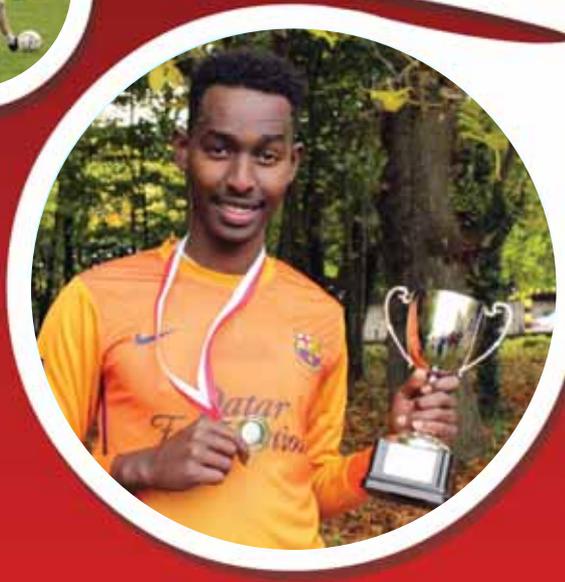




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## YEARBOOK 2016

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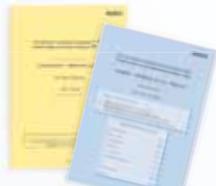
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## A WORD FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

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I hope all of our school community – students (past and present), parents, teachers, Board members and friends – enjoy reading our **2016 Yearbook** and reliving the highlights of what has been a very exciting and busy year in **Woodbrook College**. I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to our Yearbook editor Janet O'Brien for another fabulous publication. Janet has put a huge amount of effort and time into her new role as editor of the Yearbook and I think the standard of the publication again, this year, is testimony to that.

I would like to pay tribute to all of the students and their parents for their commitment to the school over the last twelve months. These are difficult times for everyone, but despite this, parents have prioritised their children's education and done everything they can to ensure they have uniforms, books and all other equipment. This is much appreciated by all of the staff. I would also like to thank the students for the effort they have put into their classes and work throughout the year and hope that they all, especially the examination students, will reap the rewards they deserve.

2015/2016 has certainly been a year of change for the school. Not only have we finally moved into a state-of-the-art new school, but we have enrolled our first cohort of girls (25 in total) and we have completed our rebranding with the change of our name to Woodbrook College. I know it will take time for people to get used to all the changes but I am confident that over time they will prove to have been the right and best decisions for our school.

I would like to congratulate all of the students who represented St. Brendan's during the 2015/2016 school year. It is a great honour to represent your school and I believe that all of these students have done so admirably, giving their best at all times. Thanks also to the many members of staff who gave up their own time to train and look after these activities. This year alone we had teams representing the school in: Soccer; Rugby; Basketball; Hurling; Gaelic; Table Tennis; Archery; Badminton and Athletics. Particular congratulations go to Mr Meyler and the under-19 soccer team who once again lifted the Wicklow/Wexford League title and were runners-up in the Leinster League Cup Final. Also to Ms Sheehan who brought our junior hurlers to a semi-final which bodes well for the future. The students of Woodbrook College are lucky to



have such a dedicated and committed team of staff who give above and beyond to ensure their student's needs are met. I would like to thank each one of them for their individual contribution and support over the last twelve months.

At this point, I would like to make special mention of our former 6th year students who are reading their first yearbook as past pupils of St. Brendan's College. At this stage, these students will have already received their Leaving Certificate results and I am sure they have all done very well and are now looking forward to the next phase in their lives,

whether it is starting the third level course of their choice, starting out in work, taking up an apprenticeship or taking time out to travel. Whatever path they take, I wish them, on behalf of the whole school community here at Woodbrook College, the very best of luck and success now and into the future. To our present pupils, I wish them all a very successful year and hope that 2016/2017 brings them success both in their studies and in all of their other pursuits.

I would like to thank the parents who work so hard on the Parents Council for all the help they have provided at school functions and other events and for the tremendous fundraising efforts they have put in. It is much appreciated. I would make a special appeal to other parents, especially those of our younger students, to consider getting involved on the Parents Council, thereby ensuring that this great work continues. I would also like to pay tribute to our administrative and ancillary staff – Nieves, Mary, Carol and Liz – for all their work behind the scenes making sure that the school can function properly as well as to our Special Needs Assistant Joy for her work with the students in her care.

The 2015/2016 year was a particularly exciting and busy one for everyone involved in the school and I think we are all now looking forward to getting back to normality. In conclusion, may I especially welcome our new first year students and wish them an enjoyable and rewarding time in Woodbrook College. I invite them to join with the existing students and the entire school community as we journey through the next academic year, guided at all times by the principles of our founder, Edmund Rice.

**JOHN TAYLOR**  
**PRINCIPAL**



# A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I write my first Deputy Principal note from the 'new school'. We finally moved in on Monday November 2nd after many years of hard work by a large number of people over a long period of time.

I would like especially to thank the efforts of the principal John Taylor, the former principal Tony Bellew and the members of the Boards of Management, Parents Council and all the fundraising groups who have put in long hours over many years to get us where we are now.

It is with great excitement that we look forward to the journey continuing with the name change to Woodbrook College and the school becoming co-educational in the coming academic year. It will bring new challenges to all the staff and I have no doubt that they will rise to them and their professionalism, hard work and teaching skills will continue to shine through.

I would like to thank all members of staff for their hard work throughout the year. It has not been without difficulties and I know the lads appreciate all that has been done for them. I would like to welcome two new members of staff Mr. Cullen (PE) and Mr. Dwyer (Irish). I would also like to thank the PME teachers; Ms. Brennan, Ms. Domincan, Mr. Finn, Mr. King, Ms Sheehan and Ms. Walton and wish them every success in their future teaching career.

The school community and beyond have also been shocked with the untimely deaths of Keelan O'Connor (3rd year) and Jack Harvey (6th year). Both Keelan and Jack were very popular members of our school community and this was reflected when the boys of St. Brendan's did absolutely

brilliantly in keeping their memories alive with the football marathon which raised over €10,000 for the Meningitis Trust and Aware. Well done to you all and Mr. McDonald who co-ordinated the event.

There have been many successes (covered in more detail elsewhere in the yearbook) in the extra-curricular activities in the school. The main highlights for me were the U19's soccer team, the TY play and the Friday lunchtime fun. Mr. Meyler with his assistant Mr. Finn and the U19's won the Wicklow/Wexford title and then made it all the way to the Leinster final where they were extremely unlucky to lose in a penalty shootout.

Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Dwane and Ms. Hargan staged the excellent Transition Year version of the JB Keane play 'The Field'. There were notable performances from Thomas Coll, Ryan Cromwell, Cain Carson and Shane Mangan.

The Fun Fridays organised by Ms. Syron and Ms. Hargan gave a tremendous buzz to the whole school and resulted in the school achieving its Amber Flag for mental health awareness. Another notable achievement this year was the second Green Flag for the school. Those flags now fly proudly beside the Irish tricolour at the front of the school. Well done to Ms. Hand and the Green Committee.

It only remains for me now to thank everybody who has contributed to the many and varied aspects of school life in St. Brendan's and to wish the exam classes the very best of luck in the Junior and Leaving Certificate results.

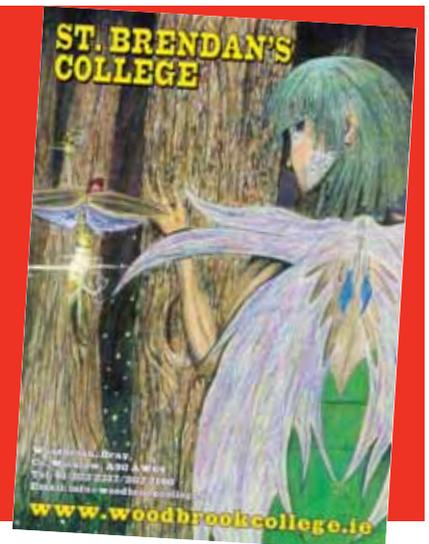
**PAUL MURPHY**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



## WINNER OF YEARBOOK BACK COVER DESIGN

This year's back cover was designed by Mohammed Boulbassir (left) in 3 Newton. Mohammed's interpretation of the theme 'Renewal' resulted in a fantastic cover.

Well done to all those who entered this year and thanks to Ms McCann in the Art Department.



# Staff 2015 - 2016



**Back (l-r):** Janet O'Brien, Garreth Fitzpatrick, Nicky Kenny, John Taylor, Michael O'Brien, Brian Connaughton, Conor Finn, David Meyler, Mairéad Hennelly, Kenny Black, Elaine Shiely, Amy O'Neill.

**Middle:** Ray Bergin, Brian McDonald, Paul Murphy, Oisín ÓhAnnaidh, Angela Dwane, Garry King, Kenneth Dwyer, Emer Marschner, Joy Burke, Mairéad Sheehan, Suzanne Syron, Liz Mitchell, Carol Lyons.

**Front:** Michelle O'Neill, Gráinne Coffey, Maryline Muzi-Duffin, Niamh McCann, Luka Hargan, Áine O'Gorman, Nieves Purnell, Suzanne Hand.

**Missing from photo:** Maeve Hand, Eva Brennan, Aisling Dominican-Boylan, Mary Sheridan, Chloe Walton.

## PARENTS COUNCIL

The Parents Council meet once a month to discuss fundraising ideas and forthcoming events. We host refreshments on 6th and TY graduation nights. This year we arranged a charity clothes collection, a table quiz and the annual raffle in May. All money raised goes back into the school to buy new equipment which benefits the students.

You can support us by attending events, donating prizes, offering your skills or volunteering at events. New members are always welcome.

*Some members of the Parents Council*



*Parents Council Table Quiz*



*Parents Council Table Quiz*

# CLASS PHOTOS...



## COLLINS

**Back (l-r):** Marcus White, Johnni Georgiady, Denis Turcanu, Luke McCormack, Alan Piegza, Luke McKeever  
**Front:** Juan Carlos Labuni, Patrick Kuzma, DJ Drohan, Eoin Bande, Adam Seong  
**Absent:** Iain Coogan, Max Goff, Matyas Czagany



## DE VALERA

**Back (l-r):** Darragh Fegan, Tadhg Twomey Finn, Caolan Fitzsimons, Adam Bushe, Kyle O'Neill, Ben Gorman, Clayton Somers, Jack Keenan  
**Front:** Andy Wall, Jonny Connors, Mitch Johnson, Eduard Cojocar, James Price, Daragh O'Connor, Paul Megna, Luke O'Brien  
**Absent:** Robert O'Connor Keating

# CLASS PHOTOS...



**Back (l-r):** Aleksander Szatkowski, Rei Daniel Yap, Amer Boulbassir, Thomas Murphy, Ameerj Bainsraj, Sean Wogan Donnelly  
**Middle:** Peter Duffy, Muntaser Al Akari, Leslin Vinod, Evan Skelly, Nicholas Flynn Fitzgerald, Enda Douglas, Conor Noghayin  
**Front:** Justin Pendioday, Oisín Grassick, Ethan Shortt, Danben Tingson, Joshua Cantwell, Paulius Rutkauskas, Conor Murphy, Daniel Munro, Eric O’Gorman. **Absent:** David Power



**Back (l-r):** Islam Boulbassier, Jordan Whyte, Jamie Doonan, Luke Roche, Hussein Allaw, Danniell Osoianu, Zeiad Osman  
**Middle:** Richard Kitskan, Eibhin Flanagan, Sam Barsoum, Finn Richardson, Jack McDonald, Conor Pamucku, Luke Weir, Jacob Kannankara  
**Front:** Chris Eduard Grefaldeo, Joshua Custorio, Charlie More, Cory Hayes, Archie Farrell, Ian Lawless  
**Absent:** Ben Kelly, Luke O’Neill

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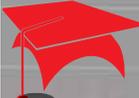


**Back (l-r):** Mantas Kasiulevicius, Alex Hayward, Brandon King, Jack Kinsella, Jamie Nelson, Patrick Atueyi, Leo Boldisor, Emil Roy  
**Middle:** Dylan Kane, Patryk Ostapczuk, Konrad Bzdyra, Dean Mooney, Ross Roche, Joey Yu, Nathan Coussay, Lester Grefaldeo  
**Front:** Marcel Kucharczyk, Christian Tamayo, Ali Hammad, Jamie Doyle, Robert Shorthall, Guian Belisario, Mihai Andronic, Benjamin Jones



**Back (l-r):** Conor O'Neill Dunne, Jordan Sargent, Ciaran Doyle, Evan Leahy, Johnny Cawley  
**Front:** Adam Farrell, Josh Carry, Jake Daly, Billy Scanlon, John Moorehouse  
**Absent:** Kyle Brauner, Kevin Farrell, Aaron Whelehan

# CLASS PHOTOS...

  
**3RD  
YEAR**



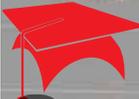
## DARWIN

**Back (l-r):** Callum Berry, Daniel Murphy, Jason Matthews, Sohail Afshar, Marc Perry, Lee Donnellan, Ethan Callanan

**Middle:** Cael Fitzpatrick, Rían Knox, Kevin Bushe, Luke Kenny, Eldo Tsaju, Sean McGovern, Lee Brennan, Jamie Byrne

**Front:** Ethan Wilde, Aaron Lacey, Lewis Kinlan, Kevin Bordian, Rauf Jafarov, Ralph Lacap, Ethan Duggan, Daniel Hayes, Dean Kearney

**Absent:** Scott Drew

  
**3RD  
YEAR**



## NEWTON

**Back (l-r):** Lee Livingston, George Carstairs, Alex Griffin, Elvis Karoblis, Kiane Byrne, Colum McGoldrick

**Front:** Mohammed Boulbassir, Adam Coakley, Chris Wall, Michael Murphy, Bradley Daly, Lee O'Hagan, Jay Molloy, Olegs Maksimovs

**Absent:** Stephen Carton, Leon Flynn- Boughton, Luke Hind, Brandon Tallant-O'Brien

# CLASS PHOTOS...



## EINSTEIN

**Back (l-r):** James Hanway, Steven Duffy, Ben Guest, Jake Farrell, Abdullah Quadria, Jake Adamson, Stephen Cahill

**Middle:** Ryan Doyle, Brendan Forde, Eoghan Hogan, Nathan Devlin, Ian Kirwan, Ryan Corcoran, Abdurrahman Hammad

**Front:** Adam Burke, Athul Biju, Eckener Adizon, Francis Calitraba, Ryan Howlett, Glen Delaney, Dylan Cooper, Quentin Crinion

**Absent:** Ben Callanan



## PYTHAGORAS

**Back (l-r):** Alex Vortolomei, Emmet McDonagh, Adam Rohlik, Artur Vadaniuc, David Rohlik, Ibrahim Quadria, Nathan Quinn Brennan

**Middle:** Robert McDonnell, Jim Mulrooney, Derek Sequeira, Luke Somers, James Veltom, Jack Robinson, Edward McCann

**Front:** Anton De Arribas, Joven Sagrado, Jamie Leahy, Sean Murray, Mark Tuke, Monty Al Halal

**Absent:** Ethan Lacey, Dominick Tucker, Dylan Waters

# CLASS PHOTOS...



## PICASSO

**Back (l-r):** Justin Samson, Thomas Coll, Sean Coll, James Anders, Tiernan O'Toole, Luke Clucas,  
**Middle:** David Vickers, Corey Doonan, Ian Byrne, David Hackman, Patrick Cojocar, GV Ludovice,  
**Front:** Ciarán McGarry, Mathew Bright, Gerson Panganiban, James Delaney, Agustin Gual de Torrella, Jack Brennan



## REMBRANDT

**Back (l-r):** Xue Wen Bin, Craig Mason, Cormac Hayes, Hisham Ahmed, Anthony Duffy, Glynn Jones, Evan Cleary, Dylan Forde.  
**Front:** Cain Carson, Thomas Keogh, Jack O'Brien, Nathan Tobin, Ryan Cromwell, John Kannankara, Kevin Staveley.

