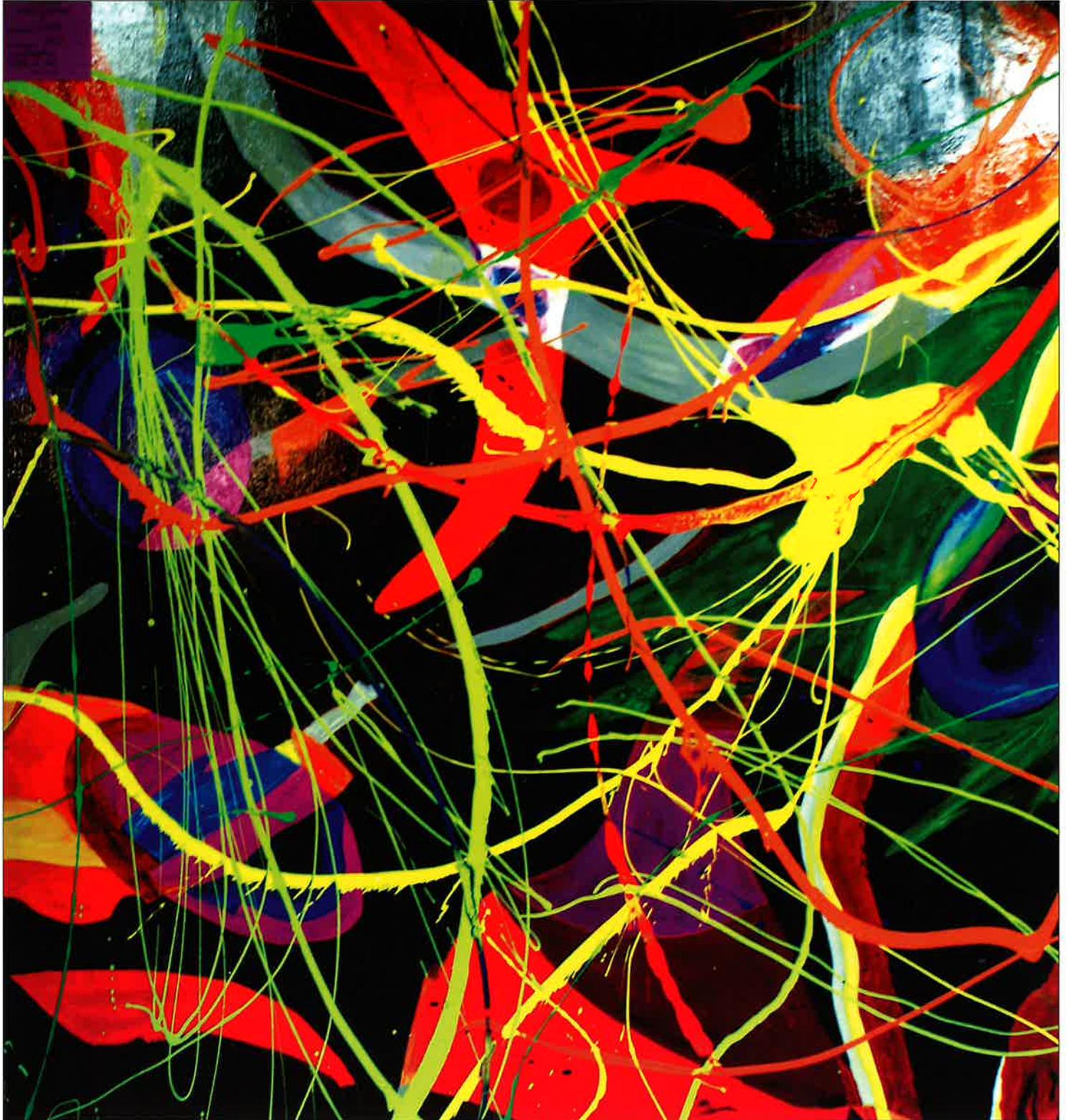


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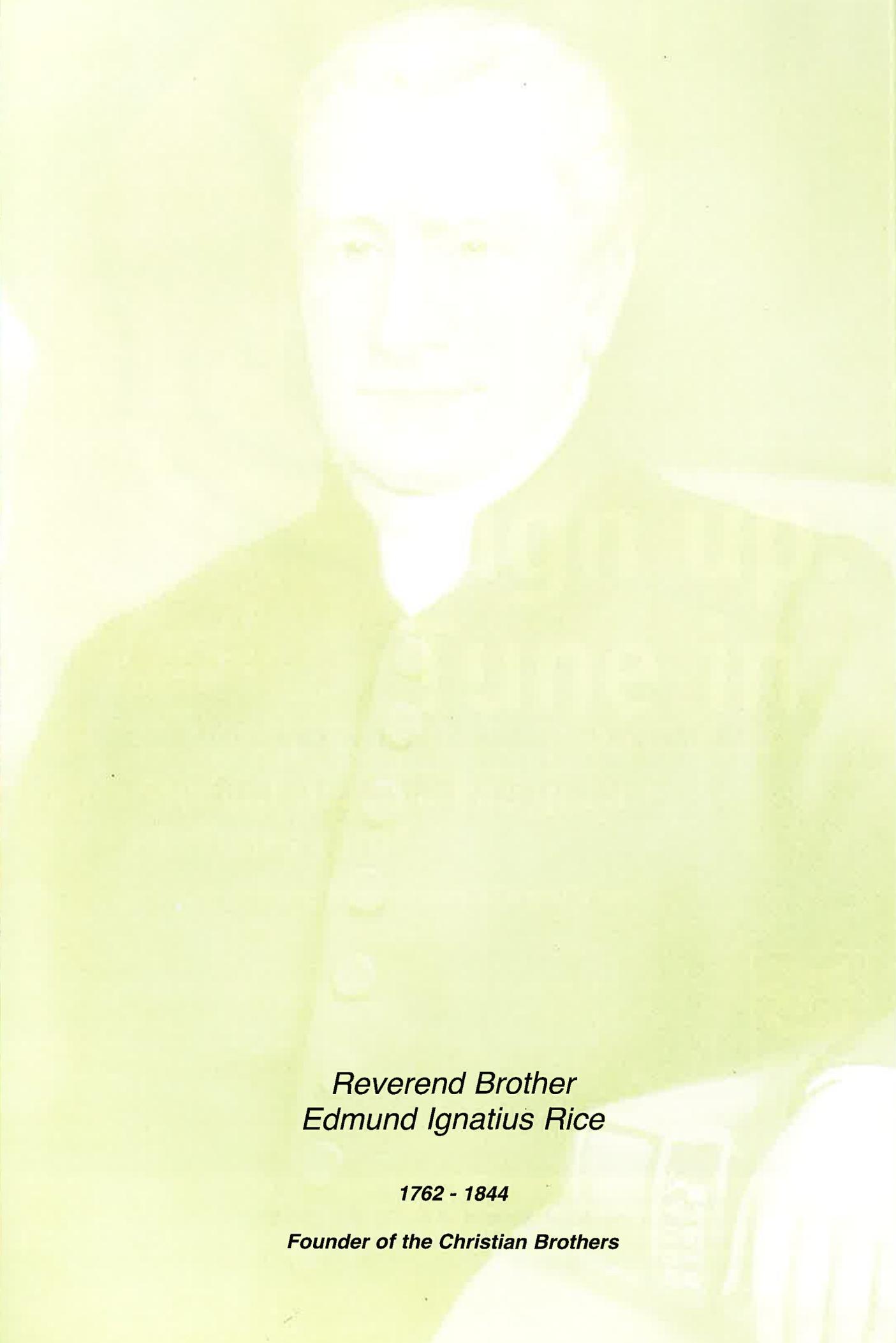
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## Principal's Letter

*We had a hugely successful corporate dinner event in May 2011. Past pupils gathered from as far as Australia, Brazil and America to attend this event commemorating Hogan, O'Keefe and MacRory Cup victories.*

*I recognised many with whom I went to school in St Mary's and, of course, men I had taught and remembered as young men. Besides the great affection for the school they retained, what struck me was how wonderfully they had gone on to achieve in life after leaving our school.*

*Many had achieved very predictable success given their profile at school but more interesting were the quiet ones who too found a platform in St Mary's for life but whose talents blossomed a little later to bring reward and contentment in their personal and professional lives. It is not only the charismatic students who achieve.*

*At this point let me relate a History story*

*In 1865, a tall, bearded, skinny man walked into a cemetery to hear one of the great orators of his time deliver a two-hour speech dedicating the burial ground to soldiers who had lost their lives in the Civil War. The orator, Edward Everett, was a former US Secretary of State, US Senator, State Governor and President of Harvard University.*

