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EDITORIAL

I like the majority of my peers, can remember my very first day at The High School perfectly. Moving away from the comfort of primary school to the hugely daunting secondary school was a massive challenge in itself. I can visualise myself taking my first tentative steps in the front door, where I was introduced to my form teacher and my new classmates. I was mesmerized by the pure enormity of the building and grounds, and throughout my first term at the school managed to get myself lost countless times, misplace my locker keys, get locked in the changing rooms and lose my PE gear, twice. It is hard to believe that I am now moving into my last year at The High School, and that I will be sitting the dreaded Leaving Certificate in just twelve months. Our year group has grown and developed together as a unit, enjoying both happy and sad times, building a collection of memories that will hopefully live in the minds of us all for many years to come.

The Erasmian and Diocesan Times is a core part of any pupils' time at The High School. It contains documented memories and photographs of what some people call "the best days of our lives". School trips, charity events, sporting, academic and musical achievements are all documented in this book. With it, we can make our mark on the history of the school. Our work will be preserved for generations to come, and will be admired by pupils, teachers, governors and past pupils alike. That in itself, is something to be valued. This year we selected the theme of newspapers for the yearbook, as it catered for both the literary and artistic talents of students in the school. It enabled us to be both creative and informative, and the talents of the fantastic Erasmian and Diocesan Times team were allowed to blossom and be combined into a production that we will be able to cherish for many years to come. The task of putting the yearbook together was enormous, and it required a lot of hard work and dedication, but I think I can speak on behalf of the team when I say that it was a rewarding, enjoyable and truly worthwhile experience. The production would not have been possible without



*Left: Ciara Feely, John Deering, Robin Hayden, James Christle, Laura Dowling, Lauren Jackson.
Absent: Laura Rankin.*

the tireless work of Ms Galligan and Mr Phelan, our two excellent mentors, whose enthusiasm and dedication assisted greatly in the production of the yearbook. I must also extend my upmost gratitude to the wonderful Erasmian and Diocesan Times team of Form 5 pupils, all of whom spent many endless days throughout June and July compiling the book. To the readers, whether past, present or future pupils, I hope you thoroughly enjoy browsing through this year's edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times. It was a pleasure to be able to bring it to you.

*Laura Dowling, 5th Year
Editor*

Acknowledgements

Welcome to the 2013 edition of the Erasmian and Diocesan Times. As always this publication could not have been completed without the help and input of the many pupils, past pupils, staff and parents who contributed this year. While it would not be possible to thank everybody individually I would like to take this opportunity to mention a few people who have made a particular contribution.

This year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times team was led by our brilliant student editor, Laura Dowling. The team of talented and dedicated Form 5 pupils included James Christle, Ciara Feely, Robin Hayden, Lauren Jackson and Laura Rankin. Thank you all for your hard work and

commitment throughout the year and especially over the Summer holidays. Others involved in the Erasmian and Diocesan Times committee include Emer Brennan, Abigail Donnelly, Sarah Fox, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Lauren Hudson, Amy MacWilliam, Emma Murphy and Patrick O'Hare. Thanks also to John Deering and Ruby McLaughlin Callan for their wonderful artwork for the front and back covers. Many other Form 5 pupils contributed ideas and worked on articles during the school year. There are too many of you to name individually but your work is greatly appreciated.

While the Erasmian and Diocesan Times team has worked hard to collect, compile, write, edit and caption, many others within the school community also deserve acknowledgement. Thank you to all of the students who have taken the time to make artwork, take photographs and write articles, poetry and reports on various topics and events; to Mrs King for the huge contribution from the library; to the many staff members who have been interviewed, written articles, taken and captioned photographs and encouraged their students in their submissions; Ms Helen Killane for her wonderfully taken and organised photos of almost every event that has taken place throughout the school year. Thank you also to Mr Len Carolan for his photographic contributions. These are all much appreciated. Thank you Mr Alan Phelan for creatively arranging the vast array of articles, reports and pictures into the wonderful publication you see here. It's not an easy task to

appeal to the tastes of such a wide range of people but yet again, Alan has succeeded in doing so.

Thank you to our Principal, Mr Forrest and Vice Principal, Mr Davies for your encouragement and support. Many thanks also to the office staff Jeanne, Debbie, Penny and Jackie who have armed us with class lists, helped us to identify students, search out missing photographs and edited our many mistakes; and finally thanks to the Parents' Association and the Past Pupils' Union for their submissions this year.

As always, I take full responsibility for any misspelt names, incorrect captions and omissions. It is an onerous task to compile everything necessary for a publication of this size and however hard we try there are bound to be errors. Please accept our sincere apologies if your pictures or articles have been left out. With so many talented and dedicated students competing and taking part in so many activities it is impossible to include a picture of every student at every event but we have endeavoured to create a balance and to include as much variety as possible without overcrowding the pages.

I hope you enjoy perusing this year's Erasmian and Diocesan Times!

Ms B Galligan

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 2011-12

MR G A FORREST, MA, QTS

National Developments

The experience of working in the education sector in 2011-12 may be summarised as an ongoing struggle to absorb the impact of declining investment, the withdrawal of support services, and the deprivation of management functions whilst simultaneously planning to implement significant reform to the curriculum in the shape of the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and revised Junior Certificate. The impact of the Croke Park agreement, an effective moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts, the reduction in Special Education Needs hours, and a terminal date for the allocation of substitution cover have combined to threaten the effective management of many schools in the voluntary sector. In this school we have been forced to replace state funding with private funding from fee income (to the cost of parents), but the process of withdrawing support from across the education sector by the Government continues unabated. The decision to withhold qualification allowances from new entrants to the profession is one high-profile example of this policy in action. It is undoubtedly the case that a further increase in the pupil-teacher ratio as part of Budget 2013 will place this school in an increasingly difficult financial position.

The moratorium on the appointment of In School Management posts, that is Assistant Principals and Special Duties Teachers, was slightly alleviated in 2010 in that a floor was established for Assistant Principal posts – in this school that floor was 6 posts for the academic year for 2011-12. However, no provision was made for the replacement of Special Duties Teachers so when one of those posts becomes vacant due to promotion, career break, or the teacher leaving the school no replacement is allowed. In Budget 2012, the Department of Education and Skills (DES) received funding for 300 Assistant Principal posts to fill vacancies up to the required threshold in 2011-12 and

2012-13. However, the alleviation would appear to be operating on an ad hoc case-by-case basis without reference to the original guidelines. In September 2012 the DES refused to fund a sixth Assistant Principal post to which this school is entitled under the terms of its own policy.

In January 2011 the previous Government used the Financial Emergency Measure in the Public Interest (No. 2) Act 2009 or FEMPI to announce that teachers coming into the profession would start lower on the incremental salary scale than heretofore and would also have 10% lower salary than before with effect from 1 September 2011. In the case of teachers, Special Needs Assistants, and supervisors the deduction was made because their contracts stipulate that they are paid on Department of Education and Skills scales. The previous Minister for Finance granted an exemption from the pay cuts for non-teaching staff for 2010, but insisted that the provisions were applied in 2011. In February 2012, the Government announced that new entrants to the profession would not receive any qualification allowances – previously worth almost €4,500 per annum to a teacher with an honours primary degree and teaching qualification – resulting in a reduction of 20% in earnings compared with colleagues appointed in 2010. This represents the third and most significant pay cut for new teachers since that date.

The appointment of Ruairi Quinn as Minister for Education and Skills has resulted in a flurry of activity which manifested itself in an ambitious programme for reform. We have already witnessed the publication of key reports on changes to the Junior Certificate; further reports, including a controversial proposal to extend greater state control to admissions procedures for schools, are in the pipeline. In addition, new initiatives to boost literacy and numeracy standards have been launched in an effort to boost performance in our schools. However, it is the radical changes to education

in the Junior Cycle involving school-based assessment which have caused greatest controversy. A wide range of subjects and short courses assessed by a combination of coursework and examinations (set by the State Examinations Commission but marked by teachers) mean that pupils will no longer sit a formal State examination at the end of their third year in secondary school. The revised syllabuses will be drawn up by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment and will apply from 2014 with the first cohort of students assessed in 2017. It is hoped that schools and teachers will be able to encourage critical thinking and creative approaches to learning among pupils and teachers. In addition to these changes, standardised tests in numeracy and English reading will be introduced in second year from 2014; similar tests in science will be introduced in 2016. It is envisaged that the results of these tests will provide valuable information for teachers and parents alike. The Government has committed €10 million to fund proposed changes to education in the Junior Cycle to date – whether the resources to complete the implementation of the programme exist is open to question.

In any case, it is clear that it will not be possible to achieve the standards in education desired by the current Government without providing the resources to support the activities of schools across the country. The cuts imposed in Budget 2012 militate against this goal. In particular, the removal of a state-funded allocation for Guidance Counsellors combined with an increase in the pupil-teacher ratio placed voluntary school under significant pressure. The allocation for learning support was merged with that for language support in a further cut to the previous provision. In June 2011 the Department cut Special Education Needs hours by 10% of those recommended by the Special Education Needs Officer for each school; the balance would be allocated immediately and the position would be reviewed in September 2011. Inevitably, this school did not receive any relief from the measure and a further cut of 30% was imposed as part of Budget 2012. In September 2011 the Joint Managerial Body contacted

the Minister and Department officials to express serious concern at the fact that the allocation of substitution cover is for the period up to the end of December 2011, placing school management in an impossible situation in planning the school calendar for the full school year. In particular, such uncertainty hinders planning for co- and extra-curricular activities for the remaining 18 weeks of the year, that is, the period from 9th January to 1st June. The situation is likely to remain unchanged in the near future as the DES seeks further savings in its budget totalling €68 million in 2013 and €138 million in 2014.

School Developments

The inspectorate has carried out a number of inspections and evaluations in the school in the areas of management, planning, curriculum, guidance, learning support, Irish, Physics, Science, French, English, German, Technical Graphics, Design & Communication Graphics, and Business. The reports of the inspectors have been overwhelmingly complimentary in all areas. Great credit is due to the staff of the school for maintaining excellent standards across the curriculum. The most recent inspection reports are published on the Department of Education and Skills website.

The work of the committees of the Board of Governors is a vital part of the long term planning processes undertaken in the school. Staff and parents are represented on all Board sub-committees and make valuable contributions to the work of the Management Committee, Finance Committee, Education Committee, Grounds and Property Committee, and Sports Committee. There is so much work undertaken by the Board committees that it can not be listed here, but examples are the ongoing refurbishment and buildings development work undertaken by the Grounds and Property Committee and the revision of school policies guided by the Education Committee.

The School Council is a very valuable body which is directly elected by all of the pupils, conducts its own meetings,



and then meets with the school management and staff representatives in order to ensure that pupils have the opportunity to contribute to school planning and processes.

The Guidance Department is staffed by two qualified guidance counsellors. Guidance is a process which begins before the pupils enter the school with a visit by a Guidance Counsellor to the feeder primary schools and a talk for incoming parents. All pupils in Form 1 are interviewed and assisted with their transition to secondary school. Guidance continues with a course in Forms 4 and 5 and individual career interviews with the guidance counsellor for pupils in Form 6. Pupils in Form 5 also have individual interviews with another member of staff to focus their attention on

preparation for third level applications. Form 4 pupils undertake differential aptitude tests and interest inventories to assist them to make subject choices for the Leaving Certificate. They also study the operation of third level education and the opportunities available. Students are encouraged to begin thinking about potential career areas, to use work experience as a time to focus on future pathways, to consider possible college applications and to prepare accordingly. Pupils in Form 5 attend a variety of career talks held in the school, carry out a career project, visit the UCD open day, and familiarise themselves with relevant college websites and career-related computer programs such as Qualifax. Pupils are also advised on curriculum vitae, job applications, and interview technique. We are grateful to the

Parents' Association for its assistance with the organisation of a mock interview evening. A study techniques course is organised for Form 5. Form 6 pupils have the opportunity to attend the Higher Options Career Exhibition, the TCD open day as well as to select other college open days of particular interest to individuals. For the parents of Form 6 there is an evening set aside in December where applications systems for all colleges are explained. The Guidance Counsellors are available to parents and pupils for career and psychological advice by prior appointment.

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 in the country. Members now (among other things) assist the Guidance Department with mock interviews, hold talks on suitable topics with visiting speakers, facilitate the parties which are held to celebrate the graduation of Form 6 and the receipt of Junior Certificate results by Form 4, organise the parent-teacher meetings in Forms 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, meet with the Principal and Chairman of the Board to discuss school policies, organise evening meetings for parents on educational themes, fund some of the prizes as well as grants for foreign exchanges, and represent the parents on all Board committees and ad hoc committees. This work brings the parents, pupils, and staff closer together and such a vibrant and enthusiastic association is a testament to the strong ongoing support for the school among parents. We record our thanks to all committee members for their work and in particular to Ronan Doyle for his work as President during his first year in office.

The school is grateful to the Past Pupils' Union for its continued support. Although much of this work is unseen it greatly appreciated by all concerned. 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

Ms Jones retired from her position as Guidance Counsellor and Mr Neiland retired from the ancillary staff with effect from August 2012. We thank them for their contribution to the school and wish them the best for the future.

Ms Jones was appointed as Guidance Counsellor at The High School in 1996. She was responsible for developing this role within a key department that exists to support the student body in making a wide range of academic, personal, and career decisions during their time at the school. She was also appointed a Special Duties Teacher with responsibility for co-ordinating the SPHE programme and participated in the organisation of swimming as an extra-curricular activity. Mr Neiland began working as a caretaker at The High School in 2000 and performed a wide range of ancillary duties until his retirement.

Ms E Lanigan resigned during the summer. We have welcomed (or welcomed back in a full-time capacity) the following staff: Ms M Browne, Learning and Resource Support; Mrs V Carson, French; Mr K Clarke, Guidance Counsellor; Ms L Colin, English, Classical Studies; Mlle M Dumont, French; Ms A Keating, English; Ms C Kennington, PE/Games, Geography; Ms A Kieran, Art; Ms R McDonnell, Guidance Counsellor; Ms C Molumby, Music; Dr L Stuart, Mathematics; Mr R Sullivan, PE/Games, and Ms M Touhey, French. It has been a pleasure to welcome Ms E Rouillet back to The High School following a career break; Ms C Reilly, Ms D Levis, and Ms N Boyce remain on career break.

It is with a deep sense of shock and loss that we record the death of our school secretary and receptionist, Ms Helen Kane, who died peacefully in her sleep at home in March 2012 aged 44 years. We offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Numbers and Examinations

The number of pupils enrolled in the school for the academic year 2012-2013 is 797.

In the Leaving Certificate 2012 examination, 121 pupils presented 848 papers in 22 subjects. 648 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 81% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.16% of all papers. The percentage of grade C or better on higher papers as a percentage of the grand total of all papers was 62%. These statistics represent a very good level of performance.

In the Junior Certificate 2012 examination, 130 pupils presented 1056 papers where different levels are available and 130 papers at common level (CSPE). 927 papers were taken at higher level and grade C or better was obtained in 82% of these. Grade E or less was obtained on 2.37% of all papers. The percentage of papers gaining a grade C or better at higher level as a percentage of the total number of papers was 72%. This was a very good level of performance.

Events and Activities

The multitudinous events and activities of the school are reported weekly in our school newsletter, on the school website at www.highschoolublin.com, and in our yearbook, The Erasmian and Diocesan Times, an excellent publication produced by the pupils of Form 5 coordinated in 2011-12 by Ms B Galligan. I should like to thank all members of staff who are involved with extra-curricular activities for providing such enriching opportunities for the pupils of the school. It is always a pleasure to congratulate the pupils on their involvement and success in such a wide variety of different activities.

SCHOOL STAFF 2012-13

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Form 2

Year Head: Mr P McCaughey
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Form 3

Year Head: Mr R Giles
Form Teachers: Ms N Fallon, Ms S Jones, Mr C Rankin, Ms C Rellis

Form 4

Year Head: Mr A Malin
Form Teachers: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar, Mr M Griffin, Mr C Flynn, Ms C Goulding

Form 5

Year Head: Dr C Whitford
Form Teachers: Mr R Hilliard
Mr I Wilkinson, Mr O Wardell, Mr L Carolan, Ms D Thorp, Ms C McCartney

Form 6

Year Head: Mr T Gill
Form Teachers: Ms G Fitzgerald
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Technological Subjects: Mr C Cryan
SPHE: Mr K Clarke
Science: Mr T Gill

Information and Communication Technologies Team

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

Sports

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

Rugby: Mr R Walker, Mr A Malin, Mr P McCaughey, Mr M Griffin, Mr B Kinsella, Mr B McNamara, Mr L McBride, Mr T Gill, Mr B Sheehan, Mr C Ryan, Mr K Clarke, Mr R Sullivan
Hockey: Ms S Jones, Mr I Wilkinson, Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr D Miller, Ms C Goulding, Ms A Rugg, Mr E Keegan, Ms C Kennington
Cricket: Mr A Malin, Mr R Walker, Mr P McCaughey, Mr T Gill, Mr P Fitzpatrick, Mr B McNamara, Mr R Giles

Tennis: Ms S Jones, Mr S McDonnell, Mr C Flynn, Ms J Waugh, Mr M Critchley

Badminton: Mr C Flynn, Mr L Carolan

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

Basketball: Mr M Critchley, Mr J Boylan, Mr L Carolan, Mr A Malin
Canoeing: Mr C Cryan, Mr L Carolan, Ms J Wilson

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

Hillwalking: Mr C Cryan, Mr C Flynn, Ms C Rellis, Mr B McNamara
Rock Climbing: Mr C Cryan, Mr C Flynn

Swimming: Mr A Malin

Table-tennis: Mr L Carolan

Additional part-time staff are employed in many sports

Other Responsibilities

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

CAO/UCAS applications:

Ms R McDonnell
Chess Club: Mr M Griffin
Choir: Ms B Bourke
Christian Union: Mr I Wilkinson, Mr L Carolan
Debating: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar (Senior), Ms J Waugh (Junior)
Detention System: Mr J O'Brien
Drama: Mr T Gill (Senior), Ms C Walker (Junior)
Enterprise Education:
Mr P Fitzpatrick
Erasmian & Diocesan Times:
Ms B Galligan
European Youth Parliament:
Ms C Rellis
European Studies Information Exchanges: Mr P Irwin
Examination Organisation:
Mr I Wilkinson, Mr B McNamara
Film Club: Mr M Griffin
Green Schools Group:
Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar, Ms R Missen
Guidance Counsellors:
Ms R McDonnell, Mr K Clarke
Induction of New Staff: Ms P Bergin
Lockers: Ms G Fitzgerald
Lost Property: Ms S Quinn
Model United Nations: Ms C Rellis
Orchestra: Ms M White
Photographic Club: Ms H Killane
Photography of School Activities and Publicity: Ms H Killane
President's Award: Mr D Miller, Mr B McNamara
Prize System: Ms D Thorp
Punctuality: Ms C McCartney
Scholarship Examinations:
Ms A Stevenson
School Council: Mrs S Hutchinson-Edgar
Science Club/Young Scientist:
Dr C Whitford
Special Needs Co-ordinator:
Mrs V Humphreys
Staff Services: Ms A Stevenson
State Examinations:
Mr P Prendergast
Stationery: Ms A Ní Chonchubhair
Study Skills Seminar: Ms R McDonnell
Timetable: Mr R Davies
Transition Year Co-ordinator:
Mr P Irwin
Trophies: Mr R Walker

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Absent: Jake Richardson

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Back Row: Conor Empey, Aoife McBride, Kyla O'Dwyer, Jack Iredale, Séamus Bracken, Colm Cowlard Joyce, Eoin Scarlett, Maely Lim

Middle Row: Elliot Wright, Sian Bolger, Katie Wyse Jackson, Melanie O'Donovan, Jack McKenna, Emma Fetherston, Camille Christle, Lauren Styles, David James Donnelly

Front Row: Saoirse Keaveny, Elliot Milofsky, Eva Earner Ryan, Sam Duffy, Daniel Curran, Harry McDonnell, Annie Brennan, Trina Bovenizer, Harry Cripps
Absent: Robert Clavin

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Front Row: Gemma Bovenizer, Fionnuala Mullen, James Dooley, Shane Kelly, Tim Dolan, Kevin Flaherty, Nicola Merriman, Kate O'Shea, Amy Connolly
Absent: Ronan O'Byrne



2MC

Back Row: Oliver McLuskie, Andrew Brennan, Conor Tisdall, Lauren Fitzpatrick-Kiely, Megan O'Donnell, David Dunleavy, Ben Harrington, Dara Turpin

Middle Row: Jack Lyons, Gráinne Dowling, Naoise Law, Liam Phelan, Lionel Deverell, Mark Tobin, Ellen Tucker, Dean Lopongo

Front Row: Jamie Gleeson-Dunn, SORCHA NÍ NÉILL, Sophie Keating, Emma Taylor, Rhianna Young, Amy Bowker, Ruby Keating Levins, David O'Brien
Absent: Deborah Deegan, Nathan Mawhinney

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Front Row: Angela Tang, Georgia Grant, Joe Byrne, Eoin Flynn, Sam Wright, Mia Jennings, Matt Sisson, Joy Sherwood, Aidan Lee
Absent: Cía McElveen-Walsh



Back Row: Conor O'Riain, Sinéad Dunne, Sean Bortolozzo, Timothy Kaye Mellor, Sam Killeen, Megan O'Brien, Luke Walker, Sarah Mullooly

Middle Row: Miyanka Naidu, Ben Mohan, Jeremy Cotter-Vazquez, Robert Hackett, Lisa Cosgrove, Aisha Tuohy, Connor Isom, Dillon Sturdy, Alexander Durac, Robert McLaughlin

Front Row: Joe Prendergast, Natalie Ko, Catherine Harris, Joshua Rosney, Rebecca Fox, Ben Quirey, Abigail Nolan, Dearbhla Forde-Morrin, Ella Schmidt
Absent: Jack Laycock

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Front Row: Max Bevan, Daniels Kurilovs, Molly Whelan, Alison Beverland, Alannah O'Reilly, Catherine Neenan, Amy Byrne, Orlaith Grehan



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Middle Row: Ilona Adams, Kate O'Rourke, Brian Reilly, Charlie O'Connor, Alistair Ridyard, Lee Tucker, Luke Kehoe-Roche, John Doherty, Daniel Sykes, Aisling O'Neill, Katherine Landy

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Middle Row: Jack Whelan, Hayley Ward McKenna, Anna Fleming, Christina Lynn, David Green, Max Clarke, Freyja Andrésdóttir, Seána Brady, Aaron Hunt, Megan Clinch

Front Row: Paige Leavy, Kalyan Kola-Cahill, Vladimir Sint, Ritchie Burbridge, Jonathan Cooper, Daniel Browne, Katie O'Connor, Clodagh Curran, Jennifer Cody

3RN



Back Row: Sean Healy, Jason Cosgrove, Jake Foley, Jonathan Chambers, Ben Treacy-McGee, David Egan, Matthew Pearson, Daniel Murphy, Cian Larkin Wolfe

Middle Row: Abigail Greene, Isabel Garland, Andrew Palmer, Lindsay Baker Kerrigan, Taillte May, Emma Dooley, Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi, Raymond Tang, Aoibhin O'Raw, Sophie Harrison, Aoife Cloughley

Front Row: Eva Gannon, Kirsty Leith, Tom Farrelly, Clara Devine, Cian Devine Prendergast, Danny Reilly, Aoife Kernan, Hannah Molony, Lynn Duke
Absent: Michael Elwood

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Front Row: Alison Mooney, Evan Cooper, Aitana Byrne Parades, Amyrose Forder, Conor Evans, Orla Perdue, Abbie Sheridan, Kate Hunter Hanley, Sibéal Devilly



4F

Back Row: Johnjoe Irwin, Luke O'Brien, Cian Milofsky, Jack Killeen, Mark Daly, David Aspil, Rónán Weber, Killian Elwood

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Front Row: Orlagh Kearney, Haneefa Carrim, Jessica Neville, Ailish Long, Louise Dukes, Emma Watts, Jessica Smith, Roberta McCune, Alexandra de Silva Talaia

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Middle Row: Grace O'Marcaigh, Nadine Burke, Alessandro Macari, Mark Perham, Tom McNulty, Scott Wallace, Richard Gannon, Yasmeen Sinan

Front Row: Alice de Forge, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Ellen McCullough, Marika Gentile, Amanda Ko, Allyn Lee, Bróna Murphy, Roisín Cormac-O'Hora

Absent: Claire Austen, Zachary Breen

4GL



Back Row: Byron Cunningham, Tom Harris, Michael Dolan, Robert Jones, Billy O'Carroll, Peter Mullen, Wesley Wright, Shane Richardson

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Absent: Fionn McCarthy Purcell, Adam Lunnon-Collery

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Front Row: Laura Power, Kate Squire, Alannah Carragher, Rachel Delaney, Eva Kelly, Elizabeth Gageby, Laura Dunne
Absent: Philip Emo, Emma McNeilly, Oisín Moodliar Walsh



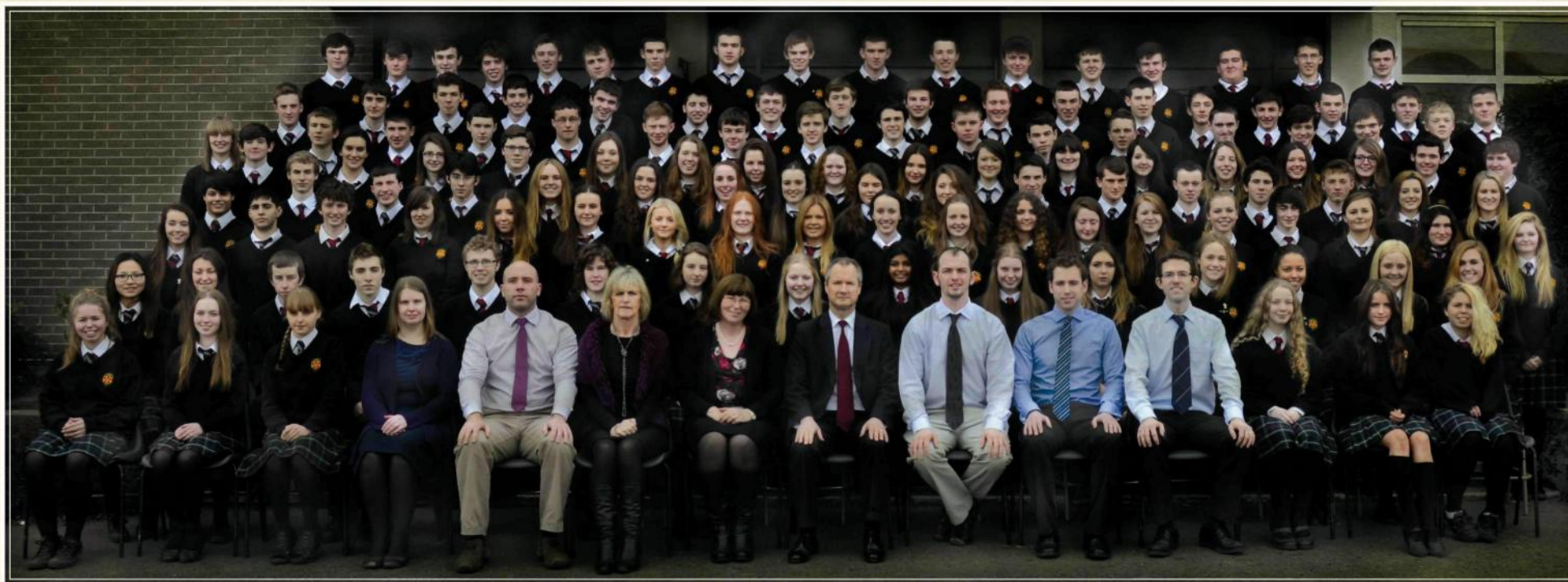
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Front Row: Rachel Donnelly, Shannon Young, Emma O'Malley, Rachael Kaye Mellor, Ellen Mullooly, Luke Murphy

Absent: Laoise Brophy, Eleanor Conheady, Ronan Dowling Cullen, Eoin Feely, Rebecca Shaw, Kian Wilson



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Back Row: Andrew Manning, Ryan Evans, Daniel McBride, Patrick O'Hare, Robert McLoughlin, Luke Barry, Jamie Laycock, Oisín Faust, James Christle, Robert Beverland, Seán Keary, Fionn MacManus, Johnny Kehoe-Roche, Justin Bradish, Ross Dooley, Darren Snodgrass

Row 4: Daniel Holder, Andrew Burke, Peter Campbell, Zephán Kavanagh, Ciara Feely, Sarah Mulhere, Chloe Doyle, Meg O'Connor, Lara Butler, Naoise Farrell, Jack Byrne, Patrick Adye Curran, Cian Tobin, Tim Neenan, Jack Taylor, Amy Byrne, Leah Stafford

Row 7: John Swanwick, Mark Ryan, Paul Harris, Shane Harrington, Richard Bismilla, Gavin Murphy, Craig Kennedy, Joe Donnelly, Rupert Adams, Robert Dunleavy, Danny McAvinue, Jack Walsh, Lorcan Daly, Hugh Sweetnam, Sam Keating, Karl Kinch, Adam McCann

Row 3: Julianne Stewart, Andrew Ryan, Matthew Drennan, Gráinne Jordan, Laoise Darragh, Sarah Carson, Alison Kinlan, Zoe Acheson, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Ailbhe Carney, Megan Byrne, Clodagh McGinley, Jennifer McAuley-Doherty, Gráinne O'Reilly, Jessica Cooper, Nathanael O'Leary, Heather Baldwin, Robin Hayden, Katie Maguire

Row 6: Abigail Donnelly, Tim Browning, Ross Connolly, Jack Sheridan, David Howard, John Deering, Mark Delaney, Donal Naylor, Ken Edgeworth, Daven Casey, Andrew Howell, Dylan Quirke, Jamie Morris, Alex Lodola, Sam Brown, Tim Jones

Row 2: Jeongun Kim, Zoe Reichental, Daragh Higgins, Robert Stitt, Seán Shanley-Mee, Annie Keane, Saoirse Forde-Morrin, Catherine Fleming, Reshaylia Naidu, Zoe Smart, Ruth Connell, Laura Rankin, Samira Ayeva, Áine Kenna, Amy MacWilliam

Row 5: John Murphy, Eva Barrett, Caroline Lahiff, Mike Dolan, Lauren Jackson, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Suzanne Gray, Emma Webster, Lauren Hudson, Ruth Mawhinney, Grace O'Donnell, Laura Heaton, Emma Murphy, Stephanie Johnson, Julie O'Brien, Fergal Kavanagh, Jamie O'Brien

Front Row: Maebh Brennan, Emma Butler, Anne-Marie Finn, Ms Thorp, Mr Hilliard, Ms McCartney, Dr Whitford, Mr Forrest, Mr Carolan, Mr Wardell, Mr Wilkinson, Ruby MacLaughlin-Callan, Grace McCarthy, Emer Brennan

Absent: Chloe Bevan, Conor Christodoulides, Laura Dowling, Sarah Fox



Back Row: Sam Evans, Raymond Ardill, Oisín Keenan, Daragh Kiernan, Alex Liddicoat, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Naoise McTeirnan, Evan Cunningham, Luke Thompson, John Savage, Ryan Cardiff-Free, Shane Smith, Pdraig McDonagh Fox, Ross Keogh, Issac Dempsey, Jack McCann, Sam Treacy-McGee

Row 4: Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Siobhan McManus, Kate Barlow, Katherine Barrett, Florence Bradish, Peter Flaherty, Alex Brohoon, Ella Furey, Ann Barrett, Kate Somers, Claire Hallissey, Rebekah Donnelly, Niamh Smith, Amber Graham, Gillian Chapman, Lili Nolan

Row 7: Ryan Gallagher, Andrew Young, Eamonn O'Sullivan, Ben Sherwood, Luke Burrowes, Richard Beverland, Caitriona Flood, Ryan Byrne, Mark Carragher, Conor Greene, Pavel Nikeryasov, Cathal Butler, Ciaran Maher, Emma Duke, Marianne McClafferty

Row 3: Conor Ryan, Hannah Ridgeway, Ciara Green, Lisa Doyle, Leah Sheridan, Aisling Reilly, Emma Lucas, Amy O'Regan, Aisling O'Reilly, Ciara Dowling, Lucy Burns, Eimear Ní Bhroin, Ciara Margolis, Zoe Shields, Esme Moloney, Brian Kennelly

Row 6: Mahon McCann, Gavin Campbell, Andrew Mooney, Ryan Foley, John Love, Jamie Ralph, Fiadh Rua Gregg, Wesley Bishop, Conor Spain, Cian Butler, Niall Mason, Andrew Shaw, Cian Pawle-Bates, Ing-Mar Lim, Niall Donnelly

Row 2: Anthony Manly, Eamonn Weitz, Darragh Kirwan, Jennifer Long, Elaine Smyth, Lauren Tully, Hayley Jackson, Caoimhe Cassidy, Megan Quirey, Vicky Love, Ellen Baldwin, María Teresa Colón-Berlingeri, Caoimhe Neville, Sara Buttanshaw, Kristina Malone

Row 5: Zak Milofsky, John Hackett, Dominic Guilding, Holly Kane O'Brien, John Walsh, Chloe Deacon, Laura Byrne, Dayna Clegg, Ben McNeilly, Aaron Campbell, Dean Kilroy, Eric Smartt, Paul McCarthy, Zion Delaney, Gavin Power, Tim Harding

Front Row: Mr B Kinsella, Ms A Keating, Ms M Burrowes, Evie McCullough, Lorcan O'Byrne, Mr R Davies, Mr G A Forrest, Mr T Gill, Lia McCann, Gavin Rothwell, Mr D Miller, Ms C Walker, Ms G Fitzgerald

Absent : Rupert Chambers, Owen de Forge, Ciara Dudley, Kamala Falkiner, Hannah Foley, Ben Gregory, Jake Hurley, Christopher Knockner, Rivkah McKinley

AUTUMN TERM



School Bell

HEAD GIRL'S REPORT

I was thrilled, and honoured, when in late August I was offered the position of Head Girl. I was even more delighted, however, to find out the other members of what would become our senior team; Lorcan, Evie and Gavin, as I couldn't imagine a better of group of people to work with!

Our first big job of the year was to try and help the Form 1 pupils to settle in. I must say that seeing them on their first day, and the following weeks, brought back many memories of our start in the school. It was hard to believe that it had already been five years since we'd had our own nervous first day!

In October our next job rolled around, the Annual Prizegiving. Lorcan and I had the rare and weird experience of being invited into the staff room to talk with different members of the management, the governors and PPU presidents, before heading to the gym where we helped with the distribution of prizes. All the prefects who, for the night, became ushers, guides and car park attendants among other jobs, carried out their duties perfectly.



Next up came the Carol Service, where I had the pleasure of doing a reading. Again, all of the prefects who were involved were of great help; organising candles, hymn sheets and the collection. Thanks to each of them.

At the PPU fun day I had great fun donning a Penguin Suit and, alongside my Dennis the Menace partner, trying to get people involved in the sumo wrestling and then down to support the hockey matches. Lorcan and I had the traditional Head Boy vs. Head Girl Sumo wrestle, which I'm ashamed to say I did terribly in and was well and truly defeated by Lorcan!

Finally near the end of the year we had the pleasure of attending The High School and Diocesan PPU ladies' dinner. It was a wonderful evening with interesting company and I would like to thank the PPU for the kind invitation.

All in all it was a wonderful year to cap off the wonderful six that I've had here at The High School. I would like to thank all of the staff who have supported and encouraged me throughout. A special thank you must also go to Mr Gill, Mr Davies and Mr Forrest for their support during this last year. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Lorcan, Evie and Gavin for making those early morning meetings tolerable; all of the prefects for their hard work carrying out their duties during the year; and last but not least our wonderful year group. Though you stressed me out from time to time (while you stockpiled banana skins...) you have all made these past years unforgettable for me so thank you for everything and I wish you all the best in the years ahead.

Lia McCann, 6th Year

HEAD BOY'S REPORT

It was quite early when the call from The High School came through. I was fast asleep when my mother came thrashing through the door, "It's The High School Lorcan!" she attempted to whisper. In a sleepy stupor I took the phone and a voice in my ear told me that my presence was requested at the school to talk about the 'roles' in the coming year.

I soon found out that my role in the coming year would be that of Head Boy, and immediately I was overwrought with gratitude and confusion. I had never thought that I could have achieved such a prestigious position, especially with my lack of 'rugger' involvement, but in true High School spirit, there is a first time for everything.

Keeping in this spirit, alongside Lia and I, we had two Deputy Heads, Evie McCullough and Gavin Rothwell, who would help us carry the pressure and work load throughout the coming year (something which Lia and I were very grateful for)

Our first duty as prefects was to meet with the incoming first years. It was crazy thinking of how once upon a time that was us, with our high voices and massive school bags.

Each prefect was assigned a certain number of first years and they were to be their 'guides' for the year. A great relationship has been built between the new students and their prefects and we are glad that we could help ease the first years through the nervous transition into secondary school.

It wasn't long until the year was in full swing; everybody was back in their books and the Leaving Certificate preparation recommenced. Lia and I had to set up the Prefect Duty rota. The first was the trickiest, but thanks to the help of last year's Head Boy and Girl we soon had a solid rota up on the common room board. Thankfully, we have a great prefect body who had no problems filling their various roles and helping in any way they could.

