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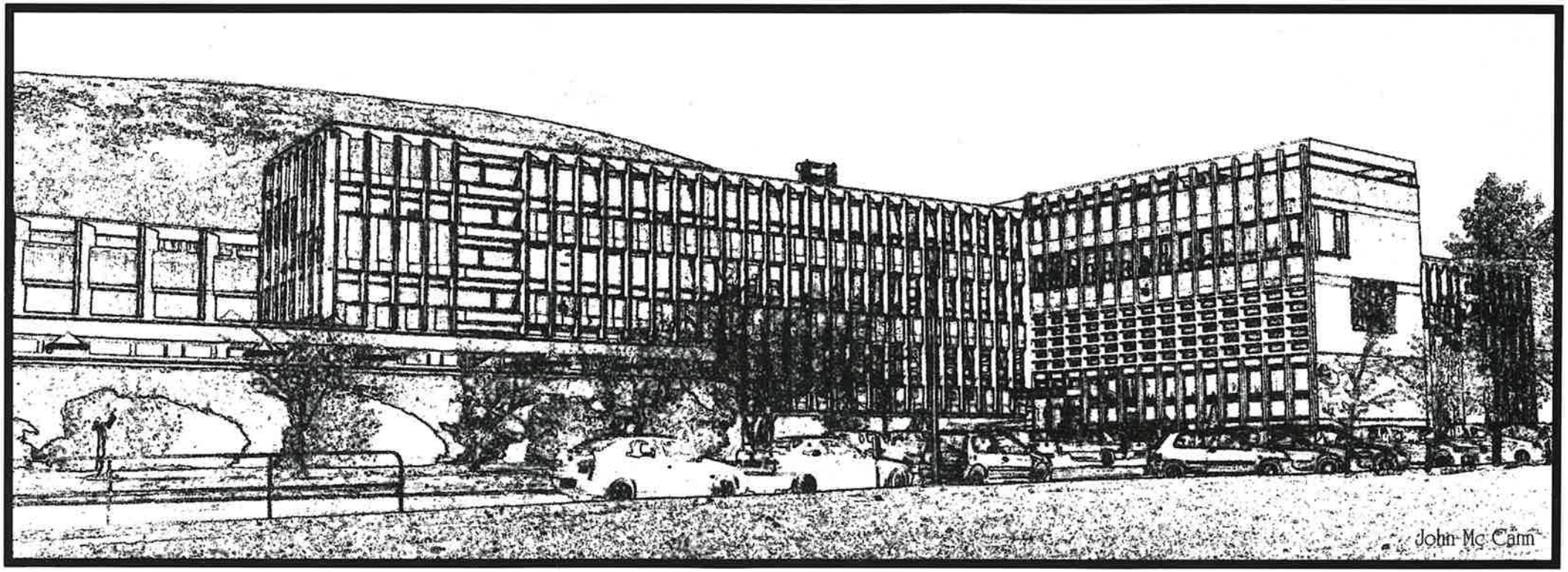

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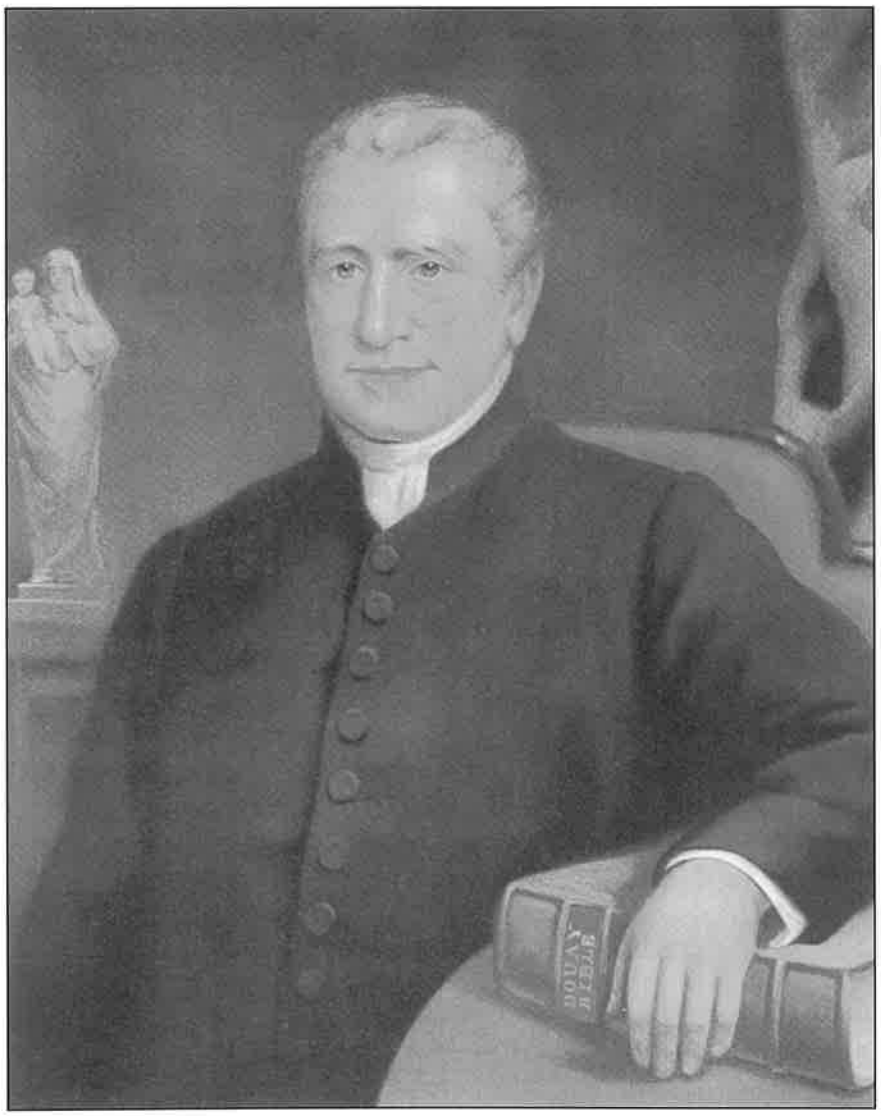

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At the end of another school year I take this opportunity to thank all those staff, pupils and parents who contributed so much to the school community throughout the year. I congratulate the staff and pupils for all their achievements, curricular and extra-curricular, since our last publication.

The school has again produced a great set of academic results. However, the Art Department's 'A' level results were exceptional. Of the top three places in the CEA examinations, shared by nine students throughout the North, five were gained by St. Mary's men who achieved a first place, two seconds and two thirds. Well done to all involved.

This year we excelled in the Corn na nÓg Football competition being defeated only in the replay of the Final. This is a significant achievement as we are the only Co. Antrim school competing in an Ulster Colleges' 'A' football tournament. We won The Treanor Cup (Football), The Smyth Cup for the second year in a row (Lifesaving and First Aid) and every water polo title at Ulster and All-Ireland level, again for two consecutive years. St. Mary's took the Senior Schools Cup (Soccer) and the Year 11 Belfast Cup. Well done to all pupils, mentors and parents.

Congratulations also to those involved in other notable achievements and activities including the Social Enterprise Winners and Colleges All-Stars, Ryan Thibodeau and Cairbre Ó Caireallaín. Reports on these and on a plethora of other events are to be found on our very successful school website. (**www.stmaryscbgs.com**)

We offer our best wishes and sincere gratitude to those teachers who are retiring from St. Mary's this year – Mr Declan Breen, Head of RE, Mr Jim McClean, teacher in charge of Barrack St. for several years, Mr Maurice McGrath, Head of Mathematics, Mrs Marie McQuillan, Head of Drama and Mrs Anne Thompson, Head of German. Between them they have chalked up approximately 140 years of dedicated and tireless service to the St. Mary's community. May they have many fulfilling years ahead.

Again, best wishes to those teachers who have been with us this last year on a temporary basis.

We extend our congratulations to the members of staff who were married recently and to those who have had births in their families.

Many thanks to all those pupils, staff, parents and friends who contributed so generously to Trócaire and to our ongoing work in Zambia.

Finally, I wish to sincerely thank all those who have contributed to this Simmarian, including those who submitted articles, our sponsors and all those who were directly responsible for producing this magazine, in particular, Mrs Donna Tohill.

Guím gach beannacht ar phobal na scoile. Go n-éirí go geal libh ar an bhliain seo chugainn agus, le cuidiú Dé, sna blianta atá romhainn.

Caoimhín de Búrca.
Príomhoide.

Good Old Mr. Breen

Last June witnessed the retirement of Mr Declan Breen after thirty-three years distinguished service to the school, first as a teacher of English and latterly as Head of Religion. He endured a period of punitive exile at St Louise's for a period of two years early in his career before making a triumphant homecoming to his alma mater.

Declan will be a huge loss to both the pupils and his colleagues as it is not often that a man as gifted and inspirational as he passes through the gates of any school. Declan was par excellence a great communicator. He was possessed of tremendous erudition, a lucid intelligence, a brilliant and sparkling wit, a superlative gift for language and a surpassing flair for minting fresh, vivid connections, metaphors and analogies, for brisk, incisive and illuminating formulations.

Nor did Declan leave his wit at the classroom door. In fact, that was the very quality that distinguished his teaching whether it was in his genial and droll way with the juniors or in the superb improvisations and riffs he would embark upon to the keen appreciation of the senior students.

With his wonderful ability to listen and his talent for extemporisation, he exemplified to the utmost the enduring supremacy of that most basic, simple and effective style of education - the Socratic method - which will survive long after the state-of-the-art computers and the interactive blackboards and whiteboards have been consigned to the skip...The essential human element, however scruffy [metaphysically speaking], will never be superseded despite all the superficial sparkle and allure and gorgeous gadgetry of advanced technological wizardry. What schoolboy, one wonders, will ever remember his favourite computer?

And while celebrating the pedagogic richness of the man, let us also honour that class of merry wrigglers, 9D [or eels in swarfega as Declan dubbed them] who held Mr. Breen in such high regard. Their's, too, is a perspective that must be acknowledged and it was they, indeed, who conferred upon their jocular, avuncular Religion teacher that ultimate schoolboy soubriquet - A Legend! It might be considered that the term has been devalued due to too frequent citation but in this instance it was not an idle, throwaway comment but a sincere and measured judgement.

They meant it!

Declan, Mr Breen, Scholar, Teacher, Master, Wit-and Master-Wit, we salute you and wish you a long, happy, refreshingly sardonic and laughter-filled retirement...

Mr Dermot Campfield

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Mrs Marie McQuillan

In the past few years I have been honoured to be asked to write acknowledgements for retiring teachers. I find this reflection a difficult task not because of the poverty of their achievements but because there is always a little sadness in marking the end of outstanding careers. Thus again do I make an inadequate attempt to do justice to the contribution of Marie McQuillan to St. Mary's.

Let me state at the outset that this is an objective assessment of her career; I recognise her limitations as I clearly remember that I once had to change a tyre for her. However, I was reminded of her teaching accomplishments when I went with my family to see 'Rebecca' in the Grand Opera House last year. It was a West End production on tour with famous actors, professional designs, sets, lighting etc. My daughters gave it a very scathing review and were unanimous that it failed to reach the yardstick by which they judge all theatre - Mrs McQuillan's Christmas musicals which they had attended at St. Mary's as children.

They only ever experienced 'Pirates of Penzance', 'My Fair Lady' etc. as spectators but yet the memory still resonates with them. How much more did the experience mean for those hundreds of boys (and staff) who auditioned, rehearsed and performed those shows to such wonderful acclaim and success.

Working with Dan Tracey, Jill Gibson and Colette Morris, Marie nurtured and inspired magnificent performances from some very gifted students but, even more importantly, she never turned away any child who aspired to be part of a production. No matter if a chair on stage was less wooden than their acting or they had a total lack of any natural rhythm, Marie found for them a role which allowed them to achieve in front of family and friends and to retain happy memories long after leaving St. Mary's.

Marie joined the teaching staff in 1978 and having taught alongside Marie for the 27 years that followed, I believe I am well placed to offer a judgement on her career in St. Mary's. I take account of her consistently superb 'O' Level, GCSE and 'A' Level results, her easy approachability for guidance and support for both pupils and staff, her unfailing good humour, her drive and energy and vision for her department. She also contributed significantly to the Careers Department in teaching interview techniques.

Above all these, I would argue that what made her career so successful was her fundamental daily care and compassion for the pupils. She was deeply committed to helping St. Mary's boys in whom she invested unstinting effort and time. Marie regularly channelled her own money where she saw pupils held back by disadvantage but always insisted that this was done quietly and anonymously.

Although leaving us, Marie will still be busy with AQA as their Subject Advisor for Performing Arts and Team Leader at GCSE throughout the North. She retires from teaching to spend time with her mother, to look after her gardens and to be looked after herself by Gerry and Orla. Marie, it's a cliché but, on behalf of all pupils, parents and staff, present and past, I hope you 'break a leg' in the Acts to come.

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& Miss D. McFall, Drama

During the past year Mr. N. Boyle, Mr. D. Gallagher & Miss D. McFall have made a positive contribution to the school and will be greatly missed. They have worked diligently throughout the year and integrated easily with both staff and pupils. Through the quality of their teaching they encouraged creativity within a pleasant learning environment. We thank them for their support this year both in the classroom and with extra curricular activities.

As all three head off to pastures new, we wish them all the best in their future careers

Goodbye to the Tuck Shop

From September 2006 break and lunch will not be the same as food will no longer be available at the tuck shop. After a decade of service to the school we say farewell and thank you to Eileen and Marie. Both ladies showed great patience and kindness when confronted by hordes of starving lads - all of whom appeared to have arrived at the same time.

The odd packet of minstrels or crisps were also generously donated to stressed-out staff on occasion.

Thanks for your help and support over the years.

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Junior Prizewinners

Subject Awards

Spanish	Calum Rooney	11C
German	Brendan Lundy	11C
Irish	Stephen Hesketh	11E
	Anthony Donnelly	11C

Irish GCSE	Aodhan Mitchel	10G
Italian	Patrick Lundy	11G
French	Brendan Lundy	11C
Geography	Conor Cullen	11A
English	Brendan Lundy	11C
Theatre Studies	Christopher McCorry	11D
Music	Matthew McArdle	11D
Art	Daire Maskey	11E

Back L - R Gerard McGettigan, Paul Shields & Callum Rooney
Front L - R Brendan Lundy, Christopher McCorry & Matthew Teeney

Science	Matthew Teeny	11C
Maths	Brendan Lundy	11C
Technology	Calum Rooney	11C
History	Daniel Diamond	11D
Information Technology	Nial Hamilton	11H
Physical Education	Gerard McGettigan	11C

Most Consistent Performance in Junior School

Gary Randall-O'Neill	11A
Aaron Duffy	11A
Matthew Rice	11F
Conor Rocks	11C
Seamus Corrigan	11C
Paul Lewsley	11A
Alex Magee	11G
Niall McCrory	11C
Daniel Mc Quaid	11G

100% Attendance

Daniel McQuaid	11G

Outstanding Performance

Conor Connolly	11A
Darren McShane	11G
John Slack	11A
Jonny O'Reilly	11B
Patrick Herron	11D
Sean Sloan	11A

L-R Darren McShane, Conor Connolly, John Slack, Jonny O'Reilly & Sean Sloan

Bobby McCargo Memorial Trophy

Brendan Lundy	11C

Sporting Awards

Gaelic Football	
- Conor Rocks	11C
Hurling	
- David McNally	11H
Basketball	
-Michael Armstrong	11C
-Ralph Singco	11G
Soccer	
-Pearse Donnelly	11C

The elite athletes are pictured above *L-R*
David McNally, Pearse Donnelly, Michael Armstrong, Conor Rocks & Ralph Singco

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to all our Year Thirteen pupils who completed their G.C.S.E. examinations in 2005

AGNEW	Jamie
ALWELL HERDMAN	Anthony
BARNES	Brendan
BELLEW	Ciaran
BLACK	Christopher
BOYLE	John
BRENNAN	James
BUNTING	Gavin
BUTLER	Martin
BYRNE	Brian
CAMPBELL	Alan
CAMPBELL	Christopher
CAMPBELL	Kevin
CAMPBELL	Mark
CARLIN	Stephen
CARSON	Kieran
CLARKE	Rory
COLLINS	Matthew
CONNOLLY	Niall
CONNOR	Brendan
CONNOR	Niall
COSTELLO	Gerard
COUSINS	Brendan
CULLEN	Gareth
CULLEN	Mark
CULLEN	Seamus
CUNNINGHAM	Eamonn
CURRIE	Damien
DAVIDSON	Patrick
DENNY	Eamonn Og
DEVINE	Jonathan
DEVLIN	Christopher
DONNELLY	Christopher
DUFFY	Ciaran
DUTTON	Patrick
FARRELL	Gerard
FERGUSON	James
FERGUSON	Kieran
FITZPATRICK	Brendan
FLAVIN	Conor
FRYERS	Dominic
GALLAGHER	Conor
GALWAY	Adam
GRAHAM	Shaun
GREEN	Liam
GRIEVE	James
HALL	Ciaran
HAMILL	Ryan
HANNA	Paul
IRWIN	Robert
JOHNSTON	Conor
JOHNSTON	Paul
KEARNS	Peirce
KEENAN	Martin
KELLY	Michael
KELLY	Richard
KERR	Conor
KING	Bernard
LENNON	Mark
LEYDEN	John
LYNAGH	Mark
LYNCH	David
MACKLIN	Daniel
MALOCCO	Seosamh
MARTIN	Ciaran
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Mc ANULTY	Harry
Mc AREE	Michael
Mc ATACKNEY	Stephen
Mc ATAMNEY	Garry
Mc BRIDE	Christopher
Mc CANN	Jonathan
Mc CANN	Michael
Mc CANN	Stephen
Mc CREANOR	Niall
Mc CRORY	Brendan
Mc CULLOUGH	Aidan
Mc CURDY	Fionnbharr
Mc DONAGH	Daniel
Mc GARRITY	Peter
Mc GARRY	Jack
Mc GUICKIN	Robert
Mc ILHENNON	Aidan
Mc KENNA	Aaron
Mc KENNA	Gavin
Mc LAUGHLIN	Cormac
Mc MULLAN	Connor
Mc NALLY	Conall
MOLLOY	Patrick
MOORE	Kieran
MULHERN	Conall
MULHOLLAND	Aodan
NELSON	Brian
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SHANNON	Brendan
SHAW	Gary
SHEARER	Kevin
SHORTT	Daniel
SHORTT	Gareth
SHORTT	Joseph
SMART	Niall
SMITH	Conor
SMYTH	Brendan
SMYTH	Stuart
STAFFORD	Anthony
SULLIVAN	Gerard
TAGGART	Matthew
TOAL	Conor
TONER	Daniel
VALENTE	Christopher
WALLS	Eamonn
WALSH	Colm
WALSH	Stephen
WEIR	Christopher

Congratulations

Comhghairdeas

We offer a special welcome to our new students who joined Year Thirteen in September 2005

Conor Cregan - Christian Brothers' Secondary School

Kenneth Cruz - Stella Maris Academy of Davao

Ciaran Heatley - St. Colm's High School

Owen Lunney - Rathmore Grammar School

Conchuir O Cianain MacSiascais - Meánscoil Feirste

Ross McComish - Malone Integrated College

Sean McCorry - Meánscoil Feirste

Gerard McVeigh - Meánscoil Feirste

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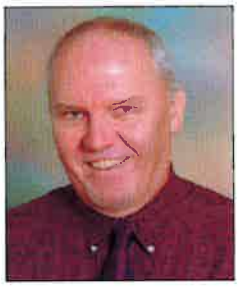

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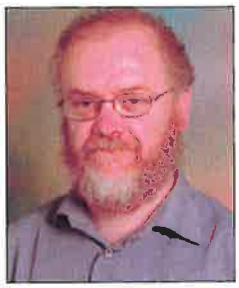

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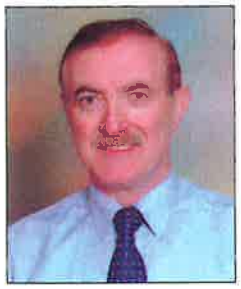

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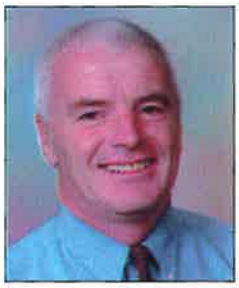

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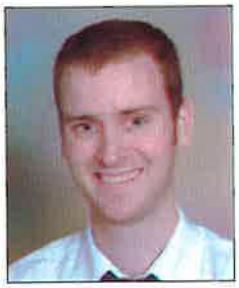

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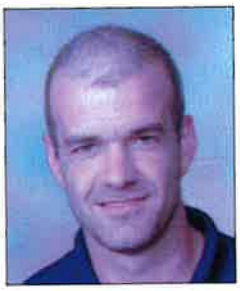

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Academic Awards at G.C.S.E.

