowed one half hour visit. If they have been granted permission, they are allowed an extra fifteen minutes for their visit.

Their routine every day includes leaving their cells at 8 am and returning to them at 8 pm. There are many classes they can take during the day, such as music and art. They also have time to eat and go to the exercise yard.

We then left the visiting area and went into the centre of the prison. One of the prisoners kindly allowed us into his cell. It was very small with a bed in one corner and a locker and TV in the other.

We then went outside and through the exercise yard to reach the old gallows. This was where prisoners used to be executed. The last hanging occurred in 1955. The infamous Mr Pierpoint was the hangman who did the executions.

We had been doing a project on crime and punishment in class and it was very interesting to see inside the prison and see how it operates.

John Tobin



Above: Artwork by L. Turner.

AQUABOX APPEAL 2004

This year the aquabox appeal was a huge success. We managed to drum up a huge amount of interest. Aquaboxes comprise of a crate like box which contains water purification tablets. The boxes are not sent by weight but by size, so they are filled with essential items for living.

We had a team of nine people, eight students and our teacher, Ms. Ritchie. The team comprised of Emma Laing, Darragh Walsh, Amy Brennan, Laura-Anne Stewart, Amy Ward, Lorna O'Rourke, Elizabeth Donnelly and Chloe Stacey.

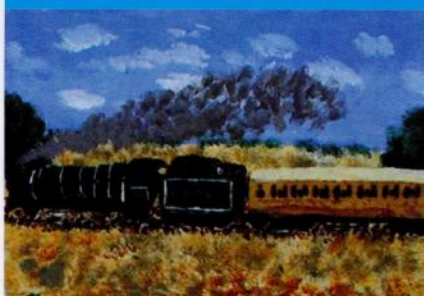
Our aquaboxes were going to be sent out to one of the many refugee camps around the world. We would like to thank everybody who participated in the aquabox appeal of 2004. Also, we would like to wish Ms. Ritchie all the best for the coming year.

Chloe Stacey



Above: Artwork by P. Mullan.

Below: Artwork by S. Hanly.



Fifth Year

Poetry

In The Beginning...

Sitting in a library,
Checking out a dictionary,
Looking up a word that
I've never seen before....

Now, I owe to perfect timing
When one person walked right by me:
Little did they know, inspiring,
Rhyming to my daily score.

Later, in my bed was dreaming
Of a girl, admit I, beaming
Intense light, or so it seeming,
Right into my eyes.

Then the light, just like that, vanished.
Wake up suddenly and panicked,
Rhyme and pen and paper padded:
Wrote before it slipped my mind.

Robert Wilson

*Right: 5th Years at Play -
Brendan Phelan, Holly Synott,
Gus Nwosu, Miriam McSharry,
Kim Elliott and Emily Daly.*

A Poem About Writing Poems

Once in a while
A thought comes into mind
That I want to flush out
Like, a toilet inside.

But the impression it makes
Comes down to experience in rhyme:
It either stinks like a fart
Or blings like a dime.

Robert Wilson

Poetry and The Truth

Releasing with held emotion through poetry
Is really easy to do
Inevitably in real life
It comes down to you.

You have to build the stanzas,
Find the words to express
The deeply found feelings
You can no longer repress.

Hopefully one day we'll all be able to say
What we mean,
No need for pen or paper anyways
The truth needs to be seen.

Whether we shout it or sing it or simply just say it
It must and will and should hold some merit.

L. Houston



The Stage

Why go on stage?
Some say it's a scary place,
Where you lose all your thoughts, strengths, sense, and smile with a terrified face.
A stage can be inside or outdoors, with bands and performances of all sorts.
There is not just one stage but many for anyone who wishes to be entertained.

I think a stage is fun, colourful and it brings me to life.
I love performing, and dancing all night,
When the audience is smiling and happy too,
You feel pleased, and proud as you realise what you can do.

The sound of clapping, in a theatre from an audience, big or small,
You feel so appreciated. The adrenaline grows tall.
Every show is a memorable experience and it makes you keep going.
I know I'll never get sick of it. I just hope the passion keeps on growing!

Emily Daly



5th

Back Row: Jordan O'Byrne, Steven Walsh, Michael Okonji, Owen Wardell, Ross Johnson, Adam Synnott, Alan Loane, Ercus Long, Ross Traynor, Ayo Daly, Paul McGonagle, Jonathan Slacke-Fitzpatrick, Philip Deegan, Jeffrey Warren, Niall McDarby, James Anglim, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Gus Nwosu.

Row 7: Miriam McSharry, John Aslanis, Alan Thompson, Steven Nelson, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Ronan Kenny, Sean Froudish-Walsh, William Mitchell, Allison Lett, Marc Judge, Tariq Mesallati, Cillian Suiter, Simon Marconi, Brendan Phelan.

Row 6: Rory Forsythe, Craig Rankin, Andrew Bannister, Barbara Dooley, Fiona Briggs, Jo Lynch, Maeve Corcoran, Averil Blakely, Ruth Borland, Aoife Nic Philbin, Claudine Murphy, Hugh Nowlan, Brett Lawless, Steven Rorke, Robert Wilson, Orla Tevlin, Niamh Carroll, Ian Thom.

Row 5: Michael Rath, Ronan Lonergan, Olwyn Horgan, Sarah Meehan, Tara Bright, Alice Mooney, Pia Ward, Sam Meredith, Rebecca Murray, Susan Murphy, James Hanlon, Jonny Somerville, Gregor McGuckin, Joseph Silke, Glenn Sheridan, Richard Fallon.

Row 4: Michael Sexton, Ian Jackson, Scott Dempsey, Brian Kelly, Barry Daly, Liam Reidy, Richard Walsh, Gearoid Holohan, Stephanie Coughlan, Holly Synnott, Katie Hamilton, Carla Fitzgerald, Sarah O'Callaghan, Isabel Baker, Katherine Zaverchinskaiia, Alison Bass.

Row 3: Julie McRann, Kim Elliott, Lucy Whitaker, Emily Daly, Emily Gylinn, Vicki Collins, Saoirse Gilbert, Al Grogan, Evan Barry, Philip Duffy, Graham Kinlan, David Flower, Andrew Lui, Stephen Lane, Jonathan Quinlan, Conor Dixon.

Row 2: Cein Sookram, Robert Fullarton, David Stevenson, Scott Hanan, Nicholas Gordon, Daniel King, Anna McCormick, Zoe McNair, Melanie Whelan, Michelle O'Donohoe, Naimh Hogan, Pamela Webster, Claire Fry, Mallaidh Milotte, Peter May.

Front Row: Karen Douglas, Ciara O'Toole, Zoe Carabine, Patricia Cullen, Mr A. Kelly, Mrs M. Milne, Mr R. Miller, Mr B. Duffy, Mrs J. Geoghegan, Mr D. Miller, Ms R. Missen, Mr L. McClure, Louise Bowens, Laura Houston, Ashling Hughes, Sorcha Moloney.

Dancing Diva

Have you ever walked along the B floor, passed the fifth year lockers and heard a girl singing in the distance? It's probably the happy vocals of fifth year student Emily Daly you're hearing. If you round the corner you'll probably see her dancing and 'breaking it down' as well.

Emily has been dancing since she was four. Currently, she takes ballet, hip-hop, tap, funk and jazz. She also sings and acts to add to her diva package. On a summery May Day I caught up with Emily to see what drives her performing instincts.

Why do you like to perform?

It gives me an adrenaline rush. It's fun and I'm always meeting new people. I love pleasing an audience and making people smile.

During your long career so far, as a performer, what famous faces have you met along the way?

I met Colin Farrell, he was a laugh. Samantha Mumba, Westlife, President Mary McAleese aswell. I also met chart topped Irish artist Ronan Keating.

Who are your role models, celebrity or otherwise?

One of my many dance teachers, Louise Barry would be my role model. She has encouraged me to be the best I can be. She has given me great advice for the future. As for celebrities, Britney Spears, Missy Elliot and Madonna have shown through their careers the importance of possessing an individual style of performance. They all make very unique music and aren't afraid to step out of the box and truly express themselves.

Would you ever take part in a reality T.V. show to achieve your dream or would you rather follow your own path?

I have considered trying out for 'You're A Star' but truthfully Eurovision wouldn't be my thing. I love both singing and dancing equally so I have Broadway or the West End in my sights.

Finally, Where do you see yourself in ten years time, would you like to continue performing?

Yes, I would love to continue performing and reach my full potential in every capacity. I want to be the best performer



I can possibly be. In ten years time, I see myself as a well accomplished and experienced, successful performer. Hopefully, I'll be able to give advice and inspire other young people to get involved in all aspects of performance.

So there you have it, Emilie Daly. Will we see her name up in lights one day? Well she seems to be a very determined and talented young lady so we'll wait and see...

Laura Houston

Above: Artwork by R. Murray.

Careers

Department

This year started as usual with the sixth year visit to the Higher Options careers exhibition. There, students had the chance to pick up prospectuses, chat to college admissions officers and take in the broad range of 3rd level choices that are available to them. In December the sixth year parents were invited to the annual CAO/College applications information evening. This evening was very well attended. The purpose of the evening is to explain to parents the intricacies and various general workings of college applications. Feedback from parents was extremely positive. The 3rd level application systems can be daunting especially for the parent of an eldest child, but once the mechanics of the systems are understood, then parents are in a better position to be calmly supportive about it. One important function of this information session is to demystify the application procedures so that parents are clear as to what lies ahead. Sixth year students are welcome to attend (many do) but only when accompanied by a parent/guardian. The date set aside for this evening is on the school calendar so there is plenty of notice given.

The 4th year careers library committee was set up in September and they were very diligent in getting all the college prospectuses and career information up-dated. This year many senior cycle students elected wisely to purchase the Qualifax career programme CD (€2). This, in effect, means they have access to the careers library on their own computers.

All incoming sixth years will have a Qualifax CD for their personal use. This development means that students can do much important careers/course research easily themselves and arising issues can be dealt with at their one-to-one career interview.

Meanwhile the 5th years started research for their careers projects that were completed in their weekly career classes. Some opted to take part in a medical careers seminar held in St Vincent's Hospital. The seminar is useful to those students who express an interest in pursuing any hospital/medical career – both clinical and non-clinical. Students valued the opportunity

to be shown around the hospital setting and introduced to all the various disciplines of work. Dr Aidan Moriarty deserves our sincere thanks for all the work that goes into the planning and implementation of these hospital visits.

Throughout the year the 5th year career classes had visits from various faculties of University College Dublin, Trintiy College, University College Maynooth, Dublin Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology Tallaght amongst others. The entire group attended the UCD open day. The 5th year careers classes also included a preparation for job application module. At the end of the production of an application form, letter of application and curriculum vitae, the students are given mock interviews. This year there were over one hundred and ten 5th year students who voluntarily took part in this worthwhile exercise. As one student said to me:

"Never again will an interview seem such a scary prospect. I enjoyed and learned loads about myself."

The above are some of the activities of this year in the Careers Department. A sincere thanks is due to all the teachers who have taken on careers classes as part of their timetable. I would especially like to thank everyone in the office who have put up with and supported us. Next year we hope to have set up more computers in the careers library as well as having a video library and recorder available for use there. There is always more to do and better ways of doing things and so we will continue to strive to improve the service we provide for our students.

Ms T. Jones
Guidance Counsellor



Mock Interviews

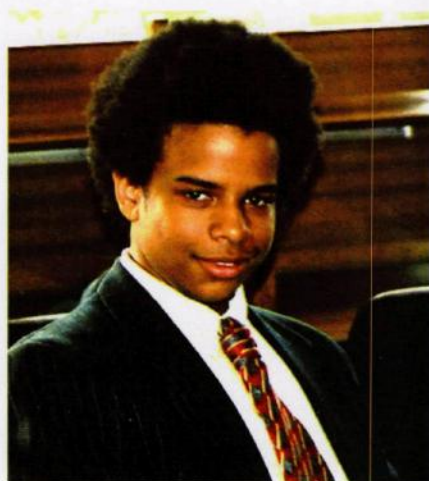
On Monday 26th April a group of 5th year students assembled in the library at approximately 7:15 pm.

Students chose to be interviewed for a range of college courses and career positions. Each student was interviewed by between one and three interviewers from their chosen college course/job. Students were marked on appearance, the presentation of their documents (i.e. cover letter, CV and application letter) and their ability to communicate. The interviewers were very pleasant and were very understanding to those who were nervous. Students were asked questions based on their CV and their chosen career path. The most commonly asked question was "Why do you think you are suited for this career?" All in all, the night was a success and students benefited from the experience.

Rebecca Murray

Below left: Ms T. Jones, Guidance Counsellor, Mrs R. Duggan, Mrs V. Duffy, Mrs C. Cantan, Mr B. McSharry organising the interview evening.

Below right: Michael Okonji awaits his interview



Drama

one act play

High School's one act play, "The Hall of Healing", by Sean O'Casey, was performed in the St Andrew's One Act Play competition on 11th February. The play was set in a doctor's surgery in inner city Dublin, focusing on the ailments and afflictions of the various patients. Although the stage had a simple layout and the play itself was one continuous scene, our attention never drifted. Each character, no matter how large or small their part, conveyed their emotions and actions brilliantly.

The judges' comments on the night of the play were very positive. They praised the high quality of the acting, in particular Scott Hanan and the belching doctor, Davey Kelleher, who incidentally were the only two actors mentioned by name in the review of the plays that night. They especially admired "the strong feelings of helplessness [of the patients]" and stressed the sense of teamwork evident among the cast.

On the final night, High School won two certificates of merit for the "wonderful" double act of Scott and Davey "the burp that could stop traffic" Kelleher. The judge congratulated Scott on his excellent interpretation of the "spidery character" Alleluia. Unfortunately, we couldn't hear the rest of what was said in praise of Scott over the thunderous applause and cheering at the mention of his name! We thought the entire production was excellent and a credit to all involved. Congratulations to Ms Fitzgerald and the entire cast and crew.

**Isabel Baker
and Michael Sexton**



Playboy of the Western World

In the middle of March my English class went to see the Playboy of the Western World in the Gaiety Theatre as part of our Leaving Cert syllabus.

Above: Scene from One Act Play - Robert Wilson, Rachel McCoy, Mengxi Hu, Al Grogan, Alice Mooney, Frank Moriarty.

Below: Riveted by the Seanachai - Zoë McNair, Una Ní Eigeartaigh, Jonny Somerville, Robert Wilson, Rachel McCoy, Mengxi Hu, Al Grogan.

We had been studying it and knew that at the time of its first performance in 1907 it was a very controversial play. It was written by a playwright called JM Synge and was very well received until the word "shift" was mentioned. A "shift" is another word for a petticoat, which didn't go down very well in a very conservative society at that time. The production we went to see included a cast with Cillian Murphy and Anne-Marie Duff.

The play centers on a young man called Christy who had been under the thumb of his father his whole life. He turned up in a typical country pub in Mayo proclaiming that he had just killed his father by hitting him over the head with a loy.

The play is about Christy becoming a man and learning what it is like to be in a community for once. He falls for a woman called Pegeen and the plot of the play twists and turns before he finally leaves the community a changed man.

The cast played their roles very well and delivered an excellent performance which I think everyone appreciated. It was a very different reaction to that, which occurred nearly one hundred years earlier at the performance of this play.

Pia Ward



M*A*S*H



In October 2003, the intense rehearsals commenced for the 5th year production of M*A*S*H. The actors and crew were set their parts and the preparation and organisation began.

M*A*S*H was originally an American television series made in the 70s and was set in the 4077th M*A*S*H surgical army unit in South Korea. It was more recently turned into a film and now High School have produced and brought to you our eccentric story-lined play. M*A*S*H was set in the 1950's. This comedic series followed a bunch of entertaining and humorous doctors, nurses, soldiers, army personnel, and other unexpected characters making the most of their daily lives in the army compound. These characters' personalities never failed to entertain.

Within the play's storyline itself, we saw a variety of different sub-plots, including the love interests between Hot Lips (Kim Elliott) and Hawkeye (Hugh Nolan), Janice (Ciara O'Toole) and Ugly (Steven Walsh), Walt's (Robert Wilson) drive to insanity, Ho-Jon's (Lucy Whitaker) near death experience, the football match to raise money for Ho-Jon's trip to America and last but not

least the appearances from the ditzzy Bonwits (Katie Hamilton, Niamh Hogan and Rebecca Murray).

Cramming in every minute of rehearsing we could, sometimes until 10pm, finally, our anticipation was over, the first night of performance came and the typical excited and hyper hum of voices backstage turned to an air of chilling nerves. Luckily, as soon as the curtain rolled back and the actors were greeted with a mass of smiling faces and cheers, we all knew that it would be a success. We all just forgot about our nerves and started to relax and enjoy the production.

Overall, the immense energy produced by the actors during all three nights' performances was spectacular. Kim Elliott, the stiff upper-lipped rule obsessed Major Margaret Houlihan, stunned the crowd with her strongly-worded deliveries and exciting performance. Playing their part with a great deal of natural skill were Hugh Nolan (Hawkeye) and Philip Deegan (Duke). Providing the audience with many laughs was Scott Hanan (Boone), using his "real life experiences" to perfect his character's part. Then along came the Bonwits, Mitzy, Fritzy and Agnes, using their ditzzy blonde attitudes to amuse the crowd.

The buzz after each night proved extremely rewarding for the entire cast and crew, and by the time Saturday night came, our final showing, though so tired our adrenaline kept us going, giving it every last bit of energy that was left in us. The curtain closed and the huge roar of screams, laughter and exciting jumping filled the hall. But we were sad to see one of our best memories of High School come to an end.

Even during Mrs Milne's "threatened walk-outs" she was still a fabulous director, putting in all of her time and effort to ensure that M*A*S*H ran smoothly. Student Producer, Michael Sexton assisted Mrs Milne. He kept his cool during stressful moments, took charge when needed and helped everyone out. Michael and Mrs Milne, along with the lighting and set design crew, gave up their precious Saturday mornings for last preparations before the performance nights. A big thanks to

William Mitchell who helped Michael when needed, taking some of the strain off Student Producer.

Help was always at hand when Timo (aka. Mr Timoney) was around. Not only did he produce genius inventions from scratch, he also helped us out with our acting, providing us with acting know-how and hilarious entertainment all the time. Remembering Timo, I think of "I think I heard the word naked?" and the cast's "Timo, Timo" chanting. We've got him to thank for much of M*A*S*H's success.

Thank you to Ms Fitzgerald for also directing the play and organising everything else. Thank you to Mrs Pearse whose help was greatly appreciated with organisation for the costumes and props. Thanks to the canteen staff, Sarge, Ms Stevenson, Tommy, J.J. Rolfe, and all the other teachers that lended a hand when needed.

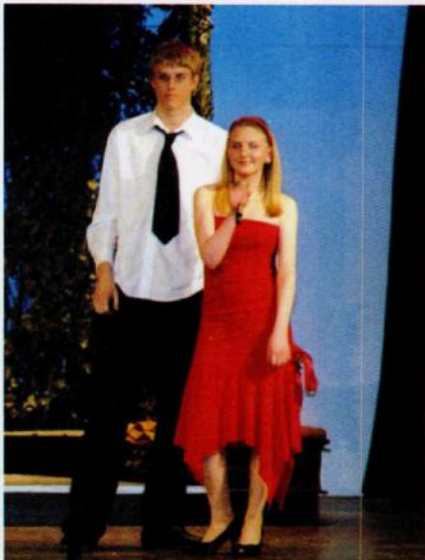
I'm sure I'm speaking for the rest of the cast and crew when I say, it was a memorable experience and from the words of Mrs Milne, "it was the only play that she had directed that received a standing ovation" – need I say more?

Averil Blakely

Below: Young lovers, Ciara O'Toole and Steven Walsh, nice shorts Steven!



Below: Ian Thom and Laura Houston.





France Trip 2004



Early on the morning of Saturday 3rd April, a group of forty-four students and five teachers arrived at Beauvais Airport, tired but excited. We were bundled straight into our coach for some sightseeing. We headed to the town of Bayeaux, where we saw the famous tapestry. Then it was off to our local mall where we were treated to the delicacy that was Flunch restaurant, which became in a way, our home for the duration of our stay. We then had some free time to wander about the mall, shopping or rather bizarrely, petting some baby farm animals. Having had a long day we drove to our hotel for some well needed sleep.

shopping! Once we had all regrouped, it was time for the Louvre Museum of Art where we were lucky enough to see the infamous Mona Lisa. All of that had made us hungry, so it was time for some delicious Parisian cuisine... Flunch! Full from our Flunching it was time for a 'Bateaux Mouche' trip down the river Seine, which allowed us to see Paris from a completely different perspective.

On Tuesday, it was the day most of us had been waiting for, the day we went to Disneyland Paris. We spent the day soaking up the Disney atmosphere and enjoying the rides, well, most of us enjoyed them, Ms Missen! All the excitement had left us all starving, so we were all overjoyed to hear that that night we were the lucky recipients of double, yes, DOUBLE vouchers for Flunch. A walking tour of Montmartre and a visit to Sacre Coeur after our dinner tired us out, and it was back to the hotel.

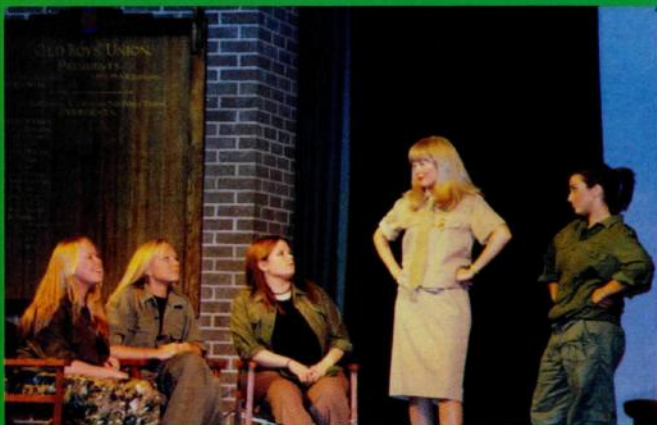
Wednesday was our last day in Paris, so we spent it the only way conceivable, shopping, along with a short trip to see La Defense, the modern skyscraper business district. Then, sadly, it was time for us to start on our long journey to the airport, where Rory learned that it was safer NOT to try and catch up on some sleep he may have missed!

All of us would like to thank Mr Wright, Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Missen, Ms Hearne and Mr Giles for an unforgettable holiday.

Lucy Whitaker



*Above: Rory Forsythe, Averil Blakely and Al Grogan.
Far left: Steven Walsh and Robert Wilson*



Above: Isabel Baker, Averil Blakely, Carla Fitzgerald, Kim Elliott and Ciara O'Toole.