The annual prize giving came upon us very quickly. The prefects filled various roles on the night, many as ushers and others as parking assistants, while Lia and I entertained the Board of Governors in the staff room. Simultaneously attempting to talk on current affairs while taking in the environment of the secret room that is the staff room, was a difficult task! The prizes were assorted on stage in a meticulous Ms Thorp fashion, and the ceremony ran smoothly.

Lia and I were honoured to be able to lay the wreaths at the war memorial on Remembrance Day and not long after this came the annual Carol Service. As always, it was a brilliant and joyous evening and it went perfectly thanks to the great organisation by the staff and the involvement of the student and prefect bodies.

Yet, as the year began to draw to a close, there was a stark realisation by the sixth form that our time was truly coming to an end. Since the orals, there was been a lull in the goings on, but occasionally there is still the odd banana thrown across the common room. As Lia and I prepare for the Annual Ladies Dinner organised by the PPU, I am thankful for all the opportunities I have been given through my role as Head Boy. I hope that I have exceeded my teachers' expectations making them proud, but mostly I hope that I have represented my peers in such a way as to do them justice.



We have not only had an amazing year, but an incredible six years here and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Gill for his excellent and tireless work throughout the year, Mr Forrest, Mr Davies, Ms Garvey, Ms Carty, Mr Egan, Mr McDonnell, Mr O'Brien and all the great ladies in the office for helping us along and more importantly, for putting up with us.

In closing, I wish all my peers the very best for the future, and I thank The High School for giving me six truly unforgettable years.

Lorcan O'Byrne, 6th Year

Prefects 2012-13

Ray Ardill, Kate Barlow, Lucy Burns, Cathal Butler, Mark Carragher, Gillian Chapman, Dayna Clegg, Evan Cunningham, Lisa Doyle, Fiadh Rua Gregg, Jake Hurley, Hayley Jackson, Dean Kilroy, Ing-Mar Lim, Jennifer Long, Jack McCann, Lia McCann (*Head Girl*), Evie McCullough

(*Deputy Head Girl*), Naoise McTiernan, Caoimhe Neville, Lili Nolan, Lorcan O'Byrne (*Head Boy*), Amy O'Regan, Aisling O'Reilly, Gavin Power, Hannah Ridgeway, Gavin Rothwell (*Deputy Head Boy*), Ben Sherwood, Elaine Smyth, Conor Spain, Sam Treacy-McGee, Lauren Tully, Andrew Young

PARENTS' EVENING AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Prize Day Speech 2012

I'd like to begin by offering my congratulations to all prize winners on their success, to acknowledge the efforts of teachers who have encouraged pupils to fulfil their potential, and to thank parents and guardians for supporting the efforts of their children as they strive for excellence in education here at The High School. The means of preserving these standards given the range of difficulties facing the school at the moment and how these challenges will be managed in the future are outlined in my report in the Prize Day booklet.

I must confess that when I was a boy at this school I probably wondered why there was such a fuss about Prize Day. I may have felt a twinge of envy as peers received prizes but at this distance I think we can put that down to an expression of natural rivalry. It is significant that to the best of my knowledge (and unlike our prize winners this evening) not one of the eight members of my family in the two generations to have attended the school were awarded prizes during their time at the school – at least if they did I cannot recall them ever mentioning anything about it.

However, I doubt whether any of us took the achievement of anyone being awarded a prize by the school for granted. The one thing that any prize winner (or aspiring prize winner) understands is the sheer amount of effort required to succeed at the highest level here at The High School. We regard these prizes as an important accolade – a clear recognition by the school of the highest levels of achievement. In this respect I would like to congratulate those pupils who have been awarded prizes this evening and recognize the commitment they have made to achieving and maintaining the highest academic standards throughout their time at the school. You have every reason to be proud of your achievements.

The High School has always valued excellence in education. We are

fortunate in enjoying a long tradition of academic success at the school which has been sustained by a collaborative and co-operative approach to teaching and learning which is shared equally between pupils and staff from day to day and from year to year. The training, experience, and judgement of my colleagues on the teaching staff underpins a clear understanding that identifying and nurturing the multiple intelligences of the children entrusted to our care is central to our educational mission. It is clear to me that it would be virtually impossible to achieve the positive outcomes we are celebrating this evening were it not for the professional excellence of the teaching staff who are ably supported in their activities by the ancillary, catering, and administrative staff. It gives me great pleasure to pay tribute to their commitment and dedication to the life of the school this evening.



Orchestra: Luke Kehoe-Roche

We are all aware that having lost its economic sovereignty this country has gone through an unprecedented period of economic and financial turmoil over the past four years. The extraordinary range of pressures experienced by the current generation of parents and pupils in adapting to these changed circumstances has had a significant impact on individuals and families. I am in regular contact with parents who are experiencing difficulties so I am acutely aware of the sacrifices made by all those who have chosen to educate their children here at The High School. In the current context the role played by parents and guardians in promoting and supporting the education of their children in order to achieve positive outcomes has become an increasingly important and onerous one. The

school is grateful for the support and encouragement it receives from the parent body. I am delighted that we have an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of your children this evening and I hope that you can enjoy this proud moment of shared success.

The range of difficulties facing the school at the moment may be summarised as an ongoing struggle to absorb the impact of declining investment, the withdrawal of support services, and the deprivation of management functions whilst simultaneously planning to implement significant reform to the curriculum in the shape of the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and a revised Junior Certificate syllabus. The process of withdrawing financial support from across the education sector by the Government has continued unabated throughout. In this school we have been forced to replace state funding with private funding from fee income (to the cost of tax-paying parents) a trend which is likely to continue into the future. It is undoubtedly the case that a further increase in the pupil-teacher ratio as part of Budget 2013 will place this school in an increasingly difficult financial position. We may well wonder what the future holds given that the Department of Education and Skills is required to find further savings in its budget totalling €68 million in 2013 and €138 million in 2014.

However, the challenges for the future are not just financial; schools are also being required to implement an ambitious programme for reform introduced by Ruairi Quinn in his capacity as Minister for Education and Skills. We have already witnessed the publication of key reports on changes to the Junior Certificate; further reports, including a controversial proposal to extend greater state control to admissions procedures for schools, are in the pipeline. In addition, new initiatives to boost literacy and numeracy standards have been launched in an effort to boost performance in our schools. However, it is the radical changes to education in the Junior Cycle involving school-based

assessment which have caused greatest controversy. A wide range of subjects and short courses assessed by a combination of coursework and examinations (set by the State Examinations Commission but marked by teachers) mean that pupils will no longer sit a formal State examination at the end of their third year in secondary school. The revised syllabuses will apply from 2014 with the first cohort of students assessed in 2017. In addition to these changes, standardised tests in numeracy and English reading will be introduced in second year from 2014; similar tests in science will be introduced in 2016. The Government has committed €10 million to fund proposed changes to education in the Junior Cycle to date – whether the resources to complete the implementation of the programme exist is open to question.

In conclusion, it is clear that over the past four years individuals, families, communities, and organisations have found themselves at the receiving end of very severe cuts in resources and finances. Schools have undergone serious reductions in supports and funding. In the short term, we should continue to mobilise our communities to ensure that our Government and public representatives are aware of the damage that has been already been inflicted on schools. We should demand from the Government that the promise to protect frontline services outlined in the Programme for Government in March 2011 is fulfilled: ‘Even in our country’s crisis, we can make progress in education and protect frontline services’ [Government for National Recovery 2011 – 2016]. The preparations for Budget 2013 are now underway. The students in our school today have only this one chance to receive the best possible education to equip them for the future: please make your voice heard in demanding of Government that no further damage is inflicted on our education system.

Mr G A Forrest, MA, QTS



*The prizes were distributed by
Kingsley Aikin CBE,
Founder of Diaspora Matters*



*Members of the choir: Sorcha Ní Néill
and Clodagh Curran*

School Entrance Scholarships 2012

Dr Ralph Reynolds Memorial Scholarship:
Daisy Ryan
St Clare's Primary School, Harold's Cross

School Scholarships:
Michael Guastalla
St Attracta's Senior School, Ballinteer
William Cosgrave
Rathgar National School
Dylan Walsh
Divine Word National School, Marley Grange
Anna Samsonova
Rathgar National School
James Kinsella
St Mary's Boys National School, Rathfarnham

Music Scholarship:
Fiachra de hÓra
Scoil Mológa, Harold's Cross
Malika Kola-Cahill
Zion National School

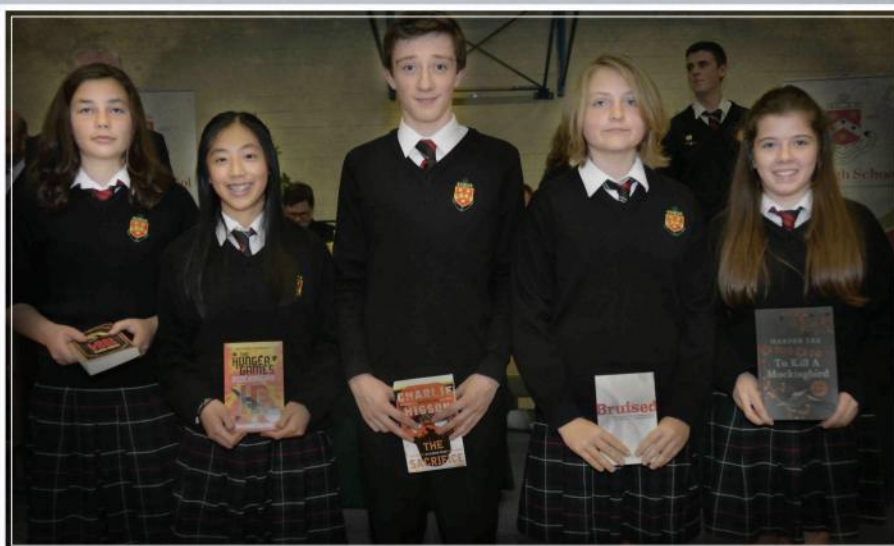


James Kinsella, Anna Samsonova, Dylan Walsh, Michael Guastalla, William Cosgrave

PRIZES

2011 - 2012

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



Melanie O'Donovan, Natalie Ko, Philip Motyer, Sophie Hayes, Abigail Nolan

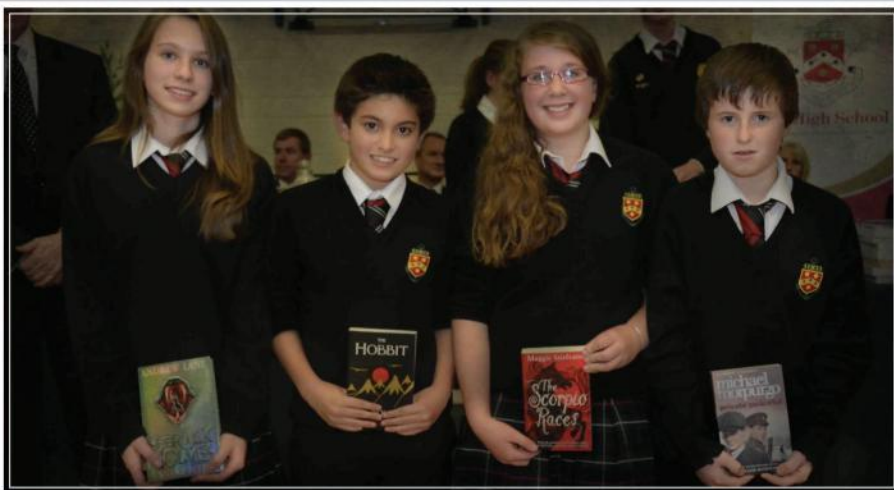


Rachel Ferguson, Aela O'Flynn, Liam Phelan, Sorcha Ní Néill

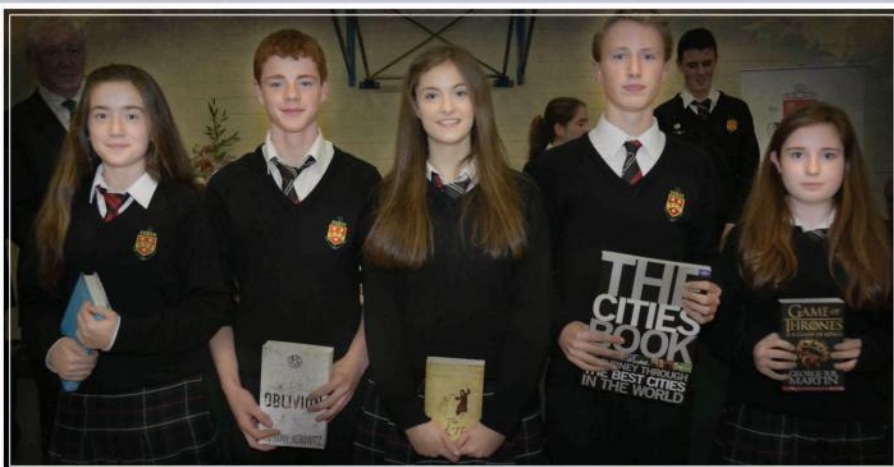


Rebecca Fox, Kevin Flaherty, Trina Bovenizer, Eoin Scarlett





Yuliya Mikulchyk, Matt Sisson, Rihanna Young, David O'Brien



Emma Canning, William Le Bas, Aisling O'Neill, Jack Scollard, Clodagh Curran



Aoife Kernan, Clara Devine, Amy Byrne, Philip Bradish, Alexander Kenny

Form 1

Class Prizes:

- 1B *Jack Iredale, Melanie O'Donovan*
 1C *Philip Motyer, Sophie Hayes*
 1R *Natalie Ko, Abigail Nolan*
 1MC *Sorcha Ní Néill, Liam Phelan*
 1W *Aela O'Flynn, Rachel Ferguson*

Progress Prizes:

- 1B *Eoin Scarlett, Trina Bovenizer*
 1C *Amy Connolly, Kevin Flaherty*
 1R *Rebecca Fox, Jeremy Cotter-Vazquez*
 1MC *David O'Brien, Rhianna Young*
 1W *Matt Sisson, Yuliya Mikulchyk*

Form 2

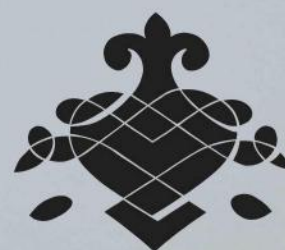
Class Prizes:

- 2F *Emma Canning, Aisling O'Neill*
 2G *William Le Bas, Jack Scollard*
 2J *Clodagh Curran, Alexander Kenny*
 2RN *Philip Bradish, Amy Byrne*
 2RE *Clara Devine, Aoife Kernan*

Wilfrid Lowry Progress

Prizes:

- 2F *Lee Tucker, Anna Cullen*
 2G *Alison Mooney, Robert Hallissey*
 2J *Paige Leavy, Adam Shaw*
 2RN *Sean Healy, Hannah Molony*
 2RE *Amy Logan, Daniels Kurilovs*





Paige Leavy, Robert Hallissey, Alison Mooney, Anna Cullen, Lee Tucker



Adam Shaw, Hannah Molony, Daniels Kurilovs, Amy Logan, Sean Logan



Louise Dukes, Ruth Ferguson, Ellen Mullooley, Philip Emo

Form 3

Rogers Memorial Prize
(best overall in Form 3):

Hayley Blair

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Charlotte King

Business Studies - SS Evans Prize:

Mark Perham

Classical Studies:

Eva Martin

Civic, Social & Political Education -

Parents' Association Prize:

Philip Emo, Ellen Mullooly, Ruth

Ferguson, Louise Dukes

English - Emily Latimer

Memorial Prize:

Maya Devine

French - Carpenter Memorial
Prize:

Susanna Wyse Jackson

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Séamas MacLochlainn

German - German

Government Prize:

Dmitry Boykiv

History - Casserley Prize:

Séamas MacLochlainn

Home Economics - Dr Maurice

Anderson's Prize:

Hayley Blair

Irish - Jellett Memorial Prize:

Johnjoe Irwin

Mathematics - Dillon Prize:

Séamas MacLochlainn

Materials Technology (Wood) -

Parents' Association Prize:

Elizabeth Gageby

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Jessica Smith

Religious Education -

Parents' Association Prize:

Chloe Manahan

Science - Dorothy Blakeney Prize:

Tony Zheng

Technical Graphics - Parents'
Association Prize:

Séamas MacLochlainn

Progress Prizes:

3C *Robert Clarke, Amanda Ko*

3P *Saoirse O'Mahony, Rónán Weber*

3T *Daniel English, Roberta McCune*

3TO *Felim O Cleirigh, Alice de Forge*

3W *Saoirse O'Donoghue, Tara
Barnes*



Hayley Blair



Charlotte King



Mark Perham



Eva Martin



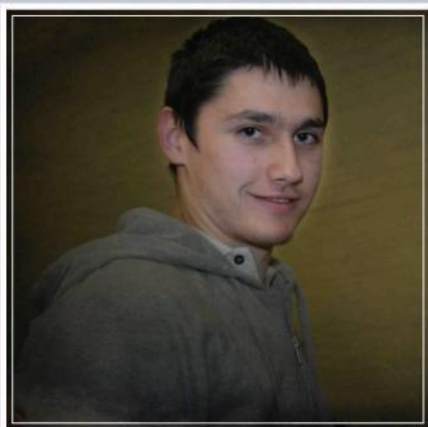
Maya Devine



Suzanna Wyse-Jackson



Séamas MacLochlainn



Dmitry Boykiv



Johnjoe Irwin



Elizabeth Gageby



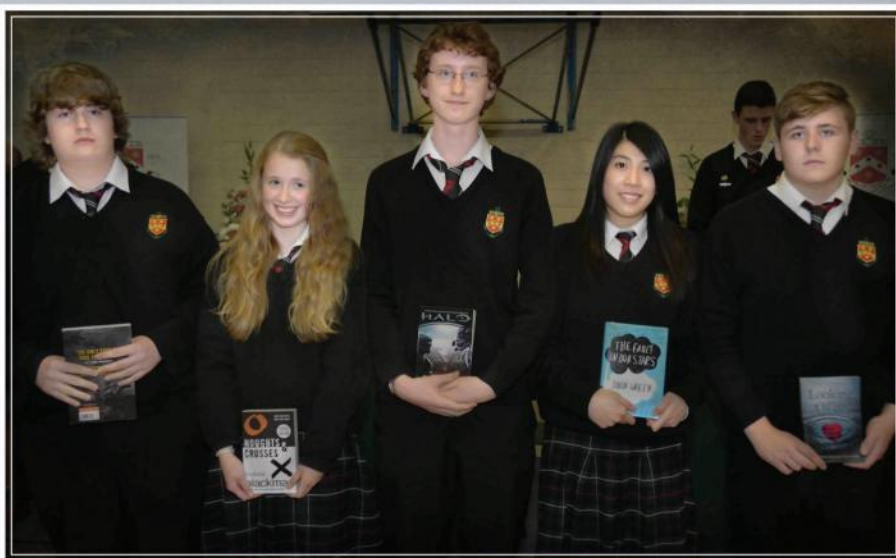
Jessica Smith



Chloe Manahan



Tony Zheng



Rónán Weber, Saoirse O'Mahony, Daniel English, Amanda Ko, Robert Clarke



Tara Barnes, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Alice de Forge, Felim O Cleirigh, Roberta McCune

Form 5

Mitchell Scholarship
(best overall in Form 5)
Lucy Burns

Class Prizes:

Amy O'Regan, Lia McCann, Lili Nolan, Andrew Shaw, Anthony Manly, Sam Treacy-McGee, John Savage, Ben Sherwood, Alex Liddicoat

Montgomery Awards

Biology Joint 1st:

Marianne McClafferty

Joint 1st:

Lorcan O'Byrne & Fiadh Rua Gregg

Joint 2nd:

Aisling O'Reilly, Megan Quirey

Physics 1st:

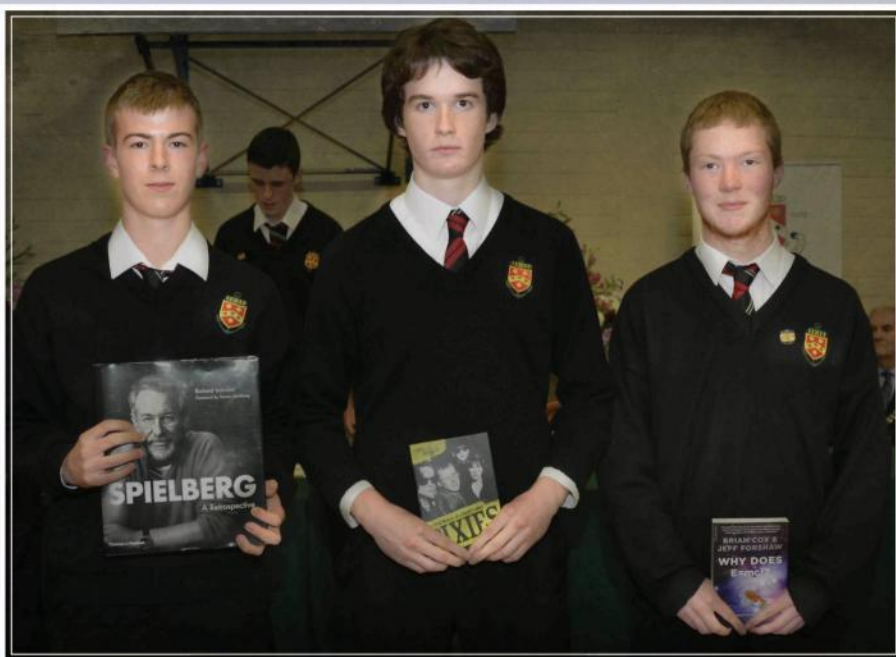
Sam Treacy-McGee

Joint 2nd:

Lili Nolan, Gavin Rothwell

Chemistry Joint 1st :

Isaac Dempsey, Lucy Burns



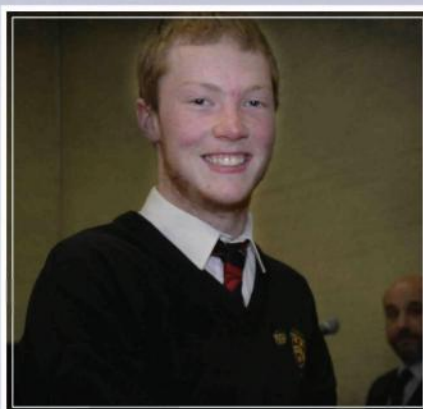
Alex Liddicoat, John Savage, Sam Treacy-McGee



Fiadh Rua Gregg, Lorcan O'Byrne, Marianne McClafferty



Megan Quirey, Aisling O'Reilly



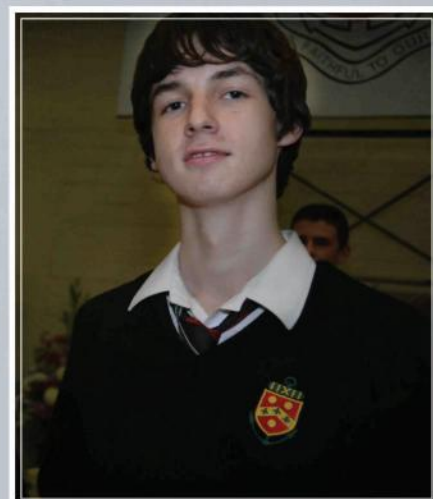
Sam Treacy-McGee



Lucy Burns



Gavin Rothwell, Lili Nolan



Isaac Dempsey

Form 6

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

High School Exhibition:

(best pupil in Form 6 who enters TCD)

Cian Dowling Cullen

John Thompson Scholarship:

Alice Somers Donnelly

Glorney Exhibition and Cup:

(next best performing pupil who proceeds to further education)

Anna Keary

Mildred Latimer Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil who enters further education in Ireland)

Gavin O'Toole

Abraham and Charles Spiro Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Peter Adye-Curran

John Bennett Memorial Prize:

(next best performing pupil)

Una Keller

Rawdon Taylor Memorial Prize:

(best pupil who studies Engineering at 3rd Level)

James Fleming

Accounting:

Ciarán Bradish

Applied Mathematics - Evelyn Riley

Memorial Prize:

Peter Adye-Curran

Art - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Conor Sexton

Biology - Miss Jagoe Prize:

Peter Adye-Curran

Business - S.S. Evans Prize:

Kunal Kapoor

Chemistry - Dr Start's Prize:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Classical Studies - Etheline

Brady Prize:

Alice Somers Donnelly

Construction Studies - Parents'

Association Prize:

James Fleming

Economics - Ivan King

Memorial Prize:

Peter Adye-Curran

English - Bessie Bury Prize:

Gavin O'Toole

French - McNay Prize:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Geography - Miss Latimer's Prize:

Anna Keary

Geology - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Jack McGrath

German - German Government

Prize: *Anna Keary*

History - Ivan King Memorial Prize:

Alice Somers Donnelly

Home Economics - Dr Maurice

Anderson's Prize:

Sarah McKenna Barry

Irish-Casserley Memorial Prize:

Anna Keary

Mathematics - Foster

Memorial Prize:

Peter Adye-Curran

Music - Diocesan School Prize:

Ferdia Soper MacCafraidh

Physics:

Cian Dowling Cullen

Spanish - Ray White

Memorial Prize:

Joseph Finn

Design and Communication

Graphics - Miss Mitchell's Prize:

Sam Lunn

Class Prizes: *Emma Devine, Emma*

Feely, Jennifer Rynne, Martha

Barber Hume, Morwenna Gentile,

Judith Harrington, Stephen

Alexander, Sophie Wann, Oisín

Deville

Special Category Prizes

Alan Peters Memorial Prize:

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

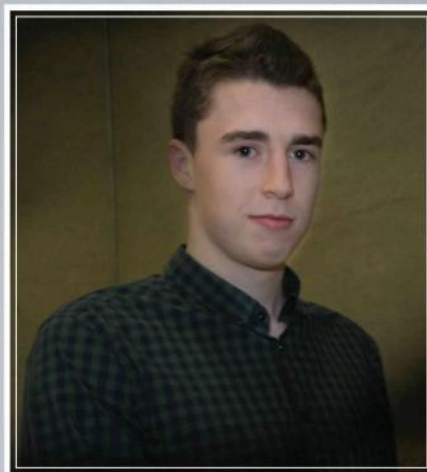
Zoe Dolan

PPU Debating Medal:

Lucy Burns

McDonnell Prize for the Arts:

Aisling Reilly for her involvement in the 5th Year Play and Orchestra



Cian Dowling Cullen



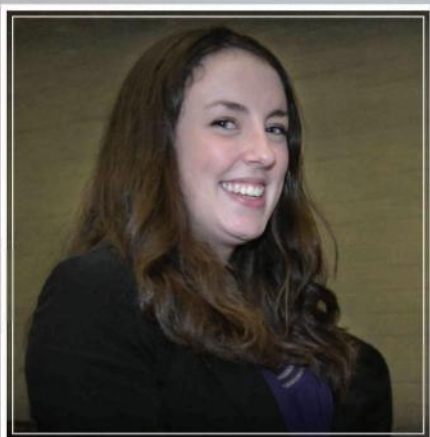
Anna Keary



Gavin O'Toole



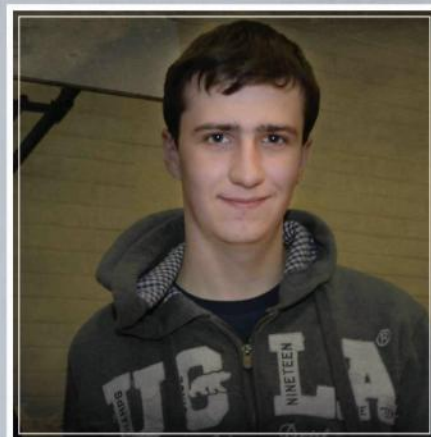
Peter Adye-Curran



Una Keller



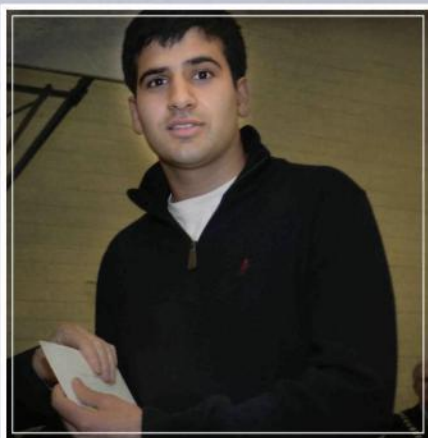
James Flemming



Ciarán Bradish



Conor Sexton



Kunal Kapoor



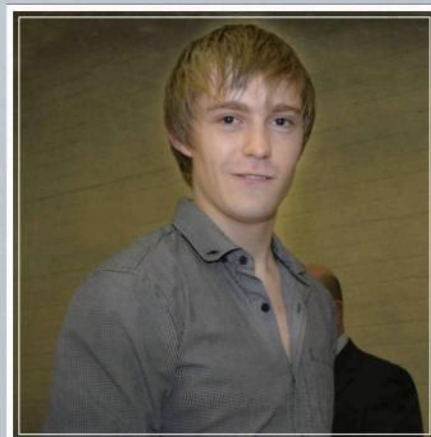
Sarah McKenna Barry



Martha Barber Hume, Jennifer Rynne, Emma Feely, Emma Divine

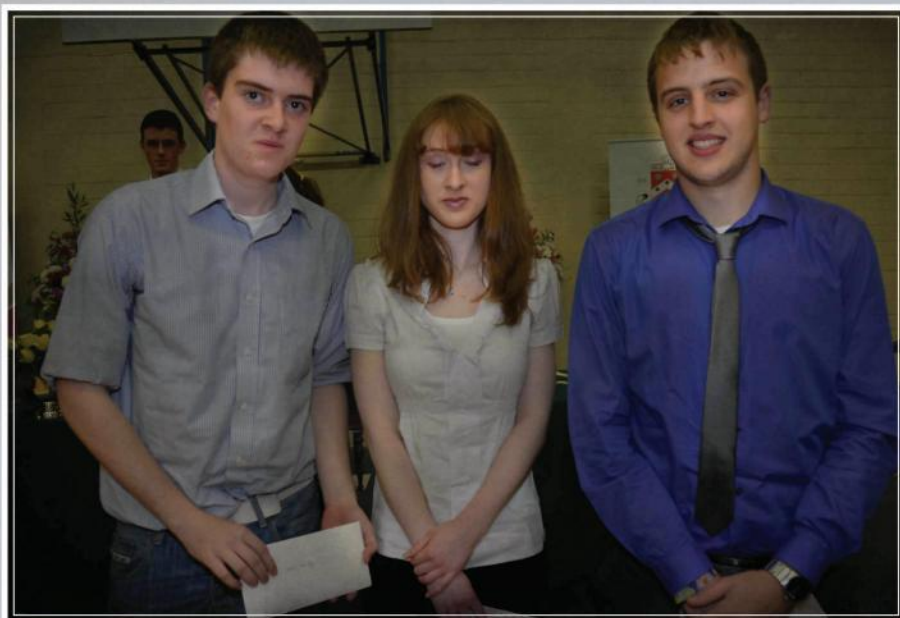


Ferdia Soper MacCairaidh



Joseph Finn





Oisín Devilly, Sophie Wann, Stephen Alexander

Foundation Day Initiative Award

Lucy Burns and Leah McCann - for the work they did on the costumes for the 5th Year Play

Gavin Rothwell - for the work he did for the Student Council and his involvement in fundraising for various charities

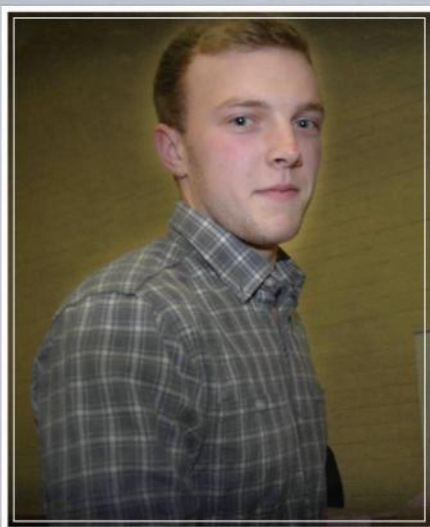


Lucy Burns, Leah McCann, Gavin Rothwell

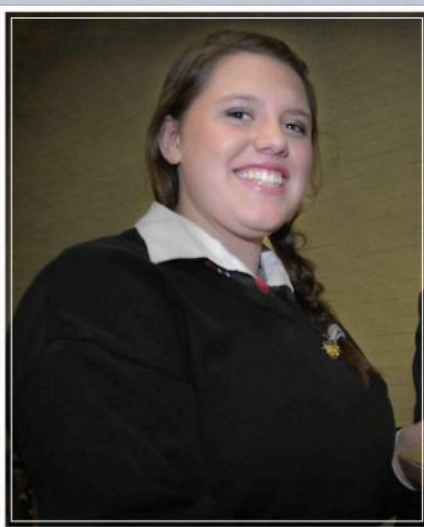
Past Pupils' Union Awards

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: *Stephen Alexander*
Head Girl: *Martha Barber Hume*
Jean Scott Trophy: *Zoe Dolan*
Old Boys' Cup: *John Bradish*



Will Rolfe



Hannah Ridgeway



John Swanwick



Lauren Walsh



Siobhan McManus



Rachel Burke



Ryan O'Malley



Jennifer Rynne



Stephen Alexander



John Ellis, John Bradish, Zoe Dolan and Alison Hunt



Charlotte King



Aisling O'Reilly



Aoife Kernan

TRANSITION YEAR AWARDS 2011-2012

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze

Rupert Adams
Patrick Adye-Curran
Samira Ayeva
Kyrie Baker Kerriga
Heather Baldwin
Eva Barrett
Robert Beverland
Justin Bradish
Tim Browning
Andrew Burke
Emma Butler
Lara Butler
Jack Byrne
Chloe Bevan
Megan Byrne
Ailbhe Carney
Sarah Carson
James Christle
Ruth Connell
Ross Connolly
Jessica Cooper
John Deering
Mark Delaney
Abigail Donnelly
Ross Dooley
Laura Dowling
Chloe Doyle
Matthew Drennan
Ken Edgeworth
Oisín Faust
Ciara Feely
Ann-Marie Finn
Sarah Fox
Shane Harrington
Robin Hayden
Catherine Fleming
Saoirse Forde-Morrin
Niamh Hebblethwaite
Daragh Higgins
David Howard
Andrew Howell
Lauren Hudson
Lauren Jackson
Stephanie Johnson
Johnny Kehoe-Roche
Áine Kenna
Craig Kennedy
Caroline Lahiff
Alex Lodola
Amy MacWilliam
Andrew Manning
Danny McAvinue
Daniel McBride
Grace McCarthy
Clodagh McGinley
Sarah Mulhere
Emma Murphy
Gavin Murphy
John Murphy

Reshaylia Naidu
Donal Naylor
Tim Neenan
Julie O'Brien
Meg O'Connor
Grace O'Donnell
Nathanael O'Leary
Gráinne O'Reilly
Dylan Quirke
Laura Rankin
Zoe Reichental
Andrew Ryan
Mark Ryan
Jordan Shaibe
Seán Shanley-Mee
Jack Sheridan
Zoe Smart
Leah Stafford
John Swanwick
Jack Taylor
Cian Tobin

Gaisce-President's Award

Silver

Lucy Burns (5th Year)

Gaisce-President's Award

Bronze

Florence Bradish (5th Year)

Young Entrepreneurs

Baker Kerrigan, Kyrie
Baker, Shannon
Brennan, Emer
Campbell, Peter
Carson, Sarah
Darragh, Laoise
Delaney, Mark
Doyle, Chloe
Drennan, Matthew
Dunleavy, Robert
Farrell, Naoise
Gray, Suzanne
Harris, Paul
Higgins, Daragh
Holder, Daniel
Jackson, Lauren
Kennedy, Craig
Lodola, Alex
MacWilliam, Amy
Mawhinney, Ruth
McBride, Daniel
Murphy, Emma
O'Brien, Julie
O'Connor, Meg
Reichental, Zoe
Snodgrass, Darren
Stitt, Robert
Tobin, Cian
Walsh, Jack

Judo Awards 2011/2012

Adams, Rupert
Adye-Curran, Patrick
Barrett, Eva
Barry, Luke
Bismilla, Richard
Burke, Andrew
Byrne, Jack
Campbell, Peter
Christle, James
Delaney, Mark
Donnelly, Joe
Dooley, Ross
Dunleavy, Robert
Faust, Oisín
Hebblethwaite, Niamh
Jones, Tim
Kehoe-Roche, John
Kinch, Karl
Laycock, Jamie
MacManus, Fionn
McAvinue, Danny
McBride, Daniel
Morris, Jamie
Murphy, Emma
Murphy, Gavin
Murphy, John
Naylor, Donal
Neenan, Tim
Ryan, Andrew
Shaibe, Jordan
Stitt, Robert
Walsh, Jack

Habitat for Humanity

Nepal 2012

Barrett, Kate
Carragher, Mark
Deering, John
Dempsey, Isaac
Foley, Hannah
Hebblethwaite, Niamh
Holder, Daniel
Johnson, Stephanie
Kilroy, Dean
MacManus, Fionn
O'Byrne, Lorcan
O'Hare, Patrick
Rankin, Laura
Ridgeway, Hannah
Sweetnam, Hugh
Weitz, Eamon