G.C.S.E. Art (Murphy Associates Medal)§ *Sponsored by the contractor for the Edmund Rice Complex*	-	Conall Mulhern	(St. Colman's P.S.)
	-	Conor Toal	(St. John the Baptist P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Business Studies	-	Aidan McCullough	(Holy Child P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Drama	-	Matthew Regan	(St. Gall's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. English	-	Christopher Black	(Holy Trinity P.S.)
G.C.S.E. English Literature	-	Christopher Black	(Holy Trinity P.S.)
G.C.S.E. French (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.*	-	Christopher Weir	(St. Paul's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Geography	-	Daniel Toner	(St. Gall's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. German (The Billy Adams Medal)	-	Aidan McCullough	(Holy Child P.S.)
G.S.C.E. History (The Oliver McCann Medal) *Named in honour of a highly respected former Head of Department.*	-	Conor Kerr	(St.Luke's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Information & Communications Technology (The Staff Memorial Medal)	-	Daniel Toner	(St. Gall's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Italian	-	Damien Currie	(St. Gall's P.S.)
G.C.S.E. Irish	-	Aodhan Mitchell	(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S.)

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G.C.S.E. Mathematics
(Rev. Bro. L..F. Ennis Medal) - Aidan McCullough(Holy Child P.S.)

Individual award winner *L-R Conor Toal (Art), Conall Mulhern (Art), Matthew Regan (Drama), Christopher Black (English Lauguage & Literature), Christopher Weir (French), Daniel Toner (Geography, ICT & RE) & Aidan McCullough (German), Business Studies, Maths & Science and Best GCSE Student 2005.*

Damien Currie (Italian),

Gareth Shortt (PE),

Michael McAree (Technology),

Kevin Shearer (Spanish)

& Conor Kerr (History)

G.C.S.E. Music - Ciaran Hall (Holy Trinity P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Physical Education - Gareth Shortt (St. John the Baptist P.S.)

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 Year Eleven in St. Mary's. - Daniel Toner (St Gall's P.S.)

Father Sean O'Neill Memorial Cup
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. - Daniel Toner (St Gall's P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Double Award Science - Aidan McCullough (Holy Child P.S.)

G.C.S.E. Spanish - Kevin Shearer (Inchmarlo Prep)

G.C.S.E. Technology & The Ford Perpetual Trophy - Michael McAree (St. Teresa's P.S.

Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

Tony Alwell Herdman- (St. Kevin's P.S.)
Brendan Barnes - (Holy Child P.S.)
Patrick Davidson - (St. Aidan's P.S.)
Gerard Farrell - (St. Colman's P.S.)
Michael McAnoy - (Holy Trinity P.S.)
Conor McCrudden - (St. Anne's P.S.)
Darren O'Neill - (St. Kieran's P.S.)
Martin O'Prey - (St. Anne's P.S.)
Anthony Stafford - (St. Teresa's P.S.)

Celebrating success

Attendance Awards

Brian Byrne - (St. Peter's P.S.)
Conor Flavin - (St. Colman's P.S.)
Robert Irwin - (St. Teresa's P.S.)
Michael Kelly - (St. Teresa's P.S.)
Aidan Mellhennon - (St. Kevin's P.S.)
Brendan Shannon - (St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)

L - R Gareth, Mark, Christopher, Stephen & David celebrate their sporting achievements.

Sporting Achievements 2004 /2005

Athlete of the Year
Gareth Cullen - (*St. Teresa's P.S.*)

Basketball Player of the Year
Stephen McCann - (*St. Luke's P.S.*)

Gaelic Footballer of the Year
Mark Cullen - (*Good Shepherd P.S.*)

Hurler of the Year
David Lynch - (*Ballymacward P.S.*)

Waterpolo Player of the Year
Christopher Devlin - (*St. Peter's P.S.*)

L - R *Gareth, Mark, Christopher, Stephen & David celebrate their sporting achievements.*

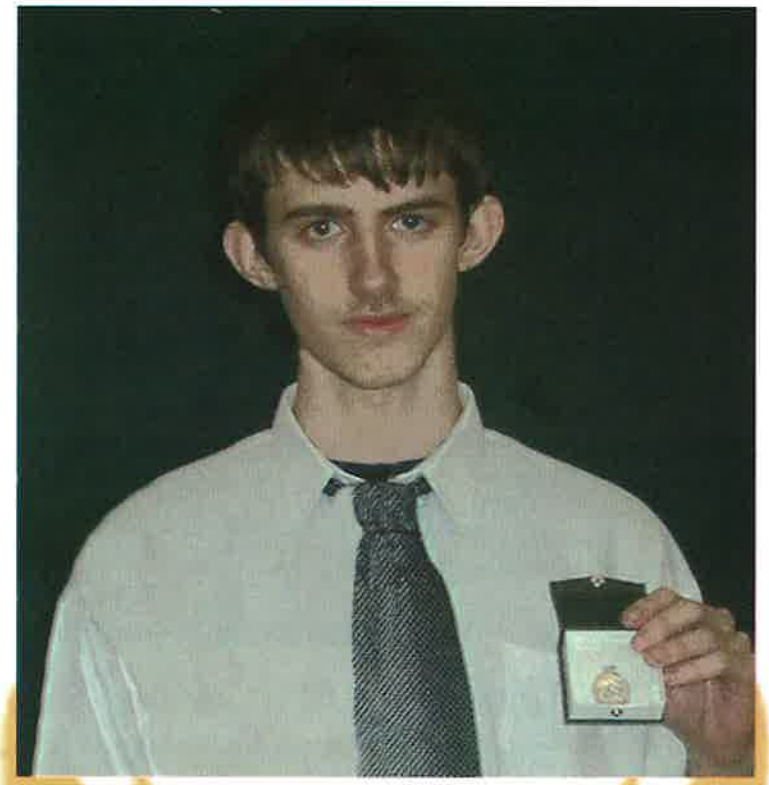
C.B.P.P.U.
Gold Medal

Awarded to

Aidan McCullough

(Holy Child P.S.)

BEST G.C.S.E. Student



We wish God's blessing on and every success to our 'A' Level and A.V.C.E. students of 2005

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BURNS	David
BUTLER	Eamonn
CADDELL	Joseph
CALDWELL	Mark
CARROLL	Gerard
CLAXTON	Laurence
CRAIG	Tony
CROSSAN	Gerard
CROSSEN	Cormac
CRUDDEN	Ciaran
CRUDDEN	David
CURRAN	Stephen
DAVIDSON	Patrick
DEVLIN	Aidan
DOHERTY	Michael
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DONNELLY	Henry
DORAN	John
DORRIAN	Brendan
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DOYLE	Adrian
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EGAN	Paul
FERRIS	Gavin
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FLOYD	Christopher
FOX	Ciaran
FRENCH	Michael
GALLAGHER	Paul
GILLEN	Joseph
GREEN	Conall
GREGORY	Eamon
HAGAN	Aaron
HAGAN	Ciaran
HALL	Conor
HAMILL	Sean
HARTIGAN	Dermot
HERRON	Conor
HESKETH	Darren
HUGHES	Christopher
HUGHES	Stephen
JOHNSTON	Neil
KEARNS	John
KEENAN	Conchur
KENNEDY	Kevin
KNOCKER	Liam
LAPPIN	Mark
LAVERTY	Patrick
MAGEE	Damien
MAGUIRE	Michael
MALLON	David L
MALLON	David P
MARSHALL	Ciaran
MASKEY	Conall
Mc ALISTER	Malachy
Mc ALLISTER	Kieran
Mc AREE	Aaron
Mc AUGHEY	Michael
Mc AULEY	Thomas
Mc BRIDE	Martin
Mc CAFFERTY	Patrick
Mc CAFFREY	Conor
Mc CAFFREY	Michael
Mc COMB	Kevin
Mc CONVILLE	Conor
Mc CULLOUGH	Connor
Mc CURDY	Robert
Mc CURRY	Kieran
Mc CUSKER	Pearse
Mc DONALD	Conor
Mc DONALD	David
Mc ELKERNEY	Gerard
Mc FALL	Kevin
Mc GIBBON	Thomas
Mc GRATH	Christopher
Mc KENNA	David
Mc KIERNAN	Declan
Mc KILLOP	Fintan
Mc LAUGHLIN	Bernard
Mc MAHON	Hugh
Mc MAHON	Malachy
Mc MANUS	Bobby
Mc MORROW	Andrew
Mc MULLAN	Ciaran
Mc NEILL	Michael
Mc PARLAND	Christopher
Mc SHANE	Daniel
MITCHELL	Sean
MONAGHAN	Aidan
MORGAN	Michael
MURPHY	Conor
O'KANE	Daniel
O'NEILL	Christopher
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O'NEILL	Eamon M
O'NEILL	Paul
OWENS	Patrick
PETTICREW	Dominic
PIMLOTT	Christopher
QUINN	Ciaran
QUINN	Danny
QUINN	Kevin
QUINN	Ryan
RYAN	Kieran
RYDER	Daniel
SAUNDERS	Paul
SCOTT	Joseph
SCULLION	Conor
SLANE	Patrick
SMITH	Conor
SMITH	Ruari
SMITH	Stephen
SMYTH	James
STEENSON	David
TAGGART	Conor
TOAL	John
WARD	Joseph G
WARD	Joseph P
WHITE	John
WOODS	Paul

Comhghairdeas

Academic Awards at A2

A2 Art
(The Graham Harron Medal)
Sponsored by the goldsmith who designs and produces the school medals.
Aidan also received a CCEA Award for top marks in N.I.

- Aidan Monaghan *(St. John the Baptist P.S - - now studying Art & Design at U.U.B.)*

A2 Biology
(The Thompsons McClure Medal)

- Conor Herron *(St. Paul's P.S - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J.)*

A2 Chemistry
(The Northern Bank Medal)

- Stephen Curran *(St. Joseph's P.S - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.)*

- Bernard McLaughlin *(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Medical Chemistry at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Computing
(The Kevin Jennings Medal)
Sponsored by St. Mary's Auditors

- Henry Donnelly *(St. Anne' P.S. - now studying Computer Science at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Business Studies
(Ulster Business Equipment Medal)

- Joseph Ward
(St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Psychology at University of Bristol)

A2 English Literature
(The Serridge Medal)

- Ciaran Crudden
(St. Kenin's P.S. - now studying Modern History at Q.U.B.)

A2 Geography
(The Francis Rice Memorial Medal)

- Stephen Curran
(St. Joseph's P.S - now studying Pharmacy at Q.U.B.)

A2 Government & Politics
(First Trust Bank Medal)

- Robert Drumm
(St. Teresa's P.S. . - now studying Law at Q.U.B.)

A2 History
(The Bank of Ireland Medal)

- Dermot Hartigan
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S. - now studying Lawat Q.U.B.)

Academic Awards at A2

A2 Irish - **Conor Herron**
(Cumann Gaelach Scoil Mhuire) *(St. Paul's P.S - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J)*

A2 Italian - **Ciaran Haga** (St. Paul's P.S. - *now studying Psychology at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Mathematics - **Stephen Hughes** *(St. Gall's P.S.*
(The Rev. Bro. McGreevy Medal) - *now studying Physics with Astrophysics at Q.U.B.)*
The name of Brother McGreevy was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in St. Mary's in the '50's.

A2 Music - **Ciaran Quinn** *(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S. - now studying Irish & Celtic Studies at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Physical Education - **Conor Herron**
(Glenn O'Hare Memorial Medal) *(St. Paul's P.S - now studying Physiotherapy at U.U.J)*

A2 Physics - **Stephen Hughes** *(St. Gall's P.S.- now studying Physics with Astrophysics at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Psychology - **Robert McCurdy** *(St. Gall's P.S. enhancing A2 grades)*

A2 Religion - **Conor Scullion** *(St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Psychology at Q.U.B.,)*
(The Brother Mallon Medal)
Named after a distinguished former teacher and donated by an ex-pupil John Larkin,former Reid Professor of Criminology at Trinity College, Dublin.

A2 Spanish - **Eamon M. O'Neill** *(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Spanish at Q.U.B.)*

A2 Technology - **Conchur Keenan** *(Holy Child P.S.- now studying Engineering at Q.U.B.)*

The Brother Monaghan Cup - **John Kearns** *(C.B.S., Glen Rd - now studying Law & Government at Q.U.B.)*
Presented to the outstanding pupil who entered Senior School from our associated Secondary Schools.

Bonn Sheamais Mhic Eachaidh - **Dáithí Ó Broin** *(C.B.S., Glen Rd - Gap Year)*

Sporting Achievements

Athletics

Michael Morgan
(St. John the Baptist P.S. - now studying Geography at Q.U.B.)

Gerry Magennis Memorial Award
(Footballer of the Year 2005)

Liam Knocker
(St. Kieran's P.S. - now studying Building Surveying at U.U.J.)

Forresters' Medal (Hurler of the Year 2005)

Liam Knocker
(St. Kieran's P.S. - now studying Building Surveying at U.U.J.)

Bank of Ireland All Stars Hurling Award

Liam Knocker
(St. Kieran's P.S. - now studying Building Surveying at U.U.J.)

Conal Maskey
(Bunscoil Phobal Feirste P.S - now studying Building Surveying at U.U.J.)

Water Polo
(Player of the Year 2005)

Aidan Devlin
(Holy Child P.S. - now studying Nursing at Q.U.B.)

Outstanding Performance at A2

Gerard Crossan - (St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Biochemistry at Q.U.B.)

Michael Doherty - (*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste* P.S. - now studying Irish at St. Mary's U.C.B.)

Malachy McMahon - (St. Colman's P.S. - now studying Geography at Q.U.B.)

Christopher McPartland - (St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Building Surveying at U.U.J.)

Sean Mitchell - (*Bunscoil Phobal Feirste* P.S. - now studying Modern History at Q.U.B.)

Daniel Quinn - (St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Art & Design at U.U.B.)

Daniel Ryder - (St. Kevin's P.S. - now studying Management Info. Systems at Q.U.B.)

Attendance Awards

Robert McCurdy - (- now enhancing A2 Grades St. Mary's C.B.G.S.)

Gerard Crossan - (St. Gall's P.S. - now studying Biochemistry at Q.U.B.)

Fintan McKillop - (St. Anne's P.S. - now studying Civil Engineering at Q.U.B.)

Kieran Ryan - (St. Anne's P.S. - now studying Liberal Arts at St. Mary's U.C.B.)

Christopher Floyd - (*St. Paul's* P.S. - now enhancing A2 Grades at B.I.F.H.E.)

Edmund Rice Perpetual Trophy
Edmund Rice Gold Medal

(Named in honour of the founder of the Christian Brothers)

awarded to

Michael Maguire
(St. Gall's P.S. - now studying
Veterinary Science at University of Bristol)

Best 'A' Level Student 2005

10B Tayto Trip

In October 2005 all the year 10 classes went on a geography trip to the Tayto factory in Tandragee. In that term we had been learning about different forms of industry and we went to the factory to see how these industries were interlinked.

When we arrived we were able to see some of the features of the factory; it is built near a town with a skilled labour force, it is near good roads that can be used to transport the goods and it has access to nearby farmers who supply Tayto with its key raw material, potatoes.

On entering the factory we were supplied with special items of clothing, like aprons and hats, which were needed to prevent health hazards when in close proximity to the potatoes and machinery. Before we could see the crisps being made and how the factory works we were given a brief history of Tayto, its former owners and its line of success.

As we began the tour we were confronted with delicate pieces of machinery used for making and processing the potatoes. These were all forms of secondary industry in the factory. After this we were directed through a containment area and we saw hundreds of tonnes of potatoes which were waiting to be made into crisps. The people who supply Tayto with these potatoes are an example of primary industry involved with the production of Tayto crisps.

There is also a lot of tertiary activity in Tayto. This includes the people who look after the money and contacts with supermarkets. Tesco is an example of one of Tayto's contacts. Tayto supply Tesco with their own range of crisps (Temptations). The potatoes used for these crisps were held separately from Tayto's own inputs.

Throughout the factory we saw many of Tayto's inputs and processes and at the end of the tour we were given the chance to sample some of the outputs, when we were given free packets of crisps to take home with us.

Overall the trip was an excellent experience because we got a good idea of how all of the industries work together and how the factory works as a system. The trip was very interesting and educational and it broadened our knowledge of economic activity. However, the most enjoyable experience we had was getting to meet the famous Mr. Pat Tayto!

Stephen Durkan and Matthew Hanna

Mr Mc Goldrick takes charge of the situation despite being under the weather

The Colin River in full flow

9A measure the bedload

9A get the low-down on their river study

Colin Glen

We left school for Colin Glen at twenty past nine and it didn't take us very long as it is only up the road!!!! We went into the centre and in there we met our guide for the day and we were given an introduction to the river i.e. where its source was. Then the girl explained the three tests that we would be carrying out in the field. We were going to be taking three measurements; the first was the profile measuring the width and the depth of the river.

The second one was the velocity, which is the speed of the river. For that we would use a flow meter and a stop watch. The third and final test was the load of the river and this was when you randomly picked ten stones and measured the long and short axis. She told us that we would be getting into the river and provided us with welly boots.
We then got in the minibus which brought us to the top of the river and we walked to our first measuring station. We were recording results at three sites in total. At the first site we talked about things that they were doing to stop erosion. Here they used Rock Armour which are big boulders set along each side of the river to stop erosion. We took the measurements and went on. We walked through the forest for about ten minutes and then came to the second site. It had a different method of stopping erosion, making use of gabion baskets, which are wire nets filled with rocks along each side of the river.

Then we did the tests and went on. After that we talked about places that had been eroded and as a result had knocked over trees. Before we came to the third site we stopped at a place to talk about the housing on the Suffolk road. We talked about the pollution that the residents were causing to the river and how the river could erode the bank that the houses where built on and eventually the houses might fall in!!!! We went to our final site beside a house and did the final test but it had no rocks to stop erosion but it had a lot of trees and this helps to hold the soil together. We then made our way back to the Colin Glen centre.

Terry McGrath 9A

Who, What, Where, When and Why?

Year 11 geographers visit the W5 at the Odyssey

As part of their GCSE study of settlements, year 11F and 11C accompanied by Miss Madden and Mr Gallagher, had a fun day out to the W5 in the Odyssey. The purpose of the trip was to look at the developments that have been planned for the Titanic Quarter and for the pupils to be given the opportunity to put forward their own vision of how it should look.

St. Mary's pupils were not alone on this outing as there were a number of schools taking part on the day, including St. Louise's and Wallace to name but two.

After a brief talk from the director of the Titanic Quarter Developments, the pupils were split into groups and mixed with the other schools. Many of the boys had been looking forward to the opportunity to discuss the day's events with some of their female counterparts, but seemed to come over all shy when the opportunity arose! From here the pupils had to spend the morning and part of the afternoon looking at the various proposed developments for the Titanic Quarter and then come up with ideas of their own. They could include anything in their designs and some of the more popular ideas were to create a skate park!! No doubt Jordan Lynch had a major say in this proposal! At the end of the day each group submitted a poster with their 'vision' for the future which was then judged by the pupils and event holders. Unfortunately none of our boys' teams won but it was a worthwhile and enjoyable venture nonetheless.

Deep in the Jungle

Year 11 visit the Botanic Gardens

Following on from the success of the W5 trip, the geographers from year 11F and 11C were taken on an afternoon trip to visit the Palm House, in the Botanic Gardens.

The trip's purpose was to give the pupils an insight to the unique Tropical Rainforest ecosystem that they had been studying as part of their GCSE. Accompanied by Mr Watson and Mr Gallagher, the pupils were given a very interesting and informative talk by Dr Maxwell on the climate, plants, soils and animals of the rainforest.

It was an enjoyable and insightful trip for the pupils, who were able to see first hand many of the unique plants of the rainforest (including the 'meat-eaters') and how they have adapted to this climate. Also, it gave them an opportunity to feel the intense humidity of Tropical Rainforest...experiences that they will no doubt remember come to exam time!!

TYPICAL RAINFOREST WEATHER REPORTS

Review of the Shadow of Minotaur

The plot was about a boy called Phoenix and his Father Al made a virtual reality game about Greek Myths. His best friend Laura and his school bully, Steve Adams also plays the game. The problem about the game is that it starts to affect their lives in a bad way. I like in the book that Phoenix, Laura, Steve and Phoenix's Father have an empathic link to the characters in the game.

This means they can feel what the characters were meant to feel like anger, hate, love etc. When Phoenix's Father becomes obsessed about the game Phoenix begins to worry. Later Phoenix, Laura, Steve and Phoenix's father are warped into the game.

Phoenix was a city boy until he moved to a small town and with this move his whole life begins to crash down. He can't go anywhere, none of his friends live near him and he is being bullied by Steve. The only thing that is good in his life is his best friend, Laura. She stands by his side when he is in trouble. Later in the book they cross into a different plane. Phoenix becomes the hero Theseus and Laura becomes his heroine. They must live through the game as these new people and like most games death is possible. At the end he must take on the monstrous beast, the Minotaur.

There were not many themes in the book. There was a small part of the book that was bullying. The main theme of the book was Greek myths and legends. It had the Minotaur, the three Gorgon Sisters and the gods like Pan, Athena, Zeus and Poseidon. I like the book because I love myths, demons, gods and myths like that. It was what wanted me to read the book and not give up reading it.

