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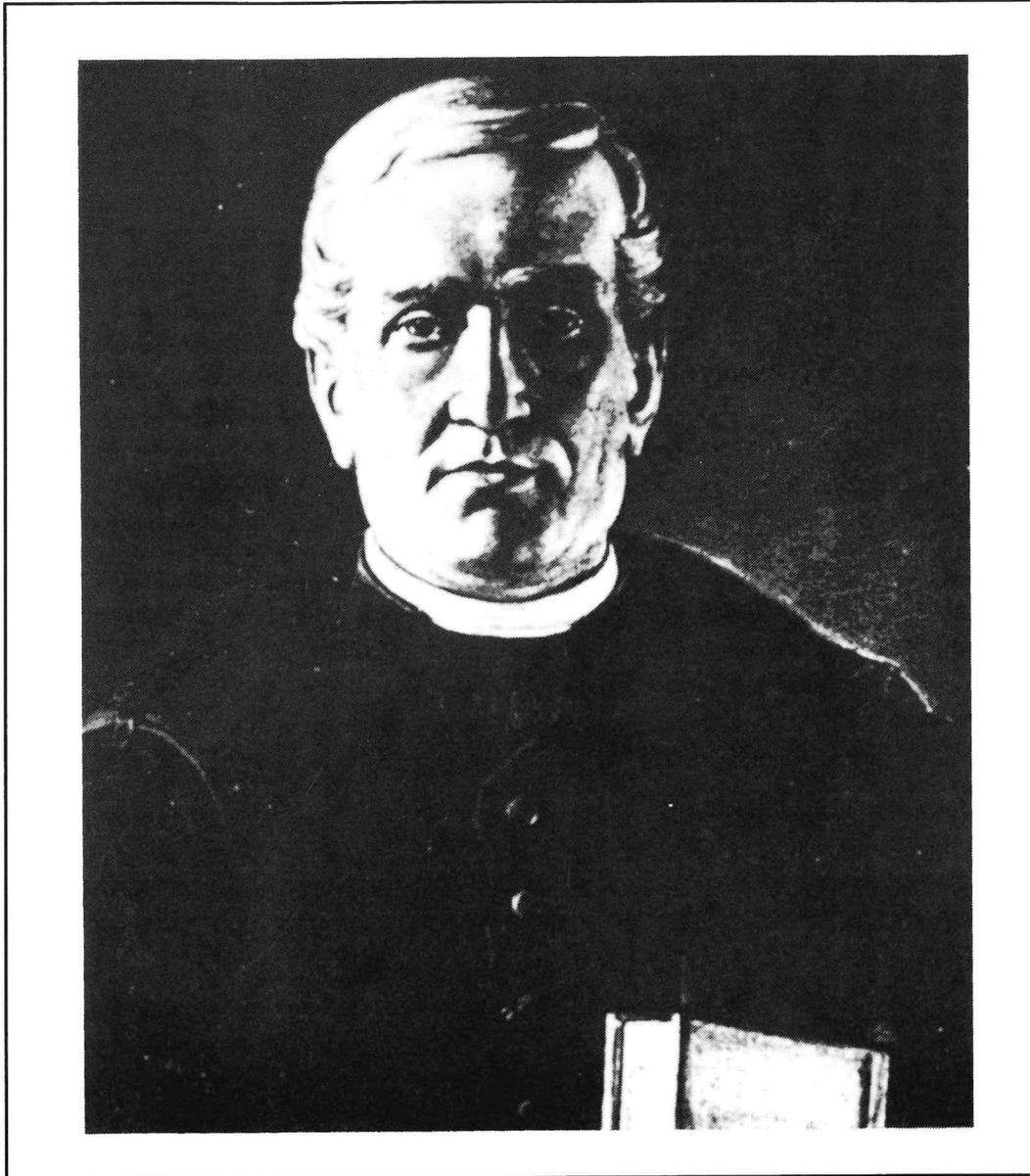
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Introduction

This time last year we were anticipating the final withdrawal of St. Mary's from Barrack Street and the entire school population being on the Glen Road campus. It took a little while to manage the extra 130 pupils in the school and it equally was somewhat of a culture shock for those teachers and pupils who were based, more or less, in Barrack St. These teething problems are now mostly resolved and the building at the bottom of the Falls Road, for the first time in almost 70 years, no longer echoes to the voices of St. Mary's boys.

To mark the immeasurable contribution of their old Alma Mater past pupils from all walks of life and from far and near attended the celebration Mass in St. Mary's Chapel, the exhibition in Barrack Street and the dinner in the Europa Hotel. This edition of the Simmarian includes much of these events and it suffices for me to thank and congratulate all the staff, parents, pupils and past pupils who were responsible for organising a most memorable, moving and remarkable occasion. We were proud and honoured to welcome An tUachtarán Mary Mc Aleese as our guest speaker. Particular mention must also be given to Mr. Jim Mc Clean who co-ordinated these events.

Meanwhile on the Glen Road we have officially opened our new Oratory. Most of this refurbishment was done by Mr. Tom Doherty and he did a superb job. Monsignor Bartley, a renowned past pupil, was instrumental in enlisting the services of three new school chaplains. Fr. Raymond McCullough (St Teresa's Parish) is now ably assisted by Father Phelim O'Hare (St Anne's Parish), Father Ciarán Hegarty (Parish of the Nativity) and Brother Ignatius Galvin (Capuchin).

At the beginning of the school year we were happy and privileged to welcome the following new members on to our teaching staff : Miss L Mc Nally (Music), Miss C Kelly (Mathematics), Miss M T Gorman (Geography) and Mrs C. Gillespie (Economics). We also welcome Mr M Hemsworth as our new reprographics technician and Mr J McGarry as a caretaker.

Mr B. Mc Loughlin retired from St. Mary's last summer having given ten years of dedicated service to the school, mainly within the Geography Department.

Mr B.O Rourke also left to take up a post with the Inspectorate. He was mainly responsible for setting up and co-ordinating our Advanced GNVQ Course and the school's ICT network and facilities. He left both areas in a strong and vibrant position.

Mr Paddy Wilson (caretaker) finally retired from the school. Paddy was a most enthusiastic worker who was held in high esteem by all the members of staff. We wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Our Prizegiving this year was held on 16th December. We were privileged to welcome a well known past pupil, Dr. Éamon Phoenix, Senior Lecturer in Stranmillis College, as our Guest Speaker. He gave a very interesting talk in which he traced the history of the Barrack Street

school from 1866 to the present day. The event was very ably organised and presented by Mr Sheerin and Mr. Mc Clean respectively.

Our Junior Prizegiving, which was held earlier that day, was another enjoyable event and was conducted very efficiently, thanks to the endeavours of the organiser Mrs Devlin.

The school's Young Enterprise Company, 'Virtual Retail' made us the most successful school in Ireland and Britain in this competition. Having won the final here they went on to win the London final. The ten students and their teacher mentors, Mr Mc Barron, Mr Mc Cann and Miss Kinney headed off to Malta for the European final last August. Individual students won prestigious first-place awards in competition with approximately eighteen thousand other students.

The Mageean Cup returned to the school for the fourth consecutive year making us, without doubt, the most successful hurling school in Ulster. As we go to print the squad are preparing for the All-Ireland Semi-final. Again we feature prominently in the Bank of Ireland Colleges' All-Star Awards.

As a result of their tremendous success in the European Quiz Mr Tohill will accompany his team to Strasbourg during the month of March. We hope they enjoy their well deserved prize.

The Music Department have been involved in several events and the profile of music in St Mary's is growing steadily thanks to the enthusiasm of Miss Morris and her staff.

A number of very successful seminars and events were hosted by the school including - a Principals' Conference, a cross-community Physics Conference when we were linked through video conferencing to Geneva, The Edmund Rice Awards and a Christian Education Movement event which included representatives from ten other schools.

The above are but a few examples of the many activities and successes in the extra-curricular life of the school. The time and effort of staff and pupils enriches the whole school community.

Once again the generosity of staff, pupils and parents in their contributions to charities, mainly Zambia and Trócaire, is evident and greatly appreciated.

Our thanks and congratulations to Mrs D Tohill (Editor of the Simmarian) and to all who assisted in producing this excellent publication.

Tá mé an-bhródúil as iarrachtaí phobal na scoile agus fíorbhuíoch de na daoine sin a thugann a gcuid ama go fial flaithiúil le saol na scoile a shuibhriú agus a chur chun cinn.

San iris seo gheobhaidh sibh blas den obair fhiúntach atá ar siúl. Suíghí siar, léigí é agus bainighí sult as.

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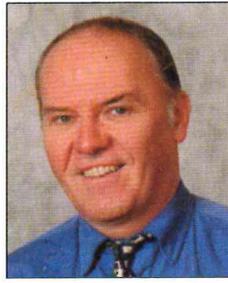
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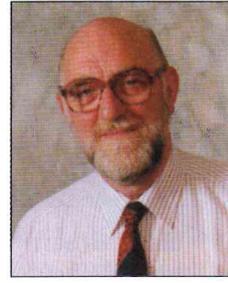
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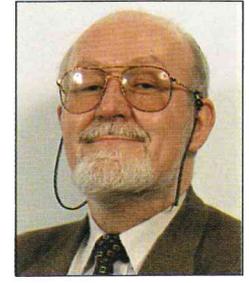
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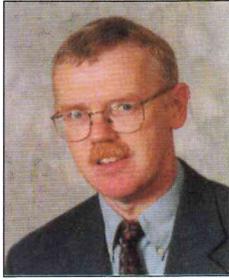
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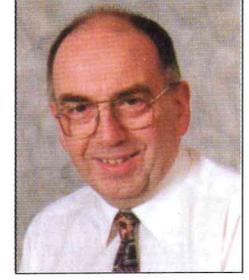
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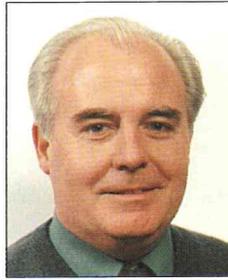
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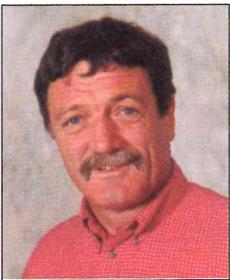
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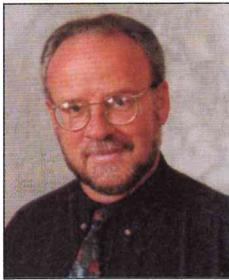
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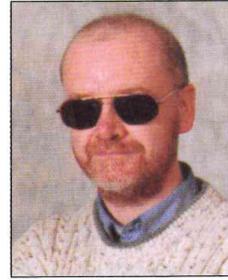
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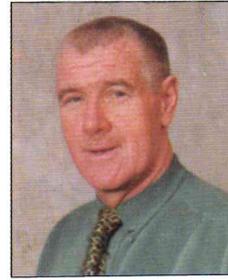
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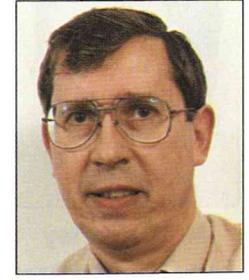
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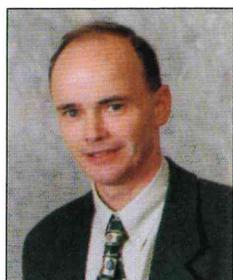


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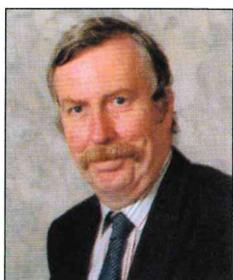


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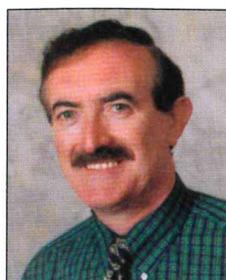
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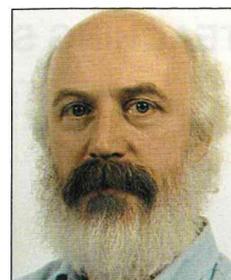
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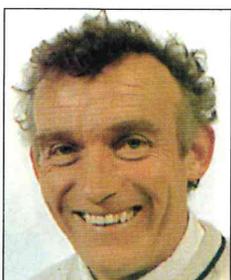
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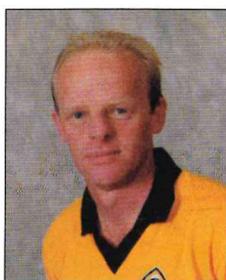
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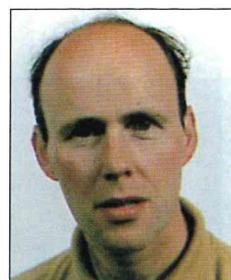
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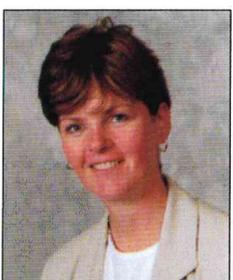
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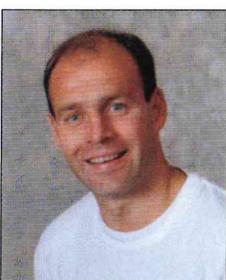
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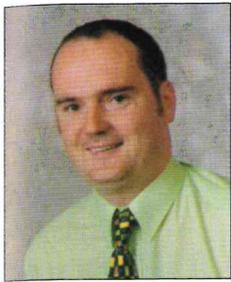


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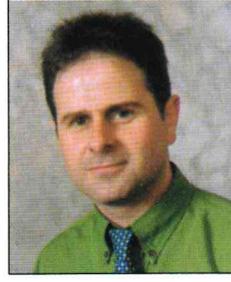
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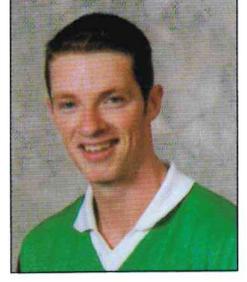
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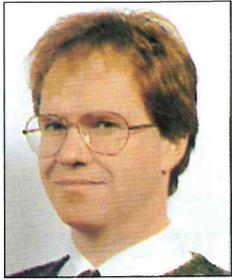
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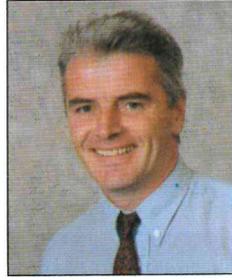
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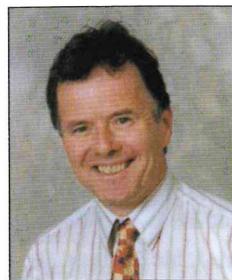
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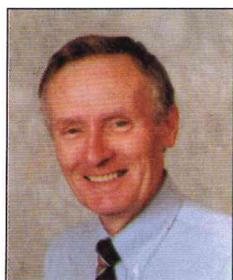


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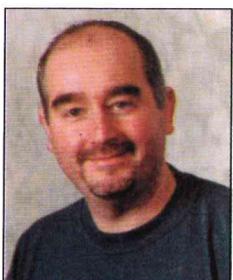


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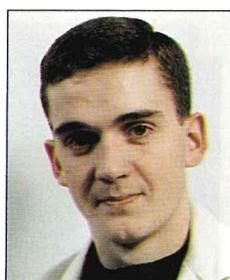
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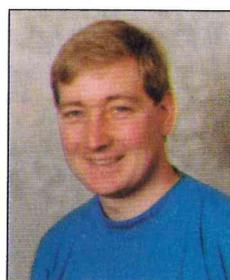
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Caretaker

JUNIOR PRIZEWINNERS 1998

German	Barry McLarnon	11B
Irish	Patrick O'Hare	11B
Italian	Ciaran Doherty	11B
Spanish	Mark Bradley	11A
French	Paul Hughes	11A
English	Stephen Kierney	11C
Geography	Joseph Richardson	11B
History	Mark Bradley	11A
Religion	Ciaran Lagan	11B
Theatre Studies	Stephen Kearney	11C
	Paul McErlean	11C
Music	Simon McGarry	11D
Art	Dermot Agnew	11G
Science	Barry McLarnon	11D
Mathematics	Paul Hughes	11A
Technology	Kevin Holmes	11D
Football	Aodhan Hartigan	11A
Hurling	Paul Brunty	11C

OUTSTANDING:

Mark Bradley	11A
Paul Hughes	11A

MOST CONSISTENT:

Raymond Devlin	11A
James Gilliland	11A
Eamon Donnelly	11B
Ciaran Doherty	11B
Mark McGoldrick	11B
Kevin Martin	11B
Michael Connolly	11B
James Connor	11C
James McIlwee	11D
Kevin O'Riordan	11D

100% ATTENDANCE:

Paul Hughes	11A
Francis Mc Callan	11B
Colin Mc Ilmurray	11B
Stephen Mc Garry	11C
Tiarnan Magill	11F
Daniel Mc Henry	11H

MOST IMPROVED:

Christopher Barnes	11E
Sean Mc Nally	11E
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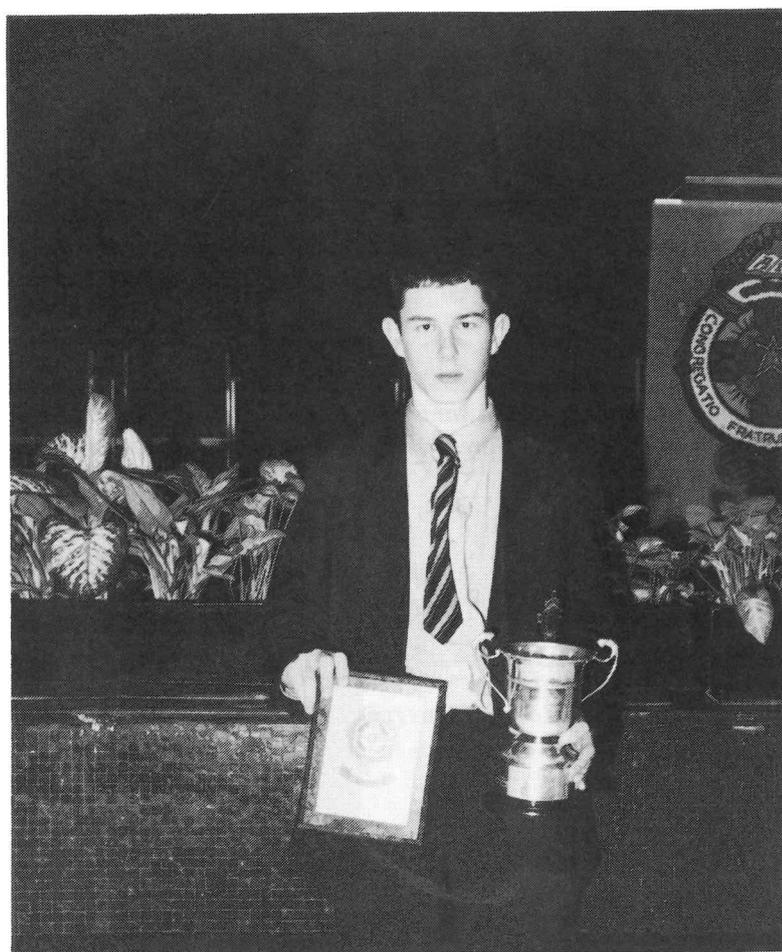
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L-R: Ciaran McCallan, Donal McManus, Aodhan Hartigan, Ciaran Fitzsimmons, Padraig Mullan receiving their GCSE Irish certificates. Each pupil gained a grade A.



*The Bob McCargo Memorial Trophy
Kevin Holmes IID*



L-R: Kevin Holmes (Technical Award), Barry McLarnon, Paul Hughes (French and Mathematics Awards)



L-R: Paul Hughes (French and Mathematics Awards), Mark Bradley (Spanish and History Awards), Ciaran Doherty (Italian Award), Patrick O'Hare (Irish Award), Ciaran Fitzsimmons (Gaelic Award).



Aodhan Hartigan & Paul Bunting receiving the McAllister Shield and Forrester's Shield for outstanding performance in Gaelic & Hurling.



Mark Bradley (Spanish and History Awards), Paul Hughes (French and Mathematics Awards)

*We wish our congratulations and best wishes to all our pupils who completed their
G.C.S.E. examinations in 1998.*

Gerard Armour
Barry Baggle
Christopher Boyd
Eamon Browne
Sean Carson
Joseph Connolly
Philip Crudden
Paul Curran
Michael Davey
Aidan Donnelly
Kevin Elliot
Paul Flannagan
Ciaran Gorman
Sean Green
Michael Hegney
Gary Kane
Stephen Keeley
Thomas Kelly
Paul King
Darren Maguire
Joseph McAuley
Damien McCaffrey
Anthony McCrory
Paul McDonald
Joseph McKearney
Michael McKiernan
Martin McMahan
James McQuillan
James Montgomery
Kevin Murphy
Paul Murray
Darren O'Hare
Donal O'Neill
Philip O'Reilly
Brendan Quinn
Paul Rooney
Jonathan Shortt
John Sweeney
Conor Tohill
Patrick Townsend
Patrick White

Barry Auld
Ciaran Barr
David Boyle
Stephen Bunting
Thomas Champion
Brian Crawford
Michael Cummins
Anthony Cushnahan
Christopher Devine
Michael Dornan
Peter Fay
Kevin Gamble
Paul Gorman
John Hartigan
Francis Hodgkinson
Sean Kavanagh
Conan Keenan
Bernard Kennedy
Barry Lowe
Michael Marshall
Peter McCabe
Mark McCahey
Paul McCrudden
Sean McErlean
Conor McKenna
John McLaughlin
Eamon McManus
James McWade
Patrick Mulvenna
Conor Murray
Gerard O'Donnell
Glenn O'Hare
Seamus O'Neill
Alexander Perry
Alan Rainey
Liam Sheppard
Christopher Smith
Seamus Thompson
Conall Toland
Sean Turner
Kevin Williamson

Christopher Auld
James Birch
Paul Brennan
Declan Burns
Peter Colligan
Paul Crawford
Norman Cunningham
Brian Daly
Laurence Donaghy
Martin Duffy
Tiernan Fitzpatrick
Kevin Gannon
Francis Gough
Gerard Heaney
Paul Irvine
Sean Kearney
Sean Kelly
Mark Kennedy
Barry Lyttle
Ronan McAlister
Ryan McCabe
Conor McClean
Gary McCullough
Christopher McGeown
Gareth McKenna
Conor McMahan
Gavin McQuillan
Noel Monaghan
Brendan Murphy
Padraig Murray
Stephen O'Hara
John O'Hare
Liam O'Reilly
Brendan R Quinn
John Ramsey
Ciaran Shortt
Kevin Stitt
Kevin Toal
Eamonn Toner
Dominic Watson

G.C.S.E. Art

- Gerard Heaney
(*St. Mary's P.S.*)

***G.C.S.E. English
(The W.H. McEvoy Medal)
(The Serridge Shield)***

- Joseph McAuley
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.*)

<p>G.C.S.E. French (Rev. Bro. Nannery Memorial Medal) This medal is dedicated to the memory of Bro. Nannery, a distinguished past teacher who gave significant service to pupils in St. Mary's throughout the '60's and '70's.</p>	<p>- Joseph McAuley <i>(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Gaelge</p>	<p>- Conan Keenan <i>(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Geography</p>	<p>- Paul King <i>(St. Teresa's P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. German (The Billy Adams Medal) In memory of our deceased caretaker who served St. Mary's for over 20 years.</p>	<p>- Joseph McAuley <i>(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. History</p>	<p>- Joseph McAuley <i>(Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Information Systems (The Staff Memorial Medal)</p>	<p>- Francis Gough <i>(St. John the Baptist P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Irish (The Joe Devlin Medal)</p>	<p>- Brendan Herron <i>(St. John the Baptist P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Italian</p>	<p>- Francis Gough <i>(St. John the Baptist P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Mathematics (Rev. Bro. L. F. Ennis Medal) Brother Ennis was a distinguished member of the Mathematics Department and also ex-Headmaster of St. Mary's and contributed significantly to the academic and sporting life of the School.</p>	<p>- Liam O'Reilly <i>(St. Teresa's P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Music</p>	<p>- John O'Hare <i>(St. Anne's P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Physical Education</p>	<p>- Eamon Toner <i>(Holy Child P.S.)</i></p>
<p>G.C.S.E. Religion (The Kevin Dunne Memorial Medal) This medal is dedicated to the memory of a pupil who died tragically in 1988 during his fourth year in St. Mary's.</p>	<p>- David Boyle <i>(St. Peter's P.S.)</i></p>
<p>Father Sean O'Neill Memorial Cup <i>(Presented by the Mervyn Family of Tornaroy whose son Thomas earned the highest marks in Religion in the inaugural year of the G.C.S.E. examinations.)</i></p>	<p>- David Boyle <i>(St. Peter's P.S.)</i></p>

G.C.S.E. Single Award Science

- Paul Curran
(*St. Teresa's P.S.*)

G.C.S.E. Double Award Science

- Joseph McAuley
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.*)

*G.C.S.E. Triple Award Science
(D. J. MacRandal Medal)*

Donated by the School Architect,
a past pupil of St. Mary's.