Below: The entire cast



On Sunday, we piled into our coach and settled in for a long drive to the Normandy Beaches. There we saw Sword, Juno and Gold beaches, the Musée de Debarquement at Arromanches, the Longue sur Mer battery, Colleville cemetery and Omaha beach of Saving Private Ryan fame. After that it was off to Ste Mare d'Eglise. We had some free time which some of the more brave among us (AND Mr Giles!) went for a swim! Then it was time for the drive back, at the end of which we thankfully still managed to fit in time for some "Flunch". After our delicious dinner we played a few games in a nearby bowling alley before heading back to our hotel.

On Monday, we were off to Paris, where we would stay in our second hotel. As soon as we arrived in the city of Paris we were taken on a sightseeing trip from the comfort of our own coach! Afterwards we had an hour or two of free time which most of us spent doing what you can do best in Paris —

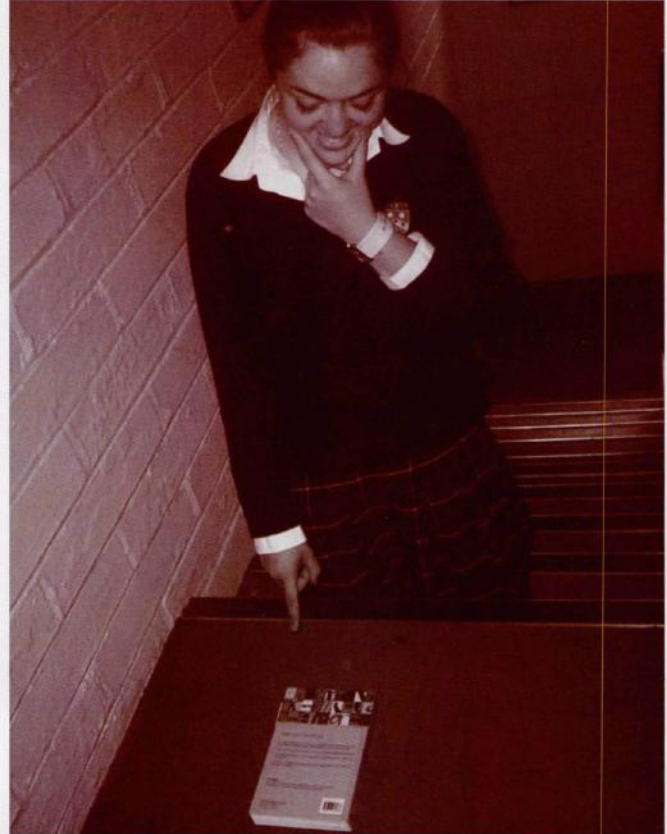
Murder

photo story

On an ordinary day in the High School a group of students were shocked and appalled to find that tragedy had hit. While wandering in the halls after school, we were stunned to find...



1 – The body of our very loved lunch lady Lucille had been found by a group of unsuspecting students outside the girl's toilets. Their suspicions were aroused although you wouldn't think it by the looks on their faces.



2 – As they made their way from the crime scene a very studious Highschoolian found an important piece of evidence, an ENGLISH BOOK, which led them further towards the infamous High School killer.



3 – The hunt continued with the help of more students. However, you must be wondering why we didn't call the police, a simple answer... however, we feel we should keep the suspense going just a bit longer.



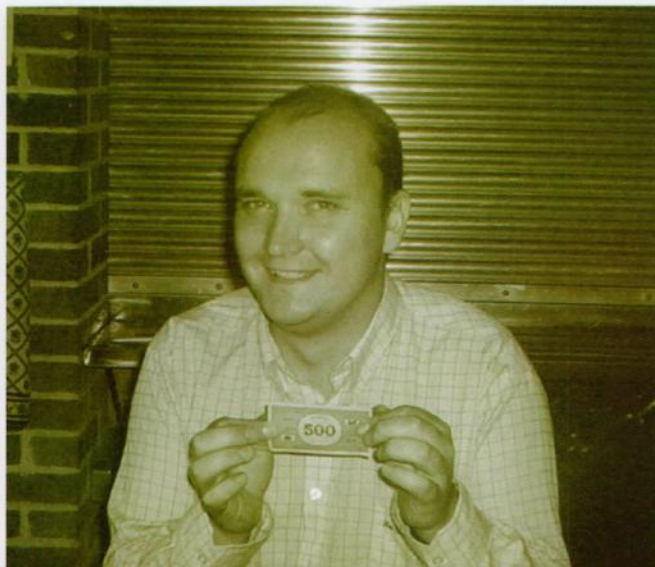
4 – To their surprise at the bottom of the stairs a map of Ireland was discovered and was conveniently directed towards DUNDALK. Their excellent powers of calculation told them that the killer might just be an English teacher from Dundalk...

Most Foul!

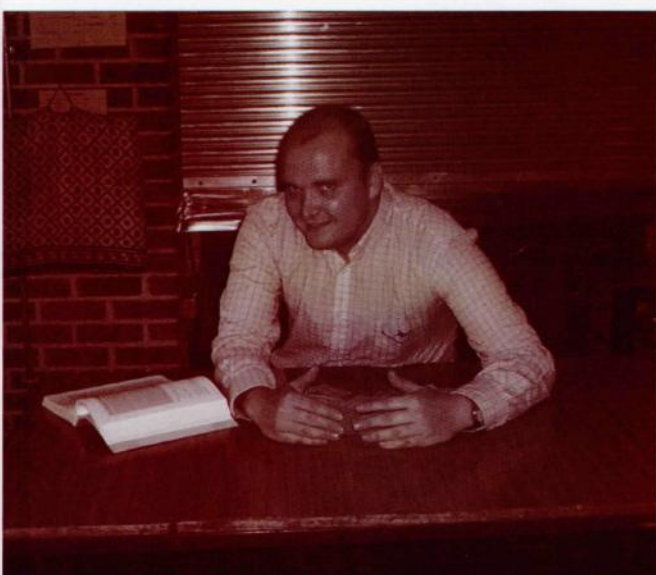
All of a sudden evil laughter was heard coming from the canteen ...



5 – As the students ran towards the peculiar sound emitting from the canteen they noticed that the door was being kept open by a RUGBY BALL.



6 – But before they had time to take in another clue they were taken aback when they saw the once respectable Mr Griffin mauling the petty cash.



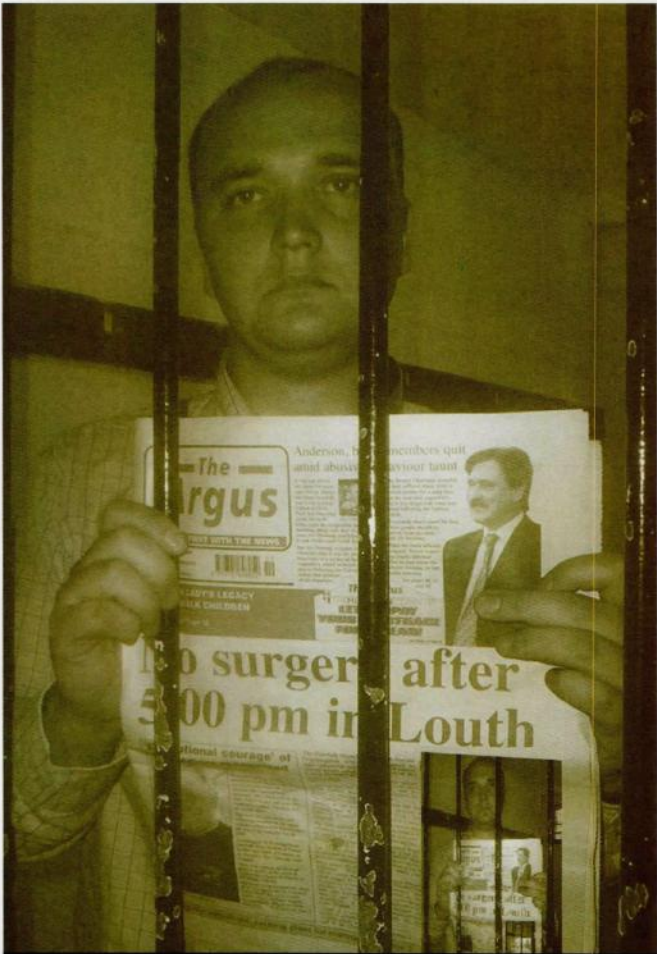
7 – As the killer tried to gather up his money...



8 – The group began to close in on him, leaving him with nowhere to go.



9 – However, he managed to escape their excellent task force and was chased by a mysterious curly haired student...



10 – The High School killer a.k.a. Mr. Griffin, had been caught and the school was returned to normality while he was making headlines in the local Dundalk paper...

The End

11 – The Cast. Back Row: Niamh Carroll, Al Grogan, Rory Forsythe, Jeffery Warren, Mr M. Griffin, Sam Meredith, Pia Ward and Tara Bright. Front Row: Laura Houston and Melanie Whelan.

Please note that this is fiction, it is not fact and no lunch ladies were harmed in the making of this photo story.



Many thanks go to Mr M. Griffin and Mr A. Phelan, Graphic Designer.

sixth Year

The Night of Duff Gardens

'Twas the night of Duff Gardens,
And all through the town,
Kids were getting ready to rock with Heavy Clown.
Then Scott and Dan came out with the guitar,
The kids went for a smoke but they couldn't go far,
Because Do were in the house with a lesson for us all,
The harder you try at Irish rap, the harder you will fall,
Then Rachael came to sing us a song,
But no one remembers her so lets move on.

Now the crowd were unhappy, a problem to be fixed,
So we sent out perfect 66.
Skin-up were next and gave a great show,
It's too bad their music really did...glow!

The standard of talent in the dance-off was dier,
And that ugly punk kid made off with my frier.
The Village Idiots looked like they'd been dragged through the muck,
And might've been better off throwing their guitars under a truck.
For Elises band the curtain was closed,
Sorry 'bout that, it's just the way it goes.
Wildcard played many a good song,
Unfortunately by now, everyone was gone.

The D6 crew got the prize and caused uproar,
So they were back on their moped and off out the door.
Hundreds of kids had jumped off the stage,
And sent security into a rage,
The kids hit the floor and were in floods of tears,
Before Seán O'Connor threw them out on their ears.
Now I did my best to put on this show,
So if you thought it was rubbish you give it a go.

But we had a good night,
And all did survive,
So thanks for coming out and
"KEEPING THE SCENE ALIVE"

Adam Brennan



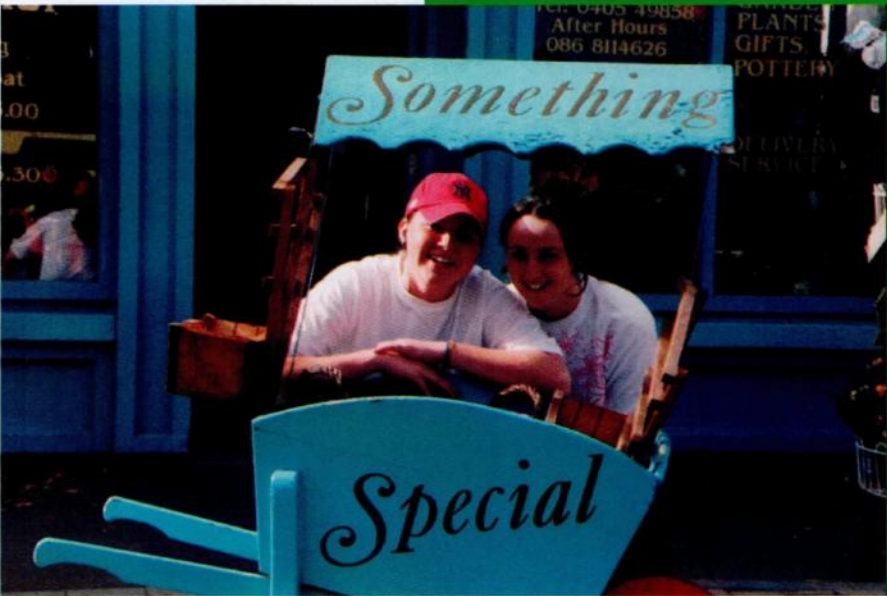
Top: Gemma McRann, Eoghan Doherty (St Luke's Hospital), Julie Kavanagh with the €1,432 cheque raised at the Winter Swim for the Friends of St Luke's Cancer Hospital.

Above: Gemma McRann, Julie Kavanagh, John McDermott and Adam Brennan with the cheques for the Friends of St Luke's from the Winter Swim and Duff Gardens (€1,800).

Geography Field Trip

Below left: Roz Campbell and Sally Horton, the sign says it all.

Below: Mark Lew stuck in a hole.





Back Row: Robert Wynne, Christopher Harding, Carl Daly, Benjamin Cantan, Donal Curran, Graham Kerr, Christopher McAuliffe, Sharon Taylor, Daniel Donnelly, David Lee, Ben Leonard-Kane, Peter Burns, Patrick Mullan, Sean O'Connor, Julie-Anne Tector

Row 7: Daniel Murphy, Rory Bannigan, Matthew Leahy, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Anna O'Hare, Andrew Meaney, Evan McAuley, Barry Walsh, Robert Sherwood, Scott Wilkinson, Daniel O'Rourke, Stephen Power, Adam Brennan, Timothy Mills

Row 6: Patrick Anglim, Drew Dover, Niamh Sheehan-Hammond, Zoë Allot, Jeremy Whyte, Noel O'Meara, Neal Hunter, Kerril Fahy, Padraic Smith, Elliott Leavy, Neil O'Connor, Rynhard Zwarts, Clíodhna Noone, Graham Cooley

Row 5: Mark Lew, Gregory Sheridan, Stephen Mahon, Aengus Walton, Neil Smith, David Mitchell, Macdara Ó Seireadáin, Shane Prunty, Maximilian Olohan, Matthew D'Arcy, Stephen Rooney, Steven Duggan, Jason Brooke, Jamie MacDonald

Row 4: Jessica Bell-Fahy, Conal O'Meara, Julian Persechini, Lee Boutiche, Daniel Roantree, Christopher Lawson, Maximilian McLaughlin-Callan, Stephen Dowling-Turner, Benjamin Senior, Alan Ellman, Adele Kirwan, Jennifer Carr, Kiva Murphy, Judith Czerniak-Lebov.

Row 3: Bryan Hannon, Genevieve Boyle, Lyndsey Watson, Alice Keogh, Ciara Fitzgerald, Tonya O'Keeffe, Rebecca Rolfe, Jennifer Kearns, Gillian O'Meara, Rosalind Campbell, Sharon Johnson, Margaux Kenny, Shelley McGeeney, Anna Stewart

Row 2: Sally Horton, Grace Nelson, Nadine Grunitz, Gillian McMurray, Freya Oatway, Sophie O'Hare, Aoibhin McGreal, Sarah Reynolds, Mandy Lowe, Ciara Nugent, Eilish Smyth, Aideen Blackwood, Joanne Burke, Mary Dowds, Jennifer Stafford, Kerrie Williamson

Row 1: Gillian Rath, Denise Lui, Alice Toner, Ms D. Fahey, Mr P. Prendergast, Orla Walsh, Mr R. McMullen, Mr B. Duffy, Mrs J. Geoghegan, John Mc Dermott, Mr B. Quinn, Mr B. McNamara, Mr C. Cryan, Amy O'Byrne, Louise Duggan, Catherine Jones

Absent: Susan Barrett, Lorelle Brownlee, Robert Byrne, Joanna Corbett, Eoghan Cullen, Ross Holder

Debs

Class of 2003

The class of 2003 Debs Ball was a great success! All had great fun and it was the perfect ending to their sixyears spent together.

It all kicked off at around 6pm at High School. Family, friends and teachers were invited. The three hours they took getting ready proved to be worth it! The prefects were serving the drinks and did a wonderful job of not letting glasses go dry.

Most of the girls dressed as princesses with the exceptional few who looked as fabulous as Jessica Rabbit. The boys did all their very best James Bond impressions, omitting Chris who rediscovered his Scottish roots!

We were then taken to The Killiney Hotel by coach, however some preferred to travel by limo! We reached our destination to be served dinner immediately. It was nice...

The night was set moving by the enthusiastic band that played everybody's favourites. Later that evening, I am not quite sure of the time, a DJ took over and we all danced our way to the morning. As the last song was played, emotions were running high. This was of course disrupted by the announcement of breakfast. All the boys were nowhere to be seen in a matter of seconds.

It was a prime location beside the sea and the Dart. However, it was torn down days after the Wesley Ball! No surprise there then! It's now the site of new apartments!

Next year's Debs will take place in Leopardstown. Hopefully it will be just as much of a success!

Orla Walsh



Above: Chris Somerville and Suzanne Cairns.



Above: Rachel McSharry, Suzanne Cairns and Aislinn O'Toole.

Below left: Orla and Sarah Walsh.

Below: Andrew Grimason and Chiara Farrell.



Daily Life

As Seen Through A Window

I sit down by the window and peer out into the world through the blinds. A rat race, an early morning traffic jam, the streets are black with people. All have grim faces, all on their way to work. Routine, just like yesterday, just like the day before, just like the day before that, just what tomorrow will bring.

Busy, busy, busy. I must get here, I must get there. No one cares, just follow the path in front of you. Coffee in one hand, cigarette or brief-case in the other. Rush, rush, rush. Can't be late, don't want to be late. Minds waking up, nothing much to think about. It's too early, don't talk to me, little brain going: tick, tick, tick, tick.

In an hour these streets will be bare, these people will be where they are on their way to now. Every single person out there has their own individual lives, their own individual thoughts, and feelings and personalities. Some could be horrible, cruel people with no time for anyone. Others could be the nicest people you could ever hope to meet. But that's all I can do, hope to meet them. I will never come across them individually and become friends, or happen to meet them at a friend's party. I will just sit and watch them live their lives, day after day after day.

Just think, in years to come some of these people will not be walking these streets as they do now. Some will have moved, or passed on, or changed jobs, or lives. New people will be rushing down the paths, darting in between the others like obstacles in a pin-ball machine. I wonder what they're thinking, do they think this early? Is it all about work, or about work they didn't do for the boss, or the cute copy machine guy or girl they pass every morning, or about an unresolved conflict that they can't avoid? It could be anything, the work they're doing because they love it, the friends they have there, maybe they're going out tonight, or away for the weekend. Who knows? They do.

Zoom, zoom, zoom. I see the same cars every morning, certain cars at certain times. I know when one is running late, or early. They leave their houses at around the same time, just to

stop at those traffic lights at the same time, just to reach work or wherever they're going at the same time. All I see is the exhaust pipes coughing up thick grey clouds of pollution, the air's enemy clearly being spread like disease by the driver. Every car has a permanent dark cloud behind it, it glows and disappears into the air. Nowhere is safe, no air is pure and clean.

I see no trees, just grey. Tall grey blocks of concrete that they call buildings, I hear they're full of offices. Not one patch of grass, no little children hopping across with brightly coloured school bags on their backs on their way to school. No, they can't be seen. But I know where they are, they're in the cars. They grow up with their parents or minders making their air unbreathable, then it will be their turn to sabotage our world.

Give me peace, give me strength, must I wake to see these horrors every morning? Move, I could move, to a nicer place, with not as many cars, with lots of grass and good clean air for me and other people around to inhale. No pointlessly huge shopping centres where people squash into every Saturday morning. No traffic jams and black clouds

of hot smelly smoke rising up, just silence, peace and quiet. But no, I won't move just because the people make it uncomfortable, or unliveable. It's an exaggeration, I can live here, they can live here.

Here I sit and watch the world pass by, not one that I like, but one that I know. I'd rather be here than be on the most beautiful tropical island, and be lost. The heat would get to me anyway and I could end up dying. No I won't go, just stay here with what I know. It's not so bad but that's life. Boring isn't it, well that's my life and that's their lives out there. Such grim faces, they're not looking forward to the day, no matter how much the sun shines, they're not looking forward to the day. Their faces show stress and tiredness, even though they feel used to getting up at this time.

What is this world to me, this world to me is my world. Not great, not the best, but not the worst. Now that I'm finished watching the world outside as it happens day by day, I will go busy myself for the day. Don't worry, I'll see them all tomorrow.

Susan Barrett



USA trip

Skiing and Snowboarding in New Hampshire

During the Easter holidays, fifty-three pupils from Forms 4, 5 and 6 went to New Hampshire and Boston. After a long day travelling we arrived in New Hampshire to find very little snow and we were all quite worried. Thankfully, during our second night there was a huge snowfall which provided enough snow for the rest of the holiday!

Every day we went skiing/snowboarding and by the end of the holiday everyone had really improved their skills, with prizes awarded to Nicki Gregory, Dave Lee, Julie McRann, Sarah Reynolds, Cillian Suiter, Ian Thom and Joe Lynch.

As well as snowboarding and skiing there was also shopping to be done in both North Conway and Boston and most of the girls, including the teachers, took full advantage of this. Everyone had an absolutely brilliant holiday and, on behalf of everybody on the trip, I would like to thank Ms S. Quinn for organising it and Mr R. Davies, Mr B. Quinn, Mr D. Miller and Mr J. Dolan for supervising the trip.

Sarah Reynolds



Above: Sarah Reynolds, Karen Douglas, Niamh Carroll, Ciara O'Toole, Julie McRann.

Snowboarding

Our first two days were spent at Loon Mt. but due to rain conditions it was icy. On the third day we went to Bretton Woods where the snow was good and everyone's boarding improved. Most evenings were spent in the pool with trips to a disco bowling alley, cinema and an outlet mall as well. Many thanks to the teachers for such a splendid trip.

**Nicola Gregory
and Christine Boyle**

Far left: Friends Forever:
Rebecca Rolfe and Margaux Kenny.

Construction Studies Projects



Right: Low Bench - Rob Smyth, Press
with two drawers - Rob Horne.

Far right: Table - Andrew Grimason,
Clock - Richard Owens.