I thought the book was good. My favourite parts were when he fought the three Gorgon Sisters and when he had to fight the Minotaur. I love the way they were described. I think my favourite part in any fantasy book is the fight with the demonic enemies. I like the book but what annoyed me about the book was it was just a game and it was just that Phoenix and everybody else just crossed a plane into a different world.

Some people may like the book because it was about a boy going into a game. I think the book was very well described and I enjoyed it. I liked the way something happened at the start because sometimes you read books and nothing happens until about the middle but it was interesting at the start. I would recommend the book to my friends. I would give this book about 3 out of 5.

Conor McNeill 10A

Review of the Shadow of Minotaur

The Shadow of the Minotaur is a book which is based on Greek myths which has been turned into a virtual reality game. The game has a twist though as it malfunctions and leads the player to think that the game was real. This game is tested and trailed by Phoenix and his father.

Phoenix is a normal boy in `real life' but in the game he is the Lengendeer a death-defying hero battling Greek legends such as the mighty Minotaur and the scaly Medusa only when he is not getting bullied by Steve Adams. His father John Graves was hired by Magna-com to make the build up and background to the Greek Myths played in the game. Laura is Phoenix's one and faithful friend who stands up for him when Steve Adams bullies him. She has heard Phoenix talk about the Lengendeer and pesters Phoenix to let her play as it is top secret.

The themes of the Shadow of the Minotaur are bullying, games and most of all the Greek myths in the game this has made me think that studying as a virtual reality game could be a fun way to learn. There are other categorical themes in the book such as school.

The audience this book is trying to pick out are teenagers as playing a game based on history could increase you education and that bullying is wrong and the bully will eventually get in trouble for his acts. Also playing a game for too long can cause death such as a Korean at the age of 25 died without eating or drinking for 48 hours while playing a game.

In my conclusion I think the Shadow of the Minotaur was a thrilling and exciting book that should be recommended by teachers to pupils willing to learn about the history behind the Greek Myths. I also thought that some parts of the book were very repetitive like:

"It is my destiny"

"I am the Lengendeer"

Although these parts annoyed me I enjoyed the book and in my review I give this book:

Ryan Mc Cullough 10A

My Granda

When my Granda comes to visit me,
I really do jump with glee.
He's really very good at cooking.
He'll pull pranks when you aren't looking.

When my Granda comes to stay,
he helps me in every way.
He is actually very nice,
when he conjures up a curry with a bit of rice.

My Granda really is good,
but he can be a bit rude.
It's lucky my Granny can keep him in line,
but I think he will turn out just fine.

His undying care,
is as big as a bear.
This is why I find,
he is one of a kind.

Aidan McGarrity 8B

My Granny

My granny is thin and tall.
Her courage is big but her feet are small.
My granny will give you care,
Even though she hasn't much hair.

She is very loving and very polite,
And if you are good she will buy you a kite.
She does not eat a lot of food,
And is always in a very good mood.

My granny is old and very kind,
And love is always on her mind.
I love my granny like a friend,
And she will love me to the end.

James Brownlee 8B

End Of An Era?

The Young Enterprise Business Scheme was established in 1963 with the express intention of giving 15 - 19 year olds the opportunity of managing their own public limited company for a period of up to 1 year. The motto adopted was "learning by doing". It was expected that the pupils carried out the main functioning tasks of any business - marketing, operations, finance, human resources management et al.

From humble beginnings the Scheme has been expanded to embrace 25 European countries, with over 60000 pupils in the UK alone. It runs various competitions from local to European level. St. Mary's began its participation in the scheme in 1990 and teams of sixth formers regularly took part up until 2005.

The years 1991 - 2000 were the glory years for St. Mary's with the teams winning 7 Belfast Finals, 4 Northern Ireland finals, 2 UK Nationals (1992 and 1998), UK runners-up (1995) and runners-up in the European final in Malta (1992). The teams also won many other trophies along the way, in particular two BT Technology awards, two UTV Corporate Communication trophies and the piece de resistance award, Best All - Ireland product (language packs), in Dublin in 1995.

The approach during the 90's was always the same with the rambunctious, enigmatic Guru McBarron leading a cavalry charge of willing cohorts - the multi-talented students, Computers Smart, Ma Kinney, Fix-it McBurney, Grinch McCann, Curly O'Rourke and Big Lig Perry - in an adrenaline fuelled assault upon various niche markets. With depressing familiarity, successive companies cut a swathe through all other school businesses, overcoming with consummate ease teams from such prestigious educational establishments as Methody, BRA, Ballymena Academy, Rathmore, St. Malachy's etc.

The products were impressive too, including a famous person cookery book, internet guide, language packs in 9 languages, GCSE CD rom guides, live wire detector, and, everyone's favourite, Willy Weed the Grasshead. Although such exalted success eluded the final three companies from 2001 - 2005, they nevertheless won many trophies and all pupils gained invaluable insights into the running of a small business.

For Mr. McBarron there were several high spots. There was the curious incident of

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the burger in London in 1992 (Mr. Woods will regale you with the true story if approached) and the amazing Tony Benn letter regarding his recipe for a cup of tea. Not to mention the photograph taken in Malta (1998) of a clearly comatose Mr. McBarron lying on the hotel room floor wrapped in a Union Jack for a blanket.

All students should be thanked for their contributions to the many successful companies but some merit special attention.

The magnificent presentation team of Quantum Enterprises who, against all odds, won the UK National in 1992 - especially Micky Hayes and Paul Grey.....

Pulse and their famous people cookery book which included contributions from such luminaries as Maggie Thatcher, General Norman Schwarzkopf and Professor Stephen Hawking. (1993) .....

The loquaciously brilliant David Hall and the steadfast team of Joe, Marty and Liam (Energise Enterprises 1994) .....

Ruari, Peter, Luke, Karl and Frankie from the underrated Europhoria (1995) .....
All of the mighty Virtual Retail Company, but particularly Michael, Colm, Big Dessie and Ciaran - The Dream Team. Also, Dan the Man, Donal and Damien - the Nestle Marketing Award winner in 1998 .....

Jimmie, the two Kevins, Fra , Mick and Lawrence ("Don't call me Larry") from Stikkin Out(1999) .....

Finally, Brendy, Paul and Stephen from RAMM (2000) .....
It is Mr. McBarron's intention to run a Young Enterprise Business in his retirement year with fourth and sixth year pupils. If you joined St. Mary's in September 2005, you would be eligible to take part. So why not visit the hirsute and superficially grumpy Mr. McBarron in the near future and express your interest in being part of the educational experience of a lifetime.
Who knows, St. Mary's may be back and winning in London in the near future. History may well repeat itself.

Mr. Hugh McBarron
(assisted by the legendary "Campers")

St Mary's Student Council

A newly formed St Mary's Student Council is now in place and ready to conduct business on behalf of all the school's students. Plans to set up this body began in early November and, under the watchful eyes of Mr McFlynn and Mrs Tohill, an elected group of Year 13 and Year 14 students took their seats around the table the following month.

Initially it is intended that student councillors will be restricted to these two year groups although representation from all year groups is the ultimate aim.

Tony Alwell (Year 13) and Eamonn Mac Manus (Year 14) were elected as the council's first chairperson and secretary respectively and both fulfilled these roles in a very competent manner. A special word of thanks must go to the student representatives who were charged with the rather wearisome task of drafting the council's constitution. Nevertheless they stuck to the job and eventually produced a first class document.

The constitution provides for a minimum of six formal meetings in the course of the year with a liaison teacher present on each occasion. All members serve for one academic year.

Next year it has been agreed that council members will participate in training courses to help develop essential debating and decision-making skills.

The council eventually got down to the serious business of dealing with issues of concern to the student body. The need to improve the state of toilet facilities was highlighted leading to a resolution being passed which put forward a number of proposals. These were responded to in a very positive manner by the school management.

No doubt this is the beginning of many such proposals and recommendations which will in time help make St Mary's an even more responsive and caring environment. It is to be hoped therefore that over the coming years students will give the council their full support.

Councillors at work L - R Robert Irwin, Piaras Nolan, Fionnbharr McCurdy, Frankie Maxwell, Kevin Clarke & Billy Lockard.

SUMMER

The summer sun punches through the clouds
Greens the grass and reddens the skin
The length of day is at its peak
The wealthy in their flashy cars.

The sea laps across the beach
The sand beds are parched dry
But still the dunes grow strong.

Soon the sun is shaded by the clouds
For autumn is here once again.

Thomas Burns 9D

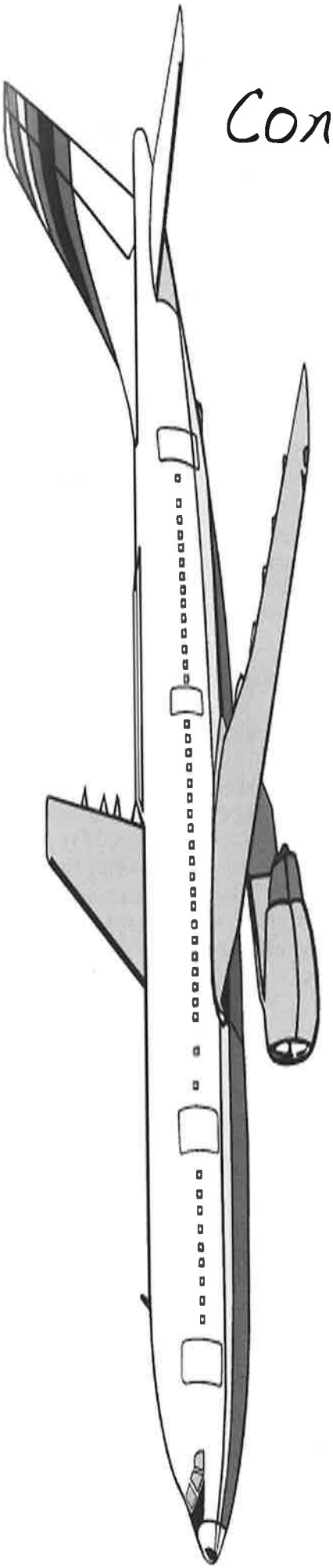
SCHOOL

People hate to go to school
But I think it's cool
Getting to go and talk to your mates
The special feeling walking out the gates.

Playing football in the yard
Doing work that's not hard
Talking about football over break
I've got tech next something to make

The best thing is getting a free
Or playing football in P.E
That's what school is all about
Playing with your mates and messing about.

Ryan Caddell 9D



Conquering a fear

"No!" Mrs Jones was shaking. "You aren't going and that's that." "Why?" queried John. "You aren't getting on a plane. Got it? I can't lose you like I lost your father." In her mind she knew it was selfish to restrain her son. On the other hand she had forced herself to believe it was for the greater good. In her mind she drifted back to that day. "Don't worry honey, you'll be fine. Look at those clouds. Do you want peanuts?"

Then the tanoy went; "Ladies and gentlemen we're experiencing a little turbulence here..." "Ladies, please put on these parachutes and jump out quickly!" cried the Pilot.
"Honey, hurry" shouted John Snr. The cockpit was a flaming ball of fire. The choking scent of smoke clung in Marie Jones' throat. The scent of burning suffocated her and closed her nose. Children were screaming in agony as the flickering red fire, bright as day, smothered them. Marie's husband John had the face of a ghost. His narrow eyes were wide from horror; his face was drawn taut around his cheek bones.

She could still see his face in her dreams - and nightmares! There was a ball clenched in her stomach. She hadn't looked at anybody for two weeks. "It was her fault he's dead", "If she'd let him escape he'd still be here." No-one said this, but you could see it in their tear filled eyes. All she said for a month was thanks, goodbye or hello. The rest of her time was dedicated to crying.

"Mum, will you at least take me to the airport so I can say goodbye to everyone? Might be able to sell my ticket too."
"Fine John, but I'm not going in."
"Ok, Mum." They got in the car and drove along talking about what John's friends would do on holiday. As he talked enthusiastically about this Mrs Jones realised something.
"Go" she said. "What?"
"Go on the holiday with your friends and enjoy yourself." "You're serious?"
"Yes."
"Thanks Mum. But why the sudden change of heart?"
"You just reminded me of your father - and how he would have wanted you to go and enjoy life."

After a brief 10 minutes packing John re-entered the bright red mini cooper. The airport's main waiting area was a dull grey with nothing on the walls. The blue plastic chairs were hard and uncomfortable, but they didn't alter the grin on John's face.
"Guess what?"
"What son?"
"I got you a ticket."
"What?!" She must have misheard him.
"I got you a ticket for the flight to Malta."
Those round brown eyes told the truth alone. Mrs Jones studied the dark handsome face of her son. The blonde hair shone with the sun's reflection.

"I .... don't fly." said Marie quietly.
"Go on Mum, please?" pleaded John. "I .... don't fly." she repeated. "What would Dad do?"
"I.... am not your father. But I will go.... for his memory." What was she thinking!!!!
"I don't have clothes" she remembered.
"I packed them for you. Now come on - our flights been called."
The tunnel went on for eternity. Or so it seemed to Mrs Jones. Her eyes were closed and John was guiding her through the cold plane. "Ok, Mum?" John said as the aircraft picked up speed. "Buckle up."
"You did it!" yelled John. "You conquered your fear!"

They were standing outside the airport with their bags looking for a taxi.
"I did, didn't I' Marie's chest burned with the shock and yet she was cold with relief. On the outside her face was calm. Then her mouth split into a wide smile.
"I'm so proud of you."

"Thank you. I think part of me was just afraid of losing you." She said.
"There are a lot of things out there worse than planes." John edged backwards and stepped onto the empty road.
SMASH!!!! "Ahhhhhhhh!"

The last anyone saw of John the left side of his body was crushed and mangled. There are a lot of things out there worse than planes - like buses!

Darren Franklin 9E

Conquering a fear

I knew everything was going too well. I had a great job, fabulous flat, and a new girlfriend. Things couldn't get any better but they could take a desperate turn for the worse. No one volunteered so the whole office had to put their names into the hat. "Why me, why me, why me?" Out of 47 people I had to be one of the four chosen to abseil down the tallest building in town. How can I back out and humiliate myself by telling them I'm afraid? I'll never be able to live it down at the pub. What sort of a gutless guy would Elizabeth think she was going out with?

Maybe if I told them the reason for my fear of heights they would then understand. Not everyone has been held by the ankles and dangled off a thirty foot building! God, even the memory makes my belly do somersaults. I can still feel the rush to the tip of my head. I can still see the crowd gathering beneath me, pointing and shouting my name. The fear that they might let me slip, I can even taste it!

It's a day I'll never forget and I hate the bullies who left me feeling this way still into my twenties. I wish I had been braver. I wish I could have dealt with the whole thing myself instead of the school principal expelling them. I had to move to another school for fear that they might come back for their revenge.

Well, maybe it's time to rid myself of these memories. Besides how could I tell anyone? I'd be humiliating myself all over again. This time I'm going to take control. I'll beat this fear once and for all. Besides before that terrible day I hadn't been afraid. I'd climbed cliffs with my brothers and walked across bridges higher than buildings.

This will be the beginning of a new life today. I'll show everyone!! Nerves and fears must be put on hold and besides, if all goes well I'll be on the ground in ten minutes. I have to do this! Everyone will be there to support us. Even Elizabeth said she would get an early lunch so she could watch. No-one will even suspect I'm petrified.

What an amazing feeling. I've finally conquered my worst fear, my only fear. What an amazing experience it was. Before I knew it I was loving being up there. My confidence soared as I zipped down the side of that twenty story building. I could see the crowd, their faces smiling up at me and a huge smile broke across my face in response.

Jude Savage 9E

My granny and granda

My granny and granda are sweet,
Even though they have two left feet.
They watch countdown,
With a massive frown
And that's my granny and granda.

My granda makes one hell of a fry,
They only watch wildlife shows
I don't know why?
They go to bingo every night,
They haven't won any money,
But they just might.

My granda's afraid of heights
And my granny's afraid of spider bites.
My granny fancies all the oldies,
And my granda fancies Angelina Jolie.

Paul McCann 8F

Spring

Spring is here once again
Set free from winter.

The plants flower
Trees are green for a season or two.

The days stretch longer
The temperature rises slowly.

The birds are back from their travels
With their joyful morning songs.

But will we have the spring
For in many years to come
Global warming will steal it from our grasp
And into the past it will float.

Thomas Burns 9D

St. Mary's Students meet Award Winning Writer

Six St. Mary's students got the opportunity to meet and talk to author Alan Gibbons: an emerging force in teenage fiction. He has won the Blue Peter Fiction Award with his novel Shadow of the Minotaur and been a runner up in the Carnegie Medal competition. He was brought up in Cheshire the son of a farm labourer and for the record supports Man Utd.

He entertained the boys with stories about his life and took great care to answer all the boys' questions about his career as a writer.

He presented book tokens to the winners of the Year 8 Poetry Competition and the Year 10 Book Review competition.

The Year 8 winners were:

James Brownlee 8B
Aidan McGarrity 8B
Paul McCann 8F

The Year 10 winners were:

Conor McNeill 10A
Ryan McCullough 10A
David Forrester 10A

Many thanks to Pauline Brady of CBS who organised this great event.

Year 10 Winners
Alan Gibbons with David Forrester, Ryan Mc Cullough and Conor Mc Neill

Year 8 Winners
Alan Gibbons with Aidan McGarrity, Paul McCann and James Brownlee

Spring

I really love the spring,
It's when the birds sing,
But the bees start to sting,
Spring is a very good thing.

Some people go away,
But I prefer to stay,
I like to wait to summer,
To go on my holiday.

New animals are born,
There are hardly any storms,
New flowers start to bloom,
Spring is better than winter's doom.

Easter is also in spring,
And that is a very good thing,
We are off for our Easter holiday,
I wish winter would stay away.

Gerard Gorman 9D

School

When I heard of hell it scared me right
As did ghost stories on Halloween night
But the thing that really made me drool and chilled me to the bone
Was going back to school this year and being all alone.

The thought of going back to class
And listening to the teachers
They're stupid, boring and have no soul
Those education preachers.

Then the school dinners
As cold as snow or ice
I'd rather go to a dump
And eat dead rotten mice.

The thing I love the most about school
Is hearing that bell sound
And getting away from that horrible place
Getting freedom to play around.

Michael Atcheson 9D

Year 13 Geography Field Trip

On a bright sunny March morning Year 13 Geography students headed off on a field trip to Murlough Nature Reserve in Co. Down under the supervision of teachers Mr M Watson and Mr E McFlynn.
An in-depth examination of this wonderful sand dune ecosystem ensued providing students with the top quality data they required for their AS examination later that year.

Young Enterprise 'Social Enterprise'

St. Mary's company 'Water Cycle' beat off close competition from four other schools in the Young Enterprise 'Social Enterprise' summer programme to come out the winners at Stormont on Wed. 21st. St. Mary's win a trip to London to eat at Jamie Oliver's restaurant 'Fifteen'. St. Mary's project is to build a bike shed in school using the profits from our social enterprise. The bike shed is to take traffic off the Glen Road and decrease the 'carbon footprint' throughout the community.

Back Row L-R Conor McLaughlin, Stephan Durkan, Aodan Mitchell, Kevin Milnes, Conal McGettigan
Front Row L-R Niall Doherty, Ryan Hyland, Aodhan McGuinness, Enda Flavin, Matthew Hanna

Year 8 Edmund Rice Activity Camp

The 2005 Edmund Rice Activity Camp proved to be a great success. The aim of the programme is to enable our new Year 8 pupils to become familiar with St. Mary's and to get to know thier new schoolmates and teachers. We had a large number of pupils attending the three days of the camp and the fine weather allowed the students to enjoy all the activities on offer. Thanks to all the staff and senior pupils who helped make this event the success it was.

L-R Mrs C.McCabe, Miss J.Mervyn & Mrs M.Johnston

Pictured left are 3 members of the St Mary's staff who took part in the Cancer Research UK Race for Life event supported by Tesco. This 5km event was the 5th to be held in the grounds of the Stormont Estate in Belfast on Sunday the 4th of June. It is the UK's biggest women-only fundraising event in aid of Cancer Research and last year raised a staggering £33 million.

St Mary's Staff continue their running and fund raising efforts

Fundraising for Project Zambia 'G.I. Joe' style

On the 18th February 2006, the village of Bellaghy was shaken to its boots when it caught sight of 9 Rambo look-a-likes, armed to the teeth with fully automatic guns, land on its doorstep. Their mission, not a raid on the local Northern Bank, but to participate in a sponsored shoot at the SG-1 Combat Games Centre in Ballyscullion Forest Park.

The 'St. Mary's Heros' started the day with a uniform and weapons inspection, followed by their mission briefing. Just like a normal school day really!! The orders were clear - working as a team, they were to have as much fun as possible playing combat games, Blackhawk Down, Terminator Ridge and Ambush Alley to name but a few and in doing so to raise as much money for Zambia as possible.

The mission ended with over a £1,000 collected and some well deserved R & R aka a barbeque for all those who took part. The shoot was organised by school caretaker, Mr Joe McBurney with the help and support of SG-1 staff and customers. All our thanks go out to them as well as our own 6th years, who participated in the games. We hope to make this sponsored shoot an annual fundraising event for Zambia, so watch this space.