Andrew McKay Memorial

Business Award

Campbell, Peter
Dunleavy, Robert
Farrell, Naoise
Holder, Daniel
MacWilliam, Amy

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2012

<i>Adye-Curran, Peter</i>	<i>Jordan, Cormac</i>
<i>Alexander, Stephen</i>	<i>Kapoor, Kunal</i>
<i>Andrésson, Kári</i>	<i>Kearns, Niamh</i>
<i>Atkinson, Emily</i>	<i>Keary, Anna</i>
<i>Barber Hume, Martha</i>	<i>Keller, Una</i>
<i>Barrett, Mara</i>	<i>Kernan, Daniel</i>
<i>Benaksas, Sylvan</i>	<i>Killeen, Sam</i>
<i>Bradish, Ciarán</i>	<i>Kinch, Kirsten</i>
<i>Bradish, John</i>	<i>Kinlan, James</i>
<i>Browne, Seán</i>	<i>Loane, Conn</i>
<i>Burdon, Alannah</i>	<i>Lunn, Sam</i>
<i>Burke, Deborah</i>	<i>Mak, Fabian</i>
<i>Burke, Niall</i>	<i>Martin, John</i>
<i>Burke, Rachel</i>	<i>Mason, Kenneth</i>
<i>Burns, Helena</i>	<i>McCune, Thomas</i>
<i>Byrne, Leah</i>	<i>McDonnell, Leanne</i>
<i>Casey, Denis</i>	<i>McGrath, Jack</i>
<i>Chisholm, Kristian</i>	<i>McGuinness, Elizabeth</i>
<i>Christle, Elodie</i>	<i>McKenna Barry, Sarah</i>
<i>Clancy, Thomas</i>	<i>McNulty, John</i>
<i>Collins, Sophie</i>	<i>McQuaid, Jordan</i>
<i>Connell, James</i>	<i>Meeke, Jessica</i>
<i>Connolly, Nicole</i>	<i>Mitchell, Fiona</i>
<i>Conroy, Ethan</i>	<i>Molony, Jack</i>
<i>Cormac-O'Hora, Aíne</i>	<i>Moore, Tom</i>
<i>Cosgrave, Alice</i>	<i>Moran, Niamh</i>
<i>Cosgrove, Neil</i>	<i>Moroney, Aoife</i>
<i>Crimin, Ian</i>	<i>Mullan, Matthew</i>
<i>Cunningham, Ellen</i>	<i>Murphy, Niamh</i>
<i>Dakin, Beth</i>	<i>Murray-Byrne, Brendan</i>
<i>Dalton, Rebecca</i>	<i>Noone, Cian</i>
<i>Daly, Maeve</i>	<i>O'Brien, Chloe</i>
<i>Darby, Aisling</i>	<i>O'Byrne, Aidan</i>
<i>Deegan, Mark</i>	<i>O'Callaghan, Niall</i>
<i>Devilly, Oisín</i>	<i>O'Donnell, Luke</i>
<i>Devine, Emma</i>	<i>O'Kelly, Mark</i>
<i>Dolan, Zoe</i>	<i>O'Malley, Adam</i>
<i>Dowling Cullen, Cian</i>	<i>O'Malley, Ryan</i>
<i>E. Fusco, Sofia</i>	<i>O'Toole, Gavin</i>
<i>Elliott, Jamie</i>	<i>Peace, Mitchell</i>
<i>Fagan, Katelyn</i>	<i>Reid, Stephen</i>
<i>Feely, Emma</i>	<i>Rolfe, Will</i>
<i>Finlay, Colm</i>	<i>Rynne, Jennifer</i>
<i>Finn, Joe</i>	<i>Schmidt, Abby</i>
<i>Flaherty, Ciaran</i>	<i>Seagrave, John</i>
<i>Fleming, James</i>	<i>Sexton, Conor</i>
<i>Fogarty, Jim</i>	<i>Sheerin, Lisa</i>
<i>Fox, David</i>	<i>Sheridan, Ian</i>
<i>Fusciardi, Stefano</i>	<i>Somers Donnelly, Alice</i>
<i>Garland, Rebecca</i>	<i>Soper MacCafraidh, Ferdia</i>
<i>Gentile, Morwenna</i>	<i>Styles, Robert</i>
<i>Grehan, Sarah</i>	<i>Treacy, Michael</i>
<i>Hanley, Kate</i>	<i>Tully, Rebecca</i>
<i>Harrington, Judith</i>	<i>Turner, Daniel</i>
<i>Heaton, Adam</i>	<i>Twomey, Darragh</i>
<i>Hennessy, James</i>	<i>Wade, Lauren</i>
<i>Hogan, Oisín</i>	<i>Walker, Shane</i>
<i>Howell, Sarah</i>	<i>Walsh, Lauren</i>
<i>Hudson, Luke</i>	<i>Wann, Sophie</i>
<i>Huggard, Karl</i>	<i>Ward, Jane</i>
<i>Jones, Harry</i>	

Trinity College Entrance Exhibitions

A number of immediate past pupils from The High School have been awarded Entrance Exhibitions at Trinity College, Dublin in recognition of their high levels of performance in the Leaving Certificate examinations. The awards are made to Junior Freshmen who are new entrants to full-time undergraduate degree courses at the university whose performance in the Leaving Certificate examination was greater than the equivalent of 560 points. In 2012, Sean-Tee Lim, Peter Adye-Curran, and Cian Dowling-Cullen together with Anna Keary achieved this notable distinction and were awarded Entrance Exhibitions. Congratulations and we would like to wish them every success in their academic careers!

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2012

Aspil, David
Austen, Claire
Barlow, Lucy
Barnes, Tara
Bell, Victor
Bergman, Edward
Blair, Hayley
Boykiv, Dmitry
Breen, Zachary
Brophy, Laoise
Brusey, David
Burke, Nadine
Burrowes, Evan
Butler, Darragh
Campbell, Kyle
Carragher, Alannah
Carrim, Haneefa
Chambers, Elliot
Clarke, Robert
Clegg, Jonah
Comerford-Flynn, Phoebe
Conheady, Eleanor
Cormac-O'Hara, Roisín
Courtney, Andrew
Crosby, Stephen
Cunningham, Byron
Da Silva Talaia, Alexandra
Daly, Mark
Deegan, Robert
de Forge, Alice
Delaney, Rachel
Devine, Maya
Dolan, Michael
Donnelly, Rachel
Dowling Cullen, Rónán
Doyle, Beatrice
Dukes, Louise
Dunne, Laura
Dunne, Neil
Elwood, Killian
Emo, Philip
English, Daniel
Feely, Eoin
Ferguson, Ruth
Gageby, Elizabeth
Gannon, Richard
Gentile, Marika
Geraghty, Isabelle
Gillanders, Griffin
Griffin, Harry
Hackett, Hugh
Harris, Tom
Harrison, Ciarán
Hogg, Joshua
Holden, Lucy
Hughes, Áine
Irwin, Johnjoe
Jackson, Colin
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Neville, Jessica
Nikolova, Marcella
Ní Riain, Emily
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O'Brien, Luke
O'Byrne, Eoghan
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O'Carroll, Billy
O'Donnell, Jakob
O'Donoghue, Saoirse
O'Gorman, Ellen
O'Kelly, Aisling
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Pickett, Jasmine
Power, Laura
Prendergast, Conor
Richardson, Shane
Shaw, Rebecca
Sinan, Yasmeen
Smith, Jessica
Squire, Kate
Thompson, Bethany
Tuohy, Leah
Twamley, James
Tyrrell, Eva
Wallace, Scott

Watts, Emma
Weber, Rónán
Weitz, Liam
Whelan, Aisling
Wilson, Kian
Wright, Wesley
Wyse Jackson, Susanna
Young, Shannon
Zheng, Tony

CULTRA CULTURAL TRIP

On Tuesday 25th September our school organised a Transition Year outing to the Transport and Folk Museum in Cultra, Co Down. We took the train at 9:30 from Connolly Station to Cultra where we got to spend a few hours in an artificial town that was based on an Irish town back in the 19th century.

We also took a tour of the Transport Museum and looked at the transport system from the same era. There were trains, cars and even some planes. After a fun, educational day we took the journey back on the train to Dublin. On behalf of Transition Year we would like to thank the teachers (Mr Irwin, Ms Browne, Ms Goulding) that came with us on our trip.

D Butler, L Weitz (TY)
Photographs by R Clarke (TY)



Old Fashioned Shop



Hugging a Horse



Aine Hughes, Tara Barnes, Leah Tuohy



Inside a Cottage



Weaving Loom



Steam Trains



Alice de Forge



Rebecca Shaw

NEW STAFF INTERVIEWS

Miss Keating Interview

Jim: So, how are you today Miss?

Miss Keating: I'm good, thanks for asking.

Jim: So, what was your first teaching job?

Miss Keating: My first teaching job was in Wilson's Hospital School in Multyfarnham in Mullingar, the town of Joe Dolan, there's a golden statue of him in the town, highlight of the town, and I taught full time RE that year. RE is my other subject at Leaving and Junior Certificate level.

Jim: Being an English teacher, what is your favourite book?

Miss Keating: Okay, my top three: *Catcher in the Rye* is definitely one of them, *To Kill a Mockingbird* even though when you teach it it kind of lessens the impact of *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Abbey: I love that book, it's a great book.

Miss Keating: Yeah, and *The Book Thief* is a new one, have you read it?

Jim: Oh yeah I have, it's brilliant.

Abbey: My brother's read that, I haven't.

Miss Keating: It's a great book, it made me cry, the end with the accordion. It's narrated by death, so you get this fantastic perspective.

Jim: Oh I was thinking of an entirely different book, *The Good Thief*, which is about a kid with one hand.

Abbey: Oh, have you watched *Despicable Me* yet?

Miss Keating: No I haven't, but I have to watch it.

Abbey: Favourite movies?

Miss Keating: My favourite movies of all time? Umm, oh my goodness! Oh, *Big Fish and Up* I like, I like those movies. I like comedy movies they'd be my favourite, and movies that make me cry, the two extremes really. Mostly it's the films I teach, like *Stand By Me*, great movie. You're really putting me on the spot, *The Sound of Music*, I was obsessed with musicals as a kid, *West Side Story*. Yeah, *Sound of Music* is probably my favourite movie of all time, I can remember every single word, I know it off by heart.

Jim: Okay, what are your favourite past-times?

Miss Keating: I love walking the dogs, I have two dogs, they are my main motivation in life, one of them anyway even though Toby annihilated

the fridge once, as I've told my classes. He managed to open it with his nose and ate a long list of things. I like swimming, I play guitar, I'm in a choir, I've been in a choir for a long time. I love singing, I like karaoke, if there is karaoke, I will get up every time.

Abbey: So what ha-

Miss Keating: I'm also addicted to reality TV. *(Everyone laughs)*

Abbey: So what has been the most memorable moment of teaching?

Miss Keating: Ever?

Abbey: Yeah, that either you or a student has ever done.

Miss Keating: I can't remember a specific moment but the most memorable moments are when we're both laughing and learning at the same time, I think humour is very important when teaching. One of my favourite moments was when two third years got up and rapped the entire *Fresh Prince of Bel Air* rap, when we were talking about rhythm and meter in poetry.

Abbey: What is your favourite year to teach?

Miss Keating: Third years are good as they're a bit more dedicated than second years, I like first years too. I like all years basically, and you can't specify, as everyone is at a different stage of development. My goal is to stay in a school long enough to see a class go from first to sixth year and see how they grow up, as I've only ever spent two years in the same school.

Jim: Are you now, or have you ever been related to Ronan Keating?

Miss Keating: No, I'm a huge fan and I've researched on Google, but unfortunately no, I'm not.

Interview with Mr Sullivan

What subjects do you teach?

PE games and CSPE.

Who is your favourite year to teach?

I enjoy teaching all the years and I really don't have a favourite but I particularly enjoy working with the first years.

First impressions of The High School?

Great school, great body of student and staff, very friendly, outgoing,

enthusiastic and willing to learn.

Any embarrassing moments so far?

Well, there was this one time, but it was more on the student's part. I'm involved with the JCT team and one lad forgot to bring his boots to the game so as the saint that I am, I gave him my pair of boots and I had to wear his school shoes. Probably the most embarrassing moment was when Mr Walker and Mr McCaughey saw me looking a goof wearing the lad's shoes. **Name three things you would bring to a desert island and one has to be a teacher.**

1. Tea - I enjoy drinking tea.

2. Bit of music.

3. Mr Sheehan as he could build me a raft.

Where about are you from?

Cork.

Do you know Mr Levis then?

No, but I heard a lot about him.

What superhero power would you have?

Be able to read peoples' minds, see if a student is lying to you or do they understand what you're teaching.

Do you have any hidden talents?

Well I played rugby for Munster at youth and college level. Unfortunately, I didn't make national level. I also have a keen interest in running and athletics. I have a good ear for music as well.

If you to audition for the X Factor what song would you sing?

Have to be a corny and cheesy song yeah? Bit of JLS I suppose, like I want to get through to the next round... I'll entertain them with my dance moves anyway.

What was the last thing you bought? Well I'm in the process of buying a bike.

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

I'd go on a big holiday, help my mum pay off the mortgage, travel the world, and see a few interesting places.

If you were a piece of fruit, what fruit would you be?

A strawberry because I'm sweet, tasty and nice to look at.

Now that wasn't too bad was it?

Nope, it was perfect!

Jim Christie, 5th Year



INTERVIEW WITH MS BROWNE

by Lauren Jackson

(left) and Laura Dowling (right), 5th Year

1) **W**hat members of staff, one male and one female would you want to be with you if you were stranded on a desert island?

I hate this question! We could be here a while...

5 minutes later

I forget everyone's names...

I'm trying to think of someone that's good at everything and someone I could put up with...

Ms Lyons, one of my fellow resource teachers! Because she knows everything, she's a fabulous cook and she could definitely make a raft to get us out of there.

And I think I'd choose Mr Keegan too, because I like to laugh with him, he'd be entertaining!

2) On a night out, who'd be most fun? Hmmm... Mr Carolan, because he can play guitar! Mr Barry too just because he has the randomest of sayings and can entertain us! And again Ms Lyons because she's just a great laugh!

3) Where did you grow up?

I grew up in West Clare, just outside Killkee. That's where I went to secondary school.

4) Did you enjoy school?

Yes, actually I enjoyed school all the way up, I wasn't a nerd though **laughs** I could have done better in my Leaving Certificate **laughs** But, that's why I'm back to pass on my "knowledge" to you guys!

5) So how did you get from West Clare to Dublin then?

I went to college in DCU and I studied Science Education. My subjects I teach are maths and science but I do resource here and I love it! My first ever proper job was at The High School many moons ago, and I've been kind of in and out since.

6) Do you like The High School, Dublin? Yeah, I really do, because the staff and

students are great, it's very relaxed! When I told my mum I was going to be working here again she said "That's the school you really like!" **laughs** so yeah I've loved working here so far.

7) What's your favourite year group?

I like different years for different reasons... I mean, I like the 5th years because we had so much fun doing the 5th year play, it was brilliant! And then I had my first ever away trip with you guys when you were in 4th year to the North and I loved that! But then I went on lots of trips with this year's 4th years which was great, especially paint balling! And then the 6th years, I've known since they were 1st years, so I love them too! I have to say though... I do have a soft spot for the 5th years.

8) So what would you do on a typical weekend?

Drive to Clare and spend about five hours trying to get there! Chill out, maybe go shopping and do something on Saturday night and then Sunday is lie in time.

9) If you had to choose, would you live in Clare or Dublin?

Well, I like Dublin because I went to college here but Clare is home... So I'm not sure! If I had a pet I think it'd be okay, my dad's a farmer so that's what I miss most about home, having animals around! I need to get friends with dogs... **laughs**

10) What's your favourite kind of music?

Oooh, everything to be honest! Bad answer I know, but it really is... I have to say I like a bit of Makelmore in the morning! I hate that typical dance music that 'unce unce' stuff. I like *Glee*... Wait, did I just say that out loud?

11) So who would be your favourite all time artist then?

Oh, I don't know... **takes out phone** hmm.. I think I'd have to say The Coronas, I really love them!

12) What about TV? What's your favourite programme at the moment?

At the moment I would have to say *Game of Thrones* and *Revenge*! I

haven't missed an episode! Oh, and *Criminal Minds* also.

13) What's your favourite movie?

My favourite movie of all time would have to be *Gone With The Wind*.

14) What's your favourite book?

Well my favourite author is Jodi Picoult because I love all the plot twists in her books! I'm trying to get through the *Game of Thrones* books too!

Quick fire round:

Coke or Pepsi?

Coke

Heels or flats?

Flats

Books or TV?

Books

Maths or Science?

Maths

Singing or dancing?

Singing (in my car)

Night in or night out?

Night out

Day or night?

Day

Cats or dogs?

I can't do this... Dogs!

Tea or coffee?

Tea (with half a cow of milk!) Yeah I get slagged about that a lot, a dash of tea with my milk!

White, milk or dark chocolate?

White chocolate

Lauren or Laura?

That's the bell!

LIBRARY COMMITTEE



Geography Field Trip

On Thursday, 4th October a group of Sixth Form Geography enthusiasts travelled deep into the Wicklow Mountains to undertake their fieldwork investigation at the Glendasan River, Co Wicklow on the topic that erosion is an active process in a fluvial environment. The investigation is worth 20 per cent of the Leaving Certificate marks, so we got our all our equipment together, packed our wellies and headed for the mountains to gather the data. We had three different sites where we collected information on three topics. The first was the width and depth of the river; the second was the gradient of the river and the third was the size and shape of rocks in the river. We gathered some interesting results and the investigation was a great success. It was a hugely enjoyable day out and we would like to thank Ms Wilson, Mr Rankin, and Ms Fallon for organising the trip and for giving us a helping hand on the day.



Gifted and Talented trip to Exeter College, Oxford

On Tuesday, 9th October, Mike Dolan (5th year), Dominic Guilding and Rivkah McKinley (both 6th year), went to Oxford University to attend a lecture given by Ms Jeri Johnson, a lecturer in the Faculty of English, on 'Fiction's Possible Worlds'. We arrived in Birmingham at 7:00 am, whereupon we soon departed to Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-Upon-Avon, which had been converted into a museum on Shakespeare. After seeing the exhibition and touring the house, we were able to wander around Stratford-Upon Avon for a while, before we left to go to the main attraction of the day - namely, the lecture.

Upon arriving at Oxford, we were given a tour of Exeter College, which was hosting the event, and some students at the college gave a brief talk about the college and the university before the lecture. The lecture itself was very interesting: Dr. Johnson was engaging and brought up many intriguing points which were fascinating to think about. After the lecture, we went for tea and sandwiches in the Dining Hall, and we had the opportunity to meet Ms Johnson

Back Row: Joe Prendergast, Eva Eamer, Anna Brisille

Middle Row: Conor Isom, Nicky Merriman, Órla O'Byrne, Gemma Bouenizer, Polly Greene, Odhran Saulnier, James Metaudi

Front Row: Amy Connolly, Trina Bouenizer, Abigail Nolan, Sorcha Ní Néill, Kate Morgan Lawson, Ella Schmidt, Cía McElveen Walsh, Michael Guastalla

to present her with some gifts on behalf of the school. We were all exhausted from the day when we returned to Dublin at 11.00 pm, but it was very interesting and a great experience. We should like to thank Mr Miller for organising the trip and accompanying us.

Mike Dolan, 5th Year

DEBUTANTES HAVE A BALL



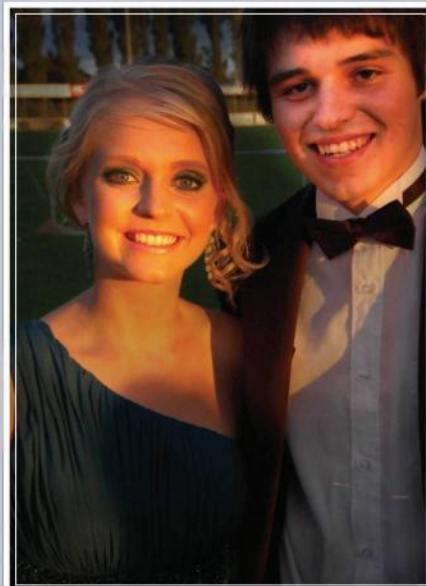
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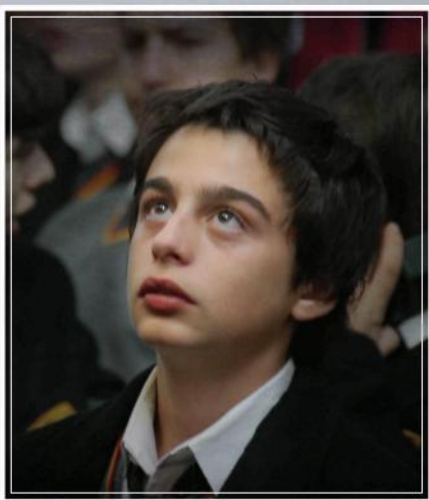


Martha Barber Hume, Robert Styles

ARGENTINA VISITS THE HIGH SCHOOL



High School students entertain their Argentinean friends



Student from Argentina watching in awe at assembly



Meeting of the teams



The Principal of the Argentinean school



Simon Says HSD Triumphs Again

A huge team of students and staff from The High School took part in the annual Dublin Simon Community Fun Run on Saturday 6 October in the Phoenix Park. Last year, The High School was awarded the Simon Community "School of the Year" Perpetual Trophy for raising the largest sum of any school in the country for the charity. This year, The High School managed to retain this trophy, as well as raising a personal best and setting a record this year for the largest amount of money ever raised for the Simon Community by a school in the fun run. This year Jack Scollard (3G) was the first student from The High School to finish, in a time of 30:34. Congratulations to all who took part and everyone who helped raise the money!

Robin Hayden, 5th Year

Run for Fun

On the sixth of October 2012 around a hundred students and teachers braved the crisp conditions to run the 5 mile Simon Fun Run in the Phoenix Park, in aid of the Dublin Simon Community. It was a very difficult course with lots of hills but it was highly enjoyable and well organised. The red and black of the school's colour were a dominant image of the day and shows the high participation levels from The High School. It was also great chance to display The High School's athletic prowess with many runners finishing in exceptional times. The fastest time from the school was 30 minutes and 34 seconds by myself.

Prior to the race, all the runners were sponsored and there were even some fundraising events with an astonishing €4000 raised together. Due to our huge contribution and large participation levels to the Dublin Simon Community, The High School was awarded the perpetual trophy for best school and we hope to retain this honour in years to come.

Hopefully, next year there will be even more runners and more money raised!

Jack Scollard (3G)

SIMON FUN RUN



The High School Team



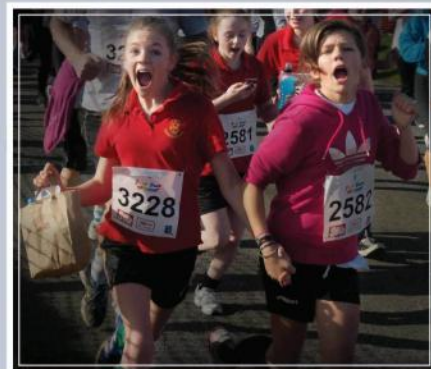
Dog walking and roller blading – Ann-Marie Finn, Jeongun Kim, Niamh Hebblethwaite



Sean Healy



Cian Pawle Bates



Ella Schmidt, Catherine Harris



Cian Milofsky and Aisling O'Kelly baked cupcakes to raise money for The Simon Community in conjunction with this year's Simon Fun Run.



Samuel Wright, Matthew Tannan-Elgie

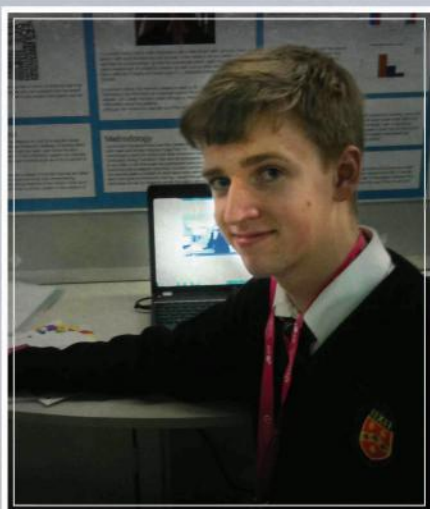
OLYMPIAN STORMS SEAS AND ASSEMBLY HALL



Annalise Murphy is a native of Rathfarnham, and past pupil of The High School. She competed in the 2012 Summer Olympics for sailing and she is currently ranked 13th in the world. Annalise visited The High School to talk in an assembly in October about her outstanding achievements.

Annalise spoke about the hard work, commitment and dedication involved in sailing and qualifying for the Olympic Games. She told us about her intensive training five days a week, lack of free time and strict routine. It was an awe-inspiring assembly that showed the students and staff alike that with hard-work anything can be achieved.

I would like to thank Annalise Murphy for taking time out to visit The High School and wish her luck in her future competitions!



Donal's Memorable Project

The aim of my project was to study mnemonics and find how recall is affected. There are many mnemonic techniques such as the peg system, major system and rote learning. The device I have chosen to investigate is called the *Memory Palace*. While I was studying for my Junior Certificate I became interested in alternative study methods such as mind mapping and the peg system. I subsequently read the book *Moonwalking with Einstein* by Joshua Foer, a journalist who became a US memory champion in one year using a mnemonic technique called the *Memory Palace*. After reading this book I wanted to investigate how this mnemonic device could assist memory recall over time. The results show a significant improvement in memory recall using mnemonics.

Donal Naylor, 5th Year

National Science Week

For National Science Week, The High School invited distinguished geneticist professor Aoife McLysaght, to address two groups of 6th year biologists in the library. Professor McLysaght is a lecturer in Genetics and a graduate of the Department of Genetics, Trinity College, Dublin (BA, Mod, 1998) where she also earned her PhD in 2001. She carried out postdoctoral research in the laboratory of Prof Brandon Gaut in the University of California at Irvine before returning to take up a lectureship in Genetics in late 2003.

Aoife McLysaght's research interests lie in the area of evolutionary genetics, with a particular emphasis on the evolutionary forces that have shaped the human genome. In 2009 her research group reported the first ever discovery of completely novel human genes. Prof McLysaght also takes a great interest in science communication and public engagement and is very active within Trinity College's Science Gallery. She has co-curated several exhibitions, organised events to commemorate Darwin's legacy, runs a regular popular-science bookclub, and is a proud member of the Science Gallery's Leonardo Group.

Mr Gill

Foundation Day

Every year on the 1st October, The High School celebrates Foundation Day. The High School was founded on the 1st October 1870 by the Governors of the Erasmus Smith Trust which was established in the mid-17th century by wealthy landlord Erasmus Smith. The Trust used to own or support about 250 primary schools and a handful of secondary schools, but all of them were sold off, given to other patrons, or to the State, leaving The High School as the only one now owned by the Trust.

The English or Intermediate section of the original school offered courses in English, Arithmetic, Book-Keeping, and Writing. In addition, a series of optional courses in Latin, Greek, Natural Sciences, French, German, advanced Mathematics, and Drawing were available. The High School amalgamated with the Diocesan Secondary School for Girls in 1974, having already moved from Harcourt Street to the Danum site in Rathgar.

5th Year Trip to the Cinema

In October Mr Kinsella's English class met up at the Irish Film Institute to watch *Run Lola Run* as part of the IFI's education programme. This was my first time being in the IFI and viewing this foreign film was an excellent cultural experience. This was a German film directed by Tom Tykwer. It featured the character Lola Rennt racing against time in order to save her boyfriend. This film's style was particularly interesting with bright colours and sound effects. It featured several alternate outcomes for Lola depending on the course she decided to take.

Ciara Feely, 5th Year

HALLOWEEN

Spooky Students Scare Spectators

Miss Killane's First Year Art Class made these wonderful masks for Halloween. The group made casts of their own faces and then built them up with cardboard, papier mache and a variety of found objects. They then painted the finished product for a very effective and scary result!



POETRY DAY HURRAY!

On the fourth of October, National Poetry day was celebrated in the library, with a range of beautiful displays and fun poetry quizzes which were all set up by the Library Committee members and Mrs King. There were many people who read out poems, either famous poems or their own original ones, in which case they had probably won one of the competitions. Everyone was able to enter a poem they had written themselves.

The theme of this year's poetry competition was stars and the winners were Elica Burke (1C), Sarah Morley (1C), Anna Bismilla (1C), Éanna Curran (1R), Katherine Walsh Dignam (1R), Jaime Knox Macleod (1R), Rachel Webster (1T), Elizabeth Boyd (2C), Sophie Hayes (2C), Ronaldo Persechini (2C), Mark Smyth (2W), Mark Deering (2W), James Anderson (2W), Katie O'Conner (3J), Ruby McLaughlin Callan (5MC) and Dominic Guilding (6RM). Congratulations to all.

All those who took part in the celebrations in the library would like to thank the Library Committee and Mrs King for their hard work in setting up the library for this very enjoyable event.

Trinket horses come in the night
Like wisps of water
Vapour-like
They tell me to slow down, to let them in
But I ignore them
Still I swim
They ride waves alongside me, with majesty
But they're not real,
Why should they be?
Still I see them, blue with cold and my mind feels them,
Knows they're old
Still ears hear them swish through fog
And night-air tendrils
Fight my job
Foraying into fields of white
Put my pen down
Off, the light
Trinket horses fade away, long
Going, going, going
Gone.

Ilona Adams 3F

The banging of lockers,
The chatter of friends,
The talking of teachers,
The bell at the end.
The shuffle of footsteps,
The laughter of kids,
Anything that is great,
The High School is.

Elizabeth Hallissey 1R



Pupils at the removal of the Post Box on Zion Road and and Victoria Road



SENIOR STUDENTS MARVEL AT MAHER

report by
Robin Hayden,
5th Year

This year, all the Form 5 and 6 art students went on a trip around Dublin to visit galleries, museums and the National College of Art and Design. Students were divided into groups who started at different locations.

For some, the day began with a visit to NCAD. As many people from The High School were planning on applying to NCAD, this was a very valuable experience. We began by attending a speech, outlining how we could go about applying to NCAD, what courses they offered, and why people who are interested in art should consider NCAD. This was informative and useful for anyone who was planning on studying art. We then got taken on a tour around NCAD, to see the facilities and meet students who already studied there. We got to view their work and chat to them about it. The facilities in NCAD are incredible, and all the students were incredibly friendly.

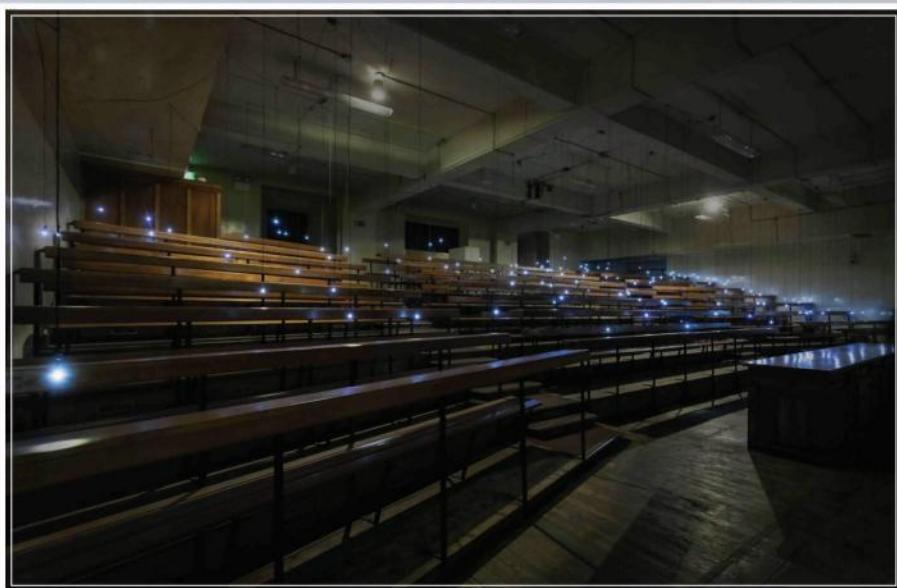
Students also visited the National Museum, in order to prepare for question three on galleries and museums in the Leaving Certificate Art History examination, as well as question one on Irish Art. It was really interesting for everybody to see the artworks they had been studying in class, like the Tara Brooch, the Ardagh Chalice and the Broighter Collar, in real life. We sketched them and got to appreciate the minute details that didn't appear in photographs. For our art appreciation section, we also looked at how the works were displayed within the museum. We took note of the lighting, cases, access, viewing points, signage, information and other details that contributed to the display.

Students ended the day by visiting the *Alice Maher: Becoming* exhibition at IMMA located at National Concert Hall. Alice Maher is a contemporary Irish artist and this was a mid-career

retrospective. Many of her best-known works were on display, such as *The Berry Dress*, *Cassandra's Necklace* and *Mnemosyne*. As we were there primarily to see how the exhibition was laid out, the small, labyrinth-like rooms and dramatic lighting did not disappoint. *Mnemosyne*, a large, bed-shaped sculpture covered in ice, was particularly visually spectacular, as it was presented in a huge, dark room with only a single spotlight from above. *Cell*, a huge ball of thorns, was also greatly impressive. It had been

originally presented filling an entire cell in Kilmainham Gaol, and the conditions had been recreated in a small, dark room at the National Concert Hall.

The art trip was hugely successful. Everyone has a great time, learnt a lot and saw some really interesting art. On behalf of all the students involved, I want to thank the art teachers for organising and accompanying us on such a brilliant trip.



Installation views of the Alice Maher exhibition at IMMA at the National Concert Hall.

Top: Alice Maher, *Ombres*, 1997, charcoal on paper, and *The Wilful Planet*, 1997, bronze.

Above: Alice Maher, *L'Université*, 2012, graffiti, spot lights, dimensions variable. Photographs by Denis Mortell. Courtesy the artist and IMMA.

Act of Remembrance

Every year, The High School holds an Act of Remembrance to commemorate all those who died in conflict during the twentieth century. The High School particularly remembers the service of the 476 past pupils who volunteered to fight in WWI and WWII. 99 of these volunteers were killed in service. The High School holds a short Act of Remembrance during assembly.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year



Tree planting in memory of Helen Kane

KIDS GO COCOA-LOCO

On the 13th November, Form 3 classes went on a Geography field trip to Butler's chocolate factory in the Closaugh Business and Technology Park. The tour of the factory helped to highlight the inputs, processes and outputs involved in secondary economic activities. We learned that cocoa beans imported from Africa provided cocoa mass and cocoa butter which, mixed with varying amounts of milk and sugar, and hand-decorated by excellent workers, make the chocolate we know and love.

On an observation deck above the factory floor, we could see the chocolates being made, tempered, decorated and packaged (with

packaging made in the factory) and the workers even waved to us! We also learned the history of chocolate, from the Mayans and Aztecs "xocolatl" (translation: "bitter water") to being an expensive delicacy in Europe. We touched on the changing role of women, as Butler's was started by a woman, Marion Butler, which was very rare at the time.

The chocolate made at Butler's is exported all over the world, which is why the factory is located close to the airport and the M50. The motorway also provides excellent access for the workers. We learned a lot, had great fun, and brought home chocolate bears we had decorated ourselves. Thanks to the teachers who organised and accompanied the trip!



Students hard at work in the Butler's Chocolate factory



Cross Country and The Simon Fun Run

I started cross country in September. I took it up as part of the President's Award. I'll admit that at first I was sceptical about it. I wasn't the biggest fan of running. We started with the one point one kilometre. As the weeks went by I started to get to know everyone in the group. There was a whole mix of years. It had a real feel of camaraderie, everyone was friendly with each other and we always managed to have a good laugh. The more I went the more I liked it. In fact, I really began to thoroughly enjoy it.

I participated in The Simon Fun Run on the 6th of October 2012. A lot of people took part. We managed to raise a great deal of money for charity. The atmosphere was wonderful and the weather was brilliant. The run was five miles through the beautiful scenery of the Phoenix Park. There was a large range of colourful costumes. We all had a really good time.

After the experience of doing Cross Country for An Gaisce, I would completely recommend it for President's Award participants or anyone who wants to try it!

Louise Dukes, 4F



Robert McLaughlin finished the race

UNICEF Ireland Syria Appeal Non-Uniform Day

This year a Non-Uniform Day took place on Friday, 26th October in aid of UNICEF Ireland. UNICEF was established in 1946 to provide short-term relief to children in post World War II Europe. Today UNICEF is active in over 190 countries. Every moment of every day, UNICEF is on the ground providing lifesaving help for children in need. They provide families with clean water and sanitation, vaccinate against childhood illness, help protect children against malaria, provide nourishment to fight malnutrition and care for children affected by AIDS. They also protect children from abuse and give them an education.

In Syria a combination of escalating violence, inaccessible services and disruption of livelihoods has put the lives of 1.5 million people at risk and in need of urgent humanitarian assistance. Tens of thousands of Syrian children have been forced to flee their homes and seek shelter in neighboring countries. Growing numbers of children are facing

distress caused by witnessing violence and displacement. Schools have closed or become too dangerous for families to reach.