Leaving

Cert 2003

Abraham, Sam
 Anglim, Martin
 Barrett, Matthew
 Bates, Rachel
 Bonney, Jamie
 Bradford, Jennifer
 Brooke, Laurence
 Browne, Matthew
 Burgess, Andrea
 Burke, Leah
 Burke-Naughton, Holly
 Cairns, Suzanne
 Camilleri, Anthony
 Campbell-Crawford, Brook
 Cassidy, Eamon
 Cassidy, Thomas
 Cobban, Sarah
 Condren, Fiona
 Condrón, Ross
 Cryan, Méabh
 Day, Jennifer
 Dempsey, Richard
 Denieffe, Rachel
 Doyle, Lewis
 Earls, Louisa
 Fahey, Ciara
 Farrell, Chiara
 Feldman, Alex
 Field, Aidan
 Flower, Keith
 Foster, Clair
 Frazer, Benjamin
 Gleeson, Rhiannon
 Goldsmith, Simon
 Goulden, Carolyn
 Grimason, Andrew
 Halliday, Scott
 Hanan, Jennifer
 Harris, Roberta
 Hashmi, Tania
 Heeney, Karl
 Hickey, Lara
 Higgs, Kate
 Holmes, David
 Horan, Peter
 Horne, Robert
 Houston, Simon
 Hoy, Daryl
 Hui, Andrew
 Kane, Jennifer
 Kavanagh, April
 Kavanagh, Karl
 Keegan, Stephen
 Keller, Fiona
 Kelly, Kealan
 Kelly, Ruth

Kennedy, Thomas
 Kenny, Edward
 Kenny, Feargal
 Keogh, Deborah
 Laing, Elaine
 Lam, Wai Chung
 Lowe, Sarah
 Lui, Donna
 Maginn, Eoghan
 Maguire, Stuart
 Mahon, Wesley
 McGonagle, Declan
 McGuire, Luke
 McHugo, Alison
 McNeill, Glenn
 McSharry, Rachel
 Monaghan, Eoin
 Morton-Fernandez, Brian
 Murphy, Claire
 Murphy, Gavin
 Nicholson, Rebecca
 O'Byrne, Daniel
 O'Callaghan, Joseph
 O'Connell, Ruairi
 O'Donohoe, Aoife
 O'Driscoll, Daire
 O'Meara, Stuart
 O'Neill, Dearbhaile
 O'Reilly, Eoghan
 O'Shea, Ian
 O'Shea, Niall
 O'Toole, Aislinn
 Owens, Richard
 Parkinson Bennett, Matthew
 Pillay, Shivan
 Pimiento, Pamela
 Prendergast, Ralph
 Quinn, Sam
 Rao, Sudhakar
 Sargeant, Brian
 Sheehy Curran, Triona
 Sheehy, Nuala
 Smyth, Robert
 Somerville, Christopher
 Surgeon, Aoife
 Sutton, Nicola
 Tallon, Grace
 Thackaberry, Robert
 Thompson, David
 Tippins, Eoin
 Tobin, Ashleigh
 Tobin, Sarah
 Tuomey, James
 Victory, Elaine
 Walker, Rachel
 Walsh, Sarah
 Walsh, Susan
 Ward, Sean
 Webster, Paul
 Whyte, Gavin

Wilkinson, Amy
 Willoughby, Maeve
 Wright, Vicky
 Wynne, Kerrie
 Young, David



Above: Lorelle Brownlee with the skull of Cu Culainn, allegedly.



Above: Jake O'Brien's "hairpens".



Above: What a lovely couple Jason Brooke and Miss M. Garvey.

Junior

Cert 2003

Alexander, Catherine
 Barber, Nathan
 Barrett, Neil
 Barry, Aisling
 Begley, Luke
 Black, Aimee
 Blair, Christopher
 Boles, Samuel
 Boutiche, Sarah
 Boyle, Christine
 Bradish, Robert
 Brennan, Amy
 Brennan, Ciaran
 Bridgeman, Aisling
 Browne, Barry
 Browne, Karl
 Burke, Suzanne
 Cabena, Karl
 Carr, Bevan
 Carrim, Nadia
 Clarke, Sarah
 Cobban, Andrew
 Cogan, Samuel
 Cole Pidgeon, Alexander
 Columb, Neal
 Coughlan, Daniel
 Coughlan, David
 Coyne, Simon
 Cronin, Manus
 Cummins, Grace
 Czerniak, Elis
 Daly, Nicola
 Denby, Derrick
 Donnellan, Ailbhe
 Donnelly, Elizabeth
 Eustace, Nadine
 Finn, Danny
 Finnegan, Kevin
 Fitzgerald-Kelly,
 Harry Fitzpatrick, Sam
 Flaherty, Edward
 Frizzelle, Sinéad
 Glacken, Nicholas
 Green, Aoife Casey
 Gregory, Nicola
 Harding, Jill
 Harris, Timothy
 Hennessy, Shane
 Hill, Gorgi
 Hu, Mengxi
 Humphreys, John
 Hunt, Aidan
 Hunt, Robert
 Hunter, Robert
 Hurley, Adam
 Hyland, Conor

Jackson, Peter
 Jones, Paul
 Jones, Ruth
 Keane, Fergus
 Keane, Jennifer
 Kelleher, David
 Keller, Ronan
 Kenealy, Amy
 Kirkpatrick, John
 Kohlmann, Scott
 Laing, David
 Laing, Emma
 Leavy, Robin
 Leonard-Kane, Megan
 Lodola, Sarah
 Lyons, Rachel
 MacAree, Simon
 MacSweeney, Michael
 McCoy, Rachel
 McEvansoneya, Harry
 McGuire, Joseph
 McSharry, Luke
 Milton, Niall
 Moriarty, Francis
 Murphy, Dylan
 Muñoz, Amy
 Naşon, Robert
 Ní Éigeartaigh, Una
 Nolan, Avril
 Nolan, Mark
 Nugent, Grace
 O'Boyle, Ruarc
 O'Brien, Jake
 O'Brien, Robert
 O'Byrne, Rachel
 O'Callaghan, Ciarán
 O'Connor, John
 O'Connor, Rory
 O'Donnell, Freda
 O'Flynn, Kellie
 O'Gorman, Seán
 O'Malley, Scott
 O'Neill, James
 O'Reilly, Phelim
 O'Rourke, Lorna
 O'Shea, Patrick
 Opdebeeck, Josef
 Parkes, William
 Plunkett, Joshua
 Pollock, Andrew
 Prunty, Gerard
 Ralph, Jordan
 Rooney, Mark
 Roseingrave, Ruth
 Sargeant, Shane
 Satchwell, Benn
 Sherwood, Samuel
 Slattery, Stefan
 Smith, Katie
 Stacey, Chloe

Staines, Daniel
 Stewart, Christopher
 Stewart, Laura-Anne
 Sutton, Karen
 Tadros, Rebecca
 Tobin, John
 Walsh, Daragh
 Ward, Amy
 Warren, Holly
 Weekes, Jennifer
 Weekes, Kim
 Willoughby, Michael
 Wilson, Alexandra
 Winslow, Daryl
 Wynne, Nicky



Above: No cycling on school grounds, James Anglim.



Above: Sarge fixing something as usual!

THE FASHION SHOW

On March 31st at 7:30 pm, the High School Fashion Show began. After months of preparation and rehearsing the night finally arrived. Everyone involved was extremely nervous as the hall was filled to the brim with an enthusiastic and supportive crowd. Thankfully it went off without a hitch, despite a few diva-like tantrums from jittery models.

The show included singing performances from Scott Hanan, Rachel O'Byrne, Rebecca and Ruth Murray, Saoirse Hickey and Niamh Mitchell, with dance performances from Catherine Alexander, Megan Leonard-Kane, Christine Boyle and Katie Smith, Susan Casey, Evanna Mills, and Sian and Laura Cooley. The show was hosted with humour and wit by our compere Manus Cronin and Kellie O'Flynn and not forgetting the wonderful performances of our budding Super Models!

The theme of the show was "recycle and re-use" and most of the clothes were made by the students from recycled materials and reconstructed clothing. The time and effort made by all thirty-student designers who competed for the prize was evident on the night. The winners were chosen by a host of fashion moguls including our own celebrity judge, Andrew Fowler of Cabin Fever!

Apart from the recycled clothing the show included people wearing pyjamas, made by Second Year Home Economics Classes and choreographed by Rebecca Reilly, clothing from Charity Shops, a retrospective of fashion donated from various sources (Thanks especially to Mrs. Milne for her huge contribution), and a stunning evening-wear section with flowers for the audience.

A huge thank you to all of the administration staff and teachers involved, especially Ms Galligan, Ms Fahey and Mrs Pearse. A special thank you is deserved by Robert Bradish for his painstaking effort from start to finish, to Ciara O'Toole and Karen Douglas for their behind the scenes organisation, without whom this show would not have been the great success that it was. Congratulations to all

involved. Let's hope we can do it again next year and make it even better.

All proceeds from the show went to The Irish Cancer Society and Canteen Ireland, a support group for teenagers with cancer.

Ruth Borland

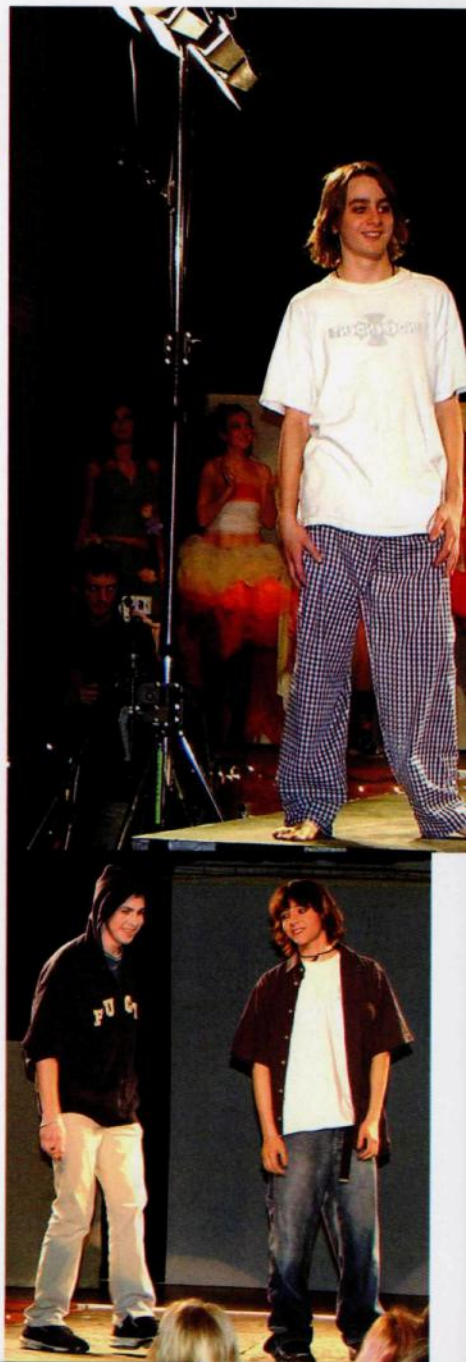


Above: Valerie Sexton and Clare Cryan.

Top right: Carl McHugh.

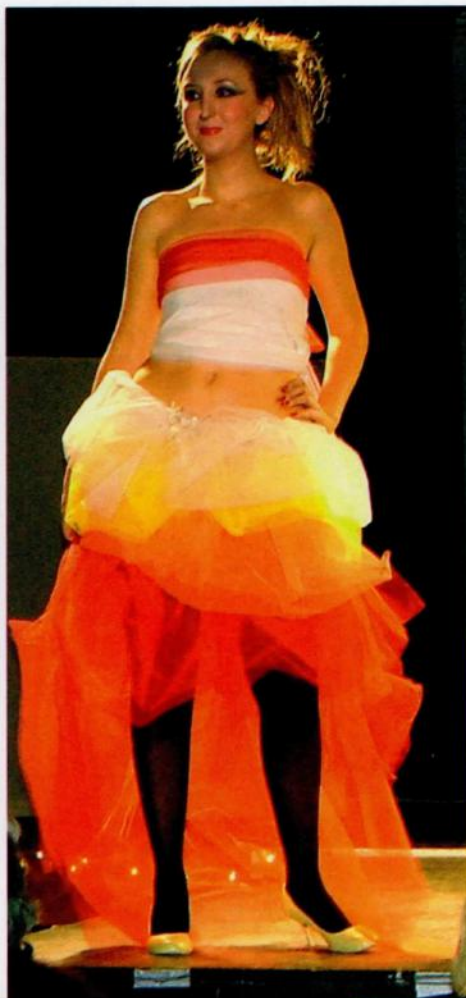
Right: Alex Lawson and Johnathon Slacke-Fitzpatrick.

Below: The whole crew involved in the fashion show.





*Below: Aislinn Coughlin
and Leah Moore*



Left: Margaux Kenny.

Being one of the biggest events of the year and raising money for Cancer Research was just two of the reasons why the Fashion Show was such a huge success. After almost a year of preparation and after school rehearsals, the night of the show finally arrived. The show resounded success despite a few hiccups (Thank you Manus). Most of the outfits modelled on the night were made by students out of recycled materials such as newspaper, plastic bags, bubble wrap, wellies, bottles, bottle caps, dish cloths and plenty of string glue and glitter. Prizes were awarded to the best designs for both senior and junior students. First prize in the senior section was awarded to Jill Harding for her J-Cloth Dress, modelled by Ruth Borland. Katie Hamilton and Averil Blakely came a close second and third with their funky flower like creations and wellies to boot! The winner of the junior section was Andrew Howell and Harry Ward with their incredible Newspaper Trousers and Sack Top, modelled by Romano. Elizabeth Surgeon came in second place with her Dotty Dress and in third place was Sinead Nolan's Green Fairy skirt modelled by Rochelle Barrett. There were thirty-nine student entries and all deserve congratulations. In all, the show raised close to €2000. Well done to everyone involved.

Carl McHugh

Past Pupils' Union

Presidents' Letter

Another good year has been enjoyed by both presidents, attending many functions representing the PPU.

We attended the retirement reception for Mr Ian Blackmore, a teacher who had given many years service to the school, this was a very enjoyable evening. We wish him and his family well in his retirement.

The prize distribution was another very enjoyable evening (apart from the weather) when Carole presented the Jean Scott Rose bowl to Meabh Cryan, a very worthy recipient, and Harry Booker representing Peter, presented the Old Boys Cup to David Thompson.

We also enjoyed attending the functions which are organised by the committee for the members. Unfortunately most of the functions were not very well attended this year including the Golf outing but hopefully past pupils will make greater efforts to support these in future years.

We had a Wine Tasting evening, a talk on China, Carol Singing, a talk on School Archives, Cookery Demonstration, all very enjoyable, but perhaps (not taking from any events) the most memorable were the Carol Singing, Cookery Demonstration and a talk on the School Archives. We would like to thank Alan Phelan, the School Archivist, for giving his time and making the evening so interesting.

The Men's dinner proved a successful evening in its usual format and the incoming committee are to review the cost of same. David Robbie proved yet again he is the most eloquent of the Robbie family and ably proposed the toast to the guests. He had to be good as the reply was given by the redoubtable Ken Ging ("a legend in his own lunchtime!"). The Committee are also considering a business lunch aimed at younger members in the coming year.

The Ladies annual dinner was once again held in the Royal St George Yacht Club, on 23rd April, an excellent venue, for which we are very grateful. Another great success, and thanks must go to the committee, and Alison Hunt who once again helped with the arrange-

ments. Our guest speaker was Eithni Seymour (nee Willis) herself a past pupil of Diocesan School, and one of the founder members of the Diocesan Past Pupils Hockey Club.

A very interesting speaker, and great to hear that the Hockey club is still thriving, and has five teams in the league from Div. 2 to Div. 12. The club is always looking for new members!!.

We are very pleased to advise the introduction of a new design scarf and tie for Past Pupils. Both are now available to purchase, by contacting any committee member, and we hope all past pupils will enjoy wearing them. Will be available to view on High School Web site.

At the AGM on 12th May, in the School, we were asked if "Past Pupils News" could once again appear in the Erasmian. Hopefully this can be achieved but requires people to send in details of their fellow past pupils successes as presumably most are too shy to do so themselves. On a sporting front, the achievements of three recent past pupils should be noted. Jason Molins captained the Irish Cricket team to beat Surrey (host of internationals included) in the UK limited over competition, which is a remarkable achievement, and at time of writing we wish them future success. Jon Fennell won his rugby blue at Oxford University and Hugh Hogan helped Trinity win promotion to Division 1 in the AU Ireland Rugby League in their 150th year. Well done lads.

We would like to remind everyone of the 30 year Celebrations, 18/19th September 2004, this as we all know is to mark the amalgamation of Diocesan School for Girls and The High School for Boys, making The High School Danum a co-educational school.

Alan Squires is standing down from the position as Hon Secretary, we would like to thank him for all his time and effort over the past two years. Our thanks go also to all the committee who have made our year as Presidents very enjoyable and run so smoothly.

We are once again very grateful to Brian Duffy and his staff for their

helpfulness throughout the year, and for the continued use of school facilities.

We wish every success to the incoming presidents, Karen Eppel and Don Beck and ensure them of our support for the coming year.

Peter Boyle
Carole Walsh
Joint Presidents

Obituaries

William George Heath,
1908-8th November 2003.
William attended the school when situated at Harcourt Street. Born in India, he spoke Hindustani. He was married for sixty years until his wife died in 1997.

Gerald Abbott, passed away October 20th 2003, beloved husband of Betty, loving father of Brian and Lindsey father-in-law of Adrienne and Stephan, proud grandfather of Cherith, Craig, Karl and Alexander.
"I know that my Redeemer liveth"

Obituary

George William Keegan

Died 23 July 2004

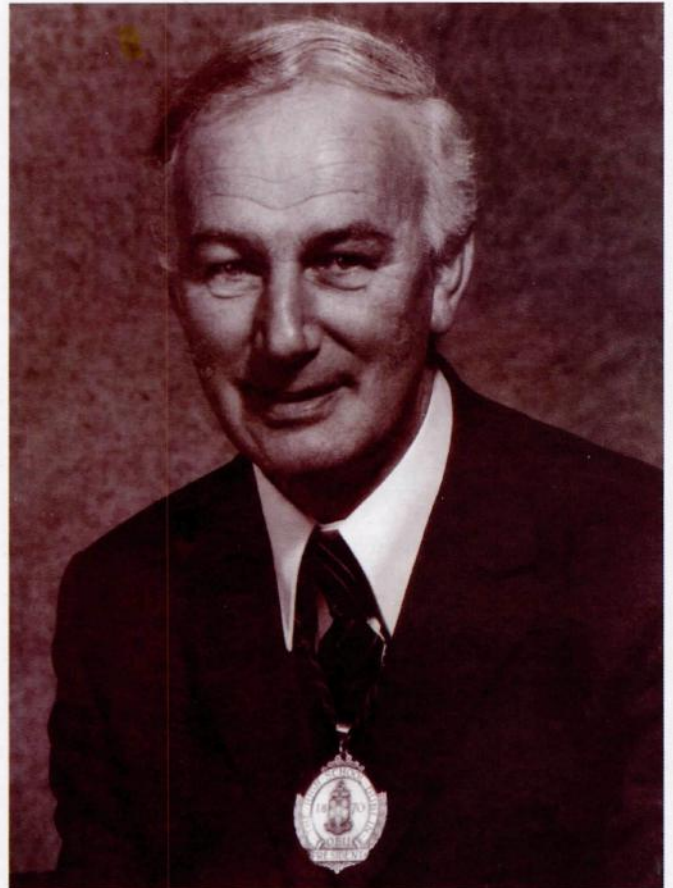
George Keegan's connection with The High School began in 1925 when he entered as a pupil and ended formally when he retired from the Vice-Principalship in June 1981, although his interest in the School continued until his death. His contributions as a pupil, teacher and member of the Old Boys' Union were outstanding.

His years at school were very successful in both academic matters and in sport. He won many academic prizes, culminating in the award of an Erasmus Smith exhibition at entrance to Trinity College, Dublin. He was captain of the Rugby (described as 'a keen scrummager and a very hard worker in the loose'), Cricket and Boxing teams. In 1934 he won the Old Boys' Cup. In Trinity College he read French and Irish, achieving Moderatorship in 1938. His love of the Irish language and of Irish culture was a very important part of his life. He was Auditor of Cumann Gaedhealach an Choláiste while in Trinity.

He returned to the School after graduation to teach Modern Languages. His love of languages led him to learn several more, fostered by a love of travel which continued until well into his retirement. He was quick to

adopt modern methods of teaching, being one of the pioneers of audio-visual methods in French. He wrote and produced French plays for the annual concerts and encouraged his pupils to avail of opportunities for language exchanges. He played a full part in coaching games in his early years and organised the school library and *The Erasmian* for many years. He and his wife were members of the Dublin Orchestral Players who gave annual concerts in the Clockroom in the sixties.

The sudden death of the Vice-Principal, G. C. Johnson, in the summer of 1970 brought him new responsibilities. These were multiplied many times the following January when, following the death of Dr Reynolds, he became Acting Headmaster. This coincided with the final preparations for the move to Danum. It was a tribute to George's organising ability that the move went so smoothly. Following the appointment of Mr Allan Brook as Headmaster, George acted as Vice-Principal until his retirement. During those years he contributed greatly to the organisational reforms made necessary by the move and, later, by the amalgamation with the Diocesan School for Girls. Not least of his responsibilities was the drawing up of the timetable.



He was a loyal supporter of the Old Boys' Union, serving on the committee and as President in the session of 1973-74 and as Honorary Secretary for many years. He particularly enjoyed playing for the Old Boys' team in the annual cricket match against the School XI.

George was a fine teacher, a loyal and kind colleague but above all, he was a man of integrity and humanity. He had a dry wit which often lightened the atmosphere in the staffroom. He

was a reserved man who spoke little of his own or his family's accomplishments but it was clear to all that he drew deep strength from his love for, and the love he received from, his wife and children. To them we send our sincere sympathy in their loss.

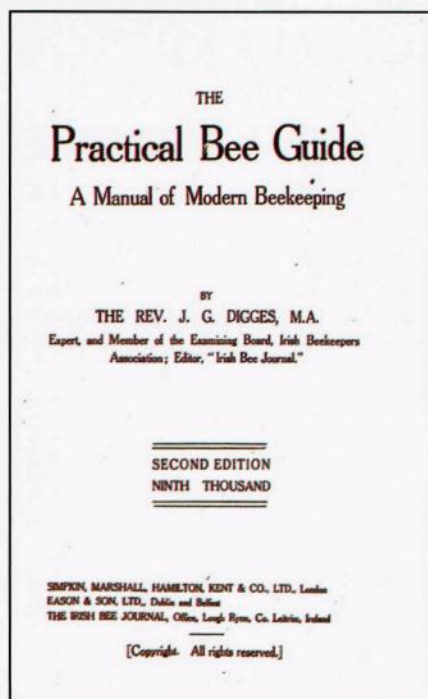
R.W.

Bees

in the past

Modern Irish beekeeping owes much to a local man, the Reverend Joseph Robert Garven Digges, who although was born in Dublin 8th December 1857, spent much of his life in Mohill, county Leitrim. Educated at the High School, Harcourt Street, Dublin, he later entered Trinity College Dublin in 1879, and was awarded the degree of BA (Resp.) in 1882 and in 1885 an MA. Ordained in 1883, he became deacon in Kilmore, Co. Cavan, and then curate in Mohill until 1884, and then 1884-5 at St George's, High street, Belfast. In 1885, he became the private chaplain to the Clements family (the earls of Leitrim) at their Lough Rynn estate at Mohill, county Leitrim. He served Farnaght and Mohill churches, and from 1933 the parish of Cloone. His clerical duties were light, and his position must have been regarded as a sinecure, leaving him plenty of time to pursue his hobby of bee keeping.

The Digges family was of English origin, and has no connection with the Huguenot family of Digges la Touche, who arrived in Dublin much later than the English Digges.