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When one considers the difficulties of life for the people in Zambia one can appreciate the importance of the work St. Mary's CBGS is engaged in. In Zambia life expectancy is 33 years making it the lowest in the world. Average income is £200 per year with almost 80% of the population living below the official poverty line. More than 200 people die of AIDS each day and half of all Zambia children have lost at least one parent.

Zambia 2006

St. Mary's return to Zambia - again!

This Easter saw the 4th trip by students and staff from St. Mary's to the school's project in Zambia - and a most successful and rewarding visit it proved to be. Like previous trips this venture proved to be a year-long process of fundraising, meetings, spiritual reflections, conscience-raising sessions and team bonding. Once again all members of the school community - staff, students, families and friends - deserve great praise for their efforts to support the impoverished people of Misisi Compound in Lusaka and the people of the villages around Old Kabweza in the hills south-east of the city. Indeed, this year the school raised more than £60,000 in support of the project - money which really is making a difference to the lives of literally thousands of people in Zambia.

The group of 15 students and staff set out for Lusaka (via London) on Friday 7th April and after the overnight flight arrived safe and sound (if somewhat tired) as dawn broke in Lusaka. We got our usual big Zambian welcome at the airport from Sister Bernard who guided us through immigration. We were then picked up by Mrs. Angela Miyanda who runs the orphanage at Kabwtata and taken to our accommodation in Ku-ombaka Backpackers Hostel. Then it was off to see the St. Lawrence's Centre and a meeting with Project Coordinator Peter Tembo to discuss our programme while in Africa. It was marvellous to see the progress which has been made over the past four years at St. Lawrence's and the other projects developed by Project Zambia. Building and improvements are going on all the time and it is worth taking stock of just some of our achievements so far. These include:

Three schools and special needs centre built or extended
Teachers' salaries and learning resources provided
Teachers' houses built
Agricultural project established
Bakery and other income generating schemes developed
Dormitories, toilets and kitchen for street children built
Clean water supplies established

Then you have Misisi Compound where most of our work takes place. Misisi is officially one of the five poorest compounds in Africa. It is home to 80,000 people crammed into tiny hovels built on a rubbish tip and swamp land on the eastern outskirts of Lusaka. In addition to HIV/AIDS, typhoid, malaria and cholera are widespread throughout the compound. And yet, despite all of these difficulties it is in Misisi that we find love, solidarity and hope. Misisi is not just a poverty-stricken slum but also a community which, with our support and the help of others, is transforming itself.

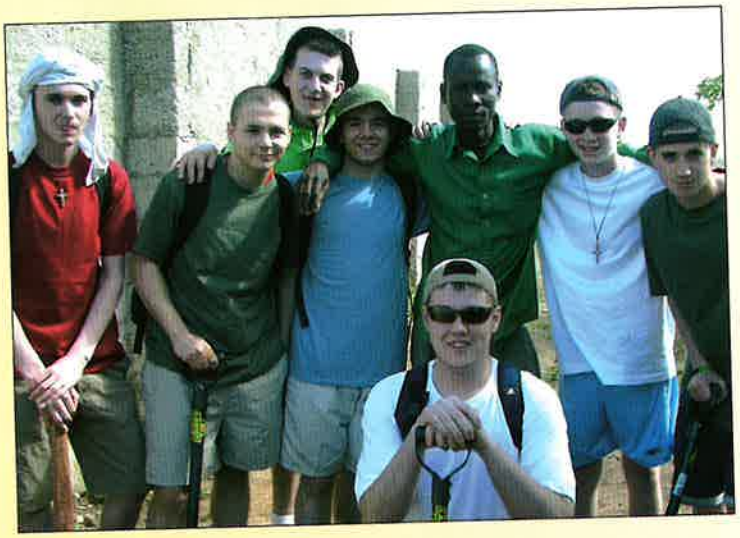
One is struck by the magnificent - indeed heroic - work being carried out by the Church in compounds such as Misisi. In particular Irish religious - such as the Christian Brothers and the Mercy Sisters - are playing a crucial role in helping people to help themselves. It is a privilege to share in the work they are doing and to witness how the Gospel message of justice and love is being lived out in the margins of society.

It was also inspiring to see so many dedicated people who go about their tasks in a selfless and courageous manner seeking neither praise nor material reward. Mary who is `mother' to 24 street children is indeed one of life's `living saints' as she goes about ensuring that these vulnerable young people have a future.

Angela Miyanda, who visited St. Mary's recently, not only has established an orphanage in Lusaka which cares for 84 orphans but also provides for the needs of the `forgotten' people of the villages around Old Kabweza. And, of course, Peter Tembo, Father Pillet and Brother John McCourt whose leadership and vision continue to guide the people of Misisi and inspire all of us at St. Mary's.

During our stay in Zambia the group undertook a wide-range of activities while in Zambia including the following:

Teaching at St. Lawrence's School
Extending 'The Irish garden'
Establishing an irrigation scheme in the orange grove and vegetable plots
Painting the bakery
Helping to build the priest's house and parish centre
Making concrete blocks
Working on the water supply in Misisi Compound
Working in Kabwata Orphanage



We all had our favourite moments and experiences. It is hard not to be moved by the spectacular beauty of Victoria Falls or watching the sun setting on the Zambezi. Or to be struck by the magnificent countryside on the journey through the mountains to Old Kabweza village to see our friends and the new school - named St. Mary's in appreciation of the work we are doing there.

It is also inspiring and humbling to see the importance faith has for the people of Misisi - as witnessed in the colourful and uplifting mass we participated in on Palm Sunday. For all of us, however, our precious moments are found when our thoughts bring us back to the people of Zambia who, despite all difficulties and hardships, never cease to smile at us and laugh with us, who have opened their hearts and homes to us and who have taught us the true meaning of friendship, love and brotherhood.

Dr. Aidan Donaldson

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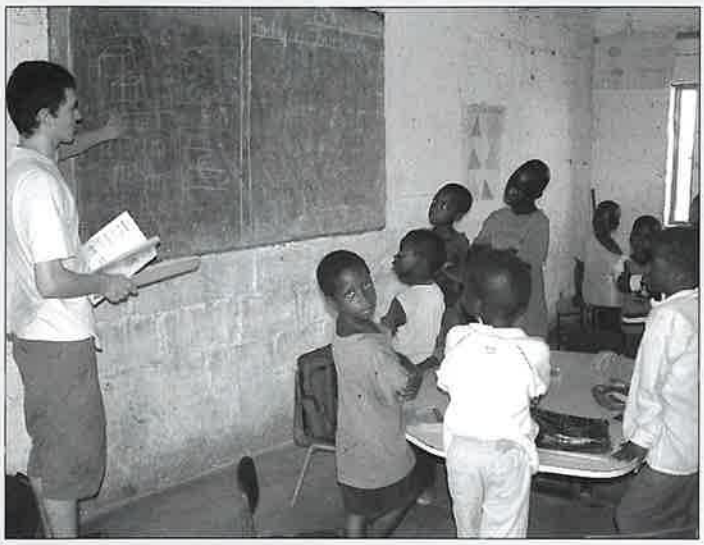

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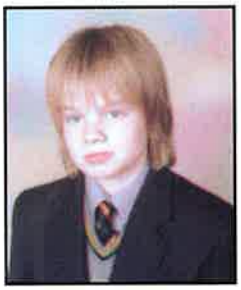

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Winter

All the trees lose their leaves
Except the beech and fir
The ice and snow covers the ground
And a chill is in the air

The hills and mountains are covered
In a blanket of white
Children in the gardens
Having snowball fights

Snowmen are everywhere
Everywhere in sight
People are in their houses
Warmed by the fires light

Fires in the houses
Blazing warm and bright
The golden flames force out
The coldness of the night

The snow outside is fun
And does not cause any pain
Everybody waits in peace
For Spring to come again

James Reid

Spring

Winter is over
Spring has begun
I like Spring better
It's much more fun.

Winter weather is gone
The sun is out
Nothing more
To be sad about.

A week off school
For the holidays
No more teachers
To ruin my day.

I love Spring
It's really good fun
But it's still not as good
As when Summer has begun.

Eoin Crean 9D

Summer

Summer is great, no clouds or rain
No more school to melt my brain.

Goin on my holidays and havin great craic
I could stay there forever, don't wanna go back.

The nights are shorter so I'm gonna stay up late
No need to get up early it's gonna be great.

Drinkin cold drinks and lyin in the sun
That's my idea of havin fun.

I love summer, when the sky is blue and clear
I just can't wait until summer next year!

Eoin Crean 9D

GAA Annual Review

The euphoric scenes that greeted the final whistle of last month's Treanor Cup Final were tempered by the quiet satisfaction amongst the team mentors that a new chapter was being written in the development of football and hurling at St. Mary's CBGS. Whilst the silverware collected may not have exceeded that of the previous academic year, it has undoubtedly been a successful year in terms of Gaelic Games at the seat of learning on the Glen Road.

The air of expectancy weighed heavy on the shoulders of the Herald Cup (U16 B Football) team as they crashed out to an early exit at the quarter final stage last September to a well prepared Carrickmacross side. The absence of scoring talisman Ciaran Caldwell, who had led this team to two Ulster titles in previous years, was too much of a loss for his team mates to carry. The disappointment was soon to be forgotten, however, when it was agreed that the current Year 10 would compete in the Corn Na nOg (Junior A Football) following their twelve point demolition of Saint Louis Ballymena in the final of Corn Colm Cillle (U13 fi B Football) the previous June.

The decision had been a long one in the making for team mentors Tom Shannon and Donagh Finnegan. Indeed, at the eleventh hour after much soul searching it was determined that Saint Mary's would once again lead the way for Co. Antrim schools and enter a team into 'A' Colleges Competition for the first time in eight years.

October 6th 2005 will not be recalled as a day of any great significance, but to the mentors and players of Scoil Mhuire it was a day when the Trustees, Board of Governors and Management of the school showed their tremendous commitment to Gaelic Games with the opening of the new playing fields. The sun shone as Bishop Patrick Walsh, himself a past pupil, presided over the blessing and dedication of the new grounds. Given the schools domination of the Ulster Colleges Hurling All-star awards over the last twenty years, it was only fitting that those past pupils were invited to return and open the facilities with an exhibition match.
The month of November in the GAA calendar is traditionally seen as a month for awards and amongst the Gaels on the Glen Road this wouldn't be an exception. So it was with open arms that the staff and pupils welcomed All Ireland winning captain Sean Og O hAilpin to the Assembly Hall stage to make the presentations. Raymond Herron's Gallagher Cup (Junior A Hurling) side of 2005 took centre stage alongside the Year 9 championship team who had secured both the McNamee (u13 fi A Hurling) and Corn Colm Cille for the schools fast expanding trophy cabinet. Indeed, this was second time in three seasons the year 9 'B' football title had been won by the school.

The awards continued as Principal Kevin Burke headed the Saint Mary's table at the prestigious BT Ulster Colleges Captains evening at the Ramada Hotel. A who's who of the Ulster GAA family were present as Winning Captains Conor Rocks Christopher McGuiness and Conor McClelland were individually recognised for their achievements in Football and Hurling.

Football was to continue the GAA theme in the month of December as most observers began to sit up and take notice of the astounding progress the Corn Na nOg Team were making in the competition. Qualification to the knockout stages had become a reality before Saint Mary's faced group favourites and Dalton Cup (u13 A Football) runners up St Macartans. An eight-point defeat at the hands of the Monaghan outfit brought no discredit to a team who, outside the boundaries of the school, weren't expected to win a game. A quarter-final date with the Abbey CBS on the 28th January had been fixed and the schools first major goal of the extra curricular year had been achieved- Junior A Football after Christmas.

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As the new calendar year dawned, the plaudits continued to arrive at the School when Ryan Thibodeau and Cairbre O Caireallain were awarded Ulster Colleges All-stars in football and hurling respectively. Ryan, who plays his club football with Saint John's, received the goalkeeper award and became only the school's second football recipient. Cairbre's name on the other hand was added to a long succession of St Mary's past pupils whose names have become synonymous with Antrim hurling.

County Cork, however, was to provide the focus of GAA activities within the school as the end of February was to see the culmination of three months planning and fundraising by the Head of PE, Mr.Eddie McToal. The proposed training weekend proved very successful amongst the Year 11 footballers and hurlers. The time saving chartered Aer Arann flights ensured the lads spent as much time as possible in the company of such GAA greats as Tomas Mulcahy, Jimmy Barry Murphy and Waterford manager, Justin McCarthy. Thanks must be extended to Cork Clubs Glen Rovers, Na Piarsiagh and Nemo Rangers for use of their facilities and kind hospitality. Undoubtedly, it will be a weekend long remembered by all those fortunate enough to attend.

March 6th 2006 will be a date etched into the memory of two St Mary's GAA stalwarts. It was on this day, Year 10 coaches Tom Shannon and Donagh Finnegan walked the school's Corn Na nOg team on to the pitch at Augher to face competition favourites Omagh CBS in the final. History it would seem has a sense of irony, as it was on this exact date, 25 years to the day that Saint Mary's had secured the title for only the second time in the school history. Despite wins over Abbey CBS and St Macartans at the penultimate stage, the school remained massive underdogs. Such was the occasion the school closed to facilitate the exodus of supporters. Unfortunately, the team couldn't reproduce the heroics of previous games and drew with the Tyrone side. The replay at Casement Park went as replays do go- in favour of the favourites despite the best attentions of Messrs Boyd, Dalton and McGuiness. Once again history played its part as Coach Finnegan recounted that he too had lost the Corn Na nOg, in a replay, 27 years earlier.

Undoubtedly, this team has resurrected the schools football profile onto the provincial stage. But it would be churlish to think that this was mere accident. Thousands of man hours have been put into the planning preparation and coaching of pupils in both codes by a dedicated staff at junior level. The coaching has continued with past pupil and new member of staff Mr Sean McGoldrick. Sean in his first year has introduced a new competition to the sport's calendar of Saint Mary's in the guise of the Easter Blitz. Invitations were accepted by St Paul's Lurgan, Saint Paul's Bessbrook, Saint Mark's, Warrenpoint and by St. Mary's Maherafelt.

The games against the cream of the vocational schools proved to be an excellent learning curve for the first year pupils as they came out eventual winners beating Pius X in the final. Whilst the emphasis was very much on participation, the games gave the boys much needed confidence prior to the Colleges Blitz in June.

Belief and self-assurance would be the key to success for the Year 11 Treanor Cup (U15 fi B Football) squad as they neared yet another football final. Defeat on two previous occasions against final opponents St Eunan's had shattered the confidence of a team who, in the opinion of most, had under-achieved to date. Letterkenny, unbeaten in three years, faced Saint Mary's who had been beaten in three finals. Indeed, three goals would be the Belfast boys' winning margin as they claimed the silverware on a scoreline of 4-10 to 1-10. May 24th 2006 was day that St Mary's Gaels could say that the return to 'A' Colleges football, whilst not fully realised, was well under way.

As the academic year drew to a close the first and second Saturdays in June saw the traditional arrival of the best in first year footballers and hurlers to the West of the City. As hosts, the school would take this opportunity to thank the other clubs and schools who offered their playing fields for use. From a playing perspective St Mary's had measured success losing the hurling final to Cross and Passion, Ballycastle whilst in the big ball games they suffered defeat to eventual winners, Boy's Academy Dungannon in the semi final. First year Coach, Sean McGoldrick,

however, had seen enough to warrant entering his team into Dalton (U13 fi A Football) next year, bringing the number of teams playing top flight football in the incoming season to five.

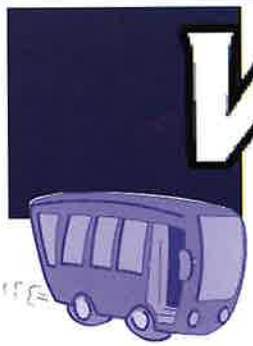
And so the end of another year has St Mary's hoping to lead the light in County Antrim with regards to Gaelic Games. It is surely a matter of time before the school footballers once again join their illustrious hurling counterparts by playing in the top flight. In doing so, St Mary's would become only the second school in Ulster to compete in both codes in the premier competitions. So it may be fair to say the future looks bright, the future looks orange .....(and green and black!!!!)

Treanor Cup

The Football resurgence at Saint Mary's Continues - May 2006

Saint Mary's Year 11 Gaelic football team are looking to bring the extra curricular year to a spectacular close with a first ever win in the Treanor Cup next Wednesday at Maghera. Being the penultimate competition in the Ulster Colleges football calendar, it has tended to be overlooked by most as an indicator to future success at school level due to the knockout format. However, the Colleges council saw fit at last years AGM to apply the more familiar league and knockout system, which has undoubtedly benefited the Glen Road boys.

League wins over the Mean Scoil, Lurgan, Ballymena, and Knock ensured Scoil Mhuire topped the group. In years past, four wins on the trot ensured some silverware, but Saint Mary's had only earned a quarter-final spot against Saint Pat's of Keady. A virtuoso dead ball kicking performance by midfielder Dermot McVeigh helped the team to a fine seven-point victory. Last week's semi final was played against a 'Barney' Gormley coached Strabane outfit, who had previously dispatched Rathmore from the competition in their quarter final. As a contest the game was over at half time. Goals from McCrudden and Bunting gave the team a 13 point cushion at the interval, which Strabane failed to indent in the second half.



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Year 11 footballers and hurlers training weekend

And so, to the final. History says that odds would be against the Belfast boys prevailing. They have never won it. The opposition, Saint Eunan's of Letterkenny, are the current holders and are on an unbeaten run stretching 3 years. Indeed, since the turn of the millennium, the cup has only been shared by two schools, the other being Saint Louis' Kilkeel. This current Saint Mary's side conceded the First Year Blitz final to Enniskillen only again to lose the second year final to Wednesday's opponents, Letterkenny. Last year, in the rematch, Eunan's again triumphed by a solitary point, in the Loch an Iuir semi final, and subsequently went on to win the final comfortably.

This Saint Mary's team, however must not be easily discounted. They have trained for six months for this game. Their preparation has taken them to Cork City for challenge matches. The school's fantastic run in the Corn Na nOg has boosted the squad and created much needed competition for places. But above all they are playing like a 'team with confidence', which was perceived to be lacking in years gone by. This game will go to the wire, but maybe, just maybe, a little bit of history will be made next Wednesday at the Glen Maghera.

Saint Mary's squad: Dermot McVeigh, Matthew Devlin, Steven Shannon, David McNally, Aodhan McPeake, Conor Rocks, Michael Armstrong, Francis McCrudden, Gerard McGettigan, Pearse Donnelly, Niall Larkin, James Cachart, Niall McCrory, David McGarrity, Daire Maskey, Conor McVarnock, Kevin Floyd, Manus Doherty, Charlie Clarke, Daniel McQuaid, Chritopher McErlean, Ciaran Herrity, Steven McGrath, Declan Bunting, Chritopher McGuiness, Padraig Burns, Brendan Conlon, Conor Kavanagh, Ciaran Kelly, Declan Dalton, Darren Boyd, Kevin Parker, Oisin Rodgers, Patrick Copeland & Matthew McArdle.

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Treanor Cup Final May 2006

St Mary's CBGS continued to fly the flag for Antrim schools last Wednesday with their first win in the Ulster Colleges' BT Treanor Cup final. Despite the monsoon conditions in the days leading up to the game the playing surface at the Lavey grounds can only be described as perfect.

Assisted by the strong breeze in the first half the opening score from corner forward Michael Armstrong after three minutes dispelled any fears that the Glen Road side would not put it up to Cup holders St. Eunan's of Letterkenny. Motivation was not a problem. The teams traded scores until at 0-4 apiece, midfielder McGarrity found McCrudden with a sublime pass. Having stolen a yard on his marker, the diminutive corner forward justified his selection with a strike to the net. Leading by three Saint Mary's pressed home their wind advantage. Despite Eunan's tactic of

crowding their halfback line centre forward Declan Bunting still managed to split the uprights with fine efforts from 35 yards. Pointed frees from Donnelly (2) left the opposition trailing by seven at the break.

A case was never made for trying to protect the lead. St Mary's had to press on in the second half but Eunan's dominated midfield in the third quarter. With wind advantage, the deficit was cut to the minimum when Raymond McLaughlin was gifted a goal The turning point came in the 44th minute when Letterkenny were denied the chance to go in front as the ball travelled the length of the field and Pearse Donnelly- the Belfast side's best player- pointed a free. Having weathered the storm the Glen Road boys showed their true fighting spirit when Christopher McGuinness fired to the net to signal the opposition's collapse.

Full forward David McNally was first to react to McGarrity's rebounded effort. Despite cries for an infringement in the small square Mc Nally laid off to Donnelly who punched to the net. The green flag was raised. Doubts about the goal became irrelevant as Second half substitutes Dalton and Boyd combined to seal the historic victory with an injury time thunderbolt from Boyd's left foot. Within a couple of minutes, St. Mary's had opened a 9 point gap and the game was over.

Euphoria greeted the final whistle. Three years of defeat at the final hurdle were but a memory, as St Mary's were crowned Ulster Colleges Champions.