Thank you to everybody who took part and donated two euro apiece to this appeal.

Ms Hutchinson-Edgar

DEAR

On Friday 21 December, the last day before the Christmas holidays, classes at The High School participated in the *Drop Everything And Read* (DEAR) literature appreciation campaign. All students read from 9:00 – 9:20 am in their usual classes. Groups of students visited classrooms with boxes of books for those who needed one. The DEAR appeal created a relaxing morning for all students, as well as a great start to the holidays.

We would like to thank Ms Burrowes for organizing this event that was an enjoyable reading experience for all.

Lauren Jackson, 5th Year





5TH YEAR PLAY

*Report by
Laura Dowling
5th Year*

Our year had been looking forward to doing the fifth year play since we were in first year, it was always at the back of our minds. There is an abundance of musicians, actors, dancers, artists and every other talent one can think of within our year, and we were always enthusiastic about it. So needless to say, when we finally were given the title of our play, "Dracula", everyone had their own individual ideas for the play. Auditions began in the second week of school in September, and the main roles were assigned. Those wishing to take part in the other aspects of the drama, such as the dancing, music, art, and costumes had to wait until October to begin preparations. Every Wednesday was spent rehearsing in the Reynolds Hall, with the two student directors, Laura and Ciara taking charge there, helped by Ms Walker. This part was gradual, it was only when the full cast rehearsals began in late October that the production began to come together. We spent long hours during our midterm break in the school, and although they were sometimes stressful, we always enjoyed them. The set was painted by a group of volunteers over a number of weeks, but the end result was well worth all the hard work.

The last three weeks building up to the opening night were the busiest few weeks of most of our lives! Almost every day after school was spent rehearsing and bringing the production together. Practices, combined with the workload of fifth year really put our endurance to the test. It wasn't until the technical rehearsal two days before opening night that we really saw how our work paid off. The entire production was finally coming together. The dress rehearsal the next day went surprisingly smoothly, and although there were nerves about opening night, there weren't too many disasters in the days leading up to it.

Finally, the big day came. Nobody was able to concentrate on school work, all we could think of was the play. The preparations for the widely anticipated opening night began straight after school, with make up and hair being patiently done, costumes put on, and final rehearsals were done. Nerves started building up as 8 o'clock grew closer, and panic set in. The audience started arriving at around half seven, and the whole cast were squashed back and under the stage. The first night ran smoothly, the only slight issue being a glass accidentally being broken! We were all exhilarated by the show's immediate success, and although we were all exhausted, there were happy faces leaving the school that night. The other two nights were equally as successful, and when the last night came, tears were shed because we knew we'd never get to do anything like that as a year collectively again! Ultimately,

"Dracula" was an incredible experience for everyone involved, and we will all remember it fondly for years to come.

Thanks also to Ms Walker, Ms Galligan, Ms Keating and Ms Browne.



Paul Harris with shadow puppet projections



Dancing Trees



The Statue Dance Crew

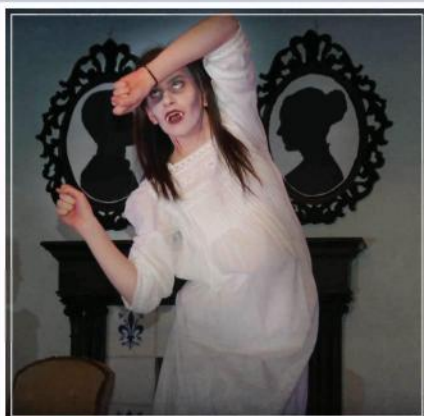
DRACULA



The Vampire Brides attack!



Paul Harris pondering, as lunatics do



Mina dances to the Bridal March



John Deering as Van Helsing



Emma Butler



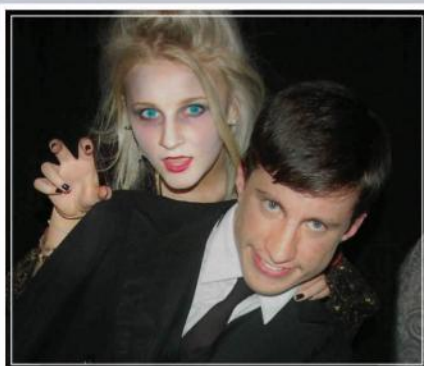
Attack of the Vampire brides



Dracula attacks Lucy



Lucy and John



Peter with a vampire bride



"You're quite the connoisseur"

SENIOR CHOIR TRIP TO LONDON

Our group of 11 students and 2 teachers arrived into London at 10:30 am on Saturday 1st December and headed straight to Covent Garden for morning coffee. This was well deserved after our 5 am start that morning! After a wander around Covent Garden we made our way down to Baker Street where the museum at the Royal Academy of Music is situated. The museum mainly holds collections of brass and stringed instruments. The violin exhibition there features instruments by esteemed makers such as Stradivari and Amati, including The Viotti (a violin made by Stradivari in 1709) which was bought by the Academy in 2005 for £3.5 million! The third floor of the museum contains an exhibition of ancient and modern pianos. The other visitors to the museum were delighted with our rendition of Let It Snow accompanied by Ms Bourke on a nineteenth century harpsichord! Let It Snow featured again later on as we sang along with a couple of violinists busking in the South Kensington Tube station!

After our lunch and a walk around South Kensington we checked into the Olympia Hotel at Earls Court. Our hotel was located close to Earls Court Tube Station, much to the delight of the Tube novices in our entourage. That evening we had a pre-theatre pizza on Victoria Street and then proceeded to The Apollo Victoria Theatre to see the musical *Wicked*. The show was nothing short of incredible. As most of our group had been involved in our own musical production of *Grease* we could really appreciate the professionalism of both cast and crew. It was also nice to hear some of the songs that we had studied as part of the Junior Cert music syllabus performed live on stage.

Sunday morning in London was cold with a beautiful blue sky and shining sun. These were ideal conditions for our walking tour of central London. We started off at Buckingham Palace and the Victoria Monument and then strolled through St James' Park where, as well as lots of squirrels, we saw Canada Geese, Greylag Geese and a Pelican! Horse Guards Parade (where the beach volleyball was played during The London 2012 Olympics) was our

next stop. In keeping with true London tourist tradition, some pictures were taken with the mounted Horse Guards on duty. From there we continued our tour along the banks of the Thames up to Westminster Bridge where we waited to hear Big Ben strike twelve. After a further walk around the Houses of Parliament we headed off to Camden Town for the afternoon.

On Sunday evening we attended an Advent Liturgy by candlelight at Westminster Abbey. The service was atmospheric and moving. And, from a musical point of view, it was fascinating for us to hear what we had learned in the classroom so beautifully brought to life in situ. From the beginning of the service we were amazed at how the unaccompanied voices of the choir managed to fill the whole Abbey. The service included the use of plainsong (the oldest form of church music). We were delighted to be able to recognise musical features of the Baroque organ pieces, in particular the use of Tierce de Picardie (when a piece of music written in a minor key ends with a major chord). The more astute music students were also able to identify the Plagal Cadence

The Wicked and The Holy

by Gavin Rothwell,
6th Year

in the Amen refrain. In the middle of the service, as the organ introduced the hymn *O come, O come, Emmanuel*, the entire congregation moved to another part of the Abbey (the Transepts). It was quite a surreal experience to be walking through the Abbey and singing the hymn accompanied by the organ while holding our lighted candles in a magnificent building which has survived for over a millenium! At the end of the service one of the boys in our group shook hands with the Archbishop of Canterbury whom he recognised as the man that married Will and Kate!

Later on Sunday evening the tour group heard Dublin calling us home, and after a short flight, a group of very tired, but very happy students and teachers arrived back in Dublin Airport at close to midnight. We are very pleased to announce that every single person on the tour attended school the next day, albeit some suffering from exhaustion! Well, it is said that there is no rest for the wicked!



At the Royal Academy of Music



All aboard the Tube



Hugh Sweetnam admires the brass

THE UNOFFICIAL BELL RINGERS ASSOCIATION

Throughout the history of this school a wide variety of different clubs and societies have seen the light of day. Many of these are firmly established yet many more have been relegated to the archives. This year was a historic one for The High School, as a passionate group of 6th form students inaugurated the first ever Unofficial Bell Ringers Association. The purpose of this elusive, yet active grouping, was to promote The High School's very own bell (located on top of the Pavilion), and to facilitate its use at official school occasions.

During our initial meeting, we unanimously elected Mr T Gill as Chief Ringer and Master of the Tower, and decided that we would aim to engage in our first ringing session at the commencement of the Christmas Holidays. As this day fast approached, many members of the Association, helped in various ways to ensure that

our tight deadline was met. Much work had to be done to ensure that the bell was safe to be rung, and credit is due to Mr T Gill and to the School Sergeant for their contribution in this way.

At exactly 12:01 pm on Thursday 22nd December 2012, Jack McCann, President of the Student Council, officially became the first person to ring the bell, since the school had moved to Danum in 1970. As the chime of the bell resonated throughout the school grounds, its rich sound sent many a student off on their Christmas Holidays with a spring in their step.

We, the members of this club, hope that the Unofficial Bell Ringers Association will thrive for many years to come and continue to make a positive impact on school life. The astounding success of this Association during its initial year must be attributed to its loyal members (mostly composed of 6Z biology). A massive thank you must also be given to The Chief Ringer and Master of the Tower, Mr T Gill for all his hard work during the year and his never failing good humour!

*Gavin Rothwell, 6th Year
(Association Secretary)*



Bell Ringer Jack



Bell Ringers Committee

Interview with Mr Veiny Goose and The Casual Giraffes

– Justin (guitar), Jack (guitar and vocals) and Luke (bass), 5th Year

Laura: When did you form?

All: After the Rock/Pop Show in Transition year, we had played together a bit before then but we properly formed just before Christmas 2011.

Lauren: How did the name come about?

Jack: I'm nicknamed Mr Veiny Goose, and when we were in South Africa, we saw a lot of giraffes, and they were pretty casual so..

Lauren: Do you mainly write your own music or do covers?

Justin: We started doing covers, but recently we've started writing our own stuff

Lauren: Who writes most of the songs?

Luke: I think everyone does. I come up with the first idea and the rest of the guys develop it.

Laura: Where have you performed so far?

Jack: Everywhere. We're huge!

Luke: We're pretty big in Japan.

Jack: We performed in the Battle of the Bands in Stratford and a few other small gigs. We're hoping to play in some bigger venues this Summer.

Lauren: What type of music do you play?

Justin: New age funk with a vintage twist.

Laura: What bands, modern and old, would you compare yourselves to?

Jack: Jimmy Eat World and Brand New I suppose, and a bit of Slash

Lauren: What other instruments do you all play?

Justin: Trumpet, ukulele, recorder, tin whistle, piano, mandolin, harmonica... you know yourself.

Luke: Bass, bassoon, guitar and triangle.

Jack: Piano, guitar, bass, violin and drums.

Lauren: If you could choose one artist to perform with in the future, who would it be?

All: Marvin Gaye and Cian Tobin.

*Laura Dowling
and Lauren Jackson, 5th Year*

New Lay Canon Appointed to St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh - Graham Richards

The Most Revd Alan Harper, OBE, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, has today announced the appointment of Graham Richards as a lay Canon of Armagh. Mr Richards succeeds to the stall formerly occupied by the late Canon JLB Deane. Armagh Cathedral has six Lay Canons – the first were appointed in 1997 and Mr Richards will be the eleventh to take up office.

Archbishop Harper said 'It is with great please that I am able to announce the appointment of Mr Graham Richards as a Lay Canon of Armagh Cathedral. Mr Richards has given distinguished and varied service to the Church of Ireland for many years from his time as Chairman of the Youth Council to his deep involvement with the Representative Church Body Executive and its committees and in the field of education. He continues to serve the Church of Ireland with great dedication as Chairman of the Allocations Committee. I am delighted that he now takes up this stall.'

Mr Graham Richards, who was educated at The High School, and at Trinity College Dublin, is a consultant with the law firm Matheson, Ormsby Prentice in Dublin, where he has been a partner for 31 years. He advises clients from all sections of the Irish and international community, including charities and trustees as well as individuals. A Notary Public, Commissioner for Oaths and a member of the Law Society of Ireland, in 2004 he was appointed by the Government of Ireland as a Commissioner for Charitable Donations and Bequests for Ireland.

Mr Richards, a parishioner of Sandford Parish all his life, is a member of the Dublin Diocesan and General Synods. He has been a member of several of the Church's important central committees since the 1980's having first been elected to the Representative Church Body in 1982. He is currently Chairman of the RB's Allocations Committee, having served for the past 25 years.

He was involved in Church youth work from 1966, culminating in his election

as Chairman of the Church of Ireland Youth Council from 1979 to 1982. He served on the General Synod Board of Education for 15 years, and is Chairman of the Incorporated Society, which comprises Bandon Grammar School, Dundalk Grammar School, Kilkenny College and Sligo Grammar School. He has been Governor of Wilson's Hospital School since 1979. Mr Richards also plays a

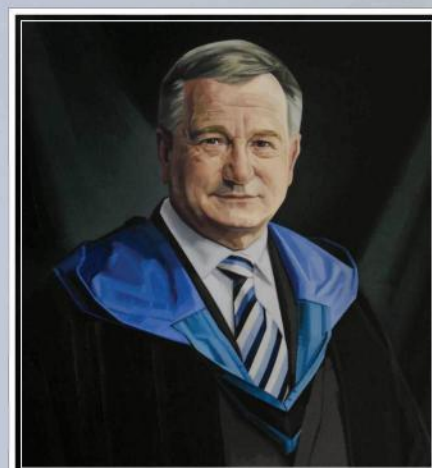
prominent part in the work of Protestant Aid and the Brabazon Trust, where he has been Chairman since 1986. He is also a member of the Management Committee of the Royal Hospital, Donnybrook.

Press release from the Church of Ireland Press Office in Belfast (forwarded by Alan Graham)

Principal immortalised by Portrait Artist

"The Board of Governors was very pleased that James Hanley accepted the commission to paint Brian's portrait. Brian was the seventh Headmaster of The High School since its foundation in 1870 and served from 1994 to 2011.

James Hanley is regarded as Ireland's leading portrait artist, counting among his commissions many official and state portraits - among them Bertie Ahern, the former Archbishop of Dublin, John Neill, and Senator George Mitchell of the United States, as well as many people from the professions and business life of Ireland. He is a full member of the Royal Hibernian Academy and has been elected to Aosdána and to the Board of Governors of the National



Gallery of Ireland. The portrait by James Hanley will join four portraits of early Headmasters which were painted by an Art teacher at the school, Mr Wilson, one of Dr Ralph Reynolds which was painted by Thomas Ryan, also of the Royal Hibernian Academy, and one of Allan Brook which was painted by past pupil Peter Hanan."

Excerpt from Dr John Reid's remarks



Artist James Hanley with Mr Brian Duffy

Shoebox Appeal

Every year, Transition Year students are given the opportunity to take part in the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal. This great charity collects shoeboxes filled with toys, clothes and other items. These are sent to to children in Eastern Europe and parts of Africa who would not generally receive a present at Christmas time. As part of the project, as well as gathering boxes in the school, we were taken in groups out to the Team Hope warehouse. We were able to talk to some of the volunteers there. We were assigned jobs and spent a happy couple of hours sorting, organising and packing boxes, ready for shipping out to the lucky recipients. A big thank you to Mr Barry who arranged the shoebox collection and warehouse trips, and for offering us this fantastic experience.

Susanna Wyse Jackson, 4GL

Rock and Pop



Rock and Pop: The dancers wait patiently for their turn on stage



Team Hope Christmas Shoebox appeal.



*Christmas Carol Service:
String Section of the Orchestra*



*Christmas Window Painting :
Naoise Farrell, 5th Year*



*Christmas Carol Service:
Ellen O'Gorman reading a lesson*



Rock and Pop: Grace, Byron and Yasmeen drop it like it's hot



Rock and Pop: Alice de Forge and Marika Gentile

Congratulations to the winners of the Library Christmas Art competition, Rebecca Jones (1T), Ella Connolly (1T), Elicia Burke (1C), Caoimhe Shanley Mee (1C), Ruby Keating (2Mc), Yuliya Mikulchyk (2W), Rachel Ferguson (2W) and Nicola Merriman (2C).



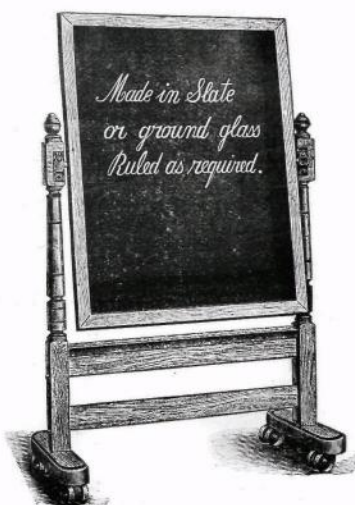
Librarian Mrs King presents Nicola Merriman with her prize.

Library Christmas Art Competition



*Christmas Library Art Competition Winners with their work displayed behind:
Rebecca Jones, Ella Connolly, Elicia Burke, Ruby Keating-Levins, Yulia Mikulchyk, Rachel Ferguson.*

SPRING TERM



Slick on the Slopes

We all arrived at the airport at half seven. It was an early start but we were too excited to be tired. The plane journey took three hours but it was well worth it when we landed in Milan. It was then only a 45 minute journey to Aquaworld. It was really fun in there. It had so many different slides and pools that everyone found something that they liked. We then arrived at Hotel Romanda which was on the mountain that the ski resort was on. It was very nice and warm after it being so cold outside. We all dumped our bags in our rooms and rushed down to dinner as we were starving. Dinner was amazing. We had three course meals every night. After dinner we headed to the ski resort for our ski fit. Our ski gear included our boots, skis and helmets. After all that we went back to the hotel and collapsed in our beds exhausted.



The next day we started skiing. The teachers called us at 7:20 and we had breakfast at 7:30. We were all very tired but also very excited. We took the bus to the resort at 8:30. When we had arrived at the slope we got into our skis and started with our instructor. There were also people who did snowboarding which also looked really fun. People who had been skiing before were put onto the bigger slopes but the rest of us stayed on the first one. It was a lot of fun and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had lunch and there was a big choice of restaurants to choose from. Then it was back out on the slopes for another 2 hours of skiing. By the end of the day everyone was exhausted but very happy. After dinner we all headed out to go bowling; it was great and just a nice way to end the day.

Next day it was the same. Breakfast, skiing, lunch, skiing - and it was just as good. That night we went to a disco. It was really fun. The next night we went tubing which was fantastic. Tubing is where you go down a small slope in a rubber ring. Everyone loved it because you went really fast. That day everyone had moved up to bigger slopes which was great. Our instructor, Dario, was great. I know we'd all like to thank him for teaching us so well and not letting us fall (a lot). After that was our last day of skiing and snowboarding. Everyone was sad to stop but glad they got to do it in the first place. That night we had a table quiz which was really fun. The winning team received iTunes vouchers. At five to twelve everyone gathered together and welcomed in the New Year.

The next morning we got a lie-in until 8:20. Then we headed into Lavarone town and did some shopping. We then travelled to Verona as we were flying out from Verona airport. We all had lunch and then met up to visit the amphitheatre. The amphitheatre was amazing. It was so big and you could feel the history around you. It was as if you were back in Roman times. Everyone took lots of pictures. We arrived back in Dublin at 10:20 having really enjoyed the experience and we look forward to doing it again. We should all like to thank Mr Flynn for organising it and for Ms Rellis, Ms Goulding, Mr Sullivan and Mr McBride for accompanying us.

Sparks Fly at the Montgomery Science Competition 2013!

On the 8th of February the whole of fifth year gathered in the science classrooms, to watch the Montgomery Science Competition presentations. This competition involves students picking a topic that is under scientific debate, researching it, drawing their own conclusions on the matter and giving a short presentation (between 5 and 10 minutes) during which they outline their chosen topic, present different arguments on the subject including their own conclusions. This annual competition began when Helen Montgomery left a substantial sum of money to The High School and asked for a prize connected to the promotion of science to be inaugurated in memory of her brother Edward, a past pupil of The High School. This year we were very fortunate to have such a large number of fascinating presentations on the subjects of Biology, Physics and Chemistry. As with any competition, there were many brilliant projects that did not win a prize, among them a very interesting study on the ethical issues of cloning by Grace O'Donnell, a thought provoking study on the science of addiction by Laura Heaton and a presentation on the effects of mobile phone radiation and florescent lighting by Peter Campbell which sparked plenty of scientific debate. In the Biology section 1st prize was shared between Sean Keary's project on the mysterious world of dreams and Jeongun Kim's project on human reaction time, 2nd prize being awarded to Donal Naylor for his project on memory and the use of mnemonics. 1st prize in chemistry was awarded to Robin Hayden for her presentation on paint analysis, 1st prize in Physics was won by Richard Bismilla's project on exoplanets, and 2nd prize in Physics was awarded to Patrick O'Hare for his presentation on the acoustics of the classroom. Congratulations to all who were involved, the day was fascinating, with everyone learning something new about the amazing world of science.

James Christle, 5th Year

PORTFOLIO INTERVIEW

Interview with Peter Flaherty, Kate Somers, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Sara Buttanshaw, Zak Milofsky, and Owen de Forge.

Interviewed by Laura Rankin, Sarah Fox and Ruby McLaughlin Callan.

1. What one word would you use to describe your portfolio?

P: Eh...Dark

K: Textured

ZC: Colourful

S: Damn, I was gonna say that.

Z: Life

O: Skratchy

2. Have you always been into art?
Unanimous "Yes"

3. What are your earliest memories of doing art?

P: Junior infants in Primary School making a clay Humpty-Dumpty.

S: Oh yeah, in junior infants I drew a really really good goat one time. It had a sunset and everything!

Z: I just remember circles... drawing circles as a three year old.

4. Where do you get your inspiration?

Z: My friends.

K: Movement.

P: Anything and everything.

O: Movies.

5. What kind of art do you like?

P: Sculpture.

K: Textiles.

ZC: Abstract art.

Z: I like it as long as it's not a white canvas that's going to be sold for thousands...

S: Oh yeah! Do you remember the red one we saw in that gallery we went to? It was just called *Sister* or something... so awful!

Z: ...yeah, any painting that isn't like that!

7. What are you looking forward to most about Art College?

S: The freedom I guess.

Z: Not being tied to something that we don't like, because we all like art!

O: Crazy people.

8. What do you hope to get out of Art College?

Z: Experience.

S: (*nodding in agreement*) Yeah that's a good one!

P: Individuality.

O: A degree.

9. If you weren't going on to do art, what would you do instead?

P: No idea!

K: I couldn't really imagine doing anything else!

ZC: Psychology.

S: Radiation Therapy.

Z: Physics.

O: Languages.

10. What would your dream job be?

P: Astronaut! No, an art teacher. I've always wanted to be an art teacher.

ZC: Something that doesn't involve work. (*Good luck with that Zoe!*)

Z: An Expert.

O: An Expert in what? You already are an expert, you know everything (*Awh!*)

11. Favourite colour?

P: Blue

K: Black

S: Red

O: Probably red

ZC: Purple

Z: Eh... Blue

12. If you were reincarnated as a car, what kind of car would you want to be?

P: Jag

S: I don't really know anything about cars... (*Other girls mumble in agreement*)... or maybe one of those VW Beetle cars because they're really circular and I'm really spherical.

Z: I'd want to be an old Merc or something, just gliding. Or an Audi.

13. If you could only watch one movie for the rest of your life, what would it be?

S: *Horton Hears a Who*. Literally the best movie ever.

ZC: *Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium*.

Z: *The Skin I Live In*.

14. Any advice for anyone doing a portfolio?

P: Start immediately! Don't leave it until Christmas.

Z: Don't stress over it, because you can get stressed, but it doesn't help.

O: Spend all of your time on it! Well not ALL your time, but a lot.

ZC: If you don't stress over it a bit then you'll just be too relaxed and won't get it done.

O: Stress over it a lot!

(*Please note, the Erasmian team hold no responsibility for the outcome of this advice!*)

15. *The interview temporarily descends into chaos as Sarah realises she hasn't pressed the record button. Luckily Laura has a back up.*

(*Sarah: I don't think I should be a journalist.*)

Order restored. Interview continues.

Any more words of wisdom for anyone thinking of doing a portfolio?

K: I have some words of wisdom! Do a portfolio course either outside school or in school, but don't do both. It can get very confusing!

Z: Don't be afraid to put in outgoing stuff into your portfolio. Be controversial!

O: Draw things outside. Don't just sit in your room all the time.

S: Try to have loads of confidence in your work. And don't try to organise it too much, just be creative!

Congratulations to Zak Milofsky, Peter Flaherty, Sara Buttanshaw, Oisín Keenan and Kate Somers who have all been accepted to NCAD. We wish them all the best in Art College.



Sara Buttanshaw



Kate Somers



Oisín Keenan

MS KILLANE INTERVIEW

Was Art teacher the first job you wanted?

Well I suppose yes and no, my first job I wanted to be was a world famous artist but to make my living from art would probably be a bit of a dream but my definite first job to think about of making a living from was definitely as an art teacher yes. I'm doing my dream job.

Did you have any jobs before that?

Oh, I had loads of jobs. My uncle is a jeweller so I worked in his jewellery shop, I worked in Brown Thomas as a student selling shirts, I waitressed, these were all summer jobs to help pay for college because art is quite expensive to make, you need money for paints and things like that.

Was it a direct line from Art College to art teacher?

I trained as a sculptural technician first and then I went back to Art College and trained as a teacher and then I went back to college again and did my Masters. I'm passionate about art and my dream would be to stay in art college forever I thought it was just such an amazing experience.

What are your inspirations for art?

People. I think I'm a people person and my own art often involves interviewing people, I did a series on

Belfast road sweepers. I'm fascinated by people's stories. When I was younger I tried to make art about myself but now I would try and tell other people's stories through my art. I'm very into portraiture and life drawing, drawing and photography. I like talking to people and hearing their stories, sometimes I think my art is nearly like journalism, it's about hearing people's stories from all walks of life. I lived in Belfast for two years and my work there was a little bit political I would say.

What's your favourite art movement and why?

I don't really have a favourite, I like artists like Louise Bourgeois. She's a woman who wasn't really famous until she was in her sixties. She did all sorts of work like performance work and carving, not very traditional work. She was quite influenced by a movement called Dadaism a bit like Dali, like surrealism. Artists after the 1960's.

What is your most memorable moment in The High School?

That's very difficult, I don't really have one. I'm very lucky to be a teacher in at The High School. I love to see students in first year and then to see them grow into sixth years but in my mind I'll always see them as little eleven year olds even if they are twenty five. I find the change fascinating. Students in at The High School are very happy and friendly and I love seeing them develop not just in art but as people. I'm quite frustrated at the media's portrayal of teachers as not liking their jobs and students. I think it would be very unpleasant to teach if you didn't like all your students.

Why do art?

Well, because art is the most amazing subject in the world! **laughs** because students can see themselves do things that they never thought they could. Art is quite one on one you get to go around and talk to your students and you get to know them and see their confidence grow. Art works on so many levels; it can really change people and things. Also there is probably more freedom in art class than in others.



Zak Milofsky



Peter Flaherty

Have you any advice you would give to an artist or someone studying art? Never stop creating, even if you only have five minutes in the day. It's very important to just keep creating, everyone keeps telling me that I'll be so busy with the baby but it would be important for me to keep creating. It's a cycle if you want to teach how to create art you have to keep creating. I suppose I've been spending more time teaching than creating recently, now I can recharge my creative batteries.

Do you think it will affect your art? Yes, I'm sure I'll do lots of drawings of babys!

Are you excited? Yes, definitely! I've spent enough time mothering my students by now. I'd be more prepared for a teenager I think, teenagers are great! I love their clear sense of justice; they get to the right and wrong of a situation very quickly. As you get older you get more cynical think.

Did you have any "phases" as an art student? Yes, definitely! I wore a lot of black and I listened to bands like The Cure, The Smiths, Depeche Mode and Nirvana. I was quite grungy I'd say. I wasn't much of a rebel looking back but I thought I was. I had docs as well but my wardrobe was definitely full of black, it sort of still is.

Quick Fire Round
Favourite medium: Any drawing medium, like a pure graphite pencil.

Favourite year: That's not fair, I haven't got favourites. It's not good to have favourites.

Favourite piece of art: Well, I love the Mark Rothko room in the Tate gallery in London. It's a great experience if you get the chance to go there.

Favourite subject when you were in school: Art and French.

Least Favourite Subject: Chemistry, I found it very difficult.

What's the best thing about being a teacher or an artist: Well, being an art teacher is great because you have time off in the summer to do your own work and to travel for inspiration.

The one thing you can't live without: I probably sound really serious and soppy with all my answers! But family I suppose, family is very important to me and love you can't live without love? I don't know gosh, well I'd say a big part of my creativity and my art would be my students. Well, definitely over the last eleven or twelve years.

each committee would present their resolution to everyone. There would be speeches attacking and defending the resolution, and then there would be a debate about it. Everybody from The High School got heavily involved in the debate at General Assembly! Afterwards, all the delegates would vote. Some of the resolutions passed and others failed, but everybody had a great time.

Three students from The High School, Robin Hayden, Isabelle Geraghty and Nathanael O'Leary were selected to attend the All-Ireland European Youth Parliament in UCD's new student centre. This lasted from the 21st to the 23rd of March. Only Isabelle and Robin could attend, but they both had a brilliant time. The conference followed the same format as the Leinster Regional Conference, but as there were people from all over Ireland, there was a much wider range of opinions. Both the students from The High School were on the Committee of Regional Development (REGI), and debated what could be done in the future to improve living conditions in European cities. In committees, the debate was very strong and everyone had an excellent chance to improve their debating skills. Finally, a very strong resolution was put together, containing some imaginative and innovative ideas. The third day was General Assembly, in the incredible new Garret FitzGerald debating theatre in UCD. This room follows the design of the British House of Commons, making for lively and passionate debate. REGI had their resolution passed by a huge majority.

Everyone who took part in EYP this year would like to thank Mr Keegan for organising everything so well and for introducing us to the brilliant experience that is EYP!

Robin Hayden, 5th Year

European Youth Parliament

This year, a group of High School pupils, Emma Watts, Nathanael O'Leary, Bróna Murphy, Isabelle Geraghty, Grace O'Donnell and Robin Hayden attended the three day-long Leinster Regional Conference from the 15th to the 17th of February. On the first day, we all arrived at Presentation Terenure, where the conference was to be held. We started by playing games get to know each other, so everybody would be comfortable working together. In the afternoon, we separated into our committees. We had all chosen our committees based on the different topics they would be discussing. These topics included the equality of women, water conservation, stem cell research and marriage equality. In our committees,

we discussed the subject on which we were all working and came to an agreement about how we felt. By then, the first day was over and we all went home, completely exhausted!

We were back in our committees early the next morning, and continued our discussion of the topics. We had to try to come up with solutions for the question we were dealing with. This often meant hours of fierce debate! However, by the afternoon, we were all reaching some sort of agreement. We then had to put our ideas together and create a resolution, made of separate clauses that would each recommend a way of solving the problem. The wording of this took a long time to form, and by the time it was finished it was late at night and time for us all to go home. On the third day, we had General Assembly, where





JOE DUFFY INTERVIEW

James: So, how are you today Joe?

Joe: I'm good yeah good, how are you?

James: I'm very good, had to walk around the school for a bit in a suit today.

Joe: Don't you wear a suit every day?

James: No, just standard uniforms. I bumped into a few rugby players in this today.

Joe: Ah right, what name do you have for them in your school, what do you call them, jocks?

James: I call them "sir".

Joe: (laughs) Right.

James: So, what have been the highlights of your career as a broadcaster?

Joe: Well, I suppose the highlights would be when people contact you at *Liveline* when they've tried everything else, they're normally powerless, they've exhausted every other option and they come to *Liveline*. The cystic fibrosis campaign would be a big thing where they found *Liveline* and that just unleashed an avalanche of people who had cystic fibrosis and then of course you discover that radio was the ideal medium because they can be together because of it, and the stories they had. The facility that was supposed to be on track was not on track and that was why they had this public interest in the problem and they had this new ability to speak about it with shows like Vincent Browne's.

So yeah things like that, and of course I just love the programme I just enjoy the curiosity of it James, I enjoy not knowing where it's going to start and definitely not knowing where it's going to end. Some days you have an idea of where it's going to start, most days you haven't an idea of where it's going to end, what's going to come up or whether it'll take off, what's going to work, what's going to engage people.

So I mean, I'm very blessed to be doing the job, and it's my life obsession, *Liveline*, and I listen to a lot of different radio stations. So there have been loads of different things that have worked and every day is a new adventure on *Liveline*.

James: I actually remember a few years ago when I must have been about thirteen, we were in the car and you

were on the radio and you were talking to this woman who was talking about her TV licence and your immediate response was "Why get a TV and not a radio, a radio is a much more interactive friend," and I thought to myself: "That's a good point."

Joe: Yeah, the picture is better on radio, as radio is a very different medium. You listen to radio on your own, for example on your walkman in your kitchen, in your car, at home on your own or whatever, whereas television is much more broad, as there could be two or three people watching it. With radio you could be doing other things, radio is a much more accessible media, you don't have to sit down in front of it and look at it, and not do anything else. You can do loads of other things with radio, so I think that it's a fantastic medium, even with social media and the internet, Facebook and Twitter, still radio gets bigger and bigger. I mean we still want human contact, and also that the reason it works in Ireland is that Irish people like talking and they like talking to each other and the brilliant thing as far as I'm concerned about *Liveline* is that we have a national audience, so somebody thinks that somebody else is scamming them in Cork and the same crowd are doing it in Donegal they'll know within minutes. In the UK you can't do that as there is no programme that has a national audience the way *Liveline* has, so that's one of the joys of it as well.

James: That was another question of mine what's your opinion on the social media?

Joe: I love it! Some people see it as a bad thing saying "Oh Twitter's going to take away a bit of this and Facebook's going to take a bit of that", but it's adding to everything entirely. The one thing that defines us is communication, we do like to communicate, we do like sharing and the other thing that definitely defines us is this transcend, this ability for me or you to understand the situation I'm in, even though you've never experienced it, the ability for people to share those stories and enjoy them, to find stories concerning celebration or grief and feel those emotions. I think that all this social media, Facebook, its previous incarnation

Paul Grayson Rules the Rugby

In February this year, Paul Grayson, the former England and British Lions fly half, came to coach in the school. All the rugby players he talked to benefited hugely from the experience and greatly enjoyed meeting such a distinguished rugby player. They all want to thank Paul Grayson for coming to The High School.

Robin Hayden



Paul Grayson coaching at The High School

Bebo and others add to that ability to connect. Now I also think that that means that at one end which is the end we're at, having a job and having to sell ads as well that you have to be able to do a distillation of, in other words, make people interested in what you are presenting. Y'know, you can't just have one long scroll of tweets, you have to be able to engage people. So yeah, I think it's absolutely brilliant, I think that the whole thing of texting and Facebook really pushes kids to be literate. If you don't know how to read or write you ain't on Facebook, so the push for every child to read is greater and greater which is fantastic, as it's such an incredible gift, being able to read and write, So I think it's brilliant, absolutely brilliant.

James: So, when you were my age did you want to be a radio broadcaster, as I know that you originally studied social work?

Joe: No, when I was seventeen I was doing my Leaving Cert, I was the first in my family to do the Leaving Cert, my older brother didn't do it, I was the first in my family to go on from the Junior Cert or Inter Cert as we called it back then. I was a nerd, we were in Ballyfermot, and there were six of us in the house with our parents, so I used to stay in school doing after school study until six, then take the 20 minute walk home, have my tea as they called it in those days and then be back in school at seven and study until ten and then come back home, so I studied a lot because I was nervous. Now, when I did my Leaving I had no ambition to go to third level, it just didn't come up in our school, no one told you how to get into third level. The presumption was that no one would be going to third level, that we'd all be trying to get a job or whatever.

So when I did my Leaving Cert, I was working within three months of doing my Leaving Cert. I didn't go to college until four years later, I think only one fella in our class went to college and he wasn't even from Ballyfermot. It was a different world, and I keep saying that to my kids, as not many from Ballyfermot went in my day. Nowadays there are four houses on my block and three of those houses are sending someone to third level, and that's been a brilliant change for me in the last thirty years, the number of people going on to third level education.

So at 17 I was a nerd, I was boring, I was brutal at sports, I mean brutal at sports, my own kids still slag me, y'know that I can't kick a ball, I still don't understand rugby.

James: Are you interested in any sport?

Joe: Well, I can watch sport, I can see the joy, the life and death commitment that people make, and the life and death gamble it is, a soccer game or rugby game. I can see that but I'm not a great fan, I swim every day but I'd never play a sport competitively, table tennis maybe.

James: So, just on a previous point, would you consider it to be better being a teenager today than being a teenager in the seventies?

Joe: Ah yeah, but it's all a different experience it's just good to be a teenager, y'know what I mean just enjoy it, it's a great time. When I was in school one of the teachers that I really liked, he used to do quizzes and crosswords, I remember him saying to me "Master Duffy, you're the most curious boy in the class."