The Reverend Digges had his first bee-keeping lesson in 1885, at Clooncahir, his house at Mohill, and thereafter he was hooked. He joined the Irish Beekeepers Association and was chairman from 1910 to 1921. The Association published THE IRISH BEE JOURNAL where he was editor. He founded THE BEEKEEPER'S GAZETTE which was published monthly from 1912, until his death, only missing one edition. His very light clerical duties allowed him plenty of time to pursue his newly-found hobby.

Becoming proficient in bee-keeping, and anxious to promote the method of removing the honey crop from the hive without killing the bees, by using movable frames, he started travelling extensively throughout Ireland on behalf of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, attending agricultural shows, and lecturing. He relentlessly promoted the 'Congested District Board' hive, designed to be made and used in the poorer areas of Ireland, to provide an income where the land was not good enough to support many people.

A great believer in promoting local industry, he helped to found the local co-operative creamery and the bank in Mohill, and was a director of the Cavan and Leitrim railway, and also Arigna mines. Digges once said, 'I was to earn high repute as a first class trouble-shooter' (Flanagan, 1996) and was always sent in the direction of problems. He could be a cantankerous man, but he also had a very tender and generous side to him, as young visitors to Clooncahir have testified. As he got older, he was inclined to leave the 'hands-on' work of bee-keeping to others.

In 1904, he published THE IRISH BEE GUIDE, later renamed THE PRACTICAL BEE GUIDE, a book which came to be regarded as the standard book of bee-keeping in Ireland, which eventually ran to sixteen editions, and over nearly fifty years, sold 76,000 copies.

He died dramatically during a confirmation service in Farnaght in 1933, and is buried in Mount Jerome cemetery

**Reverend Joseph
Robert Garven Digges
1857-1933**



in Dublin, beside his wife who had died in 1926. He had married Edith Bate in Belfast in 1885, and they had a son and a daughter, spending their life in great comfort in the most beautiful rectory at Clooncahir. A splendid stained glass memorial window by Ethel Rhind (1877-1952) was placed in the church, which shows St McDomnóc (Molagga) bringing the bees to Ireland.

Petra Coffey

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Reference: P.J. Flanagan, THE CAVAN AND LEITRIM RAILWAY, 1966.

Parents'

Association

The 60th Annual General Meeting of The High School Parents' Association was held on 27th September 2003, and the committee for 2003/2004 was confirmed at the meeting. The committee members are: Richell Duggan (President), Ann O'Connor (Hon. Secretary), Derek Hanan (Treasurer), Jo Meade, Valerie Duffy, Deirdre Lyder, Roger Keller, Brian McSharry, Harvey O'Keefe and newly elected members Caroline Canton and Ian MacKay.

Mr Brian Duffy, Principal, attended the meeting and spoke to the parents in regard to school policy and ongoing developments. He also 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 Richell Duggan and Derek Hanan attended the Management Committee meetings and were also present at meetings of The High School Board. Derek also attended Finance Committee meetings. The following Association committee members attended meetings of subcommittees related to other issues of school management - Jo Meade on Grounds and Property; Harvey O'Keefe on Sports and Caroline Canton on Education. Ian MacKay acted as the Association's representative on Compass.

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. This occasion, which is very popular with the students, providing them as it does with an opportunity to enjoy the evening in a well organised and safe venue. It is hoped that another similar event will follow for the Junior Cert students of 2004.

A very enjoyable and informative evening was had when Dr Vincent Moloney, our guest speaker, spoke on Coping with Adolescence to a packed, standing room only lecture theatre. This event was organised by Jo Meade.

On the 10th May 2004 the com-

mittee met with the Chairman of the Board, Mr Frank Sowman, 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 opportunity for meetings of this nature are greatly appreciated and the Association thanks all involved for the approach taken. The full committee also availed of a separate opportunity to discuss such matters with Mr Duffy on the 15th March 2004.

Parent-teacher meetings for Forms 1, 2 and 5 were again held with the support of the Association. These meetings demand a considerable level of time and commitment from all those involved and this year I as President wish to thank everyone but in particular Deirdre Lyder and Caroline Canton for their time and effort on behalf of the Association. In an effort to streamline these meetings the Association is currently in the process of purchasing a new computer program which it is hoped, for the future, will improve the efficiency of the organisation of this important event in the calendar of the school.

April 26th was the chosen date for the now annual Mock Interview event for 5th year students. The interviews, which are aimed at giving the students a realistic experience of participation in job/course interviews, involved one hundred and twelvestudents and fifty-six interviewers, an overall increase on the numbers in 2003. The event proved to be a very positive experience for all involved. A special word of thanks must go out to all parents, past pupils and friends of the school who gave of their time for the benefit of the students.

The committee, represented by Roger Keller, helped parents of 6th form to organise a party following the students' graduation in the school on the 26th May. After the event in the school a party, including food and a disco, for the one hundred and twenty students, was held in Merrion Cricket Club.

The annual Staff-Parent cricket match was held on the 17th May. Eric Rankin managed and Mark Duffy captained the Parents' Team with the



Above: Richell Duggan, Parents' Association President.

Teachers' Team managed and directed by Richard McMullen. On a beautiful sunny evening, which added enormously to the atmosphere, the parents ran out victors. A most enjoyable evening was had by all, the supper and deserts organised by Valerie Duffy and members of the committee provided the sustenance for the gallant efforts displayed by both teams.

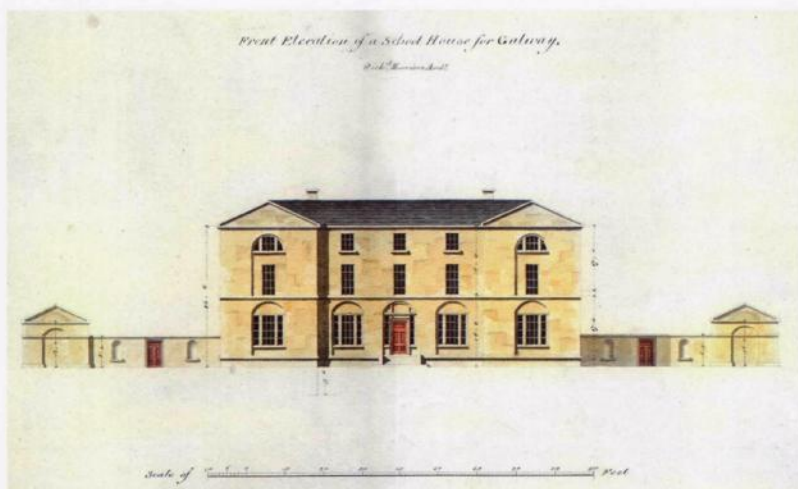
The Association was delighted to have been able to provide funding for Junior and Senior level students to attend Leinster's inter provincial matches.

Finally, at the end of another year, I would like to thank on behalf of all parents in the school, all the members of the committee for their time and effort, throughout the year.

Richell Duggan
President

Archives

of the Erasmus Smith Trust



Above: Portrait of Erasmus Smith, School of Lely, mezzotint, courtesy National Gallery of Ireland.

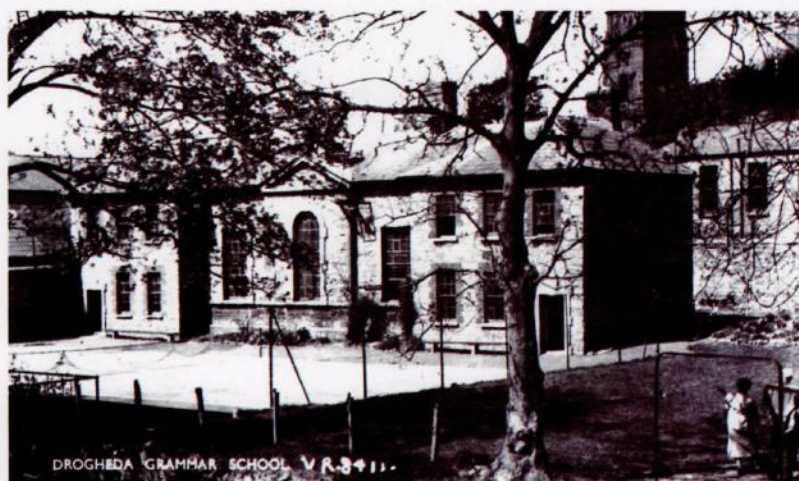


The Grammar Schools founded by Erasmus Smith Esq.

Top left: Galway Grammar School (1715-1958), designs by Richard Morrison (1807). This building is currently being renovated to be used as private offices.

Centre: Tipperary Grammar School - The Abbey School (1760-1922), this building was burnt down in 1939 and the school was rebuilt on the same grounds under different governance. Photo courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.

Lower left: Drogheda Grammar School (1680-1938), this building was demolished after the school had moved elsewhere in the town. Photo courtesy of the National Library of Ireland.



Below: Ennis Grammar School (1776-1891), the school has had several uses but is once again a school, housing Ennis Community College.



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Ronnie Wallace describes his forthcoming book on the history of the High School and Erasmus Smith Trust:

This is the first full study of the history of the Erasmus Smith Trust. The Trust was established in the seventeenth century by Erasmus Smith, a London merchant who had acquired a very large estate in Ireland during the Cromwellian Plantation, part of which he gave to support schools in Ireland. A Royal

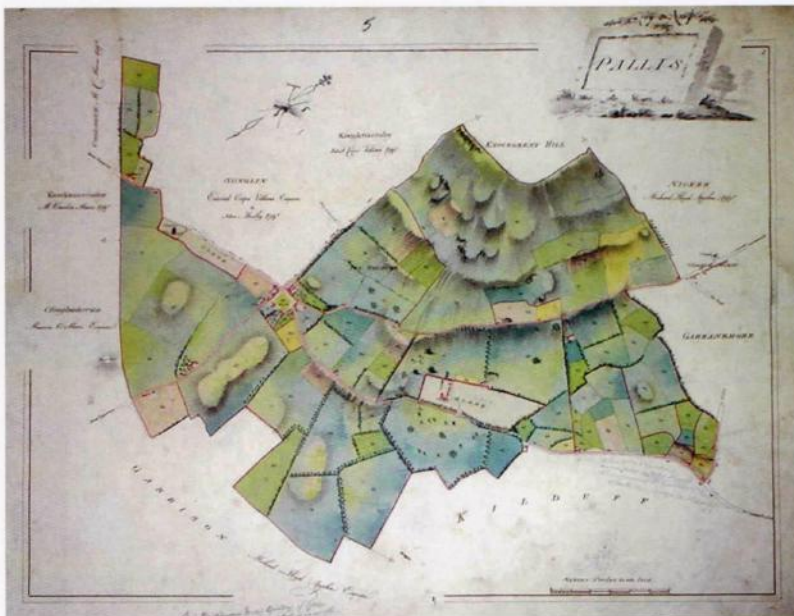
Charter was issued in 1669. It provided for the setting up of three Grammar Schools: at Tipperary, Drogheda and Galway. Later, a fourth was founded at Ennis and in the nineteenth century the Trust supported over two hundred primary schools spread over most of Ireland. In addition, the Trust was a generous benefactor of Trinity College, Dublin and the Blue Coat School (King's Hospital). The history of the Trust casts a fascinating light on the history of the Protestant community in Ireland over a period of three hundred years. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries its history was controversial, as the Protestant control of its resources was challenged, culminating in a legal action by which that challenge was partially successful.

political circumstances in which it operated and their effect on its development. Some of the characters who enlivened its story, including W. B. Yeats as a schoolboy, are described. The book ends with the amalgamation with the Diocesan School for Girls.

Ronnie Wallace taught History and English at The High School until his retirement in 1996.

Above: The Clockroom interior at the former Harcourt premises, ca. 1920.

Left: From a bound volume of maps titled 'Survey of the Lands of Pallis in the barony of Coonagh and the county of Limerick', by Sherrard's Brassington and Greene, 1818.



The High School was the last of the schools to be founded and is today the only school run by the Trust. This book traces in detail the first hundred years of the School, examining the changing social and

Latin School of Chicago

Visit of the and US Ambassador

We were pleased to welcome approximately one hundred and twenty visitors from the Latin School of Chicago in March. The band and chorus of the school was on a short tour of four Irish schools. They performed a range of mainly modern American classics to a packed Reynolds Hall. Gifts to mark the visit were exchanged between the schools at the end of a wonderful performance under the direction of Mike Teolis and Matt Dix, band and chorus masters respectively. (The fringe festival music and rap by students from both sides of the Atlantic was also hugely enjoyed!)

The Ambassador of the United States of America to Ireland, Mr James Kenny, honoured us with a visit on the same occasion so that he could hear the visitors who are from his home town. The Ambassador mixed freely with the staff and students of both schools.



Above: John McDermott (Head Boy),
Ambassador Mr James Kenny,
Gia Teolis (Band President),
Orla Walsh (Head Girl)
Other images of the various sections of
of the band and part of the fifty strong
chorus.



Summer music concert

A wonderful concert took place on Tuesday 11 May at 7.30 p.m. in the Music Centre concert room. The room was packed to capacity and the audience was delighted to hear excellent performances from the orchestra and all of the soloists.

Those pictured below played "Theme from Sheherezade by Rimsky-Korsakov" (Eoin Silke), Variations on a theme of Paganini by Lloyd Webber (Sean O'Connor), Rondo from Clarinet Concerto by Weber (Macdara O'Seireadain), Sicilienne by Faive (Jonathan Browne), Hungarian Dance by Noll (Aisling Bridgeman).



Clockwise from above: the HSD Orchestra; Jonathan Browne; Aisling Bridgeman; Alexandra Taylor; Macdara O Seireadain; and Eoin Silke.



ECDL@IT

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The school has included the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) on its Transition Year and Form 5 syllabi for the last two years. The ECDL is a moderated examination standard that is internationally recognised by employers as proof of competence in using computers and computer applications.

The ECDL is divided into seven modules, each specialising in a particular area or application. The seven modules are Basic Information Technology, Windows Operating System, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Presentations and Internet.

The school network had to pass tough tests to enable the school to become an official testing centre. Several staff had to become certified testers as part of the requirements. The school has four qualified testers: Mr R. Davies, Mr M. Hilliard, Ms M. Hearne and Ms V. Humphreys.

The school decided this year to use an online system for testing and accessing the ECDL. The company employed to provide this service is Enlight Test-Station, www.enlight.net. The students work from customised worksheets and then progress on to a sample or diagnostic test on the online system. This provides instant feedback on the student's strengths and weaknesses so that they can further prepare for the "real" certification test. Students also get experience at taking tests on a computer a method that is sure to become more prevalent in the future.

ECDL is taught to students during two modules in the Transition Year and in the "5V" option in Fifth Year. Ms Hearne has also taught ECDL during the computer club on Tuesday afternoons. Ms Humphreys will be integrating ECDL into the learning support programme in the senior cycle.

This year the students passed 310 modules. Twelve fifth-year students completed all seven modules during the 5V option. Four fourth-year students completed the seven modules. The fourth-year students will have worked extremely efficiently and attended the computer club with Ms Hearne as part of the President's Award programme to complete the demanding course.

The ECDL is a tough assignment for students and all passes are an achievement of which to be proud. It is a valuable qualification and worth pursuing.

Mr R. Davies

Below left: The Thin Clients Computer Room.

*Below: ECDL Graduates 2003
Back Row: Robert Wynne, Ryno Zwarts, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Ben Senior. Front Row: David Mitchell, Joanna Corbett, Alan Ellman, Stephen Mahon, Max McLaughlin-Callan.*



ECDL Graduates 2004:

Steven Rourke
Tariq Mesallati
Brett Lawless
Ruth Borland
Samantha Meredith
Zoe McNair
Nicolas Gordon
Glenn Sheridan
Joe Silke
Hugh Nowlan
Neil Barrett
Timothy Harris
Karl Browne
Robert Bradish
Laura Houston
Melanie Whelan

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Athletics - Girls
Sharon Johnson

Basketball - Girls
Ashling Hughes

Cricket - Boys
Steven Walsh

Cricket - Girls
Suzanne Cairns

Hockey - Boys
Davy Holmes

Hockey - Girls
Rachel McSharry

Rugby
Matthew D'Arcy

Tennis - Boys
Sam Quinn

Tennis - Girls
Isabel Baker

Athletics

All Ireland Athletic Success

The High School achieved two memorable successes at this year's All Ireland Athletics Championship. Firstly the Girls Under 15 relay team ran a brilliant race to secure a silver medal. The team was Leah Moore, Evanna Mills, Valerie Sexton and Ciara Butler. Secondly on an individual basis Leah Moore won a bronze medal in the final of the 100 metres. We would like to congratulate the girls and particularly their coaches, Mr P. Irwin, Mr J. Toomey and Mrs S. Hutchinson-Edger, on their marvellous achievement.



Above: The winning team - Leah Moore, Evanna Mills, Mr. P. Irwin, Valerie Sexton and Ciara Butler.

Above right: The girls on the podium.

*Right: CROSS COUNTRY Girls Seniors
Back Row: Nadine Grunitz, Rebecca Murray, Una Ní Eigearthaigh. Front Row: Amy Kenealy, Sharon Johnson, Holly Warren.*



Girls Athletics

This year was yet another excellent season for girls cross-country running. It was particularly good to see so many new faces at the start of the year, namely Eva Richardson-McCrea, Katie Murtagh, Candice Horton, Sorcha Williams, Aislinn Coughlan.

These made up the Minor Team, which participated in the Interschool's League and Dublin championships finishing very well.

At Junior Level and Intermediate level, Una Ní Eigearthaigh, Evanna Mills, Amy Hughes, Ciara Butler and Christine Rorke ran consistently in all their races in both the Leinster League and Dublin championships.

The Senior Leinster League was decided over three races and we were delighted to win the bronze medal. There were some great performances by Grace Nelson, Holly Warren, Nadine Grunitz, Una Ní Eigearthaigh, Kellie O'Flynn, Rebecca Murray and Sharon Johnson. Perhaps the most important finish of all was by Grace

Nelson in the Phoenix Park when she ran the race of her life. I was fortunate to win the silver individual medal in the Leinster Schools League.

The Dublin Championships were held in Blackrock College in terrible weather. It was almost impossible to keep your feet and a large number dropped out as a result. The High School Senior Team which was made up of Nadine, Holly, Kelly, Rebecca and myself just missed out on the medals coming 4th. Luckily I qualified in 5th position for the Leinster Championships.

On behalf of the girls I would like to thank Mr Irwin, Mrs Hutchinson-Edgar and Tommy for driving the bus. I've enjoyed myself a lot over the past six years running for the school, thanks to everyone who has made it possible.

Finally, well done to the boys Senior Cross-Country Team for winning the bronze medal in the Dublin Championships.

Sharon Johnson

Cross Country Report

The cross-country team this year consisted of John McDermott, Mark Lew, Neil O'Connor, Evan McAuley, Brendan Phelan, Al Grogan and Owen Wardell. Success was not the aim, but enjoyment was!

We started in St Columba's, and even got as far as the dizzy heights of DCU, in the Leinster finals. On the way we ran at the airport, twice in Blackrock, Phoenix Park and in St Columba's again in the 4x1000m relays.

In the league we kept to the pattern of recent years, we finished fourth, but not without surprising success. We finished first in the Blackrock meeting. In fact we had a 3rd, 4th, 5th finish (Mark, Neil, John respectively) while Al finished closely to confirm us all in the top ten! Unfortunately without Owen and Brendan until the last race, we never realised our full potential and we secured the ever-evil fourth place in the league.

A novelty race arose in the 4x1000m relays. My mum dropped the team up to Columba's. We didn't do that well, but on the plus side we collected our t-shirts for competing in the League. So all that was left were the East Leinsters. We didn't expect much, but nevertheless I tried to encourage my team,

2004

believing we might actually qualify. The East Leinsters took place in the hated Blackrock course, but with our recent victory there, we were confident. In fact we finished second and qualified for the Leinsters; the first time the senior school team has done so in eight years.

At DCU, we joined the "elite" of Jamie Ryan and Sharon Johnson, the actual athletes who both had qualified. We came, we saw and we were conquered. Regardless of this we deserved our silver medals and our meal in Eddie Rockets. Thanks to Mr Irwin who treated us.

That was it! Our cross-country days in High School had come to an end. The pleasure of ending the gruelling training sessions will definitely be met with the great memories no doubt, and I am sure we will miss it all. I personally have enjoyed cross-country running for the six years I have been here, and I would like to thank Mr Toomey especially for the amount of encouragement he has given me. He is a great teacher and coach of running and I suppose he's not a bad runner either. I would also like to thank Mr Irwin for his constant support and guidance too and Tommy for the lifts. Good luck to next year's team and good luck to all the young and keen runners.

John McDermott



*CROSS-COUNTRY Boys Senior Team
Back Row: Evan McAuley, Mark Lew, John McDermott.
Front Row: Graham Johnson, Owen Wardell, Brendan Phelan,
Neil O'Connor.*

*CROSS COUNTRY Girls Juniors
Back Row: Valerie Sexton, Christine Rorke, Evanna Mills.
Front Row: Amy Hughes, Leah Moore, Ciara Butler.*



Badminton

Senior Badminton

Senior Badminton this year turned out to be a great success. It was mostly fourth years who joined as we took it up for the President's Award but ended up enjoying it so much that we kept it up for longer. We didn't compete with the other schools but had a lot of fun playing against each other in our own

singles league. A big thanks to Ms K. Hennessy and Ms D. Thorpe, for all their time and effort.

Grace Cummins

BADMINTON

Senior Girls

*Ms K. Hennessy,
Jennifer Weekes,
Suzanne Burke,
Grace Cummins.*



BADMINTON Boys Juniors

*Back Row: Toby Lyons, Rowan Stokes.
Front Row: Mark Cabena, Nick Fitzpatrick,
Ms K. Hennessy.*

BADMINTON

Boys Minors

*Back Row: Adam
Higgs, Thomas
Burke.*

Front Row:

*Graham Young,
Euan Mackay,
Richard Jones,
Ms K. Hennessy.*



Senior Boys

There was a good turn out for the senior badminton this year, mostly consisting of fourth years who were doing the President's award. We held tournaments for both girls and boys with Peter Jackson winning the boys tournament. All of us would like to thank Ms K. Hennessy and Ms D. Thorpe for their time and effort.

BADMINTON

Senior Boys

*Back Row: Rowan
Stokes, Edward
Flaherty, Dylan
Murphy, Peter
Jackson.*

*Front Row: Ms K.
Hennessy, Robert
Nason, Karl
Browne, Ciaran
Brennan.*

Karl Browne, 4W



Basketball

U-14 All-Ireland Champs

This season kicked off to a great start considering it was the teams first time playing together. Our confidence was boosted from the beginning with victories over St Mary's, Drimnagh and wins in other 'friendly' matches but received a little knock when we lost against Artane 37-26.

Heads held high, we progressed to the Dublin semi-final, determined to win. We played St Killian's and won by 6 points! Following this we once again played Artane, this time winning however to become the Dublin champions!! We were then promoted to the 'B' League but our season wasn't over...