*When the charismatic Everett finished speaking, the skinny man spoke for his allotted two minutes, received a smattering of applause (termed later "barely polite") and walked off the stage. The Chicago Times subsequently reported that "the cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat and dishwatery utterances of the man who has to be pointed out to intelligent foreigners as the President of the United States".*

*The tall, skinny man was Abraham Lincoln, and his two-minute speech was the Gettysburg Address. The words of that speech have been re-printed and re-used many times. They are etched in marble, 12-feet high, on the walls of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. They were quoted by Martin Luther King in his 'I have a dream' speech and enshrined in the French Constitution.*

*Lincoln was a late developer whose achievements in life could only be judged over time.*

*My point in all this is to remind each student of what is possible to achieve in life if he really continues to develop his gifts and talents.*

*Reaching full potential remains the aspiration of Governors and staff and parents for each student in St Mary's and, while Lincoln set a formidable benchmark, the achievements of our alumni of 40 years ago are attainable targets for our current students.*

*Be happy in school and achieve.*

*Go St Mary's.*

*Jim Sheerin,  
PRINCIPAL*



**Mr. Jim Lally R.I.P.**

Past pupils will be saddened to hear of the death of Jim Lally, a much admired and popular teacher and Head of Physical Education in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. His death occurred in May of this year only weeks before his 80th birthday. Jim's association with St. Mary's was immense. Jim himself was a past pupil who along with his brothers attended