Now curious can mean two things, it means you're interesting or you're odd, and I took it to mean the former, to be curious as in being interested in other people, and when you're a teenager you're into that you're into the opposite sex, you're into mates, you're into great bands y'know. Now I don't underestimate the pressures that young people are under as well, I have three 18 year olds myself now and I know the hazards.

James: So, you were president of the student's union, tell me what that was like?

Joe: It was brilliant, when I went to Trinity, eventually went to Trinity, you see I was 22 when I went to college, and I had been working for 4 years and when I went to Trinity I got involved in the student union, and the main reason I got involved was because of that point I was talking about, I was interested in the number of working class people in third level education, and I knew the minute that I walked out that this was absolutely brilliant, that it would change my day. When I started, I wrote letters to The Irish Times talking about why aren't there more working class people in third level education and then met a few more

people and when we stood for election I was elected as president of the Student's Union, and shortly afterwards I stood for election as president of the USI. And again my platform was always the same, access, access, access, and I became engaged in trying to improve the situation of the working class and third level. Ballyfermot had a population of 45,000 and there were only three people from Ballyfermot in Trinity, which is at the end of our bus route. And I said "Why is this?", and that's how I got involved.

James: Right, so on a similar note I know that you're a very good painter, do you have any other hobbies?

Joe: Well I like painting and that's relaxation and I like walking, I walk every day. I like swimming, I swim every day, I know you wouldn't think to look at me and I'm into model fire engines, I'm a firebug, so fire brigades and anything to do with that. I like reading an awful lot, I go to the cinema and the only thing I don't do is that I don't really watch TV, you see I think it takes up too much time, and I've never seen *Questions and Answers*, I've never seen the Vincent Browne show because it's on too late, and then you see if I'm watching something now, like I dunno the new series of *The American*, I'd wait and just watch it on the RTE player on me iPad. I would never, well I'd never say never but I'd seldom sit down and watch telly.

James: That's interesting, would have a favourite programme then, if you never sit down and just watch TV.

Joe: *Modern Family* and *Arrested Development*. I was knocked down there a few years ago and I was on my back for a few months, and I was watching *Two and a Half Men*, when Charlie Sheen was in it, I don't like this new fella, who is he?

James: Ashton Kutcher, yeah he doesn't have the charisma.

Joe: Got it in one, no charisma, And then of course I binge, I have binge weekends with TV, especially when the shows are only 23 minutes long.

James: Another thing, on your "Vicipéid" page it says "Is é Al Pacino an t-aisteoir is fear leis."

Joe: Al Pacino what?

James: it means Al Pacino is your

favourite actor, is that true and what are your favourite films?

Joe: Well, he was in *Glengarry Glen Ross*, but no I never said that.

James: I think it must be a few Gaelgeoirs messing with you.

Joe: Ah yeah, must be it. Anyway I love Alec Baldwin, I love him, I love *30 Rock* as well. I love some Irish actors as well, like Don Wycherly, y'know Don Wycherly.

James: Ah yeah the guy who was in *Garage* and *Scúp*.

Joe: Yeah he's brilliant in *Scúp*, it's a great show. The best drama being produced in Ireland at the minute is being produced by TG4, it's probably the cheapest as well, easily the best. It's great for improving your Irish as well.

James: Was Irish one of your favourite subjects in school?

Joe: No, English, History, Maths. I dropped from Higher to pass Maths at the last minute, and I feel I should have gone on and done Higher Maths. So History, Geography, did Business studies as well. I did like school, I didn't detest any subjects, I set up a little library in the school, there was no library in the school so I set up a library and I was allowed to work there every day sorting out the books instead of religion. To me that library was an Aladdin's cave James, it really was, really fantastic yeah.

James: So, would you have considered that your favourite haunt, thinking back on your teen years.

Joe: Oh yeah, always the library without a shadow of a doubt, it was a converted shop which you'd just go down and get lost in, and you could take two books a fortnight from it.

James: If you could give any advice to yourself at 17 what would you say?

Joe: Okay we live in a small country, always speak out, because if you're giving out about somebody it'll get back to them. Never do anyone a bad turn as it will come back to you, and just try to remember that we are a small country and what makes us great is a sense of community, a sense of people supporting each other and we see it all the time on *Liveline*, when people come in with a terrible scenario, and they will come away from the programme with whatever they want

and there's incredible generosity shown. So what I would say to myself at 17 would be don't be nasty to anyone, don't put any energy into nastiness, try to remember that we're all in it together. I ran a summer project when I was 17 and the slogan for it was "we're in it together", I used to say to the volunteers who would help me set things up like trips to the seaside when they said to me "I can't do it" I would say "Well, if you can't do it, who will?" That's something I tell my own young fellas, take a position of leadership, don't rely on someone else, don't be afraid to take that position. And things pass pretty quickly in your life, y'know criticism or whatever it all passes pretty quickly, and keep your sense of proportion, if you have your health and you're lucky enough to have your family around you, then the only way is up.

James: One last thing on a previous point, can I ask where you were working before you went to college?

Joe: I worked for four years in an advertising agency, basically a messenger boy within the building, running around the building. I wanted to be a part of the creative aspect of the job but I knew that I couldn't without a third level degree so that's one of the reasons I went to college. I left work on a Friday and started in Trinity on a Monday. I wanted to get into college, the job was on Harcourt Street so one day I walked down to Trinity and asked them "How do you get into college?", in the admissions office, they asked what my Leaving Cert results were and I gave those in the next day, I was then asked what course I wanted and I said social work, they asked me if I wanted to apply, I got a place and the fees were 135 quid. When I walked into Trinity, James, I walked in four years after my age group, and I still remember walking from the front gate to my first class, and it was the longest, loneliest walk I ever took. I knew nobody, and I didn't know the structure of college, but once I found the library I was happy.

James: How did you make the transition from social work to radio?

Joe: Ah, it wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be. The job I was in was in the civil service, and it was very slow to change and if you wanted to do anything it took years and I saw this

training course here at RTE almost this month 25 years ago and I remember applying for the 12 week training course at the end of which they could decide whether or not to give you a contract, and I remember saying to myself before the interview, that there were hundreds applying to this training course, and what could I offer them that was different. I mean there were people there who were journalists already, radio broadcasters already and I wasn't obviously, so I said to myself I've got to go in here and sell my difference. I said to myself "There's 12 places, 50 people who are better journalists than me applying, there's 40 people who can operate tape recorders better than I can, 50 people who sound better than I do, and what I had was involvement with social work a different network and different experiences, and I sold them my difference. If they had been only offering one job James I wouldn't have got it, but because they had 12 places they said "Okay, we'll do a mix, we'll give four journalists and three broadcasters a go." So I sold my difference, and concentrated on that. So that transition was easy enough, and the big transition was going from being a producer to being on air, which happened completely by accident, as I was working with Gay Byrne and a reporter couldn't make it, so Gay asked me why don't you go out and do it, and I did it. I discovered that I liked it, I had an ability to describe things and I'm still waiting to be found out. I wake up every morning thinking that I'm going to be found out today, that there are hundreds of people who are better than me at this. The business you're in is full of self doubt

James: One last question, if the world was going to end tomorrow, what would you do?

Joe: I'd open *The Liveline*, and try to stop it happening.

James Christle, 5th Year

KING LEAR

In February Mr McCaughey and Mr Kinsella took some of their 5th Year students to see Shakespeare's *King Lear* in the Abbey Theatre directed by Selina Cartmell. This was my first time seeing a play in the Abbey Theatre so I was looking forward to the experience.

The play is essentially about domestic conflict. *King Lear* is the story of a man outsmarted by his daughters, a brother who is betrayed, and the natural accession of one generation as another dies off. The cast was outstanding in my opinion with flawless performances particularly by Owen Roe who played Lear. Choreography, harsh lighting and two beautiful Irish wolfhounds were used in the production to amplify the intense atmosphere and it made the whole experience even more enjoyable.

Thank you to Mr Kinsella and Mr McCaughey for bringing us to this fantastic production which was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Lauren Jackson, 5th Year



Piece of Pi

On Wednesday, the 14th of March Dr Stuart's Form 2 Maths class celebrated Pi Day in the library. Pi day celebrates the number Pi, which is represented by the Greek letter for p and whose first three digits are 3.14, hence the date. The Maths class had a very enjoyable time at the library, with competitions and a delicious pie with the Pi symbol baked by Seumas Bracken (2B). The class would like to thank Dr Stuart for organising the event and Seumas for baking the pie.



Junior Cert sewing



Junior Cert sewing



Transition Year cookery



The finished products



The finished products



A team effort



HSD WINS FEIS CEOIL COMPETITION and perform at NCH

Congratulations to members of The High School Orchestra who were awarded The Dorothy Mayer Foundation Cup following their prize-winning performance in the prestigious Feis Ceoil music competition on Tuesday, 19th March. The Feis Ceoil Association was established in 1896 to promote excellence in the learning and performance of music across all ages, levels, and disciplines. It organizes an annual festival which comprises almost 200 separate competitions and attracts over 4,000 participants from the island of Ireland. The High School programme consisted of Hungarian Dance No 5 by Brahms, Sicilienne by Faure, and the Dambusters March by Eric Coates. The orchestra performed brilliantly during the competition and received warm congratulations and positive feedback from the adjudicator Mr David Brophy.

On foot of their win, the orchestra was invited to perform in the Gala Prize Winners' concert in the National Concert Hall on Saturday, 23 March and indeed to open the concert which was a huge honour! We arrived at the stage door of the National Concert Hall with a sense of anticipation at 6:30pm and after a few wardrobe and makeup changes, assembled for the rehearsal. The performance itself went very well and we enjoyed a rapturous round of applause from the audience. We also received much praise from Mr Gay Byrne on his lunchtime Lyric FM show the following afternoon after he enjoyed our performance on the night. It was an amazing experience.

We should like to express our gratitude to all the parents of orchestra members for their support, to Mr Jim Tate for his kind assistance in the National Concert Hall both upon our arrival and during the performance, and to Mr L Carolan who assisted at the Feis Ceoil competition. Finally, many congratulations to all members of The High School Orchestra on their achievement in winning first prize in this competition at the Feis Ceoil for the first time in the history of the school.

Ms M White



High School orchestra invited to perform in the Gala Prize Winners' concert in the National Concert Hall



Non-Uniform Day in Aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital

On the 22nd of March, The High School held a non-uniform day in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital, whereby each student or teacher participating donated two euro or more to this cause. Congratulations to everyone who took part for helping this really excellent cause, and particularly to the Student Council for organising this excellent event which everybody thoroughly enjoyed.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year

STUDENT COUNCIL INTERVIEWS

Jack McCann, President

What did you most enjoy about your times in Student Council?

I enjoyed working with wonderful people (most of the time) and getting to meet other students.

Do you feel that you have changed many things as President?

I don't know...I have no idea.

Did you feel it was worthwhile to be a part of Student Council?

Yes, definitely.

What advice would you give to the next Student Council President?

My advice was to be organised, as it makes the job so much easier and to have fun with the job. It's a great opportunity to meet people and to work on school issues.

What is your favourite colour?

Blue

What is your opinion on dragons?

Hmmm, I'm not sure?

Lia McCann

What did you most enjoy about your times in Student Council?

I think the banter, definitely, and Ms H-E. I had a great time.

What was the most important change that was brought around in your time as a representative?

Oh I don't know... let's see... well I think it would have to be that we have more non-uniform days now. People seem to really like that.

What advice would you give to the incoming representatives?

To enjoy your time there and to always bring the ideas forward from your class and year group. I think it is very important that everyone is represented and their voices heard.

What is your favourite colour?

Turquoise.

What is your opinion on dragons?

They are super cool (hot).

Gavin Rothwell

What did you most enjoy about your times in Student Council?

I enjoyed working together with all of the other students to better student life.

What was the most important change that was brought around in your time as a representative?

The most important change for me was that the Student Council was put in the school's 'constitution' and when we were acting as an official

representing body.

What advice would you give to the incoming representatives?

Just to go for it!!!

Favourite colour?

Blue

What is your opinion on dragons?

I like them very much and I wish we had them around today.

Munachi Anele

1st Year Representative

Question 1: What did you enjoy most about being in Student Council?

Probably the meetings and knowing about things in advance. People coming to tell me their problems and being able to help.

Question 2: Would you like to be a representative next year?

Yeah, I would love to.

Question 3: What changes would you make if you could make any?

I would get rid of the mould in Ms H-E's room.

Question 4: What do think was the biggest change Student Council made this year?

Raising a lot of money for charity, especially with the bag packing for the Simon Community.

Question 5: What is your favourite colour?

Purple

Question 6: What is your opinion on dragons?

I love dragons!

Aela O'Flynn

2nd Year Representative

Question 1: what did you enjoy most about being in Student Council?

The fact that we contribute to the school community.

Question 2: would you like to be a representative next year?

Yes, definitely

Question 3: what changes would you make if you could make any?

A Junior Girls Rugby Team and more non-uniform days.

Question 4: What do think was the biggest change Student Council made this year?

That we have more non-uniform days.

Question 5: What is your favourite colour?

Yellow, it's a happy colour.

Question 6; What is your opinion on dragons?

They're amazing and I want one!

Matthew Tannam-Elgie

3rd Year Representative and Secretary

Question 1: What did you enjoy most about being in Student Council?

I enjoyed having a say in the running of the school and hearing other people's opinion.

Question 2: Would you like to be a representative next year?

Of course, it was great.

Question 3: What changes would you make if you could make any?

Changes involving the system of the school.

Question 4: What do think was the biggest change Student Council made this year?

Badges for the Council members and raising a lot of money for charity.

Question 5: What is your favourite colour?

Blue.

Question 6: What is your opinion on dragons?

Dragons are pretty awesome!

Inspirational Visit from Helen Kearney

In March, as part of the third year CSPE Action Project, Helen Kearney was invited in to talk at assembly in The High School. Helen Kearney brought with her the bronze and two silver medals that she won at the London 2012 Paralympics Games. Afterwards, third year students got to talk to her and see her medals close up. Everyone would like to thank the third years for organising this visit and Helen Kearney for coming in.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year



WORLD BOOK DAY

Visit from author Denise Duggan

To celebrate World Book Day, the author Denise Deegan, who wrote the *Butterfly* novels, came in to talk to a group of first, second, third and fourth year students about her books. Her works are best-selling contemporary novels aimed at adults and teenagers. Everyone present had an excellent time and learnt a lot both from listening to Denise and from asking her questions. The talk was very interesting and informative. We would all like to thank Mrs King for organising this event and Denise Deegan for giving up her valuable time to come in to talk to us.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year

Book Recommendations by Teachers

What is your favourite book
Mr Flynn?

"Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins

What is the best book you ever read
Mr McBride?

"King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table: the Sword and the Circle" by Rosemary Sutcliff

What is your favourite book
Ms Bergin?

"Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurty, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for best novel

What are you currently reading
Mr McDonnell?

"Anglo Republic: Inside the Bank that Broke Ireland" by Simon Carswell

What book did you read over the summer
Mr McCaughey?

"Anna Karenina" by Leo Tolstoy

What are you currently reading
Mr Giles?

"The Leopard" by Tomasi Di Lampedusa, fiction

What is the best book you have ever read
Ms Fallon?

"The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson



The High School Library Form 1 Reader's awards

Congratulations to Jude Lysaght (1W) and Julia Vataleva (1P) (Both pictured with Mr Miller and Mrs King) for winning The High School Library Form 1 Readers' Awards for being the best readers in Form 1.

What was your favourite
childhood book
Ms Galligan?

"Where the Wild things are" by Maurice Sendak or "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl.

What did you read over the summer
Mr Irwin?

"Dublin Nazi No.1 - The Life of Adolf Maher" by Gerry Mullins

What are you currently reading
Mr McNamara?

"The Redbreast" by Jo Nesbo

What was your summer read
Mr Gill?

"Moby Dick" by Herman Melville

What are you reading now
Mr Wilkinson?

"Beijing for Beginners: An Irishman in the People's Republic" by Gary Finnegan

Student Choice Book of 2012-13?

"Game of Thrones" by George RR Martin

Puppets



"The Hound" puppet by John Deering



*"Willy Wonka" puppet
by Lauren Hudson*

Translations at the Gaiety Theatre

On the 25th of March a group of students from Ms Keating's Form 4 and 5 met up at the Gaiety Theatre to see the 7:30pm showing of *Translations* by Brian Friel. Set in the fictional rural Donegal town of Baile Beag in the year 1833, the plot centres around a group of locals attending a hedge school run by the schoolmaster Hugh and his lame son Manus, and the impact made upon them by the arrival of British soldiers sent to translate place names from Irish to English. The soldiers face difficulty with this task, as the vast majority of the locals cannot speak English, and when the soldier Yolland falls for the Irish language, scenery and local girl Máire, trouble brews in the community. The acting was brilliant; the powerful, booming voice of Hugh (played by Des McAleer) gave him a commanding air, and Genevieve Barr's performance as Sarah, a girl with speech difficulties was fantastic. We were amazed to discover that the actress is actually deaf! The eccentric character Jimmy Jack (played by Niall Cusack), a lonely old man obsessed with classical studies, was also a source of comic relief throughout the play. All in all, it was a hugely enjoyable night of theatre and all who went would like to thank Ms Keating for setting up the trip.

LEINSTER HOCKEY ASSOCIATION FINAL

The High School roaring out of the traps to send a shiver of doubt through their arch rivals

On a misty Wednesday afternoon, The High School and Wesley College battled through tough semi-finals to face off in the grand spectacle at Grange Road. Busloads of supporters from The High School arrived at Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club to create a thrilling atmosphere. The High School started off brightly with the silky skills of our forwards wreaking havoc in the Wesley defence. Early on the Wesley team, courtesy of an Ireland U16 international, countered a High School attack and were awarded a short corner; this resulted in Wesley taking the lead. However, the girls in red showed great character and battled straight back at the Wesley defence. Then, through a beautiful link up, the ball was switched to the left to find a key player who scored the goal of the game with a reverse stick shot into the goalmouth corner. Unfortunately, on the stroke of half

time, Wesley broke again and took the lead with a soft goal scored by an unmarked forward. So the first half finished with Wesley fortunate to enjoy a one goal advantage.

The second half started with The High School roaring out of the traps to send a shiver of doubt through their arch rivals. Our Captain and eventual woman of the match led many of the attacks down the right hand side as Wesley tried and failed to subdue the Ireland U18 international, conceding many fouls in the process. The hockey was of a very high standard with the ball being pinged up and down the pitch, leaving the spectators marvelling at the levels of skill on display. The High School dominated the second half with many balls just inches from the goal and Wesley just holding on to their lead. A goal was definitely coming for the dominant side when the whistle blew and Wesley sighed with relief having withstood the onslaught of attacks. Bitter disappointment engulfed The High School players with the knowledge that the better side on the day had lost the match.

The team would like to say a huge thank you to the brilliant and inspirational coaches: Ms Jones and Ali Meeke.



Ms Hutchinson-Edgar presenting her book to Mrs King in the library

Congratulations to Ms Hutchinson-Edgar on the publication of her new textbook, "Religions in the Modern World"

Mock Interviews

On the evening of Tuesday 12th of March, a group of 110 5th years gathered in the library for their Mock Interviews. There were over 60 interviewers in different classrooms around the school, experts in varying careers, ranging from artists to doctors to lawyers and engineers. It was a great experience, thoroughly enjoyed by all. On behalf of my year group, I would like to thank the guidance counsellors Ms O'Donnell and Mr Clarke for organising and preparing us for the evening. I would also like to extend our gratitude to the Parents' Association for arranging the interviews for us.

Laura Dowling, 5th Year

Basketball Interview

Hi coach! Here's a few questions about basketball...

What makes basketball such a good sport?

Basketball is such a good sport because it is played indoors so you don't have to deal with bad weather and it's very good because it's exciting to watch. It's dynamic! It is the most aerobic sport, It's a fast pace sport. All you need is a small space, a ball and a ring to play. And finally it's more technical than other sports.

How long have you been coaching?

35 years

What makes basketball more appealing than rugby or hockey?

As I said before it is exciting. Every player is in constant motion and each player plays offense, defense and has a skill in every topic needed to play the game.

Do you think basketball should have a higher profile in our school and in Ireland?

Definitely!

Do you think basketball is a male, female or unisex sport?

Unisex but there is a higher participation of females who play in Ireland than there is of males.

If unisex, do you not think basketball is potentially a far more popular sport than rugby or soccer which is mainly male?

Yes, definitely.

How many sections of a basketball game are there?

Four

How long is each?

For adults, under 18's and under 16's each quarter is ten minutes long. For 1st and 2nd years each quarter is eight minutes.

How many players are on a team and how many can play on the court during a match?

There are twelve on a team and five play on the court during a match.

Can you have substitutions? If so, how many are allowed during a game?

Yes, you can and the amount I can make is unlimited.

Do professional teams have stadiums and fans?

Yes.

What is your favourite team?

New York Knicks.

Having coached previously in Alex, how is coaching at The High School different?

It is totally different! Alex is an all girls school and The High School is mixed so the numbers on the teams here are smaller.

Thanks Mr Fitzgerald!

Texaco Art Winners



Congratulations to Saoirse Kennedy (above) , Ella Connolly and Rebecca Jones (First Year) who won certificates of commendation in this year's Texaco Art Competition



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



On Friday the 22nd of March, five teachers and sixteen pupils from Form 4 and 5 met at Dublin Airport all set and ready for the week ahead. The long-awaited trip had finally arrived; this year's Habitat for Humanity team were off to Mozambique. Mozambique is a country in southwest Africa, bordered by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Tanzania. It is largely effected by poverty, with over 69.4% of the population living below the poverty line. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organisation that aims to eliminate poverty by giving everyone a decent place to live. Through our excitement, and even nerves, we never lost sight of that aim: we were going to build a house for a family who needs it.

The trip all started back in April 2012 when the team was chosen and we all began our fundraising. We had to raise three thousand seven hundred euro each and this was done through various events such as bag packing, quiz nights and collections. It wasn't an easy task, and could not have been done without the help from the team members, friends and family. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to our goal, all help was greatly appreciated!

We met nice and early in the airport on the Friday morning, buzzing with excitement for the next ten days and what they would entail. We had three flights until Maputo, the capital city of Mozambique, one of them being twelve hours long. We stayed in the busy city for one night and got a tour the day we arrived. It was definitely a huge change from Dublin. The streets were packed with vendors selling everything you can name and there were huge statues everywhere commemorating Samora Machel, the

first President of Mozambique who gained independence from Portugal in 1975. On the Sunday morning we visited the Irish Ambassadors house for breakfast, which was a fantastic experience, and then continued our 4 hour bus journey to the Xai-Xai region where we would be staying for the next week. We were very lucky to have a swimming pool where we were staying, where we got to unwind after the hot day and relax before work began.

For building we were split into two groups who would work on different sites. It was an early start every morning and we were on site by around 8:30 am. The sites were only a ten minute drive away through these tiny, sandy roads but ten minutes was still long enough to see just how different life is over there. The local school was a large room built out of interlaced thatched sticks and the other classroom was simply the shade provided from a huge tree. As we neared the site on the first day we could hear the sound of singing. We got off the bus into the glorious sunshine and were greeted with a traditional Mozambican folk song. The local women were welcoming us! We all danced with them and then were introduced to the families we would be building for. It was a few minutes walk to the other building site and then work started straight away.

Luckily, the foundations had already been built when we arrived. We would be building with cement and bricks so we began moving blocks and mixing lots and lots of cement (which is called massa over there and became a new favourite word of ours!). The local builders were extremely hard workers and would show us first what to do. Sometimes the local women and children would help us to move the

heavy bricks. The building was tough, especially in the near 30 degrees heat, but by the end of day one we had done twice as much as planned. We got a half day on the second day as we had to wait for the cement in the rebar to dry, so we went to the beach for a swim in the warm Indian Ocean, which was perfectly planned as it started lashing rain just as we got on the bus.

We all worked consistently throughout the week and played with and entertained the local children on our breaks. The atmosphere on both sites was great, with each of us making new friendships and memories we would cherish forever. We finished work everyday at around 4 and spent the rest of the evening having fun by the pool before dinner and our nightly team meeting. In the meetings we would discuss our positives and negatives of the day and we had a talent show on one of the nights, which was very entertaining to say the least! The accommodation we were staying in was a really nice place, with all of us staying in little cabins surrounded by exotic trees. It was really beautiful to sit out and watch the stars at night, but only after you've covered yourself head to toe in deet.

It was hard to believe it when the last day of work had arrived so we put in our all as we were determined to finish the house. With the inside walls plastered and the roof on, we just had to finish off covering the outside walls and filling the inside with stones, which would later have concrete poured over them. We were all going to miss playing and dancing with the kids on site and having Pedro shouting maaassa! every five minutes. We decorated the finished house with flowers and balloons and stood back, amazed at all the work we got done in such little time. We had a big ceremony

where we presented the owners of the houses with an Ireland flag and a key to their new homes. We all placed one hand on the houses and blessed them, saying both Mozambican and Irish prayers. Then we all danced, sang songs and played with the kids. We brought bubbles, balloons and sweets and the children went crazy! It was just amazing seeing how much happiness a simple balloon could give them. We danced a typical Irish jig and the women of the village sang us a wonderful song, which all the locals gathered around to watch. It was a day I think we will all remember for the rest of our lives. We were all very reluctant to leave and we were sad saying our goodbyes, but we were also extremely proud of all the work we got done and knowing that we changed somebody's life was the most satisfying feeling ever.

We left Mozambique the next morning on a long bus journey to Kruger, South Africa, which is an amazing agricultural area filled with acres of sugar cane fields. We stayed in a gorgeous lodge which was surrounded by high trees and wildlife. We went on a safari that night and saw the most beautiful African sunset and once it was dark, the view of the starry sky was absolutely breathtaking. We went on another safari for the whole next day which was just the most incredible experience, and we saw a lion no more than ten metres away from us; it was unbelievable. On the last night of the trip we ate around the campfire, reminiscing on the weeks events, and awards and bracelets were given out to each of us. It was a really nice night, and we were so happy over how well the whole week went, and how we helped provide two families with a house that would change their quality of life, but we were also sad that it would be our last night together as a team. We packed up all our stuff in the morning and waved goodbye to Kruger, ready for another long bus journey to the airport and an even longer journey home.

Once again, it was very sad leaving and none of us really wanted to go home. The 10 days we spent in Mozambique and South Africa were the most worthwhile, memorable and enjoyable days of my life and I think the whole team will second me on that. On behalf of all of us we would like to say a massive thank you to all of those who helped us on our journey to Mozambique and who supported us in every way possible. And of course a huge, huge thank you to the teachers, Ms Thorp, Mr Hilliard, Mr Wardell, Mr Rankin and Ms Jones who were great fun on the trip and who gave us this amazing opportunity, without them it wouldn't have been possible.



ARTWORK



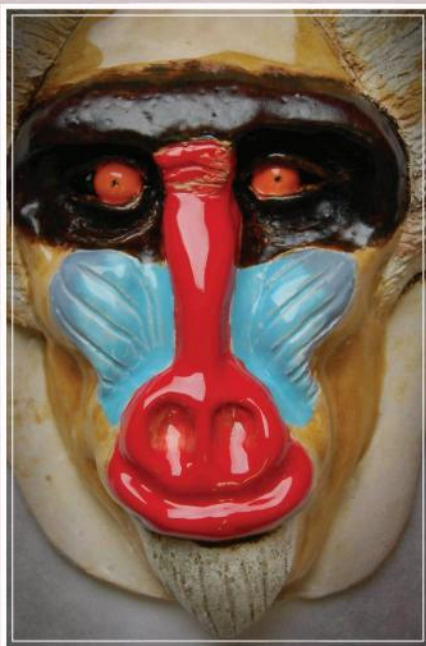
Suzanna Wyse Jackson Form 4 - Batik



Form 2 Ceramics - Disguise Theme



Puppets by Daven Casey and Alison Kinlan, 5th Year



Junior Cert Ceramics - Alannah O'Reilly, 3R



Junior Cert Ceramics - Eva Gannon, 3RN



Above: 2nd Year Lino Prints



Below: Leaving Cert Still Lifes



SUMMER TERM



FUN IN THE SUN IN BARCELONA!



We met in Terminal 2 in Dublin Airport at 4:30am Friday morning. There were 53 students and 6 teachers. We landed in Barcelona Airport at 10:15 local time. We took a bus to the Barcelona Aquarium. After lunch we went to the Nou Camp Stadium. We had a look around the stadium and museum. We then went to the hotel Calypso in Salou. That evening Mr Rankin impressed everyone with his semi-professional bowling skills. The next day, Mr Ryan did an admirable job of waking everyone at 8am. After breakfast we took a bus to the Science museum of Barcelona. We looked around the interactive exhibitions for a couple of hours. There were machines to measure your brainwaves in nanometres. After lunch, we embarked on a walking guided tour of the city. Starting at the Christopher Columbus statue, we took a metro across the city. The tour guide, Maria Jesus was very interesting and knew a lot about Barcelona. After another short trip we arrived at Sagrada da Familia, Gaudi's famous cathedral. Right under the cathedral, we took many group photos directed by Mr Keegan. The group then stopped in a

tiny town called Tarragona and enjoyed the sights. In the evening we ran around the Astroturf playing football, which led to serious competition.

Everyone was incredibly excited to head to Portaventura the next day. Little did we know that it had the highest rollercoaster and fastest hyper speed ride in Europe. We had a fantastic time there and Mr Barry and Mr Rankin persuaded many reluctant students onto Dragon Khan and Sambala. We got back hours later with sugar rush and sunburn but happy. We were woken at an obscene hour to go to the airport but the pain of this was eased with unique renditions of Wonderwall by Mr Ryan and Fresh Prince of Bel Air by Ms Keating. We checked in without incident and arrived home at midday. We have to thank the teachers Ms White, Mr Barry, Mr Keegan, Mr Ryan, Ms Keating and Mr Rankin for their great organisation and for making the trip great craic!

*Megan O'Byrne, 4M
and Laura Dunne, 4HE*

Klassenausflug zum Goethe Institut- Class trip to the Goethe Institut

Vor zwei Wochen, am 22 April sind

die Highschoolscüler von den zweiten und dritten Jhren zum Goethe Institut gegangen. Wir sind mit dem Bus gefahren. Es hat viel Spaß gemacht. Es hat sich um "Märchenwelten" gehandelt und hat uns sehr gut gefallen. Wir haben viele Spiele

gespielt, und wir interessieren uns jetzt für die Märchen von den Brüdern Grimm. Wir möchten Frau Horan und Herr Giles bedanken für diese interessante Klassenausflug.

3o2 Deutsch

HSD All Ireland Mathematics Quiz Champions

On Saturday 13 April, a team of pupils from The High School participated in the All Ireland Mathematics Quiz Final at the University Of Limerick. The team had earned its place in the final by beating 45 other schools in the Dublin Mathematics Quiz. At the halfway mark in the final we were in second place, trailing defending champions CBC Cork by one point. The High School team displayed great composure and managed to level the scores to force a tie breaker with the Cork school. In an extremely tense play off our team managed to answer an impressive ten questions in six minutes which gave them a narrow victory by a single point. The High School team was subsequently presented with a Kindle for each participant along with the trophy and their gold medals.

Mr Wardell



Cian Butler, Sam Treacy McGee, Oisín Faust, Conor Spain.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY



Above: Kids at the library Below: To quiz or not to quiz



Cakespeare



On the 23rd April 2013, the birth of literary genius William Shakespeare was celebrated in the library. The day was a lot of fun, with English classes from all the year groups visiting the library to take part in a range of quizzes, and watch scenes from films such as *Romeo and Juliet*. There was also a delicious cake featuring a quill, a scroll and the *Hamlet* quote "To be or not to be" present thanks to Ms Goulding. All students who visited the library that day would like to thank Ms Goulding for baking the cake, the Library Committee for getting the library ready and of course Mrs King for hosting and organising the event.

JamesChristle, 5W1

East Leinster Athletics Championships Victories

The High School enjoyed significant success at the East Leinster Athletics Championships. Congratulations to Gold medallists in the 500m and Javelin competitions; a Silver medallist in the 75m Hurdles; and Bronze medallists in the Long Jump, Mile, and Triple Jump. Finally, a Form 3 team won Bronze in the Boys' Inter Relay 4x300m competition. All of these competitors qualified to move on to the Leinster Championships.

Ms Hutchinson-Edgar

The High School's Athletics Team enjoys Leinster medal success

The Leinster track and field championships proved another successful day for High School participants. Claudia Johnston, first year, ran a very tactical race and kicked for home at the 200m mark; her turn of pace saw her take first and maintain her East Leinster title in the 500m. Caoimhe Shanley Mee, also in first year, won bronze in the Javelin and in spite of the adverse winds achieved a personal best in this competition. Congratulations to all who took part in the event!

Ms Fallon



MODEL UNITED NATIONS

We did a Model United Nations themed interview with Ms Rellis, our very own Ban Ki Moon/MUN organiser.

How did you first become involved in MUN?

I did MUN in secondary school. In first and second year, I was just helping out as a secretary, but in third year, I was a delegate.

What conferences did you do? Did you go anywhere special?

In third, fourth and fifth year, I went to Croydon (in England). In fifth year, I got to go to The Hague. The conference in The Hague was held in the actual United Nations buildings!

Wow! And did you ever win?

Yes! One of my favourite MUN memories was when we won St Andrew's MUN Conference.

Did you ever get to chair?

In fifth year I chaired in Croydon and in The Hague. In sixth year, I was president of the Security Council at St Andrew's Conference.

What's the best country you ever represented?

For my first conference, I represented Djibouti. But I'd say the best country I ever represented was the USA.

What's your funniest MUN memory? Oh, so many now, but what can be published? *[Tells us some brilliant stories, but won't let us publish anything!]*

So, did you go to any MUN discos? Yes.

Care to elaborate?

It was a nice opportunity to mix with other students?

Any embarrassing moments?

[Looking mildly traumatised] I've blocked them all out...

Did you ever get scared by public speaking?

The excitement was incredible but it's nerve wracking even still!

So, why should everyone do MUN?

It develops your confidence, it's fun, and you get to learn about public speaking. It helps your knowledge of international affairs, and gives you an amazing feeling of pride and achievement when you have spoken!

Grace O'Donnell

and Robin Hayden, 5th Year

MUN HAILEYBURY

On the 22nd March 2013 at 6:45 am a group of five High School students, Anne-Marie Finn, Grace O'Donnell, Mike Dolan and James Christle (5th Yr) and Emily Ryan (4th Yr) travelled to London for the Model United Nations Haileybury conference. Our team represented the countries Jordan (Mike and Grace) and Croatia (Anne-Marie, Emily and myself). This international conference involves schools from countries across the globe, ranging from Saudi Arabia to America, coming together to debate on a number of current world issues, such as the promotion of sustainable energy sources and the non-proliferation of nuclear arms.

After landing in Heathrow we set off for King's Cross station, where we stored our luggage and then spent some time exploring London. After spending some time at the Harry Potter shop at Platform 9¾, which thrilled some and really bored others, we set off for Camden Market where we passed a few hours going around the shops.

At half two we returned to the station and travelled by train and taxi to the Cheshunt Marriott Hotel, where we changed into our formal clothes and then headed off to the Hogwarts-esque Haileybury boarding school. There we began lobbying which consists of delegates trying to get other delegates to sign their resolutions. This occupied us until dinner and then we returned to the hotel for the evening.

The next day we rose to see a thick blanket of snow covering the ground. We then had breakfast and set off for the school which looked even more magical thanks to the sudden change in the weather. Committeeing then took place. This involved each of us going off to our committee rooms to discuss our given topics such as disarmament and human rights. A successful day of debating was had by all, with everyone from The High School speaking at some point during the debates. At half six we all returned to the hotel to relax for an hour before returning to the school for a disco. An enjoyable evening of music and dancing was had by those who went.



On Sunday morning we all rose late prompting a frantic 10 minutes of packing and dressing. Despite our hurry we still missed the bus and had to wait for it to return for us. Thankfully we didn't miss anything and after a brief service in the chapel we went back to committeeing for a while before going in for General Assembly. This was where resolutions that passed in each committee were chosen by the chairs to be discussed by all the delegates taking part in the conference, about seven hundred. So you can imagine my nervousness as I went up to talk on a resolution as the

final speaker and the immense satisfaction I felt at having this enormous group of people pause to listen to what I had to say. After the closing ceremony we collected our luggage and took a taxi to the airport. Our flight was delayed so it wasn't until ten past eleven that our fatigued but happy group landed in Dublin Airport after a fantastic weekend. All those that went on the trip would like to thank Ms Rellis for arranging this brilliant trip of fruitful debating and fun.

James Christle, 5WL

U15 Limerick Trip

After losing the final by a mere two points, our rugby squad was hoping to end the season on a high note against the two teams from Limerick that we were going to play. On Friday the 19th of April, the squad arrived at the school at 8:20 in the morning and we left at half past. After a long bus journey, we arrived at Ard Scoil Ris and played our first match since Easter. We were out of practice and lost the game. We went back to the hotel where we were staying for a few hours and then to the cinema to see 'Olympus has fallen'. After the movie we went back to the hotel for the night. The next day we got up and had a big breakfast before heading off to our second match, this time against Crescent College. The match started off well and we

were winning for most of the match until a few of our players got injured. We had to change our team around and they began to get the upper hand. We tried to hold them out until the end of the match but they just scraped enough points to win the match. Deeply disappointed, we packed up and went home, still looking forward to next season.