- Connor Murray
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste*)

G.C.S.E. Spanish

- Gerard Heaney
(*St. Mary's P.S.*)

*G.C.S.E. Technology and
The Ford Perpetual Trophy*

- James Montgomery
(*St. Kieran's P.S.*)

G.C.S.E. Theatre Studies

- Barry Baggley
(*Holy Trinity P.S.*)
- Sean Green
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste*)

Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

Joseph Connolly
Laurence Donaghy
Aidan Donnelly
Martin Duffy
Kevin Gannon
John Hartigan
Stephen Keeley
Sean Kelly
Brendan Murphy
Padraig Murray
Brendan R. Quinn
Liam Sheppard
Conall Toland

- (*Holy Family P.S.*)
- (*St. Paul's P.S.*)
- (*St. Paul's P.S.*)
- (*Good Shepherd P.S.*)
- (*St. John the Baptist P.S.*)
- (*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste*)
- (*St. John the Baptist P.S.*)
- (*St. Peter's P.S.*)
- (*St. Teresa's P.S.*)
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Attendance Awards

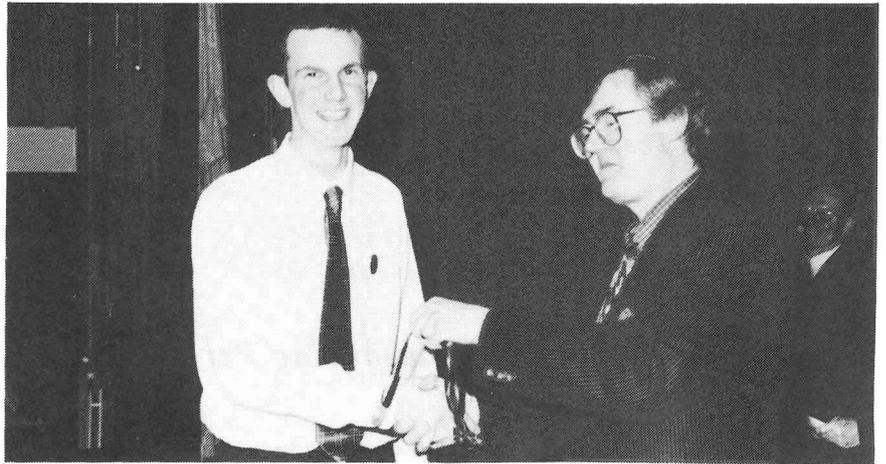
Peter Colligan
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- (*St. Teresa's P.S.*)
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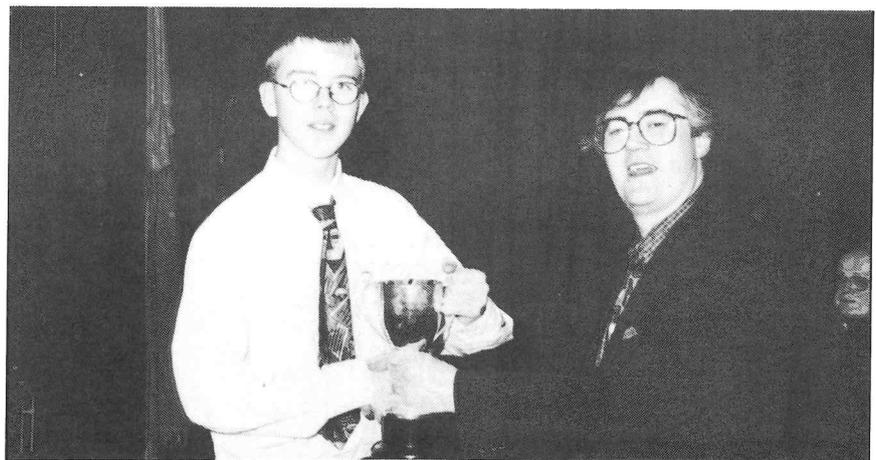
*Conor Murray receives the
DJ MacRandal Medal for
Triple Award Science*



*Joseph McAuley (8A's) was the
best student at GCSE in 1998*



*Outstanding performance awards
at GCSE went to:
Joseph Connolly, Laurence Donaghy,
Aidan Donnelly, Martin Duffy,
Kevin Gannon, John-Joe Hartigan,
Stephen Daly, Sean Kelly,
Brendan Murphy, Padraig Murray,
Brendan R. Quinn, Conall Toland.*



*Dr. Phoenix presents the
GCSE Technology Award and
Ford Perpetual Trophy to
James Montgomery.*

Leavers' Destinations '97 - '98

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Third Level:</i>	<i>Courses:</i>
ADAMS, Conor	Q.U.B.	Computing Science
ARMSTRONG, Gerard	Q.U.B.	Law
ARMSTRONG, William	U.U.C.	Business
BANKS, Ronan	U.U.C.	Combined Humanities
BELLEW, Gareth	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D.
BIRCH, Nicholas	Liverpool Univ.	Bus. with Economics
BOYLE, Nicholas	Q.U.B.	MA English Literature
BURNS, Michael	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
CALDWELL, Paul	Q.U.B.	Microbiology
CARLILE, John	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D.
CHRISTIE, Conor	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Accounts
CLARKE, Christopher	Q.U.B.	Politics & Sociology
CONLON, John	Q.U.B.	Zoology
COOLEY, Fergal	Q.U.B.	Info. Management
CRUDDEN, Gerard	Q.U.B.	Microbiology
CRUMMEY, Declan	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D.
CRUMMEY, Stephen	Q.U.B.	Ancient History
DEVINE, Ciaran	Q.U.B.	Biological Sciences
DEVLIN, John	U.U.J.	Business Management
DIAMOND, Jonathan	Q.U.B.	Pharmacy
DONAGHY, Francis	Q.U.B.	Psychology
DONNELLY, Andrew	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Design
DONNELLY, Sean	U.U.	Humanities Combined
EDWARDS, Joseph	Q.U.B.	Combined Sciences
FITZSIMONS, Adam	U.C.G.	Legal Studies and Economics
GALLAGHER, Paul	Q.U.B.	Politics
HAMILL, Kevin	Q.U.B.	Ancient History
HESKETH, Conor	Q.U.B.	Mathematics
HAYES, Sean Paul	U.U.J.	Business Studies
IRVINE, Joseph	Q.U.B.	Scholastic Philosophy
JACK, Daniel	Q.U.B.	History
KEENAN, Criostoir	Q.U.B.	Politics
KELLY, Sean	U.U.J.	Government & Pol.
KENNEDY, Gerard	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
KENNEDY, Hugh	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Sport & Leis.
KETTLE, Michael	U.U.J.	Physiotherapy
LARMOUR, William	Q.U.B.	Microbiology
LAVERTY, Robert	De Montfort Un..	Media Studies
MacMANUS, Christopher	Q.U.B.	Biomedical Science
MAGUIRE, Brian	U.U.J.	Consumer Studies
MAGUIRE, Niall	Year Out	
MAGUIRE, Philip	B.I.F.H.E.	B.A. Mod. Humanities
MALLAGHAN, Gerard	Q.U.B.	Biology
McALISTER, Conor	U.U.J.	Business
McCARTAN, Kieran	Q.U.B.	Psychology
McCLEAN, Paul	U.U.C.	Business & Finance
McCLOSKEY, Ciaran	Q.U.B.	Civil Engineering
McCOMB, Martin	Dundee Univ.	Psychology
McCOMISH, Gerard	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Env. Science

<i>Name:</i>	<i>Third Level:</i>	<i>Courses:</i>
McCULLOUGH, Michael	B.I.F.H.E.	Sport & Leisure
McCUSKER, Martin	Northampton Un.	Business Admin.
McGARRITY, Sean	Northampton Un.	Business
McGARRY, David	U.U.J.	Clinical Science
McGLONE, Eugene	Q.U.B.	Architectural Engin.
McGOLDRICK, Sean	U.U.C.	Geography
McGONAGLE, Lorcan	Liverpool Univ.	Medicine
McGRATH, Michael	Bristol Univ.	
McHUGH, Ronan	Q.U.B.	Pharmacy
McILROY, Kieran	Q.U.B.	Information Manag.
McKENNA, Cormac	Q.U.B.	Geography
McKILLOP, Paul	Q.U.B.	Philosophy
McMACKIN, Martin	Year Out	
McMAHON, Neil	Southampton Inst.	H.N.D.
McMANUS, Sean	U.U.J.	Sports & Leisure
McMENAMY, Michael	Q.U.B.	Biochemistry
McNEILL, Barry	U.U.J.	Government & Law
MEEHAN, Neil	B.I.F.H.E.	H.N.D. Business
MOHAN, David	Q.U.B.	History & Politics
MOONEY, Colin	U.U.C.	Computing & Bus.
MOONEY, Karol	U.U.C.	Retail
MURPHY, Conor	Q.U.B.	Finance
MURRAY, Stephen	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
O'FEARAIN, Caoimhin	U.U.C.	Humanities
O'BRIEN, Matthew	St. Mary's College	B.Ed.
O'DONNELL, John	Year Out	
O'HARE, Peter	U.U.	Applied Biochemistry
O'NEILL, Anthony	Q.U.B.	Politics
O'NEILL, David	U.U.C.	Bus. & Computing
O'NEILL, James	U.U.J.	Consumer Studies
O'NEILL, Martin	De Montfort Un.	Media Tech.
QUINN, Mark	U.U.C.	Computing
RICE, Peter	Q.U.B.	Pharmacy
ROBINSON, Patrick	Q.U.B.	Computer Science
SHEEHAN, John	U.U.J.	Architecture
SMYTH, Ryan	Univ. of Glasgow	Engineering
STEWART, Hugh	Q.U.B.	Politics
STRAIN, Stephen	U.U.	Comp. Science
STUART, Ciaran	Warwick Univ.	Philosophy
SWEENEY, Christopher	U.U.J.	Government & Law
WARD, Gareth	U.U.J.	Physiotherapy

Repeating 'A' levels at St. Mary's :: 9

Colleges of Further Education :: 15

Y.T.P :: 1

Employment :: 9

Seeking Employment :: 6

Academic Awards at 'A' Level

- 'A' Level Art**
(*The Graham Harron Medal*) - John Sheehan
(*St. Teresa's P.S. - now studying Architecture at U.U.J.*)
- 'A' Level Biology**
(*The McClure Medal*) - Paul Caldwell
(*St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Microbiology at Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level Chemistry**
- Conor Murphy (*The Northern Bank Medal*)
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. - now studying Finance at Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level Computing**
(*Flanagan & Jennings Medal*) - Joseph Edwards
(*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Combined Sci. at Q.U.B.*)
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- 'A' Level Economics**
(*Ulster Business Equipment Medal*) - Martin McComb
(*St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Psychology at Dundee University*)
- 'A' Level English**
(*The Serridge Medal*) - Kevin Hamill
(*St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Ancient History Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level French**
- Jonathan Diamond
(*St. Peter's P.S. - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level Geography**
(*The Francis Rice Memorial Medal*) - Peter O'Hare
(*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying App. Biochem. at U.U.*)
- 'A' Level German**
(*The O'Prey Medal*) - Fergal Adams
(*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying at B.I.F.H.E.*)
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- 'A' Level Government and Politics**
- John McNally (*First Trust Bank*)
(*Holy Child P.S. - will be studying in America in 1999*)
- 'A' Level History**
(*The Bank of Ireland*) - Gerard Armstrong
(*Holy Trinity P.S. - now studying Law at Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level Irish**
(*Cumann Gaelach Scoil Mhuire*) - Lorcan McGonagle
(*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Medicine at Liverpool*)
- 'A' Level Italian**
- Gerard Armstrong
(*Holy Trinity P.S. - now studying Law at Q.U.B.*)
- 'A' Level Mathematics**
(*The Rev. Bro. McGreevy Medal*) - Martin McMackin
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. - will be studying Engineering at Q.U.B. in 1999*)
The name of Brother McGreevy was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in St. Mary's in the '50's, '60's and '70's.
He was a man of great inspiration for both staff and pupils.

'A' Level Physical Education

- Michael Kettle
(*St. Kevin's P.S.* - now studying *Physiotherapy at U.U.J.*)
- Sean McManus
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste* - now studying *Sports & Leisure at U.U.J.*)

'A' Level Physics

- Conor Murphy
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S.* - now studying *Finance at Q.U.B.*)

'A' Level Psychology

- Francis Donaghy
(*Vere Foster P.S.* - now studying *Psychology at Q.U.B.*)

'A' Level Religion

(The Brother Mallon Medal)

Named after a distinguished former teacher and donated by an ex-pupil John Larkin, B.L., former Reid Professor of Criminology at Trinity.

- Ciaran Stuart
(*St. Teresa's P.S.* - will be studying *Philosophy at Warwick University in 1999*)

'A' Level Spanish

- Francis Donaghy
(*Vere Foster P.S.* - now studying *Psychology at Q.U.B.*)

'A' Level Theatre Studies

- Ciaran Stuart
(*St. Teresa's P.S.* - will be studying *Philosophy at Warwick University in 1999*)

G.N.V.Q.

(St. Mary's/B.I.F.H.E. Partnership Award)

- Conor McAlister
(*St. Joseph's P.S., Crumlin* - now studying *Business at U.U.J.*)

The Brother Monaghan Cup

Presented to the outstanding pupil who *Q.U.B.* entered senior School from our associated Secondary Schools.

- Daniel Jack
(*C.B.S., Glen Road*, - now studying *History at*

Bonn Shéamais Mhic Eachaidh

- Caoimhin Ó Fearain
(*C.B.S., Glen Road*, - now studying *Humanities at U.U.C.*)

Gerry Magennis Memorial Award

(Footballer of the Year 1998)

- Jim O'Neill
(*St. John the Baptist P.S.* - now studying *Consumer Stud. at U.U.J.*)

Forresters' Medal

(Hurler of the Year 1998)

- Ciaran Magee
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste* - present Year Fourteen)

Mageean Cup All Stars

- Gavin Bell
(*St. Paul's P.S.* - present Year Fourteen)
- Hugh Kennedy
(*St. Teresa's P.S.* - now studying *Sport & Leisure at B.I.F.H.E.*)

- Michael Kettle
(*St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.*)
- Ciaran Magee
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste - present Year Fourteen*)
- Michael McCullough
(*St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Sport & Leisure at B.I.F.H.E.*)
- Ciaran McGourty
(*St. John the Baptist P.S. - present Year Fourteen*)
- Sean McManus
(*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste - now studying Sports & Leisure at U.U.J.*)
- Gerard McNally
(*Holy Child P.S. - present Year Fourteen*)
- Hugh Kennedy
(*St. Teresa's P.S. - now studying Sport & Leisure at B.I.F.H.E.*)

Mageean Cup Captain 1998

Outstanding Performance at 'A' Level

- Hugh Finnegan - (*St. John the Baptist P.S. - present Year Fourteen*)
- Daniel Jack - (*C.B.S., Glen Road - now studying History at Q.U.B.*)
- Christopher MacManus - (*St. Bernard's P.S. - now studying Biomedical Science at Q.U.B.*) Ronan
- McHugh - (*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.*)
- Peter Rice - (*St. Anne's P.S. - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.*)
- Gareth Ward - (*St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.*)

Attendance Awards

- Gerard Armstrong - (*Holy Trinity P.S. - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.*)
- Francis Donaghy - (*Vere Foster P.S. - now studying Psychology at Q.U.B.*)
- Michael Kettle - (*St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.*)

Ancillary Staff Medal

(Presented for outstanding achievement on behalf of all non-teaching staff)

Michael and John were two of the six students to achieve three Grade 'A's.

- Michael Burns
(*Good Shepherd P.S. - now studying Computer at Q.U.B.*)
- John O'Donnell
(*Our Lady of Lourdes P.S. - now studying Dentistry at Q.U.B.*)

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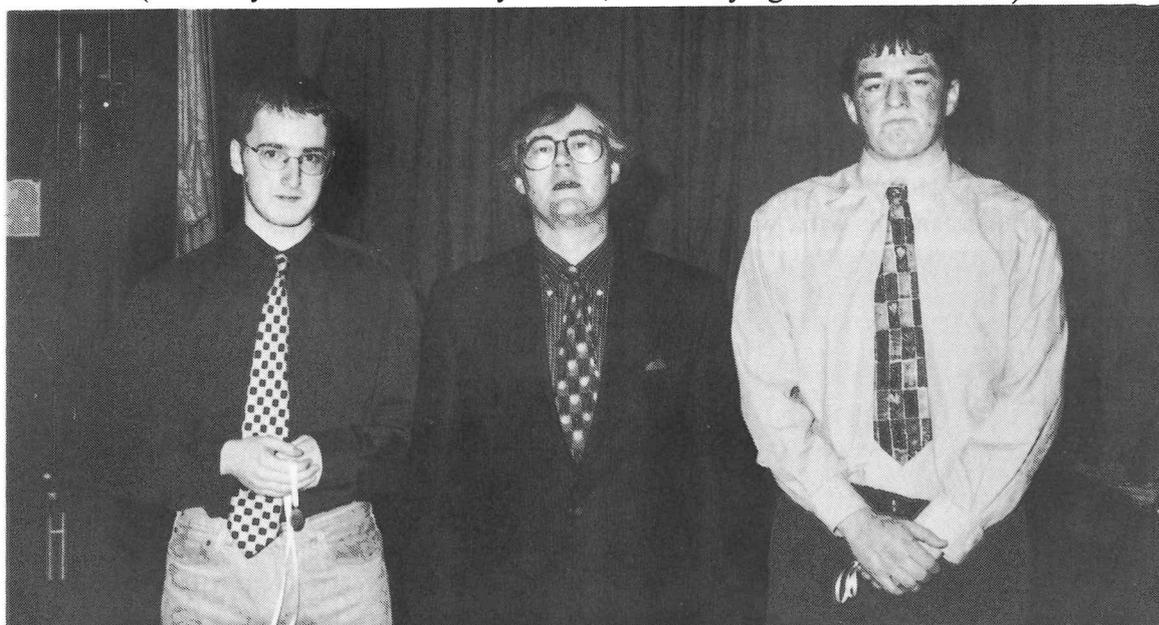
Awarded to
Gerard Armstrong

(Holy Trinity Primary School, now studying Law at Q.U.B.)

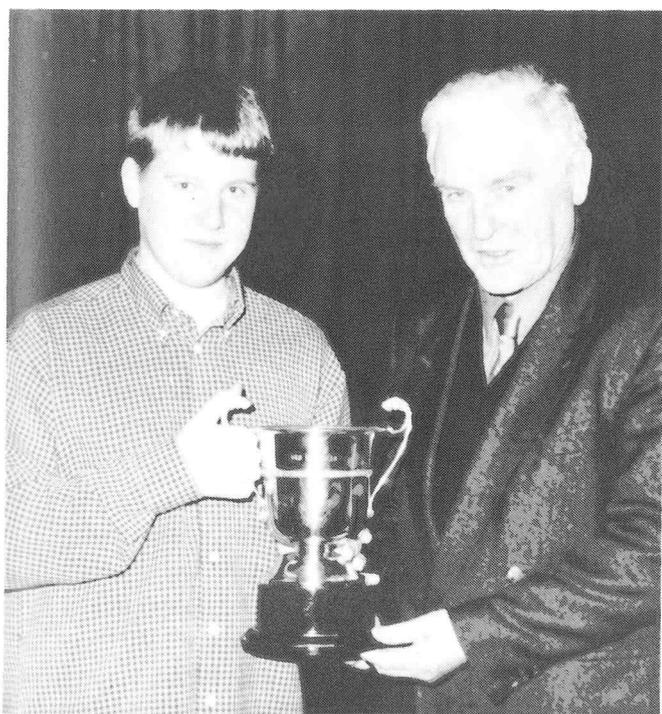
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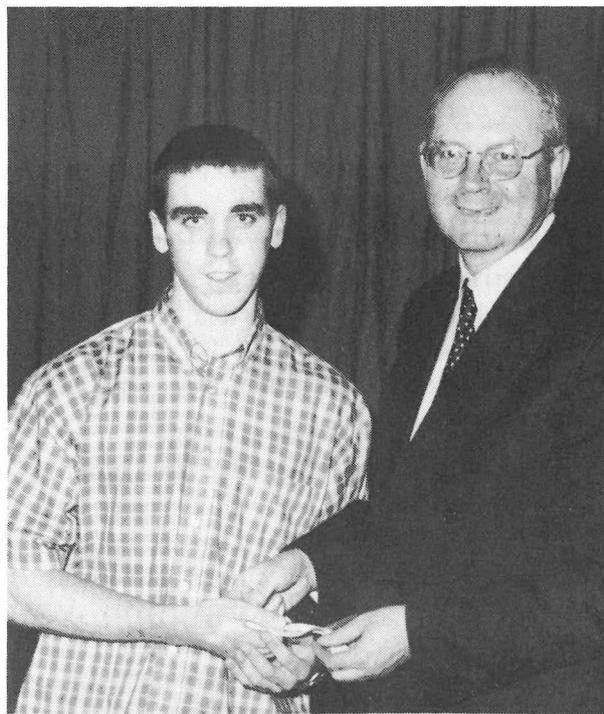
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Dr. Eamonn Phoenix with Conor Murphy and Gerard Armstrong - the Best 'A' Level Students of 1998



Br. Monaghan, Chairperson of the Board of Governors, presents the Monaghan Cup to Daniel Jack as the Best Student entering St. Mary's from our associated Secondary Schools.



Paul Shevlin LL.B. presents the McClure Medal for 'A' Level Biology to Paul Caldwell

DEUTSCHLAND '98

Andernach is a lovely town situated on the banks of the River Rhine. As the German soccer season came to an end in April, the owners of the town's best sports shop decided to have a sale of German football goods as worn by the supporters of all their clubs. Little did they know of the invasion that was to come....

St Mary's C.B.G.S. arrived in Andernach on Saturday, April 4th, having departed from Belfast the previous evening and travelled across to Scotland, down through England (Five pounds for a sausage and chip plus a glass of milk? No problem, Mr Motorway Café!). We sailed from Dover to Calais and our final journey took us by coach to Andernach.

Our genial host at the "Hotel zum Stadion" was Herr Helmut Hermann and his wife, who treated



Outside the 'Tier und Naturmuseum'

us daily to a wide range of culinary delights, although it must be said that rather a lot of our boys also frequented Pizza Express on the Hauptstrasse very regularly. It was a joy to watch as they practised their ordering technique together before venturing bravely forward with the words, "Ich möchte Pizza mit Ananas, Schinken und Käse, und eine Dose Limonade, bitte."

On the Sunday, we went for a gentle stroll around the Maria Laach lake and we visited a very impressive Animal/Nature Museum, where the displays of various creatures from various periods was really excellent.