**Brother Patrick Colohan R.I.P.**

Br. Colohan was born 10th March 1944 in Moy Elta Road, East Wall, Dublin. He was educated at St Laurence O'Toole's, CBS Dublin and joined the Christian Brothers in August 1957. In 1962, he attended the training college in North Richmond St. Dublin for two years followed by a year in Colaiste Iosaif Martino. He then moved to Belfast in 1966 where he resided in An Dunan and attended St. Joseph's Training College (Trench House). Now a fully qualified teacher, he took up his first teaching

# Obituries

Barrack Street as pupils. Later, after Jim graduated as a P.E. teacher from the famed Loughborough College in England he joined our teaching staff in the late 1950s and remained with us until he retired in the early 1990s. While a pupil here he joined Albert Foundry Athletics Club and specialised in Hammer throwing. His proficiency in his chosen event was such that among many other achievements he was selected on the N.I. team for the Commonwealth Games in Canada in the mid-1950s and finished just outside the medals in fourth place. Jim had four sons and a daughter and all of the boys were sent to St. Mary's.

When the main body of the school transferred from the Barrack St. site to the Glen Rd. in 1968, Jim as Head of P.E., had an abundance of spanking new sports facilities including playing fields, running

track, tennis courts, gym and of course a swimming pool and as coach of a very successful series of water-polo teams he was able to maintain the school's strong tradition of success in that and many other sports.

In the early 1980s Jim joined Senior Management in the school and concentrated on his teaching in the Maths Department until retiring in the early 1990s. He then went to work with the CCMS educational body until finally retiring and moving to Warrenpoint where he enjoyed a long and fulfilled retirement.

Jim was a big man in many ways so to the thousands of students he taught he will be remembered as a gentle giant and to his former colleagues as a gentleman.

*Mr. J. Sheerin + Mr. J. Mc Clean*

position in St Aidan's, Ballymurphy, where he taught for four years. It was during this time in 1969, that he received his Profession of Perpetual Vows as a Christian Brother. In 1971, Br. Colohan left St Aidan's, to take up his new post in CBS, Glen Road where he taught for a number of years. Later, in 1977, he was appointed the Superior in Airfield House, on the Glen Rd. site in Belfast. The next move in his career was to attend Strawberry Hill Education College in England where he studied for a year in 1982. He followed this with a relocation

back to Dublin in 1985 where he was appointed superior in St Joseph's Marino. Br. Colohan continued with his teaching in 2001 in St Aidan's, Whitehall for three years before moving onto St Patrick's, Baldoyle in 2004. Br. Colohan was very successful both in his teaching career and in his religious life as a Christian Brother.

Patrick passed through death to Eternal Life on Sunday March 6th 2011 just prior to his 67th birthday.

*Mr J. Sheerin*

# Retirements



**Mrs Jane Mc Evoy**

Jane Mc Evoy joined the teaching staff here at St Mary's in 1985. She had previously taught here as a substitute teacher while several French teachers were on maternity leave. She soon moved down the road to the Barrack Street campus where she remained until 1997 teaching both French and

Spanish. On returning to the Glen Road she took up the post of Head of Spanish where she worked tirelessly to build up and maintain a successful department.

Despite the many changes to the curriculum she continued to inspire and instil a love of Spanish in her pupils with many going on to study it at university. She took on the brave challenge of organising several educational trips to Spain which every pupil thoroughly enjoyed.

Her caring and motherly nature was evident in her duties as a Form Teacher and her approach when

dealing with members of staff was one of great patience. In her later years in St Mary's she was responsible for coordinating the Pupil Progress Files, a difficult, stressful and often thankless task but she did it uttering her famous mantra - "in with hate, out with love".

It has been a great privilege to have worked alongside her for the last 14 years. She has been a true friend, a wonderful mentor and an outstanding teacher. On behalf of all the staff and pupils I wish her happiness for the future. ¡Buena Suerte y Hasta luego!

*Ms J. Mervyn*



**Brother James Mc Kenna**

It was with a genuine sense of sorrow that the school community learned of the decision of Brother James McKenna to step back from his many duties at St Mary's. Brother McKenna has been a constant and very gentle presence within the school and a reminder of our connection with the Christian Brothers. Although he had previously retired from his role as a teacher in St Mary's and as principal of Corpus Christi College he still remained an educator in the truest sense of the word in his wisdom, friendship, genuine concern for others and great sense of humour. Over the past eight years, despite being

officially retired, he has played a full and active role in the life of our school community and will be deeply missed. It would be very difficult to sum up all of his contributions but he will perhaps be best remembered in recent years for his involvement in the breakfast club and as photographer for numerous sporting events and extra-curricular activities. His unceasing support and concern for our Zambian friends and his desire to embolden our own students in the charism of Blessed Edmund was witnessed both in school and on immersion visits to Lusaka and Mapepe. Brother McKenna was also inspirational in the drive to renew our spiritual identity following the transfer to the Edmund Rice Schools' Trust. His organisational skills were very apparent in the re-launch of the annual Edmund Rice visit to Callan - a legacy that will continue for many years to come. Perhaps the most lasting tribute to Brother McKenna will be the new school oratory which he tirelessly planned for, furnished and ensured its re-dedication following the tragic destruction that befell our sacred space. All who take part in

school worship over the coming years will most certainly be moved and inspired by the simple, understated beauty of this new sacred space. It has been a pleasure to have Brother McKenna both as a friend and colleague and, despite the end of his daily presence in the school, this most humble and deeply spiritual man will continue to inspire us to follow the words of Blessed Edmund ensuring that "the will of God be done in this and every thing we undertake."