*James Anderson, 2W
and David Donnelly, 2C*

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ón 11 go 15 Márta, bhíomar ag céiliúradh “Seachtain na Gaeilge” san Ard Scoil. I rith na seachtaine sin, bhíomar ag céiliúradh ár dteanga dhúchais agus cultúr Éireannaigh. Bhíomar ag imirt peil ghaelach agus ag déanamh an poc fada ar na pairceanna spóirt le ranganna eile, agus ag canadh amhráin Éireannacha ar nós Báidín Fhéilimí sa seomra ranga. Thug Iníon Uí Chuinn cuireadh do rang an Uasail Prendergast chun rince Gaelach a dhéanamh sa halla Reynolds, ar nós Ballaí Luimní (ar ndóigh).

Bhíomar ag féachaint ar scannáin as Gaeilge (mar shampla Filleann an Feall), agus sa tionól bhí daltaí ag seinm ceoil agus bhí Clodagh McGinley ag damhsa freisin. Bhaineamar a lán taitnimh as an seachtain sin agus bhí dearcadh nua ag a lán daoine maidir leis an nGaeilge, agus mhothaigh gach duine níos bródúla as a bheith Éireannach.

Seamus MacCriostal, 5WL

Joutes Oratoires (Debating in French)

La classe de la sixième année a déjà formé une équipe qui va participer à ce concours national organisé par l'Alliance Française à Kildare Street. C'est un grand défi pour nous, encouragé par notre professeur Mme. Horan. On va débattre des sujets comme:

“Notre système scolaire ne nous prépare pas pour la vie”
ou bien
“Les jeunes aujourd'hui vivent une vie moins saine que leurs parents”

Tout le monde dans la classe a déjà participé aux joutes oratoires en classe et on a trouvé que c'est un bon moyen d'améliorer son niveau de français et on s'amuse bien en même temps.

A mes co-équipiers je souhaite un joli petit paquet de chance à l'Alliance Française cette année!

James Christle, 5W

EUROPEAN DAY



Some students enjoying Europe Day in the Library



Junior and Senior Art Competition

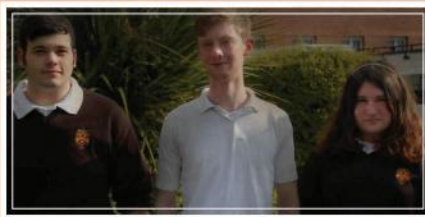
Every year, The High School awards prizes to Junior Certificate art students based on pieces they submitted for their exams. The winners receive a cash prize as well as having their works framed and permanently displayed in the school. This prize is open every year to fourth years, who have their pieces from the previous year's exams considered. The senior art prizes can be awarded to fifth and sixth year students based on pieces they make outside of school and submit for the competition. This year, the winners of the Junior Art Competition were Jasmine Pickett, Yasmeen Sinan and Susanna Wyse Jackson. The winners of the senior art competition were Zak Milofsky, John Deering and Robin Hayden.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year

High School students climb Carrauntoohil, the highest mountain in Ireland

Congratulations to the students from The High School who climbed Carrauntoohil, in Kerry, the highest mountain in Ireland at 3406 feet, as part of the Bronze Gaisce President's Award. The trip started out with a five-hour bus journey, with a stop in Limerick for food, before reaching the hostel. The next morning, everyone woke early to begin the climb. They braved snow and terrible weather conditions to reach the peak after a long, hard climb up the Devil's Ladder, a famously steep ascent. Everyone climbed back down safely and returned to the hostel for a good night's sleep after an exhausting day. The next morning, everyone went for a last walk in the Gap of Dunloe. Everyone involved wants to say a huge thank you to all the teachers involved, particularly Ms Rellis, Ms McDonnell, Mr Cryan, Mr Flynn, Mr Miller and Mr McNamara. The teachers were imperative for ensuring that everyone ascended and descended the mountain safely, as the mountain is famous for its highly changeable weather conditions.

Robin Hayden, 5th Year



*Zak Milofsky, John Deering,
Robyn Hayden*



Yasmeen Sinan



Robin Hayden, 5th Year



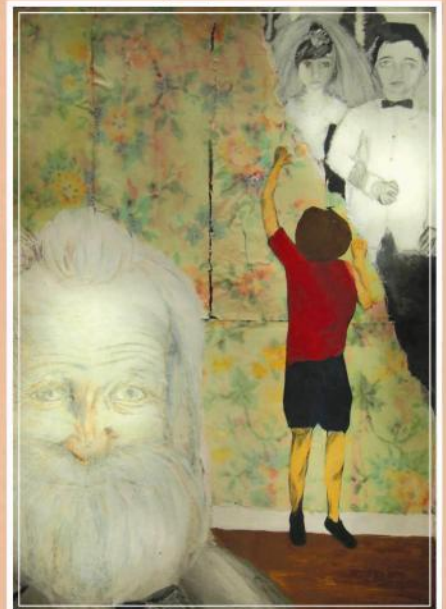
Zak Milofsky, 6th Year



John Deering, 5th Year



Suzanna Wyse Jackson, 4th Year



Jasmine Pickett, 4th Year



A Rocking Geography Trip!

On Thursday 18th of April, a group of seventy-five fifth years and four teachers got on three buses, and made the two and a half hour journey to Arigna Mine in Roscommon. We left the school at 9:00am and, after a quick stop in Carrick-On-Shannon for lunch, we arrived at the mine just after 12:30pm. We were split into groups and introduced to our tour guides. We put on hard hats and we were brought down into the mine. The guides explained to us how the mine functioned, what the specific jobs were in the mine were and the general working practices. It was really interesting and relevant to our geography studies. After the tour of the mine we were allowed to explore the museum and we watched a short DVD about the region and the mine before it closed in the 1990s. We arrived back at the school at about 5:30pm exhausted after a long day. I would like to thank everyone at Arigna Mine for making the trip so enjoyable and I would also like to extend thanks to the teachers that organised and accompanied us on the day, namely Ms Fallon, Ms Wilson, Mr Rankin and Mr Keegan. It was a worthwhile experience and we all enjoyed it immensely.

Laura Dowling

5th Year Biology Trip

On the 16th of May on a typically Irish rainy Thursday morning, two of the 5th year biology classes all made a trip to the rocky sea shore of Sandy Cove for our ecology field trip. We were split into small groups, following scientific protocol and using equipment to investigate the habitat. We use a book to identify different species. We found a blenny which is a fish that can survive outside of water. We also found crabs, jellyfish, and many different plant types. We recorded the climactic factors of the habitat such as pH of the water and the temperature. Afterwards we all got 99s in Teddy's ice cream parlour regardless of the fact that it was not a warm day! We would like to thank Mr Gill, Mr McBride and Ms Goulding for this trip.



'Milk It' Advertising Awards National Final

On 1st May 2013, the Form 2 Business Studies class represented The High School at the National Final of the 'Milk It' Advertising Awards. In reaching the final the HSD team was selected ahead of 350 other entries. Lead by their CEO the team finished outside the top three in the junior category. However, their hard work and creativity should be commended in reaching the final of the competition.

Mr Keegan



Sea Life Batiks by Kate Hunter Hanley and Aoife Domican

Krapp's Last Tape

On the 16th of May Mr Kinsella's and Ms Burrowes English classes went to see Krapp's Last Tape, a play written by Samuel Beckett. We witnessed an incredible performance by John Hurt in this one-man play as he played the role of Krapp. Every year on his birthday Krapp sits down to record his memories from the past year. We see him on his 69th birthday listening to his old recordings as he finds single tender memories from long ago. Revisiting his past loves and disappointments, Krapp starts to wonder about the true purpose of his life. A sad tale of a man having lived and lost is paired with occasional comedic moments by John Hurt and incredible lighting by James McConnell. It was truly an awe-inspiring experience to see this production especially due to the supreme acting John Hurt brought to it. It was a short play of 55 minutes which captured Krapp's life in a nutshell, and Beckett's unique style of writing.

Ciara Feely, 5WR

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE ART



Lindsay Baker Kerrigan



Orla Perdue



Jack Scollard



Emma Dooley



Ciara Devine



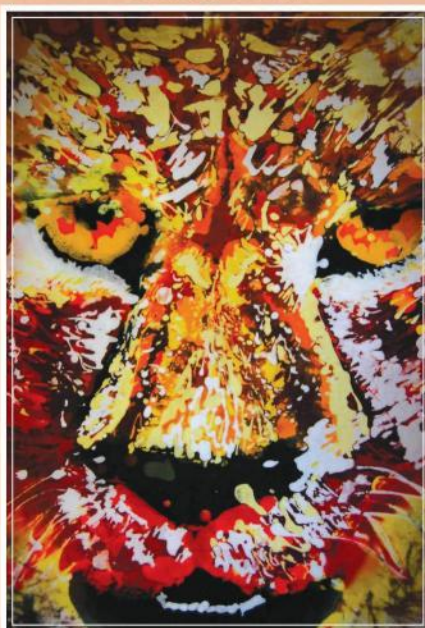
Emma Canning



Aoibhin O'Raw



Evan Cooper



Anna Mays

European Union Science Olympiad success

Congratulations to Oisín Faust, 5th year, who was selected for the Ireland team which was awarded a silver medal in the latest European Union Science Olympiad. The team competition involves a physicist, chemist, and biologist working together in order to solve experimental problems.

HSD ACTIVE SCHOOL FLAG

The High School is currently working towards attaining the Active School Flag (ASF) for the academic year 2013/14. The ASF is an initiative promoted by the DES that aims to recognise schools that strive to achieve a physically educated and physically active school community. The process involves submitting an application form detailing the school's comprehensive approach to Physical Education (PE) and sport across a number of areas.

In addition, an Active Schools Week must be organised and implemented with the purpose of highlighting the importance of PE and physical activity. The Active Schools Week at The High School included lunchtime activities for Junior Cycle pupils with an emphasis on promoting and encouraging physical activity. Pupils took part in a broad range of activities, which included tag rugby, soccer, rounders, dance, zumba, and pilates. To coincide with the scheduling of lunchtime events a Sixth Form versus staff tag rugby match was also held.

The PE Department would like to thank all staff and students for participating in these events and ensuring that the Active Schools Week was a great success. We look forward to receiving the ongoing support of parents and pupils as the initiative progresses. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the PE Department.

Mr Sullivan



Students get active in a bid to attain Active Flag for the coming year.

**Congratulations to
the Senior Boys
Tennis team for
winning the
Leinster Schools
Senior Cup**



RED CUP WEEK



As part of World Hunger Awareness Week, The High School canteen ran a campaign they called 'Red Cup Week'. Over the week, they served meals made from Indonesian recipes, such as curries and stirfrys. Tempted by the delicious smells, almost all students purchased at least a couple of these meals. The canteen staff put up posters in the food halls raising awareness about global hunger problems, particularly in Indonesia. They also sold sauces, with all the profits going towards feeding Indonesian schoolchildren living in poverty. The campaign highlighted the importance of good, nourishing food for children in education. Through the campaign, The High School managed to provide over 315 school lunches for students in Indonesia. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Robin Hayden



Junior Drama 2013

In May 2012 the juniors put on a magical performance of *Peter Pan*. This year the Junior Drama was produced and directed by Ms Galligan, Ms Walker, and Ms Browne. Fifth year students also helped direct, and produce the play as well as being involved in set design, lighting and sound. The first and second years who were involved were very enthusiastic and hardworking. They designed and painted a fantastic set to capture the wonderful world of the Neverland and the sophisticated London townhouse of the Darling family. Each student found a costume to fit their role perfectly

whether they were pirates, lost boys, mermaids, fairies or indians. They were dedicated to making the evening enjoyable for everyone. The play featured superb acting from all the characters especially the lead roles like Peter Pan and Wendy. There was also an acrobatic routine from the character Tinkerbell. It was very difficult to see if it would all come together on the night but in the end everything went smoothly.

Ciara Feely, 5WR



Children playing 'grown-ups'



Michael being petulant



Tinkerbell

THE GREEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

This year was a very successful year for the Green School Committee as we achieved our goal of getting our first green flag. We had been working towards this for the last 3 years.

We met every second Thursday morning before school and were able to get green recycling bins placed around the school - in the corridors and in The Reynolds Hall.

We also took part in a National Spring Clean – a campaign run by An Taisce. On the 1st of May, a group of 10 students and teachers helped collect rubbish from around the grounds and managed to collect 10 bags of litter.

All of Transition Year was involved in the emptying of the recycling bins in each classroom as part of Mr Irwin's Environmental Studies geography module.

The Green School Committee held a "Cycle to School Day" on the 24th of April to encourage people to use more sustainable forms of transport such as bicycles, public transport and their feet rather than driving by car.

On the 1st of June, we will hold a uniform sale, where second-hand items of uniform such as ties, jumpers, skirts and PE gear like crested polo shirts will be sold. All money raised will go to The Irish Peatland Conservation Council (IPCC).

We would like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for her support and help and for hosting us in her room on Thursday mornings. We would also like to thank Lia McCann, who founded the Green School Committee and who has done so much for it over the last 3 years.

We look forward to working towards our next green flag, the theme of which is "Energy". Remember to keep on recycling – both at home and in the green bins at school. If you would like to get involved, contact Ms Hutchinson-Edgar in A22 or visit www.greenschoolsireland.org for more information.

Ruth Ferguson (4GL)



Recycling of electrical items

Green Schools Spring Clean

Every year, the Green Schools Committee Runs a Spring Clean, where staff and student volunteers collect rubbish from around the school and the grounds. This year the spring clean was particularly successful, with many huge sacks of rubbish being collected from around the school. This event is particularly important because it highlights just how much litter can build up in the school and how important it is to keep the school environment clean. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Robin Hayden



New recycling bins



Dr Stuart, Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Ruth Ferguson, Lia McCann, Mr Barry, and Jack McCann



Gavin Rothwell (Deputy Head Boy), Marcus Mylechreest (from The Salvation Army), Ms Hutchinson-Edgar

Marcus Mylechreest from The Salvation Army

For nine years, Marcus Mylechreest from The Salvation Army has been regularly coming in to The High School to lead assemblies and talk to the students. His talks have always been humorous, thought provoking and interesting. His visits have been enjoyed by pupils and staff alike. On days when he came in to speak to us, he always gave us a cheery and good-humoured start to the day, telling us to focus on the positive aspects of life. His speeches were always inspirational and he was known for brightening up dark days by handing out chocolate to the students. Everyone from The High School will miss Marcus very much and we all wish him and his family the very best in his position in England.

Robin Hayden

UCD Mathematics Success

Congratulations to Maya Devine (4GL), Séamas MacLochlainn (4M), and Ellen McCullough (4G) who have been invited to participate in Mathematics enrichment classes at UCD on the basis of their performance in that subject at Junior Certificate. The enrichment classes lead into training sessions for the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO) which is a prestigious event for mathematically talented post-primary students who will represent their country in the annual team competition in July. We should like to congratulate these students on reaching this stage of the process.

Mr Wilkinson

Rock / Pop 2

The Rock/Pop show this year involved practicing for half of the year for the last two classes every Thursday, putting together a show consisting of music and dance acts.

We started the class with picking out our song ideas. Once picked we all practiced our songs week after week building up to the show. The week before the show came along we put together the final set list and rehearsed it throughout on stage.

The week passed and the show began on the 16th May. The band opened the show playing *Locked out of Heaven* by Bruno Mars. Other songs included *Undercover Martyn*, *Isn't She Lovely* and *Mr Brightside*. Fillers included *Super Trouper*, *Let Her Go*, *Lilo* and *Wild World*.

The dances were also very lively while Rob and Alexandra made great MCs. On behalf of everyone who took part we would like to thank Ms Bourke and everyone who worked hard behind the scenes.

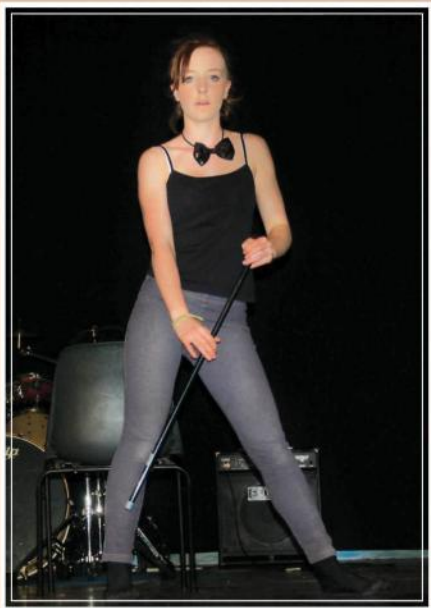
Victor Bell, 4HE
and Luke O'Brien, 4F



Transition Year Trip to Glendalough

Every year, The High School organises a hike for Transition Year students in Glendalough and the nearby mountains. This year's trip was a particular success with everybody involved having a great time and enjoying the beautiful weather. Glendalough is a stunning landscape with particularly beautiful views. Everyone should like to thank the teachers for organising this trip and helping to make it such a fun experience for all involved.

Robin Hayden



Rock and Pop 2



Rock and Pop 2



A wonderful night of musical entertainment at this year's Summer Concert.



Sixth Years celebrate with a church service followed by a graduation ceremony as The High School bids a fond farewell to the class of 2013



RETIREMENTS

Ms T Jones retired at the beginning of this year from her position as Guidance Councillor after many years of brilliant work at The High School. She has been missed greatly by staff and pupils. She will be fondly remembered as a guidance councillor who always had helpful advice, no matter what your situation, and was always willing to listen to pupils.

Ms Lanigan left her position in The High School's Special Needs Department to take up a new post in her native county of Kerry. She will be greatly missed by everyone in the school for her excellent help. We should all like to thank them both for their years of service and wish them all the best for their future.

Robin Hayden

Senior Debating

This year, the Senior Debating Club once again had an exciting time full of fun competitions and interesting debates. We began the year as usual with the annual Concern Debating Competitions, which is an interschool team debating league. It is run by the charity of the same name, and the motions are all about real-world problems. This year, we debated the following motions: who is primarily at fault for world poverty; the effectiveness of the United Nations; the chances of eventually eradicating AIDS; and world overpopulation. While we unfortunately did not win the overall competition, we did have some successes. It was, as always, an exciting and informative experience.

As well as the Concern Debates, we ran lunchtime debates in the school so everybody who wanted to could get involved. This was a great chance for everybody to practice their debating and public speaking skills, as they were fun and informal. We debated a broad variety of subjects, from superheroes to education. It was a brilliant chance to have fun and learn a little about a lot of different topics. We should all like to thank Ms Hutchinson-Edgar for running the Senior Debating Club and the lunchtime debates. We also want to encourage anybody who is interested to come along and get involved!

Mike Dolan and Robin Hayden

LIBRARY REPORT

It is often said that a committee usually keeps minutes and wastes hours, but I can assure you that for The High School's Library Committee, no such statement could be further from the truth!

The past academic year has been nothing short of a tour de force for the Library Committee. With the Chief Librarian Mrs King at the helm, ably assisted by SORCHA NI NÉILL and ELLA SCHMIDT as Committee Heads, the Library was bound for another successful year.

Back in September, European Day of Languages was the first major event to be celebrated. This was swiftly followed by the famous 'Science Week', reportedly one of the highlights of the students calendar. Display favourites, such as the floating globe and plasma ball were resurrected, and some old High School science equipment was kindly donated by friend of the Library, Mr T Gill.

National poetry day also proved to be a tremendous success. Countless pupils won prizes as a result of the many competitions organised by Mrs King.

At Christmas time, the Library was decorated up to the nines, and the traditional party was hosted by the Chief Librarian and her assistant. The Library Christmas Art competition also had an increased number of entries, particularly into the 'furthest from the theme' category. Needless to say, the judging of this category provided much amusement to the adjudicators.

After the Christmas break, the fourth annual Pi day was celebrated, along with World Book Day. Mrs King, with her powers of persuasion, managed to invite the Author Denise Deegan to be our guest speaker. Swiftly followed from this was the famous Shakespeare's Birthday, now a firmly established tradition at The High School. This year's cake was beautifully crafted by Ms Goulding, and of course Mrs King, without hesitation, managed to perform her annual miracle and astonishingly cut the cake into over 400 slices. At junior break

when the cake was being served to the students, reinforcements had to be called in to assist with the unexpectedly large crowds.

Another facet of the Library Committee is its commitment to charity work. I'm delighted to announce that this year we raised the handy sum of €1000 for our various charities, including Barnardos, The Oesophageal Cancer Fund and The Breast Cancer Fund. We would sincerely like to thank all those who sacrificed their lunch and break times to sell charitable merchandise and also to those who supported us financially. After numerous calculations and archival research, it is estimated that Mrs King has been responsible for the fundraising of upwards of €70,000 here at The High School. This is a staggering achievement, and is a credit to her dedication and organisational abilities. Well done, Mrs King!

But before you could say 'Chief Librarian', the year had sadly come to a close and a great summer party was enjoyed and well deserved by all the working committee. It must be

noted that The High School's very own Mrs King, was awarded 'Librarian of The Year' for the 6th consecutive year. No mean feat!

There is indeed a rumour that The High School's Library is indeed the greatest library in all of planet Earth. And it's pretty obvious to me why this is precisely the case. It's not due to the collection of 11,000 books that it holds, nor due to its location in such an esteemed institution. It's completely and utterly due to one thing and one thing only. Well, actually one person and one person only. She secretly keeps the school running, and is always there to lend a hand to whoever needs one. There is hardly a minute that passes in the Library without hearing a joke, a laugh or a word of affirmation from her. Absolutely no one could be more kind, caring, considerate and understanding than she, and the Library would certainly not be the same without her. Please take a bow, the extraordinary one and only Chief Librarian, Mrs Valerie King!

Gavin Rothwell, 6th Year



THE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

The Orchestra had a very busy and successful year this year, with national success in competitions and performances. Having started off with many new first year members, we started rehearsing for our first engagement of the year, the Prize Distribution ceremony in October. We performed an arrangement of a Welsh Song *Gwyr Harlech (Men of Harlech)*. The focus then switched to preparations for the Carol Service in Zion Church in early December which went very well. We were invited to perform in Malahide Castle on Saturday 15th December 2012 as part of their first-ever Christmas celebrations. We travelled to North County Dublin to Malahide Castle and performed for over two hours to the general public with the help of Mr Rankin and Ms Kennington.

The new year brought new preparations and ensembles. On our return to the Spring Term, we started preparing for the Wesley Feis and Feis Ceoil competitions in March. We performed well in the Wesley Feis but we had no luck on the day. We had much luck in the Feis Ceoil competition in mid-march scoring first in the Second Level Orchestra competition in the RDS Concert Hall. Against stiff competition the Orchestra performed brilliantly in front of the adjudicator Mr David Brophy. We performed a 15 minute programme of Hungarian Dance No.5 by Johannes Brahms, Sicilienne by Gabriel Faure and the ever-popular Dambusters March by Eric Coates. We were thrilled with the win and with the excellent feedback we received from Mr David Brophy. As a consequence of this win, we were invited to perform in the National Concert Hall on Saturday 23rd March 2013. It was an amazing experience for all to our achievement to be recognised on a national platform and indeed an amazing experience to perform in front of nearly two-thousand people. We also received praise on Gay Byrne's Lyric FM programme on Sunday 24th March for our performance on the night.

After a well-earned break, we returned to prepare for the Newpark Competitions in early May. A Junior and Senior Chamber Group were

selected and performed very well in the Chamber Music Competition, with a third place for the Juniors and a first place for the Seniors received. The Seniors were invited to perform in the Newpark Prizewinners concert at the Freemasons Hall on Saturday 19th May 2013, where they performed brilliantly with the other prizewinners. The Summer term finished with the Summer Concert on the 15th of May 2013 where the Orchestra rounded off a great year of music with an excellent set of performances.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the students for their great hard work and commitment to the Orchestra during the year which allowed us to enjoy great success and achievements and to the leader Johnny Kehoe-Roche for all of his leadership and hard work.

Who knows what next year will bring!

Model United Nations

This year was an amazing year for Model United Nations, with a record number of students from The High School getting involved. As Ms Rellis would put it, there were many people catching the MUN bug! Ms Rellis greatly contributed to the atmosphere of fun and enthusiasm prevalent throughout the year, which we are all sincerely grateful for. This year, The High School attended five different conferences, two of which were in England.

TERMUN- 18 students from The High School attended Terenure College's MUN conference, called TERMUN. As this was many students first conference, there were plenty of nerves, but these soon turned to excitement. There were over 250 students present from Dublin and beyond. The delegates from The High School represented South Korea, Denmark and the Russian Federation. A wide range of topics were discussed ranging from Human Rights to Disarmament. General Assembly was hugely exciting in the afternoon, and students from The High School contributed greatly to the

debate. Nathanael O'Leary, Mike Dolan and Robin Hayden from The High School all won Distinguished Delegate awards. Fiadh Rua Gregg, Holly Kane O'Brien and Laura Byrne chaired debates.

RRSIMUN- The High School attended an MUN conference in the Royal Russell School in Croydon, England. This conference had delegates from all over Europe, from Germany to the Netherlands. It was hugely exciting with a really high standard of debate. Everyone involved had an excellent trip and loved the experience of the weekend long conference.

RADMUN- This year, The High School attended Rathdown's first ever MUN conference. It was also the first ever MUN conference to be hosted by an all girls school in Ireland. RADMUN is a two day long conference. Everyone from The High School had a brilliant time and enjoyed the high standard of debate. Mike Dolan, Lia McCann and Nathanael O'Leary from The High School chaired debates.

WCDMUN- A record number of High School students attended Wesley College's MUN Conference this year. There were over 500 delegates from all over the UK and Ireland debating an exciting range of topics, including addressing an emergency epidemic that worsened throughout the two days. The opening ceremony included speeches given by the Minister of State for European Affairs, TD Lucinda Creighton. Lorcan Daly and Robin Hayden from The High School won Distinguished Delegate awards, and Nathanael O'Leary was awarded the prize of Best Senior Delegate on his committee. Dayna Clegg, Megan Quirey and Laura Byrne chaired.

Haileybury MUN- Haileybury MUN in England was a truly international affair, with delegates present from Jordan to the USA. With around 700 students in attendance, it is the biggest MUN conference in Britain. Delegates from The High School enjoyed both the debating and the chances to interact with delegates from other countries.

Everyone would like to thank Ms Rellis for her hard work throughout the year.



QUIZ PAGES

compiled by
Naoise Farrell

Alt Careers

This year, we ran a survey to find out what the students thought would be good alternative careers for some of the teachers. Here, we have the exclusive results...

Ms Burrowes: Eurovision contestant
 Mr McCaughey: gladiator
 Ms Bennett: game show host
 Mr Carolan: rock god
 Mr Prendergast: pope
 Mr Sheehan: sports commentator
 Mr Flynn: tattoo artist
 Mr Giles: Shakespearean actor
 Mr McBride: pirate
 Mr Wardell: professional skydiver
 Ms Carson: mime artist
 Mr Clarke: teddy bear
 Mr Miller: bounty hunter
 Ms Walker: famous writer
 Ms Thorp: mad scientist
 Ms Killane: newspaper cartoon artist
 Ms Galligan: international art thief
 Mr Gill: magician
 Mr Hilliard: comedian
 Mr Irwin: environmentalist
 Mr McNamara: mascot
 Mr Kinsella: bible salesman
 Ms Goulding: brain surgeon
 Ms Hutchinson-Edgar: whiskey ambassador
 Ms Ní Chonchubhair: nightclub owner
 Ms Fallon: army general
 Mr Ryan: model
 Ms Rugg: stuntswoman
 Mr Wilkinson: astronaut

Horoscopes

Taurus

You get one request too many for sharing, and probably just shut down as a response. It's one of those days when you need to make sure you're putting yourself first, weird as it seems.

Aries

Your energy is a little off balance — but that is perfect for starting something new! It could be a class or activity, or just a project that's been fermenting in your mind for quite some time.

Gemini

One of your grandparents — or some other older relative — pings you, or you feel the urge to reach out to them. It's one of those situations where a lot can be transferred back and forth with ease.

Cancer

You like to stay one step ahead — or behind or to the side of — the mainstream, and today you show off just a little. At least one person is deeply puzzled, but that just means that you're winning!

Leo

You feel like you're trapped in a maze — but there's a way out. Just make sure you're not feeling panicky, or you may miss out on a few clear marks that should help you out quite a bit.

Virgo

Though you may take your time, you do get things done, and today is proof of that. Someone starts out exasperated and finally comes around to impress you by the time you finally finish.

Libra

You're feeling so great about your day that you need to share it. You may plow through homework like it's a simple video game or clean up your room as if it's the most fun you've ever had!

Scorpio

In an exploratory mood right now, and you're almost certainly about to find something pretty sweet. It's one of those days when you really need to make sure you're in constant motion

Sagittarius

You're totally focused on someone new in your life, or maybe someone who has become increasingly important over the past year. In either case, you may let other aspects of life slide.

Capricorn

Your natural communication style is dominant right now, and folks are eager to hear your plans — so spread the word! Writing may be even easier, but do whatever it takes to communicate.

Aquarius

You can recall tiny details that everyone else had long forgotten, so dust off that brain of yours and make with the nostalgia. Even your parents are amazed at what you can dig up today.

Pisces

New information seems to come to you without your having to do much — so studying might be superfluous! Of course, you might still have to keep up appearances, so keep an open book handy.

Naoise Farrell

Put the Day you were born with the Month you were born and finish off with your favourite colour to Name Your Band.

1. INSTANT
2. THE
3. KILLER
4. POSITIVE
5. ATTACK
6. PREMIUM
7. WESTERN
8. JUNIOR
9. QUADROPHONIC
10. INTERGALACTIC
11. Funky
12. Manic
13. ORIGINAL
14. FLASH
15. BURNIN
16. LYING
17. LIQUID
18. INVASION
19. A-LIST
20. UPROAR
21. RADIO
22. KINGS
23. EVIL
24. SUPER
25. BASS
26. ABANDONED
27. LUNAR
28. CRYSTAL
29. RETURN
30. TOXIC
31. GIANT

January – CRAZY
February – HIPSTER
March – STRAY
April – POLICE
May – HARMONICS
June – SASSY
July – OF THE
August – ACTION
September – CHERRY
October – HIP
November – VINTAGE
December – SHAKEDOWN
FAVOURITE COLOUR
Red – PACK
Blue – WASTELAND
Green – POLICE
Purple – HOUNDS
Pink – ICONS
Yellow – CULTURE
Orange – GROUP
Turquoise – 123's
White – POETS
Brown – WORKSHOP
Black – PISTOLS

Answers:

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 The music room
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 The computer
 The front doors
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 Staff stairs
 The library
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 M.Fitz's room
 The Reynolds Hall
 The office
 M.Thorpe's room

Lauren Jackson

M. Thorpe's room
The office
The Reynolds Hall
M. Fitz's room
B floor lockers
M. Galligan's art
room
M. Hilliard's room
The library
Staff stairs
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ARCHIVES

This year the Archive has been involved in a number of activities that have led to some exciting developments. Typical queries have also been interesting with more information being added to our records about Ennis, Galway and Drogheda Grammar Schools as well as a number of past pupils and staff members – the furthest away coming from Mississauga, Canada. Another notable query was on Sir John Lumsden (HSD 1882-1884) who went on to found the St John Ambulance Brigade of Ireland in 1903. I would also like to acknowledge the kind donation of school memorabilia from Ernon Perdue (HSD 1941-1948).

Last October David Brown a research fellow at TCD (and parent of a former pupil from HSD), visited the Archive to look at the first Board Register and some early maps. He was accompanied by Dr Eamon Darcy from TCD who is an expert in 17th century individuals. It was incredible to learn more about the early Board members and their position in Dublin society at the time. Mr Brown's research was related to the 1650s Down Survey of Ireland which is a project being undertaken by TCD to create a consolidated digital atlas of this survey which has been never been assembled before as records have been lost and scattered over the centuries. It transpired that a map book of Trust Estates in the collection was a copy of a map which was thought to be lost. The Down Survey project will be available on-line soon via the TCD History Department.

We also discovered an HSD connection to a famous Nobel laureate. Maurice Wilkins (1916-2004), the grandson of HSD Headmaster William Wilkins (1879-1908), was born in New Zealand. His father Edgar Henry Wilkins wrote two articles for the *Erasmian* in 1916 and 1918 about the trials of being a medical doctor in the challenging countryside. The family moved back to England in 1923 where Maurice later won a scholarship to St John's College, Cambridge to study physics. Research in thermoluminescence led him to the field of biophysics and his work in that area in the 1940's was instrumental in the

unravelling of DNA and the Watson-Crick double helix model. For this he won a Nobel Prize in 1962 but never achieved the celebrity status of the other scientists involved. This is all revealed in his autobiography "The Third Man of the Double Helix" (2003), which would make for a fascinating read into the complex history of this most momentous discovery.

The Archive has also been involved with the commemoration project being undertaken by Patrick Lynch from the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. He is connecting and creating numerous databases of the Irish who served in the World War I (and other wars) and has made extensive use of Roll of Honour lists

and articles in the *Erasmian* from the war years. This research will add significant detail to HSD history with the rich school records placing HSD in the centre of this important commemoration period.

Finally, the Archive has become involved in a collaborative disaster planning group which connects several Dublin archives and libraries to share services in times of need. Other exciting developments have been research into digitising early Board Registers which is proving both elusive and expensive at present but hopefully progress will continue to be fruitful.

Alan Phelan
Archivist

OBITUARY

Mr Frederick Allan Lynam Gardner
BA (Mod) 1920-2012 HSD 1931-37
Science Teacher 1944-85
Assistant Headmaster 1981-85

Extract from his Eulogy – Ven David Pierpoint, Rev David MacDonnell:

"Born in Dublin in 1920, Allan grew up here in Phibsborough and was baptised in the Black Church. He was educated in the Rutland Primary School, then at The High School from where he gained a place in TCD reading Chemistry. When he graduated (during the war years) he moved for a few years to Rossall Public School in England before returning to his only teaching post here in Dublin at The High School when he taught Physics and General Science. He remained in the job from 1942 until he retired (or was forced to retire) in 1985, over 40 years service, part of which was his role as Deputy Principal. He often gave the impression of being an austere man (as his school nickname suggests ... "Fritz") yet, those who knew him well can vouch for the fact that he had a wicked sense of humour. Nothing would give him greater pleasure than to rig up some science experiment in school

for the senior pupils only to have it explode while he pretended to do something else. While the boys in the High School enjoyed these pranks, The girls were often quite frightened to death. It is testament to his teaching ability as well as his friendship that so many pupils and staff from The High School have come here this morning to pay their personal respect to Fritz!...

Allan had a variety of interests. An avid reader, in particular he enjoyed books on Natural History and the Natural World as well as Astronomy. He took great pride when, as a mountain leader and member of The High School hill-walking group, he would drive the school bus to places like the Burren and Co Kerry (where girls expected some time for shopping), only to be faced with a youth hostel in the middle of nowhere and a large mountain to climb before heading back to Dublin. During these trips he would proudly tell his pupils the names of all the flowers and birds. His love of botany and encyclopaedic knowledge of plants was renowned in the Dublin Naturalist Field Club. He was also a wordsmith who devoured his vast collection of dictionaries simply to discuss the meaning and origin of words with whomever was fortunate of unfortunate enough to be around... Allan was pure in heart, may he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Amen"

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The AGM was held on Monday 1st October 2012, committee members for the year were elected as follows:

Ronan Doyle (President & Chairman and BOM Rep), Mary McDonnell (Treasurer), Iain Cosgrove (Secretary), Anna Devlin (BOM Rep), Peter Manly (Compass Rep), Peter Smyth (Student Liaison Rep), Thora Mackey (Party Rep), Siobhan Baird (Mock Interview Rep), Finola Connolly (Grounds & Property Rep & Mock Interview Rep), Arthur Barlow (Education Rep) and Martin Ridgeway (Sports Rep).

We recorded a big thank you to the parents who retired from the committee having given many years of service to the association and the school; Bridget Hebblethwaite, Iain Power, Hugh O'Neill, Linda Evans and Statia Somers. The school Principal Mr Andrew Forrest and the Ex-Chairman of the board of Governors, Mr Leslie Ruttie, were in attendance at the AGM.

We agreed to set up a working group to look at the rules of the association. The group was chaired by Anna Devlin and she was joined by 4 members of the wider parent body. At the time of writing work was still ongoing on the review by the working group and we would like to wish them well and look forward to their deliberations. Any changes to the rules will be voted on at the next AGM that will be held in October 2013.

Thora Mackey was our representative on the End of Year Celebrations working group. Along with teachers, pupils and board of governors, the group looked at the Debs and Graduation ceremonies. The Graduation ceremony, which was on the last day of school for the 6th form, was a great success and the Parents Association organised an event in the 'WEZZ' after the ceremony. It was a great night for all and a big thank you to the working group, especially Charlie Watson who chaired the group. Also a big thanks to all the parents who helped us on the day.

Having focused on getting email addresses last year we decided to

continue to emphasise communications. An initiative led by Siobhan Baird of the association was to hold a social event for parents of each year. Thanks to all the reps (noted below) for organising these and we hope you all found them of some benefit.