# CLASS PHOTOS...



## COLUMBUS

**Back (l-r):** Denis Lazarenco, Eoin Barnes, Daniel Pluck, Owen Duffy, Rory Ellard, Evan Mooney, Ryan Smith  
**Middle:** Kamil Doroz, Nathan Clucas, Gary Geldof Daly, Sergio Sinagoga, Kasper Gutkowski, Andrei Grigorita, Rhys Gallagher  
**Front:** Aaron Fegan, Conor Louth, Josh Drew, Pdraig Murphy, Aaron Kennedy, Shane Farrell  
**Absent:** Jack Conroy, Shane O'Hagan



## MAGELLAN

**Back (l-r):** Nikita Polakovs, Adam O'Brien, Santiago de Arribas de Renedo, Callum Brierton, Dylan Murphy, Aidan Maguire, Cameron Griffin, Conor Martin, Mark Kenny  
**Front:** Ray Quinlan, Liam Prenter Morris, Conor Knox, Eldhose Alias, Callum Dempsey, Allexis Alvarico, Anub P Biju, Mohammed Al Akari  
**Absent:** Lloyd Whelan, Christopher Yates

# CLASS PHOTOS...



**Back (l-r):** Ismail Mohamed, Philip Walshe, Cian Morley; **Front:** Roarke Connolly, Dillion Watters, Carl Canoy  
**Absent:** Brandon Feely, Patrick Hussey

## PREFECTS



The prefects provide leadership to the student body in the school through the good example they set in their behaviour both inside and outside of the classroom. They have a vital role to play in the life of the school. They help to prepare the rooms and corridors for parent teacher meetings (PTM's). They provide refreshments for parents who are attending a PTM. They also assist with other school events that may arise from time to time.

Well done and thanks for all that you have done!

**MR MURPHY**

### PREFECTS: 2015-2016

**Back (l-r):** Callum Brierton (Headboy), Rory Ellard, Owen Duffy, Eoin Barnes, Robert McDonnell. **Middle:** Jamie Price, Ryan Doyle, James Anders, Cain Carson, Anton de Arribas, Eckener Adizon, Max Goff. **Front:** Christian Tamayo, Daniel Munroe, Kevin Bushe, Aaron Lacey, Luke Murray.

## Memories from CALLUM BRIERTON - HEAD BOY

Six years. It sounds like a long time, but I could never have imagined how quickly it would pass in the company of some great classmates and staff. It feels like just last year we were sitting in the prefabs on a Monday morning complaining of the cold as young first years. A lot has changed since then – both in terms of the people and the surroundings. We have all matured, grown and developed and we are the better for it. Of course, the building has changed too, giving us much more favourable conditions to further this growth.

Before beginning first year, school for me was something I felt I had to do – to attend, to learn, to pass – but that changed when I came to St. Brendan's. School has become a place of fun, friendship and personal development. There's uniqueness to this school which allows each student to thrive in their own way.

I never could have imagined, six years ago, the impact secondary school would have on me. I have gained invaluable experiences, skills and memories along with meeting many great friends and colleagues. We've been a close year, helping each other through all and any difficulties and laughing together through the good times.

I was honoured to be named as Head Boy for 2015/2016 and to be given such an opportunity to represent my peers and school, such as at the official opening of the new school and the 1916 Commemoration Day at school. Reading aloud the Proclamation of the Irish Republic and hoisting the Irish flag outside the school are moments that will stay with me for years to come.

On behalf of all my classmates I would like to thank all staff of St. Brendan's, past and present, for the work they've done to ensure we all reach our potential. I am hopeful that the changes in years to come will only enhance the school further. I wish the best for the class of 2016, to my classmates; my friends.

Go n-éirí an t-6dh libh.



**CALLUM BRIERTON**



# SIXTH YEAR PROFILES



**ELDHOSE ALIAS**

**Nickname(s):** None  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Yearbook photo of me running in a marathon  
**Best known for:** Irregular sleeping hours due to excessive reading  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Doing a job I enjoy  
**Greatest achievement:** Junior Cert results  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** All the team maths, chess and debating competitions I did



**ALEXIS ALVARICO**

**Nickname(s):** Chico  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Singing Wonderwall during Spirit week  
**Best known for:** Basketball, my ethnicity  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** In a peaceful place  
**Greatest achievement:** Speaking English not French  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** 6th History trip and the intercom announcements



**AARON FEGAN**

**Nickname(s):** FEGO  
**Most embarrassing moment:** looking for my stolen shoes that were "apparently" on the green stairs – there is no green stairs!  
**Best known for:** Always being late  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Making my 14th million  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning student of the week in TY  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** On the London trip, myself, Josh, Gary and Eoin had a "incident" with an American guest at the hotel – funniest thing ever!



**AARON KENNEDY**

**Nickname(s):** Jesus  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None that I know of  
**Best known for:** My long pony tail  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Working with animals in a zoo  
**Greatest achievement:** Surviving six years of secondary school  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** TY trips with Mr Murphy



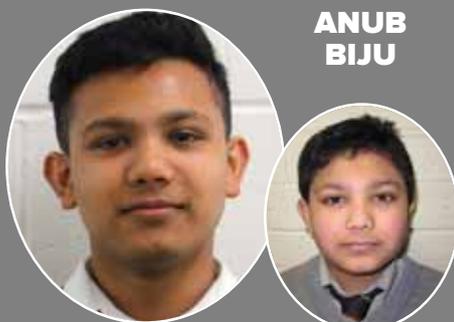
**ADAM O'BRIEN COONE**

**Nickname(s):** Ad  
**Best known for:** Taking so long to get ready and giving the lads fades  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** The owner of my own chain of barber shops  
**Greatest achievement:** Giving Chris his first fade  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Winning the Wicklow/Wexford title in 2016 and the TY London trip



**AIDAN MAGUIRE**

**Nickname(s):** Aido  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Coming into school sunburnt in November  
**Best known for:** Being whipped and having four dead rabbits  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** New York  
**Greatest achievement:** Eventually getting a haircut from Adam  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Poles in the old school



**ANUB BIJU**

**Nickname(s):** Anubi, Anubis, Anoop  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Playing the 20th century Fox music during our TY play  
**Best known for:** being the smallest in the class  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Hopefully running an airport or having my own airline  
**Greatest achievement:** Cycling 210km from Dublin to Mayo for charity. Playing in the school basketball finals  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Organising the past pupils reunion and the TY Gaisce trip



**EOIN BARNES**

**Nickname(s):** Barnsey, Bucky  
**Most embarrassing moment:** The incident with the bike rack in 2nd year & the teachers seeing the video  
**Best known for:** Having funky socks  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** In a good job, making loads of money  
**Greatest achievement:** Getting to the debating final in 5th year. Winning a Poles competition, while being one of the worst players  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The History and Heritage trips with Mr Murphy in TY. The London trip in TY



**BRANDON FEELEY**

**Nickname(s):** Brano  
**Best known for:** Being whipped  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Living the dream!  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning Wicklow/Wexford for Jack  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Being with the boys



# SIXTH YEAR PROFILES

**CALLUM BRIERTON**



**Nickname(s):** Gavin  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Mis-spelling "galvanised" at the TY Spelling Bee....  
**Best known for:** High quality puns  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Sitting in the Dail bar  
**Greatest achievement:** Impressing Mr John Murphy with my fact about the Custom House  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Having great support from the staff and students at the final of the Bray Lions Club debating competition in 5th year

**CALLUM DEMPSEY**



**Nickname(s):** Dempsey  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None  
**Best known for:** Being the new kid  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** In a good job, hopefully not homeless  
**Greatest achievement:** Being under the radar from 1st to 4th year  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** 6th year history trip

**CAMERON GRIFFIN**



**Nickname(s):** Charlie, Cam, Griffo, Ste, Lar, Bossman  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When the boys said "bet you wont go home" and I didn't!  
**Best known for:** Being hard - "What?"  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** WWE champion, headlining Mania  
**Greatest achievement:** Getting a job in Dealz and being mates with Aido and Nacho Clucas  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Having the craic with the lads and being mates with Jack Harvey

**CARL CANOY**



**Nickname(s):** Carlito, Carl Can Will Annoy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** I named Belgium as a county in Ireland  
**Best known for:** Making people laugh and buying food in the shop  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** A graphic designer  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning Student of the Week  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The great laughs!

**CHRISTOPHER YATES**



**Nickname(s):** Chris  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting the stutters in front of the lads  
**Best known for:** Having an obsession with Adidas  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** With a family and a successful job  
**Greatest achievement:** Getting a haircut  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Having the craic in Germany

**CIAN MORLEY**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Missing an open goal in P.E. class  
**Best known for:** Gym sessions  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Running Ben Dunne in Cherrywood  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning a match on sports day  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The great P.E. classes

**NATHAN CLUCAS**



**Nickname(s):** King Fassa, Nacho  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Being the main character in the school play which involved me being topless  
**Best known for:** Always having chicken rolls, getting the shivers in Carnew and being King Fassa  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Not in Bray!  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning two consecutive Wicklow/Wexford soccer titles and being King Fassa  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Being with the boys

**ROARKE CONNOLLY**



**Nickname(s):** Rowk  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling flat on my back playing football in the yard.  
**Best known for:** Being funny and always up for the craic  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Running my own clothing company  
**Greatest achievement:** Losing 74lbs in one year  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Coming 6th in the school fun run and many more...

**CONOR KNOX**



**Nickname(s):** Nick "get off me"  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Literally everything I have done in front of Mr. Bergin  
**Best known for:** Being too touchy, losing weight, being the real life Fonzy  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Happy, with a job, not homeless.....hopefully  
**Greatest achievement:** Losing weight  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Time wasted making stupid nonsensical jokes



# SIXTH YEAR PROFILES



**CONOR  
LOUTH**



**Nickname(s):** Bryan  
**Best known for:** Looking like Mr Cullen  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
In a suit earning a six figure salary  
**Greatest achievement:**  
Getting the PE award with a broken wrist  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Playing poles in the old school



**CONOR  
MARTIN**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting smashed in the face with a tennis ball the first day of first year  
**Best known for:** Going to London every fortnight to watch Arsenal  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Working as a banker in London  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning the Junior Captains Prize in Bray Golf Club  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Trip to London, the banter, sitting beside Santiago in maths



**JACK  
CONROY**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Looking like a girl for the first 3 years in school  
**Best known for:** Talking  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Working in a good job that I enjoy and being happy  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning back to back Wicklow/Wexford league titles  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Winning my first Wicklow/Wexford at U17's



**GARY  
GELDOLF DALY**



**Nickname(s):** Gazz  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling through the upstairs window and smashing it in the old school  
**Best known for:** : Being good at art and woodwork  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Fully qualified plumber making the cash  
**Greatest achievement:** Tapping Big Drew out on a daily basis!  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Having the laugh with the lads and teachers and going to London in TY



**DANIEL  
PLUCK**



**Most embarrassing moment:**  
Too many too mention!  
**Best known for:** I have no idea  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
In a stable job  
**Greatest achievement:** Surviving school  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Moving into the new school building



**DILLON  
WATTERS**



**Nickname(s):** Dilo  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I sang Lady Gaga in 1st year  
**Best known for:** Being overly dramatic  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
On the stage or in front of the camera  
**Greatest achievement:** Completing the Glendalough walk in TY  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
The TY trip to London and Thorpe Park



**KAMIL  
DOROZ**



**Nickname(s):** Kamilian  
**Most embarrassing moment:** "I prefer not to speak, I prefer to say nothing"  
**Best known for:** Cruising through Main Street on my bike and occasionally taking the Air Coach to school  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Forever Fiesta in Bray with Paddy and Nathan  
**Greatest achievement:** Passing my driver theory test and being one of Mr O'Briens boys  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
The old school, every class with Mr Murphy and "I'm with the boys"



**JOSH  
DREW**



**Nickname(s):** Drewgle, Jishkid  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Mr Meyler making me cry in 1st year  
**Best known for:** : Being the maintenance around the school with Gary and Jerry Spring Rolls  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Qualified carpenter  
**Greatest achievement:** No detention for 5 years  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**  
Sharing a room with Feego on the TY London trip



**OWEN  
DUFFY**



**Nickname(s):** Duffy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Setting the fire alarm off in Knockree on a TY trip & waking everybody up.  
**Best known for:** Arriving to most classes late as if nothing is amiss.  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**  
Living comfortably, doing a job I like.  
**Greatest achievement:** Performing in front of the school without any prior experience and really enjoying it.  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Trips with the lads: London, Belfast and all the TY trips,



# SIXTH YEAR PROFILES



**DYLAN MURPHY**



**Nickname(s):** Murph

**Most embarrassing moment:** When the Brendan's boys broke me

**Best known for:** Talking, being too friendly with teachers, being the Kingpin of Brendan's that Denis always wanted to be

**Greatest achievement:** Breaking Callum at Eoin's

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

When I got the journal cover stuck in the door frame.



**RORY ELLARD**



**Nickname(s):** Rodders, Ell-y-ard, Squinty

**Most embarrassing moment:** Lucky enough not to have one!

**Best known for:** Sports trivia and taking PE too seriously

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

Struggling through a 28 hour week and playing golf the other 12!

**Greatest achievement:** Representing my country... twice

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Reading the Proclamation "as gaeilge", TY trips, the steady flow of banter



**EVAN MOONEY**



**Nickname(s):** Ev

**Most embarrassing moment:** When Ms O'Gorman had to stop everyone tutting at me in maths, because I was the only one right

**Best known for:** People tutting at me in maths when I speak because they know I am always right!

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

In a good job, saving money to buy a house for when I want to start a family.

**Greatest achievement:** Winning a maths award

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** I bought a milk from the school shop but it was warm so I gave it to someone else and they stamped on it and it drenched Santiago and Dillion!



**SHANE FARRELL**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Let me get my list!

**Best known for:** The face and doing a spot-on impression of Rhys

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

In a good job, travelling around the world

**Greatest achievement:**

Performing as a main character in the TY play

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

The TY play and the 6th trip to Belfast



**RHYS GALLAGHER**



**Nickname(s):** The genius

**Most embarrassing moment:** None, too smart for that!

**Best known for:** Being an outright legend

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

: Running a successful tobacco company in Chile

**Greatest achievement:** Getting in to Koo

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

The banter in Mr. Meyler's class



**KASPER GUTKOWSKI**



**Nickname(s):** Kas

**Most embarrassing moment:** A certain incident with Evan Mooney!

**Best known for:** Being cheeky and a bit angry

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

Working in an interesting job, travelling the world

**Greatest achievement:**

Winning 4 medals in basketball

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

TY trips, Belfast trip and the old school



**PATRICK HUSSEY**



**Nickname(s):** Paddy

**Best known for:** Being the gay one

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

I hope to be a successful MUA in America

**Greatest achievement:**

Completing secondary school

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

Having Ms Hennelly as a teacher



**ISMAIL MOHAMED**

**Nickname(s):** Izzy

**Best known for:** Being the fastest runner in the school

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

Living my dream life

**Greatest achievement:** Winning the 5km run

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

A lot of happy memories from my first school in Ireland



**MARK KENNY**



**Nickname(s):** Bae

**Most embarrassing moment:** Talking with teachers, I'm very awkward!

**Best known for:** Having magic hair and an unfair metabolism

**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:**

Dancing for a professional company

**Greatest achievement:**

Melting a pyrex test tube in chemistry

**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:**

TY trip to Achill



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**DENIS LAZARENKO**



**Nickname(s):** MmmJenis, Mr Pimpgame  
**Most embarrassing moment:** My first year yearbook profile, rough out  
**Best known for:** Giving the boys abuse for being whipped by their girlfriends  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Getting a chicken roll from Bernies with Nathan or in the Koo  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning the Wicklow/Wexford two years in a row and reaching the Leinster final  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Being in the same class as Jack Harvey and having the craic with the boys everyday



**LIAM PRENTER MORRIS**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Scoring the winning goal while simultaneously getting knocked out playing a football match  
**Best known for:** The #Supercopduo. Being Mr Bergin's "favourite". Always late. Never having my books  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Working in media, producing, directing or editing. Or running my own business based around TV/media  
**Greatest achievement:** Limerick  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The TY trip to Achill – cliff jumping and accidentally setting of the smoke alarms when cooking breakfast



**LLOYD WHELAN**



**Nickname(s):** Wheelo, Agent Carter  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling asleep in History  
**Best known for:** My attendance - or lack of!  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Re-sitting the Leaving!  
**Greatest achievement:** Getting through secondary school  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Watching a film and having a pizza one day



**PADRAIG MURPHY**



**Nickname(s):** Pidge, Pork  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting told day in day out to sort out my Willknots  
**Best known for:** Living in Ferns  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** On a double date with Aidan  
**Greatest achievement:** Looking like a chooma  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Scoring the winning penalty in the Wicklow/Wexford final



**NIKITA POLAKOV'S**



**Best known for:** Being the only lad that plays tennis in the year  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** I hope to be doing what I love and getting paid for it  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning the Spelling Bee three times in a row. In 2nd year beating the 6th years in a table quiz  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Having the honour of being taught by the great John Murphy



**SHANE O'HAGAN**



**Nickname(s):** Shoulders, Agent Carter  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Probably when the lads put the films I made in TY on in class  
**Best known for:** Not saying much in class. Being a good pal  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Hopefully in a job I enjoy, in a nice house with a happy family. Or in the Mongolian desert.  
**Greatest achievement:** Making it through all of TY, and somehow Mr McDonald didn't know my name  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The TY London trip and the Belfast trip in 6th year. Both were great experiences



**PHILIP WALSH**

**Nickname(s):** Phil  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Shaving my head in 3rd year  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Running my own festival  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning student of the year and other academic awards in 5th year.  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** The Berlin trip in 5th year



**RAYMOND QUINLAN**



**Nickname(s):** Ray  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Anything mentioned in Chemistry and any photo pre 2016  
**Best known for:** Driving a Yaris and having pace  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Somewhere sunny enjoying life  
**Greatest achievement:** Getting my licence first time  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** TY London trip and winning two Wicklow/Wexford titles



**RYAN SMITH**



**Nickname(s):** Pippy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Wonderwall  
**Best known for:** Wonderwall  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Game development  
**Greatest achievement:** Playing guitar in front of the whole school  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Making great friends



# SIXTH YEAR PROFILES



## SANTIAGO de ARRIBAS de RENEDO

**Nickname(s):** Lurry  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling while collecting my 1st year CSPE award in front of the whole school  
**Best known for:** Making all the good school videos, taking photos and being one half of the #supercopsduo



**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** Doing what I like, getting paid and being famous for it  
**Greatest achievement:** Having made it this far on a strong diet of Youtube bingewatching and not so much study  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Sitting beside Conor Martin in maths and 5 years in the old school



## ANDREI GRIGORITA

**Nickname(s):** The Russian Spy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Reading out loud in class  
**Best known for:** Being a Russian spy!  
**Where do you hope to be in 10 years time?:** At home with my family  
**Greatest achievement:** Winning a French award  
**Fondest memory from St Brendan's:** Being included by the other lads even though my English was poor.