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St. Mary's: *Ciaran Herrity, Gerard McGettigan, Conor Rocks, Christopher McGuiness 1-0, Conor Kavanagh, Matt Devlin, Conor McVarnock, Dermot McVeigh 0-2, David McGarrity, Daniel McQuaid, Declan Bunting 0-3, Pearse Donnelly 1-4, Michael Armstrong 0-1, David McNally, Francis McCrudden 1-0. Sub: Darren Boyd (1-0) for McQuaid. Dalton for Armstrong*

Captain Matthew Devlin claims the Treanor Cup

Bishop Patrick Walsh Blesses Pitches

Pitches officially opened

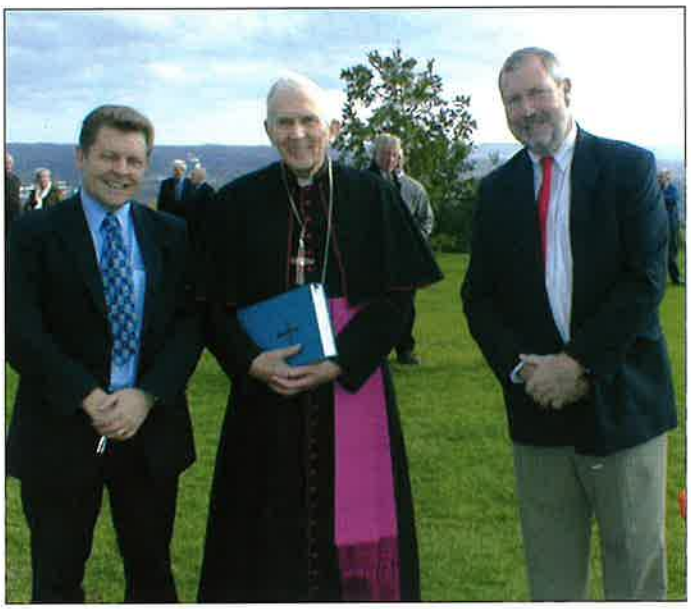
St. Mary's redeveloped school pitches were blessed and officially opened this afternoon, Friday 14th October, by Bishop Patrick Walsh. Afterwards there was a match involving many of the school's 59 past pupil All-Stars. During half-time the staff and senior students played a short match.

Bishop Walsh wished all the present and future pupils every enjoyment and success on the new pitches. He was also delighted to meet a fellow Simmarian who was in his class in Barrack Street, Mr. Jim Lally.

Mr. Mark Barr (past pupil, past governor and currently a member of the Department of Education's Inspectorate) gave a short talk during the buffet which followed. He complimented the pupils, Brothers and staff of the past and the dedication and enthusiasm of the present staff and pupils.

Mr. Chris Hamill, Captain of the All-Star Team for the day, also entertained all with his humorous words.

Many thanks to all involved in organising the event, in particular Mr. Donagh Finnegan, the school Bursar.



An tÓl agus an tAos Óg

The essay below was a winning entry in this year's Gael Linn 'Abair' public speaking competition.

"Here, grab a mop and clean up that vomit will ya?" I mo sheasamh i lár an urláir damhsa atá mé. Tá duine i ndiaidh caitheamh amach arís. Tá an boladh uafásach. Tá breis agus pionta den aiseag bhréan - meascán dá dhinnéar agus na deochanna a d'ól an duine óg le trí uair an chloig anuas - ina luí agus fiche duine réidh le siúl tríd I ngan fhios dóibh féin. Agus mé ag meabhrú ar an seancheist - cad chuige a mbíonn píosaí meacáin dearga i gcónaí le feiceáil in aiseag? - glanaim go gasta é mar tá mé cleachtaithe leis anois. Oibrím i dteach tábhairne agus feicim a leithéid lá i ndiaidh lae, oíche i ndiaidh oíche. Ní amháin aiseag, ach daoine ag cur troda ar a chéile, ag titim, ag caoineadh, ag screadaíl i mbarr a gcinn agus an leithscéal atá acu ar an iompar samhnasach náirithe seo ná an t-aon rud amháin - an t-alcól.

Is é an rud a bheas faoi chaibidil agam inniu ná cultúr an óil i saol na mac léinn. Tá sé amuigh ar scoláirí ollscoile nach bhfuil rud ar bith ar intinn acu seachas dul amach ar an drabhlas achan uile oíche sa tseachtain. I rith an lae feictear mic léinn stuama staidéarach múinte mín. Ach nuair a luíonn an ghrian déantar ollphéisteanna uafásacha díobh, amhlóirí amaideacha feargacha foiréigeanacha. Is iad na meisceoirí óga seo is cúis leis na troideanna, an loitiméireacht, an eagla atá ar sheandaoine dhul amach sa dorchadas - iompar frithshóisialta an mhionlaigh a chuireann isteach go millteanach ar an formhór a thuigeann freagracht agus measarthacht.

Tá an drochiompar seo olc go leor ann féin, ach is fadhb mhór eile í an drochshláinte a bhaineann le bheith ag ól thar an mheasarthacht go rialta ar an nós seo. Tá baint ag an ól le seasca galar éagsúla, ailsí agus galar croí ina measc. Tá sé lán chomh míshláintiúil le bheith ag caitheamh tobaic ach níl an mhíchliú chéanna air. Nuair a léim na staitisticí faoi ólachán in Éirinn cuireann sé imní orm, mar is sa tír seo a bhfuil an líon is mó daoine a ólann go trom is go rialta sa Chomhaontas Eorpach ar fad. Sin an tír is measa ar liosta de 14 tír. Ólann leathchuid d'Éireannaigh óga idir chúig bliana déag agus ceithre bliana is fiche go rialta, ach in achan tír eile ní ólann ach duine amháin as gach cúigear go rialta.

Caithfidh an t-eolas scanrúil seo deifir a chur orainn agus ar an rialtas rud inteacht a dhéanamh - ach is minic a rinneadh iarracht feabhas a chur ar an scéal seo agus ag dul in olcas atá sé. Rinneadh iarracht i Meiriceá cosc iomlán a chur ar an alcól agus tá a fhios againn uilig nár éirigh leis sin. Deirtear go dtiocfadh leis an rialtas cáin ard a ghearradh ar an alcól. Ach fuair siad amach sa tSualainn má ardaítear praghasanna na ndeochanna go gcuartaíonn daoine deochanna níos saoire agus go n-ólann siad an oiread céanna. Athraíodh an dlí ar an mallaibh i Sasana go bhfuil cead anois bheith ag ól ó dhubh go dubh. Tugtar deis do dhaoine a ndeochanna a chríochnú gan deifir a chur orthu agus cionn is nach ndruideann na tithe tábhairne, ní bhíonn sluaite de mheisceoirí ag líonadh na sráideanna ar lorg tacsaíthe agus kebab- anna uilig ag an aon am amháin. Tá fianaise ann ó na póilíní nach mbíonn an oiread troiblóide sráide is a bhíodh leis an scéim úr seo. Is é mo bharúil áfach, go n-ólfaidh daoine i bhfad níos mó ar an dóigh seo agus cúrsaí sláinte a bheas thíos leis i ndeireadh na dála.

Tá dearcadh nua de dhíth. Ní athróidh muid cultúr an óil, ach an féidir linn an drochiompar a athrú? Sin an seift úr atá ar bun sna hollscoileanna sa taobh seo tire anois. Téann grúpaí scoláirí amach ar na sráideanna i rith na hoíche le stop a chur leis an útamáil agus loitimearacht seo atá ag tabhairt míchliú ar na mac léinn uilig. Tá manna acu: "Ná déan ollpheist díot féin i rith na hoíche!"

Tá siad ag iarraidh ar na mic léinn seo diriú ar a gcúrsaí acadúla agus molaim an iarracht atá déanta acu. Tá imní orm nach n-éireoidh leo na béasa seo a athrú.

Ciarán Mac Parthaláin 14A

European Day of Languages

The Modern Languages departments in St Mary's banded together on the 26th September this year to celebrate European cultural diversity. To mark the day all language students were encouraged to use the various greetings in the corridors and the school was decorated with posters in the corridors. Senior pupils were invited to a continental breakfast in the board room to start the day on the right note.

All first years learn a modern language in our school and take up another in second year, so a special assembly was called to let these junior boys give their fellow pupils a taste of their experience so far in learning a new language. There were songs, prayers, poems, words and actions from each individual class group as well as a bit of partisan expression of support for the country of their language of choice! As you can see from the photographs, it was a primarily fun event and it was concluded by sending the boys home a little early with a quiz sheet.

Answering the questions on the three languages and their base European countries gained entry to a prize draw. T-shirts emblazoned with phrases from many countries served as the main prizes, while pencils, stickers and bookmarks were also given out. These were all kindly donated by NICILT. Let's hope we can make this an annual event!

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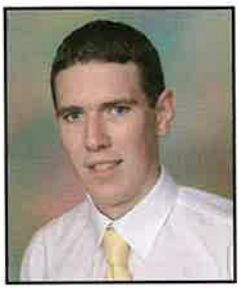

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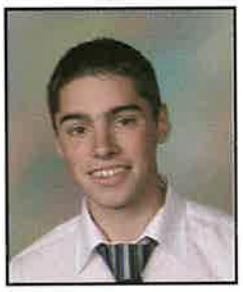

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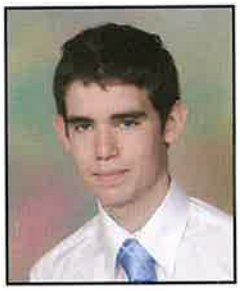

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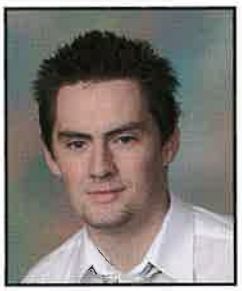

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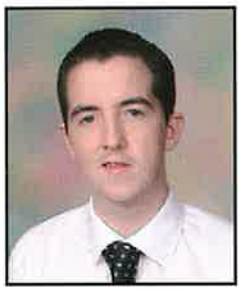

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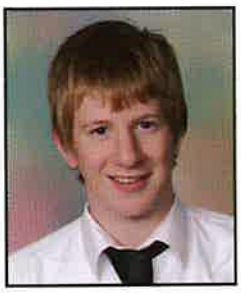

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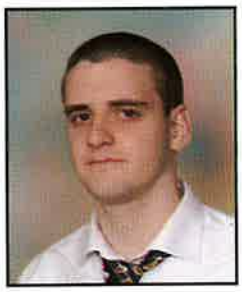

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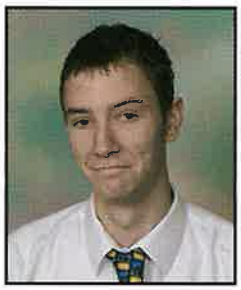

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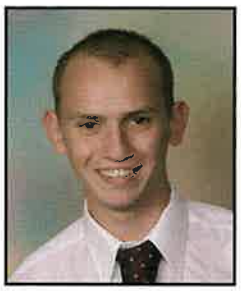

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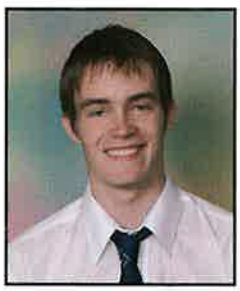

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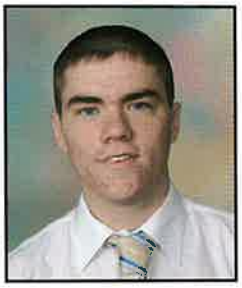

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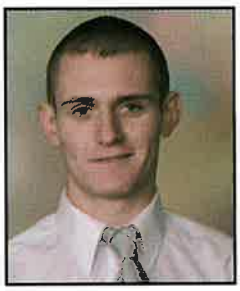

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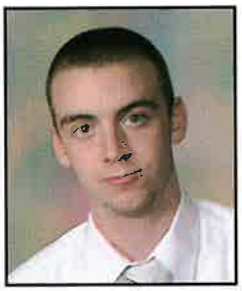

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Water Polo News History in the making

Having lost just one player (goalie Aidan Devlin) from the previous year's Grand Slam winning squad, St Mary's Water Polo players were very hopeful of retaining all the trophies they had won in last year's competitions. In goals James Ferrin, Devlin's understudy was shaping up to be as good as Aidan, Ireland's U 19 goalkeeper.

However, due to G.C.S.E. study commitments, James was not always available and that resulted in the U 19 team dropping one point by drawing in the first of their games against old rivals St. Malachy's in the Canada Trophy. He was available for the second game which we won comfortably on a score line of 6 goals to their 2.

Of course James Ferrin was goalie in both the U 16 and U 19 teams and was joined on both teams by the Campfield cousins, Ronan and Brendan, as well as Adrian Hanna, all three of whom were chosen to play for Ireland in tournaments in Poland and Portugal along with U 19 player Christopher Devlin.

At U 19 and U 16 levels we did not suffer a single defeat on our way to retaining the All Ireland U 19 & U 16 and Ulster U 16 and U 19 trophies. It is the first time ever that for 2 years running, the same school achieved the grand slam. Truly, history was made and clearly the weekend trip to Chester near Liverpool in early October to compete against the Chester Clubs U 19 team was a worthwhile exercise and preparation for the season.

This year we lose Paul Armstrong, Paul Murphy and Stephen Loughran, all hopefully heading to university and to whom we wish every success in the future and on their club tour of California in the summer 2006.

Next season we'll have a revamped U 19 team with the introduction of up and coming stars, U 16 Michael Armstrong, Matt Hanna, Rhubarb White and Stephen Durkan, all of whom played important roles in our U 16 triumphs and they will spearhead our U 16 challenge ably assisted by a number of our U 14 Cup winning squad, which has been in the capable hands of junior coach, Mr Watson.

In the coming season, Mr Watson's hands will be very full indeed as he will be in charge of all the school teams, because Mr McClean is retiring after 33 years teaching in St. Mary's and 26 years managing the Water Polo teams.

We wish him a long, happy and prosperous retirement.

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Sean Óg ÓhAilpín visited the school in October to present cups and medals to the victorous Mac Namee, Gallagher and Corn Colmcille teams. Over 500 pupils listened intently to his address. Sean Óg highlighted the need for our pupils to work at both their sport and academic studies. He encouraged them to achieve their true potential and his words were as powerful as his performances on the Hurling pitch.

Hurling Legend Sean Óg ÓhAilpín visits St. Mary's

St. Mary's The Surprise Package In The Corn na nOg

After an absence of nearly 10 years St. Mary's 3rd years re-entered the prestigious A grade football competition. This pitted the West Belfast lads against some of the big names in Ulster football. It proved an excellent campaign and showed that they were as good and often better than the cream of the other counties.

The league section started in early November with wins over St. Colman's Newry (2-11 to 1-10), St. Patrick's Dungannon (4-12 to 1-9), St.Mary's Magherafelt (5-10 to 3-7), St. Patrick's Armagh (4-9 to 3-6) and a solitary defeat at the hands of St. Mc Cartan's Monaghan in the fog at Brockagh (4-13 to 2-7).

The quarter-final in Newtownhamilton against Abbey CBS must rate as one of the games of the season. St. Mary's raced into a 3-3 to 0-0 lead within the first 12 minutes courtesy of 2 Declan Lynch goals and one from Conor Mc Clelland. St. Mary's still led by 12 points at half time and looked easy winners. Abbey had other ideas in the second period, going direct for goal and taking on the defence at every occasion.

Going into the last 5 minutes Abbey led by a goal, Diesel landed a long range free to take St. Mary's into injury time still trailing by 2 points. St. Mary's missed at least 3 one-on-ones with the Abbey keeper. Marty Connors came on and made an impact in defence. With seconds on the clock a long ball hit into the Abbey box and was flicked into the net by Diesel. St. Mary's held on to a well deserved 1 point win thanks to a last minute goal-line clearance by Padraig Burns leaving the sizeable Newry crowd to mull over a 6-7 to 5-9 win for the Belfast outfit.

Late February saw "pay back" time at Shaw's Road. A bout of illness had laid the Monaghan side low, so they came to Belfast for the postponed fixture. Mc Cartans started as favourites but the St. Mary's lads tore up the script and with a haul of 2-4 from Declan Dalton, they reversed the 12 point defeat and were convincing winners with a final score line of 3-10 to 0-7.

Next up the simple task of our first A final in 20 years and only against Omagh CBS.
Even from before the competition had started way back in November, the Tyrone outfit were red-hot favourites to lift the cup and had came through their group stages with ease. Again St. Mary's showed scant regard to the form book and set about their task with great conviction on a cold rain-sodden afternoon in Augher, in front of a large colourful and vociferous crowd of supporters. The first half was not for the purists and St. Mary's went in with a slender lead of 0-3 to 0-2 at the interval.

A goal from Declan Dalton and points from Declan Lynch and Brendan Conlon allowed St. Mary's to keep one step ahead of the Omagh revival and we entered the dying minutes of the match 1 point ahead and the defence led by Chris Mc Guiness and the find

of the season Patrick "Am I off-side?" Copeland producing phenomenal performances. A last gasp ball into the St. Mary's area was adjudged wide by the umpire but the referee was able to over rule him from all of 40 meters and award a controversial 45.

Conan Grugan, the Omagh full forward levelled the match for the first time with effectively the last kick of the game and set up a Casement Park replay.

Omagh couldn't have wished for a better start as they hit 1-3 without reply in the first five minutes. Brendan Conlon opened St. Mary's account in the 9th minute. Diesel and Dalton chipped in with 1-2 apiece and St. Mary's went in 3-4 to 1-7 up at half time. Omagh started brighter in the second half and raced into a lead. St. Mary's were out of luck with Oisin Rogers hitting the post and a combination of the Omagh defenders and keeper performing score-saving blocks it took 27 minutes for us to register our first and only score inevitably a goal from Dalton.

St. Mary's The Surprise Package In The Corn na nOg

Omagh ended as the 8 point winners but this score line rather flatters the difference between the two teams overall.

The West Belfast lads were left to reflect on what "might have been". Certainly the entire squad have matured and improved both their standard of football and their commitment to the game.

They certainly have had a great season and have put the school back on the big scene in Ulster Colleges football. There will be many schools around the counties that will not relish to see St Mary's drawn in their group for next year's Brock Cup campaign. The Management Team of Donagh Finnegan and Dr. Shannon would like to thank Mr Austin, Mr Mc Toal and big John Mc Cluskey for all their support at training and Mr Smith for his cheer leaders.

The squad: *K Toolan, P Copeland, D Best, C Mc Guinness, P Agnew, C Kavanagh, M Rea, P Burns, K Parker, O Rogers, D Dalton, D Boyd, C Mc Clelland, B Conlon, D Lynch, S Kane, C Devlin, M Connors, C Kelly, G Torney, A O'Hare, J Kelly, M Kearney, E Flavin, B Bradley, N Doherty, A Mc Guiness, N Cooney, J Smith, M Kane, M Salters Leo Mc Kenna.*

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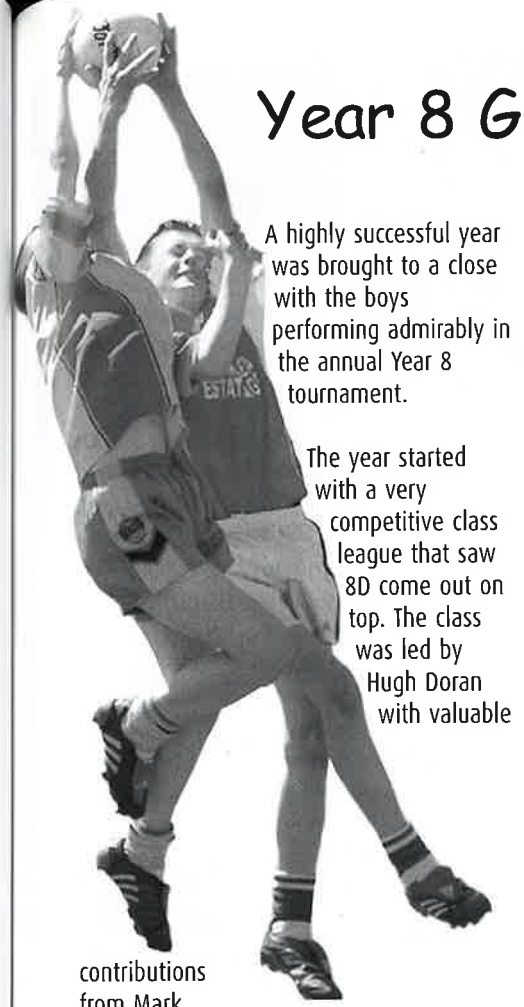
The Gallagher Cup team in action

Year 8 Gaelic Football



A highly successful year was brought to a close with the boys performing admirably in the annual Year 8 tournament.

The year started with a very competitive class league that saw 8D come out on top. The class was led by Hugh Doran with valuable contributions from Mark Cummings, Sean Fox and Aaron Brady. After this the boys were divided into a number of county teams and they embarked on another league. Unfortunately Antrim played well but couldn't convert the numerous chances they created. (Remind you of anyone!!!!)