We now had to play a round-robin tournament to proceed to the All Irelands. After a couple of week's hard training we travelled to Roscommon to play. Our first match was against Aquinas, Belfast, which we won by 7 points. Our next match was against St Marys, Galway. We got off to a bad start but made a great comeback in the second half. We then faced the home team, St Nathys, in the semi-final of the All Ireland Championship.

They were accompanied by a large group of supporters who weren't too pleased when we beat them by 4 points, thereby taking us

through to the All-Ireland Final! We then had some intense training and a warm up match against the third years of St Mary's, Rathmines. We beat them 46-17.

Finally the time had come for our final match of the season, the All Ireland Final against Knockbeg, Co. Carlow in the National Basketball Arena. We won 23-21 with 15 points being scored by Conor James alone!

And so, on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr R. Walker, the supporters who attended the final and most importantly our coach, Mr J. Boylan.

Andy Stevenson

BASKETBALL Boys Under 14's

Back Row: David Whyte, Coilin O'Connell, Daniel James, Bruce Misstear.
Front Row: Jack Kelly, Brian Traynor, Andrew Stevenson, Conor James, Gareth Austen.



Senior Boys on the Rebound!



Above: BASKETBALL Senior Boys
Back Row: Drew Dover, John McDermott, Daniel Murphy, Patrick Mullan, Stephen Power.
Front Row: Elliott Leavy, Conal O'Meara, Chris Lawson, Adam Brennan, Rory Bannigan.

This season was our best yet. Our coach, swifty turned us into slam dunkin' men.

The defence could never see Cónal's brute force and dunking abilities coming. Cónal caused more injuries to the other teams than the rest of us combined. Stephen "collagen" Powers was voted the greatest point guard in the South Dublin District, which would have made him smile if the surgery hadn't been botched.

Rory Bannigan, because of his hard fighting and hard playing has been offered a full sports scholarship to Big State University, New York. Drew and Dan Murphy gave a powerful combination on the wings, earning the title "The Savage Marriage".

Daddy may be the smallest on the team, and spent most of the season on the bench, but he kept our seats at a cool 32°C, and there were towels and water when needed. So thanks Tiny... no, thank you.

Chris Lawson was the glue that held our team together; not that horrible messy glue that comes off onto your hands, but that cool glue that comes in a sexy cylindrical form. He offered support and career advice to all of us in need.

Elliott showed us that a man, who doesn't train, doesn't workout and doesn't eat properly, could still hold his own out on the court. He used to get us in a good mood by fitting through a snooker table triangle

before every game.

I was statistically the best jump shot in the greater Dublin area, but missed a free throw in the last minute of our final game causing us to lose our place in the playoffs. Now my friends won't talk to me, and I'm attending more night time coping classes than Edward Norton in Fight Club.

Adam Brennan
Captain



BASKETBALL Girls Second Years

Back Row: Emma Tallon, Tanya Allison, Olwen Reina, Fiona Collins, Claire Guy, Christine Rorke, Mrs K. Kavanagh.
Front Row: Anita Murphy, Norah Mooney, Ruth Murphy, Alison Walsh, Pauline Carney.

Minor Girls End Strong

We began this year with a friendly match against Presentation College. Unfortunately we lost as we didn't have our whole team and the other team were very good. Our next match was a league match against Our Lady's Grove, which we won 32-18.

We also won our next league match, which was against Holy Child, Stillorgan 27-17. This was followed by a narrow defeat against St Andrews by 1 point on the buzzer. We lost our next match against Woodlands Academy, however we ended in style, winning our last match against Cabinteely Community School. On behalf of the team we would like to thank our coach, Mrs K. Kavanagh, for all her hard work and dedication throughout the season.

Katie Murtagh
and Candace Horton

Below: BASKETBALL

Girls Seniors

Back Row: Mrs K. Kavanagh, Anna McCormick, Kathryn Barry, Rebecca Murray, Julie Kavanagh, Mandy Lowe, Louise Duggan.
Front Row: Ruth Roseingrave, Beth Kelly, Ashling Hughes, Una Ni Eigearthaigh, Holly Warren.



BASKETBALL Girls First Years

Back Row: Mrs K. Kavanagh, Joan Somers Donnelly, Saoirse Horgan, Candace Horton, Aislinn Coughlan, Hilary Cole-Pidgeon, Lucy Bennett, Alison Walker.
Front Row: Emily Kinlan, Sophie Madigan, Katie Murtagh, Alison Meeke, Lydia Cosgrove.



Senior Girls

I'd like to say well done to the senior girls team, as they played very hard this season. I would also like to thank Mrs K. Kavanagh for all her

training and dedication throughout the year.

On behalf of all the team I'd like to wish the best of luck to all those leaving the team this year.

Ashling Hughes

Cadettes Move Up to C League Which Gives an Extra Challenge

A team

It was our first year in the C league, after winning the D league last year, so we knew we would be up against it from the start. Our training began early in the year and we were all determined to do our best.

Our matches began almost straight away. We got off to a great start by beating Stanhope St and St John of God convincingly. Unfortunately we lost to St Finian's closely, ruining our

league chances. However we finished on a good note by beating Balbriggan. All was not over because we had our cup match to look forward to.

The cup involves not only Dublin teams, but the whole of Ireland and we were very disappointed to be drawn against Merville, last years cup winners. It was our home match, so we chose to play it in the Arena. We were winning for the first half



BASKETBALL Girls Cadet A's

Back Row: Mrs K. Kavanagh, Kathryn Barry, Caitriona Ryan, Niamh Holohan, Una Ní Eigeartaigh.

Front Row: Janine Levine, Beth Kelly, Holly Warren, Julie Kavanagh, Jenny Murphy.

and then it was equal at the end of the third quarter. We only lost by 3 points at the finish.

Thanks to Mrs K. Kavanagh for all her

hard work. I am quite sure all her hard work paid off and we improved enormously as a team this year.

BASKETBALL Girls Cadets B's

Back Row: Mrs. K. Kavanagh, Katie McCann, Claire Fergus, Niamh Sleator, Beth Kelly, Janine Levine.

Front Row: Alison May, Tamryn Reinecke, Katie-Jane Barry, Elizabeth Surgeon, Nicola Cantan.



B team

The Cadette B team had a good team this year. We fought well with the teams we played although we got knocked out of the league in the end. We tried hard and had some help from Beth Kelly and Janine Levine from the Cadette A on a few occasions. We had some fun and laughs through the defeats and would like

to thank Mrs K. Kavanagh for sticking with us and coaching us. Hopefully we'll get further next year.

Kathryn Barry

Canoeing

Kayaking



Every Wednesday afternoon, until Christmas and then after St Patrick's Day until the end of the year, a group of eight students braved the elements to go canoeing in the river Dodder as part of the Presidents Award 2004.

We started with the basics of going in a straight line and then turning and then worked our way to learning how to capsize. All this work was in preparation for the Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award. I am glad to say that all eight of us passed the test which took place in the middle of May. I would like to thank Mr Swan for teaching us every Wednesday and to Miss Toolan for helping us in the water while we were practicing capsizing.

Ciarán O'Callaghan
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Above: Happy Canoeists on the Dodder.

Below: Amy Jones happy with her paddle.



2002-2003

The following received their Level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award for 2002/2003

Philip Duffy
Ross Johnson
Gregor McGuckin
Tariq Mesallati
Craig Rankin
Liam Reidy
Glenn Sheridan
Jonny Somerville
Steven Walsh
Jeff Warren

High School Canoeing Cups 2002/2003

Junior Liffey Cup:
Jonny Somerville

Broad Cup (Form 1):
Brian Traynor

Canoeist of the year award:
Gregor McGuckin

2003-2004

The following received their level 2 Kayak Proficiency Award for 2003/2004

Andrew Cobban
Rob Hunt
Paul Jones
John Kirkpatrick
Jake O'Brien
Ciaran O'Callaghan
Jordan Ralph
Daragh Walsh

High School Canoeing Cups 2003/2004

Junior Liffey Cup:
Ciaran O'Callaghan

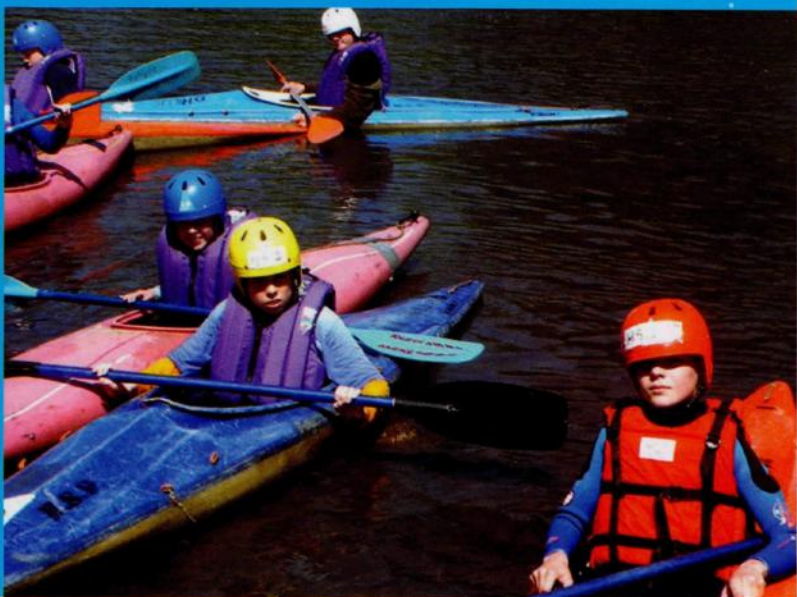
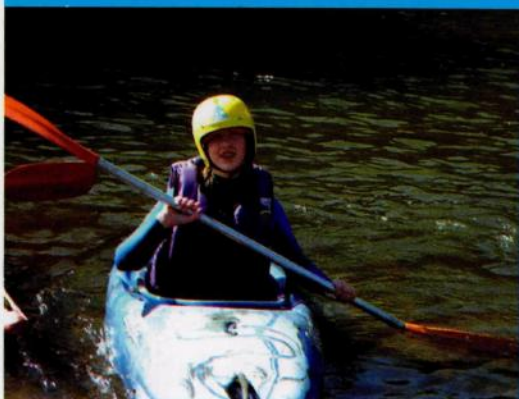
Broad Cup (Form 1):
Tom Burke

Canoeist of the year award:
Jordan Ralph

Top right: Friends F"oar" Ever!

Above: Clare Cryan.

Right: Traffic Jam.



Cricket

1st XI Boys

The 1st XI had a very successful season this year after the poor performance of last year. Our first match was a joint trip with Sandford Park up to play Coleraine Institute. We played them twice on the two days we were up there. On the first day we bowled them out for a small total and reached it quite quickly. On the second day we batted first and set a good score. However, it was a timed match and they managed to bat out their overs and the match ended in a draw.

Next it was onto the Senior Cup. We drew St Andrew's, St Mary's and Skerries CS in our group. First up was St Andrew's away. We batted first and set a great target of 218 thanks to good batting performances from Ross Johnson (45) and Niall McDarby (61). They never troubled our score, reaching just 130.

Our next match was against St Mary's. We bowled first and dispatched them for just 61 with a brilliant bowling performance from Philip Duffy getting two hat trick balls but fortunately not converting either of them. We reached the total with few problems.

After that we had a break from the cup and played the annual Old Boys match. They posted a large 198 due to poor bowling and fielding. We fell 20 runs short in our chase with a good knock from Alan "Biff" Thompson.

Next it was Skerries CS in the league with the winner getting a place in the final. We batted first and started very badly at 8 for 3 at one stage. We were saved by a great partnership of 130 between William "Dinger" Mitchell (51) and Steven Walsh (83). We managed to post a total of 180. Our



bowling and fielding was good and we kept them to 127.

Before the final, we had a return match with Coleraine Institute. We bowled excellently and got them all out for 107. We batted very badly and won only because of a fantastic last wicket stand of 35 from Philip Duffy (27) and Ian Jackson (5).

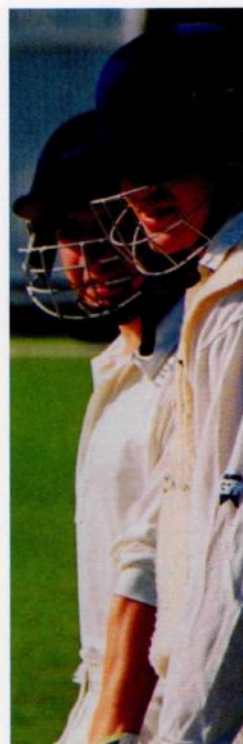
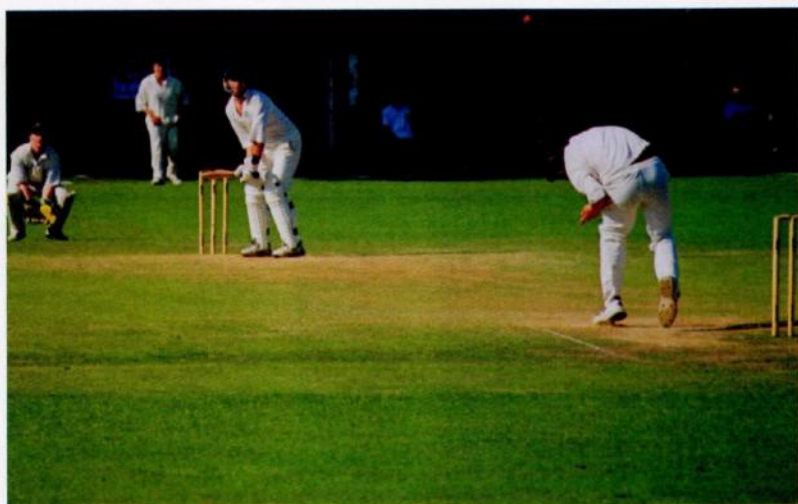
Our final was

CRICKET Boys Senior Eleven
Back Row: Ian Jackson, Glenn Sheridan, Alan Loane, Alan Thompson, William Mitchell, Simon Coyne, Benn Satchwell.
Front Row: Mr R. Walker, Niall McDarby, Steven Walsh, Ross Johnson, Philip Duffy, Jonny Somerville.

next. We came up against CUS, the defending champions. We lost the toss and bowled first. They finished on 247 with one of their players scoring a huge 133. Alan Loane's amazing strategic bowling finally removed him. Niall McDarby also took 5. We batted without belief or patience and were dismissed for 89.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr R. Walker for the effort he put into the team throughout the year.

Steven Walsh
Captain



JCT

We had a good start to the season with an encouraging win against St Mary's, with a good bowling display from the much improved Tom Meredith.

Our next match was against the feared Old Belvedere and although we lost it gave us great encouragement for our next match against Wesley. The Wesley match was a very close game, with great first time batting performances from both Colin Keegan and Jonathan Sargeant. Unfortunately we lost all of our wickets for 154 runs, falling just 18 runs short of a match winning total.

Up next were the cup winners, CUS. After only two overs, YMCA bowler Rowan Stokes, bowled out their opening batsmen which was a huge boost for us. After a long match we failed to come up with the runs to win, but there was a great performance from the ball smashing, four hitting Max Lane.

All in all it was a good, fun season and the whole team would like to thank Mr McMullen for coaching and managing us throughout the season and also for supplying lifts for everyone.

Alan Cairns



CRICKET Boys JCT

Back Row: Jonathan Sargeant, Luke Mulligan, Robbie Bannister, David Wilson, Max Lane, David Lusby, Kier Johnson.

Front Row: Killian Rogan, Rowan Stokes, Patrick O'Connor, Alan Cairns, Tom Meredith, Andrew Gray, Mr D. McMullen.



CRICKET Boys Under 14

Back Row: Andrew Stevenson, Colin Sheridan, Mark Collins, Darragh Keller, David Kenny, Mark Mesbur, Brian Traynor, Richard Jones.

Front Row: Rowan Stokes, Darragh Sweetnam, David Meade, Andrew Gray, Ronan Fox, Sean Tevlin, Mr R. Davies



CRICKET Boys Under 13

Back Row: Sean Keating, Patrick Butler, Shane Webb, Colin Ledwith, Miles Campbell, Ciaran Collins, Mr. B. Quinn.

Front Row: Saurin Kenny, Paul O'Kelly, Niall Noonan, Graham Mills, Joshua Burdon.

U14

The U14s began this season with a tough battle against King's Hospital, although great efforts were made, we lost to a very strong side.

Our second match was against St Andrew's. Our hearts were not in this one and the result mirrored our efforts. Next we played Skerries. They bowled and fielded very well which left them with an easy total to beat.

Our fourth match was against St Columba's. We batted well, especially Colin Sheridan who was our top scorer on the day. We also displayed some great fielding skills but were unlucky and lost. Our last match was against Gonzaga. We were determined to finish the season on a high note. We batted very well, especially Richard Jones and Andrew Stevenson who were an excellent partnership. It finished as a draw, thanks to some brilliant bowling, with Rowan Stokes getting five wickets.

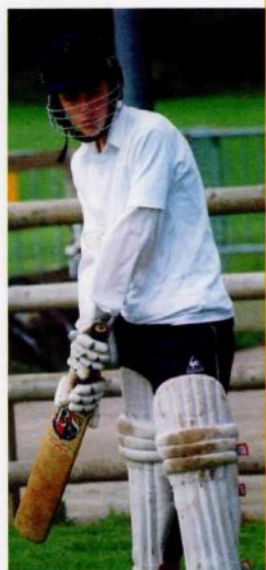
We really enjoyed the season and would like to thank Mr Davies for coaching us, Mr McMullen for organising the administration, the grounds-keeper and Mrs Gourley for catering.

Andrew Gray

U13

The cricket team played three matches that we all enjoyed. We were very happy with our performances considering that only three of us had played cricket before. Our first match was against a very experienced CUS team. We lost this match but we weren't disappointed because we knew CUS were a very talented side. Our second match was against Belvedere in the cup and although we put up a spirited display they were too strong for us in the end. Our third and final match was against Headford. We did very well but they came out strong winners in the end of a very enjoyable match. On behalf of the team and myself, I would like to thank Mr B. Quinn for his guidance and coaching throughout the season.

Niall Noonan
Captain



Girls XI

This short season began with our first league match against Alexandra College in High School. We fielded first and kept the total down to 64 for 5 with bowling from Amy Kenealy, Rebecca Rolfe, Nikki Daly and Lucy Whittaker. Unfortunately our batting was not up to scratch and they got us all out with six runs in it. Our next league match was against King's Hospital, for everyone playing this was an unforgettable match. We got them all out with wickets from Rebecca Rolfe and Amy Kenealy and some fabulous team run outs. From this we qualified for the semi-finals against Wesley, we knew it was going to be a tough match but we went out in positive spirits, however without success.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Diane Lowe's father, the ex-captain of the senior team, who took victory of the cup in 1989. From all the sixth years, the best of luck and a big thank you to Mrs G. Mellon.

Rebecca Rolfe
Captain

Great Season for Girls Cricket XI with Wins all the Way Till the Final



CRICKET Girls First Eleven

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Jennifer Kearns, Lucy Whitaker, Catherine Alexander, Christine Boyle, Holly Warren.

Front Row: Megan Leonard-Kane, Nicola Daly, Rebecca Rolfe, Amy Kenealy, Miriam McSharry.



CRICKET Girls Second Eleven

Back Row: Tamryn Reinecke, Gemma McRann, Miriam McSharry, Kathryn Barry, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Freda O'Donnell, Catherine Alexander, Claudine Murphy, Sarah Lodola, Ciara O'Toole.

Odd Start to the Season for Girls Seconds 2nd XI

We started off the season with a match where the other team didn't turn up! Our next match was against Wesley. We had a close match with Katie Jane bowling four wickets and a great catch from Nicky. We lost by ten runs but we all enjoyed eating the burgers and sausages from the barbeque that was happening beside the cricket pitch!

Our last match was against Wilson's Hospital and was again a close match. Nicky Gregory was the star of the batting getting us 40 runs! But when Wilson's batted they took a lot more risks and beat us in the second last over.

We all had fun this year even though we didn't have much success. A big thank you to Mrs G. Mellon, we really appreciate all her help and effort!

Claudine Murphy
Captain

Many Wins for Under 15s during Season U15

Our season started well with a friendly win against King's Hospital, which was followed, by the start of the league! We won our first match against Mt Anville with brilliant batting by Caoimhe McDonnell who stayed in, for the whole inning. This victory was followed by two more wins against St Andrew's and Santa Sabina, due to wonderful team performances. Our last league match was against Alex which unfortunately we lost. Although we didn't get through to the semi-finals we really enjoyed the season.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coaches Mrs Mellon and Mr Fitzpatrick. And finally thanks to the team who all played brilliantly!

Christine Rorke
Captain



CRICKET Girl's Under 15
Back Row: Valerie Sexton, Tamryn Reinecke, Gemma McRann, Nicola Burns, Caoimhe McDonnell, Mrs G. Mellon.
Front Row: Ellen O'Cleirigh, Jade Breen, Sian Cooley, Christine Rorke, Evanna Mills, Laura Cooley, Ruth Senior.



CRICKET Girl's First Years
Back Row: Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Tessa Meade, Aoife McGovern, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Charlotte Leonard-Kane, Candace Horton, Gillian Carr, Alison Walker, Karen Lew.
Front Row: Olwen Smith, Katie Tallon, Aoife Daly, Alison Meeke, Shona O'Toole, Phoebe Laing, Emily Kinlan.