# 1916 COMMEMORATION

Along with the other schools in the area, St. Brendan's was presented with a National Flag and a copy of the Proclamation at a ceremony in Croke Park on March 7th, which was attended by the President Michael D Higgins.

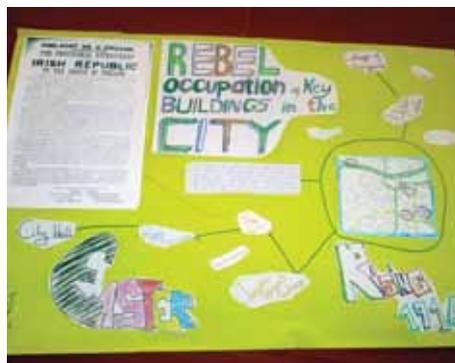
The school was represented at the Croke Park ceremony by two teachers – Mr Murphy and Ms Hand from the History Department as well as the Head Boy (Callum Brierton) who was presented with the flag, the Chairperson of the Student Council (Ryan Cromwell) and Anton Rivas de Renedo who represented all of the students who had contributed to writing the new school proclamation.

On March 16th, the school had its own flag raising ceremony in the school grounds at 12.30pm. The event which was attended by all of the students, the staff, as well as parents and representatives of the Congregation of Irish Christian Brothers, took the form of a simple tribute to those who died in 1916 fighting for Irish independence.

Eoin Barnes acted as MC for the ceremony and introduced Callum Brierton to read the Proclamation. This was followed by the reading of the Proclamation in Irish by Rory Ellard and then Anton read the schools own Proclamation.

Daniel Munroe and James Price unfolded the flag and carried it ceremoniously to the flag pole. Everyone stood and the National Anthem played as the flag was raised.

The flag now flies proudly outside the school each day.



# SIXTH YEAR Graduation



By  
**Mr RAY BERGIN**

**F**irst off I would like to welcome all the families and friends of the 6th year and LCA students. You are especially welcome to the first graduation in our new school.

A massive amount of work has gone into preparation for this graduation, especially in the practice of the music and the speech writing. Basically they will do anything to avoid study at this time of year!

Thanks to Mr Fitzpatrick, Mr McDonald, Mr Taylor and Ms Syron for doing all the hard work in getting everything organised for tonight.

In case anybody has any bets on, I intend to use my phrase “You do realise” just once tonight, and that was it.

Every year at graduation we have to say what a great year group it is and most times the year head means it!

For this particular year group it’s very easy to say it.

I took over from Ms Shiely after first year and they have been an absolute pleasure to be year head of for the last five years. That said they can take credit for the extra grey hair I have now compared with five years ago.

They have developed a fantastic reputation in the school, and are highly regarded by all their teachers and staff members. I have never heard as many teachers talking about a year group finishing as this year.

In particular I would like to mention the LCA class, who can best be described as characters.

I would like to share with you some memories I have of the lads over the last five years, but I will leave out their names to maintain their dignity.

- Negotiating over detentions – But they forgot that I only negotiate up!
- The 6th years who played in the Leinster League final.
- The exceptional performance of the debating team in the Martello last year.
- Maths is a worry, as they were unable to correctly work out that they had a chance to equalise in the penalty shootout on sports day against the teachers and conceded defeat!
- The incredible support they were for each other throughout this very difficult year.

With the Leaving cert looming please make use of the time you have left. We expect great things from all of you and I am confident you won’t disappoint.

You will always be welcome here and do call in to visit.

“Good things come to those who wait, greater things come to those who get up of their behinds and do something to make it happen.”



*Ms Michelle O’Neill, Mr John Taylor, Ms Maryline Muzi-Duffin, Ms Gráinne Coffey, Ms Joy Burke*

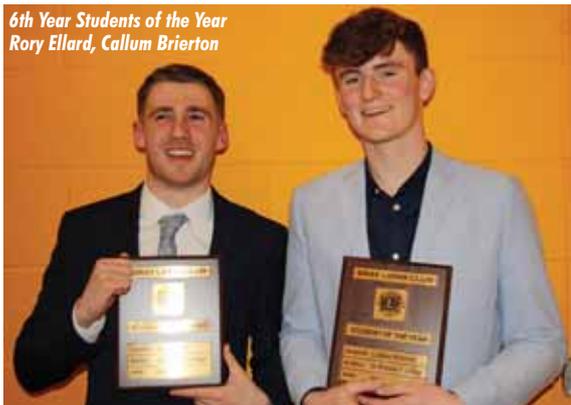


*Ms Aine O’Gorman, Ms Janet O’Brien*

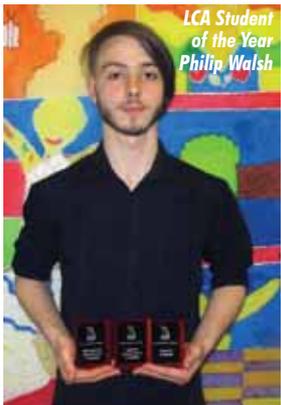


*Ms Mairéad Hennelly, Ms Suzanne Syron, Ms Luka Hargan*





6th Year Students of the Year  
Rory Ellard, Callum Brierton



LCA Student  
of the Year  
Philip Walsh



# SIXTH YEAR Graduation



Mr Garreth Fitzpatrick, Ms Mairéad Hennelly



Mr Paul Murphy



Service of Light



Conor Knox performing



Ms Maeve Hand, Mr Ray Bergin, Ms Aine O'Gorman



Mr John Taylor



Eoin Barnes

## 6TH YEAR AWARDS

SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT	SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT
<b>ACCOUNTING</b>			<b>IRISH</b>		
6th year	Rory Ellard	Eoin Barnes	6th Year	Callum Brierton Aaron Kennedy	Eoin Barnes Evan Mooney
<b>ART</b>			<b>LCVP</b>		
6th Year	Josh Drew Philip Walshe	Nathan Clucas	6th Year	Callum Brierton	Conor Martin
<b>LCA2</b>			<b>MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD/ CONSTRUCTION STUDIES</b>		
<b>BIOLOGY</b>			6th Year	Jack Conroy Philip Walshe	Josh Drew
6th Year	Allexis Alvarico Evan Mooney	Josh Drew Anub Bijou	<b>LCA2</b>		
<b>BUSINESS</b>			<b>MATHS</b>		
LCA2	Philip Walshe Callum Brierton	Evan Mooney	6th Year	Gary Geldof Daly Aaron Kennedy Rory Ellard Philip Walshe	Rhys Gallagher Shane Farrell Kasper Gutkowski
6th Year	Callum Brierton	Dylan Murphy	<b>LCA2</b>		
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>			<b>PE</b>		
6th Year	Callum Brierton Shane Farrell Evan Mooney Philip Walshe	Rory Ellard Mark Kenny Anub Biju	6th Year	Adam O'Brien Aidan Maguire Roarke Connolly	Rory Ellard Chris Yates
<b>ENGLISH</b>			<b>LCA2</b>		
6th Year	Callum Brierton Shane Farrell Evan Mooney Philip Walshe	Rory Ellard Mark Kenny Anub Biju	<b>PHYSICS</b>		
<b>LCA2</b>			6th Year	Rory Ellard	Eoin Barnes
<b>FRENCH</b>			<b>RELIGION</b>		
6th Year	Callum Brierton Philip Walshe	Evan Mooney	6th Year	Dylan Murphy Rhys Gallagher Dillon Watters	Daniel Pluck Shane Farrell
<b>LCA2</b>			<b>LCA2</b>		
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>			<b>SCIENCE</b>		
6th Year	Eoin Barnes Carl Canoy	Jack Conroy	LCA2	Philip Walshe	
<b>LCA2 (Social Ed)</b>			<b>DCG</b>		
<b>GERMAN</b>			6th Year	Callum Brierton	Conor Knox
6th Year	Rory Ellard	Aaron Kennedy	<b>VOCATIONAL EDUC &amp; GUIDANCE</b>		
<b>HISTORY</b>			LCA2	Dillon Watters	
6th Year	Rory Ellard	Dylan Murphy			
<b>ICT</b>					
LCA2	Carl Canoy				
<b>PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS</b>					
6th Year	Eoin Barnes, Rory Ellard, Shane Farrell, Andrei Grigorita, Aaron Kennedy, Eldhose Alias, Allexis Alvarico, Callum Brierton				
<b>STUDENT OF THE YEAR</b>					
6th Year	Rory Ellard, Callum Brierton				
LCA2	Philip Walshe				
<b>Special Merit Award</b>	Ray Quinlan, Josh Drew, Santiago de Arribas de Renedo, Shane Farrell				
<b>SPORTS AWARDS</b>					
<b>Basketball</b>	<b>Senior Player of the Year</b>	Kasper Gutkowski			
<b>Archery</b>	<b>Senior Archer of the Year</b>	Aaron Kennedy			

# 24 HOURS CCER MARATHON



The students of St Brendan's staged a 24 hour soccer marathon 22 April 2016 in aid of Aware and Meningitis research Foundation Ireland and dedicated to the memory of Keelan O'Connor and Jack Harvey.

Following the tragic loss of Jack Harvey and Keelan O'Connor, the students wanted to raise awareness of both meningitis and mental health in both the school and the wider community. The charities were approached and a 24 hour soccer marathon in the school was suggested as means to earn sponsorship to be divided between both charities.

Each year group was divided up into teams of 5 who played twice against one another for 4 hours and best placed teams played one

another in a final. To take advantage of the beautiful weather, 1st and 2nd year groups played outside while the 3rd to 6th year students played under the lights and warmth of the hall. The students played through the night under the careful supervision of St Brendan's staff and an enjoyable experience was had by one and all.

The total money raised was €10130 and the students presented a cheque to representatives from both charities in the school. It was a huge success and showed the generosity of the St Brendan's school community and was a fitting tribute to both Jack and Keelan.





# FIRST YEAR PROFILES

## MUNTASER AL-AKARI



**Nickname(s):** Munty  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling in front of the lads  
**Favourite music:** Rap, pop  
**Hobbies:** Drawing  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Pilot, engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Ronaldo, Neymas  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving to the new school

## AMEESJ BAINSAJ



**Nickname(s):** Monu  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling in front of everyone  
**Favourite music:** Maroon 5  
**Hobbies:** Football, cricket, basketball  
**Likely career in 10 years:** A doctor  
**Person I admire most:** My brother Aaron  
**Best memory from 1st year:** The old school

## EOIN BANDE



**Nickname(s):** Bandart  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Tripping on the orange stairs  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Football, basketball, table tennis, gaelic, tennis and volleyball  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Pilot  
**Person I admire most:** God  
**Best memory from 1st year:** When I first tried the curry noodles in the canteen!

## AMER BOULBASSIR



**Nickname(s):** Olmer  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting nutmegged by Mr Fitzpatrick  
**Favourite music:** Rap  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Football player  
**Person I admire most:** Neymar  
**Best memory from 1st year:** 24 hour soccer marathon

## ADAM BUSHE



**Nickname(s):** Bushe, Bob  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Fell off my chair in class  
**Favourite music:** All music  
**Hobbies:** Football, hurling, Gaelic  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Carpenter, vet or zookeeper  
**Person I admire most:** Henry Shefflin and my parents  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Representing the school in sport

## JOSH CANTWELL



**Most embarrassing moment:** Too many to choose from!  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Football, gaming  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Not sure  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Having a free class

## EDUARD COJOCARU



**Nickname(s):** Edy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None  
**Favourite music:** Adele  
**Hobbies:** Playing piano, singing, running  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Business man or professional singer  
**Person I admire most:** My parents  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving into the new school

## JOHNNY CONNORS



**Nickname(s):** Big Johnny Con  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Don't have one  
**Favourite music:** Reggae  
**Hobbies:** Boxing, football, hurling, horseriding  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Paver  
**Person I admire most:** Myself  
**Best memory from 1st year:** 24 hour soccer marathon

## MATYAS CZAGANY



**Nickname(s):** Matthew  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None that I can think of.  
**Favourite music:** Rock 'n' Roll  
**Hobbies:** Motorbikes, music, video games  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Guard  
**Person I admire most:** My best friend  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Getting an award

## ENDA DOUGLAS



**Nickname(s):** Dougie  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Missing an open goal in football  
**Favourite music:** Future house  
**Hobbies:** Football, running, golf  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional footballer  
**Person I admire most:** My cousin, Hughie Douglas  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing for 2nd year football team

## DJ DROHAN



**Hobbies:** Playing Playstation  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Working in Dell  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving into the new school building

## PETER DUFFY



**Most embarrassing moment:** Walking into wrong changing room during a table tennis match  
**Favourite music:** Modern music  
**Hobbies:** Basketball, football, table tennis  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Pilot  
**Person I admire most:** Manuel Neuer  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Being part of the table tennis team



# FIRST YEAR PROFILES

## DARRAGH FEGAN



**Nickname(s):** Fego  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Walking into the wrong classroom  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Football, golf, being with friends  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Doctor  
**Person I admire most:** My parents and older sister  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Making new friends

## CAOLÁN FITZSIMONS



**Nickname(s):** Sailon  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Wearing odd socks  
**Favourite music:** All Star by Smash Mouth  
**Hobbies:** Reading, cooking and art  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Rail engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Pádraig Pearse and James Connolly  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Karoke

## NICHOLAS FLYNN FITZGERALD



**Nickname(s):** Nick, Nico  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Doing a role play in Geography and making a bit of a mess of it  
**Favourite music:** Hip Hop, Grime and Indie  
**Hobbies:** Football, most sports  
**Likely career in 10 years:** PE teacher  
**Person I admire most:** Steven Gerrard, Drake and Ronaldo  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Just being with my friends

## JONATHAN GEORGIADY



**Nickname(s):** Johnny  
**Most embarrassing moment:** A certain incident that occurred in P.E while I was doing jumping jacks!  
**Favourite music:** Any type  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Ronaldo  
**Best memory from 1st year:** 24 hour football marathon

## MAX GOFF



**Favourite music:** House and rap  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Carl Mor  
**Best memory from 1st year:** End of year trip

## BEN GORMAN



**Nickname(s):** Gorman  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I fell off my bike in front of loads of people  
**Favourite music:** DJ stuff  
**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, Gaelic, hurling  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Having my own garage  
**Person I admire most:** John McGuinness  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Just hanging around with the lads

## OÍSÍN GRASSICK



**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Skateboarding  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Working in a skatepark  
**Best memory from 1st year:** I enjoyed making new friends and hanging around with them.

## MITCH JOHNSON



**Nickname(s):** Mitch  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Forgetting the teachers name which had to be filled in on their Christmas exam  
**Favourite music:** Dubstep, Queen  
**Hobbies:** Gaming, Lego & Basketball  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Carpenter, Architect, Scientist, Game Tester  
**Person I admire most:** My brother

## JACK KEENAN



**Nickname(s):** Bio  
**Favourite music:** Dubstep  
**Hobbies:** Playing games, making Youtube videos  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Full-time Youtuber  
**Best memory from 1st year:** The history trip

## PATRICK KUZMA



**Favourite music:** Pop and Rock  
**Hobbies:** Football and Computer Games  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Messi  
**Best memory from 1st year:** 24 hour Football Marathon

## CARLOS LABUNI



**Nickname(s):** Phiakzals  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None, so far...  
**Favourite music:** All types  
**Hobbies:** Making animated videos on Youtube  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Animator  
**Person I admire most:** Animator called Notorious Titan Productions  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Seeing an explosion in Science

## LUKE McCORMACK



**Nickname(s):** Lucifer  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Hmm...I don't have any...not yet!  
**Favourite music:** Queen, Nirvana, The Beatles, David Bowie  
**Hobbies:** Collecting records  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Dream job would be working in a record shop  
**Person I admire most:** David Bowie  
**Best memory from 1st year:** When I tasted the muffins from the canteen for the first time...my life changed!