.....Anyway, back to the sports sale. On the Monday morning, before we left the hotel at 10 o'clock, a number of boys discovered the sale whilst out buying "Postkarten". They returned in quite a tizzy displaying a Borussia Dortmund top which they

had just "gekauft" for 50 Deutschmarks. The story ran that there were a lot of items on a rack and they were all priced at 50 DM or even less. Veteran "trippers" such as our leader Mrs Thompson and Mr Hegarty bore knowing looks which said, "We've seen it all before," meanwhile Mr Heaney and Mrs Jennings spoke quietly about strange concepts such as "budgeting", but the rush was on. This writer contends that the sale was indeed remarkable value and he is very proud of his "Deutschland WM, Frankreich '98" baseball cap and his Adidas coat. St Mary's certainly amassed quite a display and the clothes which we had brought over from home were discarded in favour of more Borussia Dortmund, Bayern Munich, F.C.Cologne, Bayern Leverkusen, SV Hamburg and German national football tops. Furthermore, there were coats, scarves, mugs, baseball caps, woolly hats, glasses, soapdishes, toothbrushes (with holders) and finally rulers, for the souvenir hunter who wanted to combine his footballing and educational interests.

Throughout our trip, we visited a number of very enjoyable cities and German landmarks. In Köln, or Cologne we saw the famous and very impressive cathedral and a number of us went across for a look at the Hauptbahnhof (main train station) which is one of the biggest in the country with thirty six platforms. We had a brilliant afternoon at 'Aqualand,' a massive swimming complex with umpteen slides, whirlpools etc. On our way home, we travelled through Bonn with its endless rows of government buildings and foreign embassies, most of which are being transferred to Berlin these days.

Trier is one of Germany's oldest towns, dating back to Roman times and we very much enjoyed visiting the colosseum and Porta Nigra which was a vital point for defending the town from attack. We also went shopping there in stores such as Saturn Hansa and Kaufhof.

The Rhine is the dominant feature of the area where we stayed, with a seemingly endless procession of barges carrying coal, cars, steel, agricultural goods and basically any other product of Germany's heavy and light industries that one might think of. We travelled down the Rhine to the city of Koblenz, getting off at "Das Deutsche Eck", where the Rhine and Mosel rivers meet. We followed this by taking a chair lift up to the Ehrenbreitstein citadel and some

brehtaking views over the city and surrounding countryside.

The visit to Phantasialand on Thursday proved a real highlight with a really excellent range of attractions such as Galaxy, Grand Canyon and the Water Ride. 3D journeys and roller coasters were enjoyed by everyone on a really sunny day.

Evenings were never dull with a football match, table quizzes and two visits to what must be the oldest ten pin bowling alley in Germany, where the pins were all tied to strings and dragged automatically back into place!

The trip was a really enjoyable event for the pupils and the teachers who accompanied them. The lads most certainly benefitted from the chance to visit the country they have been learning and hearing about. They saw for themselves the various signs, shops, customs and standard of living enjoyed by German people and they got a chance to use some of their German in real situations beyond the classroom. The boys also acquitted themselves impeccably in terms of their behaviour and their co-operation with ourselves the teachers. They were always good humoured and a pleasure to be with. So we said Auf Wiedersehen to Andernach and look forward already to our next visit there. Bis bald!

Mr. B. Rasdale



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*Students from Forms 9 and 11 display their G.O.M.L. certificates in Italian.
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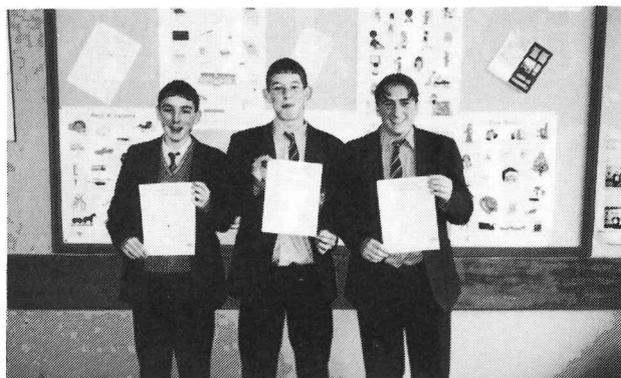
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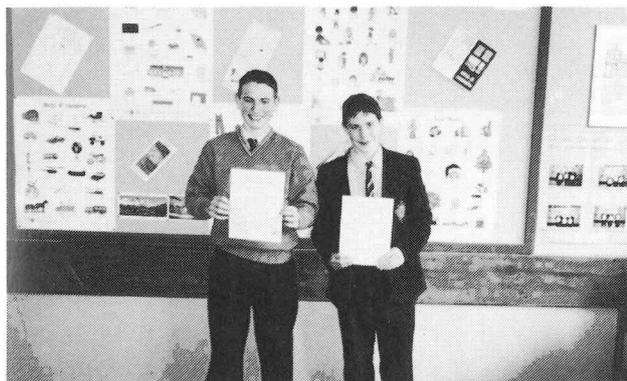
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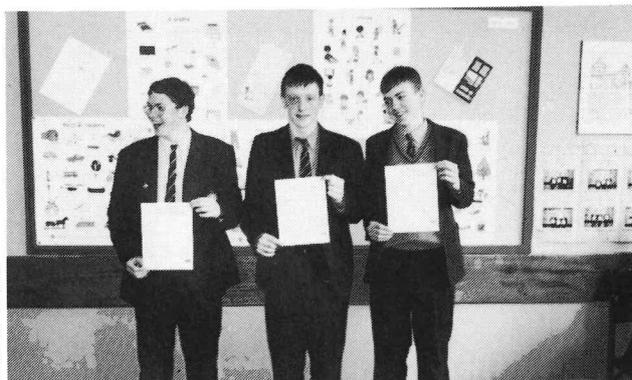
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Virtual Retail 1998

1998 UK National Winners of Young Enterprise

Humble beginnings are perhaps hard to find when starting a St. Mary's mini-company, bearing in mind the obsessive drive of the enigmatic Mr. Hugh McBarron, coupled last year for the first time with the artistic flair of Miss Fiona Kinney, the verbal wizardry of Mr. Oliver McCann and the technological skills of the redoubtable Mr. Joe McBurney.

Nonetheless we managed to humble ourselves with various miscalculations and misgivings. And so it was that we entered the realm of enterprise, earnest schoolboys. Yet such was the metamorphosis of the next 10 months that we left the world of business crazed and enthused young entrepreneurs and, in essence, true businessmen. The experience was no game, recreation nor some mere 'extra curricular activity'. It was true to the touch, pure and undiluted business.

The Young Enterprise Scheme encourages innovation through competition between schools the Continent over. As if that was not enough for Virtual Retail we decided through our choice of product - "Download It Yourself" by Annette Surfer- to take on the major league producers of Internet guides. The battle was tactically waged through an intensive sales and marketing campaign in EASONS, WATERSTONES, DILLONS, EDCO and The Bookshop at Queens. With over 600 sales within 2 months, the objectives were considered to have been successfully achieved.

The year proved to be a feverishly intensive period of creativity and earnest endeavour broken by a number of notable interludes in which we seemed to stray further from our humble but honest Belfast roots - Connswater, Bangor, through to Sligo before the zenith of success in London and, ultimately and almost inevitably, Malta.

Representing Northern Ireland in London at the National Finals held within the prestigious Commonwealth Institute was a daunting experience mildly relieved by the

knowledge that we were the third company from St. Marys to feature at this level in a mere six years. To the obvious amazement of a for once speechless Mr. McBarron we surpassed the 1995 team, EUROPHORIA who had been runners-up and successfully emulated the 1992 winners, Quantum Enterprises.

And so VR were happily burdened with the onerous task of representing the UK in the European Finals in Valetta Malta. Unfortunately, this trophy was not destined to be claimed by Virtual Retail but rather, through political intrigue and subterfuge worthy of Machiavelli or the Borgias, was awarded to the local Maltese team. A hard lesson was learned by the boys "all the way from Belfast".

The successes of Virtual Retail cannot be measured merely in terms of trophies, awards, media coverage and exam successes, although these were an inevitable consequence of our determined and focussed approach to the achievement of our business objectives. The enlightening experiences bestowed on us courtesy of the Young Enterprise Scheme helped us develop from callow post-adolescents to confident mature business people all within the brief time span of 10 months. To paraphrase that great French philosopher, Eric Cantona, "We listened to others, learnt from them but at the end of the day remained essentially ourselves".

Damien Trainor

(Damien won the Nestle Marketing Award, first place from 34000 candidates. Ciaran Martin, also from Virtual Retail, was placed in the first 16 of 3000 financial directors from Young Enterprise Companies by Arthur Anderson.)

Many thanks from Virtual Retail to the wonderfully exuberant John McManus of the Housing Executive, their revered business adviser.



L to R: Liam Barr, Donal McCann, Des Ferris, Ciaran Martin, Colm Connor, Damien Trainor, Eamonn McKermott, Michael Reel and Danny McKinney (Abs. Michael Rosbotham)

First Year League

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH

Throughout September, October and November, Year 8 classes have been battling it out in the inter-class Gaelic Football league. Mr Rasdale and Mr Quigg were out with the boys every Wednesday for many weeks and they witnessed some epic battles. Favourites to take the cup were undoubtedly 8E, who had a very impressive 9-4 to 4-1 victory over 8B in the first round. Ryan Mc Kenna was their chief scorer with Michael McNeill directing operations at the back.

8G squeezed through to the semi-finals with a 1-6 to 1-4 win over 8A. This game was notable as it was a derby match between the form classes of Messrs. Quigg and Rasdale. On the day, 8A failed to respond to Mr Quigg's cries of ; "Get the ball and boot it towards the goal !!!" and Rasdale's superior tactics (and refereeing decisions) saw his men through. Top players for 8G were Knocker, Owens and Mc Kiernan, while Michael French struggled hard for 8A. 8C looked quite strong as they beat 8F convincingly 5-4 to 0-4. G Kearns drove them forward from defence while K Harte picked off the scores. Conor Mc Cullagh battled hard for 8F. The last quarter-final was unquestionably the most exciting as 8C and 8B fought out a see-saw battle. Declan O'Connor soloed the length of the field to score a last gasp point and 8B (who got a second chance as highest scoring losers) went through by the narrowest of margins. This result was very tough indeed for 8D heroes Flynn and Carson.

The semi-final pairings saw 8E up against 8G, and 8C versus 8B. The first semi-final had been the subject of much debate and the match certainly lived up to expectations. A very tight match saw 8E win out, with a couple of massive points from Gerard Mc Elkearney towards the end being the difference between the sides. Even 8E would admit that they got the fright of their lives from a very game 8G outfit who scrapped for every ball. In the other semi, 8B finally ran out of steam against 8C, who were powered on by P Duffy, and we were ready for "The Ultimate Showdown" on November 4th.

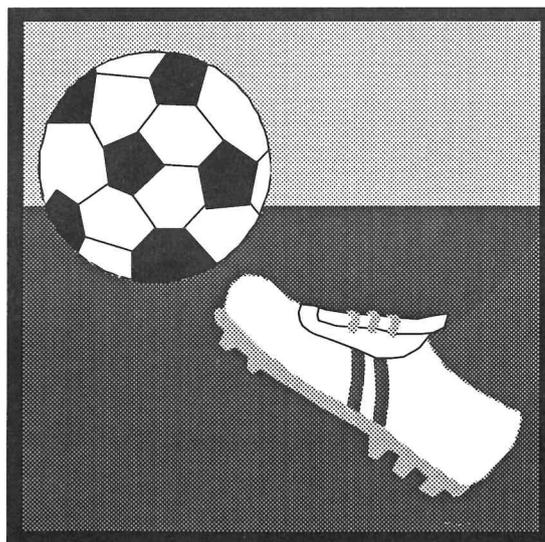
8C wore a St Mary's strip for the final, while 8E wore the purple and gold of some obscure Fermanagh club called Derrygonnelly Harps. It was clearly 8E's day, and they held the upper hand for most of

the game. Andrews, Herron and Kearns fought very hard for 8C, but they couldn't hold out against 8E, for whom M.G. Doherty and Ciaran Quinn excelled and the real hero for 8E was Conor Mc Auley who sniffed out a vital goal and was a real nuisance for 8C's defence. 8E took this year's title on a score of 5-6 to 3-0. Captain Michael Gerard Doherty received the trophy from Mr Burke, who complimented all present for their efforts.

The boys were ready for more when training resumed in January for the Belfast Schools League in April/May, and the Ulster Colleges Blitz in June.

The First Year League is a very important part of the school year for Year 8 boys as it does a great deal to pull classes together and give them some fun at a time when they might not know each other really well. Mr Rasdale and Mr Quigg would like to thank Mr Ray Collins for his ongoing work to have things ready for our teams and Mr Mc Toal for obtaining medals. This year's league was thoroughly enjoyable for all involved and we hope that the St Mary's first years can do well in their competitions.

B. Rasdale



8E The Champions

The First year league was a very exciting league for 8E. After the first game against 8B, 8E were already looking forward to the final as they were favourites to win the league. As the league went on 8E had a long wait until they played 8G in the semi-final. Before the semi-final 8E thought they were going to walk all over 8G but they had a rude awakening! The semi-final seemed to go one way and the other until the last minutes when 8E scored a goal that put them a point in front. 8G fought hard trying to score but 8E were like a brick wall, firm and solid and they stood their ground.

When the final came 8E weren't as confident but they had their hopes. The match was going well for the first half but when the second half arrived 8E's goal keeper was tested by 8C forwards. At the end of the day 8E were victorious and won the match 5-2 to 3-0. 8E were delighted with their victory and were going mad.

At the end 8E won the league and were awarded with medals and were praised by the whole of first year.

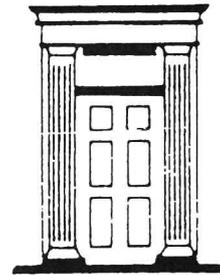
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Careers Report 1998-99

The personnel in the Careers Department consists of four teachers (Mr F Woods, Mr J Sheerin, Mr E. Collins and Mr L. Perry). However, other areas of teacher/pupil contact also deliver 'careers'; in September Mr D. Armstrong organised a talk on Computer opportunities through Apion Computers for Upper School students.

Our main role in the Careers Department is to raise awareness of the opportunities that exist and to promote various skills and qualities which give an advantage. It is not essential that a pupil has identified a specific career ambition, even by the time he leaves St. Mary's, but he should have used the resources available to educate himself about the various possibilities. At the time of writing, in early January, elements of the programme are still ongoing.

Junior School

This year, extensive elements of careers guidance have been built into the Junior and Middle school and delivered by the form teachers through the Friday 'Form Class' period. As Year Ten pupils approach their Options choices for GCSE, specific advice is offered to pupils and also to parents either at the Options meeting or at subsequent appointments. Mr Sheerin and Mr E. Collins guide this process.

Middle School

Mr E Collins organises the programme by which all Year Eleven pupils discuss decision making skills, changing work patterns, job groups and levels, and begin the process of accessing careers information. In May and June the Year Group meet with the officers from the Training and Employment Agency (T&EA) for the first time and go through an inventory procedure to determine their interests and suitability for certain careers. Our T&EA Officers are Jock O'Callaghan and Carmel Gates and their presence is an invaluable resource for the school.

In Year Twelve formal talks are given by Jock on specific career areas eg Engineering, Finance, Media, Health Sciences etc to which all Year Twelve pupils are invited. Guidance is also offered in individual interviews with Jock and Carmel. Our hope is that pupils will develop a greater awareness of career opportunities and their routes to attaining employment by the time they are 16. We are especially pleased with those who decide that St Mary's will no longer be an appropriate institu-

tion for them post-16 but who access information and advice, know the full range of their options and make an informed decision about their future.

Mr. Woods guides and assists Year Twelve pupils with Option Choices for Lower Sixth.

Upper School

Pupils in Lower Sixth are invited to attend a variety of events; the annual Careers & Higher Education Convention held at Methodist College, the Institute of Directors' Programme, Engineering Seminars, Open Days at B.I.F.H.E. and Loughry College, the April Medical Symposium etc.

Mock job interviews are held weekly throughout the year for those Lower Sixth students as they complete their module on Application Forms with Mr L.Perry. Lower Sixth pupils also experience a Careers Module on UCAS preparation organised by Mr. E. Collins. Sixth Form Pupils have the option of attending seminars during and after school in which past pupils detail their career routes e.g. Gerard

Hyland and Joe McVeigh from Maddin & Finucane will give an insight into the legal profession in March 1999.

Preparation for the "Work Shadowing" experience continues in the first and second terms with the Form Monitors in the weekly Friday Form Class. The set assignment is discussed in detail and advice offered. The Work Shadowing Programme will take place during February. During this week (Monday 1st February - Friday 6th February 1999). Last year 86% of students completed a placement.

The follow-up assignment will factor in UCAS assessment by the school and other references.

Work Shadowing for GNVQ pupils takes place at the same time.

The Careers Library is open to all students and especially Upper School pupils for research and consultation. Mr Collins has established new procedures for accessing the new career facilities available in the library through the Ecctis and Odyssey programmes. Mr. L. Perry briefed form classes on their use. Our range of resource and research materials have been updated and inserted for library use. Private consultation is always available from Careers Teachers or, as always, Jock and Carmel our Careers Officers from the Training and Employment Agency.

In May, Mr F Woods will organise talks by Admission Officers from Queen's University and the University of Ulster. Prospectuses for both universities are given to all students and further talks follow on entry to Southern Universities and other aspects of Further Education. Other prospectuses will be available for consultation. Open Days at QUB and UU will take place in early September 1999.

By the completion of Lower Sixth, pupils who positively engage in the Careers Programme will have had learning opportunities in work and interview experiences, developed skills in researching jobs and completing application forms, accessed Careers resources and begun their planning for the UCAS and Further Education route.

The names of those students who obtained places in Third Level education and those past pupils who graduated from universities in the last academic year are displayed in the booklets at Parents' Nights,

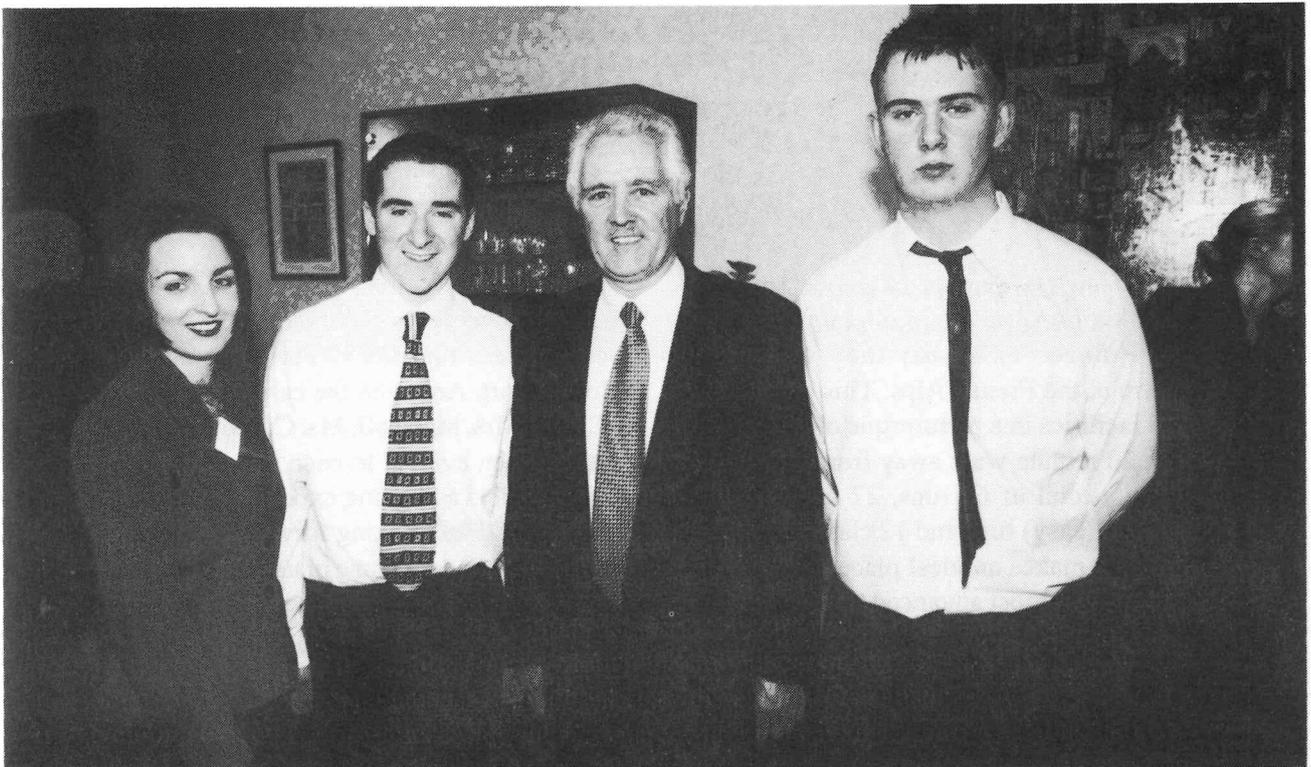
Open Nights and other school literature. Many of last year's leavers performed with distinction and obtained courses of their choice. It is nice to remember past pupils like James McConway and Gary Doherty who are recent (1998) medicine graduates. In keeping with the historical pattern the majority entered Queen's University and the University of Ulster, some were attracted by courses in Dublin and in Edinburgh and some continued into Further Education Colleges. We anticipate similar success for Upper Sixth students.

The clear message from various contacts is that academic qualifications will not guarantee success in the job market. Pupils must take all opportunities in and outside of the curriculum to acquire the other attributes which will enhance their overall profile.

(A special word of thanks to Michael Bennett and Paul Hunter for their work as Career Librarians).

Mr. J. Sheerin

Belfast Telegraph's News Day



Miss Dickson, Stephen Keeley, John Mc Fall (*N.I. Minister for Health and Education*) and Darren Kelly.

Stephen and Darren represented St. Mary's at The Belfast Telegraph's "News Day" presentation. Miss Dickson's A'Level English Literature class participated in the "News Day" competition on 10th November.

They were required to produce a newspaper using genuine press releases. With the help of Mr Greene's excellent I.T. skills, the pupils produced a very professional looking newspaper.

Other pupils in the group were: Jimmy Montgomery, Kevin Elliot, Darren Mc Caffrey, Jonny Shortt and Paul Crawford.

The Belfast Civic Trust Schools Debating Competition.

In January this year, the masses of St. Mary's were invited to attend the oratorial spectacular of the decade. Indeed, when my esteemed colleague, Joseph McAuley, and I took the stand, we were faced with a highly representative and sardonic horde, which we were told was "the house".

In actual fact, the house became our strongest ally, facing down the side from Ballyclare High School with admirable skill perhaps more skilled than the actual debaters exhibited. They encouraged every attack on the opposition and the same, indeed, were heard in the act hurling vitriolic abuse at them. Vitriol aside, the Ballyclare team and their supporters acquitted themselves well in this particular debate, the motion concerned being: -

"This House wants to be European."

Ballyclare, the proposition of course tried to convince us that we were Xenophobic, racist, sexist, ageist, anti-Semitic, mean, anti-left-handed and insular. In reply, we made the cardinal mistake of insulting ABBA. This caused problems, especially when I was told "It is people like you - yes you,

I'm talking to you - who are responsible for the 1986 break up of Europop giants like Benny, Bjorn, Agnetha, and Annafrieda" by a very irate Ballyclare-ite.

We fought back, weakly, on the grounds that too many people have died for us to be part of Europe. And, indeed, we won the vote in the house and answered tough points of information. Of course, the house, the house partisan in our favour, special support coming from Michael Cassidy, Sean Conlon and Kevin Elliott, who posed tough economics questions to the opposition.

Eventually, all of us were adjudicated as "naturals", but some are more natural than others. Joseph and I were judged most natural, and we progress to the forthcoming Eighth-Finals. Details will follow shortly, and our "avid" fans will be very adequately accommodated, should transportation to the next venue be necessary. Please see Mr. Campfield, if you're interested in debating or attending.

Paul McKay 12A

Skiing course to Montgenevre France

On the 12th March a number of pupils from St. Mary's will set off once again on another skiing course to France. This year they set out to Montgenevre in the French Alps. This offers convenient ski facilities in a picturesque old stone village only a 20 minute walk away from the Italian border. With a total of 61 runs, 27 of which are classed as blue (easy) runs and 12 classed as black (hard) runs this makes an ideal place for skiers of all stages, from the most advanced to the complete beginner. On the lift system there are 37 lifts giving access to 145km of excellent piste ranging from a height of 1860m, the height of the resort, to 2700m.