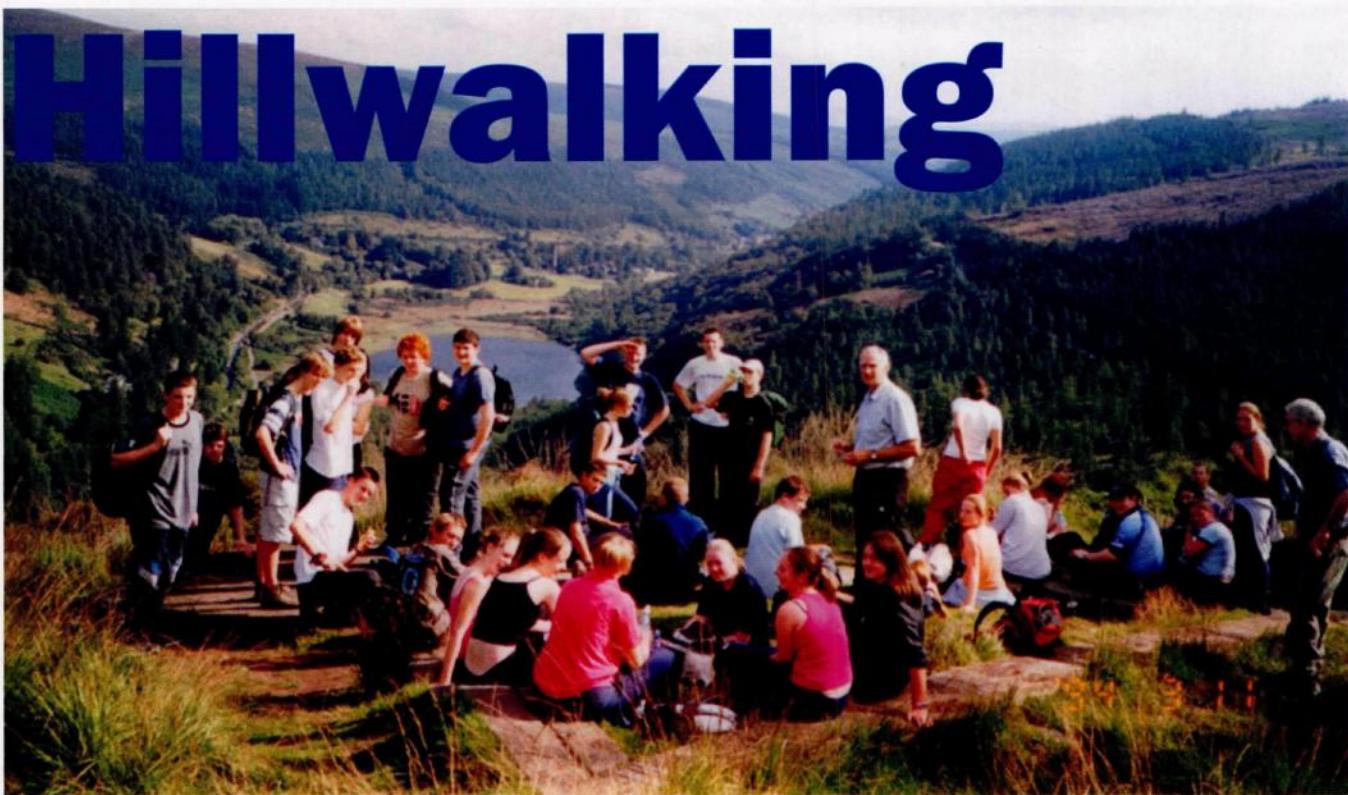
U13

This years team got off to a great start beating King's Hospital. Although we lost against Alex and Wesley, we really enjoyed the season and look forward to coming back next year stronger and more determined than ever. And so, on behalf of the team: Alison, Katie,

Tessa, Aoife, Charlotte, Karen, Candace, Phoebe, Shona, Olwen, Alison and Aoife, I would like to thank our coaches, Mr P. Fitzpatrick and Mrs G. Mellon for all their hard work and dedication.

Alison Meeke

Hillwalking



Top: The Hillwalking group at Glendalough.

Above: Rosie the dog leads the hike.

Left: Dangerous cliffs ahead.

Below left: The group takes a rest.

Below right: Rosie the dog, Mr Blackmore, Mr Swan and Mr Cryan.



Hockey

Cup Campaign Cut Short

1st XI

The 1st XI hockey team this year had a strong base of experienced senior players from previous years. When teamed with the new talent drawn from 4th year, we had a promising season ahead of us!

Retaining our star goalkeeper Gillian McMurray, our back line was strengthened by the arrival of Christine Boyle and Grace Nugent to join the ever dependable, Ciara Nugent. Due to injuries and the search for an unbreachable defence, new players were introduced during the year. Joining Anna Stewart and myself, we had fresh legs in the form of Katie Smith and Catherine Alexander.

Our already strong midfield consisting of Orla Walsh and Julie McRann (our soul 5th year) had the incredibly skillful Nikki Daly added to their line. Roz Campbell, Lyndsey Watson and Sharon Johnson, our forward trio, created and executed many an attack during the year. A strong force for any team to reckon with! We had a big squad this year with Rebecca Rolfe and Ally Lett making themselves available for the team throughout the year.

Our aim this season was to improve on the previous year. With an incredible 10 points won out of a possible 12 in the league, we beat such strong oppo-

nents as King's Hospital with a whopping 6-0 score and Alexandra College 2-0.

These excellent results qualified us for the semi finals, held in Grange Road. We were presented with our toughest match yet as we met old rivals, St Andrew's, the reigning cup winners. The match was a tentative one, with both sides unwilling to give an inch. But a strong physical Andrew's side won out in the end. While the end result was 3-1 the team was heroic, showing great skill and determination and we were very unlucky to be defeated.

Encouraged by our league performance it was full steam ahead for our 1st round cup match against Beaufort. Beaufort was a very strong side to meet in the first round and they put up a good fight. They kept our attack at bay in the 1st half and with no score at 10 minutes to go, it was real nail biting stuff! We never lost our cool and a goal was scored to seal the game and a place in the second round.

Our next match was a very unfortunate draw, as we met St Andrew's yet again. Never deterred, we were anxious to rise to the challenge and have another crack at Andrew's. Although we had an away draw we were psyched for the match. The occasion



Above: The 1st XI in cup action against St Andrew's.

seemed to get to both sides and the match was slow to start. Both teams had their chances but unfortunately for us we were not able to convert them into goals, while Andrews capitalised on our stretched defence. It was déjà vu with a final score of 3-1 to Andrews who went on to win the cup. It was a disappointing end to the year and for many of us, our High School hockey careers. But the team for next year is an exciting one and I'd like to wish them the best of luck!

We had a fantastic team this year, due to pure talent and dedication. I would like to give a huge thank you to Ms Ritchie for all her time and effort. An extra thanks to the wise and wonderful Mr Fitzpatrick who juggled his time and his other coaching responsibilities to offer his words of wisdom!

The support this year was phenomenal. I'd like to offer thanks on behalf of the team and all the parents and the pupils of the school who attended our matches, and of course to Mrs Mellon for making them possible.

A special mention must be given to our Leinster stars Lyndsey Watson and Julie McRann who were chosen for the Leinster Under 18's squad. Good luck in the future girls! And also to Orla

Walsh, my right hand woman and vice captain, another lady destined to go far!!

Sophie O'Hare
Captain

Below : 1st XI versus Beaufort in the first round of the cup.





HOCKEY Girls First XI

*Back Row: Nicola Daly, Holly Warren, Rebecca Rolfe, Katie Smith, Rosalind Campbell, Christine Boyle, Grace Nugent, Allison Lett.
Front Row: Ms C. Ritchie, Sharon Johnson, Lyndsey Watson, Orla Walsh, Sophie O'Hare, Anna Stewart, Julie McCrann, Gillian McMurray.*



HOCKEY Girls Second XI

*Back Row: Lucy Whitaker, Vicki Collins, Katie Hamilton, Alice Keogh, Mrs G. Mellon.
Front Row: Allison Lett, Jennifer Kearns, Rebecca Rolfe, Margaux Kenny, Averil Blakely, Ruth Borland.*



HOCKEY Girls 3rd & 4th XI

*Back Row: Orla Tevlin, Pamela Webster, Michelle O'Donohoe, Isabel Baker, Nadine Grunitz, Sarah O'Callaghan, Ciara O'Toole, Rachel McCoy.
Front Row: Ashling Hughes, Claudine Murphy, Niamh Carroll, Joanna Burke, Miriam McSharry, Sarah Meehan, Mrs G. Mellon.*

2nd XI Report

The season began with high spirits and great dedication from every member of the team. We trained hard from the start and were unbeaten until our final league match against Mount Anville. The true spirit of our team showed with our unbeaten streak as the season began. After the league was drawn, we were a bit down hearted, as we were drawn with the difficult oppositions of Wesley, Muckross, Loreto Foxrock and Mount Anville.

Our first league match was against Loreto Foxrock, which

ended in a scoreless draw. We then played Wesley and Muckcross in the same week, which were also scoreless draws. After these performances we were determined, especially after last year, to beat Mount Anville. Unfortunately after the injury of one of our key players, we lost 1-0. Finally, on behalf all the players, I would like to thank Mr. Fitzpatrick for all his support and encouragement throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without him. Special thanks should also be given to Mrs Mellon for the fixture arrangements.

From all the sixth years I would like to wish next years team the best of luck.

**Rebecca Rolfe
Captain**

Victory Again for Juniors

Junior A Bring Cup Back To High School

The Junior "A" team succeeded in bringing the cup back to High School for a second year in a row.

We started the year exactly how we wanted and were winning match after match. Having been drawn into quite a difficult section of the league, we were never going to let that bother us, and thought of it as getting the good teams out of our way first so it would be an easy sail through to the final to win. Our team consisted of 16 highly

skilled players who played their part to their best ability every match (well most of the time).

Starting with our goalies, Jessie Elliott, the wandering fairy kept an exceptional record through the whole year resulting in that only two goals slipped by her. On hand to help was our fiery reserve goalie Tessa Meade who certainly proved herself on the team. This young first year showed quick feet, and let no ball, or player for

that matter come anywhere near the High School goal. With some eccentric dives, Tessa always managed to get some part of her body to the ball and prevent it from going in.

The back line was where we kept our strong defence. Katie Smith was our sweeper. She played some class matches this year, with her superb tackling tactics she kept all the forwards out. She also achieved trials for Leinster and proved herself very well by being asked to represent the Leinster B's in a match against Ulster this year. Catherine Alexander was another one of our defenders, playing in the right back position she made many good tackles, and using her silky skills down the right wing, weaving in and out of players she created good chances of attack. Always one for a laugh, her jokes always kept us entertained during training sessions.

Over at left back was BIG FOOT, or Amy Kenealy.

Amy liked to use her feet more so than the hockey stick, which maybe to Amy is a natural reaction. However the times Amy did use the hockey stick, she kept a lot of forwards out by making some excellent tackles. She also created good play through the field with her consistent



Above: Sarah Lodola

striking of the ball into space causing trouble for the other teams.

Liz Stewart in the centre of the defence kept the pack together clearing it out to the left and the right and making good passing moves. She was another one for cracking the jokes especially during short corners. Karen Meade also stepped into the centre back position from time to time. Karen was a very dedicated hockey player and nothing stopped her from getting out and playing hockey even if her legs and arms were wrapped in layers of plaster, and that was proved when she arrived to training bandaged from head to toe. We didn't complain.

Moving through the field to right mid was Gemma McRann the mini me of Julie McRann, Gemma like Julie took up the right hand side of the pitch, linking up with the other midfielders. The one thing that really bugged Fitz about Gemma was why it took her an ETERNITY to strike the ball during short corners. She played well through the whole year, a good

contributor to the team.

Moving over to Holly Warren who dominated the centre mid position, also took up an important position as vice captain on the team. She was involved in short corners where sometimes she was fortunate to score. Holly also represented Leinster U16 this year and also received Irish U16 trials.

Over at left wing we had the ever so slow moving Nikki Gregory. Trying to move Nikki was like Mr Fitz trying his best to be funny (Impossible). However she had her advantages of being slow, it made it easier for her to dribble in and out of players, which she did manage to do with some clever skill. Nikki was another one of our player's fortunate to receive Leinster U16 trials.

Taking up the right wing was our machine, Megan Leonard-Kane. With her skills, her menacing pace, and the knowledge of knowing just about everything, Meg showed great determination down the right wing also using powerful striking to

3rd XI Report 4th XI

We had a great season this year. We were a mixture of 4th, 5th and 6th years. We won all of our friendly matches but we seemed to lose against most of those same teams in the league! Despite this we managed to get to the quarter final in the league. We worked really well together as a team and we had a right laugh! Thanks have to go to our many ever-changing captains and of course a huge thank you has to go to our star of a coach - Mrs Mellon! She did a great job with us and kept us going with overflowing enthusiasm!

Miriam McSharry

This year was a mixed one for the 4th XI. Although we did not get to play that many matches, we won most of them comfortably.

The only ones we lost were when we had to play some school's higher teams because not all schools have other teams to play against.

I would like to thank Mrs Mellon for organising our matches, and the team for turning up!

Sarah Meehan

cross it into the circle. She was also chosen to represent the Leinster B U16 team in a match against Ulster.

Sarah Lodola helped her on the right also. I'll be honest with you now, Sarah showed good pace down the wing turning inside players at every chance. She was another one, players often laughed at. (Not because she was funny).

Overall she contributed well to the team, having been given the job of pushing out short corners, which resulted in the vital goal she scored in the semi final against Alex.

As we move up the pitch to Niamh Houlahan our centre forward who, as our top goal scorer this season, had an exceptional year scoring from all angles of the circle. Not to fond of the old training, a small case of "trainitis" I think. Sadly a wanted poster had to be made to hunt the centre forward down. Towards the end it got better and she started turning up more frequently.

Moving on to the side line where our two amazing power puff bench warmers Leah and Ciara, who also played an important part in the squad, getting on and off the pitch to help the team.

The two came on and straight away started attacking moves from all over the pitch, showing good determination.

So we set off on our mission, THE CUP, having had a very intense training programme set out by our

coach Mr Fitz (yeah right), we were ready to start the big matches. We played all our league matches coming out top of our league and earning ourselves a bye through to the semi final against Alex, who were one of the strongest teams out there.

It was such an exciting day and we all arrived as nervous wrecks. It was about 10 or 15 minutes before the nerves got settled and we started to play hockey, rewarding in a short corner where a shot from the top by Holly Warren found Sarah Lodola who swept it into the bottom left. Nerves had definitely settled but the game wasn't over so we had to keep focused.

At half time we got a talk from Mr Fitz to keep our heads focused. We headed into the second half defending well, keeping the Alex forwards out. We were also denied some shots on goal. When the final whistle blew it was such a relief and we were delighted to have reached the final... again.

The 8th of March, now that is a day we will never forget. We arrived at Grange Road where we were going to play the final of the Junior A cup against Loreto Beaufort. With the supporters gathering on both sides of the pitch chanting and dancing, the atmosphere was mounting. We were nervous and confident. Both teams were fighting from the start, but we seemed to dominate the first half and were denied some shots on goal. Half time it was 0-0, so we



Top: The winning squad



Above: Pre-match preparation



Left: Katie Smith makes another fine clearance.

Below : Amy Kenealy (in the goals), Jessie Elliott, Katie Smith and Catherine Alexander rush to block another penalty corner.

weren't as nervous anymore although we had to keep our concentration. The second half was a very exciting half, and we were awarded a short corner 15 minutes in which I scored from, Beaufort really fought back towards the end, but our very strong defence kept them out until the final whistle, we were so happy





(some even cried) that we had taken the cup for a second year in a row.

This year was a very successful year for the Junior A's and we are delighted to have brought the cup back to High School again. I would like to say thank you to our coach Mr Fitz who coached us very well and encouraged us throughout the year, I hate to say it but we probably couldn't have done it without him.

I would also like to thank Mrs Mellon and Ms Ritchie for their support throughout the year.

Nikki Daly
Captain

Below : Nikki Daly shooting the winning goal in the Cup Final



Above: Nikki Daly

Junior B

This year the Junior B team was made up of 3rd and 4th years. We began the season well thanks to a very dedicated team. We had a great run in the league with some brilliant goals coming from the midfield and forwards not to mention the defending and goal-keeper Barbara. We were only defeated in the semi-finals by a very strong Muckcross side.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mrs Mellon and Ms Levis.

Karen Sutton



HOCKEY GIRL's JUNIOR A's

*Back Row: Mr P. Fitzpatrick, Amy Kenealy, Niamh Holohan, Ciara Butler, Elizabeth Stewart, Nicola Gregory, Sarah Lodola, Megan Leonard-Kane.
Front Row: Jessie Elliott, Leah Moore, Katie Smith, Nicola Daly, Catherine Alexander, Gemma McRann, Holly Warren.*



HOCKEY Girls Junior B's

*Back Row: MaryAnn Mesbur, Caitriona Ryan, Katie Marconi, Aicha Aboudinar, Freda O'Donnell, Julie Kavanagh, Diana Donnelly.
Front Row: Barbara Daly, Elizabeth Stewart, Jennifer Murphy, Karen Sutton, Lana Loane, Anne-Marie Jordan, Ms D. Levis.*



HOCKEY Girls Junior C

*Back Row: Claire Nelson, Lauren Turner, Kirsten McCann, Aicha Aboudinar, Ailbhe Donnellan, Aisling Burke, Chloe Stacey, Lynsay McFarland, Una Ni Eigeartaigh.
Front Row: Susan Brusey, Lorna O'Rourke, Katherine Kiernan, Laura Nelson, Anne-Marie Jordan, Jennifer Flanagan, Ms D. Levis.*

Minors Have a Strong Season

Minor A

We started off the hockey season with lots of friendly matches. They were challenging in some cases and easy in others. In the early part of the season we had to work hard to regain our fitness level after the long hot summer!

Our first league match was played at home meeting St Joseph's Cluny, which we won 5-0. Our second league match was in Celbridge playing St Wolsten's and we won 11-0. Next we went all the way to Newbridge and won 4-0. St Andrew's were a challenge and we met them on home ground. Although we dominated most of the game they held us to a 1-1 draw. St Gerard's was the decider on who we played in the quarterfinal and once again we had home advantage although we tried very hard and scored early they equalised and pushed us into a play off situation with Our Lady's Terenure.

The quarterfinal match was very close with each team getting its fair share of the ball. The score was nil-nil at full time and the game went onto extra time. Both teams had a lot of scoring chances but we were still level after the 20 minutes of extra time. The match was very physical and each team was feeling the pressure. Penalty flicks were our next option, however the coaches

conferred and decided on a replay in Terenure.

In the first half of the replay High School seemed to dominate the game with lots of goal chances. The second half was exciting and once again High School dominated but failed to score. Terenure hit a high ball into the circle, The High School umpire blew his whistle to stop the game but the ball was hit into the net and unfortunately the goal was awarded by the opposite umpire! This dampened our spirits, but we played on determined to work harder. With time running out we tried desperately to score and came close with a lot of short corners but did not succeed. The game ended 1-0 to Our Lady's Terenure. We now look forward to the new season with even more determination.

Well done to all the girls on the team who worked so hard during the season and thank you especially to our coach Mrs G. Mellon and to Mr P. Fitzpatrick for turning up for the crucial games and giving us encouragement and advice and of course to all our loyal supporters!

Leah Moore



HOCKEY Girls Minor A's

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Sarah Donnelly, Genevieve Deeley, Katie Anglim, Christine Rorke, Ciara Butler, Ruth Senior, Valerie Sexton, Alison Meeke.

Front Row: Tessa Meade, Debbie Blair, Jade Breen, Evanna Mills, Leah Moore, Laura Cooley, Olwen Smith, Sarah McDermott.



HOCKEY Girls Minor B's

Back Row: Debbie Blair, Ellen O Cleirigh, Grainne Milton, Olwen Smith, Louise Blakely, Mrs G. Mellon.

Front Row: Tessa Meade, Niamh Mitchell, Sian Cooley, Nicola Burns, Laura Cooley, Triona Connell.



HOCKEY Girls Minor C's

Back Row: Mrs G. Mellon, Amy Hughes, Joann O'Meara, Tanya Allison, Anna Earls, Susan Casey, Emma Tallon, Karina O'Connell, Grace Collins.

Front Row: Sophie Madigan, Aoife Daly, Amy Jones, Annalise Murphy, Debbie Blair, Phoebe Laing, Emily Kinlan, Olwen Smith.

Minor B

We started our season by beating King's Hospital, Alexandra College, Mt Anville, Loreto Dalkey and many more in friendly matches. Our league started after Christmas and we played King's Hospital beating them by 2-0 with the goals being scored by Amy Hughes and Sian Cooley. Mt. Temple As were our next victims who we beat 1-0 with a deflection from one of the super "goal scoring twins" Sian Cooley. Then we played against Mount Sackville. This was not our best performance and we were lucky to scrape a draw. The big match came against Wesley College. This was the one that decided whether we qualified. Although we played our best we sadly didn't come out on top. I would like to say well done to Tessa Meade who saved many goals and played brilliantly all season. Also, I would like to thank our coaches Mrs G. Mellon and Graham Woods (Woodsy). I would also like to wish everyone good luck for the upcoming season.

Nicola Burns

Above right: Intense action in the Minor C league final.

Below right: Annalise Murphy scores her penalty flick.

C's Triumph as League Winners Minor C

I am very proud, as the captain of the Minor Cs to be able to say that we won the league this year. The season started well with us coming out on top of our group. The quarter final against Alexandra College was a very tough match with the winning goal scored early in the second half by Annalise Murphy. Afterwards we had to defend very strongly against many nerve-wrecking short corners! The victory here gave the team a great boost.

Our semi-final against Loreto Dalkey was played in very wet conditions. Our first goal came in the second half, again by Annalise Murphy but shortly afterwards they equalised. It went into extra time and the winning goal came in the second half scored by Amy Hughes. We left Dalkey very pleased and very wet!

The final was played at Three Rock Rovers. We played St Raphael's Minor A Team. It was very tense with some astounding saves by our goalie Sophie Madigan. It was scoreless at full time and remained so throughout extra time. It went into penalty strokes. By this time emotions

were flying. The five chosen (Annalise Murphy, Tanya Allison, Amy Jones, Debbie Blair and Amy Hughes) were shaking. Sophie, our goalie, made brilliant saves and Annalise, Tanya and Debbie scored brilliant goals. We had won it without needing Amy Hughes' shot. It was a great conclusion to our season.



We would like to thank Mrs G. Mellon, Mr P. Fitzpatrick and Graham Woods (Woodsy) for supporting and training us throughout the season.

Annalise Murphy

*Above: Leinster Hockey Representatives
Back Row: Julie McRann, Lyndsey Watson.
Front Row: Nicola Daly, Holly Warren.*



Six-A-Side Fun for 1st Years

First Year

Unfortunately there was no league for first years this year so we began by playing a number of friendly six-a-sides against Notre Dame, Our Lady's and Wesley amongst others.

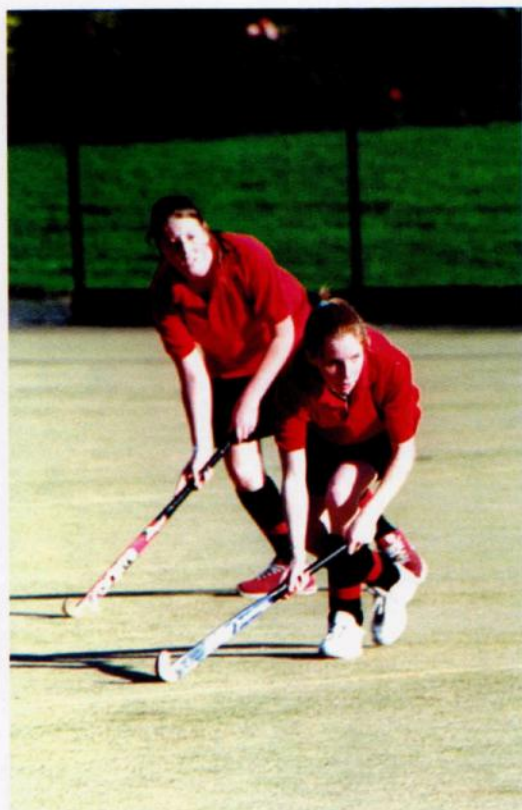
At Halloween we were split into three teams 1F, 1M and 1L - Mr Fitzpatrick's, Mrs Mellon's and Ms Levis' teams respectively. We trained on Mondays and Fridays to improve our skills and we were soon playing eleven-a-sides which was a great aid to our ability to work as a team.