G'won ye boy ye!!

God Bless, take care and enjoy your well earned second retirement.

*Mr. M. Robinson*

In addition, as the editor of the Simmarian I would like to personally thank Br. James for his tireless work as a photographer for the Simmarian over the last number of years. He has a rare talent for capturing a great photo as is evident in many of the sports and other photos that you will see in this edition. We will without doubt miss this.

*Dr. M. Donnelly*

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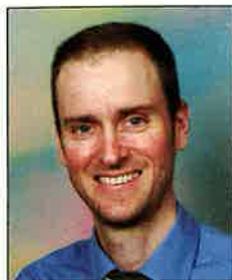
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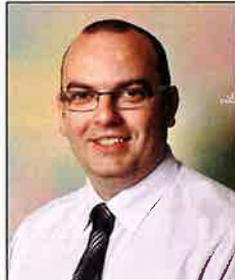
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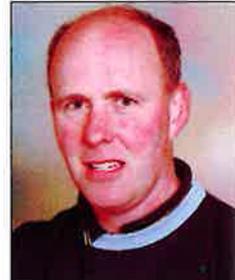
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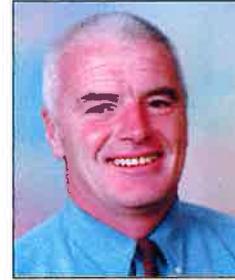
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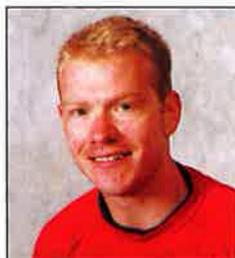
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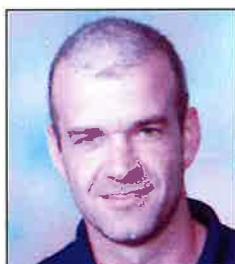
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**Mr. P. Linden**

I am a past pupil of St.Mary's CBGS. Upon leaving in 1990, I went into work directly in the construction industry. I returned to full time education later taking a degree in education at St. Mary's college with Technology & Design as my principal subject. I have taught previously in St.Paul's Primary school Belfast, St. Patrick's College in Maghera and Corpus Christi College Belfast. Away from the classroom I am involved in the GAA at coaching and administrative levels.



**Miss C. Mc Killop**

I graduated from St. Mary's University College Belfast in 2008 with a BEd Honours degree in Religious Studies and English and I was fortunate enough to obtain a two-year post in Our Lady and St. Patrick's College Knock, teaching Religious Studies throughout all year groups. I am delighted to now hold a permanent post as a teacher of Religious Studies in St. Mary's CBGS and have thoroughly enjoyed my first year in the school. I had the great privilege of taking part in the immersion trip to Zambia in April 2011 and plan to continue and develop my role as a member of Project Zambia alongside co-ordinating the Pope John Paul II Award within St. Mary's.



**Mr. P. Brady**

I attained my degree in Physics at Queen's University Belfast. After graduating I worked in Research & Development for SIMS UK Recycling Solutions in England for one year. I returned to QUB to commence the PGCE after which I taught in St. Patrick's College, Maghera before joining St. Mary's CBGS. I am teaching Physics at 'A' Level & GCSE as well as KS3 Science.

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# St. Mary's Junior Prizegiving

Friday 22nd October 2010

Friday 22nd October 2010, saw the celebration of Junior Prizegiving in St. Mary's. Awards were presented for academic achievement which included Distinction and Merit at key stage 3, as well as for attendance. The Bobby McCargo Memorial Trophy was also presented to the student who achieved the best overall performance at KS3 last year.