The hotel la Rafale, our home for the week, is perfectly positioned in the very centre of the resort, 150 metres or so from the nearest lift and opposite the main slopes and ice rink. The hotel itself is 300 years old and is one of the original buildings, standing alongside the pretty little church, containing a small bar with video games, table football and a restaurant. The total capacity of the hotel is 100 persons so I can see that we will bump into a number of foreigners.

With this being my 5th skiing course I can gladly say that every one was excellent in its own way. It can be seen that Mr. L. Perry can choose a fabulous resort. And with the care and support of Bro. Carlin, Mrs. Marshall, Ms. Curran and Mr. Scullion it has been evident to each and every pupil. I can say that it is a learning experience underpinned by fun. We all are looking forward to good snow, camaraderie and for some of us improving our skiing, as well as the organised social activities led by Mr. McGettigan and Mr. Quigg.

Piaras Murray 13G



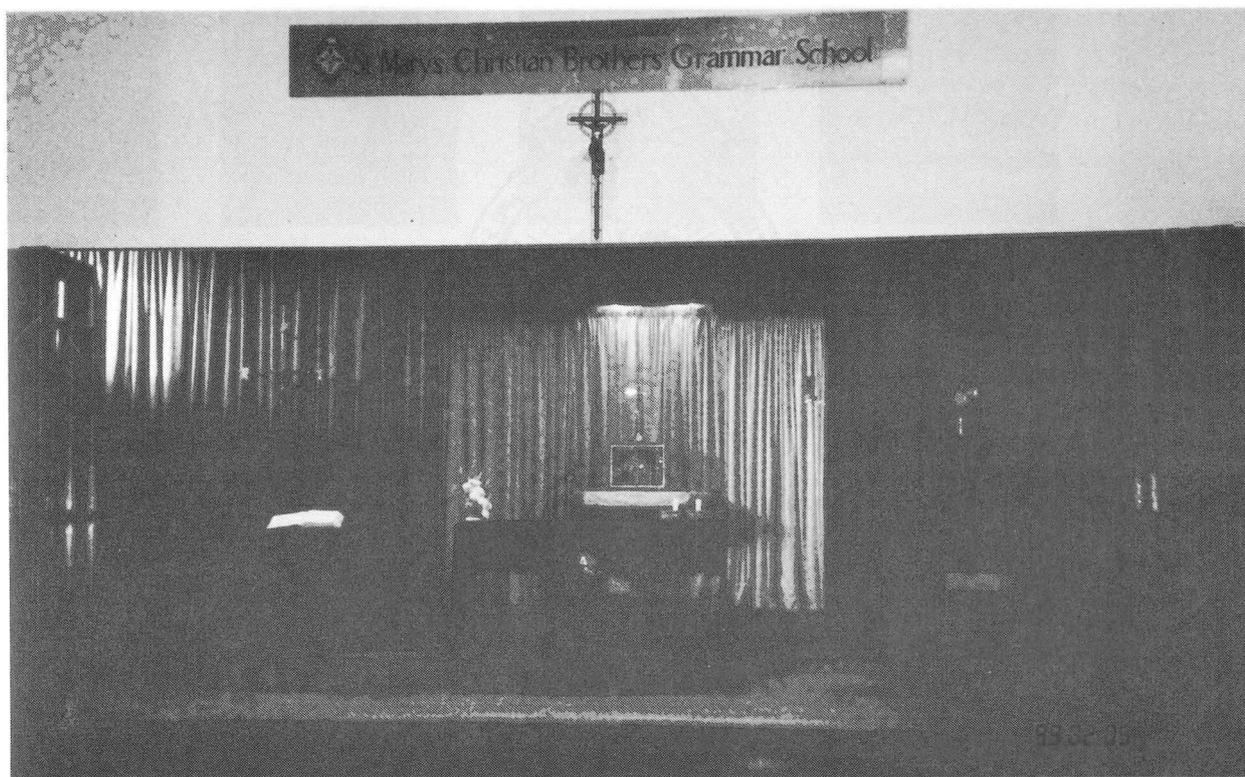
The New School Oratory

This year saw the completion of the new school Oratory. This replaces the facilities of the Old Chapel, which is needed for other purposes. The new Oratory can cater for greatly increased numbers, which will be of great benefit to the school.

The glass screens were taken from Barrack Street and serve as a permanent memorial of the original school. When the stained glass panels are installed the screens will be the outstanding features of the new Oratory.

Thanks are due to Brothers Monaghan and Gleeson, Mr. Tom Docherty, Mr. G. Vernon, Mr. Nigel Cushley, Mr. Tony Whitehead and Mr. Joe McKeevney for all their hard work in bringing this project to such a satisfactory and beautiful condition.

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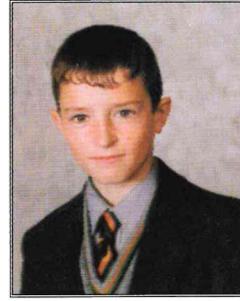
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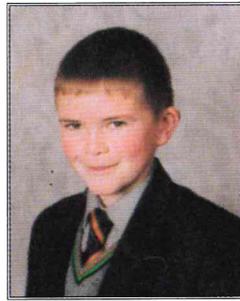
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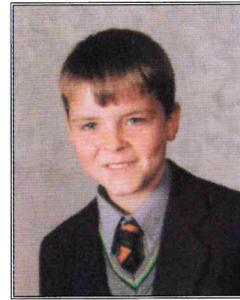
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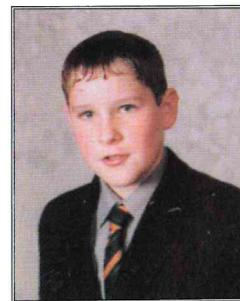
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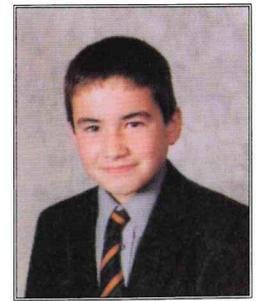
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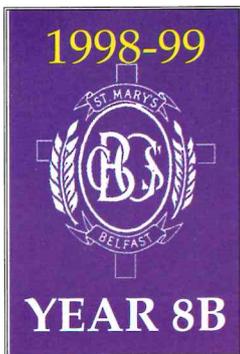


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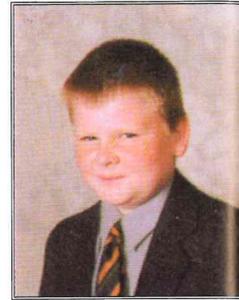
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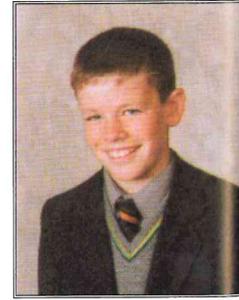
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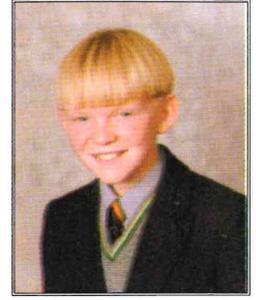
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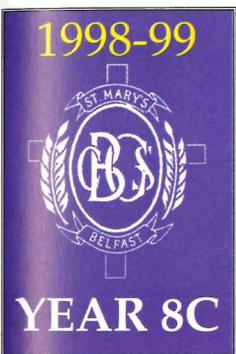
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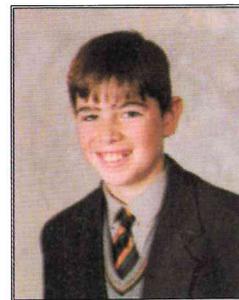
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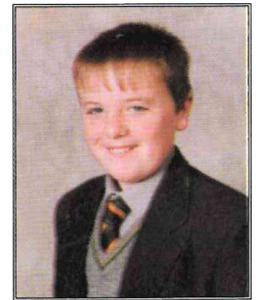
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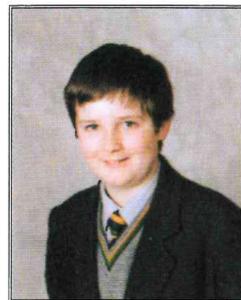
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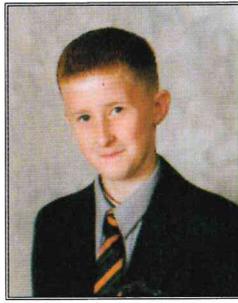


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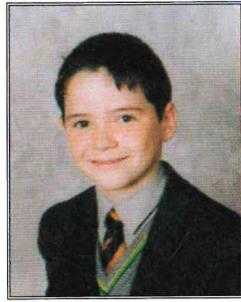
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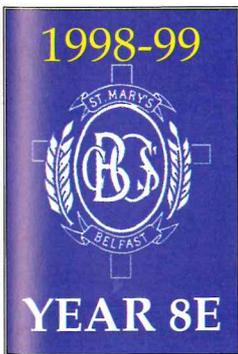
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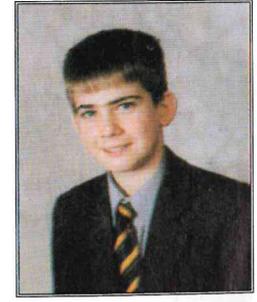
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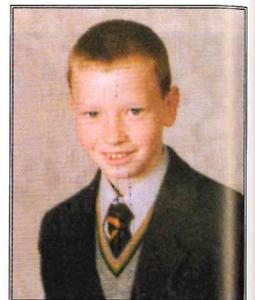
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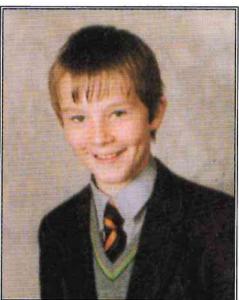
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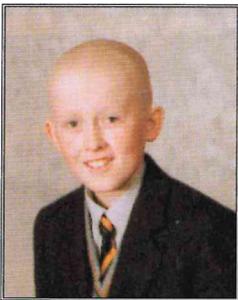
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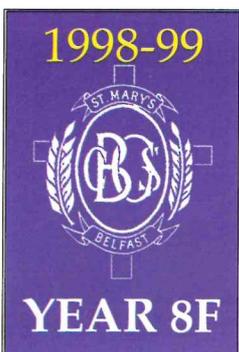
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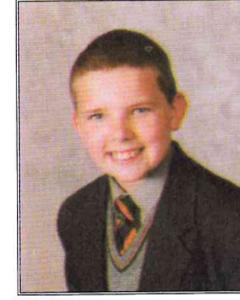
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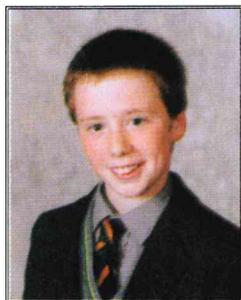
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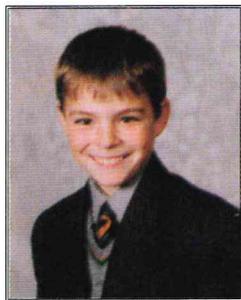
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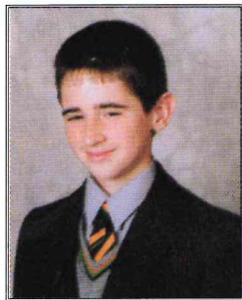
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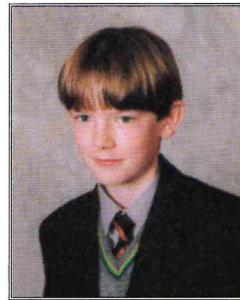
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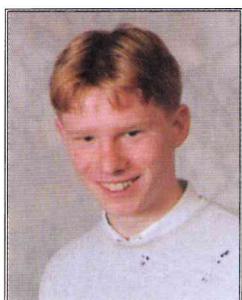
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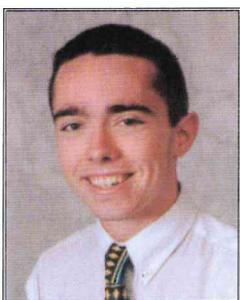
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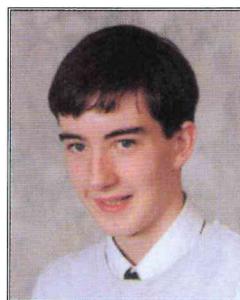
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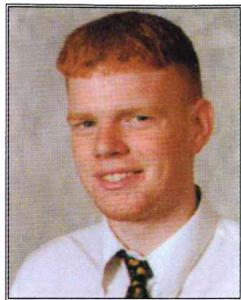


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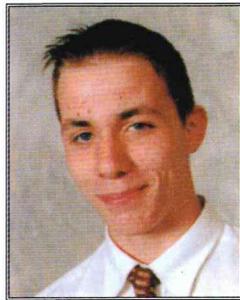


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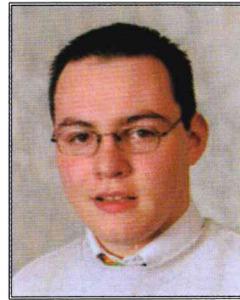
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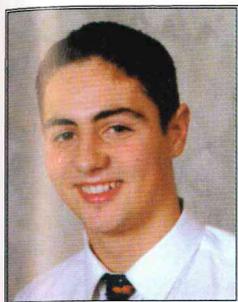
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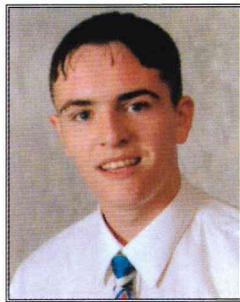
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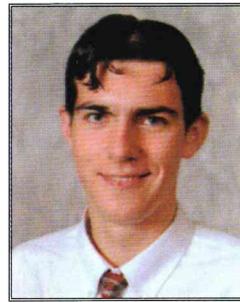
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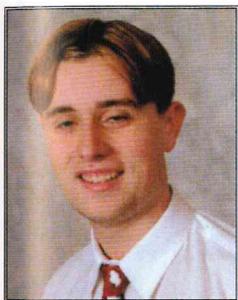
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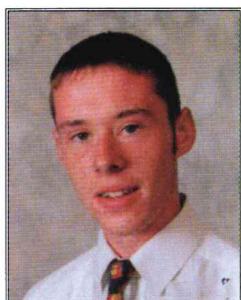
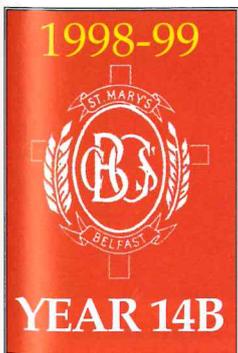
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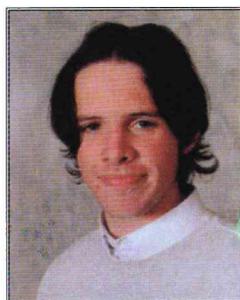
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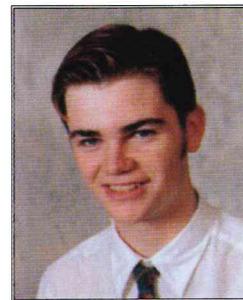
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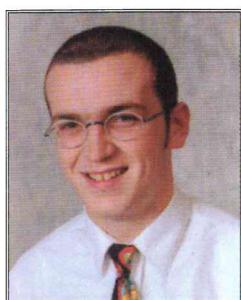
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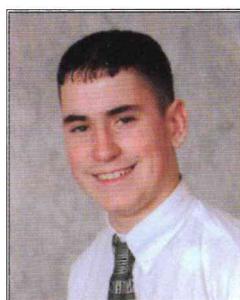
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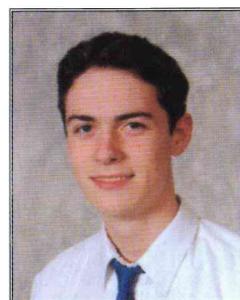
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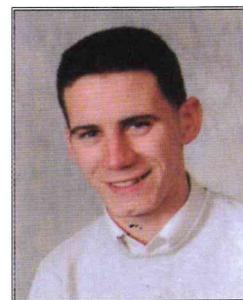
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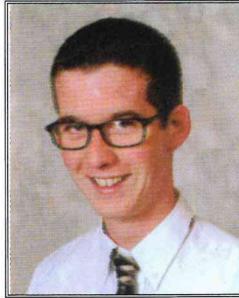


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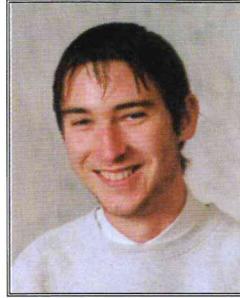


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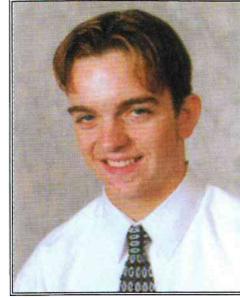
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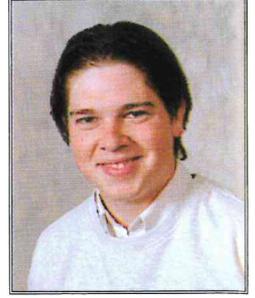
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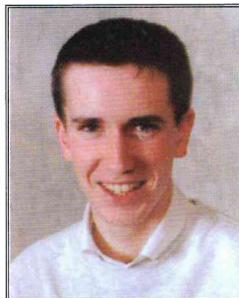
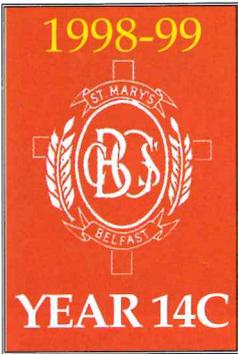
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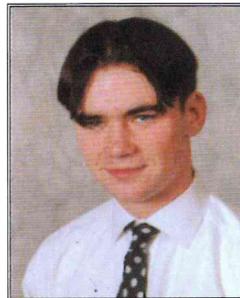
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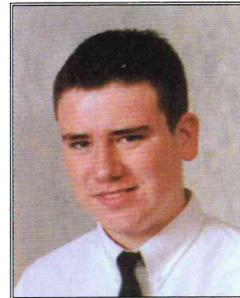
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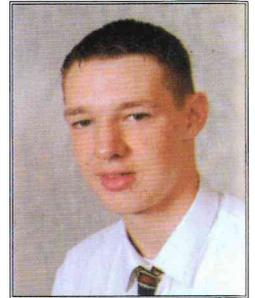
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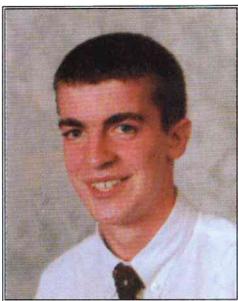
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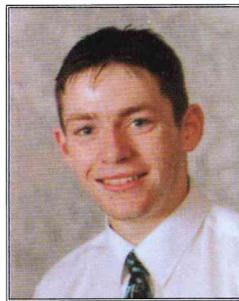
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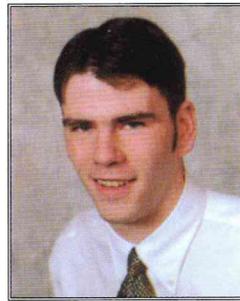
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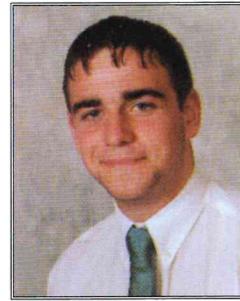
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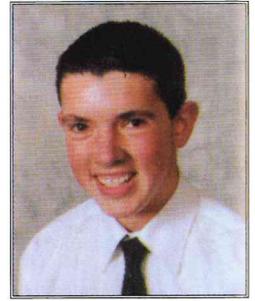
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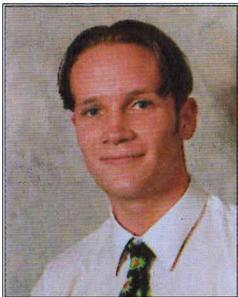
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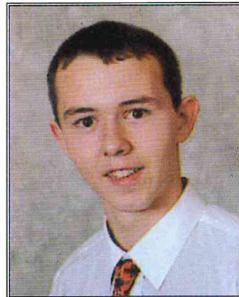
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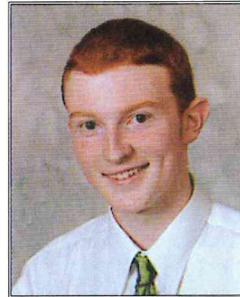
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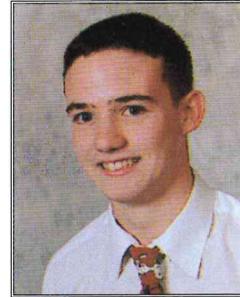
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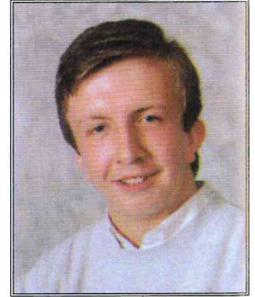
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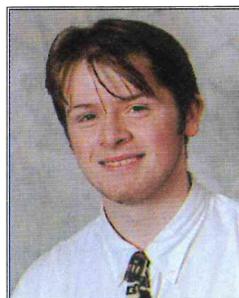
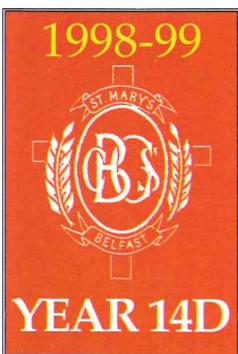
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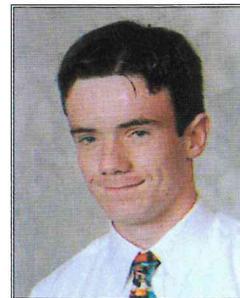
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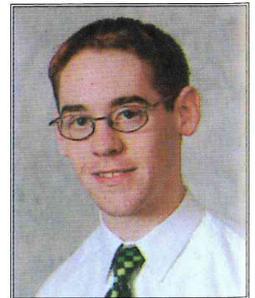
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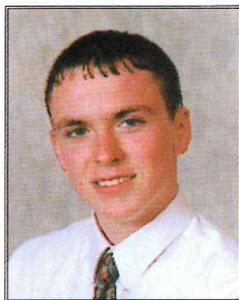