At Christmas, there was a lot of switching between the

teams but in the end we had three very strong teams. We continued to play matches and we won most of them. Some of us were even lucky enough to play with the minor teams.

We would like to say thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs Mellon and Ms Levis, for being great coaches throughout the year and for organising lots of matches. We all really enjoyed the hockey season and we can't wait to get back out again next year.

Debbie Blair



HOCKEY Girl's First Year (1F)

Back Row: Grace Collins, Ayesha Carrim, Shona O'Toole, Phoebe Laing, Olwen Smith, Abigail Shanley-Thian, Tierna Brazil, Alison Meeke, Mr P. Fitzpatrick.

Front Row: Aoife Daly, Amy Jones, Katie Tallon, Tessa Meade, Emily Kinlan, Debbie Blair, Karen Lew.



HOCKEY Girls First Years (1L)

Back Row: Linda Callaghan, Sinead Smith, Helen Speller, Candace Horton, Eva Richardson McCrea, Ms D. Levis.

Front Row: Sophie Madigan, Olivia McEvansoneya, Lydia Cosgrove, Emma Satchwell, Charlotte Leonard-Kane, Lucy Bennett.



HOCKEY Girls First Year (1M)

Back Row: Zoe Regan, Alison Walker, Ruth Shannon-Doyle, Caitriona Grimes, Candace Horton, Gillian Carr, Katie Murtagh, Aoife McGovern, Laura Garland.

Front Row: Sophie Madigan, Jane O'Donohoe, Shona O'Toole, Rochelle Singleton-Barrett, Sarah Morgan, Rachel Regan, Mrs G. Mellon.

Boys Senior Cup Hockey

1st XI

For a captain to be in charge of such a talented young team as I have been for this last season is an absolute honour and I relished every moment of it. The results may not always have been kind to us even though we chose to play the more attractive and expansive game this past season.

We had a very young team this year, only four 6th years on the starting line-up. Although a young team, nearly everyone plied their hockey trade at club level somewhere in the Dublin vicinity as well. Even with our

young (but experienced) age group we were still a team who fought for everything and made life a misery for the opposition.

As keeper we had Matt Leahy who performed very well and whose performance lifted those around him. Our back four consisted of Jonny Somerville, Robbie Wynne, Peter May and myself. It didn't take long for the backs to bond and gel well, seeing that most of us played last year for the junior team in the back line and knew each other quite well. The backs made a couple of

great interchanging attacking moves with the midfield with Jonny Somerville and Robbie Wynne being the pick of the bunch.

The midfield is where notably Sean O'Connor, William Mitchell and Scott McNeill did all the "hard" work. The three of them played really well together and caused a lot of trouble for the opposition with their silky smooth skills and timed runs. Probably the unluckiest of the bunch were our forwards with about seven people playing to get three positions on the team. The three that started most of the games were Daniel King, Liam Reidy and Philip Duffy who did well this year and kept the goals going in.

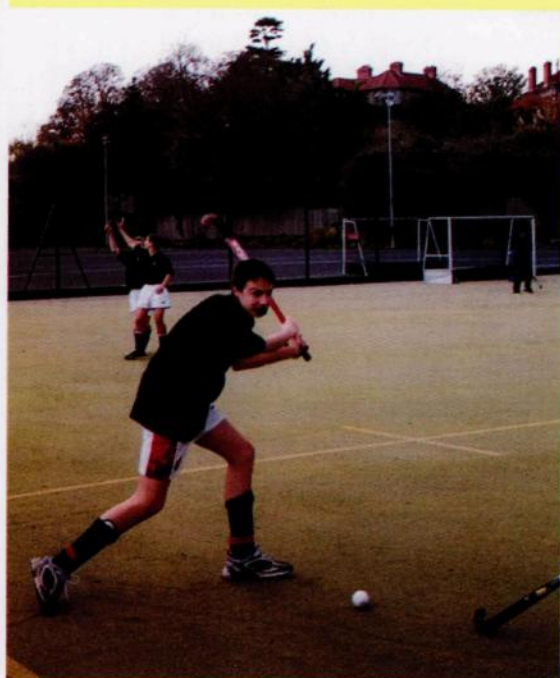
Our results were mixed and never truly reflected how well we played in every match. In the league we finished 4th (above New Park) which is a respectable finish considering our youth. In the quarterfinals of the cup we put up a great performance and dominated the game for long spells but just couldn't get a goal. We lost the game in the end 3-2 to St Killians.

I would also like to congratulate Liam Reidy who was our top scorer with 7 goals and who always kept the opposition backs on their toes. Thanks very much then to Robbie Wynne, my vice-captain who worked very hard on and off the pitch to make sure everything was going right and according to plan. This was also the year that we brought in hockey hoodies for the school teams and a new black playing jersey which will hopefully stand the test of time.

Many thanks to Mr D. Miller, whose hard work and patience during the year really paid off and helped to make this year a memorable and exciting one for all concerned. I know that sometimes the team might have been a bit hard on you and vice versa but in the end "what doesn't kill you makes you stronger" and I believe just that.

Lastly I would like to thank the team for all their hard work and dedication to make this a memorable year and one to be proud to be a part of.

Gerome Van Jaarsveld



Left:
Peter May posing.

JCT Boys Hockey Season Review

With last year's JCT reaching the semi-final of the cup it meant that we had high expectations to live up to. We kicked off the season with wins over Wesley and St Andrew's, both friendlies. We then started the league with an away victory over Kilkenny. With Shane Sargeant scoring a brilliant reverse stick shot into the back of the Kilkenny net we were able to secure a victory. We then had straightforward wins over St Gerard's and Newpark with exceptional performances from Sam Cogan and Chris Blair. Thrashing St Gerard's and Newpark by a countless number of goals really brought up the team's self-confidence.

Our next match was almost certainly the hardest match of the season, against St Andrew's. They got three early goals but we battled back with goals from Jonathan Sargeant, Karl Browne and Luke McSharry. Even though St Andrews had some high-quality players, we were still able to secure a victory.

We were drawn against King's Hospital in the cup and we all knew we had a very tough match on our hands. Some outstanding first-class hockey was shown on both sides. It was an extremely close match, but Kings Hospital got that crucial goal that took them

into the 2nd round of the cup. We were unlucky to lose that match as we were just as good as Kings Hospital.

Then came the vital league match against Wesley. We needed a draw to get into the next round. We didn't play our best hockey, and although Ben Satchwell played brilliantly in goals, Wesley was able to sneak one past us. Wesley won the match and both Wesley and St Andrews went through the league group on goal difference.

I would like to thank Gareth Davis, and also Mr D. Miller for all his absolutely fantastic coaching. The pure quality of his coaching skills is unsurpassed. He is truly an idol for us all, whom we can all learn from.

Luke McSharry

Right: Jonny Somerville in his Hockey hoodie.



HOCKEY Boys First XI

Back Row: Daniel King, Matthew Leahy, Drew Dover, Peter May, Sean O'Connor, Jonny Somerville, Scott McNeill.

Front Row: Michael Sexton, Robbie Wynne, Neil O'Connor, Gerome Van Jaarsveld, Luke McSharry, William Mitchell, David Mitchell.



HOCKEY Boys Juniors

Back Row: Michael Willoughby, Evan O'Callaghan, Larry O'Connell, Killian Rogan, Jamie O'Neill, Sam Cogan, David Lusby, Stephen Spoor.

Middle Row: Benn Satchwell, Christopher Blair, Mark Collins, Luke McSharry, Max Prendergast, Andrew Gray, Mark McNulty.

Front Row: Shane Sargeant, Jonathan Sargeant, Shane Gould, Alan Cairns.





HOCKEY Boys Under 14's

*Back Row: Graham Field, Brian Traynor, Rowan Lacey, Andrew Howell, Jack Madden, Colin Sheridan, Gordon Lai, Edmund Butler.
Front Row: Mark Mesbur, Andrew Stevenson, David Meade, Andrew Gray, Mark Collins, Sean Tevlin, Richard Jones.*



HOCKEY Boys Under 13's

*Back Row: James Barber, Paul O'Kelly, Saurin Kenny, Coilin O'Connell, Ciaran O'Callaghan, Damiano Fuscuardi, Keith Gray, Richard Whelan.
Middle Row: Ronan Hennessy, Joshua Burdon, Jonathan Walker, Niall Noonan, Jack O'Kennedy, Pat Butler, John Willoughby.
Front Row: Graham Mills, David Kavanagh.*



U14

We started our season well beating Wesley 2-0 with goals from Mark Collins and Tom Lohan. Next we played St Andrew's. We won 6-0 with David Meade scoring a hat trick. We went on to beat St Gerard's 4-2, Kings Hospital 7-1, Wesley 6-0, St. Marks 6-0 and Johnscotus 3-1. After a disappointing loss to Sutton Park in the cup, we went to Cork to play Ashton. We played great and won 2-1. Next we played Columba's. We won 7-0, which put us in the semi final of the league. We had to play Dundalk Grammar in the semi-final. They were 1-0 up and then 3-2 up. It finished 3-3 and there were no goals in extra- time, it went to penalty strokes. Unfortunately we lost on sudden death, even though Mark Mesbur made three brilliant saves. Overall it was a great season and on behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr D. Miller, Gareth Davis and Fran Lee for coaching us. Thanks especially to Mr D. Miller for organising the trip to Cork.

Andrew Gray

Left: Mark Collins, Mark Mesbur and Jack Madden.

U13

The under 13 team played lots of matches throughout the season, some of which we won. We enjoyed all of our matches and played quite well considering some of our team had never played hockey before. The most enjoyable performance was against St Columba's College, which we won by a lot of goals. We played against King's Hospital in the quarter final of the cup and won this match 12-2. This was the highlight of our season with a great performance from Joshua Burdon our goalkeeper.

The semi-final was played in Three Rock Rovers. We were up against a very strong Taney side and lost this match 3-0. We were disappointed but pleased to have got that far. Our most outstanding player during the season was our center-mid, Jonny Walker, and our leading scorer was John Kirwin. We have great hopes for next season. On behalf of the whole team I would like to thank Mr Miller, Mr Davis and Mr Lee for coaching us and giving us great encouragement and support throughout the season.

Niall Noonan

Judo

Not for the faint-hearted

Picture the scene: it's 2:45 on a Thursday afternoon and in the cafeteria students are incorporating squats, push-ups and sit-ups with running laps of the room. Is this a new form of discipline? Thankfully, no. It's actually the Transition Year Judo module warming up for their class. After warming up, our class time was spent on races, games, fights and practice for our white and yellow belt tests.

The races could involve anything from a cartwheel race, to carrying someone on your back, to moving sideways on your hands and knees. The games we played included bulldogs charge, on hands and knees, balancing games and running games. The fights gave us an insight into how the skills we were learning in judo could be used in a practical

situation. As you can see, classes were great fun, though fairly physically demanding, and maybe not a good idea for people who object to being flipped, thrown, tripped up or jumped over.

The tests were done in pairs, with the partners demonstrating the holding and throwing techniques on each other. The tests were separated into four pieces-Ukemi (falling techniques), Nage Waza (throwing techniques), Osaekomi Waza (holding techniques) and terminology. For the white belt, we had to demonstrate one of each of the three falls, throws, and hold-downs we had been practising. For the yellow belt we had to demonstrate two of each of the Ukemi, Nage Waza and Osaekomi Waza we had learnt. For both tests, terminology involved translating some words from

English to Japanese or from Japanese to English, e.g. Student = sensini, and Matte = start.

Out of the students who took the class, some achieved the white belt, and others got the yellow belt, which is a great achievement in four months.

We would like to thank our great instructor, Val, Mr Swan and everyone involved in organising this opportunity for us to get an introduction to this sport.

Una Ní Eigearthaigh



Above: Jordan Ralph and Nicky Wynne.
Below: Amy Kenealy chatting with the instructor Valeri.

Judo Awards Form 4 2002/2003

Yellow Belt

Stephanie Coughlin
Nicholas Gordan
Ian Jackson
Stephen Lane
Ronan Loneragan
Andrew Lui
Simon Marconi
Brendan Phelan
Alan Thompson
Robert Wilson

White Belt

James Anglim
John Aslanis
Niamh Carroll
Ciaran Condren
Ayo Daly
Richard Fallon
Leon Fernandez-Brennan
Ciaran Hale
Ashling Hughes
Ross Johnson
Brian Kelly
Graham Kinlan
Ercus Long
Scott McNeill
Alice Mooney
Sarah O'Callaghan
Joe Silke
Adam Synnott
Steven Walsh
Jeffrey Warren

Judo Awards Form 4 2003/2004

Yellow Belt

Danny Finn
Karl Cabena
Derrick Denby
Sam Fitzpatrick
Tim Harris
John Kirkpatrick
Robin Leavy
Andrew Pollock
Sam Sherwood
Una Ní Eigearthaigh
Nicky Wynne

White Belt

Nathan Barber
Barry Browne
Nadia Carrim
Samuel Cogan
Manus Cronin
Kevin Finnegan
Amy Kenealy
David Laing
Dylan Murphy
Scott O'Malley
Phelim O'Reilly
Jordan Ralph
Ben Satchwell
Katie Smith
Michael Willoughby



Rugby

SCT 1st XV

For this season's Senior Cup squad rugby started early with pre-season training beginning in early August. We began to get our fitness back, training was going well, and with eight players returning from last year's starting XV we were confident about the season.

The weekend before we started back at school we travelled to the University of Limerick for a few days of intense training and two matches. Training included normal match training, pool sessions and weight sessions, making use of the great facilities at UL. We also won both our matches beating SJW Kent 38-5 and Arnold College 12-5.

The season then kicked off with two matches in preparation for our league campaign. We beat Templeogue College 27-7 and in a very tight match we defeated Pres. Bray 24-20.

Our first match in the Leinster Senior League came against Gonzaga in late September, a match

we won 27-18. We then found St Andrew's at home and came out comfortable winners, 39-11. We then suffered our first loss of the season away to Kilkenny, losing a very close match 19-18 and facing the fact that we might not have qualified from our group thanks to that slip up.

Then came our second defeat of the season when we played a touring King's Worcester side and were heavily beaten 45-11, with a consolation try from Peter Burns, son of the Irish legend Ian Burns. The last of the group matches in the league was a must-win tie against St Gerard's, in a match that was tighter than it should have been. Luckily we won 11-0 and qualified at the top of our group.

Next up were two friendly fixtures before the league quarterfinal, a superbly taken drop goal from Ben Cantan gave us a 9-8 victory over CBS Monkstown but unfortunately we lost 20-13 to Royal School Armagh.

In the league quarterfinal we beat Roscrea 23-18 at home thanks to a great performance and two tries from Matthew D'Arcy. Our reward was a semi-final against League favourites King's Hospital in an exhausting but hugely entertaining clash we lost 12-3, and KH went on to win the competition.

Next up was our annual trip to Sligo Grammar School and in the worst conditions imaginable we won 16-0, thanks to a superb team try, finished off by winger Leon Fernandez-Brennan.

After the Christmas break we had three weeks and three matches to prepare for our first Cup Match. First we faced St Mary's and in one of our worst performances lost 32-8. Next up was the visiting Sligo Grammar, completing the double over them we won 15-7. Our last match before the Cup was one of our best of the season and we recorded a 21-7 victory over Pres. Bray.

Then came the 2nd of February, the First Round of the Leinster Senior Cup against Newbridge at Templeville Road. On

Left: SCT Plate Semi-Final - Running through the cover: Ben Leonard-Kane, ably supported by James Anglim, makes a dash through the Wesley defence.



an extremely windy day we opted to play into the wind and were happy enough to be 6-0 down at half time, a score we felt we could easily pull back. However, luck wasn't on our side and after trying everything we were still 6-0 down when the final whistle blew.

This early exit meant that we were now in the Plate Competition. To reach the final of this competition we beat old rivals Wesley College 20-12 thanks to a try, two conversions and two penalties from Ben Leonard Kane.

Before the final we hosted the touring Hugh McRobert's High School of Vancouver, Canada. In a bit of a try-fest we won 50-5 thanks to two tries each from Matthew D'Arcy and David Lee.

Next up was the annual Wesley Sevens tournament, after beating Wesley, St Gerard's, and St Michael's and drawing with Clongowes we earned a top four finish.

Our last match of the season, the Final of the Plate, was played in Donnybrook against St. Mary's. We took to the pitch with nothing to lose knowing that Mary's were the huge favourites. This attitude meant we played some excellent open rugby and scored one of the best tries of the season. Unfortunately, Mary's also played some good rugby and went on to win this really enjoyable match.

On behalf of the squad, I would like to thank all of the students, teachers, and parents that supported us throughout this year - it was greatly appreciated.

And a huge thank you must of course go out to our fantastic coaches, "Cockie", Mr Walker, and Hugh Hogan, whose dedication, patience, and knowledge was invaluable all through the season.

Stephen Duggan





RUGBY Boys Senior First Team

Back Row: Max Olohan, Alan Loane, Ercus Long, David Lee, Alan Thompson, Ciaran Condren, Patrick Earls, Chris Harding, Peter Burns, Byran Hannon.

Middle Row: Mr D. Wright, Ben Leonard-Kane, Jamie McDonald, Matthew D'arcy, Steven Duggan (Captain), Shane Prunty, Owen Wardell, Pat Anglim, Mr R. Walker.

Front Row: Leon Fernandez-Brennan, David Flower, Niall McDarby, James Anglim.



RUGBY Boys Senior Seconds

Back Row: Andrew Lui, Cillian Suiter, Brendan Phelan, Rob Sherwood, Alan Loane, Ciaran Condren, Simon Marconi, Ercus Long, Ciaran Hale, Ross Johnson, Stephen Lane, Ross Traynor.

Middle Row: Mr D. Wright, James Anglim, Niall McDarby, Brian Kelly, Steven Walsh (Captain), Pat Anglim, James Hanlon, Evan Barry, Mr R. Walker.

Front Row: David Flower, Leon Fernandez-Brennan, Michael Willoughby, Cein Sookram, Simon Coyne, Owen Wardell.



Right: The referee Mr R. Walker closely scrutizes the action in the scrum.

Seconds Finish Well - Winning Three Friendlies

2nd XV

The seconds had quite a good season this year. We got off to a great start winning four of our first six matches against St Andrew's, St Gerard's, Wesley and CBC.

Then we travelled up north to play Royal Armagh on the day of the World Cup Final. We played very well as a team and beat them quite comfortably with a brilliant solo try from our first centre, Simon Marconi. We then lost our next friendly to Blackrock despite good performances from centre; Brian Kelly and out half Graham Kinlan. We soon got back to winning ways, hammering St Joseph's from Galway by 30 points. With our confidence back up we beat Pres. Bray in our final warm up before the league.

Our first match in the league was against St Mary's. We started well in the first half (especially Alan Loane and THAT tackle!) but gave away two tries going down 12-0. However we rallied in the second half and scored two tries through Brian Kelly and second row Ciaran "The Impaler" Hale. With both conversions we hung on to win 14-12.

Next was CBC where we unfortunately lost as we were missing seven starting players due to detentions and Leinster cross-country. We then beat Gerard's 22-7 in tough icy conditions. Finally in the league we met Belvedere. In our best performance of the year we defended well and attacked efficiently. We did well in the line-out with good jumping from Rory Forsythe and excellent touch finding from Ross Johnson. We finished 19-5 as the winners with scrum half Steven Walsh scoring all 19 points. Unfortunately we failed to qualify after losing to CBC.

We finished the season on a high, winning our final three friendlies, beating Sandford Park and touring sides Castle-rushen and Salmon Arm from the Isle of Man and Vancouver respectively.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Imram, Hugh, Paul, Cockie and Mr R. Walker for coaching us throughout the year.

Steven Walsh
Captain



Top: Ben Cantan kicks a penalty to touch.

Middle: Chris Harding jumps highest to claim possession in the lineout.

Bottom: Matthew D'Arcy feeds the ball into the scrum.



RUGBY Boys Under 16

Back Row: Michael Willoughby, Patrick O'Shea, Mark Rooney, Gerard Prunty, Luke Begley, Rob Hunter, Ronan Keller, Barry Browne, Benn Satchwell.

Front Row: Mr R. Giles, Simon Coyne, Nathan Barber, Shane Sargeant (Captain), Luke McSharry, Manus Cronin, Niall Milton.

U16 Mixed Season for The Under 16s but Good Promise for Next Year

The season this year was quite a short one. We only played five matches due to the bad weather conditions in winter.

Our first match was in Kenilworth Square where we played a St Mary's team. Our team had a couple of fifth and sixth years on it as lots of our team were unavailable this weekend. This match started badly however, as St Mary's ran in a couple of tries early on. We began to play brilliantly, notably Niall Milton and Cillian Suiter. Unfortunately we lost the match 37-23, but we played very well overall.

Our next match was against King's Hospital. Again we played away and this time our team consisted of all fourth

years. We got off to a great start this time with our backs being the stronger group of players. There were some great runs from our wingers Paddy O'Shea and Manus Cronin, each running in a couple of tries. We scored another great try with Ronan Keller, Kevin Finnegan and Simon Coyne executing moves well in the backs. Luke McSharry and Luke Begly played brilliantly in the pack, and we won 42-0 in the end.

We played against the JCT twice this season, once winning and once losing. The first game we played against them was before Christmas. This was a great game and the U-16 won. Mark Rooney and Barry Browne played well in the centre, but

Stefan Slattery and Robert Hunter were the try scorers. David Wilson ran in a late try for the JCT but we won in the end 10-5.

The next game against the JCT was at the end of the season. Our pack played excellently this time with Derek Denby and Nathan Barber playing well. Our two speedy wingers, Rory O'Conner and Benn Satchwell both scored tries, but unfortunately the JCT ran in two tries in injury time to beat us 25-20.

Another game this season was against a Canadian Team. Our team was a mixture of JCT and U-16 players. We had never trained together as a team, but we seemed to fit together very well. Our scrum

half Michael Willoughby played extremely well in this match and we won 48-21.

On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coach, Mr R. Giles for all his hard work and effort this season, thank you.

**Shane Sargeant
Captain**

*Below: Final Whistle Celebrations:
The team greet the final whistle with delight and show what it means to put one over our closest rivals.*



Great Season for JCT - All the Way to the Junior Quarter Final & Semis of Fr Godfrey Cup

JCT

The JCT had a great season this year. Our first match was against Templeogue but we lost, unfortunately due to some bad mistakes.

We had a few more matches before starting our league campaign. Our first league match was against Gonzaga. We performed at a high standard but lost 19-7. In our next league match we played really well against a very physical Kilkenny team but were unable to convert good pressure into points and lost 20-0.

These two good performances gave us confidence for our last two league matches against St Andrew's and St Gerard's. After going down early to St Andrew's we fought back with vengeance and edged out a great victory of 12-11!! Close!!