# FIRST YEAR PROFILES

**LUKE MCKEEVER**



**Nickname(s):** Bradle  
**Favourite music:** Eminem  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Builder  
**Person I admire most:** My dad  
**Best memory from 1st year:** End of year trip

**PAUL MEGNA**



**Most embarrassing moment:** None, so far  
**Hobbies:** Playing video games and going outside  
**Likely career in 10 years:** I hope to work in the business world  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing dodgeball

**DANIEL MUNRO**



**Nickname(s):** Dan  
**Favourite music:** Twenty One Pilots  
**Hobbies:** Archery, Gaelic, hurling  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Full-time surgeon and part-time winchman  
**Person I admire most:** My older brother  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Getting pizza from Mr Taylor after open night

**CONOR MURPHY**



**Nickname(s):** Spud  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I fell going to class  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Football, Gaelic  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Ronaldo  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Winning a match for school football team

**THOMAS MURPHY**



**Nickname(s):** Tomo  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Taking a shot on a volley and it hit my hand  
**Favourite music:** Remix  
**Hobbies:** Football, kickboxing, Playstation, MMA  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional fighter  
**Person I admire most:** Pele or Clayton Somers

**CONOR NOGHAYIN**



**Nickname(s):** Nogible  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling onto the benches when playing football  
**Favourite music:** Dubstep  
**Hobbies:** Drawing, video games and sports  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional footballer or Youtuber  
**Person I admire most:** Nelson Mandela  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Getting 100% in 3 different tests

**LUKE O'BRIEN**



**Nickname(s):** Lob  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Not being able to throw the ball in dodgeball  
**Favourite music:** Any  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Not sure  
**Person I admire most:** Steven Gerrard  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Trip to Bray Head

**DARAGH O'CONNOR**



**Nickname(s):** Doc and Fluffy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I fell down the stairs  
**Favourite music:** Any  
**Hobbies:** Football and rugby  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Footballer or managing a sports shop  
**Person I admire most:** My mum and Ronaldo  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Going to the Ireland/Switzerland match

**ERIC O'GORMAN**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Slipping on a rock and chipping my tooth  
**Favourite music:** Super bass  
**Hobbies:** Video games and football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Working in a shop  
**Person I admire most:** Messi  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving to the new school

**KYLE O'NEILL**



**Nickname(s):** Goldy  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling in PE  
**Favourite music:** House  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Working in a bar  
**Person I admire most:** Justin Bieber  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving to the new school

**JUSTIN PENDIODAY**



**Nickname(s):** Jiezten  
**Favourite music:** Uptown Funk  
**Hobbies:** Basketball, tennis, badminton and football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Mechanic or engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Megan Fox  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Making new friends

**DAVID POWER**



**Nickname(s):** D.P.  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Kicking a football into my face during a match  
**Favourite music:** House, Rap  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Cristiano Ronaldo  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Scoring from a free kick with the 2nd year team



# FIRST YEAR PROFILES

**JAMES PRICE**



**Nickname(s):** JP  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling down the stairs  
**Hobbies:** Football and Playstation  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Professional Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Ben Gorman  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving into the new school building

**ROBERT KEATING**



**Nickname(s):** Rob  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None, at the moment...  
**Favourite music:** Rap and pop  
**Hobbies:** Swimming, football and GAA  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Carpenter  
**Person I admire most:** Conor McGregor  
**Best memory from 1st year:** End of year trip

**PAULIUS RUTKAUSKAS**



**Nickname(s):** Polo  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Walking into a basketball pole in the yard  
**Favourite music:** House, Rap  
**Hobbies:** Football, running  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Mechanical Engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Alexis Sanchez  
**Best memory from 1st year:** School trip to Ferrycarrig

**ADAM SEONG**



**Nickname(s):** Seong  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I tripped over my bag in class  
**Favourite music:** K-Pop  
**Hobbies:** Baseball, table tennis  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Actor  
**Person I admire most:** My family  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Making friends and learning how to play table tennis

**ETHAN SHORTT**



**Nickname(s):** Pelé  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Getting locked in the toilets!  
**Favourite music:** Future House  
**Hobbies:** Music and football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Pilot  
**Person I admire most:** Pelé  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Starting for the school football team

**EVAN SKELLY**



**Nickname(s):** Skelly  
**Favourite music:** Dubstep  
**Hobbies:** Gaming, basketball, collecting Manga  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Manga artist or game developer  
**Person I admire most:** Steven Hawking  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Dodgeball tournament

**CLAYTON SOMERS**



**Nickname(s):** Clay  
**Most embarrassing moment:** When I missed the ball in a football match  
**Favourite music:** Dubhouse  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Still in college  
**Person I admire most:** Messi  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Christmas tests

**ALEKSANDER SZATKOWSKI**



**Nickname(s):** Alex  
**Favourite music:** Dubstep  
**Hobbies:** Playing computer games  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Military service  
**Person I admire most:** My dad  
**Best memory from 1st year:** School trip

**DANBEN TINGSON**



**Nickname(s):** Dan, D-Boy  
**Favourite music:** Rap, Rock, K-Pop and Dubstep  
**Hobbies:** Beatboxing, basketball, rapping  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Marine in Military Special Forces  
**Person I admire most:** My grandad, a WW2 veteran  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing basketball for school

**DENIS TURCANU**



**Nickname(s):** Denisavich  
**Most embarrassing moment:** Being saved from friend in a near drowning incident!  
**Favourite music:** House, EDM, Rap  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Lifeguard  
**Person I admire most:** Chuck Norris

**TADHG TWOMEY FINN**



**Most embarrassing moment:** I'm never embarrassed!  
**Favourite music:** Dance, Rap, Hip Hop  
**Hobbies:** Football, Xbox, rugby, cycling  
**Likely career in 10 years:** No idea  
**Person I admire most:** My parents  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing football

**LESLIN VINOD**



**Most embarrassing moment:** Falling down the stairs on the bus  
**Favourite music:** Rap  
**Hobbies:** Playing football and watching TV  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Pilot  
**Person I admire most:** Thiago Silva  
**Best memory from 1st year:** After school activities



# FIRST YEAR PROFILES

## ANDY WALL



**Nickname(s):** The Boss  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Fully qualified paver and landscaper  
**Person I admire most:** Conor McGregor  
**Best memory from 1st year:** When the under 19's won the Wicklow/Wexford title

## MARCUS WHITE



**Nickname(s):** Marco  
**Hobbies:** Football  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Footballer  
**Person I admire most:** Manuel Neuer  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing football for the school

## IAIN COOGAN



**Nickname(s):** Iain  
**Most embarrassing moment:** My bag breaking and going everywhere  
**Favourite music:** R&B  
**Hobbies:** Table tennis  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Engineer  
**Person I admire most:** My family  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Playing table tennis

## ALAN PIEGZA



**Nickname(s):** Piegza  
**Favourite music:** All types  
**Hobbies:** Bowling, football, GAA, tennis  
**Likely career in 10 years:** IT Engineer  
**Person I admire most:** Steve Jobs, Ronaldo, Conor McGregor  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Amber Flag Week

## SEAN WOGAN



**Most embarrassing moment:** Smashing a glass in geography  
**Favourite music:** Pop  
**Hobbies:** Kickboxing  
**Likely career in 10 years:** Fighter for MMA  
**Person I admire most:** Conor McGregor  
**Best memory from 1st year:** 24 hour football marathon

## REI YAP



**Nickname(s):** Daniel  
**Most embarrassing moment:** None, yet!  
**Favourite music:** Various  
**Hobbies:** PS4 and basketball  
**Best memory from 1st year:** Moving to the new school



# THE EDMUND RICE CUP RUN

The run was first organised in 2014 in order to raise funds for charities and emergency situations both locally and internationally.

It was inspired by the life of Edmund who when seeing challenges in his community, would set out to help resolve them. As a Christian Brother school, we continue to look around us and ask, 'Can we help in any way?'

This year we managed to raise €1,000 which was superb.

The run can only happen because of the help we get from the local Gardai, Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council, parents, teachers, sponsors and the students. It is a real community effort each year.

This year the cup was won by Ismail Mohamed. He was followed by Luke Clucas and Alex Vortolomei. It was an incredible time set over 4.2Km.

We hope the run, which in its second year, continues to embed itself as a worthy tradition and continue to help many in need of a support.





Alex Vortolomei  
3rd Place



Luke Clucas  
2nd Place



Ismail Mohamed  
1st Place



Junior 3rd Paulius Rutkauskas  
and Junior 2nd Corey Hayes





# SPORTS DAY...







**Back (l-r):** Mr Davey Cullen, Josh Cantwell, Amer Boulbassir, Denis Turcanu, Alex Griffin, Adam Bushe, Conor Murphy.  
**Front:** Cory Hayes, Enda Douglas, Paulius Rutkauskas, Sean McGovern, Ethan Shortt, Leslin Vinod, Conor Noghayin, Luke Kenny,  
**Missing from photo:** Ismail Mohamed, David Rohlik, Adam Rohlik, Jake Daly, Adam Seong

# CROSS-COUNTRY

By  
**ADAM ROHLIK**



On January 20th 2016, we had a cross country competition in North Dublin. This competition acted as a qualification for the Leinster competition.

Before the event, we practiced every Tuesday for one hour from 4pm until 5pm. On the day of the competition, we arrived at the event 30 minutes early so we had time to warm up. The 1st and 2nd Years were starting at 11.30am and our best placed student, Cory Hayes, finished in 47th position.

It was a good achievement for the school.

At 12.00, the 3rd and 4th Years were starting and after a very competitive run with a very good finish, Alex Griffin

finished in 32nd position.

From 5th and 6th Year, Adam Rohlik, David Rohlik and Ismail Mohamed were unlucky to miss out on qualification for the Leinster competition. Adam Rohlik didn't finish the race due to injury.

The Leinster final was the week after on January 27th and it took place in East Dublin.

We had one student who qualified for the All-Ireland competition – David Rohlik. He finished 66th out of 100 athletes and it was a competitive run.

At the start, David was in 30th position but at the last 1km, he lost

his position and finished 66th.

Thank you to Ms Hargan, Mr Cullen and Ms Sheehan for helping with the athletics this year.





# EAST LEINSTER ATHLETICS

**By MR CULLEN**

All athletes that represented St. Brendan's at the East Leinster track and field athletics did the school proud with their performances. In spite of the unseasonably cold conditions the boys performed well, and some exceeded expectations.

Most notably Denis Turcanu (pictured above), who finished third in the Minor Boys Javelin, while Paulius Rutkauskas was close behind in sixth place.

Denis went on to represent the school commendably in the Leinster track and field competition.

A strong performance by Ryan Cromwell in the Senior Long Jump saw him finish sixth.

Other notable performances were by Luke Kenny (U-16 1500m) and Conor Murphy (Minor 500m). All athletes look forward to taking part in the cross country and athletics when the new school year starts.



**Back (l-r):**  
Emil Roy, Richard Kitskan, Joshua Custoria  
**Front:**  
Jacob Kannankara, Christian Tamayo, Joey Yu.

# BADMINTON

**By MS COFFEY**

Terenure College, De La Salle Churchtown and St. Aidan's CBS with mixed results. The good news is that all players are still eligible to play in the same age group next year which means that the experience they've gained this year will stand to them next year.

The under 16's also played in the annual Easter Egg Cup which proved to be a lot of fun. They played Loreto Bray, St' Joseph's of Cluny and St. Raphaela's and although there were some good wins we didn't win the overall tournament.

There is a lot of potential in this group with some talented players and with continued coaching and practice, they can do well in the future.

Badminton was introduced to the extra curricular programme in September 2015 and it has proved to be very popular among students. Although we started with just one court in the old school, there was a lot of interest with 15-20 students turning up to the weekly coaching sessions. These took place every Wednesday after school and students continued to improve especially when we upgraded to our new sports facilities in the new school in November.

Two teams were entered into the Dublin league this year, an under 16 and under 19. We played schools which included Holy Child Sallynoggin,



# BASKETBALL

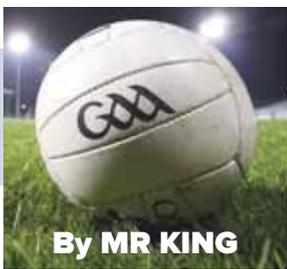


**Back (l-r):** Kasper Gutkowski, Nikita Polakovs, Evan Mooney, Justin Samson, Alex Vortolomei  
**Front:** Liam Prenter-Morris, GV Ludovice, Anub Biju, Gerson Panganiban

This year was a special year for the senior basketball team, as it was Mr Fitzpatrick's last year coaching. We started off the season with some new players, fortunately we got used to playing together quickly. We had a good start to the season winning against schools like Stratford College and Ballinteer Community School.

Our will to win led us to our fourth consecutive appearance in the Dublin League finals. Unfortunately we were beaten and had to be satisfied with second place. The team would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Fitzpatrick for his time, support and guidance over the last few years.

**KASPER GUTKOWSKI**



By MR KING

This year the school fielded three Gaelic football teams. Mr. Kenny took the senior team who were unlucky to get knocked out of the championship at the first hurdle. Mr. Kenny was very happy with the effort shown with great performances from Daniel Murphy and Jake Adamson Kane.

Mr. King took the junior team this year who travelled to Blessington for their championship match. Again it wasn't to be for the Brendan's boys as they were narrowly beaten by a strong Blessington side despite a spirited performance. Daniel Murphy yet again showcased his skill with the Gaelic ball. Other great performances on the day included Alex Griffin in midfield and Scott Drew at centre back.

Our most successful team this year was the first year group that were jointly managed by Mr. ÓhAnnaidh and Mr. King. This group reached a Wicklow quarter final, going out to Temple Carrig in Greystones. This team have shown great promise and no doubt under Mr. ÓhAnnaidh's tutelage can go on to claim championship success in the future. Standout players for the first year team were Andy Wall and Enda Douglas.

The numbers involved this year suggest that Gaelic football will once again go from strength to strength and will hopefully bring back silverware to the school.

# GAELIC



## 1ST YEAR GAELIC

Back, left to right:  
*Enda Douglas,  
Denis Turcanu,  
Sean Wogan  
Donnelly,  
Adam Bushe,  
Muntaser Al Akari*

Front, left to right:  
*Andy Wall,  
Conor Murphy,  
Paulius Rutkauskas,  
Ethan Shortt,  
Leslin Vinod*



## JUNIOR GAELIC

Back: *Marc Perry, Lee Donnellan, Luke Murray, Scott Drew, Alex Griffin, Finn Richardson, Sohail Afshar, Dean Kearney*; Front: *Lewis Kinlan, Rian Knox, Sean McGovern, Conor Pamukcu, Daniel Murphy, Jason Matthews, Brandon King.*



## SENIOR GAELIC

Back: *Ryan Corcoran, Ray Quinlan, Sohail Afshar, Alex Vortolomei, Ian Kirwan, Josh Drew, Gary Geldof Daly, Pdraig Murphy, Aidan Maguire.*  
Front: *Jack Conroy, Scott Drew, Daniel Murphy, Brandon Feeley, Nathan Clucas, Aaron Feegan*

# HURLING

BY Ms SHEEHAN

## JUNIOR HURLING TEAM

**Back (l-r):** Hussein Allaw, Finn Richardson, Ben Gorman, Sohail Afshar, Luke Murray, Dean Kearney, Alex Griffin; **Front:** Andy Wall, Zejad Osman, Jamie Doyle, Conor Pamukcu, Sean McGovern, Daniel Murphy; **Missing:** Adam Bushe, Daniel Munro, Thomas Murphy, Johnny Connors, Ethan Shortt, Jake Daly, Nathan Coussay, Jamie Doonan, Alex Healy, Rian Knox



## Indoor Hurling Blitz

The 1st and 2nd year hurling team took part in a 12 a-side tournament in Aughrim indoor complex. St Brendan's College played four games in this competition and were successful in two matches, drew one and lost one. Unfortunately we needed to win 3 games to get into the indoor final.

Many members of the team had never played hurling before and together we coached each other the necessary skills needed to play the game. However, enjoyment of this extra-curricular activity did not depend on the level of performance or the result of the competition.

Students developed a major interest in hurling from this blitz and their effort and commitment since then are to be commended. Students from St Brendan's College went on to win two league matches and reached the junior hurling league semi-final.