## KS3 Prize Giving Ceremony



*Senior teacher Mr. Robinson opens the KS3 prizegiving ceremony.*



*Head Boy, Darren Franklin, makes a speech to the boys.*



*Mrs. Curran addresses the audience before prizes are awarded.*

*Mr. Robinson and the boys with their certificates.*



# Junior Prizewinners 2010 - 2011

## Subject Awards

### Key Stage 3 Prize Winners

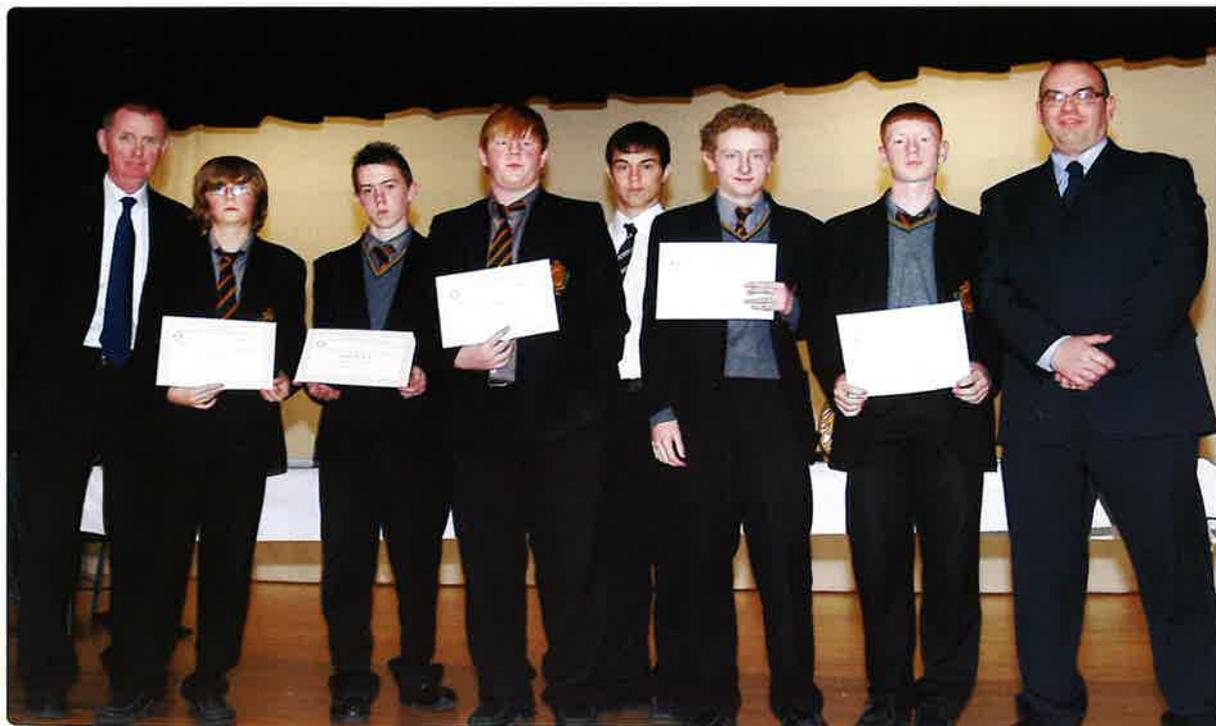
Art	-	Ruairi McGrath	11A
Drama & Theatre Arts	-	Ciaran Gallagher	11A
English	-	Martin Reid	11D
French	-	Peter Lynch	11G
Geography	-	Martin Reid	11D
History	-	Robert Murtagh	11D
I.C.T.	-	Caoimhin Hanna	11C
Irish	-	Diarmuid Hillock	11C
L.L.W.	-	Ciaran Gallagher	11A
Mathematics	-	Kevin Madden	11C
Music	-	Daniel McArdle	11C
P.E.	-	Seaghan Shannon	11F
Religion	-	Conor Kehelly	11E
Science	-	Daniel McArdle	11C
Spanish	-	Robert Murtagh	11H
Technology	-	Ruairi McGrath	11A
Gaelic	-	Joseph Magee	11D
Hurling	-	Conor Kerr	11F
Soccer	-	Conor Mallon	11F
Water Polo	-	Brendan Loughran	11D

### Distinction at Key Stage 3

These awards are made to students who performed with distinction at Key Stage 3, i.e. they each achieved at least 13 Grade A or A\* in their examinations last term.

Ruairi McGrath, 11A   Daniel McArdle, 11C   Nathan Crudden, 11C  
James Irwin, 11D   Gary Coyle, 11D   Martin Reid, 11D

### KS3 distinction prizewinners



**100% Attendance**

*Aaron Fairley* 11A

*Daniel McArdle* 11C

**Merit at Key Stage 3**

*The following students performed with Merit at Key Stage 3, i.e. they each achieved at least 10 grade A or A\* in their examinations last term.*

*Paul Devlin* 11A

*Patrick Crossan* 11C

*Caoimhin Hanna* 11C

*Gareth Hill* 11C

*Paul McCourt* 11C

*Ryan McFall* 11C

*Colm McKenna* 11C

*Aaron Harbinson* 11D

*Robert Howell* 11D

*Niall Hughes* 11D

*Connell Jackson* 11D

*Brendan Loughran* 11D

*Lewis McDonald* 11D

*Darren McDonagh* 11D

*Matthew Watson* 11D

*Conor Dodds* 11F

*Concohar McBride* 11H

*Thomas McGoran* 11H



ATTENDANCE AWARDS  
Daniel McArdle and Aaron Fairley



MERIT AWARDS

**Bobby McCargo Memorial Trophy**

The award is presented to the student who has achieved the best overall performance at KS3 each year.