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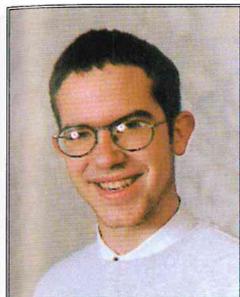
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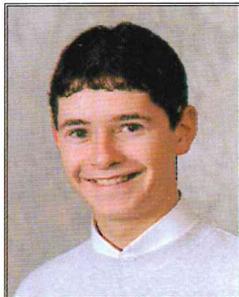
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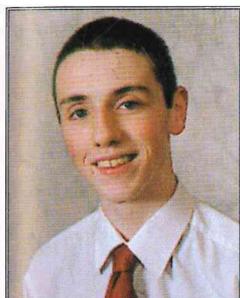
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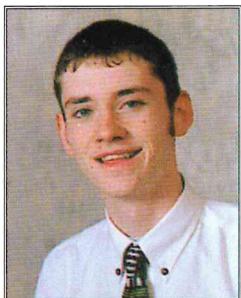
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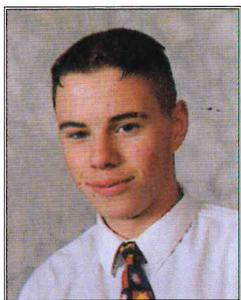
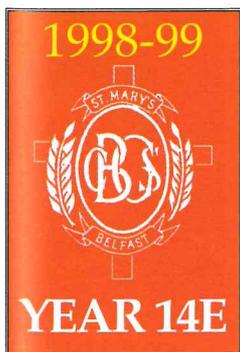
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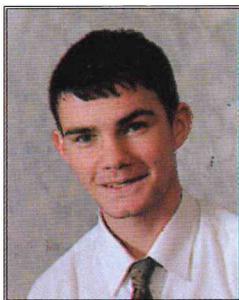
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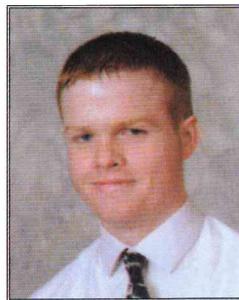
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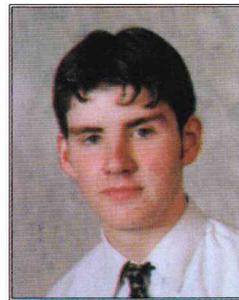
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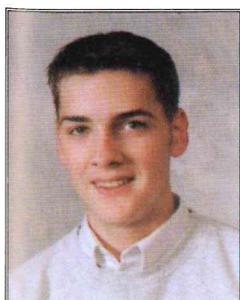
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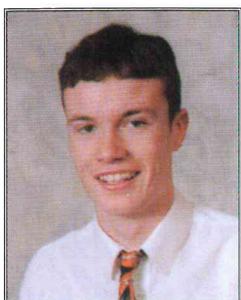
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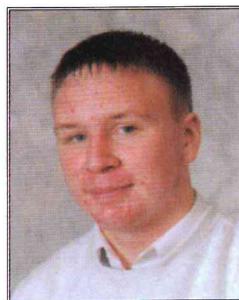
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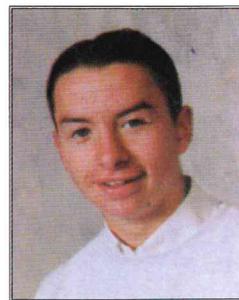
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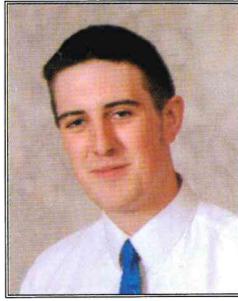


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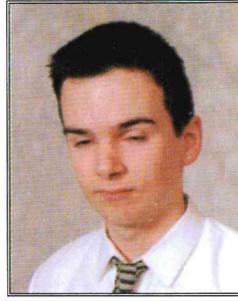


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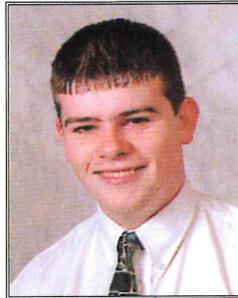
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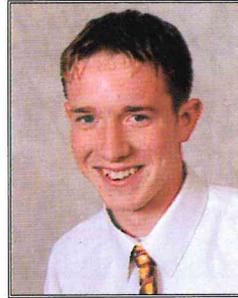
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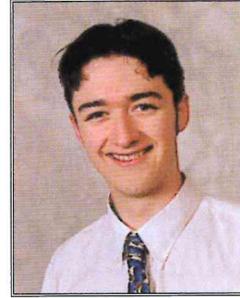
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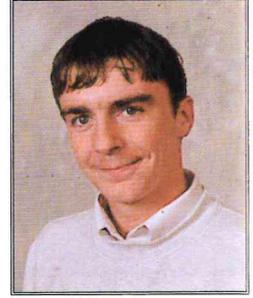
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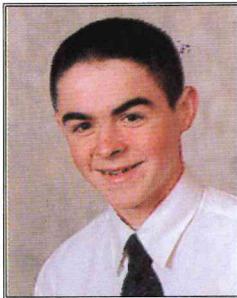
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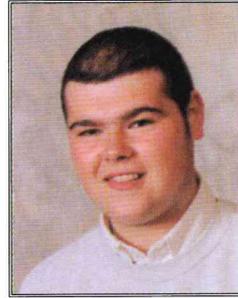
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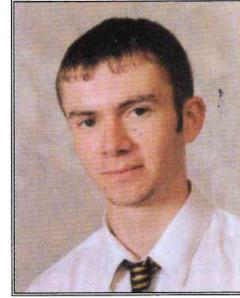
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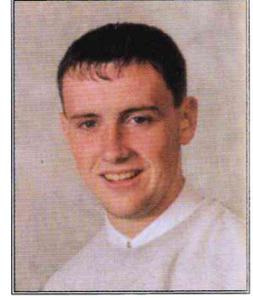
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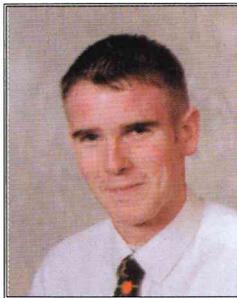
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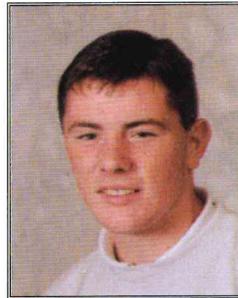
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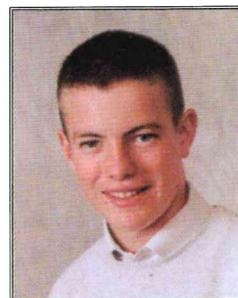
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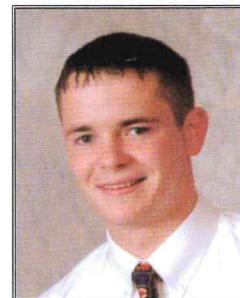
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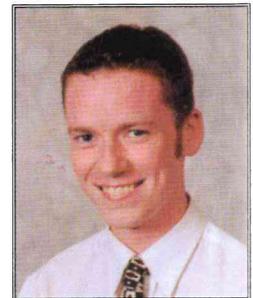
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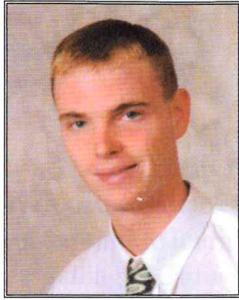


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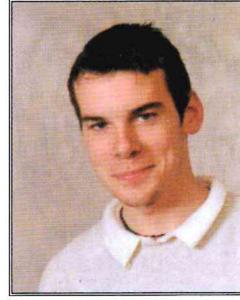
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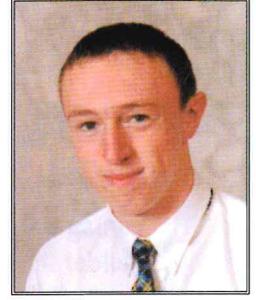
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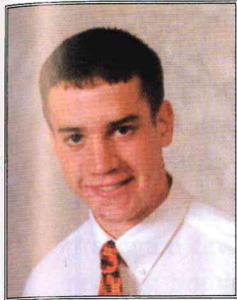
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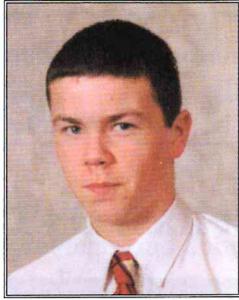
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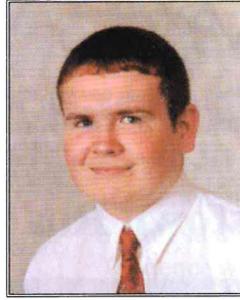
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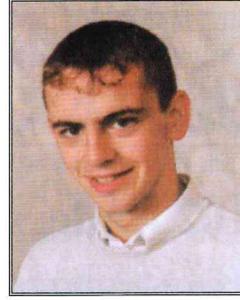
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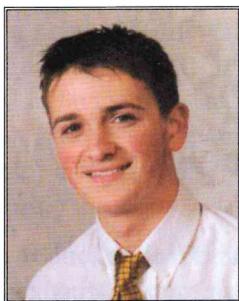
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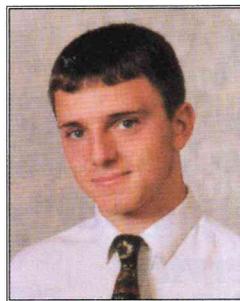
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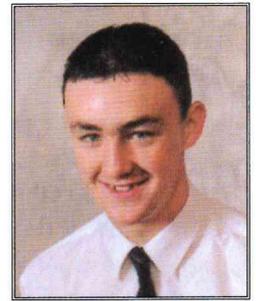
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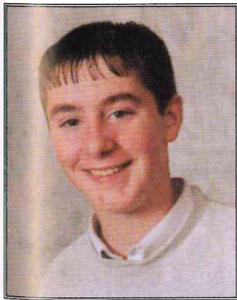
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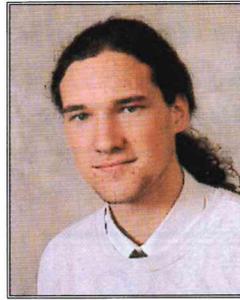
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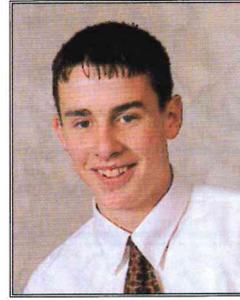
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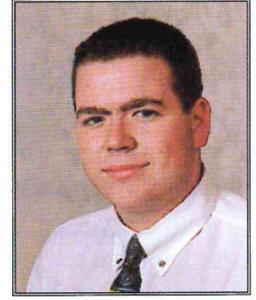
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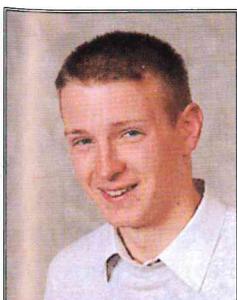
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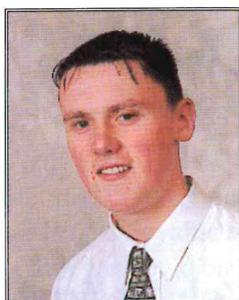
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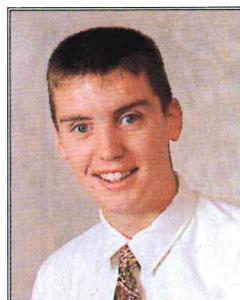
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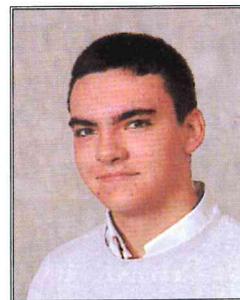
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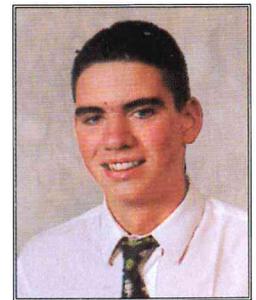
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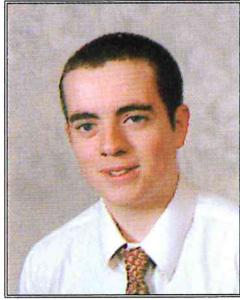


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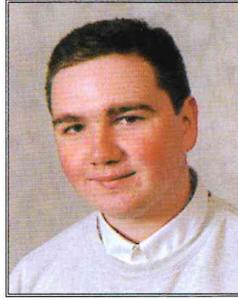


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History Trip to Normandy

Last March on Friday 13th, yes Friday 13th, 40 junior pupils, the majority from the Barrack Street campus, boarded a coach at tea-time to journey to Larné to catch the 7:15 jetliner sailing to Cairnryan in Scotland. Led by the Fuhrer of Barrack St. Mr. J. McClean, assisted by Messers. G. Quigg and S. Fearon and Ms. T. McCann along with our group interpreter Mrs. J. McEvoy. St. Mary's CBGS was once again on the continental trail heading for Normandy in France on a History Trip which would include visits to sites of the Norman period and also World War II.

The crossing to Cairnryan was quite blustery but presented few real problems and soon we were heading South towards England for an overnight coach journey on our N.S.T. luxury coach driven by John our quiet but friendly Scottish driver.

By breakfast time, we had reached the channel port of Portsmouth after a tiring but uneventful coach trip and soon we were aboard our P.O. ferry for a five-hour crossing to Le Havre in France. The crossing was very smooth indeed and many took the opportunity to sleep for a few hours while the rest spent their time exploring the ship.

Just after mid-day we docked in France only to damage the coach's exhaust system as we drove down the ship's off-ramp. John the driver had to find a garage to patch it up and this delayed us but although tired, the excitement of being in La Belle France dampened any feeling of disappointment. Soon we were back on the road crossing the River Seine and heading for our base Hotel des Pins at Denneville about 25 miles South of Cherbourg. Unfortunately John our driver did manage to get lost about 20 miles from the hotel which delayed us a little more but by tea-time we managed to arrive at our hotel which was located virtually right on a long sandy but deserted beach facing the Atlantic. There was also a public phone box outside the hotel from which pupils could phone home and a soccer pitch about three hundred yards back down the access road and matches at both locations were organised by Mr. Quigg. All the neighbouring houses were empty as they were only used as holiday homes.

We quickly disembarked, sorted out the bedrooms and assembled in the dining room for dinner. Generally the grub was good and enjoyable and even if you didn't really like a dish you could buy snacks at the bar, also if you smiled long enough at Madame La Patronne she would provide you with hot water

to make a pot noodle, which some boys had brought with them from home.

After dinner the evening was spent in the games room and it was amply stocked with pool tables, video games, pinball machines and a full sized snooker table.

The next morning after our continental breakfast we headed to Mont St. Michél one of the wonders of the medieval world – a Medieval Monastery and walled village built on a rock surrounded by the sea but now reached by a man-made causeway. Legend says that the Mount was the site of the battle between Michael the Archangel and the Devil but for students of history it is an ideal location to experience what life in a crowded Medieval walled town was like, with its narrow hilly streets and its strong fortifications plus its restaurants, museums and gift shops, an ideal place for forty 2nd and 3rd years to spend a Sunday afternoon. It also dominates the landscape for miles around and is truly a sight to see and a place to visit.

The next day, the Monday, we set out after breakfast for the village of St. Mére-Église, which was the H.Q. of German intelligence at the time of the D. Day landings and was captured by U.S. Airborne troops a few days before D. Day in 1944. The village therefore has a small but very interesting museum commemorating the landing and after an enjoyable visit we ate our packed lunch on the edge of the church car park in the sparkling spring sunshine.

Next stop was Arromanches a small coastal village and seaside resort not too far away. It's historical significance is that it was chosen by the allies as the place where they would locate their Mulberry harbours – precast concrete harbours towed across the channel and sunk into the sea bed at Arromanches to enable the allied troops to be resupplied quickly when they had landed in Normandy.

We arrived at Arromanches just as the museum was closing for lunch. So while we sat on the sea wall and ate our packed lunch some boys ventured into a nearby shop to buy films for their cameras and lo and behold what did they find but 'fireworks', bangers to be precise, big ones, middle-sized ones and small ones. Bangers big enough to blow up an elephant and small enough to smash a mouse.

By the time the teachers realised it, almost every boy had purchased some and John our driver in-

formed us that he was not allowed to drive the bus with fireworks on board. The teachers then collected as many as they could find, and Mrs. McEvoy went to the shop to return them and get our money back. She managed to get some back but the shop keeper refused to refund all the money and many of the bangers were dumped. Despite this action bangers still kept appearing over the next twenty four hours as they were disposed of in flower beds, window boxes and any other suitable receptacle.

That afternoon we visited the town of Bayeux famed for both its Medieval Cathedral and world renowned Tapestry telling the story of the Norman Invasion of England and what a sight it was. On our journey back to the hotel one "swot" said he never wanted to visit another museum in his life.

The next day was March 17th St. Patrick's Day and we decorated our bus for the occasion thanks to a very kind gesture by Ciaran Cooley's mum Fionnula who gave us green streamers and Shamrock-festooned banners. It was also the day we would be leaving for home. So we said our goodbyes to the hotel staff, took a group photograph outside the hotel and headed for Cherbourg to cross to Portsmouth. Once again we were soon heading north into the night bound for Cairnryan.

Early Wednesday morning about 7:30 we reached Cairnryan only to see the Jetliner heading out into Loch Ryan bound for Larne. We had made very good time up the motorways but we were far too early for our scheduled crossing at 11a.m. so we had to hang around in the P.O. terminal at Cairnryan

for a few hours. Some slept; some played the video games while others were introduced to the Scottish version of an "Ulster Fry" which has as its centre-piece a rectangular sausage and which tasted lovely.

On board the jetliner we braced ourselves for a rough crossing and rough it was and many a rectangular sausage once again saw the light of day because almost everybody was sick and spoke to God on the big telephone. However after an hour and a half of weaving and bobbing, ducking and diving we landed at Larne, boarded our coach and soon arrived back in Belfast tired but happy after what was a very enjoyable and very educational experience.

Many thanks to all the staff who accompanied us especially Mr. McClean the organiser, Mr. Quigg, St. Mary's answer to a Butlin's redcoat, Mr. Fearon and Miss. McCann who acted as pursers i.e. looked after our purses, Mrs. McEvoy who sorted out the language and communication problems and also Mr. Rory O'Prey a retired member of the Gestapo Staff who travelled as a paying guest to be our World War II expert.

As you read this another History trip to Normandy is being organised. It will be the school's fourth and at a reasonable price. So if you are a junior pupil and are interested contact Mr. McClean, Miss. McCann or Mr. Fearon for details.

"Au revoir mes amis . Á Bientot"



The Closing of St. Mary's Barrack St.

In June of last year St. Mary's C.B.G.S. Barrack St. finally closed its doors after sixty-nine years as a Christian Brothers Secondary \ Grammar School. To mark its closing a committee had been established in April and it was decided to hold an exhibition of school memorabilia, to commission a video and to have a special mass of closing, and for those events to take place on a weekend in May.

The Bishop the Most Reverend Patrick Walsh a past pupil was asked to lead the celebrants in the Mass that due to the generosity of Fr. Scallan P.P. St. Mary's would be held in St. Mary's Chapel Lane. Bishop Walsh immediately agreed and other priests of the Diocese who were also past pupils were invited to attend.

Meanwhile letters were placed in various newspapers announcing the events and asking for the loan of memorabilia for the exhibition. One such letter placed in the Irish Times resulted in a phone call to Barrack St. from a John Mulholland a past pupil and successful Dublin financier who happened to be a close friend of Martin Mc Aleese also a past pupil and his wife Mary the President of Ireland. John Mulholland suggested organising a dinner in the Europa Hotel for interested past pupils at which President Mc Aleese was keen to speak as Guest of Honour.

Thus the scene was set with John Mulholland and Jim Mc Clean organising the dinner from Dublin and Belfast respectively, Declan Breen, Seamus Crilly and Harry O Prey collating and arranging material for both Exhibition and Video and the School Music Dept under Head of Dept Collette Morris assisted by Rory O Prey looking after the arrangements for the Mass in St. Mary's.

When the designated weekend in May arrived all the events were great successes. The Mass on Saturday afternoon was a truly memorable and uplifting experience. Bishop Walsh who was assisted by Monsignor Bartley, Canon Joe Conway, his brother Canon Noel, Fr. Paddy O'Donnell C.S.S.R. (Clonard), Fr. Gerry Mc Closkey, Fr. Vincent Denny and Fr. Scallan P.P. St. Mary's, preached an inspirational homily on the contribution of the Brothers to his life and the lives of thousands of other boys who had attended and still do attend St. Mary's. Music and hymns for the Mass were provided by the school choir under Miss Morris' direction and by the two solo flautists Jim Moyna and Marcas Ó Murchú, and the gifts were carried to the altar by members of the C.B.P.P.U. The con-

gregation included current and past members of the staff and their families. It was a truly beautiful service which will remain in our memories forever and we are indebted to all who helped make it so, particularly his Lordship the Bishop.

When the Mass had ended, there was much chat in Chapel Lane prior to heading up to Barrack Street to view the excellent exhibition arranged by Mr Breen and co. to which memorabilia had been sent from as far away as Brussels and Toronto, testifying to the power and popularity of the internet.

Some of the highlights of the exhibition were old straps used to chastise unruly and lazy pupils, the wage bill for the staff in 1948, a picture of Gerry Adams M.P as a 2nd year pupil and a photograph of the "Boot" the late great Bro. Mc Greevy in his traditional "Paddy" hat taken in the company of the legendary Bro. J.M. Murphy at the school sports day held in Celtic Park sometime in the late 50's (courtesy of Harry O'Prey).

The exhibition proved to be a big hit and was well attended on the Saturday afternoon but even better attended on the Sunday afternoon when who should arrive but another famous past pupil Paul Clarke the well-known T.V personality who arrived with a UTV cameras crew to film the events for a feature on the Monday nights UTV six o'clock news programme.

Paul also attended the dinner, which he hosted for the evening in his usual professional and natural style and to him too we are indebted.

The dinner in the Europa Hotel was a huge success. There were one or two minor problems such as a hiccup in seating arrangements, difficulties experienced by some of the guests in hearing the speakers, but the President's speech was a tour de force in which she told of how she had met her husband to be at a ceili in the Ard Scoil Divis Street, organised by Bro. Beausang while she was still at St. Dominic's and Martin still at St. Mary's. She also told how she was related to the late Bro. Mc Greevy alias the "Boot" and how he epitomised for her and for many many others, all that was good in the Irish Christian Brothers. She said she was delighted and greatly honoured to be there that evening and the lengthy standing ovation she received when she ended indicated that those feelings were shared by her audience. John Mulholland the dinner's organiser, Bro. Beausang and Bro. J Murphy also spoke to thunderous applause only to be followed

by the superb impersonator Johnny Day who helped set the scene for the final part of the evening which consisted of people mingling and chatting with old friends and fellow pupils whom they might not have seen in decades.

Many the flashbulbs popped as both former staff and former pupils smiled for the camera, former staff such as the sprightly George Cashell and Dan Cashman now in his 90's. The dinner was a fitting finale to an excellent weekend the highlights of which were captured and can be seen on the commemorative Barrack Street video copies are still available from Mr Declan Breen, St Mary's CBGS 417 Glen Road, Belfast.

Since some people could not attend the exhibition in Barrack Street, John Cooley of the C.B.P.P.U who had sat on the organising committee arranged

with the help of the O'Prey brothers to put it on display in the clubrooms on the Antrim Road the following Saturday and although the turnout was somewhat disappointing, the thirty or forty past pupils who did turn up had a very enjoyable evening and were delighted to have had the opportunity to view it.

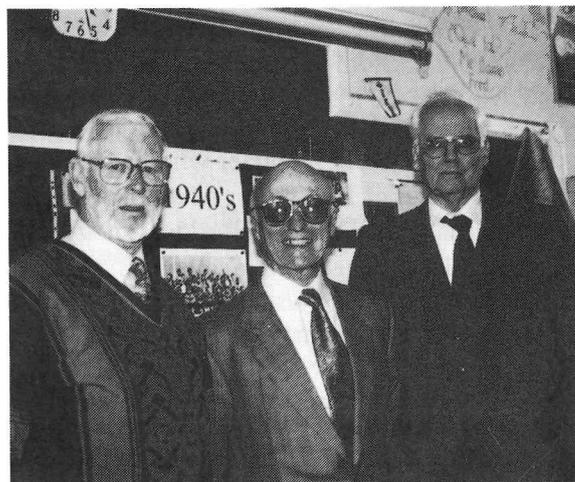
To finish I would like on behalf of our principal Kevin Burke to thank all those involved in making the three events so memorable, uplifting and enjoyable and I personally would like to thank Aoife O'Flaherty, John Mulholland's secretary in Dublin and Barrack Streets' own Mrs Betty Mulvenna without whom nothing would have been achieved.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Mr. J. Mc Clean.