## Junior Hurling League

St Brendan's College kick-started their junior hurling league with a fully-deserved victory over local rivals Coláiste Ráithín. St Brendan's got off to a great start with a goal from Conor Pamukcu within the first five minutes. Our defence was like a brick wall throughout the 60 minutes with Ethan Shortt, Hussein Allaw, Adam Bushe and Nathan Coussay all standing up to the pace.

Scores on the day came from Conor Pamukcu (3.1); Finn Richardson (2.2); Daniel Munro (1.0); Andy Wall (1.0); Johnny Connors (1.0).

St Brendan's performed well throughout this game but Andy Wall, Jamie Doyle, Jake Daly and Captain Conor Pamukcu were exceptional.

The next game was against St Killan's and following that win St Brendan's proceeded to the semi-final against St Kevin's Dunlavin.

This was an eye-opener for many of our players as the Dunlavin side were far superior with their high levels of fitness and displayed marvellous stick work by

their inter-county players who dominated throughout the game.

St Brendan's College started at an incredible pace where Conor Pamukcu converted two frees that were awarded to his team after a few minutes into the game. St Kevin's responded rapidly and Ben Gorman did his utmost to block several goals but was unlucky on the day. Dunlavin were pretty much in the driving seat near the end of the first half and continued to be in front for the entire game.

Conor Pamukcu, Finn Richardson and Jamie Doyle were truly inspirational from half back and middle of the field driving the sliotar up into the danger zone on numerous occasions but our side were unable to convert these into scores.

Credit is due to this junior hurling panel who fought till the final whistle. Special mention to Luke Murray, Dean Kearney, Daniel Murphy and Seán McGovern who shone with their commitment enthusiasm and effort throughout.

Well done to all the panel involved and to GV Ludovice who helped out on many occasions supporting this young enthusiastic set of players.

This team has huge potential and I will hope that they will stick together and go on to victory in the future.





# RUGBY

## SENIOR RUGBY

St Brendan's College lost a hard fought encounter in the first round of the Leinster Development Cup with St David's of Greystones. Brendan's gave it their all, led capably by captain Ben Guest, but were undone by a skilled team on a sunny day in Greystones RFC.



**Back (L-R):** Brendan Forde, Evan Cleary, Hisham Ahmed, Luke Murray, Ben Guest (Captain), Joven Sagrado.  
**Front (L-R):** Patryk Marchel, Sohail Afshar, Glynn Jones, Scott Drew, Dylan Forde

# 1st YEAR SOCCER

The 1st year soccer team performed very well throughout the season and this was reflected in their results as they were undefeated. A solid Wicklow-Wexford league campaign saw the team draw 2-2 with CBS Arklow, 5-5 with Coláiste Craobh Abhann, Kilcoole and comprehensively defeat St. David's, Greystones 9-1. In the Leinster cup a superb performance saw St. Brendan's defeat CCA, Kilcoole 2-1.

These strong performances were as a result of dedicated training and players' willingness to learn and improve their game. A continued commitment by the players to training and improving their game will see them become very competitive within U-15 Leinster Cup and Wicklow-Wexford league as they mature in 2nd year. Finally, a thanks to school management for facilitating the games and all the players for taking part and representing their school.



**By MR CULLEN**

**Back, left to right:** Mr Davey Cullen, Josh Cantwell, Enda Douglas, Darragh Fegen, Marcus White, Adam Bushe, Amer Boulbassir, Johnni Georgiady  
**Front:** Leslin Vinod, Conor Noghayin, Denis Turcanu, Conor Murphy, Paulius Rutkauskas, Patrick Kuzma, Ethan Shortt  
**Missing from photo:** Nicholas Flynn, David Power, Thomas Murphy, Clayton Somers, Darragh O'Connor, Max Goff

# Under-15 SOCCER



**BACK (L-R):**  
 Luke Roche,  
 Leo Boldisor,  
 Islam Boulbassier (c),  
 Jordan Whyte,  
 Brandon King,  
 Jamie Nelson,  
 Marc Perry,  
 Finn Richardson,  
 Alex Griffin

**FRONT:**  
 Conor Pamucku,  
 Jake Daly,  
 Jack Kinsella,  
 Cory Hayes,  
 Enda Douglas,  
 Paulius Rutkauskas,  
 Marcel Kucharczyk

Our first encounter was against St. David's and we had high hopes heading into the game. Our player of the year Jamie Nelson put us 1-0 up 10 minutes into the game. Marc Perry extended our lead just before halftime with a great finish to make it 2-0.

St. David's managed to pull one back soon after which put us under a bit of pressure. Considering how tight the game was we managed to finish strongly with the final result in our favour as the game ended 5-2.

A well deserved mention must go to Marc Perry who scored 4 goals.

In our next game we faced a very strong Coláiste Chraobh Abhann team. They put up a good fight but fortunately for us we won 2-0. Goals from Marc Perry and Jake Daly gave us our second win of the campaign.

In the semi-final of the Wicklow/Wexford we came up against a very physical Wexford CBS side.

We had a slow start but once we got a feel for the game we were able to take the lead through David Power with an exceptional free kick.

Wexford then equalised in the blink of an eye due to our lack of

concentration and awareness. Wexford finished the match well and caught us on a quick counter attack which decided the game and unfortunately meant that our season was over.

Even though we could not make it into the final it was a thoroughly enjoyable year for us all. A special thanks to Mr. Finn for the hard work that he put in to manage the team throughout the year. Also thank you to Luke Clucas who helped out with the team on match days.

# Under-17 SOCCER

**BACK (L-R):**  
 Sohail Afshar,  
 Lee Donnellan,  
 Tiernan O'Toole,  
 Dylan Forde,  
 James Hanway,  
 Ryan Corcoran,  
 Hisham Ahmed,  
 Alex Griffin

**FRONT (L-R):**  
 James O'Neill,  
 Jason Matthews,  
 Lewis Kinlan,  
 Daniel Murphy,  
 Ryan Cromwell,  
 Cain Carson,  
 Cormac Hayes



# Under-19 SOCCER



**Back:** Adam O'Brien, Pdraig Murphy, James Hanway, Aidan Maguire, Ian Kirwan, Alex Vortolomei, Denis Lazarenko, Tiernan O'Toole. **Front:** Jack Conroy, Nathan Clucas, Ray Quinlan, Ryan Corcoran, Brandon Feely, Mark Tuke, James Velton

A long season began in October with a very disappointing 5-4 defeat to Arklow CBS in the first round of the Leinster Cup (after extra-time). The absence of regular goalkeeper, Ian Kirwan did not help. Arklow went onto win the competition out.

However, we still had the league to look forward to and we recorded emphatic victories over Greystones and Pres Bray on score lines of 4-0 and 7-2 respectively. This sealed our safe passage through to the Wicklow-Wexford semi-final where we beat Enniscorthy Vocational College 11-1. We faced our old adversaries Arklow CBS in the final and after a tight game, we came through after a penalty shoot out. There were very emotional scenes after this game as it was the first game we had played after the death of our regular right

back, Jack Harvey. It was a fitting end to the game with Jack's good friend, Podge Murphy slotting home the winning penalty and Ian Kirwan saving two penalties.

It was onto the Leinster section of the competition now and Lucan Community College awaited in the quarter final. They were tough opposition and had recently reached the Leinster cup final. However the lads made it look easy with a 5-1 victory, including a hat trick for David Rohlik.

The semi-final saw Chanel College, Coolock stand in the way but, once again, St. Brendan's came through convincingly on a 4-2 score line. We had now reached the Leinster Final for the first time in 10 years and we were due to play Colaiste Eanna, Rathfarnham who had won the

All-Ireland senior cup the previous year. Alas for St. Brendan's, the dream turned into a nightmare on a wet day in Stepside in April. Cruising at half-time 2-0 and seemingly in total control, we missed some very scoreable chances to kill the game and to our shock and horror, Colaiste Eanna scored 2 goals in 60 seconds to take the wind out of our sails completely. We did well to hold on for penalties but unfortunately lost out 3-0 in the shoot-out. This was without a shadow of a doubt, a game that we should have won but Colaiste Eanna to their credit, showed their experience and stole it. However the experience will stand to us and St. Brendan's will be back in major finals very shortly and hopefully winning.

The player of the year was the outstanding David Rohlik who scored 15 goals and proved to be a superb striker. Others who played their part were his brother Adam who filled in admirably in goal while Ian was injured, James Hanway, Brandon Feely, Luke Clucas, the inspirational Podge Murphy, Aidan Maguire and Adam O'Brien.

**DAVID MEYLER (Manager)**





# TABLE TENNIS

## JUNIOR

By  
**LUKE McCORMACK**

This year has been an incredible year for the table tennis team. Yes we've lost some games, but we won many! With the new tables for practising on, we are slowly but surely improving. Who knows if next year will be as successful but what we do know is that we are hopeful that next year things will be even better. Come on September!



*Left to right:  
Peter Duffy, Luke McCormack, Adam Bushe, Adam Seong*



## SENIOR



*Back: Alex Vortolomej, Nikita Polakovs, Ian Kirwan  
Front: Artur Vadaniuc, Ralph Le Cap*



St. Brendan's competed in the Leinster Schools Table Tennis league at senior, junior and minor levels, and also in the Leinster Schools Table Tennis Cup at Senior, Junior and Minor levels. The seniors were very unfortunate to be beaten in the final of the Senior Cup by Blackrock College in UCD on 9th May. The junior team was unfortunate to be placed in a very difficult division. The minor team, made up of several beginners, shows great promise for future years.

Next year there will also be a Girls Minor Table Tennis team and we hope for great success in the coming years.



# PE Expo 2016



The PE Expo 2016 was held at Trinity Comprehensive School in Ballymun on Friday March 11th, 2016. Our teams arrived at the school at around 9:45am.

When we got to our stands we set up our projects on the boards in the school's sports hall. The Games Development teams set up their videos as well.

At 10:30am the judges came around. They had a read of our posters and asked questions based on the project.

When the judging was over, everyone went outside to do some activities. There was cricket, fencing, Olympic handball, soccer, tag rugby and Zorbes. Everyone took part in two activities.

Afterwards was the prizegiving ceremony. Unfortunately, St. Brendan's left Ballymun empty handed. But on the bright side, just being there and competing was a great experience.

By SEÁN & THOMAS COLL



# Ones to watch...

The students of St Brendan's play many different sports in school and many represent their school on various teams. There are certain students who are involved in sports/hobbies outside of school and perform to a very high level. Here are a few to watch...



**BRANDON O'BRIEN**

**YEAR:** 3rd Year

**AGE:** 15

**SPORT/HOBBY:** BOXING

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** I have won 3 All Ireland titles. I represented Ireland in Hungary in the European Championships, where I won a silver medal.

**TRAINING:** I train everyday and coming up to a weigh-in I go on a strict diet.

**FUTURE GOALS:**

I hope to go to the Olympics in 2020.



**DAVID POWER**

**YEAR:** 1st Year

**AGE:** 13

**SPORT/HOBBY:** FOOTBALL

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Representing Ireland, winning three Dublin and District School Boys League and trials for Hearts and Chelsea.

**TRAINING:** I train three evenings a week, this includes a gym session. There are matches every Saturday and Sunday.

**FUTURE GOALS:**

I hope to play football professionally in the Premier League



**DOMINICK TUCKER**

**YEAR:** 5th Year

**AGE:** 17

**SPORT/HOBBY:** WRESTLING

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** I have appeared in two wrestling shows.

**TRAINING:** I am training in Fight Factory Pro Wrestling in Bray. It was founded by former St. Brendan's student Fergal Devitt (WWE's Finn Balor).

**FUTURE GOALS:** To become a WWE wrestler.



**NIKITA POLAKOV'S**

**YEAR:** 6th Year **AGE:** 18

**SPORT/HOBBY:** TENNIS

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Irish No. 52, Shankill Tennis Club No. 2, 2014; Shankill Doubles Champion, 2013; Shankill Junior Champion.

**TRAINING:** As I was doing my Leaving Cert my training was down to 7 hours a week. It was 20 hours. The training is tough, but has to be done.

**FUTURE GOALS:** I plan on securing a scholarship to an American university where I can further develop my tennis, as well as getting a 3rd level education. I ultimately hope to join the professional tennis tour.



**OÍSÍN GRASSICK**

**YEAR:** 1st Year

**AGE:** 13

**SPORT/HOBBY:** SKATEBOARDING

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** Winning All Ireland titles.

**TRAINING:** Twice a week.

**FUTURE GOALS:**

To get a sponsor and compete in competitions here and abroad.



**SOHAIL AFSHAR**

**YEAR:** 3rd Year

**AGE:** 15

**SPORT/HOBBY:** MUAY THAI/KICKBOXING

**ACHIEVEMENTS:** A junior fight record of 1-2 and an amateur fight record of 1-0.

**TRAINING:** I train at Jai Sua Muay Thai six days a week with a rest day on Sundays.

**FUTURE GOALS:**

Short term, my next fight is in July, which I hope to win. Long term, my aim is to compete as a mixed martial arts contentant in the UFC.

# TRANSITION YEAR

SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT	SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT
<b>ART</b>			<b>ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>		
4th Year (T1)	Agustin Gual de Torrella Gerson Panganiban David Vickers		4th Year (T1)	Patrick Cojocar Tiernan O'Toole Luke Clucas	
4th Year (T2)	Ryan Cromwell Ciaran McGarry Matthew Bright		4th Year (T2)	Ryan Cromwell Jack O'Brien Adam Tilley	
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES/BUSINESS</b>			<b>EUROPEAN STUDIES</b>		
4th Year (T1)	James Anders Patrick Cojocar Thomas Coll		4th Year (T1)	Ryan Cromwell Anthony Duffy Ptryk Marchel	
4th Year (T2)	Thomas Keogh James O'Neill Cormac Hayes		4th Year (T2)	James Anders Thomas Coll Agustin Gual de Torrella	
<b>CAREER GUIDANCE</b>			<b>FRENCH</b>		
4th Year (T1)	James Anders Sean Coll Thomas Coll		4th Year (T1)	Gerson Panganiban Cain Carson Ben Xue	
4th Year (T2)	Adam Tilley Cormac Hayes Gerson Panganiban		4th Year (T2)	James Anders Adam Tilley Ciaran McGarry	
<b>DRAMA</b>			<b>GERMAN</b>		
4th Year (T1)	Shane Mangan Cain Carson Ryan Cromwell		4th Year (T1)	Sean Coll Thomas Coll Cormac Hayes	
4th Year (T2)	Sean Coll Nathan Tobin Tiernan O'Toole		4th Year (T2)	Thomas Coll Sean Coll James Delaney	
<b>ENGLISH</b>			<b>HISTORY</b>		
4th Year (T1)	James Anders Thomas Coll Sean Coll	Cain Carson Conor Farrell James O'Neill	4th Year (T1)	James O'Neill Cain Carson Glynn Jones	
4th Year (T2)	Allan Thomas Patrick Cojocar Luke Clucas	Adam Tilley Thomas Keogh Kevin Staveley	4th Year (T2)	Sean Coll Thomas Coll Tiernan O'Toole	



# AWARD WINNERS

SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT	SUBJECT	ACADEMIC	MERIT	
<b>ICT</b>			<b>PE</b>			
<b>4th Year ECDL (T1)</b>	Sean Coll Thomas Coll Allen Thomas		<b>4th Year (T2)</b>	Jack O'Brien Cormac Hayes Tiernan O'Toole	Cain Carson John Kannankara Muhamed El Shamaa	
<b>4th Year ECDL (T2)</b>	James Anders Patrick Cojocararu Tiernan O'Toole		<b>RELIGION</b>			
<b>4th Year ICT (T1)</b>	Kevin Staveley Ryan Cromwell Evan Cleary		<b>4th Year</b>	Ciaran McGarry Sean Coll Ryan Cromwell	Hisham Ahmed Conor Farrell Adam Tilley	
<b>4th Year ICT (T2)</b>	Evan Cleary Craig Mason Kevin Staveley		<b>SCIENCE</b>			
<b>IRISH</b>			<b>4th Year (T1)</b>	Adam Tilley Cain Carson Thomas Keogh		
<b>4th Year (T1)</b>	James Anders James O'Neill Tiernan O'Toole		<b>4th Year (T2)</b>	James Anders Sean Coll Thomas Coll		
<b>4th Year (T2)</b>	Dylan Forde Conor Farrell Ben Xue		<b>PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS</b>			
<b>JOURNALISM</b>			Luke Clucas, Patrick Cojocararu, Sean Coll, Thomas Coll, Agustin Gual de Torrella, David Vickers, Cormac Hayes, Thomas Keogh, James O'Neill			
<b>4th Year (T1)</b>	David Vickers Matthew Bright Ryan Cromwell		<b>TY SPIRIT AWARDS</b>			
<b>MATHS</b>			Thomas Coll, James Anders, Ryan Cromwell, James Delaney, Matthew Bright, Shane Mangan, Sean Coll, Cain Carson, Jack O'Brien, Luke Clucas - <b>Winner:</b> Luke Clucas			
<b>4th Year (T1)</b>	Thomas Coll Sean Coll John Paul Verdon	<b>TY STUDENT OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS</b>				
<b>4th Year (T2)</b>	Adam Tilley Cain Carson Thomas Keogh	James Anders, Patrick Cojocararu, Sean Coll, Hishan Ahmed, Luke Clucas, Cain Carson, Ryan Cromwell <b>Winner:</b> James Anders				
<b>PE</b>			<b>TY SPORTS</b>			
<b>4th Year (T1)</b>	Sean Coll James Anders Hishan Ahmed	Thomas Coll Gerson Panganiban Patrick Cojocararu	<b>U17 Player of the Year</b> – Luke Clucas			
			<b>TY DRAMA PERFORMANCE</b>			
			Thomas Coll			
			<b>ERST SOCIAL OUTREACH AWARD WINNER</b>			
			James O'Neill			



# GAISCE



## Trip to KNOCKREE YOUTH HOSTEL



On May 5th 24 TY students headed off on a hike in Wicklow as part of the Gaisce programme. Overall it took us 6 hours to get to the hostel in Knockree, it was tiring but we all powered through. We walked over 25 km of steep and rocky terrain.