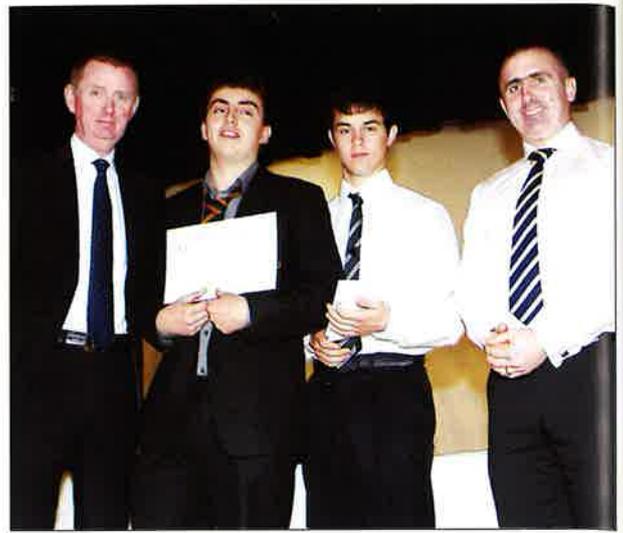
**Daniel McArdle 11C**



RECIPIENT OF THE BOBBY MC CARGO MEMORIAL TROPHY:  
BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AT KS3, Daniel McArdle



Art/Technology  
Ruairi Mc Grath 11A



Drama & Theatre Arts/LLW  
Ciaran Gallagher 11A



Geography/English  
Martin Reid 11D



History  
Robert Murtagh 11D



Religion  
Conor Kehelly 11E



P.E.  
Seaghan Shannon 11F

# G.C.S.E. Prizegiving

Friday 5th November 2010

## C.B.P.P.U. GOLD MEDAL

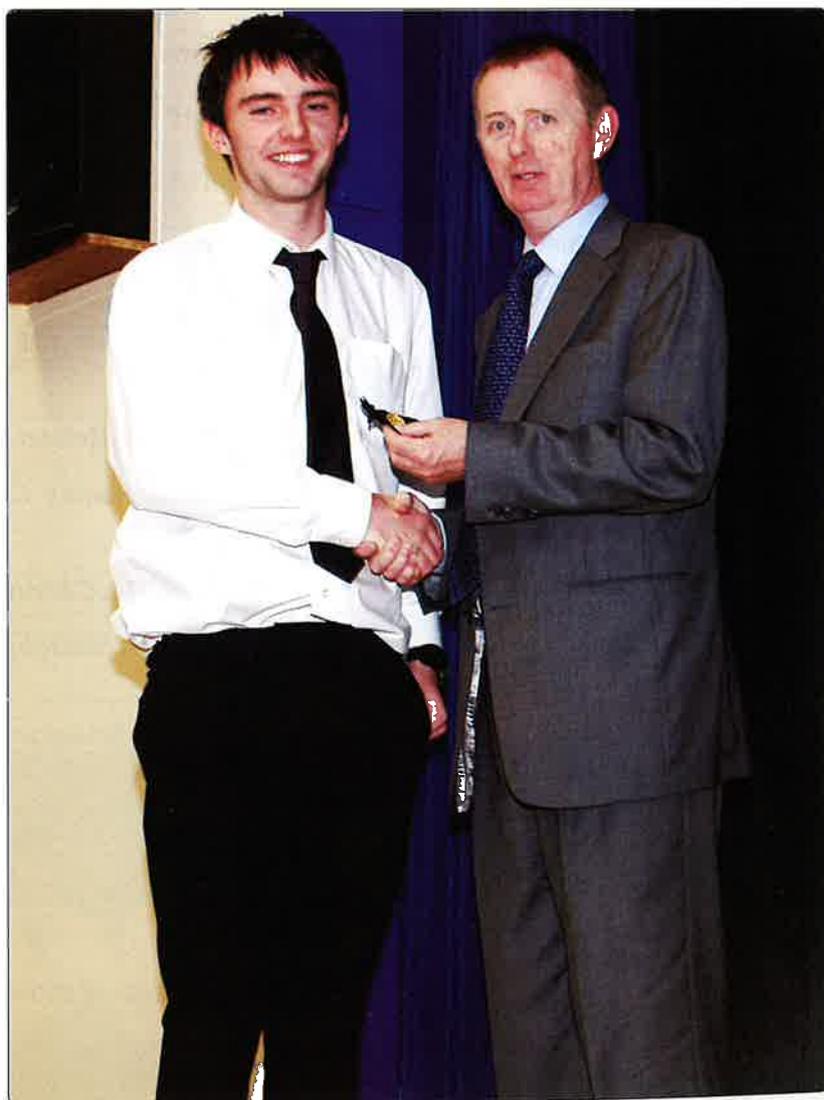
was awarded to

*Niall McCann 13D*

(Holy Trinity P. S.)