A sample of the crowd



Times remembered by old friends



Br. Beausang and Seán O'Labhradha



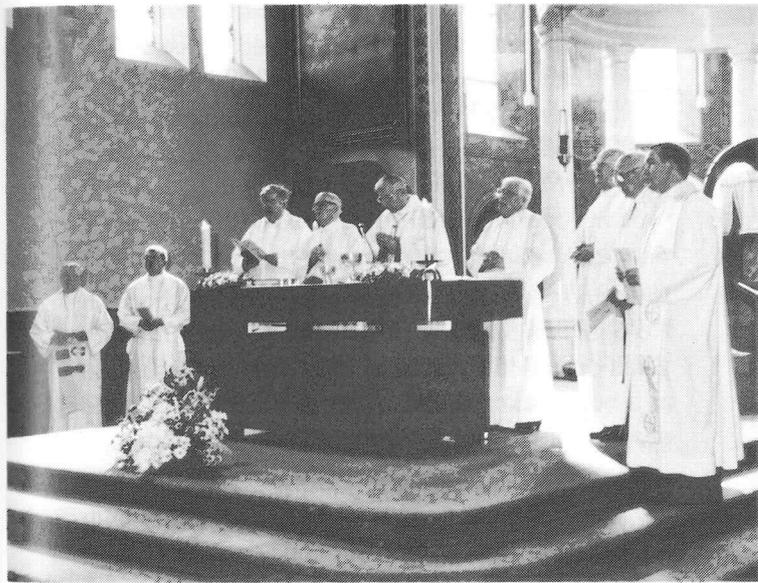
A President greets a familiar face!



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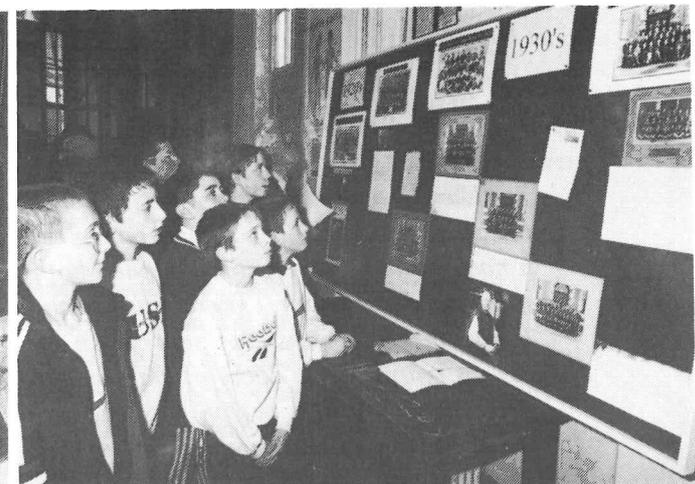
The Bishop leads the concelebration of Mass in St. Mary's Chapel.



Br. Beausang, Irish teacher Paddy Logan, Latin teacher, Marcas Ó Murchú, former student, now head of Spanish, St. Columb's, Derry



A trip down memory lane!



Looking Back.

Remarks by President Mary McAleese

at

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on

SUNDAY, 10th MAY 1998

to mark the

CLOSURE of BARRACK STREET

Tá áthas an domhain orm bheith in bhur measc anocht. Tá mé iontach sásta go bhfuair mé an cuireadh bheith libh ar an ócáid speisialta seo. Cosúil le go leor daoine eile sa tír, tá mise bródúil as an obair a rinne na inbráithre Críostaí i Scoil Naomh Mhuire agus tháinig mé anocht le buíochas a ghabháil leo agus leis na múinteoirí go léir a réitigh an bealach do ghlúin an lae inniu. Tá ard-mholadh ag dul dóibh.

A school, a very famous landmark is closing its doors for the last time and we have come together to gather our memories in celebration of its place, its unique, nostalgic, evocative and formative place in each of our lives. It was, of course, a school exclusively for boys so it may seem very curious that I should speak of my memories of it or indeed that I should be here at all but perhaps as I peel back the layers of my own recollection you will catch a glimpse or two of a world which you once knew intimately, or so you thought, and which shaped you in ways which cannot be measured or defined. Everyone of you has your own album of images, each very different from the next, each with its own integrity, but some things we all agree on and the scene is set brilliantly by the celebrated alumnus, poet Ciaran Carson in his remarkable book "The Star Factory". Two chapters are devoted to the school and this is what he says:

"The mouthful of 'St Mary's Christian Brothers Grammar School' was reduced to 'Barrack Street' in common parlance, a nomenclature which corresponded both to space and history. There was speculation that the ghosts of sentrymen or screws patrolled the doors of classrooms, and this vision of a prison was encouraged by the military carriage of the black-robed, black-buttoned, black-booted Christian Brothers."

If there is a hint of Carson's writing of a fearsome regime it was nothing compared to the fearsome

regime the boys inflicted on each other. He tells of a new boy required to hide under the coats, damp coats which festooned the classroom walls, as the class collectively played a trick on the teacher, the trick of 'the Invisible Boy'.

"Curled foetally, the Boy, as present absentee, would be cajoled by furtive kicks and fisticuffs to give himself away - on one occasion someone stuck a compass point into him, where upon the Boy's responding utterance was muffled by a collective outbreak of whooping cough; it was agreed thereafter that such weapons should be decommissioned

It was no coincidence, I suppose, that the shop - at No 68 Divis Street, near the school, was for many years occupied by a Mr James Gribben described as a boot maker and also a 'manufacturer of good quality leather straps for the discerning educator'.

But the threat of straps did not it seems deter the "boys bursting with testosterone - who lounged in the cramped open air urinals ... , puffing and inhaling furtive cigarette smoke". The boys bursting with testosterone were, of course, of more than passing interest to the hormonal Dominican girls up the road. I married a Barrack Street boy, one of the thousands of young men who has cause to be grateful that the Christian Brothers came to Belfast in 1866 with a mission to educate the poor in the school that came to be known as 'the ragged school'. Many's a ragged personality was honed and rounded into a confident, articulate, able young professional. They filtered out into the civic life of Belfast, of Ireland and every part of the globe. Their imaginations, their genius helped change the landscape of this struggling country; their fidelity protected and invigorated a threatened culture and a weakened language until a new strong, self-confident generation emerged to effect a cultural renaissance of extraordinary energy and power which is only now coming into its stride.

Three hundred years ago the last of the great bards Daibhi O'Brudair died in poverty and despair. Ireland had gone through a convulsive century which saw the tragic demise of Gaelic Ireland, its talent scattered abroad, never to return. He believed Ireland was finished, the poets all gone.

"D'aithle na bhfileadh n-uasal
Truaghsan timpeall an tsaoil
Clann na n-ollamh go n-eagna
Folamh gan freagra faobhair".

"The high poets are gone
and I mourn for the world's warring
the children of the wise bards
emptied of their sharp retorts."

But fresh green shoots did grow. New men took the place of the wise bards. They guided and directed the children of new generations through many social, political, spiritual and economic upheavals. From generation to generation the walls of Barrack Street school looked outwardly the same but inside and outside the world was changing and the Brothers changed too.

It is important on an evening like this to remember those lives which were dedicated with a total and unswerving commitment to the education and betterment of the young. They were not saints though there were saints among them. They were, many of them, men whose abilities would have taken them to the top of any profession but whose vision for humanity, for God and for education led them to place their lives at the service of others. At a time when the Order itself has, with humility and generosity, apologised for the dark side of its story, it is apt that those of us who know both sides acknowledge the redeemed side.

I was privileged through my brothers and uncles who were Christian Brother boys to get to know the litany of famous Brothers' names, many long since dead, some happily here tonight. But through the life of one man, whom I knew well, as probably did many of you here, I was blessed with an insight into the profound greatness of heart and mind of many of the Brothers. The man in question was a distant cousin of my fathers, a regular visitor to our home and a man I was very close to particularly at the time of his death. He was as typical a Brother as it is possible to find. His name was Johnny McGreevy, known as Brother Bede, better known as 'The Boot' or 'Bisto'. A Barrack Street boy whose experience of the Brothers fostered his own vocation. I want to dwell on him for a moment, not for his own sake but because he exemplified so much of what was humanly frail and divinely good about the Brothers. He is my archetype. A man of many contradictions, ultimately vindicated in all his strengths and weaknesses by the love and affection he elicited from those whose lives he touched. The son of a RUC man, he was a staunch, irrepressible nationalist. A gentle, even quietly se-

rene man most of the time, he turned into a raving lunatic on the sideline. The hurling teams he trained fought two matches simultaneously, one against the physical onslaught of their opponents and the other against the vicious verbal onslaught of their coach. Referees were given all manner of directions as to where they should put themselves. In the CBS in Derry where he taught before coming back to his Alma Mater St Mary's, Belfast, he was christened 'Roaring Meg' after the cannon on Derry's walls.

I remember my father goading him at matches, reminding him of another contradiction, he couldn't play football or hurling to save his life. "What are you roaring at those fellas for, sure you couldn't kick a door". Back came the retort, "You don't have to be a greyhound to train one".

The same man who gently encouraged so many people to go on to third level education, who gave up his time to help those he knew needed extra help to get through an exam, who was always ready with a word of encouragement for me, he was the same man who could reduce a person to minute pieces with his withering sarcasm. One famous remark written on a student's feeble attempt at calculus read,

"Was your father a butcher, because this is tripe".

Today he would be cannon fodder for the politically correct lobby. His views on television, women, lacklustre hurling, the demise of classics mark him out as a conservative but he was radical and resolute in his commitment to the gospel and that is what fuelled his life of service. For all his complexities and simplicities he was ultimately loveable, loved and loving.

It is important to remember such men and to vindicate their lives in the remembering. Their lives, freely given, built bridges to futures lived, and lived well, by many others. They invested themselves in those lives for no reward other than to give the young the best chance in life they could construct. It was not done for thanks but we owe it in any case to Brother McGreevy and to the Brothers and lay teachers whose gift of their lives allowed the gifts of others to blossom, flourish and grow. Tá cuid

mor diobh ar shlí na firinne. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam.

I'm conscious speaking my faltering Irish that I was first tested on my competency in Gaelic and as Gaelige by the redoubtable Brother Beausang who has surely a picture in the attic for he looks the same as he did thirty odd years ago untangling the Waves of Tory in the Ard Scoil and forty years ago as he gave me my first medal for Irish verse in Barrack Street School.

We are fortunate to have in our company tonight some of the Brothers and teachers associated with Barrack Street School. To those who think the Brothers cloned their pupils, the range of life destinations and journeys in this room alone is testimony to their fidelity to searching out and nurturing the awesome uniqueness of each individual.

In Barrack Street men tried their very best mostly, sometimes did their worst, were kindly and cross, resentful and forgiving. It was a place to learn about the chaotic nature of relationships. It was a place to learn about the self and about others. It was a place where human beings lived and worked as teachers, students, secretaries, cooks, caretakers, bosses and bossed in a community clustered around the commandment to love one another. Over the decades it has been a journey of discovery about the meaning of this. Each generation has added a little to the sum of our meagre comprehension but more than once the life of a Christian Brother lived well has afforded each of us a precious glimpse of what God's love is capable of.

Those glimpses are more than many people get in their lives. We are grateful for them, grateful for those who constructed the Exhibition of Barrack

Street memorabilia to feed the nostalgia, grateful to John Mulholland for suggesting this dinner over the Aras dinner table, grateful to you for coming tonight because your presence vindicates the work of this school and, I hope, restores the drooping spirits of the Brothers as they face a new, colder, more challenging, in-your-face world, their vulnerability laid bare. Tonight is a night of affirmation and celebration.

The last word I'll leave to one of the schools most famous alumni, Joseph Devlin MP

"..... it is impossible to exaggerate the debt our country and our race owe to these high-minded and devoted men. There is no body of men in the world who exhibit a greater self-sacrifice in the public interest than the Christian Brothers".

Those words spoken in the fateful year of 1915 were spoken long before the Christian Brothers Secondary School in Barrack Street - St Mary's - opened its doors for the first time. New these doors will close but the words remain fresh and true.

Barrack Street will change and that is no harm.

Cardinal Newman said:

*"To live is to change.
To be perfect is to change often".*

As Brother Beausang might say

"Bíonn blas ar an bheagán"

Many thanks for allowing me to spend this special evening in your company. May you find fun, laughter and friendship in the reminiscences tonight.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.



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Mageean Cup

St. Mary's CBGS 1-7 St. Patrick's Maghera 1-6

The Mageean Cup squad had been battling the atrocious weather conditions in order to train for this one match. Three times a week for the last couple of months they were out. Mr. McToal and Mr. Austin were determined to make sure that everyone was in their tip-top condition. St. Mary's were going for 4 victories in a row in order to keep up with the very high standards that the previous squads had shown in the past.

The competition had begun with an easy victory over Rathmore earlier in the year and in the final group match comfortable winners ran out over a very young and inexperienced La Salle side.

The next match is probably the one that will stick in most people's minds. It was the semi-final and we were drawn against St. Louis Ballymena. We were all expecting a very tough, competitive and close game. The match was played at St. Endas brand new pitch. Despite the terrible conditions St. Mary's came out the eventual winners with inspiring performances from Stephen Glennon, Eamon Toner and Gavin Bell.

A couple of weeks later we met at Corrigan Park on the Whiterock Road. Everyone looked very smart in their shirts and ties. We were playing against the mighty St. Pat's Maghera.

The hurling in the final was not the best that Corrigan Park has ever seen owing again to the terrible weather conditions. For most of the match St. Mary's were under immense pressure, but St. Pat's never seemed to pull



ahead because of inspirational performances in defence from Ciaran Herron and Gary McCullough. St. Mary's seemed to be down and out when the final minute came and St. Pat's held a seemingly unassailable 2-point lead. But then completely out of the blue Kevin Grieve sensationally stepped out and thundered the sliotar into the roof of the net. The St. Mary's players and supporters were ecstatic. Seconds later the final whistle went and St. Mary's, with a final score of 1-7 to 1-6, were the winners of the Mageean Cup for the 4th year in a row.

A special mention must go to Dermie McAuley, Neil Devlin and Kevin Grieve who were all outstanding in the final along with centre halfback Ciaran Herron.

Finally, a special thanks must go to Mr. Austin and Mr. McToal who gave so much of their time to turning us into the "fittest team in Ireland". Also to Barry Armstrong and Ramie Collins who also helped with the preparation.

Next we have the all Ireland semi-final and a much anticipated trip to Clare. We would finally like to thank everyone who turned out to support us during our successful campaign.

Peter Dick 12B

Bank of Ireland Ulster Colleges All Stars

This year's Bank of Ireland Ulster Colleges All Stars nominations resulted in St. Mary's CBGS gaining their first ever football award. Kieran Mc Gourty becomes only the fourth player to gain a dual football and hurling award in the same year.

The other St. Mary's players to take hurling awards include last year's winners Gavin Bell, defenders Diarmuid Mc Auley, Stephen Mc Glennon and Ciaran Herron along with corner forward Kevin Grieve.

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Gavin Bell, Kieran McGourty, Diarmaid McAuley, Stephen McGlennon, Kevin Grieve and Ciaran Herron from St. Mary's C.B.S. in Belfast have each been awarded a Bank of Ireland All-Star for hurling.

Kieran has also been awarded a hurling All-Star.

Pictured with the boys at the announcement of the full All-Star line up for 1998/99 are Brother Ennis, Chairman of the Ulster Colleges' GAA and Roisin Ryan, Sponsorship and Events Executive, Bank of Ireland.



Ronan McKenna saves the day again for St. Mary's in this years Mageean Cup Final.



*St. Mary's players cover the danger in the Mageean Cup Final.
L-R: Kieran McGourty, Ciaran Herron, Diarmuid McAuley, Gavin Bell and Neil Devlin.*



Roisin Ryan, Sponsorship and Events Executive, Bank of Ireland and Brother Ennis, Chairman of the Ulster Colleges' GAA Council congratulate Kieran McGourty, who has been awarded a Bank of Ireland All-Star for both hurling and football. Also pictured is Kieran's father, Sean McGourty, PRO of the Ulster Colleges' GAA.

Flying High to Clare

The school senior hurling trip this year was to Ennis, County Clare home of the top hurling side of the 90's. The St. Mary's party flew out of the Belfast International Airport bound for Shannon, a thirty five minute plane journey instead of eight hours by road.

The St Mary's group then transported from Shannon to the Queen's hotel in Ennis, their base for the trip. After a fine lunch the team's first session was with Clare captain Anthony Daly and the star of the Clare forward line Jamsie O'Connor. The two all - stars worked the St. Mary's lads hard in a session held in the famous Munster hurling school St Flannan's.

After the training, some of the players were interviewed by TnaG, who were following this unique trip for their Sport Iris programme.

At the end of their first day in Clare, the St. Mary's pupils attended a talk given by Mike McNamara, the coach for the Clare squad. A question and answer session followed the talk and at this stage the pupils were hearing for the first time about the real dedication required to win the All Ireland hurling title at senior level. It was only early February and already the Clare squad were training four sessions per week. This would build up to six sessions per week in May, in preparation for their first round championship game against their nemesis Tipperary. The Clare squad would also be required to do a lot of their training at around 6.30 in the morning.

The next day the pupils were transported to St Aidan's National School in Shannon to meet the

school Principal and the Clare Manager, the great Ger Loughnane. Then the squad met up with Colin Honan, the manager of the present Clare minor team, who had lead the Clare minors to an All-Ireland Title two years previous. This short session proved very useful, not only for the St. Mary's pupils, but also for all the teachers present. After returning to Ennis, the St. Mary's party then prepared themselves for matches against St. Flannans of Ennis. St. Mary's fielded two teams against St. Flannan's selection and this allowed all the St. Mary's players to put into action what they had learnt over the previous days.

In the first game, St.Mary's fielded their full Mageean winning side, with the exception of Diarmuid Mc Auley and Kevin Gamble. They still went on to defeat a St. Flannans reserve squad which included eight county minors. St. Flannan's senior team were playing in the Harty cup the next day against our old friends St Colmans Fermoy. In the second game a young St. Mary's squad, made up mainly of 5th year hurlers, lost by six points.

Back at the hotel, plaques were exchanged by representatives of both schools to remind each other of the visit of St Mary's to Ennis. Afterwards the players were introduced to the great Clare keeper Daly Fitzgerald who, along with Jamesie O'Connor, talked to the players into the night, thus concluding an excellent trip.

Gareth Savage

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Gallagher Cup

June 1998 proved to be another fine month for St. Mary's hurling when the school won the Gallagher Cup for the first time in four years. The last St. Mary's team to win this competition included future Ulster Colleges All-stars Hugh Kennedy and Gareth Ward and like on the previous occasion Cross and Passion Ballycastle fell victim to St. Mary's in the final. All season St. Mary's struggled

to regain the form that brought them the MacNamee Cup the previous year. During the campaign St. Mary's defeated Glen Road CBS, La Salle and Portaferry. The final was played in Casement Park and after fine displays by Aidan Shannon, Aodhan Hartigan, James Gilliland and Sean McAreavey St. Mary's won through a ten-point margin.



Aodhan Hartigan, team captain receives the Gallagher Cup.



St. Mary's Gallagher Cup winning team.

Corn na nÓg

The 3rd year Gaelic football team was not successful in their bid to qualify for the knockout part of this competition. Despite winning two matches against St. Patrick's College Cavan and St. Patrick's College Maghera, our four points were not sufficient to gain qualification. On the other hand, four match half-time leads were not enough to stave off defeat against St. Mary's Magherafelt, Omagh CBS, Abbey CBS, and Patrician College, Carrickmacross. Some fine performances from panellists secured wins and close encounters namely, Liam Boyle, David Ramsey, and Gerard Hamilton.

The panel contains many fine footballers and they should do well in the coming years.

Panel: Ciaran Bell, Cormac O'Neill, Kevin McDonnell, Donal McHugh, Neil Brennan, Fintan Gamble, Chris McCusker, Conor McGoldrick, Mark Austin, Declan Hughes, Donal Magennis, Michael Merron, Ciaran Cooley, Aodan Gallagher, Gerard Hamilton, Paul Higgins, David Ramsey, Liam Boyle, Sean McAreavey, Mark Vernon, Thomas Coogan, Gerard McGrath, Conor McPartland, Dee Martin.

MacRory Cup Football

Once again, just like previous years the MacRory Cup was played on the back of a winning MacRory Cup squad. For this reason training were limited to only those who played Gaelic which made it difficult to build on team spirit. After being drawn into a tough group of St. Mary's Magherafelt, St. Pats Cavan, St. Pats Maghera, Abbey CBS, St. Colemans Newry and Carrickmacross it was clear that to have any chance of progressing we would have to win our first two games against Magherafelt and Cavan. In both matches the team showed great fighting spirit and discipline but the outcome was disappointing as both games were lost by narrow margins. After these games it was an uphill battle and with the Antrim minor trials in between each

game it was impossible for St. Mary's to field their strongest team in these games.

The squad for these games was made up of K. Ward, R. McKenna, S. McGlennon, E. Tonner, C. Herron, M. Lynch, G. Bell, F. Grimley, C. O'Riordan, K McGourty, C. Martin, D. Ward, S. Kelly, J. Sweeney, JJ Hartigan, C. McMahan, D. McLarnon, C. Toland, N. Devlin.

The squad would like to thank the team manager H. McGettigan and all the other staff who helped the team for all the time and effort that was put into the running of the squad.

SENIOR WATER POLO NEWS

Our Senior Water-Polo squad is still rebuilding and has been boosted by the arrival from St. Malachy's of star defender Gary McMahon. With the presence of three of last year's Irish U-18 team who participated in a Five Nations tournament in Portugal i.e. Ronan McGlue, Damien McComb, and Dermot Campfield we are a much stronger side than last season and are capable of toppling Rathmore from their current position as Ulster and Irish Champions, although the task will not be easy.

We are currently on equal points as joint leaders in the Canada Trophy with Rathmore but must meet them twice in the competition and later in the All-Ireland U-19 Cup in April.. Hopefully when you read this we will have been successful.

In our squad we still have such veterans as Barry Crookes alongside such new faces as Connor McClean and we have called upon the services of such talented junior players as Joe Nicholson and Declan McKerr. This blend of youth and experience should help us to regain our rightful place at the top of Irish Schools Water Polo.

Of course there is an obvious need for regular squad training to be able to function as a close knit team and next year must see a return to such training instead of the current preferred option of the senior players which is to train with their own clubs.

Mr. J. McClean

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Joint 2 nd	Joseph Ward	8G	£5
Liam Knocker	8G	£5	
Niall Holmes	8D	£5	

Year 9

1 st	Chris Morgan	9F	£10
Joint 2 nd	John O'Reilly	9F	£5
Fionnbarr Maguire	9F	£5	

Year 10

1 st	Gary Donnelly	10F	£10
Joint 2 nd	Ryan Heaney	10F	£5
Kieran Mc Cleave	10F	£5	

Year 11 (All computer entries)

1 st	Ray Devlin	11A	£10
Joint 2 nd	Mark Bradley	11A	£5
Paul Hughes	11A	£5	

Special computer prizes

Joe Donnelly	10G	£5
Hugh Flavin	9F	£5
Robert Mc Curdy	8F	£5

INVASION OF THE TELETUBBIES

The first week of November, just after the mid-term break, was no ordinary week in St. Mary's; widespread consternation was caused by an apparent invasion of Teletubbies in the grounds around the school. A number of teachers swore that never again would alcohol pass their lips but there was a simple explanation for this startling phenomenon; Mr. Seamus Crilly, the revered co-ordinator of counselling within St. Mary's, along with his trusty minion, Mrs Bridget Breen, had organised an induction day for each year 8 class in the school, a day devoted to each class.

The programme was actually run by Upper Springfield Development Trust and the 'Teletubbies' (so named because of the ill-fitting weather-proof clothing supplied) were busily engaged in learning to be keen and co-operative students bursting with self-esteem and keen to challenge any situation they might encounter. Each class, supervised by its form-teacher, was divided into teams and each team had to perform a number of tasks which could only be accomplished by involving and trusting every team member.

The tasks were in the form of games with such exotic names as 'Atomic Waste', 'Night Line' and 'Skin the Snake', but the more serious message of self-esteem and trust in others was being picked up.

Classes were assessed by their Upper Springfield Trust team leaders on their performance and an award ceremony was held in the school just before the Christmas break at which a plaque was awarded to each class for the area of personal development in which it excelled. More importantly, feed-back from the classes indicates that, not only did the pupils benefit personally from the experience, but they had a thoroughly enjoyable time doing so. They insist on referring to the day as the 'fun' day: and why not?

It was a most worthwhile undertaking and it is intended to follow it up with further, similar programmes.