At the end of our tiring walk we arrived at Knockree and got our rooms. When dinner time came our cooks, GV Ludovice, Cain Carson, James Anders, Gerson Panganiban and Kevin Stavely made dinner and breakfast. The food was delicious and we had great fun. We arrived back to Bray the next day tired but with a great sense of achievement.



The President's Award or 'An Gaisce' is a personal development programme designed for young people aged 15-25. It encourages participants to learn something new, get active and make a difference in their local community. An Gaisce is the country's most prestigious and respected youth programme. It is a direct challenge from the President of Ireland to all young people to dream big and realise your potential. Participants set their own challenges and personal goals, which first have to be approved by a President's Award Leader (PAL). I personally participated in An Gaisce this year and I'm finding it very beneficial, educational and fun.

An Gaisce is divided into three award levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Each level demands more and more time and effort than the previous level.

An Gaisce consists of 5 key challenge areas: four for Bronze and Silver, and five for Gold. The key challenge areas are:

1. Community Involvement: Volunteer in one area of your local community that you have a passion for and want to make a difference in. I volunteered in my local charity shop. I gained valuable experience talking to customers and organising shelves, and I really enjoyed it.
2. Personal Skill: This challenge area encourages participants to develop a new skill based on their interests. I went to a free web design course my school was offering in order to complete this area. I learned a lot and gained a great insight into a career in professional web design.
3. Physical Recreation: This area involves getting active and staying healthy. I took up badminton for this challenge area. I'm still playing and I've made lots of new friends.
4. Adventure Journey: This is a trip, organised and carried by participants in small groups. The groups should plan the entire excursion, including over-night accommodation, equipment and mode(s) of transport. For this we did a hike in Wicklow and stayed overnight in Knockree.
5. Residential Project (Gold Level only): The Residential Project is all about experiencing an unfamiliar environment, surrounded by not your usual companions. During the Project you will work to achieve a common goal with your new acquaintances.

From my experiences of An Gaisce, I think it is very worthwhile. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to learn something new, get active and make a difference. It is one of my most memorable parts of Transition Year. It demands a lot of time, but I got a lot more out of it.

# MINI COMPANY

All Your Clock Needs



As part of the TY Business module we were given the task to start our own business or mini company. We divided up into groups of 5 or less and started brainstorming to come up with various ideas. After this, we shortlisted the ideas we felt had most potential and carried out preliminary market research. This research identified the idea that was most viable. Further research was then carried out among our target market to determine things like price, packaging etc.

There were many great ideas this year such as handmade wooden clocks, PE gearbags, personalised t-shirts and portable phone chargers. It was a great opportunity to be creative and also learn how a business is run. We learned a lot particularly in areas such as market research, advertising, promotion and accounting.

In December we held a trade fair in the school to sell our goods to the rest of the school. There was a great buzz and plenty of profit was made.

All groups then had to present their idea to Mr Taylor, using Powerpoint and a written report. The 2 best groups "All Your Clock Needs" and "USBois" went forward to represent the school in the regional finals of the Student Enterprise Awards in Dun Laoghaire.



## WORK EXPERIENCE

by JAMES ANDERS

As part of the Transition Year course each student had to do a mandatory 3 weeks of work experience. Some of the placements included:

- An Garda Síochána
- NTES- An IT Company
- FAAC Electronics
- SBLM – Architecture Company
- McCaffrey's pharmacy
- Total Elegance

Shoreline Leisure Centre  
Master's Temple Martial Arts Club  
My two placements for the first and second work experience weeks were with NTES IT and FAAC electronics.

When I was in NTES I was based in Limerick and spent a week there living with the owner of the company. From there I travelled around the country to businesses', mostly hotels, fixing problems they have on their servers and with their internet.

I was then based out in City West with FAAC. Here I worked alongside the head electronics engineer to fix problems they had with the machines and also make printed circuit boards (PCB'S).

For my third work experience week I got a placement in Bray Garda Station. During this week I attended court hearings, accompanied the community guard to a drug talk, attended a funeral and caught a few speeders. On the last day I gave a tour around the cells to a youth group.

Overall I really enjoyed my work experience and I think it's a great part of the Transition Year course as it gives students a taste of what it's like to be actually working and focused us on possible future careers.

HISTORY AND HERITAGE TOURS

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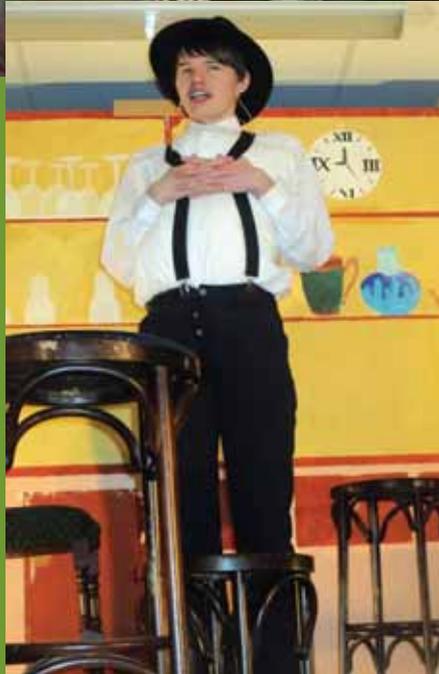
The History & Heritage trips are a great opportunity for the students to engage with the Ancient East. Sites, tours and exhibitions of cultural and historical importance are visited each week which gives the boys a super insight into Ireland's history and development through the centuries.

The boys also get to climb and walk some of the East Coast's most beautiful pathways such as Glendalough, Killiney Hill, Djouce and many more. By the end of each year they have made a real and meaningful connection with the history & heritage of Ireland and in particular, the Ancient East.



ZOO





# THE FIELD

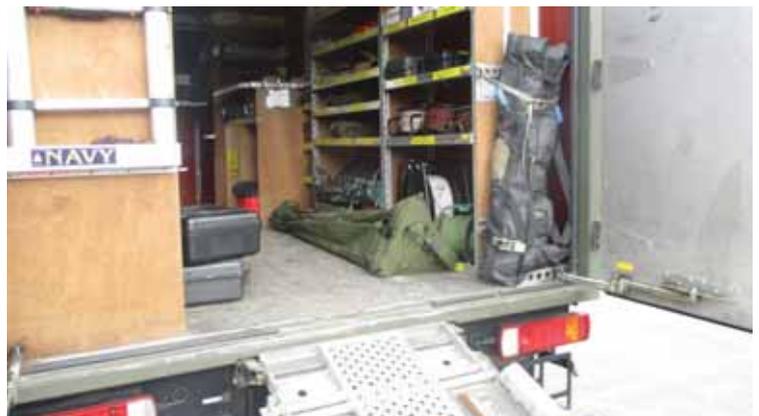
This year, the Transition Year play was an adaptation of the Irish classic 'The Field' by John B Keane. The story of Thady 'The Bull' McCabe and his love for land, the lengths he will go to in order to get what he wants and his hatred of outsiders. The majority of TY students were involved with the production in some way, but not everyone was on stage. The play was performed for parents and visitors on 12th April. All of the cast were a bit nervous but we managed to pull off a great performance. I don't think any of us will forget our lines any time soon. The advice I would give to next year's Transition Year would be to go for it! In my opinion it is well worth it in the end and you get as much out of it as you put in to it.



FENCING



ARMY BOMB SQUAD



CAST:

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Thomas Coll     | Thady "The Bull" McCabe |
| Anthony Duffy   | Tadhg McCabe            |
| Shane Mangan    | "The Bird" O'Donnell    |
| Cain Carson     | Mick Flanagan           |
| Ryan Cromwell   | Maimie Flanagan         |
| Kevin Staveley  | Maggie Butler           |
| Patrick Cojocar | William Dee             |
| James Anders    | Leamy Flanagan          |
| Seán Coll       | Dandy McCabe            |
| Justin Samson   | Mrs. McCabe             |
| Nathan Tobin    | Sergeant Leahy          |
| Adam Tilley     | Fr. Murphy              |
| Ian Byrne       | Bishop                  |

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|----------------|----------|
| James O'Neill  | } Rebels |
| Cormac Hayes   |          |
| Glynn Jones    |          |
| Patryk Marchel |          |



AVOCA TRIP



In January, the TY group, headed off to Avoca Manor, Avoca, Co Wicklow for two nights. When we arrived we were assigned our rooms and then the activities began. The first activity involved lying on what looked like a large skateboard – it got very competitive! After that we played football, explored the area and did some meditation.

On the 2nd day we broke up into groups and did five activities – planking, puzzle challenge, archery,

obstacle course and finally a race involving a large bin of water and egg cartons! They were great fun, I particularly enjoyed the obstacle course. After the group activities we all got back together to do rock climbing. This was a big hit with all the lads. That night we sat around a large bonfire, telling stories and toasting marshmallows.

Overall it was a wonderful experience and is one of the many highlights of transition year.



Céilidh



On the 19th of April St. Joseph's Secondary School in Rush, Co. Dublin visited St. Brendan's to participate in an annual Céilidh Dance.

Here we learnt some old traditional Irish dancing céils, such as "The Wall of Limerick" and "The Siege of Ennis".

We also learnt two set dances, one of which was American in origin. Every student in transition year participated in this event and even the teachers got involved! It was great fun, once we got over our inhibitions!



ACHILL ISLAND



On October 14th Transition year were given the chance to go to the Achill Islands for a 2 night stay. It was a long journey, first we got a train to Castlebar and then a bus across to Achill Island. When we arrived we were assigned our houses.

On our first day in Achill as we arrived they told us to get into swim gear because we were going surfing. When we got to Achill beach they taught us how to get on a surf board and how to get out of the water if you got dragged under. It was really fun as the waves were huge making the whole experience more enjoyable.

Next day we went bog snorkelling, it was the best fun! We had different obstacle courses to complete. But the best one was when we had to jump into the bog and also when we played bog rugby.

When we got back we had free time in our houses and then set off after lunch to go cliff jumping. By the time people got to the spot we were all tired, as it was a long trek up and we were wearing life jackets and helmets. It was difficult but in the end we had great sport jumping off a 30 foot high rock.

On our last day in the Achill Islands we went Kayaking. We had a quick game of King of the Sea where you had to be the last one on your kayak and people have to try to capsize you. It was really enjoyable. After that we left to go back to Bray. We will always remember Achill Islands as such an enjoyable experience.

**ECDL** By **ALLEN THOMAS**

ECDL stands for European Computer Driving License. It is made up of 7 modules, such as word processing and databases. The modules are available online so you can study them at home also.

When you are finished the module you can take the test online. The pass grade is 75% or higher. I found the modules on spreadsheets, databases and IT security the most difficult.

I found the course very worthwhile. It has given me a very solid foundation in IT and it is good to put on your CV.

WEB DESIGN COURSE

A free web design course was offered to TY students this year. It ran after school on Wednesdays for 15 weeks. For the first half of the course we learned about HTML (Hyper Text Mark-up Language). We learned how to make simple webpages with pictures, tables, lines, headers and changing font style and colour using only text and 'Notepad.' 'Notepad' is a default, plain-text application installed on all Windows PCs. The later part was spent learning to use 'Xara Web Designer.' It is software that used by businesses to create professional websites and webpages. Although it required no HTML knowledge, it was still fun to use. The objective of the course was to create and upload a website made by the students. The final product of the course was a website at: <http://www.stbrendanstydesign.com/>

I thought it was a very worthwhile and enjoyable course to do. The teacher was very informative and clear.

By **SÉAN COLL**





# LONDON

On the first day of our Transition Year trip to London we booked into the Meininger Hostel. From there, we took the Underground into the heart of London, where we did a boat tour on the River Thames. There we saw multiple landmarks, such as, the London Eye, The Elizabeth Tower, Big Ben and The Tower Bridge.

Later that night we went to Camden Market. Anything and everything was available to buy and eat, ranging from London's finest clothing to Korea's specialties in food. Personally, my favourite part of this was trying the food from different nations, Hungary's Kürtőskalács was my favourite treat.

On the second day, we got the opportunity to train with one of Watford's coaches. Training was fun as it was very dynamic and a good few games were played. One of the games involved 2 teams, every member of the team had a number between 1 and 7. If your number was called, you were required to sprint to a ball and score while trying to beat

the opposing team member with the same number.

When training was over we all headed towards Watford stadium to watch their game against Stoke City. Before entering the stadium, everyone got the opportunity to buy something from the club's official shop. We had

centre's in Europe. We had such little time for such a massive place but we got everything done and managed to find time for a pizza!

We started off our last day, by visiting Buckingham Palace and going for a long walk. The walk was pretty good as we learned things every step of the way. We



saw loads of amazing cars as it is a very wealthy area.

Shortly after the walk, we were picked up at the Meininger Hostel by a large bus with all of our luggage. We then headed to Thorpe Park. This amusement park had to be the highlight to everyone's trip. Everyone had the chance to go on every ride twice.

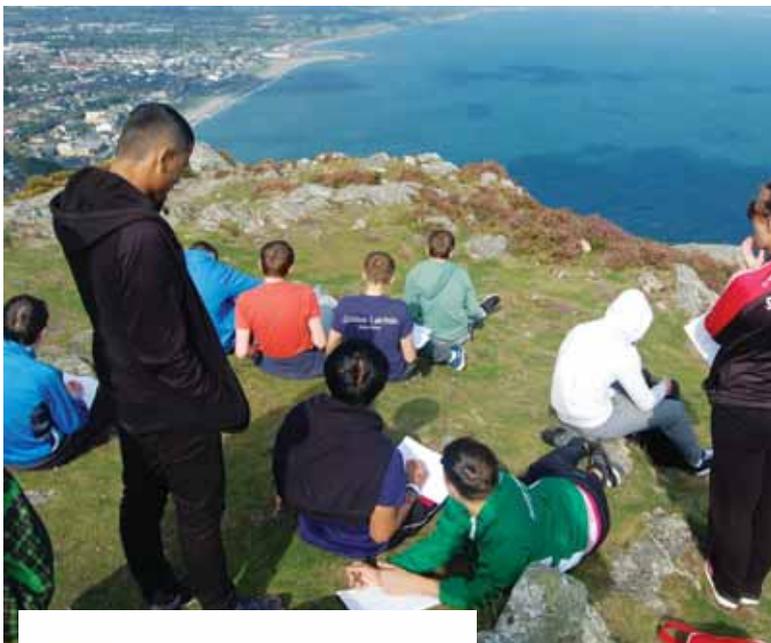
After a good few hours of a non-stop adrenaline rush, the trip came to an end and we were off to the airport. Overall, this trip was the highlight of my year.

amazing seats and the atmosphere was fantastic.

We then went to Westfield Shopping Centre, one of the largest shopping



# GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO BRAY

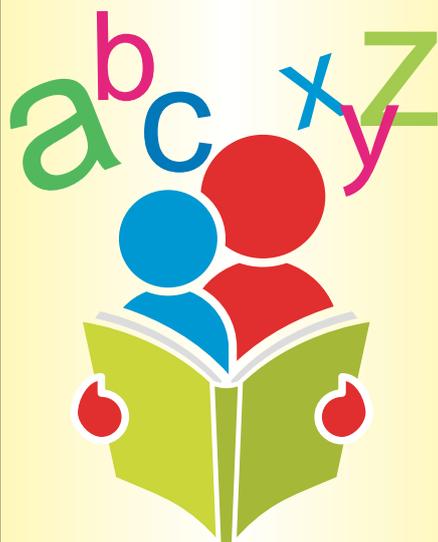


## PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

This year in Transition year we were given the opportunity to do a photography class with Una Armstrong from Armstrong Photography. She started off the class by showing us various equipment such as cameras, reflectors and light meters. The light meters pick up on the level of light in the room and measures it. After this we were ready to take some photos. We started off by modelling in our own photoshoots and we then left the classroom to get more shots. Overall, it was a great opportunity. We picked up some really handy tips to take a better photo.