We had another tight match against St Gerard's and managed to hold out for our second victory with the final score being 21-19.

We then played a few 'friendly' games to prepare for the fast approaching cup. We had some great victories against Blackrock and St Paul's and we drew against St Finton's and CUS and lost to Wesley, CBS and Campbell.

Our first cup match was against CUS at Templeville



RUGBY Boys Juniors

Back Row: Samuel Sherwood, Tony Lee, Andrew Smyth, Gerard Prunty, Jamie Wright, David Wilson, Robbie Rath, Alan McMurray.

Middle Row: Graham Johnson, Iain Cobban, Ben McNally, Andrew Lohan (Captain), Tom Meredith, Patrick O'Connor, Harri Grunitz.

Front Row: Jonathan Sargeant, Robbie Bannister, Nigel Kinlan, Max Lane.

Road on Monday 19th of January. We had drawn with CUS 5-5 only a month in advance so we knew it would be a close match. We had a good start but it was just before half time when we got our first score from a penalty by Alan O'Keefe. In the second half we used our wind advantage to pin them in the corners but handling errors at crucial times meant we didn't score in the second half. We were made pay for this when CUS got a penalty in the last minute but were unable to convert so we won 3-0.

Our next cup match was against St Patrick's, Navan in Donnybrook. St Patrick's had won the section A cup so we knew it would be a tough match. We had

a great first half with sustained pressure and we were camped in their 22 for almost all of the first half. However as half time came closer it seemed our hard work was to go unrewarded but then just before half time Robbie Rath used his pace to score a try and give us a 5-0 lead. The second half was tough as we battled against the wind and rain, even

hailstones. However, the team never lost heart and defended and attacked brilliantly. It wasn't until the 44th minute when our efforts were rewarded with a penalty from Alan O'Keefe. The final score was 8-0. This result lead us to the semi-final of the Father Godfrey Cup and quali-

fied us for the first round of the Junior Cup.

In the first round of the Junior Cup we were drawn against Wesley College at Lakelands Park. We knew this would be a tough match as Wesley had beaten us by 30 points at the start of the season in a

Below: Follow that kick (left-right): Jamie Wright, David Wilson, Tony Lee, Nigel Kinlan and Alan O'Keefe.



friendly. We hoped our improvements since then would lead us to a victory. The match kicked off to a great start and we were up 3-0 within in the first few minutes with another one of Alan O'Keefe's smashing penalties. The supporters were unrelenting and really helped maintain solid determination. Unfortunately Wesley responded with a try after a long period of pressure in our half, which they converted in the 27th minute to give them a lead of 7-3. Although we played well we were unlucky to score again in the first half.

We put it up to them in the second half and spent the majority of the time in their half. It wasn't till the last five minutes when our efforts were rewarded. The ball was launched into the Wesley 22. It looked as if it was going to bounce out of play but thankfully stayed in. After an attempted clearance by a Wesley player the ball somehow made it's way to Nigel Kinlan who crossed the line to score a much deserved try!! The whistle blew shortly after giving us a hard earned victory of 8-7.

Next was the quarterfinals match against Pres Bray in the Junior Cup. We had

a poor start conceding 11 points in the first fifteen minutes. However we had a superb second half but unfortunately were unable to convert heavy pressure into points.

Two weeks later we played the semi final of the Father Godfrey Cup. However for this game I think we lacked the hunger to contest the game properly after what had been a long hard season and for that reason lost to a very strong Newbridge team.

The season was finished with success with wins over the Under 14's, the Under 16's and a touring team from Canada.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank everyone who supported us over the last year, Cockie and Mr Walker for all the work they have done with us over the years but most of all a huge thanks to Jonathan Ellis, Alan Hilliard, Alex Mullen and Mr. M. Griffin for all the time and effort they put into the team over the last year.

Andrew Lohan



Profile - Johnny Fennell

Former High School schoolboy Johnny Fennell enjoyed his big moment in the rugby spotlight in the 122nd Varsity match between the universities of Oxford and Chambridge

Johnny was named at outhalf on the Oxford side before being forced off through injury. He was one of two Irish representatives playing in the match.

Johnny made his debut on the High School under 14's in 1994 and proceeded up the ranks through JCT development squad and eventually reached the peak of his High School career playing for the infamous S's, this was the senior cup team who famously beat Blackrock in the run up to the cup.

Below: Johnny Fennell



Left: Pre-match huddle.



Above: A shot from the Oxford and Cambridge match.

The following was taken from the programme of the **Oxford vs Cambridge** match for the **MMC Trophy December**

Name: Johnny Fennell	Stats
Position: Fly Half	Height: 6'2"
College: Pembroke	Weight: 13st 7lbs
Born: 24/8/79	
Location: Dublin, Ireland	
School: The High School, Dublin	Other sports played: Johnny is also an accomplished cricketer and badminton player and represented Oxford University in the 2003 Gaelic Football Varsity Match.
Higher Education: University College, Dublin – BA International and Oxford University – MSt in Historical Research	
Rugby Background: St Mary's College, Dublin, Lyon & Universit�e Lumiere, France, De La Salle, Palmerston	This is Johnny's First Blue.



RUGBY Boys Under 14 A's

Back Row: Mr. B. McNamara, David Meade, David Kenny, Daniel James, Jack Madden, Daniel Alkin, Ronan Fox, William Hanlon, Marc Evans, Darragh Keller, Mr. J. Dolan.

Middle Row: Sean Tevlin, Ross Hanan, Mark Collins, Gavin Thornberry (Captain), Gareth Austen, Andrew Gray, James Comerford.

Front Row: Barry Brady, Darragh Sweetnam, Colin Sheridan, Richard Harrison.

U14A

The U14 A's season was one of much improvement from winning only 10% of our matches last year to winning 50% of our matches this year.

We had hardly any games in which we demolished another team. Excluding St Gerard's of course where we beat our opponents 65-0 in the first match of the season. We had down to the wire, tense and competitive games against Wesley, Gonzaga, St Paul's and CUS. In the Pres Bray match, we played another very competitive match where Pres Bray had put up a great fight for the win but our hunger was greater and after much dispute over the score at the end, we came out victorious.

However, with the wins come the losses and this season we were unfortunate to lose some of our matches. For instance, in the Blackrock and Gonzaga matches we were only denied victory on a difference of 2 points.

During this season there were a lot of injuries. There was Gareth Austen's eye, Sean Tevlin's ankle and my dislocated knee. Despite this the team were able to pull through and make it a great season. In particular Marc Evans' tackling. Not many people can dump tackle Tony Lee and Robbie Rath twice in one of our matches against the J's. Out of all of the season's highlights the best was probably our 17 all draw with an unbeaten Clongowes team, Marc Evans try saving tackles and David Kenny's



*That game against Wesley:
Above left: Team members celebrate the final whistle.*

Left: The sprint is on, Sam Sherwood, Tom Meredith, Nigel Kinlan and Alan O'Keeffe.

penalty kick against the post will not be forgotten.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Mr J. Dolan, Mr B. McNamara, Rob and Rosco for all the time and effort that they put in this year. We would especially like to thank Rosco for the pre-game talks. The whole team is looking forward to the Junior Cup.

Gavin Thornberry

U14B

In our first match of the season we played Templeogue at home and it showed that we hadn't played for a while as both the A and B teams lost. We started training again and eventually got back to form after losing two matches when we beat Wesley 34-5 with Daniel Sheridan scoring three tries in a great match. A lot of our matches were called off for different reasons and when we finally got a match against St Mary's the team were very anxious but lost to a good team. The team didn't get matches every week and some players didn't show up at times but all our practising paid off when we beat Mary's in a great match, it was a fight the whole way through, but we won it in the end. Our final match was against Clongowes and the team put in a valiant effort but were out-classed by a better team. I would like to thank our coaches Mr B. McNamara, Mr J. Dolan, Ross Condron, Rob Horne and the team for a great season.

Barry Brady



RUGBY Boys Under 14 B's

Back Row: Brian Traynor, Daragh Fitzpatrick, Fionan Keenan, Adam Higgs, William Hanlon, Conor James, Sam Carey, Mark Mesbur, Edmund Butler, Aaron Ward, Tom Lohan.

Middle Row: Mr B. McNamara, Harry Ward, Ben Condren, Jack Madden, Barry Brady (Captain), Daniel Alkin, David Meade, Conall Walsh, Mr. J. Dolan.

Front Row: Andrew Stevenson, Richard Jones, Aron Wade, Alain Lui.



RUGBY Boys Under 13 A's

Back Row: Iain Lane, Michael Gray, Declan Fergus, Matthias Slattery, Conor O'Donnell, Ciaran Collins, Matt O'Rourke, Jake Bridges, Thomas Emo.

Middle Row: James O'Connor, Colin Ledwith, Shay Arias-Paz, Mark Savage, Sam Moore, Graham Young, Stephen Carter, Mr T. Gill.

Front Row: Johnny Kinlan, Michael Willoughby.



RUGBY Boys Under 13 B's

Back Row: Niall Smyth, Keith Gray, Adam Elliot, Kevin Hunt, Alan Day, Jack O'Kennedy, Alex Conroy, Miles Campbell, Robert Brown, Joshua Burdon, Joe Comerford.

Middle Row: Mr T. Gill, Shane Grehan, Sean O'Riordain, Patrick Butler, Ronan Henessey (Captain), Graham Mills, James Barber, Conor Frizzelle, Daniel Moore.

Front Row: Matthew McKenna, Ian Levine, Jamie Ryan, Ryan Morgan, Simon Kinneen, Shane Grehan.

U13A

We had great matches against St Andrew's, Templeogue, St Paul's, Blackrock and St Mary's, unfortunately CUS, Gonzaga and Wesley beat us in the league. In our first match against St Andrew's, we won with a try at the last minute scored by Matt O'Rourke. Against Blackrock B's we lost 24-14. We beat St Paul's 34-5. We defeated Templeogue 10-7 with Conor O'Donnell getting a great try in the last minute for a well deserved victory. After Christmas, we lost most of our matches, but had a great match against St Mary's. We lost the match 24-15 but that did not reflect how well we played.

I would like to thank Mr B. O'Hanlon, Mr T. Gill, Mr R. Walker and Robbie Burns for all the time and effort they put in to coaching us.

**Sam Moore
Captain**

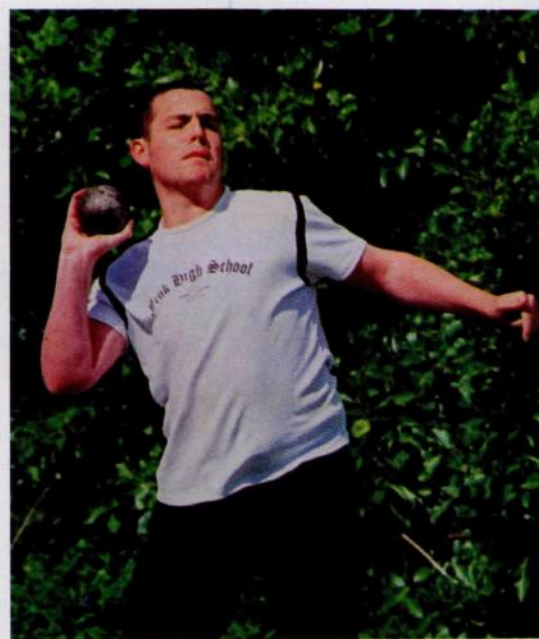
U13B

Our season didn't start off too well but we were playing the best teams in the league! Most of the team were beginners at the start but made good progress in the year. One of our best matches was an away against Templeogue. Although we did lose I thought it was the best we played all season.

I would like to thank the coaches, Mr T Gill and Robbie Burns, notforgetting Mr O'Hanlon who travelled from Dundalk every Saturday to support us.

Ronan Hennessy

Sports Day



Above: Number One lady of the Shot Putt - Jessie Elliott.

Top left: 100 Metres Senior Boys Patrick Mullan, Mark Lew, Brian Kelly, John McDermott, Brendan Phelan, Ben Leonard-Kane.

Left: Office Sprinters

Vivienne and Helen taking part in the three-legged race.

Below left: Cheating Teachers (tut tut) - Ms D. Levis and Ms M. Hearne.

Below: Shot Putt Strain - Donal Curran.

Swimming

Right: Daragh Fitzpatrick glides through the water like a Galway salmon.

Mr Swan and Mrs Jones took swimming this year every Tuesday night in Terenure College swimming pool. The turn out was great in both the junior and senior sessions, as a lot of people in fourth year had taken it up for the President's Bronze Award.

The teachers improved our technique and physical endurance and the lessons were definitely tough!! But along with the difficult things we managed to play water polo and have a lot of fun in between. Before Christmas the class had an endurance swim, each person swimming one or two kilometres depending on their ability.

Afterwards, we started training for our physical challenge and the exam class was held on the 24th February and of course we all passed. Thanks to Ms T. Jones and Mr J. Swan.

Ruth Roseingrave

Swimming to Success!

Ian Thom is a fifth year student with a promising future as a professional swimmer. Rising through the ranks to the top of his sport, Ian hopes to compete at the Olympics some day. We caught up with him to find out how he is getting along.

Ian, when did you learn to swim?

My mum had me in the pool when I was just a few weeks old but I learned properly when I was three and a half.

Currently how often do you swim per week?

I'm in the pool nine times a week, so eighteen hours.

Do you have a fitness regime and special diet?

Yes and no. I have to run five times a week and do weights four times a week. As for a special diet, I live on chocolate!

What championships have you competed in so far this year?

I competed in

the Irish Championship— Leisureland International meet where I won four medals. I also competed in the Leinster Championships and the Leinster Age group Championships where I won two bronze medals and a couple of other smaller competitions.

What has been your biggest achievement in your swimming career so far?

That would be when I represented Leinster in Stuttgart two years ago at an International competition and won four medals; two golds and

two silvers.

What is your biggest aspiration as far as swimming is concerned?

I want to keep it up when I leave school and go to college. My education is important to me as well. I hope to qualify for the European and World Championships and hopefully someday the Olympics!

Left: The whole group give the camera a 'Hey Yeah'



Tennis

Boys

The Senior Boys Tennis had a great season this year with two great victories against Gonzaga and King's Hospital. Unfortunately, we were missing Matthew Leahy our captain on the day we played Clonskeen, which was to decide who were the winners of our section. We lost 3-2.

The Junior Team reached the semi-finals of their competition only to lose narrowly to Terenure 3-2.

The captain of the team Andy Stevenson and Richie Harrison did particularly well in their game however, remaining undefeated.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr McNeill and Mrs Stevenson for their help with transport arrangements and for their support throughout the season. It was much appreciated.

Matthew Leahy

Wins Against Gonzaga and King's Hospital



TENNIS Senior Boys

*Back Row: Mr. L. McClure, Steven Walsh, Ross Johnson.
Front Row: Matthew Leahy, Andrew Stevenson, Ronan Lonergan.*



TENNIS Junior Boys

*Back Row: Brian Traynor, Richard Harrison, Conor James, Fionan Keenan, Mr. L. McClure.
Front Row: Gareth Austen, Patrick O'Connor, Andrew Stevenson, Andrew Gray, Daniel James.*

Rain Effects Play

Senior Girls

The tennis season seemed to go by in a flash this year. The Senior Girls team was a good one but unfortunately none of us had done very much training and so weren't very prepared for our league matches.

Our first match was a friendly against King's Hospital – a good warm-up for the girls with very even scores among teams. Our next match was a league match against Mount Sackville, which the team lost 1-2. We then played Our Lady's Terenure. The matches were close and after a huge downpour, the team won 2-1. Our last league match was against Mount Annville at High School where the team lost 1-2.

Overall, it was an enjoyable season with some exciting matches. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Ms C. Ritchie and Ms D. Levis for organising the matches and encouraging us throughout the season.

Isabel Baker



TENNIS Girls Seniors

Back Row: Gemma McRann, Ruth Roseingrave, Karen Sutton, Katie Smith, Ms C. Ritchie.

Front Row: Sarah Meehan, Julie McRann, Claudine Murphy, Ashling Hughes, Isabel Baker, Averil Blakely.



TENNIS Girls Juniors

Back Row: Ms C. Ritchie, Gemma McRann, Jessie Elliott, Anna McNally.
Front Row: Sabina Kerr, Karen Sutton, Katie Smith, Laura Nelson.



Minor B

This year a group of 1st and 2nd year girls enthusiastically tried out for the tennis teams. Two teams formed the Minor A and Minor B teams. The Minor B's played excellently this year against some of the strongest teams in the league. Unfortunately we did not succeed in



TENNIS Girls Minor A's

Back Row: Ms D. Levis, Alexander Taylor, Ciara Butler, Genevieve Deeley, Tessa Meade.

Front Row: Sarah McDermott, Olwen Smith, Louise Blakely, Annalise Murphy.

Minor A

This year's tennis term was cut very short, unfortunately. We suffered defeat from King's Hospital, Our Lady's Dalkey, Mt Anville and Wesley all of which were very strong teams. On the bright side, our tennis skills greatly improved throughout the season.

So, on behalf of the team I would like to thank Ms C. Ritchie and Ms D. Levis for all their hard work and dedication and also the team for not giving up.

Louise Blakely
Captain

Left: TENNIS Girls Minor B's
Back Row: Zoe O'Regan, Joan Somers Donnelly, Triona Connell, Ms D. Levis.
Front Row: Anita Murphy, Clare Guy, Ellen O' Cleirigh, Amy Jones.

the league but many brilliant matches were played.

The players showed great commitment to the team and thoroughly enjoyed the season. Although we did not win we have high hopes for next year. We would like to thank Ms D. Levis and

Ms C. Ritchie without either of whom none of this could have been possible. I would also like to thank the players. Well done girls!!

Clare Guy
Captain

Sports Awards

School Trophy Winners 2002-2003

Athletics

Cornick

400 Metres - Senior Boys
John McDermott

Cunningham

Points - Junior Boys
Samuel Cogan

Diocesan Staff

Points - Intermediate Girls
Robyn Fitzpatrick

Magill

100 Metres - Junior Boys
Samuel Cogan

Mathers

Points - Junior Girls
Leah Moore

Moore

200 Metres - Senior Boys
Matthew D'Arcy

Sloan

Long Jump - Senior Boys
Ben Leonard-Kane

Southam

800 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

Taylor

100 Metres - Senior Boys
John McDermott

Taylor

Points - Senior Girls
Holly Warren

Travers

High Jump - Senior Boys
Niall McDarby

Walker

1500 Metres - Senior Boys
Brendan Phelan

War Memorial

Points - Senior Boys
Mark Lew

Whyte

Field Events - Boys
Ben Leonard-Kane

Badminton

Evans

Mixed
Rowan Stokes
Lauren Turner

Factor

Junior Boys
Toby Lyons

Hennessey

Junior Girls
Laura Oliver

Canoeing

Broad Cup

Form 1
Brian Traynor

Canoeist of the Year

Gregor McGuckin

Junior Liffey Cup

Jonathan Somerville

Cricket

Dawson

Form 2 - Boys
Alan Cairns

de Vere Shortt

Batting - Boys
Niall McDarby

Hanly

Fielding - Boys
William Mitchell

Hockey

Neville Davin

Senior Boys
Gavin Whyte

Diocesan

Minor Girls
Gemma McRann

Karen Eppel

Sportmanship
Rachel McSharry

Jean Scott

Junior Girls
Christine Boyle

Jean Scott

Senior Girls
Maeve Willoughby

Rugby

Dawson

Form 2
Robbie Bannister

de Vere Short

Player of the Year
Ross Condron

Evans

Place and Drop
Sam Quinn

Turner

Most Deserving Team
Matthew D'Arcy (capt.)

Table Tennis

Evans

Sean Ward

Tennis

Harcourt

Junior Boys
Andrew Stevenson

Jagoe

Junior Girls
Gemma McRann

Sealy

Senior Boys
Matthew Leahy

Soccer

Shield

League
Martin Anglim (capt.)

Snaps

extra photos



Top Left: Hillwalking.
Centre left: Ardkill bog trip.
Above: Nathan Barber as a King Arthur extra.
Top right: Jake Bridges water-skiing in Spain.
Upper centre right: Winter hillwalking.
Lower centre right: Winter swim at the forty foot.
Left: Gonola trip in Venice.

Erasmian

Editorial Team Profiles



Isabel Baker

Our Editor; Fizzy Izzy, is as bubbly as a can of coke. A fan of heavy rock, she has a heart of gold and a mind of steel. She maintains that by chewing your food many times before swallowing is not a crime. As regards to her behaviour and demeanour – it's always the quiet ones...



Laura Houston

Laura... what can I say about beautiful Laura. You may know Laura better as the quiet girl with the voice of an angel or the girl with as many layers (of clothing) as an onion or an ogre have. Laura came from a far off land, also known as Northern Ireland, in the late 90's and has since been coming to terms with the harsh Dublin slang. Laura's after school activities include; dancing in front of her bedroom mirror to Beyonce, eating hotdogs and drinking lots and lots of coke.



Rebecca Murray

Rebecca Murray loves to munch a carrot during Irish class. Her devotion to maths means that she does nothing else after school, she spends her time colour coding every number, some may find that's sad but she says "I just like to make them pretty". Rebecca's dreams for the future are to become a star of stage and screen, have a vegetable patch in her garden and to work for Coca-Cola (the diet department!!!).



Pia Ward

The two words that best describe Pia are "Fabulous" and "Fabulous". This is not only her personal catch phrase but also describes her bubbly personality! So what does this simply fabulous person enjoy doing in her free time? Well, apart from maintaining a very fashionable lifestyle involving stilettos and short skirts, she does enjoys a good old Swedish Wrap and anything chocolate. Love you hun!



Niamh Carroll

"What" can I say about this cool cat? She has a dog called Patch, received ten Valentine's cards last year and has a soft spot for a certain swimmer who is latterly mentioned in this publication. Ever the curious, Niamh is almost certain to enter your conversation with a question asking what you're talking about. Just let her know or she might hurt you.



Sam Meredith

This girl, also known as Doctor Hibbert for her chucklish laugh, is not against a good prance every now and again. You may even see her at your break time frolicking around the grounds of The High School. A lovely girl, despite her slight insanity. Don't be frightened if she threatens to plough you!



Craig Rankin

Craig is a fun guy. He spends all his spare time organising lighting for amateur stage productions. Craig also walks his dogs religiously. Craig smells. Craig wants to be a Garda when he grows up. This particularly appeals to him after a certain incident in France concerning a female gendarme.



Mr McNamara

Mr McNamara is from Limerick and we try not to hold this against him. What all of us didn't know before we started to work with him is that he has the voice of an operatic choir singer. No, seriously. His rendition of 'Killing Me Softly' certainly killed us softly. Britney Spears is his ultimate idol and we just know he'll achieve his dream (someday) of being backing singer in Britney's band. For now he'll stay a teacher though. We wish him all the best for next year's book and we can only hope that he'll share his vocal talents with the incoming 5th years. Magic*