Postscript: The author will not be drawn on the allegation that one form-teacher (from the science faculty) failed miserably at solving a puzzle which his class achieved almost immediately.



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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

VIDEO CONFERENCE 1999

St. Mary's - Geneva

A lecture and videoconference on the topic **Fundamental Particles, Forces and the Origin of the Universe** entitled

“Hunting the Quark – from Belfast to Geneva”

took place in St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School, Belfast, on Wednesday 10 February.

Assistant Head of Science, Mrs. Donna-Maria Tohill, compered the event.

Schools attending:

St. Mary's
Rathmore Grammar school
Hunterhouse College
Antrim Grammar school
Belfast Royal Academy
Ballynahinch
Wellington College
Assumption Grammar School



*L to R: Mrs. D. Tohill - Ass. Head of Science,
Dr. T. Myers - Banbridge Academy,
Dr. A. Whitaker (Q.U.B.) - Guest Lecturer*

Dr. Andrew Whitaker from Q.U.B. delivered a lecture on the topic.

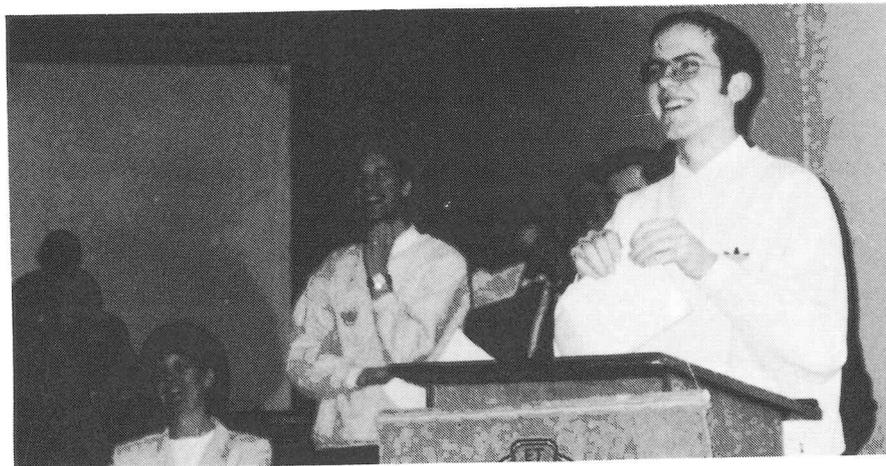
This was followed by a VideoConference with scientists at the European Centre for Particle Research at CERN in Geneva.

CERN is the worlds largest particle physics research centre, and sits astride the Franco-Swiss border west of Geneva at the foot of the Jura mountains. Some 6,500 scientists use CERN's facilities. They represent 500 universities and over 80 nationalities.

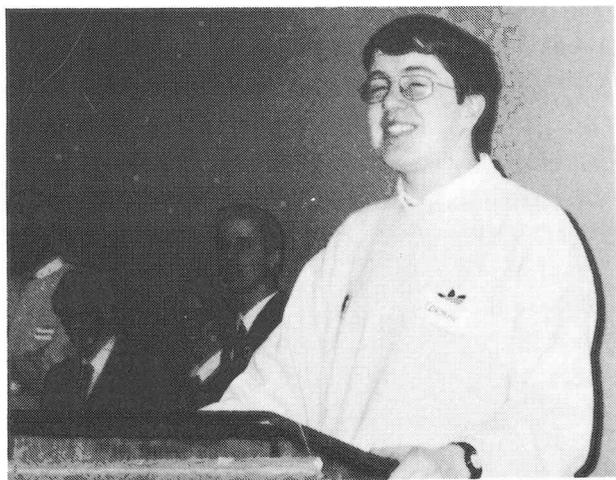
Six young research physicists from England, Australia, Italy and Holland, who are based at CERN, answered a range of questions on particle physics and the origin of the universe. Pupils from all the schools participating asked questions.

Dr. Stephen Myers, originally from the Antrim road in Belfast, and now working at CERN, organised and directed the conference at CERN.

Everyone concerned agreed that the event was a huge success. Pupils and teachers were delighted at the stimulation provided by the whole event, particularly the videoconference with young scientists working at such a prestigious research centre. Dr. Stephen Myers from CERN said that he hoped that more events such as this would be organised.



Danny McKinney - Ask a silly question!



Cormac Bennett finds out the meaning of Life!



Colm Connor gets serious!



'A' - Level students from 7 schools attended.



Assumption Grammar Girls discuss Quarks??



*L-R: Paul Morris (Head Technician), Stephen McCusker (Physics Technician),
Stephen Smart (Computer Technician)
The most important people relax after a job well done!*



"Quarks are very small Mr. Burke, you can't really see one".



*The senior prefects relax and enjoy the show
(at least its better than class)*

C.E.R.N.

Video Conference

A personal view -

Liam O'Reilly 13B

Wednesday the 10th of February was an exciting day for the physics department in the school. A video link up with CERN in Geneva, the worlds leading particle physics research centre, took place in the lecture theatre of the Edmund Rice building.

Long preparations by Mr. Manning, Mrs. Tohill and many others in the school had made this exciting event possible and the modern new building and lecture theatre were the perfect setting for such an occasion. When pupils from the seven different schools involved arrived on the morning they were greeted by our sixth and seventh form pupils, and gathered to hear Dr. Andrew Whitaker of Queens University give a lecture on the basics of particle physics.

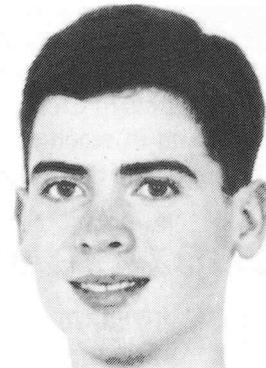
This lasted about an hour during which time the wonders of the universe, from the basic subatomic particles to the fundamental forces, began to be revealed to the students. With only an hour to explain a complex and exciting field of physics Dr. Whitaker did a great job even if some people were a bit bewildered at the wealth of information. After the lecture there was a short break as final preparations for the link up were completed.

Then at eleven o'clock the first images from CERN, one hundred metres underground, appeared on the screen. Six physicists from all over the world, including Spain, England, Australia and Holland, greeted those assembled. These were not your typical bearded physicists; these were fresh active people doing research at CERN. After introductions

the questions started. Students from our own and other schools had prepared questions to tax the minds of the scientists, and hopefully get some interesting answers. A slight time delay due to the satellite link luckily caused few problems for those involved and although it wasn't necessary to shout, a brave loud voice ensured the questions arrived clearly in Geneva. Particle physics is a largely theoretical subject and disagreements in the scientific community were evident when some of the scientists stopped just short of an open argument in answering some of the more in depth questions. After questions were exhausted, CERN left us to ponder the answers. After a mornings hard thinking everyone went to the common room for a rest and some refreshments.

Thanks should go to all those involved including teachers, pupils and technical staff. It was sad that the late Professor John Earnshaw could not attend the event, which he was involved in from the beginning, due to his untimely death. The link up was considered a great success by all involved and will hopefully pave the way for future scientific events using the new technology.

Liam O'Reilly is a sixth form pupil at St.Marys,



Liam O'Reilly

currently studying Physics, Maths and German. He is interested in astrophysics and hopes to go on to a career in this field.



Mrs. Tohill and Dr. Whitaker with the students who asked questions during the video conference.

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

Congratulations to our representatives in the Belfast area U-16 Geography quiz at Queens University in November. The team made up of **S. Mc Garry, C. O Connell** and **M. Neil** came a very creditable fourth out of fifteen schools. Some of the questions they got right are below.

Which river, 2,400km long, flows through Venezuela?

Tashkent is the capital of which country?



Geogers Retire

With a whole year in publication it is now time to say goodbye to the current Geogers team. The Geography Department would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their time and help in getting this project of the ground and into operation. The Geogers newsletter started as a simple poster placed in the Geography corridor but has since developed as a newsletter posted in and around the school and on the personal sights of each year eight pupil with the long term aim of reaching each pupil in the near future. The pupils the department would like to thank are-

B. Crookes
C. Brannigan
G. Quinn
S. Conlon
D. Campbell
H. Mullan

These pupils' early retirement has been placed upon them due to the commitments of Year 12. There it is now hoped the current Year 11 pupils take up the challenge to deliver and continue in the newsletters short but successful career. If you are interested in writing for the newsletter and are willing to give up the odd afternoon, see Mr Watson as soon as possible.

WATER POLO

Both the U15 and U16 squads have continued to produce a high quality of commitment and skill throughout the year with relative success at both levels. Under the guidance of Mr Watson and Mr Mc Clean both teams have progressed through the Belfast schools cup which has yet to be decided



YEAR EIGHT WATER POLO

Water polo training is held every Monday for the U15 / 16 team and every Thursday for year eight pupils. Both training sessions have proved very popular with pupils, especially in year eight. With a number of victories already under their belts, the year eight squad look forward to future success at competition level.



ST. MARY'S WATER POLO TRIP TO MAYO

In December, St. Mary's U15 and U14 water polo squad took the journey to Co. Mayo. Their aim was to play a number of friendly matches with the local competition in a bid to improve their skills and knowledge of the game. The pupils played two matches against Castlebar and Claremorris. Whilst an exhausted travelling St. Mary's team suffered defeat against Castlebar, Claremorris proved less difficult as experience, strength and the skill of a well rested St. Mary's squad was to shine through with a victory.

The squad was both well disciplined and courteous. A credit to the school.

AN CUMANN GHAELACH

feis Bhéal feirste - 100 Years

Feis Bhéal Feirste is an Irish Language conversation and poetry Feis which is held annually. Last year the Feis was hosted by St. Mary's and not only proved a success for the organisers but also for our students who participated. Schools from all over Belfast are invited to take part and last year St. Mary's shared the overall prize with St. Dominic's. The prize, a bust of Blessed Edmund Rice, was kindly donated by the Christian Brothers to mark 100 years of the Feis and the Beatification of Edmund Rice.

The following St. Mary's students took first place in the conversation section (listed in 1998 class groups):

Year 8:	Robert Shaw 8D
Year 9:	Fionbarra Christie 9F
Year 10:	Fionbarra Austin 10C
Year 11:	Pól George 11F

Congratulations to all the participants and to the three winners of the art competition whose entries were used in promoting the Feis.

Paul Smith (Year 13)
Ciarán Smith (Year 11)
Gary Donnelly (Barrack St.)



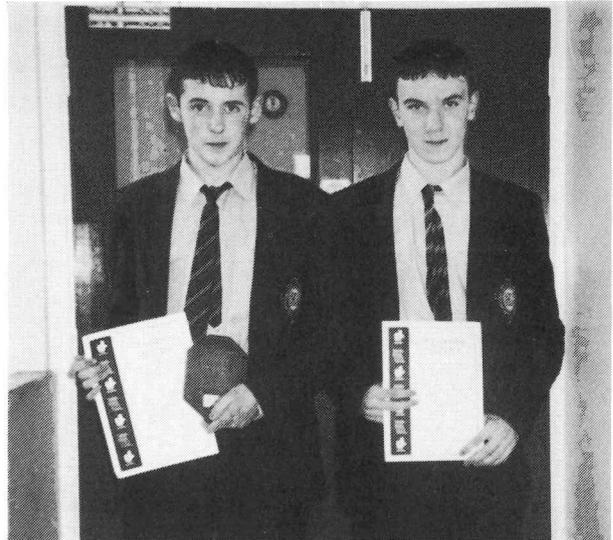
Feis Bhéal Feirste Winners 1998:

Robert Shaw Yr.8
Fionbarra Christy Yr.9
Pól George Yr. 11

Abair

Wednesday January 20th was the date for "Abair"-public speaking in Irish and once again St. Mary's were successful in qualifying for the Ulster Final. Cathal Kelly Yr 12 took the topic "Dífhostaíocht" (unemployment), Paul Farrell Yr 12 "Truilliú" (pollution) and Ciarán Mac Callan Yr11 "Drugai" (drugs). Ciarán was nominated to proceed to the Ulster Finals in late Spring.

Go n-éirí leat a Chiaráin!



Cathal Ó Ceallaigh agus Ciarán MacAilín
"Abair"

Díospóireachtaí Ghael-Linn

Ghlac triúr ó bhliain a haon déag páirt i ndíospóireachtaí Ghael-Linn i mbliana, Pádraig Ó Maoláin, Aodhán Ó hArtagáin agus mé féin. Bhí an chéad bhabhta in Óstán Glengannon i nDún Geannáin agus "Tagann Ciall le hAois" an rún a bhí le plé againn. Bhí muid in éadán Chlochar an tSraitha Bháin agus bhí an bua againne.

"Tá Todhchaí Geal Romhainn" an dara rún a bhí againn in éadán Choláiste Rís Dhún Dealgán agus ar an drochuair níor éirigh linn baint. D'ullmhaigh an fhoireann ar feadh na seachtainí roimhe agus dúirt na moltóirí go raibh sé sin soiléir. Bhain muid sult as an chomórtas cibé ar bith!

Tá súil againn go nglacfaidh an scoil páirt sna díospóireachtaí ar an chéad bhliain eile agus sna blianta atá le theacht.

Ciarán Mac Síomóin

“Trócaire is one of the things that makes me proud to be Irish.

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Fr. Niall O’Brien



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Debates

Every year the Gael-Linn Debates attract schools from all over the country and this year was no exception. The first round saw St. Mary's head to head with Straban Convent with the motion "Sense Comes with Age" and proving the proverb to be true the aged adjudicators chose St. Mary's to qualify for the Regional Finals in Dundalk.

January then saw the team in Coláiste Rís, Dundalk where Ciarán Fitzsimmons, Pádraig Mullan and

Aodhán Hartigan debated the motion "There's a Bright Future in Store for Us". They argued against the motion discussing topics such as pollution, education, unemployment, drugs and the Celtic Tiger however their presentation of a bleak future didn't win them the debate. Ciarán Fitzsimmons was highly commended on his role as Captain and for his summary of the argument.



Aodhán agus Ciarán preparing for the debate

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Our Choir - a brief history

The St.Mary's school choir presently consists of approximately 30 pupils ranging through every year of the school, 1st to 7th year.

We have been skillfully split into a 4 part harmony sections and are currently rigorously rehearsing for a concert in the Ulster Hall and an Easter concert to be held in the Lecture Theatre at the end of March.

It is a well known fact that the choir originated in Barrack Street Christmas '94 (when Miss Morris first started here), formed for a concert in Cornmarket joined by many pupils, from the hardest characters to the more studious types, as well as some teachers: Mrs McEvoy, Mr Fearon and Ms. Murray. We have evolved a lot since then, and have allowed a few Glen Road people in. We played a large role in the school production of West Side Story and have participated in many school masses and the mass held in St.Peter's Cathedral to celebrate Edmund Rice's beatification.

There are many reasons why I enjoy being in the choir. The music we frequently do is modern pop music as well as the more classical pieces. The classical pieces are interesting, it is when the choir really sounds at it's best as they tend to be the harder pieces.

We wouldn't be able to talk about the choir without being able to mention it's numerous assistant conductors. Ms Naughton, now Mrs Harrison, around in the early days before Mrs Gibson returned and left again, then there was Mr Mark Laverty and now Miss Laura McNally.

Personally I feel the best performance the choir ever gave was last year at the closing of Barrack Street mass in St Mary's, Chapel Lane. As a past pupil, I have very fond memories of Barrack Street back in those days and was glad that being a choir member was able to play a part in paying tribute to at in the end. Barrack Street was there when the choir began and the choir was there when Barrack Street had to end.

Unfortunately in June I will be leaving St. Mary's and of the many things I'll miss one of the main things is the crack we have at rehearsals and the buzz of performing as a team. I must take the time to thank the team of people especially Miss Colette Morris, responsible for creating and moulding the choir into the great credit it is today to the school.

Conor Lamb

Tráth na gCeist Ghael-Linn

Congratulations to our Yr 12 quiz team who took 3rd place in Gael-Linn's inter-school table quiz in November.:

B. Herron
C. Kelly
P. Maguire
D. McLarnon

Congratulations also to the following Yr 10 team who won 2nd prize in the junior quiz in February:

G. Millen
D. Gillen
P. Hamilton
C. Bradley

Bail ó Dhia oraibh

When I Won £20 Million

When I awoke, on the 26 February, 2003, my stomach felt as if it was doing somersaults. The previous night, I was living the high life, guzzling pink bubbly and devouring the biggest meal I ever had. The reason for the celebration, **I had won £20,000 in the lottery.**

There is no way I was going into school that day, and I was sure that some of my upper sixth class mates in St Mary's wouldn't be in either, because they had been out celebrating my big fortune.

I pulled myself up and lay back lazily on the pillow and tried to take it, the fact that I had £20,000,000 to spend on whatever I wanted. I closed my eyes and dreamt I could see me and my family living in an enormous chateau in the south of France. I could see the butlers and servants greeting us at the massive iron gates, as we arrived in the new, stretch limo. There would be a football pitch with new nets, and the grass would be mowed by expert grounds-men. We would have our own, private golf course with eighteen holes and bunkers.

There would be an aquatic pond out behind the chateau with two bottle-nosed dolphins swimming about in it. I would have my very own "Mc Donald's" restaurant, with a different type of burger for each day of the week. There would be a bowling alley and an ice-rink for us. My brothers and I would have our very own quad bikes and there would be a forest for us to go through on our quads. We would have a speed boat to crash around the huge lake in.

I haven't been to school in more than three months because spending money has been my main priority. There was a family argument over who was getting a share of the money, and so, I had to give a million pounds to each of my parents. They decided to buy themselves a detached villa in Galway, because they wanted to live in tranquillity.

My two brothers, and myself agreed to move to Beverly Hills, in America. I bought my brother Niall, a Porsche Carrera, 941, and I bought my other brother, Sorley an Alfa Romeo Boxter. On the 2d June, I went to a showroom, and purchased a bright yellow, Lamborghini Diablo.

We lived in a mansion, beside Maple Bay (A popular beach resort). Butlers, servants, personal trainers and manicurists flooded our mansion. There was a swimming pool and a tennis court out at the back and at the front there was a miniature theme park.

Inside the mansion, we were pampered. We were regularly shaven, nails clipped and filed to precision,

teeth brushed and polished till gleaming and the hair stylists came every Friday.

On our nights out to the casino we wore Gucci, or Versace Tuxedos and our usual starter consisted of Champagne, strawberries and cream. We often went to the relatively close beach, and we went skimming across the water on our jet-skis. Every night before we went to sleep, our very own stand-up-comedian would come in to the sitting room and make us laugh. Some people say that money doesn't make you happy, but they are just people who don't know where to shop!

Declan McDonnell 9D



Life after the Lottery

That night I had been out with my friends and when I got home my whole family was screaming and they savagely grabbed me, dragging me into the house. They were ecstatic and ran around in a bewildered manner. They showed me the winning numbers. After that everything went black.

When I came back to reality I was lying on the settee. My dad lifted me up like a delicate ming vase and took me out to celebrate.

By the time it reached Monday I was in a daze and couldn't keep my mind on my work. My 'A' Levels were in two weeks and just couldn't concentrate.

I sat there in my form class trying not to say anything but the suspense was killing me. Of course my blabber mouth brother Kieran who also went to this school told the whole of first year. The sixth years eventually found out and they all crowded round me full of questions, asking favours and looking for money., People were making friends with me asking did I want anything and treating me like an Egyptian God. Even teachers were being nice!

I sat in each class bewildered and wondering what I would do with the money. After all, twenty million pounds is a fortune. I would buy myself a few cars, a new house, a holiday and I would buy a house for my parents and a bowling ground for my granda. I would bring all of them on a trip of Florida and then to Los Angeles to visit our American relatives. I would give a few thousand to each family member and treat them all to a giant dinner in a chic restaurant.

Three months later things hadn't worked out as planned

I had got a few new cars, a few holidays, a new luxury house but the presents I had thought about never came. I couldn't give away the money. I had become greedy and selfish. I did make a few minor repairs on my relatives old houses, I put a deposit on my daddy's car and as for my Granda's bowling ground - I got him a membership.

As for my 'A' Levels I was so tied up in my money that I had forgotten to study and turned up late for my exams. I got a C and failed all the other projects and exams.

My so called friends have turned on me when I refused to give them money and all my real friends had been driven away by my greed and egotism.

My holiday in Florida was no fun alone and my cars were pointless without anyone to show them to.

My family hated me, I had no friends left and the money was no fun anymore.

Everyone says they would love to win the lottery including me but when you have won it your whole life changes. Your friends, family, education, everything.

Winning the lottery isn't all it's cracked up to be.

It ruins your life. It's useless unless you use it properly and you have people to use it with. It makes you greedy and selfish and remember money doesn't bring happiness, trust me, I've been there, I know all about it.

Kevin McFall 9B



LIMERICK

There was a young man from France,
Who always did a belly dance,
He slipped on the floor,
And hit his head on the door.
Now he is in a Trance.

Stephen Curran (8D)

THE FIRST DAY

The first day of school.

On this day I woke far too early.

At 7 o'clock it was bright and the sun was sneaking through my curtains. I could not go back to sleep for thoughts of the hours ahead were daunting. So I got out of my warm comfortable bed and took a look at my new uniform. It was so neat and tidy - not like today! After I got dressed I took a look in the mirror. It was so different from what I wore in Primary 7. I had worn a blazer for the first time in my life. It was going to be the first time for many things.

While I was at the kitchen table my mind was bubbling with a million different thoughts. Who will be in my class? What if I don't know anyone? What if? This went on for an eternity or so it seemed. After my mummy and daddy told me how proud they were I plucked up my courage and left the house.

On my short ten minute walk I was thinking of the most outrageous things. As I walked up the lane on this pleasant August morning I caught a glimpse of my new school. It was massive - nearly too big to be true. When I walked through the gate for the very first time I saw my new friends and savoured the welcoming atmosphere. From then it was easy and I took it in my stride. All the worrying and waiting had come to an end.

Conchdr Keenan (8D)



THE OLD HOUSE

It stood there, all alone whispering to the trees that surround it. It creaked and groaned as if it was alive and calling for help. The structure appeared to be supported only by the denuded branches that surrounded it. In the moonlight it seemed to come alive; controlled by the evil spells cast over the house by the sighing trees.

No creature would dare to approach in the fear that the house would devour flesh. It is said that there are bones and half decomposed bodies beneath the crumbling facade. The trees were just as old as the house and only the bravest squirrels dare to go near them. The shutters banged and slammed against the walls as if the house was so angry.

No-one dare approach for the old house is hungry.

Michael Maguire (SD)

THE USS ENTERPRISE

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The USS Enterprise,
Is the only star ship for me.
Its maximum speed is warp 9,
And it can even go back in time.

Jean-Luc Picard commands its crew,
If they get into trouble,
He knows just what to do.
He will order them to stay,
And put up a valiant fight,
Or maybe just to fly away
At the speed of light.

They travel around the Galaxy,
Investigating things,
Like, Vulcans super novas,
Or alien beings with huge wings.

One last thing for me to say
About the Enterprise and stars far away
I will always have an inner drive.
To be the Captain of the USS Enterprise.

Paul Heaney (9D)



WAR

There are many wars around the world which are
bloody and severe,
When people hear a gun or bomb they run away in
fear,
In World War I and World War II the price of
battle was high, With millions gassed and others
bombed, Left parentless to die.

Large cities left in ruins by the bombs at night which
fell,
On innocent civilians who endured the nightly hell.

War is an evil monster which perpetuates fear,
Not just between countries but religion as I hear.
If only I could stop it and wash away all our tears,
Then the world would be a safer place for me and
all my peers.

Kevin Franklin (9D)

DESERTER

The sun rose casting a bright light over the dull coun-
tryside. A soldier, sick of the stench of decaying
corpses, rose to his feet and climbed into the re-
serve trenches without awakening some of the light-
est sleepers. It was a calm spring day bringing out
the best in the beautiful countryside. Birds sing, trees
shuffled the whispering breeze, but still the rifles
cracked on.

The lonesome soldier, drooped and drunk with fa-
tigue, struggled on knowing the rewards if he es-
caped the pointless and ruthless war.