# LITERACY



As part of the literacy drive in St Brendan's College, a creative writing competition was held with the focus on developing writing skills and promoting an interest in the area. The theme of the competition was "Change". The following is a selection of work.

MS SHIELY



## New Beginnings

By CONOR KNOX

A bird once leaped from o'er his nest  
And fell for all of time  
The sun, it formed a violet crest  
The wind – a silent chime.

But as he fell, and took defeat  
His mind began to clear;  
Life was now an empty sheet  
The future, sharp and sheer.

He cut his wing, pain was the end  
He paused to wonder why.  
But he pressed on, embraced and then  
Tried to touch the sky.

He would never regret, the solemn choice  
He made, to jump that night  
Though wrought with trouble, he gained a voice  
And found the will for flight.



## I Hold The Silk Of The Sea

By ELDHOOSE ALIAS

I hang to the seafloor,  
Clutching with my dear life,  
Making threads to stick, to hold, to tie...  
They are pretty, my threads –  
They shimmer in the sun  
They are golden as the sun and illuminate  
I am lost without them,  
Simply floating in the sea  
With no control, simply floating without  
destination.  
This is my destiny.  
This place, this portion of sand, this exact  
space.  
And my beautiful threads, they keep me here.  
I will be lost without them.  
Wandering with the nomads,  
Exploring, discovering, loosing control!

The silk of the sea  
Is the pearl of my life  
Is the beard of my body  
Is the anchor of my soul  
It keeps me from reaching out  
Keeps me still, stagnant to the sea,  
Clutching to the floor.  
I should be grateful, should.  
For in the turbulent sea  
Filled with exotic life,  
There are life-threatening, life-taking  
experiences.  
Here, there is none, nothing at all.  
I should be celebrating  
Here, with my treasure safe, my shell smooth,  
My life secure.

## Change

By CALLUM BRIERTON



Awash, swirling swash  
Rolling tentatively, waiting.  
The pattern:  
Will the waxing crescent quash?

This great brine is but  
A Tantalus.

Forever fixed, domiciled there yet moving  
Indefinitely.  
Changing and not.  
Its own sinusoidal behooving.



## The Necessity of Change

By FINN RICHARDSON

Everything must change. If everything doesn't change it will stay the same, without progress or improvement. Nothing new or exciting will ever happen; no new discoveries will ever be made.

Rules must change because times change, people change and situations change and they may no longer apply as they did when the rules were created originally.

Seasons change because of a tilt on the earth's axis which enables it to move slightly over time. Therefore, we get our different seasons over the course of a year.

Weather changes. If the weather didn't change our seasons would stay the same, plants would not grow, we as humans and animals would not get fed.

Animals change. Animals have changed and evolved over time. In prehistoric times the dinosaurs roamed the earth. We as humans could not have competed with them to survive. Species of animals have died out and become extinct. Animals must adapt to their environment and change with it, whether it is to hide from aggressors or to prey on those lower down the food chain.

Humans change. People have changed, grown and adapted as time has passed.

Religion changes. As people have evolved they have questioned the sacred texts of long ago. This has created controversy and new religions have formed. In ancient times Martin Luther questioned the Catholic Church and its rules and regulations and formed a new religion called Protestantism.

I have changed. I am now taller, older and better at sport (I hope!).

St Brendan's has changed with the completion of our new school building. We have now evolved as Woodbrook College.

Everything must change for progress to happen. If everything didn't change we would probably be stuck in a time warp, living in caves, hiding from dinosaurs, starving, with no education, no iPhones, no hurling. Life would be pretty grim.

## Change

By LIAM PRENTER MORRIS



It comes from nowhere, creeping up with aggressive subtlety,  
A gentle breeze turn hurricane,  
Leaving you frozen and awaiting the next to come.

It is a mischievous thing as transparent as the wind,  
Convolved in our minds, it is a sudden revelation  
That in itself is easily foreseen.

But we are blinded to it.  
Time is its source, its maker,  
It does not run or hide.  
It is neither deceptive nor threatening -  
Unprecedented.  
It is simple, it is inevitable  
It is change.

# DERRY/BELFAST TRIP

By RORY ELLARD

The biennial trip to Northern Ireland was a great success. Our 5th and 6th year history classes were brought to Northern Ireland by Mr. Murphy and Mr. Meyler to learn more about the Troubles and sectarianism in the North.

Lasting three days, the trip began outside St. Brendan's at 8 am, followed by a 4 hour bus journey to (London) Derry City. We arrived around lunchtime with everyone eager to learn and discover. Our first outing consisted of a guided walk around the unique walls of the Maiden City. Adrian, our guide and former civil rights activist, gave a comprehensive history of the city from the Spanish Armada in the 16th Century right up to the present day. His vast knowledge along with his personal experiences, including Bloody Sunday, combined to give a rare and exclusive account of life in Derry during the Troubles.

Our next stop was the Apprentice Boys' Hall. Unexpectedly, our guide (an Apprentice from the Campsie Club) showed no facets of the self-righteous Apprentice Boys that taunted and oppressed Catholics for decades. His attitude was a reflection of how far ecumenism and the peace process had come in Derry since the 1998 Good Friday Agreement. He mentioned how the issue of 'Londonderry' or 'Derry' only concerns people outside the county and how the annual Apprentice marches pass off peacefully. He guided us through the momentous Siege of Derry 1689. He was unbiased and his modest attitude was something which took many of us by surprise.

That evening we checked-in to the hotel after a more than active day. After dinner, we had a short quiz (a pound to play), in which the victors took the cash. Thankfully, I was one of them! We soon retired to our beds to revitalise ourselves for the next day.

The next morning, we made our way to the Foyle Peace Bridge, which joins the largely unionist 'Waterside' with the largely nationalist 'City/Bogside'. This piece of architectural beauty is one of the dividends of



the peace process and acts as a symbol of ecumenism. Following this, we paid a visit to the Bloody Sunday Museum, an archive of the events leading up to Bloody Sunday 1972 and the infamous day itself. We were also shown the various types of bullets (eg rubber and plastic) used by the police forces and British Army against the Civil Rights protestors. From here, our tour guide took us to the 'Bogside' of Derry. We visited famous streets and murals and discussed some of the events of "The Troubles". Our guide, a former IRA prisoner, had a wealth of information. He explained the various murals, including the famous 'Free Derry Wall', and told us some personal stories. His first-hand accounts made him a great guide and he was well received by everyone from St. Brendan's.

After lunch, we made the journey to Belfast. We paid a visit to the Ulster Museum, which included a detailed visual account of "The Troubles" and its effect on the province. The Museum contained a wealth of relevant information which will be useful for our Leaving Cert Examination. We then took in the infamous Falls Road (nationalist) and Shankill Road (loyalist). Both working class areas, decorated with political/ religious murals, are divided by the 'peace walls'. These walls, originally designed to stop sectarian violence,

are daunting and really highlighted the sectarian tensions that still exist in Belfast, particularly for us outsiders. We made a stop at a section of the wall where we could write our very own 'words of wisdom' and push for peace. For us, the sight of the wall amplified the tensions in Belfast and gave us a far better understanding of the divisions. In this day and age, most people are waiting for Belfast to have a Berlin moment and tear down the wall.

On the final day, we began with a visit to Stormont parliament building. Whilst a wonderful piece of architectural beauty (perfect for photographs), this imperious building acted as a symbol of unionist triumphalism. From Stormont, we made our way into the city centre to learn more about the Belfast Blitz of 1941. Our tour guide showed us the key sites from the horrific events of 1941, including City Hall, the shipyards and the working class area of New Lodge. We also visited the NI War Memorial Museum which offered plenty of information and facts. This was particularly beneficial with the Blitz being a case study on our course. Afterwards, we made a quick stop at Queen's University Belfast. Steeped in history, the building certainly lived up to its billing. With our trip to Northern Ireland drawing to a close, we went into the city centre for lunch and any last minute shopping. With everything done, we got back on the coach and made our way back to Bray.

In full, the trip was a fantastic journey from start to finish and will live long in the minds of those who travelled. Thanks to Mr. Meyler and Mr. Murphy for organising such an informative and relevant trip.



# Amber Flag

By  
MS SYRON

The school has been awarded the Amber Flag, an award bestowed upon schools who have implemented a culture of positive mental health. Some of the initiatives involved included Thought of the Day, Fun Friday, Positive Mental Health Week, Sugar Week, Remembrance Garden along with a coffee morning for parents. The Amber Flag has proven to be hugely popular with students and has opened the channels of communication raising key issues and strengthening the relationship between staff and students.

**Amber Flag Committee:** Back (l-r): Ethan Lacey, Stephen Duffy; Middle: Ms Hargan, Ms Syron, George Carstairs, Kiane Byrne, Patryk Ostapczuk, Richard Kitkan, Ms O'Neil; Front: Mr O'Brien, Frances Calitaba, Eckener Adizon, Joven Sagrado, Quentin Crinion, Ms Dwane



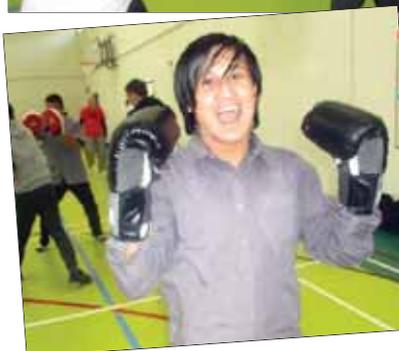
## CAKE SALE



## PILATES



## BOXING



## CALISTHENICS



## PHOTO BOOTH



## LIGHT SABER



## REMEMBRANCE GARDEN



## TIN FOIL TOSS



## ANIMALS



## SCHOOL BAND



## SCOOPS



## SPELLING BEE



# GREEN COMMITTEE



## Energised and Ready!

This year the Green Committee was focused on achieving a second Green Flag on the theme of Energy. It had been difficult for us last year in the old school building to try and effect any real change in a building that had absolutely no insulation or modern technology to help us, but we were determined to achieve our goal.

We began the year by measuring and monitoring all of the energy that was being used in the old building. As anyone who has spent a winter in the old building knows, insulation was zero and we were using a lot of energy. We focused on the new building and trying to ensure that we achieved the highest energy rating possible. The committee submitted a report outlining what we hoped to see in the new building and we are delighted to see that the new building meets all of our expectations and more. The building now officially has a B energy rating.

When we had settled into the new school we ran a competition to try and come up with a new Green Code. This code is supposed to reflect all of our work on the Energy and Litter & Waste theme. Eventually Danben Adam, Ameesh, Daniel and Rei Daniel were declared the winners for their entry: "St Brendan's College: Save the power, save the pride, the greener the school, the cleaner inside". After that the activity continued with Workshops for Fifth Years on Climate Change, Tree



*Ms Suzanne Hand, Ryan Cromwell, Steven Duffy, Callum Berry, Leslin Vinod, Evan Cleary, Kevin Bushe, Eduard Cojocar, Adam Bushe, Luke Murray, Aaron Lacey, Luke McCormack*

Planting with Transition Years in Shankill, a visit to the Green Expo for the Green Committee, LCA constructing a "recycled" Christmas tree and of course our annual visit from Dean Eaton of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council. Dean was really impressed by the new building but especially impressed by the students he met. They answered all of his questions without hesitation and here special mention would have to be given to Monty Al Halal in 5th Year.

In April after a nervous wait we received notification that the second flag had been awarded. It was a great relief but also a great achievement for everyone in the school. The ceremony on May 26th was a great day out for those members of the committee who were selected to attend. However I have to take this opportunity to thank all members of the committee who worked so hard this year. If I could have brought you all to the ceremony I would! On a more personal note I would like to say thank you and good luck to the Green Committee members past and present. After 4 years as the Co-ordinator I have decided to give somebody else the opportunity to refresh the team. I have so enjoyed working with all of the students over the years whose enthusiasm and dedication in the rain and cold when litter picking or making compost or planting has never ceased to amaze me. I have always been so proud when guest speakers or outside visitors have praised your efforts. I hope when you look at the front of the school and see two green flags flying you are all proud of your contribution, I know I am.

**MS S HAND**



As part of the Amber Flag initiative, fun activities were organised during lunch every Friday. These included Karaoke, Table Football, Wheel of Fun, Sugar Challenge, Skipathon, Blind Man's Buff, plank and various other challenges. This will continue next year as students really enjoyed it.

# FUN FRIDAY

By MS SYRON



## The Student Council

The student council in St Brendan's is a committee run by students for students. We represent the student body to voice their opinions on issues such as uniform and canteen. The members of the student council are elected by their classmates to represent their respective year group.

We meet on a Thursday, every 2-3 weeks, where meetings are chaired by Ryan Cromwell. Feedback is presented to Mr Taylor. This year we organised a non-uniform day for charity and also got a memorial bench erected in honour of loved ones that have passed away.

As the Students Council's year comes to an end, we look forward to next year and to continuing the vital tradition of giving students a voice. Overall it is a great outlet for ideas in an attempt to better our day to day school lives and to allow the school to operate in a way where every student feels valued.

By RYAN DOYLE



Back (l-r): Eckener Adizon, Ryan Doyle, Ryan Cromwell, Jack Harvey, Josh Drew, Dillion Watters. Front: Alex Griffin, Rian Knox, Evan Leahy, Patrick Atueyi, Jack McDonald

# AWARD WINNERS 2016



	ACADEMIC	MERIT
<b>ART</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Eoin Bande	Patrick Kuzma
<b>2nd Year</b>	Chris Eduard Grefaldeo	Christian Tamayo
<b>3rd Year</b>	Mohammed Boulbassir	George Carstairs
<b>5th Year</b>	Quentin Crinion	Dylan Waters
<b>BIOLOGY</b>		
<b>5th Year</b>	Francis Calitraba Stephen Cahill	Nathan O'Neill Nathan Quinn Brennan
<b>BUSINESS STUDIES/BUSINESS</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Leslin Vinod Alan Piegza	Daragh O'Connor DJ Drohan
<b>2nd Year</b>	Emil Roy	Jordan Whyte
<b>3rd Year</b>	Kevin Bordian	Elvis Karoblis
<b>5th Year</b>	Stephen Cahill	James Mulrooney
<b>CHEMISTRY</b>		
<b>5th Year</b>	Ryan Howlett	Eoghan Hogan
<b>CSPE</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Eoin Bande Leslin Vinod Eduard Cojocar	Alan Piegza Peter Duffy Adam Bushe
<b>2nd Year</b>	Luke Weir Christian Tomayo Josh Carry	Eibhin Flanagan Joey Yu Adam Farrell
<b>3rd Year</b>	Luke Murray Daniel Murphy	George Carstairs Kevin Bushe
<b>ECONOMICS</b>		
<b>5th Year</b>	Stephen Cahill	Ryan Doyle
<b>ENGLISH</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Luke McCormack Leslin Vinod Adam Bushe	DJ Drohan Amer Boulbassir Eduard Cojocar
<b>2nd Year</b>	Daniel Osoianu Josh Carry Christian Tamayo	Jack McDonald Jordan Sargeant Mantas Kasiulevicius
<b>3rd Year</b>	Chris Wall Eldho Tsaju Bradley Daly	George Carstairs Jamie Byrne Elvis Karoblis
<b>5th Year</b>	Athul Biju Francis Calitraba Robert McDonnell	Steven Duffy Emmet McDonagh James Hanway
<b>FRENCH</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Leslin Vinod	Marcus White
<b>2nd Year</b>	Christian Tamayo	Ross Roche
<b>3rd Year</b>	Jamie Byrne	Lee Brennan
<b>5th Year</b>	Eckener Adizon	Artur Vadaniuc
<b>GEOGRAPHY</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Leslin Vinod Adam Bushe DJ Drohan	Ameesj Bainsraj Eduard Cojocar Marcus White
<b>2nd Year</b>	Jordan Whyte Konrad Bzdyra Josh Carry	Eibhin Flanagan Nathan Coussay Evan Leahy
<b>3rd Year</b>	Elvis Karoblis Daniel Murphy	Leon Flynn Ralph Lacap
<b>5th Year</b>	Robert McDonnell	Steven Duffy
<b>GERMAN</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Eoin Bande	Paulius Rutkauskas
<b>2nd Year</b>	Joey Yu	Patryk Ostapczuk
<b>3rd Year</b>	Lewis Kinlan	Elvis Karoblis
<b>5th Year</b>	Abdurrahman Hammad	Nathan Quinn Brennan
<b>HISTORY</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Luke McCormack Eduard Cojocar Enda Douglas	DJ Drohan Andy Wall Nicholas Flynn
<b>2nd Year</b>	Patrick Atueyi Jordan Whyte Josh Carry	Mantas Kasiulevicius Sam Barsoum John Moorehouse
<b>3rd Year</b>	Luke Kenny Olegs Maksimovs Robert McDonnell	Ralph Lacap Lee Livingstone James Mulrooney