1st Year - Anna Devlin
2nd Year - Mary McDonnell
3rd Year - Martin Ridgeway
4th Year - Thora Mackey
5th Year - Arthur Barlow
6th Year - Peter Manly

As usual we were involved with organising some events and they included:

• Parent Teacher meetings

Behind the scenes there is a computer programme that allocates time slots and we are looking at updating this to a web based version. This will allow us to address some inconsistencies that we are currently experiencing with the old software. Thanks to the teachers and office staff who work with us to ensure the smooth running of these meetings.

• Mock Interviews

We extend a big thank you to all of the parents who took part in the 5th Year mock interview process. It was a great day for both the students and, indeed, the interviewers. The numbers involved were staggering and give some indication of the work involved in organising this event. In all we had over 200 people taking part in the process. A big thank you to Finola Connolly and Siobhan Baird who worked tirelessly to get what is without doubt the PA's biggest logistical challenge to a successful conclusion. A special thanks to the Guidance team Ms McDonnell and Mr Clarke who gave us their total support in our efforts and were of critical assistance to the whole event. Thanks also to Chris and the canteen staff for the super meal that was provided.

• Parent Talk

We had a record attendance to a talk by John Lonergan the ex-governor of Mountjoy Prison. The topic was 'Parenting, the challenges and rewards'. It was a humorous,

reflective and awareness raising look at parenting. It was hard to visualise him as the governor of Mountjoy.

• Parent Teacher cricket match

The Annual Parent Teacher cricket match was played on 27th May and proved to be a very close affair that went right down to the last few balls. The Parents' team included some who had played in previous years and the experience was invaluable in reaching a total of 107 runs. The teachers in trying to win back the trophy were all out for 104 (not without slight controversy) thanks to some great fielding and tight bowling, giving the Parents back-to-back-wins. Many thanks to the Parents and Teachers for taking time out in what was a very enjoyable evening.

The Parents' Association continues to serve a very useful purpose as the conduit between the parents and the school. I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the dedicated crew of the association for their continued hard work and support throughout the year.

Please keep in touch via any member of the committee, or e-mail hsdparentsassociation@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM which will be held on Monday 30th September 2013 at 8pm.

*Ronan Doyle,
President and Chairman,
The High School Parents' Association*

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND DIOCESAN PAST PUPILS' UNION

President's letter 2012/13

Dear Members

We had the honour of taking over from Julie Kirkham and David Priestman as joint presidents and had a busy and enjoyable year of office representing our union.

The motion to change our constitution to have a single president elected at AGM in 2013 and thereafter was passed at the AGM held on May 14th 2012 and so a new chapter in the Past Pupils' Union begins. It is intended that the role of President will alternate between Men and Women starting with Wayne Sheridan for 2013/14 followed by a woman President for 2015.

Committee members Carole Bardon, Adrienne Wynne, Ann Tector and Johnny Miller stood down after their terms. Sincere thanks to them all for all their work over the years. Elizabeth Barnardo was elected at the AGM and we welcome two new co-opted members Jane Wardrop and Suzanne Anglim (class of 2000).

MAY

The Annual Past Pupils v School cricket match was played on Friday 18th May, arranged by Cricket Secretary Derek Dockrell.

JUNE

Before we adjourned for the summer, it was our privilege to host the midsummer's barbeque on June 20th. We thank Albert Rance for arranging and introducing a cricket match at this event. 65 people attended and the weather was kind to us for a change. We enjoyed lovely food provided by Declan Howard and his team from Howards Way and wine by Robert Mitchell. The noise level and the reluctance of people to go home, we think is testament that it was a successful event.

The first function we attended was the ASU Presidents and Past Presidents dinner held on June 12th in O'Connell's Restaurant in Donnybrook where we met some of our fellow 'Chain Gang Members' and



renewed acquaintances with some High School & Diocesan PPU past presidents. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

SEPTEMBER

The Golf outing was held in the Grange Golf Club on 6th September arranged by Brian Priestman and we thank him for this yet again. 25 people played, unfortunately no Ladies this year and the President's prize was won by Stuart McCready. Afterwards a lovely meal was enjoyed in the Clubhouse.

Brian Priestman received his chain of office as President of the ASU at the AGM held in St Andrew's College, on Sept 24th. The ASU member schools rotate this role. There was a good High School turn out at his inauguration.

OCTOBER

We had the pleasure and privilege of presenting the Jean Scott Rose Bowl to Zoe Dolan and The Old Boy's Cup to John Bradish at the Annual Prize Distribution and Parents' Evening. We were entertained by the school choir and orchestra with some wonderful songs and music and the guest speaker Kingsley Aikins CBE, a past pupil gave an interesting, uplifting and positive talk. There was a lovely supper provided afterwards in The Reynolds Hall.

In October we enjoyed the hospitality of St Andrew's College and The King's Hospital Past Pupils Unions.

NOVEMBER

Erasmian & Diocesan Times were packed in record time and posted to subscribing members.

A Past President's reunion was held in the library. It was a lovely evening with a good attendance including Mabel Gargan and Ruth Farrell both of whom are in their 90's. Good wine, great conversation and lovely food were enjoyed by all. This was the second time this event was held.

A new event titled "Christmas Fayre" was well attended and enjoyed by all. The evening involved a Cookery demonstration and wine tasting. Jen Armstrong of Jen's Cakes showed us new ways to decorate our Christmas cakes and how to make a roulade and Robert Mitchell advised on the best wines to enjoy with them.

In November we attended dinners at Mount Temple, Mountjoy and Marine, Wesley College (Wayne attended instead of John (St Mary's College Dinner was on the same night)). Sandford Park dinner was held as traditional on Thanksgiving Day.

DECEMBER

Ann Tector kindly arranged carol singing in Orwell House. A great crowd of singers, some from Rathfarnham and St Bart's choirs as well as past pupils and families and also a dog. A family member of one of the residents also sang a few songs and all singing was much enjoyed. A lovely supper was provided by the nursing home.



Norman Adams - Mountjoy Marine and Mount Temple; Brian Priestman - ASU; Allan Brook - Former Principal, HSD; Louise Scott - Kings Hospital; Michael Jackson - The Archbishop of Dublin; Valarie Twomey - Kilkenny college and Celbridge; John Ellis - Joint President HSD; Grahame Whelan - Terenure College; Allison Hunt - Joint President HSD; Andrew Forrest - The Principal; Shane Ross TD - Guest Speaker; Heather Tennant - Alexander College; Albert Bell - Masonic; Ronan Doyle - HSD Parents Association; Simon Grier - Wesley; Peter MacGiolla Riogh - St Marys; Stuart Walker - Sandford Park

JANUARY 2013

The Annual Old Boys' Dinner was held in the school premises at Danum on Saturday 26th January. Past Pupils and guests congregated from 6:30pm and were presented with the traditional printed table plan on arrival before partaking in a pre dinner drink. The event presented a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and the "Dinner Bell" call resulted in the 172 attendees having to be prised away with great difficulty from the tumultuous networking. The Presidents (including several ladies) from our kindred associations attended the event. Robin Miller organised the customary "sung grace" and the proceedings got underway. Your President acted as MC and reminisced before toasting the School. The Principal, and past pupil, Andrew Forrest in response was applauded as he brought us up to date on school affairs. Ian Martin delivering his toast to "our guests and kindred associations". Shane Ross TD responded in his inimitable form mentioning bankers and concurring with the Principal's remarks on the "ridiculous" withdrawal of government funding. Cameron O'Connor, and his team from Louise Austin catering, served up an excellent four course meal, the main

course being fillet of Irish beef. The intermittent and excellent musical entertainment was greeted with the customary audience participation. The formal proceedings ended at 11pm and people got back to chatting, for a few more hours, with friends old and new while the caterers tidied up. This was the final men's dinner in the current format and it proved to be one of the great dinners. Thanks go to Wayne Sheridan brought back from retirement as "Dinner Secretary" for his event management skills.

MARCH

In March, John travelled to the Kilkenny College Celbridge Morning Service and Lunch.

APRIL

The annual ASU service for the gift of sport was held on Sunday April 14th in St Ann's Church, Dawson Street. The speaker was Liam Harbison, CEO Paralympics Ireland. There was a good attendance from the PPU and the school. Thanks to Wayne Sheridan and Carole Bardon for representing us at this event. A substantial donation was made to the Hospice.

The annual PPU vs School Hockey matches took place on April 12th. Sumo wrestling started as school

finished and the hockey matches started at 5pm. Hot dogs were enjoyed and after the matches the school provided a lovely meal and the PPU provided desserts. Full details can be found in the Secretaries report.

We attended the St Patrick's and Masonic dinners in April.

MAY

The Ladies' Dinner was held in the Grange Golf Club again this year on Friday 10th May. This was the final Ladies' Dinner in the current format. After a slow start in bookings 52 people attended and a most enjoyable evening was had by all. We were entertained by some very good speakers. Anna Nolan of *Big Brother* fame, who is now a TV Presenter, Producer and Director, told us a bit about her schooldays and career and said that she was envious of the camaraderie that she said was obvious in our PPU. Mabel Gargan paid a lovely tribute to Vic Large who was one of the founder members of the Diocesan Old Girls' Association and Heather Boate spoke about some of the other stalwarts of this organisation like Enid Oldham and Ruth Farrell who kept the show on the road and ensured that the association has continued to this day. The Principal, Andrew

Forrest, spoke of the challenges facing the school as parents are finding it increasingly difficult in the current economic climate to find the money for the fees. The withdrawal of funding by the Government from minority ethos schools is having a detrimental impact and it is very important that everyone lobbies their politicians and make them aware of this. It wasn't all bad news as the school has enjoyed many educational, sporting and cultural successes during the year. We congratulate them and wish continued success in the future. We held a raffle and the proceeds of this will go towards a bursary fund to help parents keep their children at The High School.

We were delighted that Lia McCann, Head Girl and Lorcan O'Byrne, Head Boy were able to take some time out from their studies to join us and we also welcomed the Presidents of the other school Past Pupils' Unions and our own Brian Priestman, President of the Association of Schools Unions this year.

The following day we represented the PPU at the Alexandra College Lunch which was our last official function with The Chain Gang we have come to know and enjoy the company of throughout the year.

We had the privilege to attend the 6th year's final assembly to talk to them about the PPU and its role and aims. The Class of 2013 will receive a copy of the Erasmian & Diocesan Times and we suggested that this acts as a trigger for them to send us their emails to the PPU to enable us to communicate directly with them. We gave an undertaking to generate a database for organisation "Class of 2013" reunions and advised them that we could assist at the job seeking stage by putting them in contact with a practitioner in their chosen discipline.

We also attended the Leavers' service devised by the pupils and led by His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, Michael Jackson which was held at Zion Parish Church. It was very uplifting with some beautiful music and prayers and a very inspiring speaker.

The chains of office were returned for safe keeping and our year sadly came to an end.

During the year we met with the Principal, Andrew Forrest, who outlined the effect of the Government cutbacks on the cost of retaining the tradition and quality of teaching at The High School. The school intends to uphold the tradition and quality of teaching and the government's action will affect many parents' ability to send their offspring to their school of choice. We agreed to join forces as past pupils in support of the school, parents and pupils in this matter.

At the 2013 AGM on May 17th, it was reiterated that the Mens' Dinner will take place in the form of a gathering in future. The official dinner is scheduled to be held in May 2014 and will be a joint dinner to which the Presidents of the Other Schools Unions will be invited. We hope to also encourage specific years to hold reunions at this event. Elizabeth Barnardo stepped down from the committee due to work commitments and we thank her for her contribution. We still have to co-opt some committee members.

The PPU were asked for, and were pleased to make, a contribution to costs of pupils Niamh Murphy and Dayna Clegg who represented The High School as part of the Irish Swimming Team who competed in the WISE International Schools competition in Sunderland in November, and we were pleased to learn that they progressed to the finals.

Mrs Ethnea Cummins, who taught Irish in Diocesan Secondary School for Girls and then at The High School, sadly passed away in December and there was a large turnout at her funeral in Sandyford.

The funeral of long time member Derrick Leach took place in Zion Church on the 4th January 2013 and there was a good turnout of past pupils.

Victoria Large sadly passed away on June 4th 2013. As mentioned in the Ladies' Dinner report she was one of the founding members of the Diocesan Old Girls Association and a wonderful tribute had been paid to her by Mabel Gargan. Both Vic's daughters, Sandra and Gill, Vic herself

and also her niece Hazel held the office as President of the PPU at various times. There was a huge turnout from the PPU at her funeral in Taney Church.

We would like to thank all the committee members for their help and support during our term in office and we wish Wayne Sheridan the very best of luck for his year as president as he guides the union on the next stage of the journey and assure him of our continued support.

*Alison Hunt and John Ellis
Joint Presidents 2012-2013*



*John Ellis PPU Joint President
2012 - 2013*

Honorary Secretary's Report for 2012/2013

The year started with the Mid Summer's BBQ which was held in the school on the evening of the 20th June 2012. It started with a Cricket Match featuring a selection of guys from the "Rance Ramblers" Cricket team vs a mix of past school players and some school players. It was a pleasant way to start the evening both for the Players and those watching from the balcony. The BBQ was a great success with an attendance of 66 people. The food and drinks went down well and everyone seemed to enjoy the event. More to the point a small surplus was achieved after reviewing all the costs

The next event was the Annual Golf Outing which took place on the 6th September 2012 at the Grange Golf Club and was organised by Brian Priestman. As usual, it was a great day with fantastic weather. The President's prize was won by Stuart McCready. Unfortunately it was once again struggling for numbers especially from the ladies.

On the 7th November 2012, we held an evening at the school library for all Past Presidents of the PPU. Sixteen Past Presidents turned up and had a good evening reminiscing about their own time with the PPU and catching up on the current state of affairs. Some food and wine was supplied by the PPU.

Our annual packing and distribution of The Erasmian & Diocesan Times took place in the school on the 13th November 2012 and was as enjoyable an event as it can be given the amount of work involved. Every year we seem to get more efficient and indeed would probably put most process engineers to shame. The expertise gathered over the years focussed on the sole purpose of not having to stay too late. Tea and buns were provided by ourselves and, as usual, we sat down to sort out world affairs.

On the 28th November 2012 in the kitchens of the school the PPU held a "Christmas Fayre." This was an evening of instruction in how to ice a cake correctly and, with some imagination, rather differently. It was interesting for both the men and the



Mens PPU Dinner in Danum 2013

ladies. It was noted how attentive our President John Ellis was and how knowledgeable his questions were. The evening was hosted by "Jen Cakes" owned by Jennifer Armstrong who was very interesting and informative. I am sure everyone that attended had a spectacular cake for Christmas. Once again, some food and wine was supplied by the PPU. There was a small contribution asked for to cover the cost of the materials and the dessert wine.

The Annual Carol Singing at the Orwell Park Nursing Home took place on the 13th December 2012. It was arranged by Ann Tector and attended by a large group. Many thanks to Ann for all her work in organising this event. As usual, there was a good mix of singers and triangle bashers, myself falling into the latter category. The nursing home always enjoy the event and wrote a letter to the committee afterwards to thank them. Tea, coffee and sandwiches are

supplied by the nursing home.

The 2013 Mens' Dinner was held at the school on the 26th January 2013 and as ever, the event was a resounding success. The guest speaker was Shane Ross, Independent TD, journalist and author. Given the current economic climate this will give you will appreciate the amount of work that was put in by John Ellis and Wayne Sheridan and others of the committee. There were 172 in attendance. The event made a small surplus, which was a success considering the numbers were slightly down.

The Annual PPU v The High School Hockey Tournament was held on Friday 12th April 2013. Once again, the gods looked down upon us as a window of sunshine occurred for the two matches. Fun was had at the sumo wrestling before the main event. This usually involves two people running at each other wearing sumo wrestling suits. It was, as always, an hour of



Mens PP Hockey Team 2013

great fun. It is great to watch the uncontrollable laughter on the faces of the kids as they struggle to get up off the ground in the clumsy suits.

The hockey matches were closely fought contests as usual.

The Past Pupil Men won 5-3 in a wonderful game.

The Best Player for the Past Pupils went to Robert Hilliard.

The Best Player for the school went to Stephen Reid.

The Past Pupil Ladies lost 2-0 in another great contest.

The Best Player for the Past Pupils went to Olwyn Smith.

A main course was provided by the school and desserts by the PPU for all who participated on the day.

The Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service for the gift of sport took place in St Ann's Church on Dawson Street on Sunday 14th April 2013 and was enjoyed by all who attended. Liam Harbison, the CEO of Paralympics Ireland spoke at the service. Once again The High School was very well represented both by the school and the past pupils.

The Annual Ladies' Dinner was held on the 10th May 2013 in the Grange Golf Club. The Guest speaker was Anna Nolan of Big Brother fame. There were 52 people in attendance and the night was enjoyed by all.

Just to let you all know that your committee has been working hard on your behalf, and, to give you a flavour of what we have been doing. In addition to the above events throughout the year we had six formal PPU meetings which are held in the school board room. Along with this another six or seven informal meetings would have taken place, for example, the dinner committees, both men and ladies.

We are constantly updating our database of members and trying to reach out to non-members to encourage them into the union. A lot of effort is being made to get contact details for past pupils especially email addresses which seriously reduces the cost of postage to the PPU.



Ladies PP Hockey Team 2013

We also welcomed two new members to the committee, Suzanne Anglim and Jane Wardrop, who have joined the committee over the year. We still need some more members to get involved especially from the men.

We try and organise a number of functions throughout the year for our members. These are well thought out and only go ahead when they are either cost neutral or look like they could make a small profit. The purpose is not necessarily to make a profit but you can rest assured that we are focused on ensuring that monies are not lost in the organising of any function.

Brian Priestman was President of the ASU this year, a position that he has worked hard in over the years. He attended all the ASU functions and reported back to the committee on a regular basis. This also meant that there was focus on the school at all events attended by Brian.

This year is a special one for the PPU in that we have existed up to now with two Presidents every year. Both a male and a female were always elected to the position of Joint President. The High School was unique in this regard.

This year, for the first time we will have a single President and that is Wayne Sheridan. I would like to wish him all the best in his role over the year.

John Gillis
Hon Secretary



Three generations of the Hopkins family at Cricket



"Ladies Dinner Grange Golf Club 2013"

*Back Row: Daphne Bell, Daphne Townsend, Julie Kirkham, Ann Tector, Sandra Watkins, Ruth Carnegie, Patricia Guard, Hazel McConnell
Front: Marina Pearson, Avril Poff, Heather Boate, Alison Hunt, Gill Reynolds, Ethni Seymour, Janet Day - All Past Presidents*



Sharon Reid, Jane Thompson, Avril Poff at PPU BBQ

The High School & Diocesan PPU Annual Golf Outing

Last year's outing was held in The Grange Golf Club, Rathfarnham on the 6th September 2012.

I am happy to report a 56% increase in the numbers attending this year. The numbers were up from 16 to 25. Stewart McCready won the President's prize and the Old Boys' Union Cup. The other main prizes went to David Priestman and Robbie Love.

A very enjoyable meal was had after the golf where we were joined by a few non-golfers. However, once again, we were unable to get any of our lady members to play.

This year's outing will be held in the Grange Golf Club on Thursday 5th September 2013. The entry to include golf, dinner and prizes will be a maximum of 65.00 euro.

The High School & Diocesan PPU ASU Golf Outing

Last year's outing was held on the 20th August 2012 at Beech Park. The event was won by Kilkenny College by a margin of 9 points. The High School & Diocesan finished in joint 3rd position.

This year's outing is scheduled for Friday 12th July in Beech Park.

The High School & Diocesan UIS Golf Outing

This year's event was held at Milltown Golf Club on April 18th 2012. We were represented by Dave Priestman, Robbie Love, Gordon McCoy and Stewart McCready. St Mary's won the event by a large margin. We finished in the top half of the table.

*Brian Priestman
Golf Secretary*



School Trophy Winners 2011-2012

Athletics

Cunningham
Points - Junior Boys
Jack Scollard

Hughes
U15 Girls 100m
Christina Lynn

Diocesan Staff
Points - Junior Girls
Christina Lynn

Hutchinson
800 Metres - Senior Girls
Siobhan McManus

Magill
100 Metres - Junior Boys
Jack Burleigh

Mathers
Points - Form 1 Girls
Marie-Augustine Daillet

Pakenham-Hamilton
High Jump- Junior Girls
Zoe Manning

Cornick
400 Metres - Senior Boys
Sam Treacy-McGee

Sloan
Long Jump - Senior Boys
Conor Spain

Southam
800 Metres - Senior Boys
Jack Scollard

Taylor
100 Metres - Senior Boys
Sam Treacy-McGee

Taylor
Points - Senior Girls
Evie McCullough

Travers
High Jump - Senior Boys
Conor Spain

War Memorial
Points - Senior Boys
Sam Treacy-McGee

Whyte
Senior Boys Field Events
Conor Spain

Badminton

Factor
Junior Boys
Adam Lunnon-Collery

Hennessey
Senior Boys
Ken Edgeworth

Junior Girls
Susanna Wyse Jackson

Senior Girls
Chloe Deacon

Canoeing

Broad Cup
Form 1
Sophie Hayes

Canoeist of the Year
Ben McNeilly

Junior Liffey Cup
Matt Sisson

Cricket

Davies
Second Eleven
Andrew Manning

Dawson
Form 2 - Boys
Oisín McEvoy

Hanly
Fielding - Boys
Ian Sheridan

de Vere Short
Player of the Year
Will Rolfe

Hockey

Neville Davin
Senior Boys
John McNulty

Diocesan
Minor Girls
Amy Byrne

Karen Eppel
Sportmanship
Evie McCullough

Jean Scott
Junior Girls
Alannah Carragher

Jean Scott
Senior Girls
Jennifer Rynne

McKay
Junior Boys
Felim Kelly

Rugby

Dawson
Form 2
Adam Shaw

de Vere Short
Player of the Year
Ethan Conroy

Turner
Most Deserving Team 1st Year (Capt)
David James Donnelly

Evans
Place & Drop
Ian Sheridan

Soccer

Shield
League
Ryan Byrne (Capt)

Table Tennis

Evans
Conor Ryan

Tennis

Jagoe
Junior Girls
Susanna Wyse Jackson

Smith
Senior Girls
Rachel Delaney

Harcourt
Junior Boys
Adam Lunnon-Collery

Sealy
Senior Boys
Ken Edgeworth

Minor Boys
Ryan Baird

White
David James Donnelly

Swimming

Liffey
Senior
John Swanwick

Dodder
Junior
Seumas Bracken

John Philips
Survival
Robert Jones

Sports Captains 2011-2012

Cricket - Boys - *Will Rolfe*
Cricket - Girls - *Hannah Ridgeway*
Tennis - Boys - *John Swanwick*
Tennis - Girls - *Lauren Walsh*
Athletics - Boys - *Conor Sexton*
Athletics - Girls - *Siobhán McManus*
Basketball - Boys - *Luke Thompson*
Basketball - Girls - *Rachel Burke*
Hockey - Boys - *Ryan O'Malley*
Hockey - Girls - *Jennifer Rynne*
Rugby - *Stephen Alexander*

2013 Sports Award Winners



SPORTS DAY





Athletics



Athletics Senior Squad:
Ms Kennington, Daniel Holder,
Louise Dukes, Emma Murphy, Laura
Dunne, Ruth Ferguson, Tony Zheng

Absent: Eva Martin, Laura Power,
Claire Austen, Ailish Long



Athletics Junior Squad:
Back Row: Ms Kennington, Olivia
Cunningham, Rachel Ferguson,
Melanie O'Donovan, Oliver McLuskie,
David Egan, Fiachra de Hora, Sophie
Hayes, Adam O'Rourke, Oisín Ó
Conbhuí, Mr Irwin

Middle Row: Brian Reilly, Aela
O'Flynn, Jack Scollard, Megan
O'Brien, Jack Burleigh, Ilona Adams

Front Row: Kate Morgan-Lawson,
Daisy Ryan, Lucy Colman-Black,
Munachi Anele, Annie Brennan

Absent: Ruby Keating Levins, Ellen Ridgeway, James Carter, Nathan Shaw,
Allanah Barry Cullen, Aoife Lynch, Camille Christle, Phillip Motyer, David
Donnelly, Adam Kealy, Catherine Harris, Cía McElveen-Walsh



Senior Cross Country:

Back Row: Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Bróna Murphy, Emma Murphy, Siobhán McManus, Conor Spain, Ruth Ferguson, Louise Dukes, Lucy Holden, Ms Fallon.

Front Row: Brian Kennelly, Ciarán Maher, Megan O'Byrne, Tony Zheng, Sam Treacy McGee.

Absent: Séamus MacLochlainn, Cian Milofsky



Junior (1st-3rd Year) Cross Country:

Back Row: Ms Hutchinson-Edgar, Alexander Durac, Daniel Fagan, Jack Scollard, Brian Reilly, Ultan Maguire, Ilona Adams, Ms Fallon

Front Row: Aela O'Flynn, Cía McElveen-Walsh, Catherine Harris, Ella Schmidt, Lucy Colman-Black

Absent: Grace Gageby, Éanna Curran

Badminton



Senior Boys Badminton:

Adam Lunon-Collery, Ken Edgeworth (Captain), Ross Connolly, Daragh Higgins, Mr Flynn



Junior A Boys Badminton:

David Green, Harry King, Charlie Kerr (Captain), Mark Deacon, Daniel Curran



Minor A Boys Badminton:

Jack Lyons (Captain), Harry McDonnell, Harry Cripps, Matt Sisson



Minor B Boys Badminton:

Coen Olofsson, Elliot Milofsky (Captain), Harry Cripps, Jeremy Cotter

Absent: Sam Killeen



Senior Girls Badminton:

Emma Lucas (Captain), Emma Murphy, Vicky Love, Chloe Deacon, Mr Flynn



Junior A Girls Badminton:

Aela O'Flynn, Susanna Wyse-Jackson (Captain), Ailish Long, Eleanor Conheady



Junior B Girls Badminton:

Trina Bovenizer, Eva Martin, Ruby Keating-Levins, Gráinne Dowling, Dearbhla Forde-Morrin (Captain), Gemma Bovenizer



Minor A Girls Badminton:

Amy Connolly (Captain), Amy Bowker, Ellen Ridgeway, Sophie Keating, Catherine Harris, Ella Schmidt



Minor B Girls Badminton:

Emma Taylor, SORCHA NÍ NEÍLL, Catherine Harris (Captain), Ella Schmidt



Minor C Girls Badminton:

Deborah Deegan (Captain), Ella Connolly, Lucy Colman-Black, Ali Jones



Minor D Girls Badminton:

Miriam Kelly, Anna Samsonova, Emer Connolly, Rhianna Young (Captain)

Basketball

Boys Under 19s

The U19s got their season off to a great start with an All-Ireland cup win against Chanel College of Dublin. The 67-61 score line made headlines in the Irish Daily Star as we won a thrilling match. The High School was very competitive in the remainder of their league games and lost a heart-breaking All Ireland Last 16 game by two points. We would like to thank our coach Joey for all his efforts and expertise this year.

Luke Thompson



U19 Boys Basketball:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ciarán Maher, Nebojsa Cvetkovic, Shane Harrington, James Twamley, Ciarán Harrison
Front Row: Luke Murphy, Feargal Kavanagh, Ken Edgeworth, Daragh Higgins
Absent: Luke Thompson (Captain)



U16 Boys Basketball:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Robbie Kelleher, Ben Treacy-McGee, Nebojsa Cvetkovic, David Egan, Jason Cosgrove
Front Row: Danny Reilly, William Fury (Captain), Sean Kennelly, Lee Tucker



2nd Year Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Malin, Dara Turpin, Harry King, Ronan O'Byrne (Captain), David Donnelly, Naoise Law
Front Row: Adam Rufli, Tim Dolan, Milo O'Sullivan, Kevin Flaherty



1st Year Boys Basketball

Back Row: Mr Malin, Peter O'Leary, Patrick Gannon, Haris Webster, James Kinsella, Cian Hoban, Adam O'Rourke, Odhrán Saulnier
Front Row: Oisín Ó Conbhuí, Darragh O'Reilly, Jason Mullen (Captain), Kyle Butler, Daniel Fagan



U19 Girls Basketball:

Back Row: Lara Butler, Naoise Farrell, Ciara Green, Eva Barrett, Laura Byrne, Louise Dukes, Laura Dowling

Front Row: Regor Dadivas, Samira Ayeva, Lauren Jackson (Captain), Abigail Donnelly, Gráinne O'Reilly

Girls Under 19s

This year the senior girls' basketball team improved a lot. We got a new coach, Mr Fitzpatrick, and we began training every Friday. With hard work and dedication we ended up making it to the quarter final of our league, only losing by a narrow margin. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for helping us to improve so much, and I hope we can continue to succeed next year!

Lauren Jackson



Cadettes A Girls Basketball

Back Row: Regor Dadivas, Ellen Downey, Camille Christle, Megan O'Brien, Taillte May, Laoise Brophy, Yuliya Mikulchyk, Joy Sherwood

Front Row: Anna Cullen, Ilona Adams, Bethany Thompson (Captain), Aisling O'Neill, Amanda Ko

Absent: Tara Barnes



Cadettes B Girls Basketball

Back Row: Regor Dadivas, Orlaith Grehan, Roberta McCune, Aoife Domican, Anna Mays, Freyja Andrésdóttir, Hayley Ward McKenna, Megan Millett, Mairéad O'Gorman

Front Row: Laura Dowling, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Maely Lim, Katie Wyse Jackson, Kate O'Rourke, Allannah Shields McGovern



Minors Girls Basketball

Back Row: Regor Dadivas, Natalie Ko, Joy Sherwood, Lauren Styles, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Maely Lim, Rachel Ferguson, Yuliya Mikulchyk, Megan Millett, Angela Tang

Front Row: Ruby Keating Levins, Saoirse Keaveny, Katie Wyse Jackson, Camille Christle (co-Captain), Megan O'Brien (co-Captain), Aela O'Flynn, Georgia Grant



1st Year Girls Basketball:

Back Row: Regor Dadivas, Elicia Burke, Anca Avasilichioaei, Tami Adeduntan, Siobhán Chinenyaga, Milly Coghlan, Lucy Colman-Black, Kaarunya Gurusamy

Front Row: Miriam Kelly, Malika Kola-Cahill, Kerry-Anne Timmins, Katarina Cvetkovic, Melina O'Meara, Julia Vataleva, Tara O'Connor



Cricket

Senior Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Justin Bradish, Luke Bannister, Ryan Evans, Billy O'Carroll, Andrew Mooney, Hugh Hackett, Colin Jackson

Front Row: Rónán Dowling Cullen, Kian Wilson, Ing-Mar Lim, Jakob O'Donnell, Conor Prendergast

Absent: Oisín Moodliar-Walsh, Andrew Manning



Senior 1 Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Oisín Moodliar Walsh, Ryan Evans, Justin Bradish, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Andrew Manning, Daniel McBride, Robert Beverland, Jake O'Donnell, Conor Prendergast

Front Row: Aaron Campbell, Sam Evans, Zion Delaney, Ing-Mar Lim, Andrew Mooney, Dean Kilroy, Padraig McDonagh Fox



Senior 2 Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ryan Evans, Justin Bradish, Luke Bannister, Daniel McBride, Robert Beverland, Billy O'Carroll, Patrick Adye-Curran
Front Row: Oisín Moodliar Walsh, Rónán Dowling Cullen, James Twamley, Andrew Manning, Conor Prendergast, Jake O'Donnell, Jack Byrne



JCT Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr McCaughey, Conor Empey, Jackson Barry, Jack Iredale, Matthew Ridgeway, Andrew Palmer, Danny Reilly, Bobby Hackett
Front Row: Cian Warren, Luke Kehoe-Roche, Oisín McEvoy (Captain), Aaron Hunt, Joe Prendergast
Absent: James Anderson



Minor A Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr Walker, Jack Lyons, Bobby Hackett, Rory O'Connor, Jack Iredale, Harry King, Joshua Rosney, Mr Sullivan

Front Row: Craig Whelan, David Donnelly, Joe Prendergast, Conor Empey, Mark Tobin

Absent: James Anderson



Minor B Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr Walker, Rory O'Connor, Ryan Baird, Harry King, Ronan O'Byrne, Andrew Brennan, Joshua Rosney, Mr Sullivan

Middle Row: Jack Lyons, David Donnelly, Craig Whelan (Captain), Adam Ruffli, Mark Tobin

Front Row: Sam Duffy, Milo O'Sullivan

Absent: James Anderson



U13 A Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Oisín Ó Conbhuí, Sittha Bailey, James Kinsella, Peter Lynch, Cian Hoban, Jamie Topping, Mr Hilliard

Front Row: Ben Doyle, Jake Pillow, Alexander O'Regan, Zak Coughlan, Edward Meredith, Alex Flynn

Absent: William Anderson



U13 B Boys Cricket:

Back Row: Mr Hilliard, Peter O'Leary, Darragh O'Reilly, James Kinsella, Peter Lynch, Morgan Kane O'Brien, Jason McGrath, Kyle Butler

Middle Row: Cian Hoban, James Metoudi, Andrew Cloughley, Jamie Topping, Edward Meredith, Alexander Lin

Front Row: Harry Moloney, Adam Kealy

Under 13 Cricket

We had a great season but we've also had our ups and downs now and again. However, no matter what, we had a lot of fun all the time, and every time we got someone out we just went mental!

A Team: Our first match was against CUS. It was a good match, but we lost. However we tried our hardest anyway. We beat St Mary's in a very close match – Zac Coghlan and I were the two batsmen on the crease, it was the last ball and we needed one run. The bowler bowled and Zac got a 4. Our 3rd match was against Gonzaga: they got 183 and we got 52 – it was slightly embarrassing! We ended the season well with an easy win against Castleknock!

B Team: We got to the semi-final of the cup where we lost to St Mary's. Our first match was against St Gerard's where Peter Lynch hit a 50 and we won quite easily. In our second game we played CUS in which Peter Lynch hit another 49, getting caught on the boundary. This was the second round of the cup – we beat them in a very close game! We were now in the quarter-final, where we faced KH. We beat these quite easily, Jamie Topping getting 4 wickets in 2 overs. We had progressed to the semi-finals, where we faced St Mary's. We played very badly in this game, losing 3 wickets in the first 2 overs: this continued with us hitting 55 which Mary's hit with 8 overs to spare. This was the end of The

High School's dreams of cup glory for this year!

We would like to thank all the team members for their hard work and support. We would also like to give a huge thank you to Mr Hilliard on behalf of the teams – he never gave up on us even when we were not doing very well in some games!

William Anderson (A's Captain) and Jamie Topping (B's Captain) – both 1T

Girls Cricket

Senior 1st Girls Cricket:

Back Row: Mr McNamara, Rachel Delaney, Eleanor Conheady, Emma Murphy, Ellen Ridgeway, Meg O'Connor, Ailish Long, Haneefa Carrim, Mr Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Sarah Fox, Jenny Long, Hannah Ridgeway (Captain), Laura Rankin, Niamh Hebblethwaite





Senior 2nd Girls Cricket:

Back Row: Mr McNamara, Sophie Keating, Leah Tuohy, Áine Hughes, Alannah Carragher, Mia Jennings, Saoirse Keaveny, Mr Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Charlotte King, Laura Power, Ellen McCullough (Captain), Hanerfa Carrin, Saoirse O'Donoghue

Absent: Eva Martin

Senior II Girls Cricket

The season for the seconds was a very successful one this year, we started it off with a difficult win against Mount Sackville with lots of runs achieved by Saoirse O'Donoghue. Our next match was against Kings Hospital where we won again, helped by four wickets bowled by Eva Martin, advancing us to the finals. We played an intense, nerve wrecking final in St Columba's College in which we just managed to win the cup a second year round. It was a very enjoyable season, with plenty of laughs and good times. Thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr McNamara and Mr Keegan for all their help in training us keeping us motivated, supporting us in all our matches and making it an enjoyable sport for everyone.



Junior A Girls Cricket:

Back Row: Mr McNamara, Allison Mooney, Molly Whelan, Jessica Miller, Zoe Manning, Ellen Ridgeway, Emma Canning, Kristy Meijer, Mr Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Lindsay Baker, Kate Hunter-Hanley, Amy Byrne (Captain), Ruby Keating-Levins, Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi



Junior B Girls Cricket:

Back Row: Mr McNamara, Camille Christle, Lauren Styles, Kyla O'Dwyer, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Maely Lim, Willow Breen, Mia Jennings, Mr Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Dearbhla Forde-Morrin, Saoirse Keavney, Sophie Keating (Captain), Joy Sherwood, Megan Millett



1st Year A Girls Cricket:

Back Row: Ms Kennington, Ruby Stein, Rebecca Jones, Siobhán Chinenyanga, Jaime Knox MacLeod, Rachel Webster

Front Row: Saidhbhe O'Brien, Saoirse Kennedy, Olivia Cunningham (Captain), Anna Samsonova, Ella Byrne

Absent: Zara Naughton

Equestrian

The High School Show Jumping Team 2013

The members of The High School Show Jumping Team are Nathanael O'Leary (5IW) on Prince Ollie, Jamie O'Brien (5HI) on Carrabeg Cavalier, David O'Brien (2MC) on Rosie, Melanie O'Donovan (2B) on Glassavilaun Misty and Lana Cotter (3RE) on Limitless Lad. This year the team has participated in the Killossery Inter Schools Competition. This took place in the Autumn and Spring Terms with events about every three weeks against other schools in Leinster.