Tyrone, who had difficulty in fielding a team at the start of the campaign, won a very close game in the final. The team worked well with creditable performances from all the team and they were ably led by captain and man of the tournament, Daragh McGuinness. A special mention must be given to Louis Donnelly who, in injury time, made a surging run through the Tyrone defence, beating at least five players. He unleashed a mighty drive, that sadly for Louis and his team mates sailed over the bar. His team losing by only one point!!

After the two school competitions had been completed the boys continued to turn out in force with over thirty players at each session. The boys were keen and their dedication was rewarded when they won a competition that was held at the school. With teams from Derry and Armagh the boys went through the competition unbeaten and their proud captain, Mark Torbett, collected the trophy.

We then brought two teams to the Antrim schools 11 a-side competition. The competition was held in Rathmore and was run on a group basis initially. We played two games before reaching the semi-final. During the group stages Patrick McBride and Declan McCavana led the team very well. The team then faced St.Louis Ballymena and with Jody Traynor excelling in midfield, the team produced a magnificent performance to reach the final. There they played our local rivals, La Salle. After a titanic struggle the team eventually were defeated in extra time.

Then the big competition arrived. On the first Saturday of June schools from all over Ulster came to the annual St.Mary's competition. In the group the boys won two out of three games with Kevin Quinn giving an exhibition in scoring and Kevin Murtagh controlling the defence. In the semi-final the boys faced St. Pat's, Dungannon. The team battled well against one of the best teams that have played in the competition for many a year. The team eventually lost by six points, with Dungannon going on to claim the trophy.

Overall the mentors, Mr McGoldrick, Mr McGettigan, Mr Tallon and Brother Carlin, were delighted with the effort and endeavour of all the boys throughout the year and Year 9 looks very promising!!!

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Year 8 Football Blitz

Over 20 colleges competed in the Football Blitz on the 3rd June 2006. St. Mary's reached the semi-final but they were narrowly beaten by the eventual winner, St. Patrick's, Dungannon.

Hurling Blitz 10th June 2006

St Mary's reached the Hurling final after victory over Garron Tower and narrowly lost to Ballycastle in an excellent match.

Soccer Belfast Cup Champions

St. Mary's CBGS met Boy's Model High School at Distillery's New Grosvenor Stadium on St. Patrick's Day this year to fight it out for the title of Under 16 Belfast Cup Champions. Boy's Model, six times winners, were hot favourites as this was St. Mary's first year in the competition. The Model team also included four N. Ireland schoolboy international players with St. Mary's having one of their own in Christopher Ramsey, who has since signed apprenticeship terms with Manchester City.

The game was going as predicted in the first half with Model playing the better football in what was a decidedly tense and cautious first half. The second half did not start well for St. Mary's either with Model looping the ball in over keeper Donnelly's head in the 49th minute. Donnelly was later to atone for this positioning error with a clutch of excellent and important saves. The goal seemed to stir the sleeping giant as St. Mary's, with encouragement from Mr. Tully on the sidelines, stormed back with a goal of their own six minutes later.

The excellent Ciaran Caldwell beat the Model keeper to a 'fifty-fifty' through ball to slot it under the advancing keeper and into the net. The goal seemed to swing the momentum St. Mary's way as the Irish News reporter observed, 'St. Mary's were now running the game'. The St. Mary's defence put in a heroic performance with left- back Gareth Watters in particular 'playing out of his skin'.

Mid-way through the second half St. Mary's got a free- kick out on the right wing and coach Tully instructed that left footed McVeagh whip in an in-swinger. McVeigh added his own piece of quick thinking by taking everyone by surprise by electing to shoot instead of cross, spotting that the Model keeper had positioned himself too far towards the back post. McVeigh's execution was first class with the keeper just getting his finger tips to the curling shot as it bent inside the near post and into the net.

The Andersonstown News described it as 'an excellent Shaun Maloney- esque free kick'. Niall Atkinson put the victory beyond doubt with a sweetly struck rising shot from outside the box that beat the outstretched Model keeper and bulged the top right- hand corner of the net. This completed an excellent campaign that saw St. Mary's score 19 goals and concede just 3. As the Belfast Telegraph put it, 'In a fairytale ending to their campaign they stormed back from a goal down early in the second half to run out well deserved winners.'

Let's hope St. Mary's can keep the fairytale alive by retaining the trophy next year.

Team - P Donnelly, J Burns, G Watters, C Doherty, B Lockard (C), C Ramsey, D McVeigh, N Atkinson, D O' Neill, C Caldwell, M Allison. Subs- S. Hesketh, C Kerr, C Smith, C Magee, R Kielt.

Year 11 Belfast Cup Final

Following the historic success of the Fifth Year soccer team, the pressure was on for the Fourth Years to make it a double Belfast Cup success. The tie was a re- run of last year's Third Year final, against our sister school La Salle. We had come off second best on that occasion, due to a fumbled 'Golden Goal' in the dying seconds, so the prospects for retribution were promising.

We dominated the early stages of the game, and were rewarded with a classy individual goal by Liam Boyce; sadly and controversially,disallowed. By the latter stages of the first half, La Salle were gaining the upper hand and dominating the midfield, where St Mary's looked lost for ideas. The second half brought renewed vigour, but the loss of Stephen Hesketh and Dan Diamond through injury left a massive dearth in the creative and scoring potential.

Still, St Mary's defence, with Dermot McVeigh and Eoin Magee at the centre proved impenetrable. With the latter forced to exit the pitch due to leg cramps however, we were in trouble. Pearce Donnelly is, without doubt, one of the most talented keepers of his age in Belfast, but everyone has an Achille's heel, Pearce's being quickly taken free kicks.

Are 'bounce balls' not supposed to involve the ball 'bouncing'? In this case, apparently not, and La Salle took full advantage of a loose interpretation of the rule book, catching Pearce out and leaving us a goal down in the closing stages of the game. The loss of Eoin, combined with the inevitable pushing everyone forward in a vain quest for the equaliser left us vunerable at the back for the first time.

A lightning break from La Salle left us two down-and out! Well, there's always next year. The best team won on the day. Many thanks to the teachers who helped us this past year, especially the PE Department and Brother McKenna.

Basketball - Sat 1st April 2006

St. Mary's played a friendly game against the Filipino Community in Grove Recreation Centre. It was a very competitive game with St. Mary's edging out winners. The opponents played some fabulous moves that delighted supporters and players alike.

St. Mary's Senior Team and The Filipino Sparks including St. Mary's pupils Eric Gonzalez, Ralph Singco and Garrett Pena.

Hotshot Winners 2006

Donal Feeney (Yr10), Robert Darling (Yr9), Niall Burke (Yr11), Peter Carson (Yr 9), Mark Devlin (Yr10), Kyle Brown (Yr 8), Eoin Mc Carry (Yr8), Ralph Singco (Yr11).

U16 Basketball League 2006

St. Mary's started their league campaign with wins over Rathmore, St. Patrick's College Dungannon, Ulidia College, St. Columb's Derry and St. Joseph's Derry.

Ulster U16 Ulster Final
2nd December 2005

St.Mary's - 43 Ulidia Integrated College - 27

Having met Ulidia in the league earlier in the season both teams knew each others' strengths and weaknesses. St.Mary's started nervously and drives from captain Sean Finch settled the team. St.Mary's picked up fouls early on and Ulidia executed from the line but we enjoyed a 9 point lead at half time. Paul Lyttle played a fabulous game and was unstoppable from the left hand side totalling 15 points. Good rebounding at both ends of the court saw St.Mary's pull further ahead and enjoy their first Ulster title.

Rory Best in the tip off

Michael Armstrong shoots from outside

St. Mary's pass the ball round the Ulidia defenders North East Regional Final Castleblaney

Captain Sean Finch receives the ball from Michael Armstrong

Time out for St. Mary's

Friday 9th December 2005

St. Mary's - 27 St. Aidan's Cootehill, Co.Cavan - 24

The first quarter set the tone for the game with both sides playing tenacious defence. St. Mary's started nervously and missed a few baskets before Paul Lyttle settled the game with two free throws after drawing a foul. Captain Sean Finch helped see a lead of 8-7 at the end of the first quarter. An injury to Rory Best saw the introduction of Aodhan Liddy and St. Mary's fought hard for rebounds at both ends of the court.

In the second quarter we slowed up slightly and failed to hit the target but continued to defend well. St.Aidan's settled into the game and their 6ft captain executed some great rebounds. St. Aidan's led by two points at half time. Coach Miss Doherty had three minutes to refocus the players and make them aware what was needed. St. Mary's needed to lift the game. Niall Burke stepped on the court to sink a great outside shot then Sean Finch's five points scoring back-to-back including a three pointer gave St. Mary's the lead they were looking for.
The spirits were high. St. Mary's had reduced the deficit and looked to gain the momentum back.

Superb defending by the whole team and Michael Armstrong forced opposition turnovers and denied dribble penetration of the forwards continually in the second half. St. Aidan's continued to shoot well during the final quarter of the game.

An unsportsmanlike foul gave us a fright towards the end with 17 seconds to go; St.Aidan's had two free throws plus possession of the ball. Thankfully for us, they missed both shots and with another steal from the most valuable player Michael Armstrong, we watched the seconds tick away to see a glorious victory!

Teams shake hands after the victory for St. Mary's

U- 16 Basketball All-Ireland Play-Offs
4th Feb
Tipperary

St. Mary's made the long trip to Tipp on Friday 3rd February. On Saturday 4th February, two games were scheduled and one winner would progress to the All-Ireland semi finals.
St.Mary's - 47 Mountmellick CS - 31.

The first game saw a shaky start and gaps in the defence allowed Mountmellick to get into the game. A three point play from Matthew Mc Ardle gave us our first points. A change from man to zone defence in the second quarter forced the opposition to shoot from the outside and good rebounding from Rory Best, Paul Lyttle and Niall Burke helped us to get the lead we were looking for. Good strong shots from Sean Finch, Rory Best and Paul Lyttle gave us a 5 point lead at half time. In the third quarter, Mountmellick lost their post player to foul trouble and St. Mary's used this advantage to go further ahead and win comfortably.
Top scorers: *S Finch - 13 R Best - 11 P Lyttle -9*

St. Louis, Kiltimagh - 38 St. Mary's - 46

Having watched St. Louis in the first game of the day, St. Mary's knew they had a tough task in sight. The winners would progress from this game. It was all to play for.

St.Mary's started with a high tempo in the early period and Paul Lyttle opened the scoring with two free throws. St. Mary's ran the fast break effectively and allowed drives from Sean Finch and Michael Armstrong to see a one point lead at the end of the 1st quarter. The second quarter proved to be the decisive quarter of the game and saw St. Mary's with good ball rotation and some excellent outside shooting to allow us to take the lead. Tough man defence didn't allow St. Louis' two key players to get into the game.

St.Mary's crashed the boards at both ends and stretched their lead to 12 point lead at half time. Spirits were high. The third quarter allowed St.Louis to get back into the game and we matched them basket for basket. Losing Michael Armstrong to foul trouble, then captain Sean Finch to injury, St. Mary's continued to play well. Matthew Mc Ardle's lead as point guard helped us stay in control and he enjoyed 6 points. The inside tandem of Rory Best and Paul Lyttle pounded St.Louis' forwards all game as they weighed in with vital scores. An 8 point lead was enough to see St. Mary's progress to the All Ireland semi final vs Colaiste Eoin, Dublin on Feb 21st.
Top scorers: *P Lyttle - 12, M Mc Ardle - 10, R Best - 8', S Finch - 8*

All Ireland Semi Final
21st Feb
Castleblaney

St. Mary's - 44 Colaiste Eoin, Dublin - 49

Castleblaney was the venue for St Mary's U-16 Basketball squad as they embarked on attempting to gain a place in a second All Ireland final.
Both teams started defensively and it took two free throws from Rory Best to settle St. Mary's into the game. Baskets were matched and the Dublin side led by 3 points at the end of the quarter.
The second quarter saw St. Mary's take control of the game. They broke the Dublin zone defence and were rewarded for their efforts. Superb shooting from captain Sean Finch, Matthew Mc Ardle and Paul Lyttle saw us clock 17 points on the scoreboard to lead by 6 points at half time.

Colaiste Eoin came out all guns blazing in the third quarter. A three pointer from Rory Best kept hopes alive but we trailed by 3 entering the last quarter. The Dubliners also maintained their lead throughout the last quarter inspired by their captain. St. Mary's fought hard under the basket and five points from Michael Armstrong kept all hope alive. Time ticked away as the All Ireland place we wished for would have to wait for another season!

Scorers:
Sean Finch - 12, Paul Lyttle - 9, Rory Best - 7,
Matthew Mc Ardle - 7, Michael Armstrong - 5 (see below)

Back: R Best, A Liddy, N Burke, P Lyttle, M Fitzpatrick, S Finch (captain)
Front: L Padilona, R Singco, J O'Reilly, K Doherty, M Armstrong, M Mc Ardle

U16 All Ireland Cup Competition

Tuesday 25th October 2005

Castleblaney

St. Mary's CBGS - 54 Castleblaney College - 26

St. Mary's had a convincing victory over Castleblaney College in the second round of the schools U.16 All Ireland Cup, having enjoyed a bye from the first round. Right from the tip off the West Belfast team started strong with a left hand lay-up from Paul Lyttle. Sean Finch and Matthew McArdle continually drove to the basket and drew fouls against a zone defense that allowed us to go to the line. Five more points from expert free throw shooting saw a 7-4 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Michael Armstrong and Sean Finch set the pace with some outstanding teamwork at the guard and forward positions to see 17 points scored between them. Introduction of Ralph Singco saw another 4 points and Castleblaney trailed 15 points at half time.

The second half saw coach Miss Doherty able to use the whole bench and St.Mary's continued to run the fast break game effectively. Missing Niall Burke to injury, Paul Lyttle and Rory Best fought hard at the boards against the height of the home team's key players of Martin Mc Cabe and Martin Donnelly to stop a comeback.

Top Scorers: *Sean Finch - 17, Michael Armstrong - 13, Ralph Singco - 7, Rory Best - 6, Matthew McArdle - 6 , Paul Lyttle - 5.*

Lester Padilona defends well against Castleblaney College

All Ireland Semi final
Friday 13th Jan
Dublin

Colaiste Dun Iascaigh, Cahir,Tipperary - 41
St. Mary's - 74

St.Mary's started brightly with a strong right hand lay up from Rory Best and we saw a comfortable lead by the end of the first quarter with points from captain Sean Finch and Ralph Singco. Cahir changed the whole team in the second quarter but St.Mary's continued to dominate and a greater lead was observed by half time. The game continued to flow well and all players saw good court time as we watched the clock tick away as St.Mary's booked their place in the All Ireland Final.

Top Scorers: *Sean Finch - 12, Rory Best - 10, Matthew McArdle - 10, Paul Lyttle - 10, Michael Armstrong - 7, Ralph Singco - 6.*

Niall Burke defends the basket

Lester Padilona rebounds the ball

All Ireland Under 16 Boys C Final

February 1st 2006
National Basketball Arena, Tallaght

St. Marys CBGS Belfast 18 (8)
v Presentation College Bray 27 (10)

The All-Ireland Under 16 Boys C Final trophy is on its way to Wicklow as Presentation College Bray overcame St. Marys CBG in a defensive battle at the National Basketball Arena.

St. Mary's huddle!!

In the first quarter both sides showed defensive strength to prevent offensive attacks from scoring and taking an early lead. The first points of the game came with over half the quarter played, as St. Mary's captain Sean Finch scored a two-point effort to put the Belfast side in the lead. However a brace from the opponents put Presentation College 2-6 in the lead at the end of the first quarter.

St. Marys began the second quarter with two points from Matthew McArdle but Presentation College Bray powered further ahead with two further efforts to put the Wicklow men 4-10 ahead. St. Marys proved to be dogged opposition however, and came back into contention with a brace from Sean Finch to make the scores 8-10 to Presentation College at the half-time interval.

Presentation College Bray really began to turn the screw in the third quarter with their offensive play finding cracks in St. Mary's defense. More baskets were netted by Bray but Paul Lyttle responding for St. Mary's. Bray now led 10-18 but once again they took third foot off the gas and the West Belfast boys came back into the encounter. A single point and a double from Paul Lyttle and a three-pointer from Michael Armstrong meant that at the end of the third quarter there was still just two points in it, with Presentation College Bray leading 16-18.

In the final quarter the Bray side began to pull away from St. Mary's, as two baskets allowed Presentation College Bray go 18-26 ahead. The supporters filled the stadium with chants of encouragement. We could see little way back now and Bray sealed the cup success by scoring a single free throw to give an 18-27 victory.

Highest Scorers: *Sean Finch - 8, Paul Lyttle - 5*

Captain Sean Finch tries to feed the ball through to a team mate. Rory Best is surrounded by Presentation Bray defenders

Niall Burke's shot is blocked by Presentation Bray

The 2005-6 season is one to remember as St. Mary's made their mark on the Irish basketball scene and look forward to the future. The U16 team and coach Miss Doherty would like to thank Ace Taxis and Mr F. Mc Cullagh for sponsorship of kit bags. Thanks also to Br Mc Kenna for all the photos and of course Jack Mc Garry for the many journeys on the red bus, the choice of music, first aid and continued support.

St. Mary's All Ireland Cup Finalists 2006

U-19 Basketball 2006

St. Mary's entered a team in the senior league for the first time. It saw a few new talented sixth years join the experienced players and together with some u-16 players made their mark in the Ulster basketball scene. The group games saw wins over Rathmore, St. Patrick's College, Dungannon and St. Columb's Derry.

Friday 2nd December 2005
Ulster Semi Final
Integrated College, Dungannon 34 vs. 45 St.Mary's

St.Mary's settled well into the game and led 11-2 at the end of the 1st quarter with baskets from Stephen McCann, Sean Finch and two three pointers from Robbie McLister. The second quarter saw Gavin Megahey use his post moves effectively to score 7 points and another 3 from Robbie saw a lead of 11 at half time. Then Dungannon introduced their super sub in the form of Ian Burton, captain. The third quarter belonged to him and his quick shuffling saw him shoot 8 points while Sean Finch and Robbie McLister kept St.Mary's ahead. Paul Lyttle with his left hand moves gave him 6 points in the final quarter to see a place in the Ulster final for the first time.

ULSTER FINAL
Holy Cross Strabane 51 vs 25 St.Mary's

St.Mary's enjoyed the challenge of a very strong Strabane side that had booked their place in an All Ireland Cup Semi final. An Irish International player and many successful offences, St. Mary's fought hard to the end but the game belonged to Strabane.

In their first attempt at senior level basketball, the team should look back on a successful season and look forward to the challenges of next year. Well done to all!

U19 Team
Back - Eamonn Denny, Gavin Megahey, Paul Lyttle, Stephen McCann(c), Ciaran Heatley, Tony Alwell.
Front - Aidan McIlhennon, Robbie Mc Lister, Sean Finch, Eric Gonzales

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Year 8 Basketball
Vince Halloran Blitz
Saturday 20th May 2006

In their pool games in the morning, Lagan proved a difficult side to beat. Donal Brady led the scoring with 12 points. It took a winning basket from Niall Mc Cann to give St. Mary's a 2 point lead in overtime. (24-22)The next game saw another close encounter and we lost by 1 point to Aquinas (Score 15-14). A quarter final in the cup saw Knock (OLSPCK) as our opponents. Both teams matched basket for basket and again, we were unlucky to lose out to a basket in the dying seconds of the game. (19-17)

So, the plate competition was all to play for. Ulidia were the team we had to beat to reach the final. A very tall side that used their advantage under the basket and proved difficult at the start but sharp shooting from St. Mary's gave us a 2 point lead with the winning basket from Conleth Hendron to set up a historic final. (16-14)

Final score: ***St. Malachy's - 25 St. Mary's - 24***

St. Malachy's set the scene by taking an early lead and led 8-5 after the first quarter. A three pointer from James Brownlee helped keep us in the game. The second quarter saw fresh players and Eoin Mc Carry led the comeback with 6 points unanswered. It was 15-15 at half time. Spirits were high and in the second half, baskets were matched. St. Mary's had their chances with free throws but failed to execute them and one point separated the teams at the final whistle.

Yr 8 players can look forward to the Ulster League next year with optimism. ***Well done to all players!***

Donal Brady defend against OLSPCK

St. Mary's drive to the basket against Ulidia College

Yr 8 Presentation

James Brownlee receives his silver medal from a local fireman, representing the Vince Halloran Fund

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Year 8 Basketball Team

Niall Mc Cann, Aidan Mc Garrity, Kyle Brown, Eoin Mc Carry, Brendan Dougan, Daniel Gilmartin,James Brownlee, Daniel Cosgrove, Piers Cormican, Conleth Hendron, Donal Brady, Lee Sheridan, Stephen Carson, Brian Donnelly, Conor Rooney, Felix Hagan.

Year 9 Basketball

St. Mary's year 9 basketball team were entered in the Ulster 'B' League this year. The group stage saw wins against Rathmore and Aquinas and defeats to Castleblaney. Since there were few teams, St. Mary's saw them through to the North East Regional semi final against St. Oliver's Drogheda.
This proved a challenge and St. Oliver's dominated through their height advantage to go through worthy winners against Castleblaney in the final.