	ACADEMIC	MERIT
<b>IRISH</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Leslin Vinod Eoin Bande	Amer Boulbassir DJ Drohan
<b>2nd Year</b>	Patryk Ostapczuk Christian Tamayo	Adam Farrell Finn Richardson
<b>3rd Year</b>	Luke Kenny Ralph Lacap	Kevin Bordian Jason Matthews
<b>5th Year</b>	Robert McDonnell Dominick Tucker	Ryan Howlett Nathan Devlin
<b>LCPV</b>		
<b>5th Year</b>	Eckener Adizon	Derek Sequeira
<b>MATERIALS TECHNOLOGY WOOD/CONSTRUCTION STUDIES</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Marcus White Adam Bushe Paulius Rutkauskas	Oisín Grassick Jonny Connors Muntaser Al Akari
<b>2nd Year</b>	Patryk Ostapczuk Mihai Andronic	Eibhin Flanagan Brandon King
<b>3rd Year</b>	Rian Knox	George Carstairs
<b>5th Year</b>	James Veltom	Ben Guest
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Adam Bushe Eoin Bande Peter Duffy	Mitch Johnson DJ Drohan Paulius Rutkauskas
<b>2nd Year</b>	Chris Eduard Grefaldeo Christian Tamayo Josh Carry	Cory Hayes Mihai Andronic Adam Farrell
<b>3rd Year</b>	Lee Livingstone Ethan Duggan Rian Knox	Mohammed Boulbassir Kiane Byrne Jamie Farrell
<b>5th Year</b>	Derek Sequeira Ryan Corcoran Ben Guest	Eckener Adizon Steven Duffy Ian Kirwan
<b>PE</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Paulius Rutkauskas Adam Seong Adam Bushe	Conor Murphy Eoin Bande Luke O'Brien
<b>2nd Year</b>	Finn Richardson Jamie Nelson Evan Leahy	Eibhin Flanagan Mihai Andronic Josh Carry
<b>3rd Year</b>	Lewis Kinlan Adam Coakley	Sean McGovern Elvis Karoblis
<b>5th Year</b>	David Rohlik Alex Vortolomei	Ryan Doyle Nathan O'Neill
<b>PHYSICS</b>		
<b>5th Year</b>	Derek Sequeira	Anton de Rivas
<b>RELIGION</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Alan Piegza Darragh O'Connor Leslin Vinod	Eoin Bande Adam Bushe Oisín Grassick
<b>2nd Year</b>	Jamie Doonan Dylan Kane Evan Leahy	Chris Eduard Grefaldeo Nathan Coussay Jake Daly
<b>3rd Year</b>	Kevin Bushe Chris Wall	Sohail Afshar Bradley Daly
<b>5th Year</b>	Ryan Doyle Anton Rivas	Jake Adamson Emmet McDonagh
<b>SCIENCE</b>		
<b>1st Year</b>	Leslin Vinod Eoin Bande Adam Bushe	Paulius Rutkauskas DJ Drohan Daragh O'Connor
<b>2nd Year</b>	Josh Carry Jacob Kannankara Christian Tomayo	Adam Farrell Eibhin Flanagan Patrick Atueyi
<b>3rd Year</b>	Jamie Byrne Alex Griffin	Ralph Lacap Elvis Karoblis



# 1st/2nd/3rd/5th

## SPORTS AWARDS

**Sportsman of the Year:**  
Alex Vortolomei



1st Year  
Table Tennis  
Player of the Year  
Adam Seong



Athlete of the Year  
Denis Turcanu

Badminton  
Player of the Year  
Emil Roy



Junior Archer of the Year  
Ethan Wilde

### SOCCER

**1st Year** Player of the Year Enda Douglas  
**Under 15** Player of the Year Jamie Nelson  
**Senior** Player of the Year David Rohlik

### HURLING

**1st Year** Player of the Year Adam Bushe  
**Under 15** Player of the Year Conor Pamukcu

### ATHLETICS

Athlete of the Year Denis Turcanu

### RUGBY

**Senior** Player of the Year Ben Guest

### ARCHERY

**Junior** Archer of the Year Ethan Wilde

### TABLE TENNIS

**1st Year** Player of the Year Adam Seong  
**Junior** Player of the Year Rian Knox

### BADMINTON

**Junior** Player of the Year Emil Roy

### ACADEMIC

### MERIT

#### SPHE

<b>1st Year</b>	DJ Drohan Jonny Connors Conor Murphy	Matyas Czagany Andy Wall Eric O'Gorman
<b>2nd Year</b>	Ben Kelly Konrad Bzydra Johnny Cawley	Finn Richardson Ben Jones Evan Leahy
<b>3rd Year</b>	Jamie Byrne Olegs Maksimovs	Aaron Lacey Elvis Karoblis

#### TECHNICAL GRAPHICS/DCG

<b>1st Year</b>	Paulius Rutkauskas	Ameesj Bainsraj
<b>2nd Year</b>	Marcel Kucharczyk Christian Tamayo	Charlie More Konrad Bzydra
<b>3rd Year</b>	Jamie Byrne	Adam Coakley
<b>5th Year</b>	Eckener Adizon	Derek Sequeira

#### PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS

<b>1st Year</b>	Adam Bushe, Darragh Fegan, Leslin Vinod, Daniel Yap
<b>2nd Year</b>	Richard Kitskan, Jack McDonald, Conor Pamukcu, Finn Richardson, Patrick Ateuyi, Joey Yu, Ciaran Doyle
<b>3rd Year</b>	Lee Brennan, Kevin Bushe, Rauf Jafarov, Kiane Byrne
<b>5th Year</b>	Ryan Corcoran

#### YEAR HEAD AWARDS

<b>Collins</b>	Eoin Bande	<b>Darwin</b>	Ralph Lacap
<b>DeValera</b>	Adam Bushe	<b>Newton</b>	Elvis Karoblis
<b>Pearse</b>	Leslin Vinod		
<b>Joyce</b>	Chris Eduard Grefaldeo	<b>Einstein</b>	Ian Kirwan
<b>Shaw</b>	Jack Kinsella	<b>Pythagoras</b>	Derek Sequeira
<b>Yeats</b>	Josh Carry		

# SELFIE CENTRAL



# LCVP

## 2015-16

By  
**DEREK SEQUEIRA**



LCVP (Leaving Cert Vocational programme) is a Leaving Certificate course that students can do if they have a certain combination of subjects. It revolves around 2 modules, the world of work and enterprise education. The written exam is worth 40% of the overall grade and the portfolio is worth 60%. We were encouraged to be innovative and outgoing while completing portfolio. We all developed new skills and improved on our existing ones while also being taught how to get the edge as a jobseeker. The theory is extremely practical and useful and is different to other classes as we learned material we will definitely need such as rights

and responsibilities of an employee, job interview strategies etc.

The portfolio preparation involved team work and individual effort also. We started off the year preparing a Curriculum Vitae and then we conducted a career investigation. This involved researching a career that we were interested in and analysing how viable an option it was for us based on Leaving Certificate subjects, skills, qualities, aptitudes etc.

We then had to work as a team to prepare an Enterprise Report. For this we decided to hold a coffee morning for parents. This was a chance for parents to meet in an informal environment.

We ran it in conjunction with the Amber flag week, so we specifically drew parent's attention to the issue of mental health. The morning was good fun and ran smoothly. We had loads of delicious cakes left over which we sold later on that day and gave the money raised to Aware.

In May, we visited a local enterprise in Bray called Commscope that manufactures cables for internet connections. The company had prepared an excellent presentation and tour of the factory for us. We really enjoyed this experience and learned a huge amount about the company and their product. On return to school, we prepared a written report on the visit.

In April, some of the class did 3 day's work experience. I did my placement in Chanel Pharmaceuticals in Galway. I found it really interesting and I really developed my communication and organisational skills.

Overall LCVP was an enjoyable subject and rather than always reading and writing a lot of it was practical work and team work. I'd really recommend it as a subject to do for the Leaving Certificate.

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

<b>September 7th</b>	Patrick Cojocar (Helpful towards new student)	4th Year
<b>September 21st</b>	Philip Walshe (Leadership skills during Cake Sale)	LCA2
<b>November 16th</b>	Philip Walshe and Cian Morley (School Fun Run)	LCA2
<b>November 23rd</b>	Luke Morley (Setting up TT)	3rd Year
<b>November 30th</b>	Monty Al Halal (Exceptional contribution to Green Comm)	5th year
<b>January 11th</b>	Nathan Devlin (Helping out in Library)	5th Year
<b>January 18th</b>	Santiago de Arribas de Renedo (Helping other students)	6th Year
<b>January 25th</b>	David Rohlik (Cross Country)	5th Year
<b>February 1st</b>	Ian Kirwan (Gesture to Ms Healy)	5th Year
<b>February 18th</b>	Emmet McDonagh (Assisting member of the public)	5th Year
<b>February 29th</b>	Eckener Adizon and Anton de Arribas (Film Winner)	5th Year
<b>March 7th</b>	Leslin Vinod (Standard and level of work in 1st year)	1st Year
<b>April 4th</b>	DJ Drohan (Winner of Maths Storm Competition)	1st Year
<b>April 25th</b>	Luke Clucas and Patrick Cojocar (London Trip)	4th Year
<b>May 2nd</b>	Conor Farrell; Jake Farrell; Ben Guest; Justin Samson (TY Play assistance)	4th Year
<b>May 9th</b>	Santiago de Arribas de Renedo (Helping other students)	6th Year
<b>May 16th</b>	Christian Tamayo and Eduard Grefaldeo	1st Year



# SCIENCE CORNER

Science Club meets on a weekly basis where students carry out fun and interesting science experiments. Some of the projects that students have attempted this year include methane bubbles, tower building, collapsing cans and water rockets.

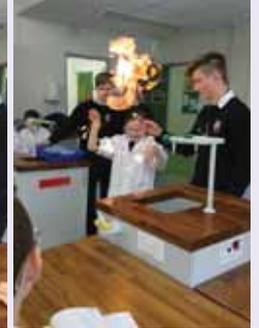
## WORKSHOP WITH ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY



## ST. ANNE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT



St Anne's Primary school visited St. Brendan's college over a number of weeks to enjoy a science afternoon. The students enjoyed making their own fizzy poppers, carrying out flame tests and even got to see a little bit of flame throwing.



## FAREWELL TO 6TH YEARS



# From this...



# to this...



*Conor Martin cutting the ribbon on the students first day in the new school*

The official opening of the new school building and facilities at St. Brendan's College in Woodbrook took place on Friday April 15th. A large number of invited guests including staff members, parents representatives, Board of Management, local TD's and councillors, past-parents and staff, representatives of the Congregation of Irish Christian Brothers, the Edmund Rice Schools Trust as well as other local dignitaries were in attendance.

The official opening was performed by Mary Mitchell O'Connor TD and the blessing

was performed by Monsignor Dan O'Connor from Archbishops House. Prayers of intercession were read by Callum Brierton (Head Boy), Ryan Cromwell (Student Council Chairperson), Rory Ellard (6th Year Prefect), Daniel Munroe (1st Year Prefect), Peggy Masterson (Board of Management), Anne Flynn (Parents Council) and Michael O'Brien (teacher).

There were addresses from Pat Keating (Chairperson of the Board of Management) and John Taylor (School Principal).

Part of the ceremony included the

screening of a specially made DVD by the students looking back at the old school and forward to the new school.

Once the formalities were completed, presentations were made to Mary Mitchell O'Connor and Monsignor Dan O'Connor and then the guests adjourned to the school assembly area for a reception.

The official opening of the new building also marked the rebranding of the new school which will see the school open as a co-educational school in September 2016 under its new name of Woodbrook College.





On May 16th 2016, Mr Taylor and 2nd year students planted a tree in recognition of **St Brendan's College 1956 – 2015**. There is a plaque under the tree to remind us of the happy times so many experienced in the school. From September 2016, the school will be known as **Woodbrook College**.



# Woodbrook College Official Opening



# KEELAN O'CONNOR



The school year of 2015-16 is one that we will all remember when we look back in years to come. We experienced the excitement and relief of moving into our new school building. However, for many, our memories of this school year will be dominated by the sad losses of members of our school community.

The unexpected and sudden death of Keelan O'Connor in 3rd year is a loss that many of us in the school are still coming to terms with. Keelan died from meningitis in September and his sudden passing profoundly saddened his friends, classmates and teachers who had enjoyed his affable presence, just days before, in the school.

Keelan has many friends throughout the school. As a keen and gifted footballer he was known by lads in other years and had made many friendships through football as well as in his 3rd year classes. In 1st year he was presented with the Sports Award of the Year. Those of us who knew him well recall Keelo as easy-going, approachable, genial and quick to smile.

Keelans passing also had a profound effect outside our school and in particular the Fassaroe area where his family live. Those of us who witnessed the candle-lit vigil there will never forget the support that community gave to the O'Connor family when Keelan was returned to the family home.

As often happens, such tragedy and loss can result in a positive response. As year head to Keelan's year group it was heartening to observe our students console each other and rally round to offer support to friends, classmates and in particular the O'Connor family.

There was much ambition to do something that would commemorate and celebrate Keelo. In the following months the school community responded superbly. In April staff and students raised over €10000 in a 24 hour soccer marathon with proceeds going to Meningitis Research.

In May, the inaugural Keelan O'Connor Cup was staged during Sports Day, and will be a feature of every Sports Day hereafter.

In March, our Amber flag project included the planting of a Remembrance Garden that was completed only because of the enthusiasm and hard graft of Keelan's friends throughout the school. These events and other gestures will ensure that Keelan's name and memory will continue as our school moves forward.

I would like to thank Keelan's parents, Leanne and Jono, and the rest of the O'Connor family for their generosity and time after their tragic loss. We hope our continuing efforts to honour and remember Keelan can offer some comfort.

**KENNY BLACK**  
3RD YEAR YEARHEAD

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I would like to thank all the students and staff who have contributed to the yearbook this year. Without them it would not be possible. In particular I would like to thank Ms Syron, Santiago de Arribas de Renedo and Eckener Adizon for all their help with the photos. I hope you enjoyed the read.

**JANET O'BRIEN**



## JACK HARVEY

As our final year draws to a conclusion, we would like to take the time to remember a very special member of our "squad", Jack Harvey.

We all have different memories of Jack but one thing that everyone seems to remember was his constant smile and infectious laugh. Jack was an active member of our school community; not only was he immensely popular amongst his peers, he was also an integral part of the football team throughout his time in St. Brendan's along with being secretary of the Student Council and a member of the Green Committee.

Outside of school, Jack was renowned for his questionable haircuts, obsession with the latest clothes and shoes, his love of a good selfie and a can of coke. Everybody remembers Jack for his 'cheeky chappie' personality, particularly how he never seemed to get into trouble. Not only was Jack hugely appreciated by his classmates, he always got on well with his teachers too.

Jack's kind, genuine and considerate nature means that we will never forget him. We have all learnt a lot this year, in particular the importance of keeping yourself in a state of good mental health through reaching out and talking to someone you trust.

If there's one thing that Jack has taught us, it's that "You'll never walk alone".

**JACK'S FRIENDS**

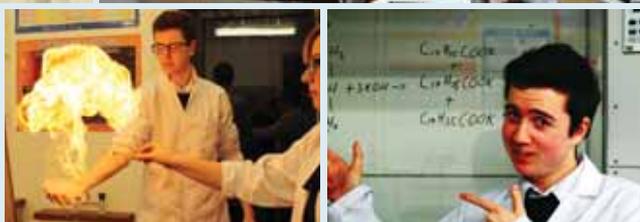
# OPEN NIGHT



We had a huge turnout for our first Open Night in the new school on Tuesday, December 1st. There was a great buzz about the building and those present were very impressed with the new facilities. The brightness and colour coupled with the state-of-the-art equipment throughout the school was a talking point for everyone.

There was a big attendance at the three information talks which were held throughout the evening and these gave the prospective students and their parents some background about the history of the school, the curriculum covered and the exciting future plans for the school. These included the move to co-education from September 2016 as well as our rebranding process which will bring with it a number of significant changes to the school including our name change to "Woodbrook College".

We had a big turnout of present students on the night who assisted the teachers to demonstrate some of the many activities that go on in a busy school and all of these students proved excellent ambassadors for the school on the night.



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