He stumbled through high rising cornfields and the
remains of broken up hearts which were once bus-
tling with life and happiness.

He found an abandoned cottage on the side of the
sloping hill but checked it out for a while before
settling into his temporary surroundings. He was
blissfully unaware that his superiors had already
began to scour the local countryside after his col-
leagues had reported him missing. A line of ragged,
demoralised soldiers spotted the wisp of ascending
smoke from the tiny cottage. He had to light a fire
to stop himself being gorged by the merciless frost.
Thinking that the house was occupied by enemy
troops a grenade was launched. It exploded adding
yet one more figure to the never ending list of the
dead seen only as a statistic by the pompous, insen-
sitive commanders.

Joseph Heath (IIC)



“A RUDE AWAKENING”

A demonic din of industrial drills sends
Distant panic to seep slowly through my senses:
Infinite sunlight pierces through my eyes' curtain
defences,
Scorching my dreams-path to a fruitless end.

The deadly disharmony of crunching car-horns,
Crashes thunderously against my fragile sleep.
Creaking doors open to a familiar voice that dives
deep
Into my Heaven, casting all hopes of peace forlorn.

Paul Hunter (14E)

THE FISHING TRIP

The alarm shrieked its alert telling Sam and his widowed father to awake and get the camping gear ready. Struggling to keep their sleepy eyes open they set off for LoughGlen Woods. Ever since Sam's mother had died, several months ago, he had lived a life of solitude, grieving alone in his room, putting on a brave face in front of close friends and relatives, bottling up his true feelings. They were using this mid term to spend time with each other, to understand and console one another.

The car was filled with an eerie silence, both wallowing in their deep thoughts. It was only broken when Sam's father switched on the car radio as the sun began to creep above the hillsides and gradually disappear behind the bare, forbidding mountains.

They arrived at noon with the sun at its hottest, beating down on them, making the perspiration from their heads flow like waterfalls. The heavenly aroma of the pine trees wafted to their noses, clearing the atmosphere for a split second. It was during this second that Sam stammered a few soothing words but returned to silence when asked to repeat.

Monotonously they plundered through the thick sludge to their destination in the dead silence of the centre with only the sinister cries of the forest birds to keep them company.

They set up camp at a dry point surrounded by trees, shedding each of its fingernails. Whatever leaves remained were shrivelled and clutching to the branch for dear life. The air was quite light and crisp, spiking their throats and making them feel tired so it was a joint decision that they rest of a little while.

Three hours later they awoke for the second time that day. They gathered their rods and tackle and set off for the small river cliff two minutes away. The river was exceedingly warm and comforting and through its creases reflected the colours of the rainbow. The combined smell of salmon with trout made the air heavy and pungent.

The soft splash of the tackle stepping the water accompanied the distant cries of the robins' young yearning to be fed. Time was passing like an eternity. Five minutes passed quietly. It was Sam's father who made the first move. He inquired about Sam's feelings. Tears dripped from his bewildered eyes as he told Sam he was sorry for neglecting him but adapting to single parenthood was difficult. As he pleaded with Sam to accept his apology he felt a slight tug at his fishing rod. Simultaneously

they both leaped towards it and grasped it with both hands. Reeling it in was unusually difficult and during this struggle his father guided his rough hands onto the top of Sam's. Sam gave a glowing beam in his father's direction, heartened by the comforting physical contact.

The silence became extinct and the two chatted until they became silhouettes against the lulling moon. Back at the camp they sparked up a fire consisting of dry twigs and dehydrated leaves. Over the top they cooked the only catch of the day, a 12 lb trout, succulent and devoured savagely by the two ravenous lions.



A PRETTY YOUNG GIRL

A pretty young girl from St Paul's
Wore a newspaper to the ball.
The dress caught on fire
And burned her attire.

DROWNIN' MAN

Never throw a brick at a drownin' man
Outside a grocery store -
Always throw him a bar of soap -
So he can swim ashore.

THE BAT

The baby bat
Screamed out in fright,
'Turn on the dark,
I'm afraid of the light.'

WATCH THE PINT WORK

Willie, with a thirst for gore,
Nailed his sister to the door,
Mother said, with humour quaint:
'Now, Willie dear, don't scratch the paint.'

Gary McAreavey (SD)

The Rainforest

Green, green as an opal, the rainforest is a blanket of leaves where the animals slumber. Awoken by the scurry of raindrops, they race to reach sanctuary from the onslaught. The trees spring to life swaying impressively, parading their gowns like a peacock's feathers. The scented flowers evacuate their aroma as it chokes the humid air. A snake slithers almost unnoticed up the trunk of the tree. He licks his lips with his stinging tongue as he plans his next stealthy move. A group of monkeys chatter joyously. The small, more active chimps, swing from branch to branch like acrobats on a trapeze.

Mother keeps a close eye on them never letting them leave her loving glance. Suddenly, like a gunshot a rainbow of birds reveals itself from the deep, comforting undergrowth. They create a watercolour against the light blue paper but suddenly disperse in all directions leaving a cloud of coloured feathers gliding into every nook. They sing their melody into the distance and the rainforest once again is quiet.

As night crawls along the creepers the animals grow weary. The watchful eye of the sun also weakens, tired of sharing its heat with the animals. As darkness progresses the creatures of the night come to protect their ground. The monkeys, snakes and birds drift to land of dreams while the dusk weaves a pattern of shadow between the trees. An ambassador of the dark he devotes his life to protection. In a few hours he will again go into hiding, deprived of the joys of daylight but will return the next night and the night after that - a never-ending cycle in the most glorious land on earth, the rainforest.

Stephen Kearney (11C)

IMPRESSIONS OF MAY

Mnemonic

Feverishly they write, like automatons,
Concentration scrawled upon their brows.
An occasional glance at their surroundings
Betrays the critical look in their eyes,
Scanning for elusive details,
As an eagle would on its prey.

Impatient chattering, along the halls,
Voices rising in eager anticipation,
Metamorphosing to sighs of satisfaction,
As the welcome radiance strikes the pupils.
Blazers slung over shoulders and necks unleashed, They
advanced ever onwards towards the pitch.

Hard shoes marched softly over the gravel pitch, Graveyard of many an aspiring athlete's dream
Hungry eyes feast upon the ocean of green,
Which seems, like its marine counterpart,
to contain

An abundance of sprightly creatures, leaping to and fro;
Hunters and the hunted united by the idyllic splendour.

The Sun at their back, the breeze in their face and the world at their feet.

They sat, the calm, serene atmosphere infectious,
As they were intoxicated by Mother Nature's delicate features.

But not all was beautiful, not all was pleasing to the eye,
On that most beautiful of days.

For the school, that dominion of despotism,
Has blemished the seemingly immaculate.

Danny McManus (IIB)

FOOTBALL

Football is a game of fun,
It is played by anyone.
Some big, some small, some fat, some skinny
Some are hard just like Vinny.

Football is played on the four comers of the earth,
And maybe by aliens with a great deal of mirth.
It is played through hail, rain or shine,
And if you are Cantona you end up with a fine.

Football is a game of two halves
In which you have time to see a whole lot of gaffes.
And when the goals come pouring in,
You sure are glad that your team win.

Peter Murphy (9D)

The Spirit of Edmund Rice Still Thrives

The Brothers' no longer live in their house in Monsefú in Peru but the spirit of Edmund Rice goes from strength to strength. The Edmund Rice Associates now carry out a variety of ministries using the house as a base and a Brother visits once a month. The Associates visit the prisons, run a breakfast service for the local youngsters and there is a summer school project as well.

The Associates themselves form a little Christian community. They meet regularly to share their life experiences and pray. They also discuss the activities in which they are engaged and which have been inspired by the life of Blessed Edmund. Monsefú is a long way from Callon, Co. Kilkenny where Edmund was born over two hundred years ago but across the ocean his voice is still heard there today.

Br. D. Glesson



*Youngsters at the Monsefú
Edmund Rice Grammar School*



The brothers house in Monsefú



The summer school ends with a fiesta



Miss L. McNally working at her second job - busking in the city centre. Some pupils decide to give a helping hand. The hat is supposed to be on the ground Miss!!



This year the woodwind ensemble accompanied the choir. The result was very impressive with many passers-by stopping to listen despite the bitter weather conditions.



Performing Winter Wonderland (with bells on!!)

Music



Spot the 'not so young' member of the choir, (no, not Mr. Lavery boys!), Dr. Donnelly lends his vocal talents which were well appreciated especially in the 'Ave Verum!'



The choir producing some angelic tones at the Mass for the closing of Barrack Street.

Making A Difference

Early in 1998 I was admitted to Belvoir Park Hospital because I was diagnosed as having a life-threatening tumour (cancer) in my right tibia. The type of tumour I had was very rare. In fact, I was told it was so rare I was the seventh person in the whole of Ireland to have osteosarcoma. While in the Malcolm Sargent ward I got to know many people who made my stay more bearable, but there was one person in particular who made a very big difference in my life.

Paul Carlin was a male nurse on the ward. During my stay at Belvoir Paul would spend nearly the whole day with me. We would do all sorts of things like talk, watch TV, play games or else play the Playstation. Paul would always sit with me and even when I was sick or needed someone to talk to because of any problems that I had during the treatment, Paul would just drop whatever it was that he

was doing and talk to me. He also has a sense of humour and fancies himself as a 'George Clooney lookalike'! He is one of those people who is always "winding you up" but the thing is that no matter how sick you are he will always make you laugh.

Today I am doing much better. Paul and I are still in touch. I still have to attend Beivoir for blood tests. I have had so many needles that I am now afraid of them and there is only one person who I will let "give me the needle." Guess who that is???

Yes, you're right. It's Paul.

Thank you Paul, for making a big difference in my life.

Jack Hannon 10G

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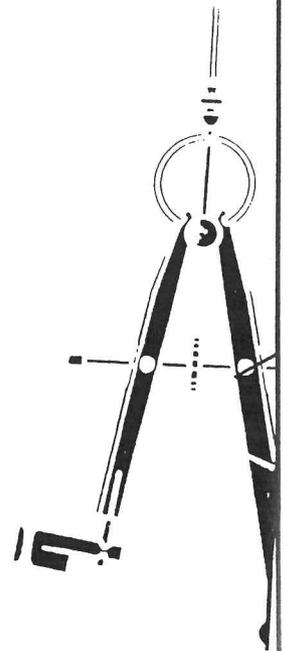
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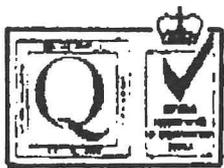


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 Padraig McFarlane
 Michael McGeown
 Gary Dornan

Middle Row: L-R
 Pearse McCurdy
 Gerald Hayes
 Stephen McCarthy
 Conor McCartney
 Thomas McNeill
 Barry Crookes
 Paul George

Front Row: L-R
 Barry Jones
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 Ciaran Morris
 Conor Brannigan
 Michael McParland
 Eamonn Scanlon

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Back Row: L-R
 Patrick Doran
 Kevin Mallon
 Dara Armstrong
 Damien Walker
 Kevin McStravick
 Dominic Begley
 Gareth Clarke

Middle Row: L-R
 Gerard McClory
 Stephen Cooke
 David McLaughlin
 Miceal Walsh
 Nicky Conlon
 Christopher McHenry
 Ciaran Reilly
 Ronan McGinley

Front Row: L-R
 Niall McCann
 Conor Bannon
 Gerard McIlhatton
 Patrick Adams
 David Rice
 Kieran McVeigh



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Back Row: L-R
 David McAllister
 Declan McGarrigle
 Barry Devine
 Conor Kerr
 Louis McVeigh
 Owen Hughes

Middle Row: L-R
 Gerard Meehan
 Cormac Donnelly
 Colm Conlon
 Damien Moore
 Lawrence Kane
 Thomas Mullan

Front Row: L-R
 Ciaran Smith
 Paul Donnelly
 Gerard McCartan
 Noel Dowdall
 John Donnan
 Christopher Duffy

Absent:
 Ronan Garland
 James Mullholland
 Conor McIntyre





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Back Row: L-R
 Gary Kane
 Stephen Scott
 Joseph McAuley
 Sean Turner
 Paul Brennan

Middle Row: L-R
 Sean Carson
 Michael Marshall
 Christopher McGeown
 Brendan Murphy
 Patrick Townsend

Front Row: L-R
 David McKay
 Stephen Keeley
 Kevin Elliott
 Paul Crawford
 Dominic Watson
 Jonathan Scott

Absent:
 Barry Baggley
 Philip O'Reilly



CLASS 13B
Back Row: L-R
 John-Joe Hartigan
 Darren Kelly
 Sandy Perry
 Martin McMahon
 Paul Flannagan

Middle Row: L-R
 Aodh Gough
 Liam O'Reilly
 Patrick Rice
 Michael Dornan
 Paul Murray

Front Row: L-R
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 Tony Cushnahan
 Brian Daly
 John Sweeney
 Patrick White
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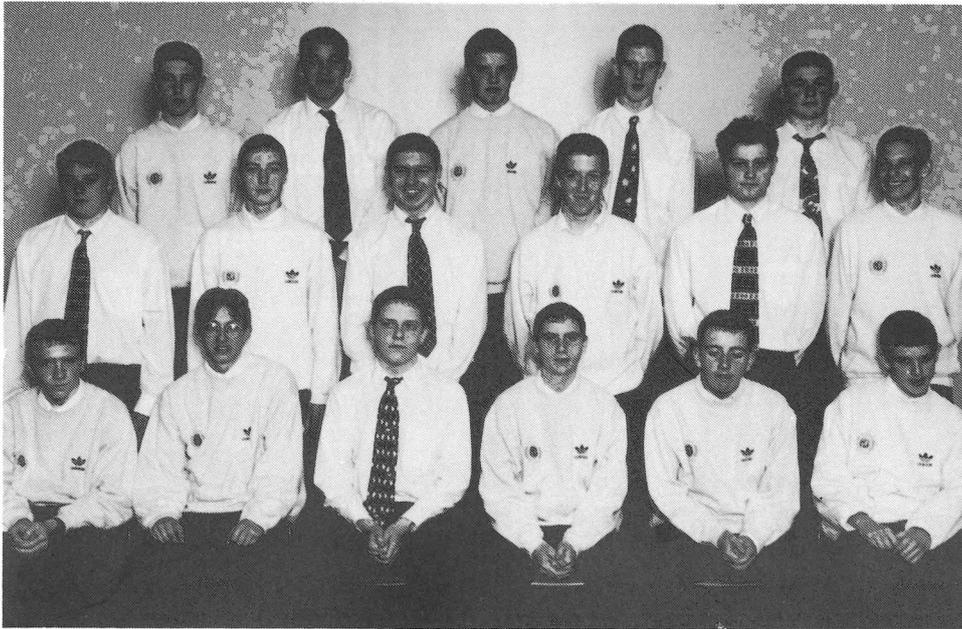


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 Mark McCahey
 Barry Lyttle
 Seamus Thompson
 Eamonn Toner
 Joseph McKearney

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 James Birch
 Kevin Grieve
 Sean Kavanagh
 Paul Crawford
 Mark Kennedy

Front Row: L-R
 Alan Rainey
 Niall O'Donnell
 James McQuillan
 Declan Burns
 Francis Hodgkinson
 John McLaughlin

Absent:
 David Ferguson



CLASS 13D
Back Row: L-R
 Damien McCaffrey
 Darren O'Hare
 Francis Gough
 Gerard Heaney
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Middle Row: L-R
 Conor McKenna
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 Conan Keenan
 Connor McMahon
 Gavin McQuillan
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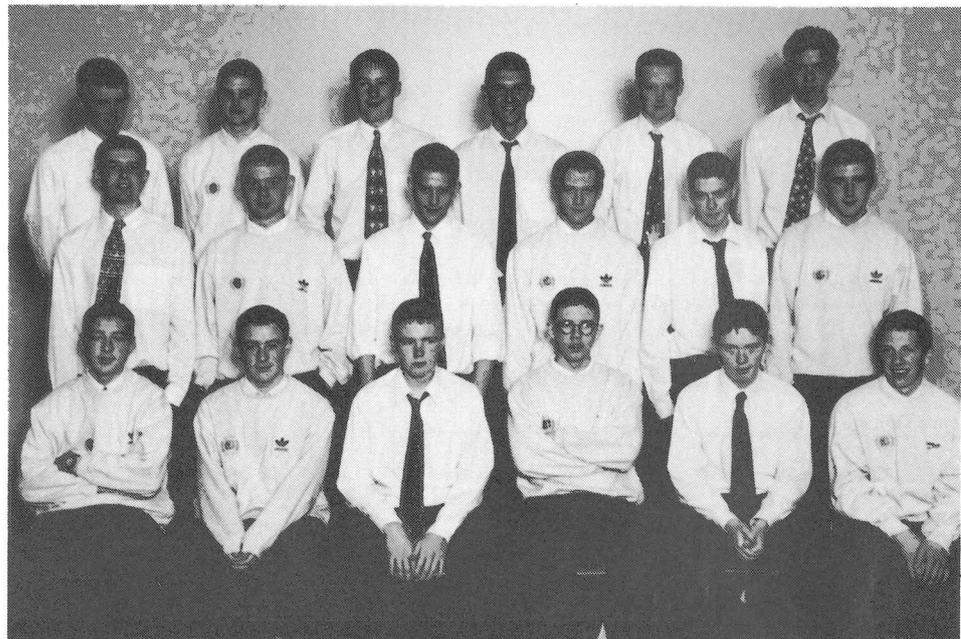
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CLASS 13E

Back Row: L-R
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 Stephen Bunting
 Joseph Armstrong
 Ciaran Barr
 Ryan McCabe
 Patrick Mulvenna

Middle Row: L-R
 Paul McDonald
 Mark Henry
 Barry Auld
 James Curran
 Ronan McAlister
 Kevin Gamble

Front Row: L-R
 Michael Hegney
 Christopher Devine
 Kevin Stitt
 Eamon Brown
 Donal O'Neill
 Eamon McManus



CLASS 13F

Back Row: L-R
 Gary McMahon
 Ciaran Shortt
 Francis Grimley
 Norman Cunningham
 Bernard Kennedy

Middle Row: L-R
 Barry Lowe
 Peter Fay
 Brendan Quinn
 Glenn O'Hare
 Darren Maguire
 Chris Smith

Front Row: L-R
 Colm McCormick
 Marc Byrne
 Seamus O'Neill
 John Ramsey
 James McWade
 Conor Tohill

Absent: Michael McKiernan





CLASS 13G

Back Row: L-R
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 Conor McLean
 Mark McGarrity
 Christopher Auld
 Paul King

Middle Row: L-R
 David Boyle
 Philip Crudden
 Joseph Connolly
 Liam Sheppard
 James Montgomery

Front Row: L-R
 Gerard O'Neill
 Martin Lindsay
 Gerard Armour
 Piaras Murray
 Sean McErlean
 Sean Kelly

CLASS 13H

Back Row: L-R
 Paul Irvine
 Kevin Curran
 Kieran McAteer
 Christopher Boyd
 Gareth McKenna
 Gary O'Neill

Middle Row: L-R
 Ciaran Gorman
 Brendan Quinn
 Kevin Murphy
 Conall Toland
 Noel Monaghan
 Barry Kerr
 Lawrence Donaghy

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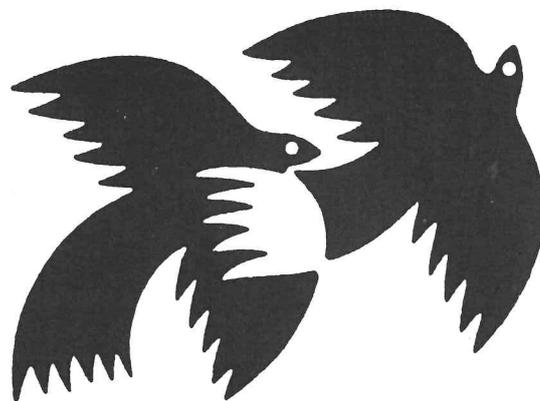


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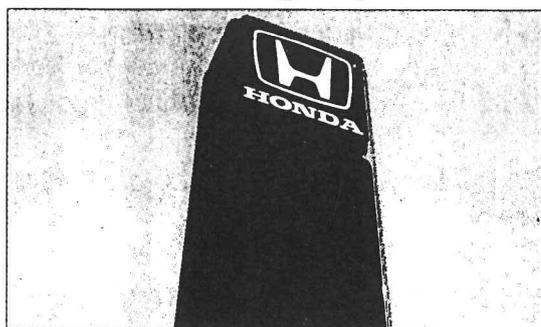
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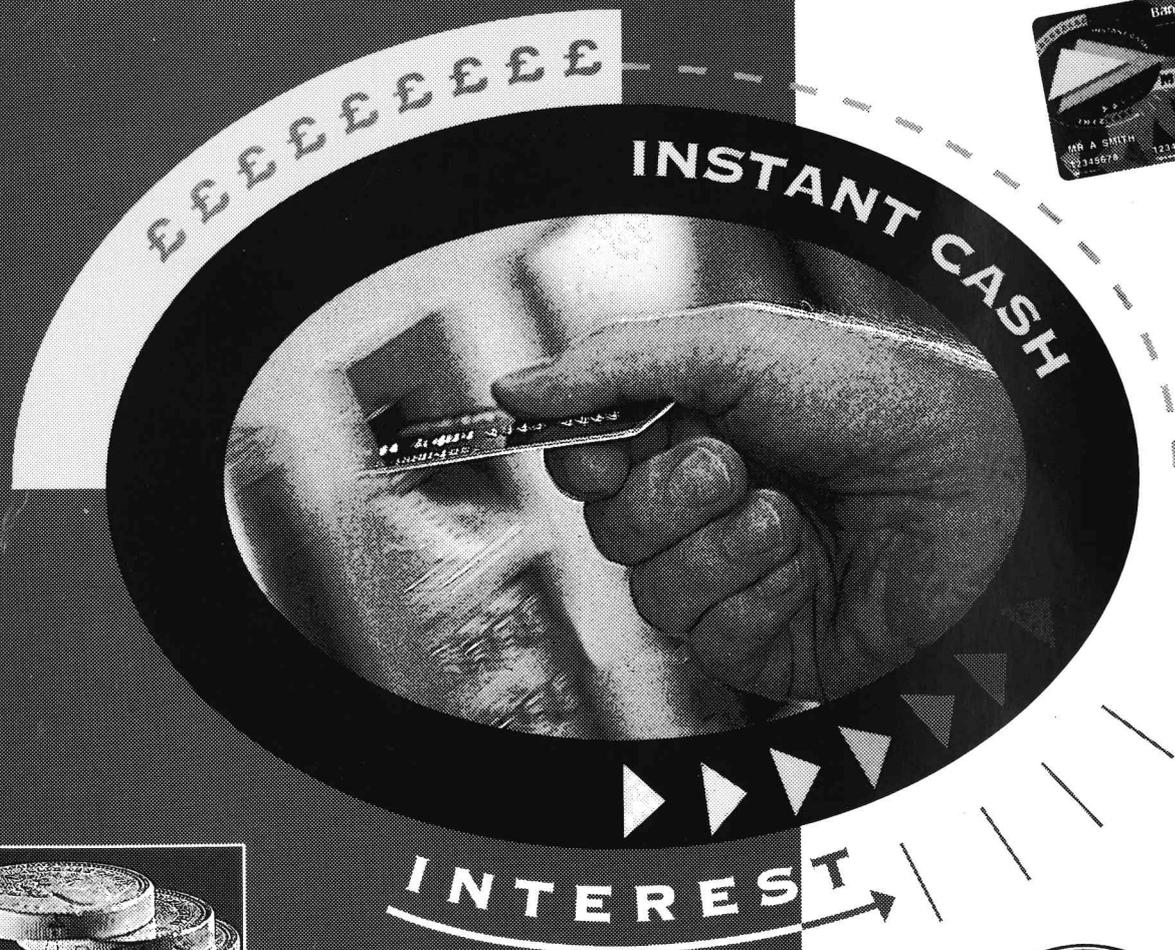
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