Yr 9 Team
Peter Carson, Michael Smart, Peter Napier, James Gaskin, Mark Jordan
Brendan Bradley, Terry O' Neill, Fionntan Armstrong, Joseph O' Neill, Robert Darling.

Year 10 Basketball

St. Mary's group games began with a narrow loss to a talented Lagan College. A convincing win against Rathmore and a 2 point victory over Newry High School saw an Ulster final in sight but a heavy defeat to St. Pat's Dungannon saw us crash out of the league and not qualify. A few lessons learned for next year as we look forward to the challenge of the U-16 league.

Yr 10 Team

Donal Feeny, Emmet Dawson, Kevin Milnes, Christopher Murray, David Murray
Jamie Smyth, Gerard Torney, AdamO'Hare, Christopher Magee, Damien Mc Creanor, Mark Devlin.

Youth Games

Congratulations to
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Key Stage 3 Science

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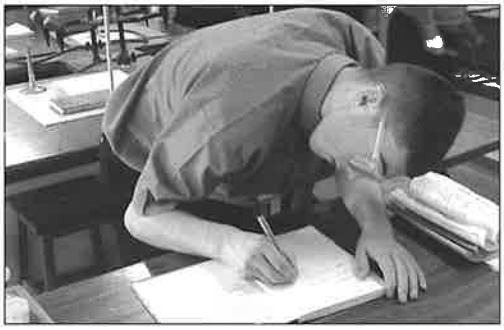
Boys from 9B burn magnesium to study its reaction and its everyday use.

Christopher Devlin and Sean Bradley

Ciaran Mclaughlin working hard

Shane Doherty



Gerard Smith recording results

Daniel Glover

Aidan Duggan

Sean Hamill And Patrick Hickey get it going with Jordan Fitzsimons watching on.

Dylan McCrudden carefully measures the time

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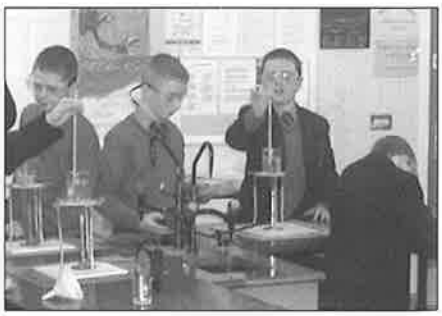


James Keenan and Marc Deighan carefully near the end of their experiment.

Folgaria 2006

St. Mary's Assembly Hall at 4.00 a.m. on the 11th March 2006 was a hive of activity as the ski group prepared to leave for their trip to Folgaria Italy. Mark McCallum arrived at break-neck speed having negotiated a few dodgy corners on the way from Crumlin to school. A style typical of Mark on the slopes in Italy! After a short wait in Dublin airport where Stephen Loughran caught up on his beauty sleep we departed for Folgaria.

Although the week started with very cool temperatures (-13°C) the Sun soon blazed down and ensured we all had glowing sun tans, especially James McCullagh! (Sorry about that James!)

The hotel accommodation was excellent and we boarded the bus early each morning for our day's skiing. Overall the week was excellent with all students making superb progress. The beginner groups were skiing from the top of the mountain within two days. Some achievement! (Some even graduated to the Black slopes!)

The skiers were presented with their awards by the ski school at the end of the week and the fastest skier on the mountain was Phillip O' Neill. Well done Phillip!

It was as ever interspersed with a few notable incidents. We first lost Ms. McKenna from the slopes when she suffered a knee injury

but true to form she was back skiing before the end of the week! Then Conor Kearney sustained an arm injury which prevented him from skiing. He never lost his sense of humour though and kept us entertained for the rest of the trip.

Entertainment was provided on the slopes by the dulcet tones of Brendan Conor with numerous variations on the lyrics of the "Paolo di Canio" tune ably supported in the chorus by the other yr13s! This was a mad group who accompanied Ms. Convery and Ms. Curran on two afternoons on the slopes. Unforgettable! Those trees would keep jumping out in front of Kevin Shearer!

Many of us were grateful to the following students for their expertise in the Italian language Michael McAree, James Ferrin and Graeme Flanagan and their ski skills weren't bad either!

We would like to thank everyone for making it a most enjoyable

trip and take this opportunity to wish our senior ski group every success in the future and thank them for their many years of support.

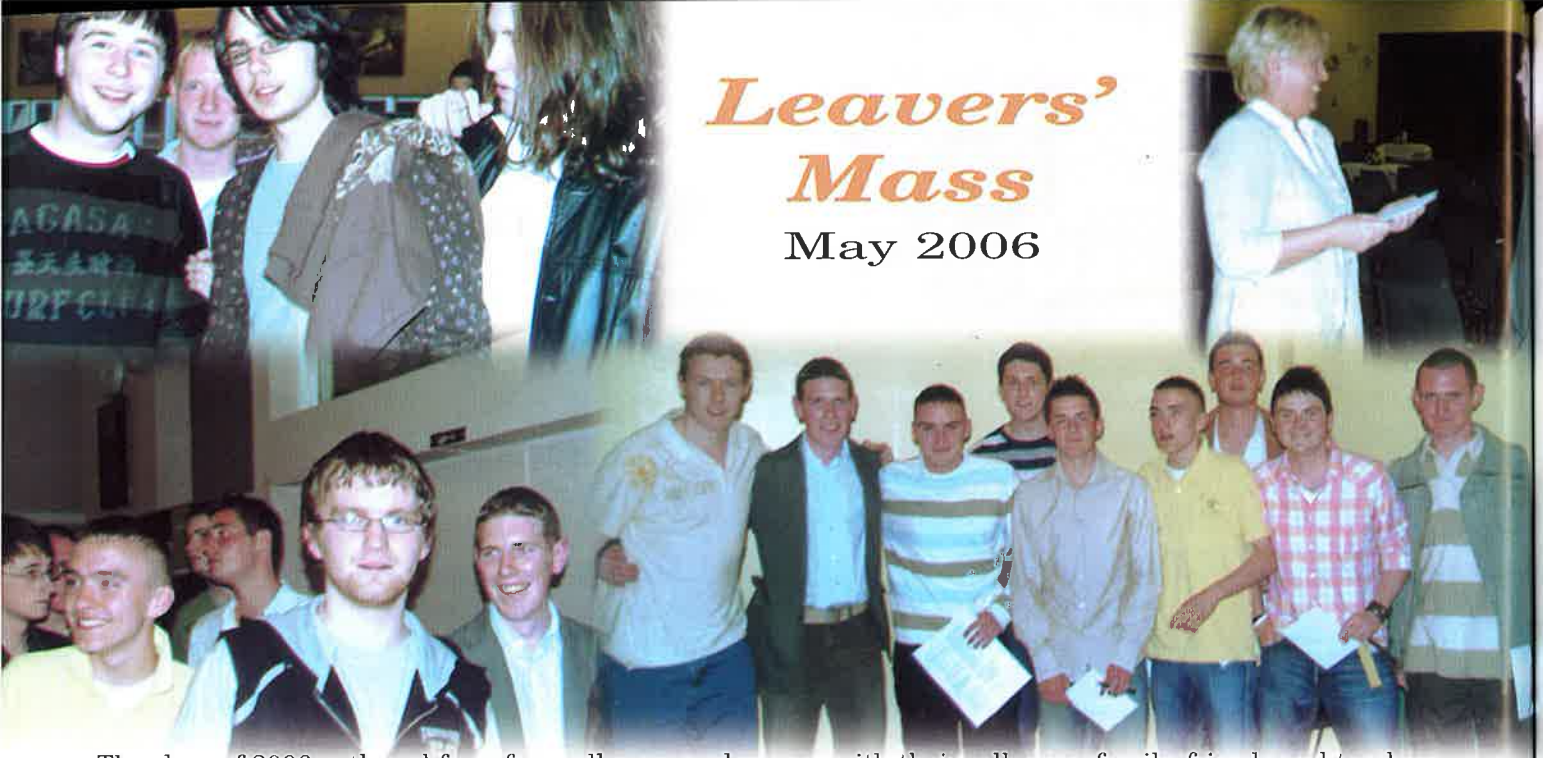
Alan Gallagher (5yrs), Conor Graham (4yrs)Stephen Loughran (4yrs)
Chris McIlhatton (6yrs) & Phil O'Neill (6yrs)

Good Luck!

As for the rest of us, all to do again next year!

Leavers' Mass

May 2006



The class of 2006 gathered for a farewell mass and supper with their collegues, family, friends and teachers. Fr Troy celebrated the mass and spoke of the challenges and opportunities facing the students as they prepare to leave and face the future outside of St. Mary's. We wish the leavers success in the A2 examinations and look forward to the reunion at prize giving in December.

Sports Day - 20th June 2006

Sports Day
20th June 2006

Class 9A

Front Row: L-R
Neil Slane, Gavin McKee, Conor Pelan, Michael Adair, Neil Crudden, John Carson, Terence McGrath.

Middle Row: L-R
Ryan Carleton, Fionntain Armstrong, Joseph O'Neill, Robert Stitt, Gerard O'Rawe, John O'Neill, Kevin O'Brien, Ciaran Slavin, Christopher McKeown.

Back Row: L-R
Eamonn Magee, Marc Jordan, Leo McKenna, Colm Molloy, Nial Ward, Patrick Van Ohsen, Emmett Stewart, Declan Scullion, Mark Salters.

Form Tutor: Mrs U Hughes

Class 9B

Front Row: L-R
Dominic Shannon, Sean-Paul Taylor, Steven McElwee, Brian McDonagh, David Corbett, Eamonn Cooke, Michael Fallon.

Middle Row: L-R
James Gaskin, Patrick Hickey, Daniel Glover, Jack Gunn, Ciaran Gray, Shane Doherty, Aidan Duggan, Joseph Maginn, Jordan Fitzsimons,

Back Row: L-R
Corey McGarry, Joseph McConkey, Kurtis McGreevy, Ciaran Curran, Aodhan Lynagh, Ryan Duckett, Peter Forde, Karl Shaw, Brendan McCloskey.

Form Tutor: Miss K Lavery

Class 9C

Front Row: L-R
Christopher Pendleton, Raymond Mullan, Christopher Moore, Connel McKeown, Patrick McCormack, Martin O'Neill, Cormac Quinn.

Middle Row: L-R
Barry O'Neill, Stephen McGuigan, Ciaran McLaughlin, Martan Shortt, Stephen Scott, Connor McCourt, David Hanna, Anthony McDonald, Shea McGurnaghan, David McMullan.

Back Row: L-R
Matthew Jordan, Stewart Phillips, Tony McClean, Michael Smart, Gerard Smith, Tom Livingstone, James Magee, Matthew O'Grady.

Form Tutor: Mrs C McCabe
Year Head: Mrs F McKenna *(pictured)*

Class 9D

Front Row: L-R
Ryan Christie, David Christie, Paul Raffo, Connor Bannon, Michael Edgar, Darren Floyd, Ciaran Delaney.

Middle Row: L-R
Luke Ferguson, Michael Montgomery, Johnathan Doyle, Eoin Crean, Gerard Gorman, Connor Bradley, Andrew Gillen, Conor Cunningham.

Back Row: L-R
John Curran, Thomas Burns, James Crilly, Conor Mulholland, Joe Donnelly, Christopher McGowan, Paul McShane. Ciaran Carville, Michael Atcheson.

Form Tutor: D Gallagher

Class 9E

Front Row: L-R
Emmet Dillion, James Lavelle, Dominic Sherry-Adams, Ryan Kavanagh, Paul Collins, Darren Franklin, Tyrone Irwin.

Middle Row: L-R
Robert Darling, James Farrell, Cathal Fitzpatrick, Christopher Lennon, Mark Loughran, Jude Savage, Brendan Bradley, Kevin Curran, Michael Lyons.

Back Row: L-R
Ryan Hull, Conor McGeown, Donnchadh Fitzsimons, Pól Nolan, Peter Napier, Patrick McGowan, Peter Carson, Kevin Davey, Matthew Cosgrove.

Form Tutor: Mr Leydon

Class 9F

Front Row: L-R
Emmet Cosgrove, Michael Bingham, Nicholas Hammond, Anthony Shannon, James Todd, Anthony Todd, Mark Richmond.

Middle Row: L-R
Emmet Cummings, Niall McGarry, Aaron Nolan, Eamonn Kennedy, Pearse McConville, Paul McArdle, Christopher Maguire, Emmet McPoland.

Back Row: L-R
Conor Mullan, Peter Reynolds, Thomas Murray, Michael Smyth, Carl Maxwell, Tiarnán Mackle, Eamonn Kennedy, Ryan McConnell.

Form Tutor: Mrs N NicBhloscaidh

Class 9G

Front Row: L-R
Eoin Morgan,
Jonathon McNally,
Ciaran Murray, Thomas Morgan,
Ciaran Orchin, Ciaran Rice,
Christopher McKenna.

Back Row: L-R
Josh Reynolds, Mark Rainey,
Eamonn Quinn,
Stephen O'Neill,
Aodhan Napier,
Conor Mogey,
Michael McSherry,
Matthew McKiernan,
Aidan McDonald.

Form Tutor: Mr C McCann

Class 10A

Front Row: L-R
Aaron Cushley, Brian Clarke,
Oisin Rogers, Ciaran Lundy,
Liam Gilmartin, Michael Kane,
Stephen Maginn

Middle Row: L-R
Nicholas Tracey, Carleton
Rogers, Mark Rea, Ryan
McCullough, Owen Whelan,
Robert Deane, Daniel Malone,
John Patrick Morrison, Conor
McNeil, Emmet Dawson.

Back Row: L-R
Kevin Milnes, David Forrester,
Matthew Gault, Conor Lennon,
Karl Young, Michael Killeen,
Paul McGroarty, Ryan Mallon-
Carberry, Eamon McMullan.

Form Tutor: Mrs L Gourley

Class 10B

Front Row: L-R
Sean Carson, Conor Brophy,
Thomas Armstrong, Matthew
Hanna, Oliver Gibney, Mark
McKenna, George Teggart.

Middle Row: L-R
Calum Whyte, Neil McGinnity,
Conal McGettigan, Mark
Fitzpatrick, Christopher Brown,
Ciaran Kelly, Christopher
Robinson, Kiefer Toolan.

Back Row: L-R
Eamonn Toner, Daniel Moore,
Marc McKernan, Conor Kavanagh,
Kevin Hill, Patrick Flynn, Stephen
Durkan, Matthew Devlin.

Form Tutor: Miss D Murphy

Class 10C

Front Row: L-R
Darren Moore, Ciaran Floyd, Niall Doherty, Enda Flavin, Mark Devlin, Patrick Copeland, Matthe Megahey

Middle Row: L-R
John Gallagher, Niall Smith, Steven McIlwee, Padraig McMullan, Damien McCreanor, Aodhan McGuinness, Ryan Morgan, Gregory Creaney, Sean Turley.

Back Row: L-R
Daniel Kelly, Conor McLaughlin, Anthony Harte, Thomas Heath, Kevin Parker, Conor Mulholland, Christopher Doherty, Stephen Kane, Adam O'Hare.

Form Tutor: Dr K Robinson

Class 10D

Front Row: L-R
Malachy Lundy, Aaron Nugent, Thomas Harbinson, Matthew Hackett, Gerard Torney, Patrick Agnew, Ryan Boyle.

Middle Row: L-R
Ciaran Gormley, Conal McKernon, Daniel Wilson, Ciaran McCusker, Colin Toner, Jamie Smyth, Conor Wisdom, Darren Madden, Ambrose Napier.

Back Row: L-R
Kevin McCullagh, Cuan Price, Adam Graham, Adam Kerr, Donal Feeney, Caolin O'Brien, Neal Mulholland, Daniel Best, David McGeown.

Form Tutor: Mr G O'Connor

Class 10E

Front Row: L-R
Hayden Allen, Sean Bradley, John Fox, Stephen Frizzell, Martin Campbell, John Gibney.

Middle Row: L-R
Thomas McKibben, Michael Costello, Peter Lynn, Brian Moylan, Kevin Collins, Colm McCurdy, Michael McAreavey, Olibhear McAlister, Christopher Devlin.

Back Row: L-R
Ciaran Race, Paul Loughran, Brian Corr, Dominic Kelly, Ryan Edwards, Martin Connor, Darren Boyd, Mark Kearney.

Form Tutor: Ms L McGonagle

Class 10F

Front Row: L-R
Jonathen Curran,
Stephen McFadden,
Patrick Curran, Declan McGeogh,
Ruariagh Owens,
Christopher McGuinness,
Deaglan Black.

Middle Row: L-R
Declan Dalton, Mark Spence,
John Kelly, Steven Cotterill,
Paul Loughran, Paul Burns,
Niall Cooney, Ciaran Brown.

Back Row: L-R
Padraig Burns, Nathan Doone,
Patrick Boyle, Michael Crossan,
Pierce Reilly, Patrick Stitt,
Liam Kavanagh.

Form Tutor: Mr V Murphy

Class 10G

Front Row: L-R
Ryan Hyland, Michael Jackson,
Patrick Brennan,
Emmanuel Barkley,
Paul McDonald, Feargal
McPhilips, Patrick Moran.

Middle Row: L-R
Christopher Magee,
Conor Murray, Thomas McKee,
Colm Dorris, Ciaran Hicks,
Colum Lynagh, Kevin Holland,
Anthony Hanna,
Gareth McBride.

Back Row: L-R
Christopher Murray,
Aodan Mitchell, David Murray,
Anthony Milliken,
Conor McClelland,
Brendan Conlon,
Anthony Brady, Colum Carrol.

Form Tutor: Mrs B Breen

Class 11A

Front Row: L-R
Joseph Smyth, Conor Connolly,
Aaron Duffy, Philip Bonner,
Emmett McCaughey,
Gary Randall-O'Neill,
Nathan Cassidy.

Middle Row: L-R
Liam Boyce, Declan Bunting,
Dan Cummings,
Padraig Cullen, Peter Casey,
Sean Sloan, Rory Best.

Back Row: L-R
Paul Lewsley,
Sean McLaughlin,
Ciaran Glennon, Conor Cullen,
John Slack, David McGarrity,
James Cuchart.

Form Tutor: Mr M Watson

Class 11B

Front Row: L-R
Ryan McMahon, Christopher Moyna, Connor Courtney, Paul Flack, Brendan McFadden, Ronan Lunney, Bryan McPolin.

Middle Row: L-R
Killian Doherty, Paul Turley, Alan McLaughlin, Conor Daykin, Christopher McErlean, Conor Gaskin, Jonathan O'Reilly, George Martin.

Back Row: L-R
Cormac Copeland, Paul Shields, Niall Burke, Niall McWilliams, Gerard Lewsley, Ciaran Herity, Martin Donald, Martin Diffin.

Form Tutor: Miss A Madden

Class 11C

Front Row: L-R
Sean McGrath, Michael Armstrong, Brendan Lundy, Gary McLaughlin, Francis McCrudden, Niall Larkin, Eamon Rooney.

Middle Row: L-R
Anthony Donnelly, Eoin Magee, Pearce Donnelly, Matthew Teeney, Calum Rooney, Michael Mohan, Gerard McGettigan, Paul Johnston.

Back Row: L-R
Darren McShane, Gareth Smith, Tomás Cosgrove, Conor Rocks, Lorcán Kerr, Niall McCrory, Seamus Corrigan.

Form Tutor: Mrs M Lewis

Class 11D

Front Row: L-R
Michael McKee, Patrick Hesson, Kevin Floyd, Charlie Clarke, Aaron Gault, Christopher Armstrong, Dan Diamond.

Middle Row: L-R
Declan Burke, Conor Richmond, Mark Cousins, Conor McVarnock, Sean McCaffrey, Graeme Flanagan, Matthew Cassidy.

Back Row: L-R
Ronan Maguire, John O'Hare, Manus Doherty, Paul McGreevy, Paul McCrory, Matthew Mulligan, Matthew McArdle, Stephen McGrath.

Form Tutor: Mr R Herron

Class 11E

Front Row: L-R
Ben McCallum, Darren Shaw, Kieran McParland, Mark Jones, Steven Mullan, Christopher McGeown.

Middle Row: L-R
Marc Watters, Joe Richardson, Conor Haughey, Stephen Hesketh, Michael Marley, Christopher Fitzpatrick.

Back Row: L-R
Michael Connolly, Niall Atkinson, Aaron Kelly, Matthew Leonard, Daire Maskey.

Form Tutor: Mr M Robinson

Class 11F

Front Row: L-R
Emmanuel McLaughlin, Patrick O'Kane, Niall McGlone, Martin Hughes, Shane McGann, Daniel Pollock, Robert McMillen.

Middle Row: L-R
Ciaran Dowds, Darren Lynass, Matthew Rice, Barry Maguire, Cormac Reynolds, Lester Pabilona.

Back Row: L-R
Patrick Sullivan, Daniel Shanks, Colm Meir, Kevin Brennan.