Taking part in these events involves a lot of time and effort of all members of the team including our Chef d'Equipe Dr Whitford and her assistants Ms Brown and Ms Bennett. Overall the team has worked hard and done well this year racking up a few clear rounds. On behalf of the whole of the equestrian team I would like to thank Dr Whitford, Ms Brown and Ms Bennett for taking time out of their weekend to manage the team.

Jamie O'Brien 5HI



Equestrian Team:

Dr Whitford, Jamie O'Brien, David O'Brien, Melanie O'Donovan, Nathanael O'Leary, Lana Cotter, Ms Brown



Senior 1st Girls

It has been an incredible experience being captain of the senior 1st's this year. We have had an amazing, if not bitter sweet season, and I would like to acknowledge the contribution each of my team mates made throughout the year.

Firstly we have our star goalie, Lia McCann who could be heard above any megaphone with ease and does whatever it takes to stop the ball from going in the goal. Next in line we have our super sweeper come motivator Emma Murphy who was responsible not only for the back four but also our prematch inspirational texts. Holding the centre back position was the one and only Haneefa Carrim who saved the day on many occasions with her ability to do the impossible. Then we have Laura Rankin our fantastic left back who managed to save us a number of times by expertly clearing the ball up the side-line. Our unbelievable vice-captain Kate, even though she struggled with injuries, managed to control the whole game with such composure from the centre mid and lifted the confidence of everyone on the pitch with simply her presence. The spectacular Evie McCullough, who scored many a class reverse stick goal, never failed to run her socks off and managed to beat me for top goal scorer with ease, was probably the most dedicated person on the team. Siobhan McManus the fittest member of our team, the most aggressive tackler and best man to man marker, was one of our most important left sided players. At left mid, Ellie Conheady, had the best open body carrying position on the team which she used to effectively dribble through the opposition. Without our right mid arriving late, training would not have been the same, Foxy used her slick skills to dribble rings round her opposite number. Julianne Stewart a speedy and skilful forward, scored a number of important goals this season. Another forward, Saoirse O'Donoghue, who along with Ailish Long, represented both the Leinster and the Irish U16 teams this year, was class throughout the season playing some fantastic hockey. Lucy Barlow, our mid come forward, had an epic season this year, powering through oppositions with ease. Zoë Reichental



was a superb forward beating players with her speed. Ailish Long was our most versatile player having played all over the pitch this year. She was unstoppable in her attack, barrelling through anyone who dared stand in her way. Finally, our only third year, Emma Canning, was a major asset to the team, being extremely reliable throughout the midfield and forward lines.

When we began training in August, we were determined, and this determination carried on throughout the season. We started the league well, reaching the semi-finals after losing only one match against Mount Anville.

Our semi-final was against Muckcross, where we came out on top of what The Hook described as a titanic tussle, opening up the road to the final where we were to face our nemesis Wesley. After a really hard fought match we were extremely unlucky to finish in second place, but we set our sights on the cup with even more determination than before.

We began our cup campaign with an especially tough match against our rivals from last year, Mount Sackville, but the whole team played their socks off and we won the match 3-0. Then moving into the second round where after a convincing win of 6-0 against Loreto Bray, we progressed into the quarter finals. Facing Wesley one last

Hockey



time, wearing our green South Africa jerseys. After a match not unlike the final, we beat Wesley and couldn't have more ecstatic.

We faced the semi-final ready for anything but, unfortunately, we were unlucky on the day and after a match in which we dominated but didn't take our chances we progressed to 'one on ones'. Ailish Long, Evie McCullough, Sarah Fox, Saoirse O'Donoghue and myself stepped up to take them but, unfortunately, it was not our day and Rathdown proceeded into the Final.

We have had an unbelievable season which would not have been possible without the help and dedication of our super coaches, Ms Jones and Ali Meeke. So, a big thank you must go out to them. I would also like to thank my amazing team, it has been an honour to be your captain. I have to say guys, it was our time to shine and we sure did sparkle!

Jenny Long, 6DM



Senior 1st Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Zoe Reichental, Laura Rankin, Eleanor Conheady, Siobhán McManus, Emma Murphy, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Sarah Fox, Ailish Long

Front Row: Lia McCann, Kate Barlow, Jenny Long (Captain), Evie McCullough, Haneefa Carrim, Ms S Jones

Absent: Emma Canning, Julienne Stewart, Lucy Barlow



Senior 2nd Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Amy MacWilliam, Amy O'Regan, Eva Martin, Suzanne Gray, Charlotte King, Rachel Kaye-Mellor, Esme Moloney, Maebh Brennan

Front Row: Emer Brennan, Caoimhe Cassidy, Hayley Jackson, Hannah Ridgeway, Zoe Choy-O'Byrne, Meg O'Connor, Ms S Jones



Senior 3rd Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Fionnuala Long, Zoe Acheson, Ciara Dowling, Eva Martin, Florence Bradish, Rebekah Donnelly, Evie McClafferty, Clare Hallissey, Ruth Mawhinney, Ms Rugg

Front Row: Áine Kenna, Grace McCarthy, Leah Stafford, Sarah Mulhere, Chloe Doyle, Ellen Baldwin, Vicky Love



Senior 4th Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Zoe Acheson, Kyrie Baker Kerrigan, Lauren Hudson, Megan O'Byrne, Ciara Dowling, Brónagh Murphy, Ms Rugg

Front Row: Áine Kenna, Leah Tuohy, Alison Kinlan, Ellen Baldwin (Captain), Shannon Young, Clare Hallissey, Ruth Mawhinney



Junior A Hockey:

Back Row: Stephen Brownlow, Molly Whelan, Saoirse O'Donoghue, Grace O'Marcaigh, Emma Canning, Hannah Molony, Rachel Delaney, Amy Byrne, Ms S Jones

Front Row: Kate Hunter Hanley, Ailish Long, Laura Power, Alannah Carragher, Mia Jennings, Ellen McCullough, Ruby Keating Levins

Junior A Girls

2012/13 was an extremely successful season for the Junior A girls. It was the last season as Juniors for a lot of the girls so everyone was determined to win silverware. We had our first league match of the season away to Muckcross, which we unfortunately lost 2-0. We knew if we wanted to win silverware we would have to work much harder. Just weeks later we had a chance to get revenge on Muckcross when we got them in the cup. We started the match very strong giving it everything we had and fortunately it all paid off, winning 3-0; a much improved result. We had two league matches before Christmas against St Teresians and St Killians which we won 4-1 and 3-0 thanks to some great performances. We played Rathdown in the second round and won 2-0. Just days later we played our quarter final against last year's winners Loreto Foxrock. We fought hard during the match and came out with a 2-0 win. We went into the semi-final against Alexandra College excited and wanting revenge after 1-0 at the same stage last season. We were the better

team throughout the match only giving them one shot. The match finished 3-0 with goals from Rachel Delaney and Laura Power.

On the 21st of December we went to Three Rock Rovers nervous and excited ready to play Holy Child, Killiney (who beat us in the Cup at Minor level two years ago). The first half was a tense affair with The High School starting strongly with plenty of shots at goal which were rebuffed by a secure Holy Child defence. A motivational talk at half time greatly increased our resolve. The team went out more determined than ever and came close to scoring a goal in the early minutes of the second half. The Holy Child team responded with a number of breaks but were unable to find a way past our defence. At last, with only thirteen minutes remaining, Mia Jennings sent a perfect pass up the line to Kate Hunter Hanley who calmly slotted the ball past the goalkeeper to break the deadlock. Just four minutes later we all but secured victory when Saoirse O'Donoghue laid

up for Delaney to sweep home a sweetly worked penalty corner move. Killiney came back fighting, winning four short corners but our defence was too strong. It was a well deserved win with everyone giving one hundred per cent.

Our great season didn't end there with the league still up for grabs. With just two league games left we knew it was all or nothing. The first match was away against Loreto Beaufort, who hadn't lost a league match at this stage. The first ten were very even but then we just began to attack and were all over them. In the first half they barely got out of their twenty five and we got a goal just before the break. After an inspirational team talk we went back knowing we could win and that's what we did. We scored three great goals and didn't let them have any good chances. The result left us in a great position to qualify, leaving us top of the table. Our last match was tough. We played Loretto Dalkey at home. We started the match in full attack mode but unfortunately couldn't find a way past their defence. It wasn't until after

half time when we could score one but fortunately we scored two and didn't let them into our half. With other results going our way we topped our group and went straight to the semis where we played St Andrew's, winning 4-1. We were then up against last year's runners up, St Gerard's. We went in nervy, with St Gerard's starting off the better team and getting an early goal. We got better as time went on but couldn't convert to goals. In the second half St Gerard's got another goal and again we attacked and got one back thanks to a deflection by Ruby Keating but unfortunately it wasn't enough on the day.

I would like to thank our amazing coach Stephen Brownlow and Ms Jones for all their hard work throughout the year. All their hard work definitely paid off and it was a really enjoyable season. Well done and thanks to everyone involved.

Alannah Carragher



Junior B Girls

We started the season off as a new team of a mixture of 3rd and 4th years. We began the season strongly beating Wesley and St Columba's. We worked together in these matches having a strong defence, a well organised mid field and an enthusiastic attack. Unfortunately we didn't do well in the League and this was disappointing on behalf of the team. I would like to thank Stephen for all the hard work he put into coaching us and to Ms Jones for organising all our matches.

Hayley Blair

Junior B's Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Stephen Brownlow, Aoife Cloughley, Saoirse O'Mahony, Abbie Sheridan, Isabel Garland

Front Row: Lindsay Baker, Molly Whelan, Hannah Burke, Hayley Blair, Michaela Rynne, Zoe Manning



Junior C's Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Allison Mooney, Eva Gannon, Catherine Landy, Anna Fleming, Emma Dooley, Jessica Miller, Kirsty Meijer, Alannah O'Reilly, Abigail Greene, Maria Hunston, Ms Goulding.

Middle Row: Freya Andrésdóttir, Susanna Wyse Jackson, Amy Logan, Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi, Aitana Byrne Paredes, Ciara Faughnan, Catherine Neenan, Aoife Kernan, Aoibhin O'Raw

Front Row: Megan Clinch, Séana Brady



Senior Matches



Junior Matches





Minor A Girls Hockey

This year the Minor A team were much improved. Well done to the whole team who enjoyed all the matches (if not the cold early mornings). Beating Wesley was one of the highlights of our year. A big thank you to the whole team for the commitment despite our 'mixed success'.

Melanie O'Donovan

Minor A Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Ms Kennington, Amy Connolly, Sophie Keating, Megan O'Brien, Megan O'Donnell, Sarah Mullooly, Camille Christle, Amy Bowker, Shane O'Donoghue

Front Row: Catherine Harris, Annie Brennan, Ruby Keating, Levens, Melanie O'Donovan (Captain), Mia Jennings, Aela O'Flynn, Kyla O'Dwyer

Absent: Claudia Johnston, Ellen Ridgeway



Minor B Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Willow Breen, Sarah Mullooly, Lisa Cosgrove, Sineád Dunne, Emily Smartt, Ella Schmidt, Ms Kennington

Front Row: Deborah Deegan, Lauren Styles, Rachel Ferguson, Emma Taylor (Captain), Aisha Tuohy, Dearbhla Forde-Morrin, Gráinne Dowling



Minor C Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Elizabeth Boyd, Rebecca Fox, Jessica Smith, Sian Bolger, Nicola Merriman, Rhianna Young, Joy Sherwood, Ms Kennington

Front Row: Abigail Nolan, Gemma Bovenizer, Trina Bovenizer, Emma Fetherston (Captain), Sophie Hayes, Sorcha Ní Néill, Eva Earner-Ryan

Absent: Maely Lim



1st Year A Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Grace Campbell, Claudia Johnston, Saidhbhe O'Brien, Laura Clinch, Ciara Shaw, Ella Squire, Sábh Rohu, Sofie McLeod

Front Row: Ellie Burke, Elizabeth Hallissey, Daisy Ryan, Ellen Ridgeway (Captain), Saskia Bos, Saoirse Kennedy, Erica Bowen.



1st Year B Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Grace Campbell, Zara Naughton, Olivia Cunningham, Ali Jones, Caoimhe Shanley-Mee, Sadbh Rohu, Rachel Webster, Sofie McLeod

Front Row: Ellie Burke, Elizabeth Hallissey, Ellen Rafferty, Jaime Knox MacLeod (Captain), Emer Connolly, Munachi Anele, Isobel Mahon

Absent: Sophie Ryan-Forrest

First Year Girl's

The First Year A team had a great season. We were off to a good start winning many of our friendly matches. A lot of the girls had not played hockey before but the more games we played the stronger we got as a team.

Unfortunately, we lost our first league match to Wesley but beat Muckcross and Alexandra College. We made it to the quarter finals against Loreto. It was a great game and we played really well. It was probably one of our best games but we lost 1-0 to an unfortunate goal.

Both teams played their hearts out and, even though it was devastating, I was very proud of our team and all the girls because we fought until the end with a few near misses at goal.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank our coach, Sophie McLeod for all the support and help throughout the year and for making our first year in hockey at The High School so much fun for everyone.

Ellen Ridgeway



1st Year Girls Hockey:

Back Row: Ruby Stein, Ella Byrne, Rebecca Jones, Aoife Lynch, Rachel Webster, Alice Burleigh, Sofie McLeod

Front Row: Ellie Burke, Katherine Walsh Dignam, Avery Angle, Isobel Mahon (Captain), Ella Connolly, Munachi Anele, Kate Morgan Lawson



Senior Boys

The Senior Boys Hockey Team had a great season this year. We won the Senior Trophy, beating Mount Temple and Dundalk in the quarter and semi finals respectively, to reach the final against Kilkenny College. The match was held at Three Rock Rovers Hockey Club in Rathfarnham. It was a very close game, with both teams playing very well, with The High School coming out on top, beating Kilkenny

College by 1-0. We also reached the Senior Cup semi-final, unfortunately losing to a strong St Andrew's side. We put in a great performance, but we lost the match in the end. On behalf of the team, I would like to thank our coaches Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Keegan for the time and work they put in throughout the year.

David Howard

Senior Boys Hockey:

Back Row: Mr Keegan, Darragh Butler, Jakob O'Donnell, Felim Kelly, Jack Killeen, Billy O'Carroll, Kian Wilson, Andrew Jones, Oisín Moodliar Walsh, Mr Fitzpatrick
Middle Row: Scott Wallace, Tom McNulty, Killian Elwood, David Howard (Captain), Hugh Hackett, Colin Jackson, David Phelan
Front Row: James Anderson, Robert Deegan, Conor Empey, Ross MacWilliam





Junior Boys Hockey:

Back Row: Mr Keegan, David Howard, Darragh Butler, Jakob O'Donnell, Jack Killeen, Billy O'Carroll, Kian Wilson, Andrew Jones, Oisín Moodliar Walsh, Mr Fitzpatrick

Middle Row: Scott Wallace, Tom McNulty, Killian Elwood, Felim Kelly (Captain), Hugh Hackett, Colin Jackson, David Phelan

Front Row: James Anderson, Robert Deegan, Conor Empey, Ross MacWilliam



Minor Boys Hockey:

Back Row: Mr Keegan, Bobby Hackett, Timothy Kaye-Mellor, Peter Lynch, Jack Iredale, Ryan Baird, Philip Motyer, Naoise Law, Ultan Maguire, Robert McLaughlin, Mr Fitzpatrick

Middle Row: Brian Reilly, Alex O'Regan, Ross MacWilliam, Conor Empey (Captain), James Anderson, Andrew Brennan, Mark Deering

Front Row: Will Anderson, Alex Flynn
Absent: Eoin Flynn, Joe Prendergast



1st Year Boys Hockey:

Back Row: Mr Keegan, Jake Pillow, Jamie Topping, Peter Lynch, James Metoudi, Max O'Donnell, Alex Flynn, Mr Fitzpatrick

Front Row: Zack Rafter, Will Anderson, Alex O'Regan (Captain), Adam Kealy, Adam Lalor



Orienteering



Orienteering

Back Row: Ms Browne, Harry Griffen, Kyle Campbell, David Phelan, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Wesley Wright, Jake O' Donnell, Andrew Courtney, Mr Kellett

Front Row: Elliot Chambers, Darragh Butler, Killian Ellwood, Felim Kelly, Darragh McDonnell, Colin Jackson, Byron Cunningham, Hugh Hackett, James Macken.

Absent: David Brusey, Mark Daly, Conor Prendergast



Senior Orienteering

Back Row: Ms Browne, Conor Spain, Shane Smith, Mr Kellett

Front Row: Sam Treacy McGee, Brian Kennedy, Owen de Forge, Cian Butler, Ciarán Maher

Senior Rock Climbing

On Friday the 27th of April a group of senior students consisting of Form 4, 5 and 6 pupils set out after school with Mr Flynn and Mr Cryan to begin a four week course at UCD on rock climbing. The course was a hugely worthwhile experience and great fun. We would like to thank the teachers mentioned and the instructors who taught us how to climb, belay and manage the ropes. We all had a great time and would highly recommend it to anyone who would want to do something different next year.

Darren Snodgrass, 5CA



Rugby



1st XV Senior Rugby:

Back Row: Mr McBride, Mr Ryan, Robert Dunleavy, Johnny Kehoe-Roche, Shane Smith, Fionn MacManus, Robert Beverland, Daragh Kiernan, Richard Beverland, Paul McCarthy, Zion Delaney, Mr Doyle

Middle Row: Andrew Manning, David Aspil, Rupert Adams, Naoise McTeirnan, Gavin Power, Tim Harding, Dean Kilroy, Andrew Mooney, Mark Delaney, Sam Evans

Front Row: Craig Kennedy, Eamon Weitz, Tim Neenan, Ing-Mar Lim, Jack Taylor, Jack Byrne

Senior 1st XV Rugby

This season had a very different feel to it than previous years, as we first came together and got to know each other during the tour to South Africa last Summer. I'd just like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff involved, for their hard work and dedication to this trip, for which we'll all be eternally grateful.

After a shorter summer break than usual, we regrouped in late August. We had our first training session at Bray Head, where everyone was raring to go and optimistic for the year ahead. Despite the brilliant preparation due to the tour, we struggled to find our feet during the beginning of the season. Injuries and key departures compounded this issue, but we finally started to perform to our potential in November, with encouraging performances against Wesley and Newpark.

As the business-end of the season rolled in after Christmas, everyone was feeling positive and looking forward to the all important cup game against De La Salle. We were quietly confident, having beaten them already this season, but having said that, we did not take them lightly. The game started brilliantly for us, as we scored

a try inside the first five minutes. However, De La Salle dug in deep, and despite relentless pressure from us, they managed to wrestle the game from us. In the end they took their opportunity to score whereas we couldn't convert our possession into points. The loss was devastating to take, and a heart-breaking way to finish the year's rugby. However, I feel that I can speak for the team, and say that we all enjoyed every moment of the season.

Competitive rugby should continue to be encouraged at The High School, and I wish future teams here the best of luck. I'd like to give a special thanks to Dean Kilroy, and in particular Tim Harding, who shared the Captains role for most of the season, and were fantastic leaders for the team. Of course, I'd like to thank our coaches, Mr McBride, Mr Ryan, Mr Doyle and Mr O'Riordan. We all appreciate the hard work and effort they put in on our behalf and the belief they showed in us.

Gavin Power



Robert Beverland as scrum half



2nd XV Senior Rugby:

Back Row: Gavin Murphy, Luke O'Brien, Elliot Chambers, Andrew Manning, Luke Bannister, Oisín Keenan, Shane Smith, Daragh McDonnell, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Alex Brohoon, Wesley Bishop

Middle Row: Mr Ryan, Justin Bradish, Patrick Devine Prendergast, Jamie Ralph, Seán Keary, Oisín Faust, Rupert Adams, Felim O'Cleirigh, John Murphy, Aaron Campbell, Sam Evans, Paul McCarthy, Mr Doyle

Front Row: Craig Kennedy, John Love, Eamon Weitz, Victor Bell, Naoise McTeirnan, Ing-Mar Lim, Darragh Kirwan, Robert Dunleavy, Mark Delaney

Sitting: Matthew Drennan, Daniel Holder, Sean Shanley-Mee, Andrew Ryan



4th Year Rugby:

Back Row: David Phelan, Ciarán Harrison, Johnjoe Irwin, Joshua Hogg, Daragh McDonnell, Elliot Chambers, Rónán Dowling Cullen, Mr Malin

Front Row: David Aspil, Stephen Crosby, Edward Bergman, Victor Bell, Jack Killeen (Captain), James Macken, Hugh Hackett, Felim O Cleirigh, Luke O'Brien

Absent: Finn Mason



Jonathan Chambers shakes off a few tackles



Johnjoe Irwin and Daniel Holder take a breather after a long training session



3rd Year Junior A Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Walker, Mr McCaughey, Ifedayo Akinsul, Charlie Kerr, Adam Shaw, Mark Shaw, Mark Deacon, Matthew Ridgeway, Stephen Greene, Dami Babade, Dan Murphy, Lee Tucker, Mr Sullivan

Middle Row: Louis Huggard, Ferdia O'Connell, Cian Larkin Woulfe, Eoin Faust, Jonathan Chambers (Captain), Cian McCausland, Matthew Pearson, Oisín Gavigan, Alexander Kenny

Front Row: Oisín McEvoy, Cian Devine Prendergast, Luke Kehoe-Roche, Aaron Hunt, Conor Evans, Tom Farrelly



3rd Year Junior B Rugby:

Back Row: Mr McCaughey, Eoin Faust, Jackson Barry, Stephen Greene, Matthew Pearson, Stephen Ardill, Micheal Elwood, Ferdia O'Connell, Jake Foley, Dami Babade, Sam Moloney, Mr Sullivan

Middle Row: Alistair Ridyard, Oisín McEvoy, Cian Larkin Woulfe, Luke Kehoe-Roche, Conor Evans (Captain), Aaron Hunt, Oisín Gavigan, Alex Kenny

Front Row: Cian Devine Prendergast, Tom Farrelly

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I have had great pleasure this year in being the captain of the Junior Cup rugby team. There have been some great memories with the team and everyone has played very well in every match. The players have shown great improvement and played to the

utmost of their abilities. Our win at the start of the year against St Paul's kicked us off with high hopes and a positive attitude. We began to train very hard and started to put the effort in during every session. There was a huge build up to our first match in the

Father Godfrey Cup, and although we lost, we played an excellent game. Towards the end of the year we had our trip to Cork where we beat Sundays. This was evidence of our fantastic improvement. This was a great year for the Junior Cup Team.



2nd Year A Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ross MacWilliam, Timothy Kaye Mellor, Harry King, Sam Killeen, David Donnelly, Jack Iredale, Jack O'Gorman, Jack Burns, Robert Clavin, Mr Kinsella

Middle Row: Mark Tobin, Rhys Butler, Craig Whelan, James Anderson, David James Donnelly (Captain), Ryan Baird, Tom Molony, Elliot Wright, Ronan O'Byrne

Front Row: Milo O'Sullivan, Tim Dolan, Adam Rufli, Liam Phelan

Under 14s Rugby A League

After an amazing season the previous year, our expectations for this year's campaign were high. We had lots of pre-season training and friendly matches against other schools in September and October. Our heads were high as we had developed more skills and knew more about the game. We started our league campaign with a thrilling match against CUS, with The High School coming out on top with a 12-10 victory. With following successful matches against Wesley College and Gonzaga, we were told we were going to play St Andrew's in the semi-final.

On a cold, rainy Thursday afternoon, we were set to play our match. There were some close calls by both sides but we both failed to execute our chances. With minutes to go before the half time whistle, we were awarded a penalty just outside their 22 metre line. The captain, David James Donnelly (2B) stepped up and took the three points. The second half commenced, but with us dominating both possession and territory, we took control to see out the rest of the match. We were to play St Gerard's in the final in two week's time for the second year in a row. We played a friendly against Blackrock College a week before the final to

prepare us for the match. Unfortunately, it didn't go our way, and we lost a bit of confidence rather than gained some.

The final came and it was another miserable day. The venue was St Gerard's, so they had the home advantage. About half way through the first half we got a penalty just outside the 22 metre line. We decided to kick and up stepped the captain. A few seconds later we were up by 3 points. With our forwards dominating most of the possession, we were ahead at half time. The second half came and both sides were giving it their all. We again had most of the possession but we could not execute our chances. Then, about half way through the second half, the Gerard's outhalf punted from inside their 22 and we caught and passed. As Ryan Baird (2C) lined up his kick, the Gerard's defence blocked it down. A few phases later and they had scored a try. They failed to convert but the score still remained 5-3 to them.

With just minutes to go, we got a penalty outside their 22. We decided to kick and the captain stepped up again. Under a lot of pressure, he failed to convert and hit the cross bar.

For the last few minutes we had the ball right at their try line. We pushed and pushed but the Gerard's defence was solid, and they held the ball up twice. The final whistle blew and we had lost the match. We should have won but due to the weather and other factors we didn't perform on the day.

On behalf of the team, we would like to thank our coaches, Mr McNamara, Mr Kinsella and Mr Malin for all their hard work throughout the season. We would also like to thank past pupils Gavin Mullan and Cian Twomey for all their dedication to the team this year.

*David James Donnelly, 2B
and James Anderson, 2W*



Ross MacWilliam



2nd Year B Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Malin, Ben Mohan, Liam Phelan, Paddy O'Reilly, Eoin Scarlett, Ultan O'Brien, David Dunleavy, Oliver McLuskie, Milo O'Sullivan, Conor Empey, Eoin Lynch

Middle Row: Mark Tobin, Shane Kelly, Joe Byrne, Craig Whelan, Alexander Durac (Captain), Andrew Brennan, Tom Molony, Elliot Wright, Colm Cowlard Joyce

Front Row: Shane O'Reilly, Timmy Cheung, Mark Deering, Jamie Gleeson Dunne, Jack Lyons, Adam Ruffi

Absent: Lionel Deverell, Robert Hackett, Jack McKenna

First Year – Rugby

At the start of the year, most of the lads didn't know how to pass the ball, let alone play rugby, and a few didn't even know any of the laws of rugby. After a few weeks of training there was much improvement in just a short period of time. We started to play 7 a-side in blitzes before progressing to full 15 a-side. Our A team were doing very well in the first term. They were winning most of their matches. Overall, our B team was unlucky, having mixed results - winning some and losing some. And our "Super C" team did extremely well - only losing two or three matches throughout the whole season!

Our first full match for the A team was against Newpark, which we won. Then we played a touring team from Birmingham and we won again, and then we played against Pres Bray which we only narrowly lost. Before the serious league matches started we were thrilled to travel down to Kilkenny College (we beat them) and Roscrea (they trounced us!). Our 3 teams had great fun on the coach and had really delicious food after the matches!

Then the leagues started. Our A's won a very close game against St Andrew's

with a late try. We went on to beat Wesley College and CUS comprehensively. Unfortunately our winning streak ran out and we were beaten by King's Hospital in a hard-fought match. We then played St Gerard's and came from 4 tries down to win in the last minute of the match. Our last match was against Gonzaga. We had a few injuries and unfortunately we lost. We then had to wait anxiously for the result between St Gerard's and CUS. Unfortunately, St Gerard's won and we were knocked out by a bonus point. King's Hospital won the league in the end. Our B's finished the season around mid-table.

There was one day that really stood out. This was our last game before Christmas. We were playing against Wesley, a team that we were expecting to give us a good fight. Nobody thought that all three teams would win, but we all won in style, by over 70 points - giving us great confidence to go on for the rest of the season!

After the official season ended we took part in the Terenure U13 Blitz. We entered a mixed team from 1st year and 2nd year. We were delighted to win the Bowl competition, having

beaten teams from France, England, and Northern Ireland. We were particularly thrilled to beat Gonzaga "Barbarians" in the final as they were seeded higher than us!

It was a great year for first year rugby and everyone really enjoyed themselves. We would like to thank all the coaches for all their support and encouragement throughout the year: Mr Hilliard, Mr Sheehan, Mr Gill, Mr Clarke, Mr Wardell, Cian Twomey and Robert Emo.

Sittha Bailey (A's Captain), 1T
Stephen Landy (B's Captain), 1P





1st Year A Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Gill, Harry Walsh, Callum Gillis, Patrick Gannon, Peter Lynch, James Shaw, Alexander Chambers, Darragh O'Reilly, Jason McGrath, Jake Richardson, Mr Hilliard

Middle Row: Gianluca Lyons, Alexander O'Regan, Jake Pillow, Matthew Barlow, Sittha Bailey (Captain), Kyle Butler, Andrew Cloughley, Edward Meredith, Luke Diggins

Front Row: Nathan Shaw, Stephen Landy, Matthew Wallace, William Anderson



1st Year B Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Sheehan, Adam Lalor, Adam O'Rourke, Dylan Walsh, Coën Olofsson, Morgan Kane O'Brien, James Kinsella, Darragh O'Reilly, Haris Webster, Jason McGrath, Ben Chaloner, Mr Clarke

Middle Row: Nickolai Leake, Adam Byrne, Adam Kealy, Jamie Topping, Stephen Landy (Captain), Peter O'Leary, Tom Murray, Cian Hoban, Patrick Gannon

Front Row: Luke Sherwood, Nathan Shaw, Alex Flynn, Odhrán Saulnier, Ben Doyle, Evan Bailey

Absent: Jake Pillow

Paul Grayson gives the team some directions





1st Year C Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Gill, Adam Byrne, Adam O'Rourke, Zack Rafter, Loris Nikolov, James Metoudi, Odhrán Saulnier, Harry Byrne, Evan Bailey, Mr Wardell

Front Row: Luke Sherwood, Samuel Kenny, Emmett McDonagh Fox, Oliver O'Toole, Peter O'Leary (Captain), Oisín Ó Conbhuí, Alex Lin, Michael Guastalla, Zak Coghlan

Absent: James Carter, Gerard Colman, Shaun Dambaza, Jamie Kapdan, Jacob Kennedy, Harry Moloney



Tim Neenan - 1st XV Senior Rugby



Girls Rugby

Girls 7's Rugby:

Back Row: Mr Sullivan, Amy Byrne, Naoise Farrell, Eva Barrett, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Elizabeth Gageby

Front Row: Jenny McAuley-Doherty, Sarah Fox, Emma Murphy (Captain), Abigail Donnelly, Amy MacWilliam, Heather Baldwin

Absent: Bróna Murphy, Aisling O'Kelly



Railway Union School Girls 7's Rugby tournament victory

Congratulations to The High School Girls 7s rugby team who won the Railway Union School Girls 7s Rugby tournament after winning all their matches and defeating St Louis High School in the final. This is only the first year of the girls' rugby team so this represents an incredible success! Everyone involved wants to thank Mr Sullivan for his brilliant coaching that helped lead to this success.

The High School girls rugby 7s team recently won the Jones Lang LaSalle Girls Rugby 7s Schools Tournament at Old Wesley RFC. Congratulations to the team and to their coach, Mr Sullivan, on an incredibly successful season.



Mr Sullivan, Sarah Fox, Abigail Donnelly, Bróna Murphy, Jennifer McAuley-Doherty, Emma Murphy (Captain), Elizabeth Gageby, Amy MacWilliam, Heather Baldwin, Amy Byrne, Niamh Hebblethwaite, Eva Barrett, Aishling O'Kelly

Swimming

Swimming Seniors

Back Row: Mr Malin, John Swanwick, Michael Dolan, Donal Naylor, Ms Jones.

Front Row: Eva Kelly, Elizabeth Boyd, Emma Webster, Abigail Donnelly.

Absent: Gavin Campbell, Peter Flaherty, Eoin Feely, Mark Daly



Swimming Juniors

Back Row: Mr Malin, Aitana Byrne Paredes, Aoife Domican, Anna Mays, Seumas Bracken, Philip Bradish, Jack Scollard, Anca Avasilichioaiei, Koleman Angle

Second Row: Grace Campbell, Ellen Raferty, Laura Clinch, Naoise Law, David James Donnelly, Kerry Anne Timmins, Evan Cooper, Kalyan Kola-Cahill, Ruby Stein

Front Row: Isabel Garland, Amaia Dempsey Lerchundi, Caroline Ryan, Avery Angle, Malika Kola-Cahill, Milly Coghlan, Miriam Kelly, Rachel Webster, Holly Greene



Table Tennis

Seniors A/B Table Tennis:

Back Row: Mr Carolan, Ciarán Harrison, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Robert McLoughlin, Zachary Breen
Front Row: Shane Richardson, Hugh Sweetnam



Under 15 Table Tennis:

Back Row: Mr Carolan, Robert McLaughlin, Daniel Brown, Colm Cowlard Joyce, Conor Ryan
Front Row: Robert Hackett, Ultan Maguire, Milo O'Sullivan, Harry King, Adam Rufli, David Donnelly, Jack Lyons



Under 13 A Table Tennis:

Mr Carolan, Elliot Milofsky, Robert McLaughlin, Matt Sisson, Oisín Ó Conbhuí (Captain)



Tennis

Senior A Boys Tennis:

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Andrew Ryan, Gavin Murphy, Adam Lunnon-Collery, Shane Richardson

Front Row: Justin Bradish, John Swanwick (Captain), Kenneth Edgeworth, Tim Neenan

Absent: Mark Perham



Junior A Boys Tennis:

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Byron Cunningham, Philip Emo

Front Row: Evan Cooper, Adam Ruffi, Jack Killeen (Captain), Ultan Maguire

Absent: Mark Perham, Daniels Kurilovs



Junior B Boys Tennis:

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Robert Clavin, Nebojsa Cvetkovic, Daniel Brown, Naoise Law

Front Row: Jack Scollard, Mark Deacon, David James Donnelly (Captain), Charlie Kerr

Absent: Jonathan Cooper



Minor A Boys Tennis:

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Jack Lyons, Cian Hoban, Peter Lynch, Jeremy Cotter, Robert McLaughlin

Front Row: Patrick Gannon, Ryan Baird (Captain), Harry Cripps, Darragh Quinn



Minor B Boys Tennis:

Back Row: Mr McDonnell, Harry McDonnell, Joe Prendergast

Front Row: Elliot Milofsky, Eoin Scarlett (Captain), Michael Guastalla, Dylan Walsh

Absent: Emmett McDonagh Fox, Adam Lawlor



Senior A Girls Tennis:

Sarah Fox, Emma Murphy, Sarah Mulhere (Captain), Chloe Doyle, Eva Kelly, Rachel Delaney, Ms Jones



Junior A Girls Tennis:

Back Row: Kate Hunter Hanley, Sophie Harrison, Paige Leavy

Front Row: Evie McClafferty, Susanna Wyse Jackson (Captain), Catherine Neenan



Junior B Girls Tennis:

Ruby Keating-Levins, Amy Byrne,
Anna Fleming (Captain), Alannah
Carragher

Absent: Lucy Barlow



Minor A Girls Tennis:

Julia Vataleva, Kyla O'Dwyer, Aela
O'Flynn, Megan O'Brien (Captain),
Sian Bolger, Anna Samsonova, Ms
Jones

Absent: Ruby Keating-Levins



Minor B Girls Tennis:

Dearbhla Forde-Morrin, Caroline
Ryan, Ali Jones, Kyla O'Dwyer
(Captain), Elizabeth Boyd, Ellen
Rafferty, Amy Connolly, Ms Jones





Minor C Girls Tennis:

Miriam Kelly, Ella Connolly, Anca Avasilichioaiei, Sinead Dunne (Captain), Ali Jones, Isobel Mahon, Ms Jones

Absent: Sadhb Rohu, Sarah Muloolly

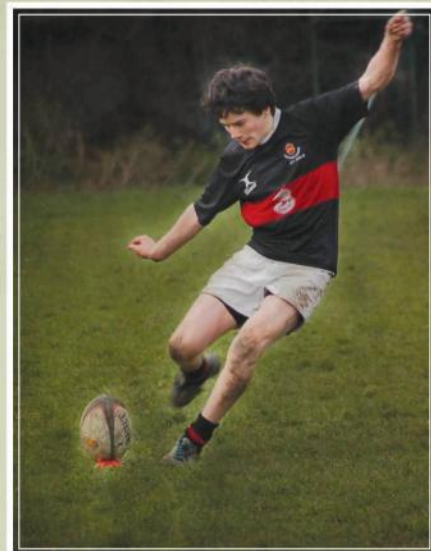
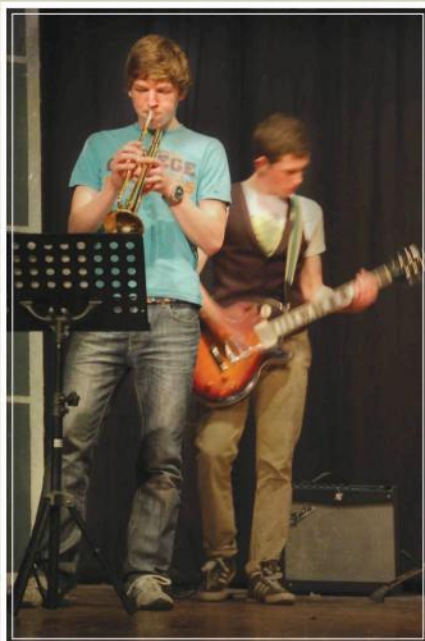


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