**Niall Mc Cann,**  
winner of the C.B.P.P.U.  
Gold Medal for the  
best G.C.S.E. student.



*Best G.C.S.E. Student 2010*



# Academic Awards at G.C.S.E.

<b>G.C.S.E. ART</b> (Graham Harron Medal)	<b>Darryl Randall 13E</b> - (St. Kieran's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. BUSINESS STUDIES</b>	<b>Conor Rainey 13D</b> - (St. Gall's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>Stephen Larkin 13G</b> - (Holy Family Boy's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. DRAMA &amp; THEATRE ARTS</b>	<b>John Nesbitt 13G</b> - (St. Kieran's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. ENGLISH</b> (Murphy Associates Medal) Sponsored by the contractor for the Edmund Rice Complex	<b>Joseph Cunningham 13C</b> - (St. Gall's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. ENGLISH LITERATURE</b>	<b>Niall McCann 13D</b> - (Holy Trinity P.S.)
<b>CERT in PERSONAL FINANCE</b>	<b>Jody Traynor 13D</b> - (Holy Child P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. FRENCH</b> (Rev. Bro. Nannery Memorial Medal) This medal is dedicated to the memory of Bro. Nannery, a distinguished past teacher who gave significant service to pupils in St. Mary's throughout the '60's and '70's.	<b>Eoin Brady 13G</b> - (St. Kevin's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. GAELIGE</b>	<b>Patrick McBride 13F</b> - (Gaelscoil Na Bhfal)
<b>G.C.S.E. GEOGRAPHY</b>	<b>Christopher McGuigan 13B</b> - (St. John the Baptist P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. HISTORY</b> (The Oliver McCann Medal) Named in honour of a highly respected former Head of Department	<b>Niall McCann 13D</b> - (Holy Trinity P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. INFO. &amp; COMM. TECH.</b> (The Staff Memorial Medal)	<b>Nathan Callaghan 13D</b> - (St. Teresa's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. IRISH</b> (The Joe Devlin Medal)	<b>Ciaran Kerr 13E</b> - (St. Colman's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. JOURNALISM</b>	<b>Thomas McKeown 13F</b> - (St. Anne's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. MATHEMATICS</b> (Rev. Bro. L. F. Ennis Medal)	<b>Conor Rainey 13D</b> - (St. Gall's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. MUSIC</b>	<b>Conor McCaffrey 13D</b> - (Vere Foster P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> (Padraig Burns Memorial Medal)	<b>Darragh McGuinness 13A</b> - (St. Mark's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. RELIGION</b> (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	<b>Patrick McBride 13F</b> - (Gaelscoil Na Bhfal)
<b>FATHER SEAN O'NEILL MEMORIAL CUP</b> 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	<b>Patrick McBride 13F</b> - (Gaelscoil Na Bhfal)
<b>G.C.S.E. DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE</b>	<b>James Reid 13B</b> - (St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE</b>	<b>Daniel Cosgrove 13G</b> - (St. Oliver Plunkett P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. SPANISH</b>	<b>Paul Manson 13B</b> - (St. Paul's P.S.)
<b>G.C.S.E. TECHNOLOGY</b> (The Ford Perpetual Trophy)	<b>Mark McCaffrey 13A</b> - (St. John the Baptist P.S.)



## Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

### Outstanding Performance at G.C.S.E.

- Donal Brady** 13F - (St. Anne's P.S.)
- Aidan McGarrity** 13A - (St. Joseph's P.S.,Crumlin)
- David Nelson** 13F - (Gaelscoil Na Bhfal)
- Ryan Smyth** 13C - (St. Joseph's P.S., Slate St.)



Outstanding Performance at GCSE  
Donal Brady Aidan McGarrity, David Nelson  
and Ryan Smyth.

### Attendance Awards (100%)

- Ryan Christie** - (St. Kevin's P.S.)
- Michael Fallon** - (St. Teresa's P.S.)
- Aidan McDonald** - (St. Gall's P.S.)
- Christopher McKeown** - (St. Teresa's P.S.)