Abs; Paul McGreevy, Jordan Lynch, Christopher Ferguson.

Form Tutor: Miss J Mervyn

Class 11G

Front Row: L-R
Daryl Mullan, Tom Barnes, Ralph Singco, Sean Hull, Eric Gonzales, Mark O'Hara, Michael Armstrong.

Middle Row: L-R
John-Paul Mackin, Simon Ramsey, Martin Ramsey, Eamon Keenan, Alex Magee, Ciaran Hasson, Gerard Morris

Back Row: L-R
Paul Duffy, Patrick Lennon, George Sloan, Daniel Kelly, Paul Murphy, David Kerr, Patrick Lundy.

Form Tutor: Mr McGoldrick

Class 11H

Front Row: L-R
Michael Fitzpatrick, David McNally, Brendan McCurry, Christopher McCorry, Desmond Ryan, Michael Finlay, John White.

Middle Row: L-R
Ryan Bell, Conor McManus, Faeral Donnelly, Brendan Roberts, Carl Reid, Ryan McKenna.

Back Row: L-R
Michael Griffin, Aodhan McPeake, Owen Shields, Daniel McQuaid, Matthew Devlin, Stephen Shannon.

Form Tutor: Mr A Smyth

Class 12A

Front Row: L-R
Peter Coogan, John Walker, Sean McHugh, Gareth Watters, Peter McLaughlin, Conall Reilly.

Middle Row: L-R
Rory McManus, Owen Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Doherty, Aidan Walshe, Michael Doran, Mr. J. Donnelly.

Back Row: L-R
Stephen Dooley, Christopher Leonard, Conor McKeating.

Form Tutor: Mrs. M B Byrne

Class 12B

Front Row: L-R
Niall Chapman, David O'Neill, Ciaran Murphy, Mark Small, Conor Diamond, Conor Heaney, Christopher O'Kane.

Middle Row: L-R
Brendan Brophy, Maurice Murphy, Michael McCarthy, Darren Ward, Christopher Murphy, Sean Finch, Gerard McKearnan, Conor Wilkinson, Ciaran Flannery.

Back Row: L-R
Michael Christie, Ciaran Stone, Seamus O'Rawe, Colm Walsh, Ryan McCreanor, David Loughran, Deaghlan Agnew, Christopher McGrath, Thomas Reilly.

Form Tutor: Ms C Morris

Class 12C

Front Row: L-R
Conor Quinn, Jonathan Delaney, Diarmud Adams, Eoin Heatley, Brendan Campfield, Gerard McPeake, Sean Flynn.

Middle Row: L-R
Adrian Hanna, Ronan Campfield, Aaron Hicks, Sean Monaghan, Andrew Magee, Nathan Kane, Conor Kearney, James Kerr.

Back Row: L-R
Richard Ferguson, John Gregory, Brendan Lockhard, Gerard McGivern, James Ferrin, Gerard McKnight, Joseph Guiney.

Form Tutor: Mr D Mahon

Class 12D

Front Row: L-R
Martin Brownlee, Donal Crossen, Michael Dines, Warren Oakes, Declan Burns, Ciaran Magee, Darren Campbell.

Middle Row: L-R
Francis Magee, Ryan Muldoon, Billy Pike, Craig Haughey, Luke Cassidy, Ryan Deighan.

Back Row: L-R
Paul Lyttle, Manuel McGuinness, Ciaran Caldwell, Michael McMahon, David Crawford, Christopher McKiernan.

Form Tutor: Mrs M Jennings

Class 12E

Front Row: L-R
Paul Hesketh, Aiden Liddy, Mark McGrann, Philip McCabe, James McGuinness, Ryan Madden, Gary Graham.

Middle Row: L-R
Aodhan McKiernan, Colin Stewart, Michael O'Connor, Tom McCallan, Martin White, Anthony Fenton, Conor Hill, Michael McLister.

Back Row: L-R
Vincent Kelly, Ciaran Lavery, Christopher Vernon, Robert Gillispie, Christopher Ramsey, Christopher Connolly, David McMahon.

Form Tutor: Mr J McGreevy

Class 12F

Front Row: L-R
Christopher Montgomery, Sean Coniry, Caelan Monaghan, Ciaran George, Michael Allison, Gerard Mooney, Gary Russell.

Middle Row: L-R
Daniel Diamond, Christopher Smith, Niall Conway, Conor O'Neill, Marco Angelone, Niall Clarke, Christopher Diver.

Back Row: L-R

Gavin Megahey, David Rogan, Mark Prior, Christopher Ball, Colin McComb, Jamie Massey.

Form Tutor: Mr P Tully

Class 12G

Front Row: L-R
Conor Friel, Christopher Gilmartin, Aaron Haughey, Damian Cousins, James Cassidy, Charles Hemsworth, Adan George.

Middle Row: L-R
Christopher Mallon, John Burns, Shane McDonagh, Stephen Corner, Anthony Taggart, Eamonn Herron, James Quinn.

Back Row: L-R
Ciaran Kerr, Declan Mackin, James O'Reilly, Colm McGoldrick, Michael Sweeney, Colin McAuley.

Absent:
Oisin O'Murcha & Colum Curtis.

Form Tutor: Mr T Murphy

Class 12H

Front Row: L-R
Gary Campbell, Jamie Magee, John Gibson, Terry Gorman, Paul McMullan, Jonathan McGuinness, Ryan Kielt.

Middle Row: L-R
Anthony Kelly, Darach Doherty, Stephen Clarke, Mark McCallum, Brian Rooney, Martin McNally, Stephen McKeever.

Back Row: L-R
James McCullagh, Sean Muldoon, Patrick Fitzpatrick, James Darragh, Damien Hitchen, Connor McAreavey.

Form Tutor: Miss A Doherty

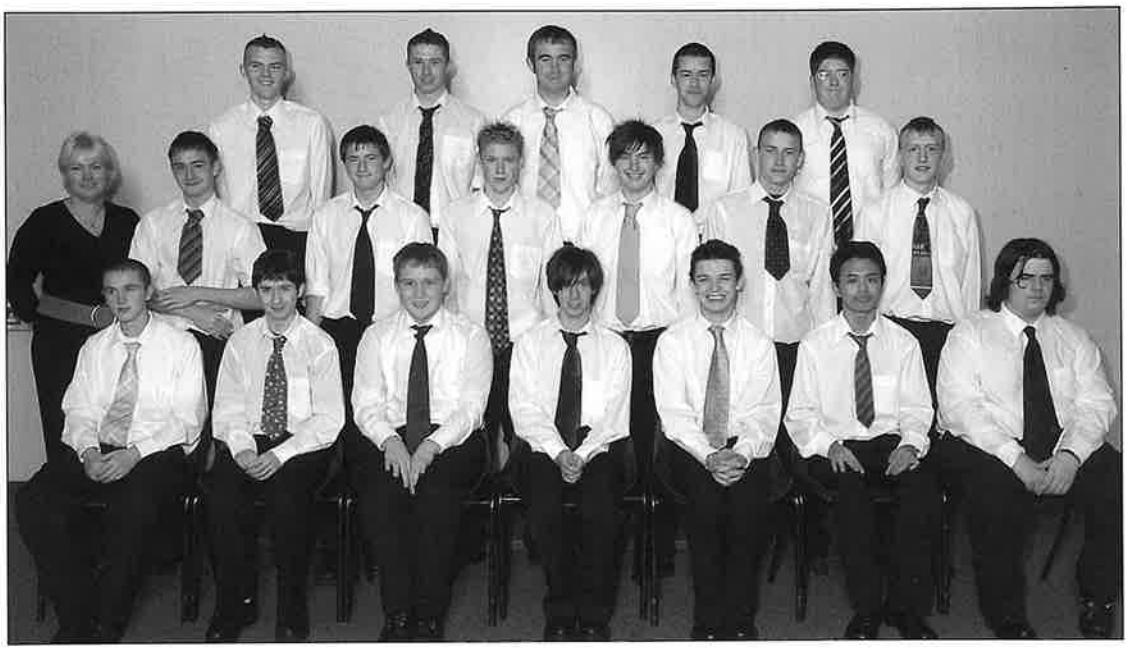
Class 13A

Back Row: L-R
Ciaran Heatly, Niall McCreanor, Stephen McCann, Jamie Agnew, Christopher Donnelly.

Middle Row: L-R
Colm Herdman, Daniel Macklin, Kieran Moore, Conor Gallagher, Brendan Conor, Piaras Nolan.

Front Row: L-R
Paul Johnston, Stephen McAtackney, Matthew Taggart, Christopher Black, Ciaran Hall, Kenneth Cruz, John Leydon.

Form Tutor: Ms G Curran



Class 13B

Back Row: L-R
Gareth Shortt, Martin Keenan, Alan Campbell, Niall Porter, Sean McCorry, Daniel Trowlen.

Middle Row: L-R
Niall Smart, Cormac McLaughlin, Stephen Ramsey, Anthony Alwell Herdman, Gareth Cullen, David Lynch.

Front Row: L-R
Pierce Kearns, Stephen Carlin, John McCann, Brian Nelson, Conchur MacSiacais, Aaron McKenna, Conall Shannon.

Form Tutor: Mr E McToal

Class 13C

Back Row: L-R
Kevin Shearer, John Quinn, Anthony Stafford, Gary Shaw, Gerard Farrell.

Middle Row: L-R
Robert McGuickin, Christopher Mearns, Christopher McBride, Patrick Davidson, Brian Byrne.

Front Row: L-R
Kevin Campbell, Brendan Fitzpatrick, Gerard Costello, Owen Lynney, Robert Irwin, Fergal O'Donnell.

Absent:
Tomas Smith

Form Tutor: Mr G Quigg

Class 13D

Back Row: L-R
Connor McMullan, Joseph Shortt, Mark Cullen, Conchur O'Rawe, Garry McAtamney.

Middle Row: L-R
Martin O'Prey, Stuart Smyth, Barry Rooney, Mark Campbell, Colm Walsh, Peter McGarrity.

Front Row: L-R
Adam Galway, Conor Toal, James Brennan, Paul Brownlee (left), Jonathan Devine, Patrick Dutton.

Absent: Ciaran Bellew

Form Tutor: Mrs C Gillespie

Class 13E

Front Row: L-R
Aodan Newell, Michael McAnoy, Brendan Barnes, Bernard King, David O'Neill, Ciaran Martin, Conall Mulhern.

Middle Row: L-R
James Ferguson, Jack McGarry, Michael McCann, Eamonn Walls, Thomas Cregan, Brendan Cousins.

Back Row: L-R
Thomas Ryan, James Grieves, Christopher Campbell, Gerard Sullivan, Shaun Graham.

Form Tutor: Dr A Donaldson

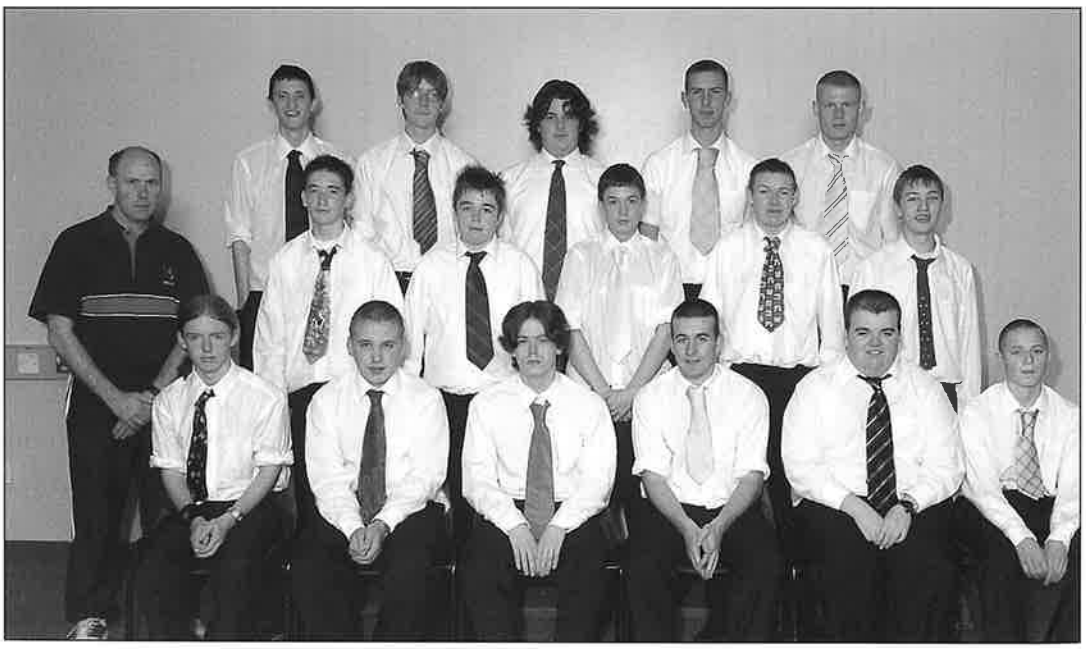
Class 13F

Back Row: L-R
Eamon Og Denny, Mark Lennon, Daniel McDonagh, Aodan Mulholland, Darren O'Neill.

Middle Row: L-R
Eeamon Cunningham, Pearse O'Prey, Michael Kelly, Niall Connor, Aidan McIlhennon.

Front Row: L-R
Damien Green, Daniel Toner, Matthew Regan, Harry McAnulty, Brendan McCrory, Conor Johnston.

Form Tutor: Mr H McGettigan



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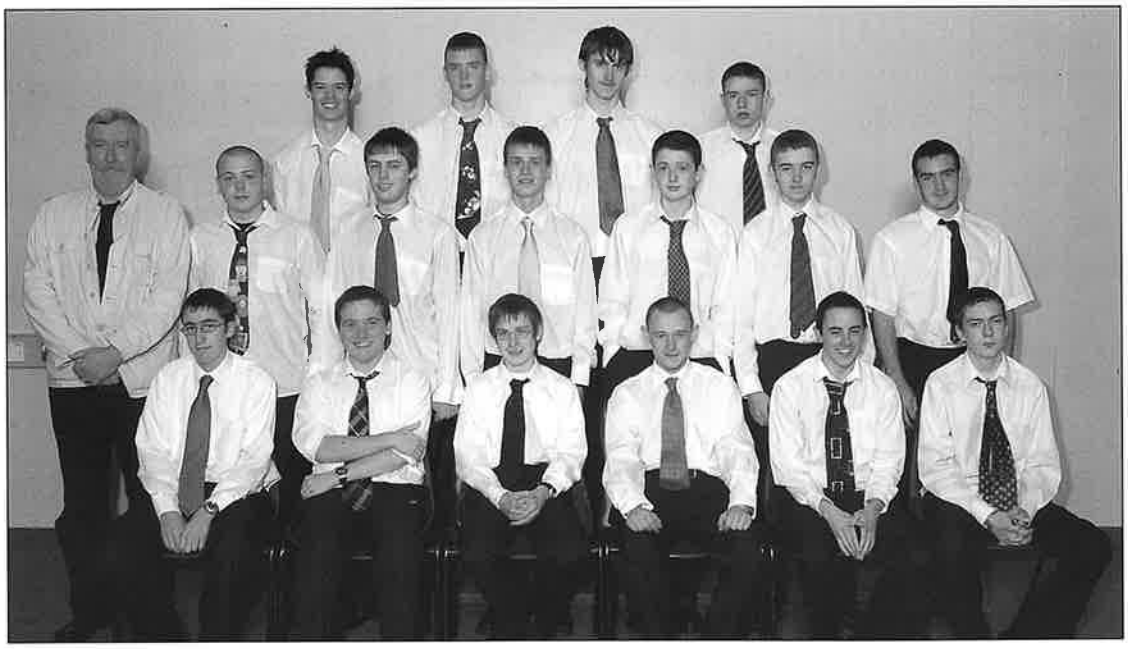

Back Row: L-R
Damian Currie, Kieran Ferguson, Aidan McCullough, Mark Lynagh.

Middle Row: L-R
Dominic Fryers, Paul Hanna, Michael McAree, Christopher Valente, Christopyher Weir, Noel Rock.

Front Row: L-R
Conall McNally, Brendan Smyth, Shane O'Neill, Fionnbarr McCurdy, Matthew Collins.

Form Tutor: Mr D Breen

Class 13H

Back Row: L-R
Liam Green, Niall Connolly, Martin Butler, Gavin McKenna, Seosamh Malocco.

Middle Row: L-R
Ciaran Duffy, Conor Flavin, Christopher Devlin, Brendan Shannon, Conor Smith, Gavin Bunting.

Front Row: L-R
Stephen Walsh, Brian Rooney, Patrick Molloy, Ryan Hamill, John Boyle, Rory Clarke, Ross McComish.

Absent: Daniel Shortt

Form Tutor: Mr J Heaney

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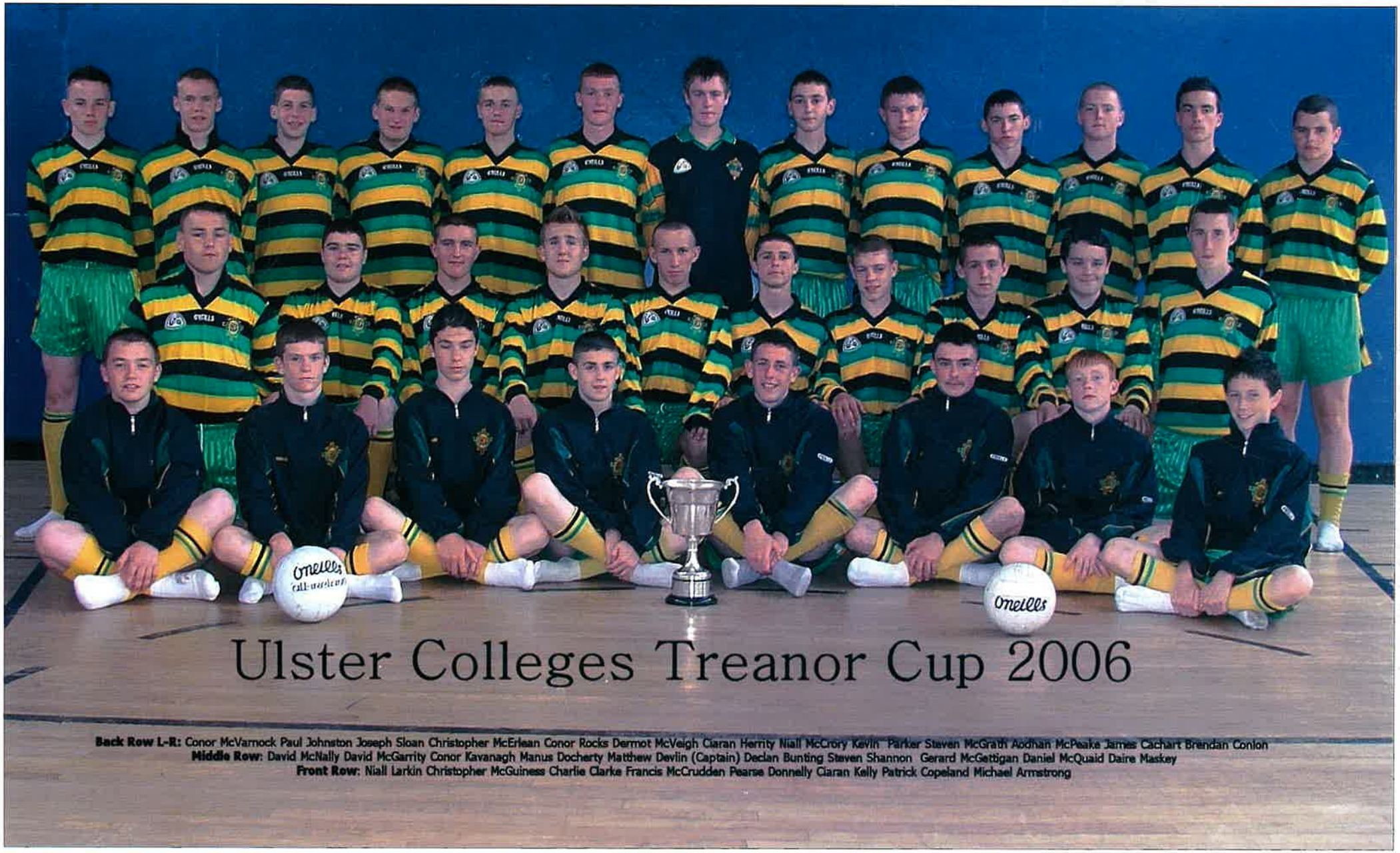

Back Row L-R: Conor McVarnock Paul Johnston Joseph Sloan Christopher McErlean Conor Rocks Dermot McVeigh Ciaran Herrity Niall McCrory Kevin Parker Steven McGrath Aodhan McPeake James Cachart Brendan Conlon
Middle Row: David McNally David McGarrity Conor Kavanagh Manus Docherty Matthew Devlin (Captain) Declan Bunting Steven Shannon Gerard McGettigan Daniel McQuaid Daire Maskey
Front Row: Niall Larkin Christopher McGuiness Charlie Clarke Francis McCrudden Pearse Donnelly Ciaran Kelly Patrick Copeland Michael Armstrong