## Sporting Achievements

### G.C.S.E. Sporting Awards 2009/2010

#### Basketball Player of the Year

**James Brownlee** 13C - (Holy Trinity P.S.)



James Brownlee  
Basketball Player of the Year

#### Gaelic Footballer of the Year

**Mark Cummings** 13A - (St. Anne's P.S.)

#### Hurler of the Year

**Ciaran Kerr** 13E - (St. Colman's P.S.)

#### Soccer Player of the Year

**Brendan Haughey** 13F - (St. Anne's P.S.)

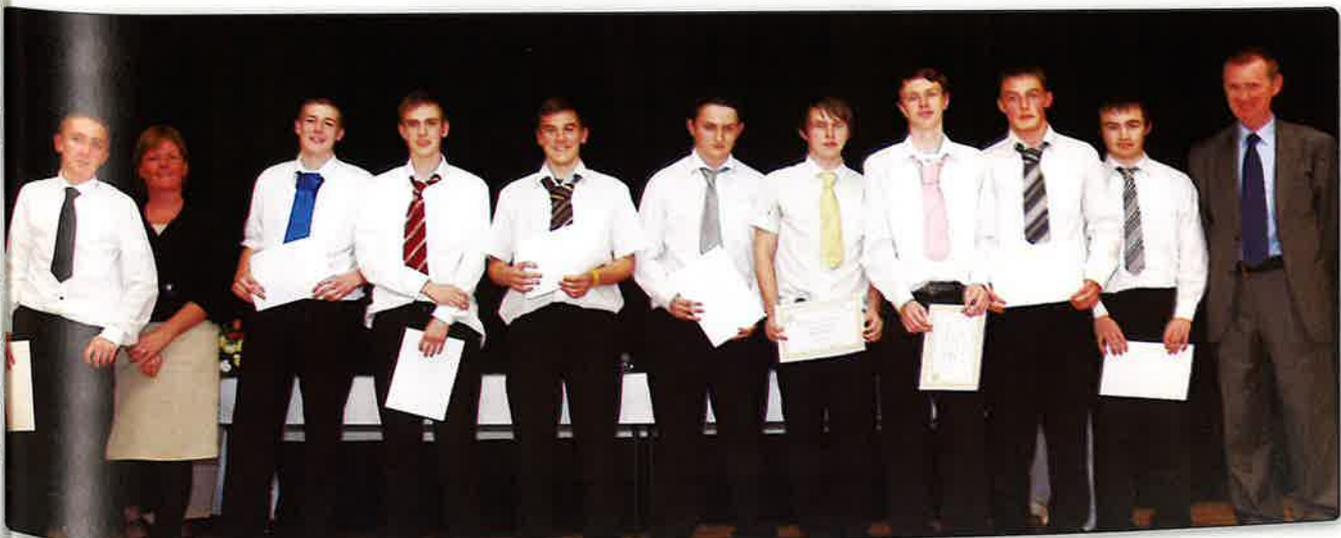


Connell Morgan  
Waterpolo Player of the Year

#### Water Polo Player of the Year

**Connell Morgan** 13B - (St. Anne's P.S.)

### Attendance Awards



*We offer a special welcome to our new students  
who joined Year Thirteen in September 2010.*

**Martin Catney** - St. Patrick's High School, Lisburn

**Declan Dillon** - De La Salle College

**James Harriott** - Coláiste Feirste

**Liam Kelly** - Corpus Christi College

**Matthew Lappin** - Aquinas Grammar School

**Piaras Long** - Coláiste Feirste

**David Murray** - St. Benedict's College, Randalstown

**Pádraig Nugent** - De La Salle College

**Naoise Ó Cairealláin** - Coláiste Feirste

**Fiontán Ó Muilleoir** - Coláiste Feirste

**Peter Rainey** - Christian Brothers' School



*Father Sean O'Neill Memorial Cup  
G.C.S.E. RE  
Presented to  
Patrick Mc Bride 13F*

*Congratulations and best wishes to all our pupils who  
completed their G.C.S.E. examinations in 2010.*

Ciaran Adams  
Daniel Barr  
Ruairi Boyle  
Michael Bradley  
Donal Brady  
Eoin Brady  
Connor Brennan  
Kyle Brown  
James Brownlee  
Nathan Callaghan  
Ronan Campbell  
Stephen Carson  
Matthew Cassidy  
Brendan Clarke  
Daniel Clarke  
Ryan Clarke  
Conor Connolly  
Niall Connolly  
Piers Cormican  
Daniel Cosgrove  
Stephen Courtney  
Mark Cummings  
Joseph Cunningham  
Carl Davis  
Marc Deighan  
Ruairi Devine  
James Donnan  
Brian Donnelly  
Conor Donnelly  
Louis Donnelly  
Hugh Doran  
Jack Dorrian  
Brendan Dougan  
Michael Dudley  
Jude Fallon  
Neil Farquharson  
Declan Ferguson  
Kevin Finnegan  
Ruairi Fisher  
Cormac Flannery  
Sean Fox  
David Fraser  
Pearse Fryers  
Aidan Grant  
Felix Hagan  
Nathan Hanley  
Anthony Harte  
Brendan Haughey  
Conleth Hendron  
Matthew Hill  
Padraig Holmes

James Hopkins  
Alan Hunter  
Connor Jackson  
Matthew Kearney  
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Cormac Kelly  
Patrick Kelly  
Ciaran Kerr  
Conor Kettle  
Stephen Larkin  
Gerard Lavery  
Cormac Livingstone  
John-James Loughran  
Niall Lynagh  
John Lynn  
Sean Maguire  
Thomas Manning  
Paul Manson  
Aedan Marley  
Michael Maxwell  
Mark McAreevey  
Fintan McBride  
Patrick McBride  
Ryan McBride  
Conor McCaffrey  
Mark McCaffrey  
Niall McCann  
Paul McCann  
Eoin McCarry  
Michael McCarthy  
Declan McCavana  
Stephen McCourt  
Jack McCrea  
Thomas McCrory  
Stephen McCullagh  
Declan McCullough  
Brendan McDonagh  
Aidan McGarrity  
Shane McGarry  
Michael McGivern  
Sean McGivern  
Conor McGrath  
Jackson McGreevy  
Christopher McGuigan  
Daragh McGuinness  
Jack McKenna  
Colm McKeown  
Thomas McKeown  
Daniel McKernan  
Matthew McKnight

Niall McMahon  
Eamonn McNally  
Patrick McWilliams  
Connell Morgan  
Jonathan Moyna  
Matthew Murray  
Kevin Murtagh  
David Nelson  
John Nesbitt  
Conor O'Callaghan  
Jonathan O'Donnell  
Brian O'Neill  
Michael O'Neill  
Gerard O'Prey  
Eamon Parker  
Ryan Parker  
Gareth Patterson  
Gareth Quinn  
Niall Quinn  
Conor Rainey  
Daryl Randall  
Stephen Rea  
Andrew Reid  
James Reid  
Gerard Roberts  
Paul Robinson  
Conor Rooney  
Stephen Rooney  
Aidan Scott  
Conal Sheppard  
Lee Sheridan  
Anthony Shortt  
Jack Small  
Caolan Smith  
Eamonn Smith  
Paul Smith  
Cormac Smyth  
Daniel Smyth  
Ryan Smyth  
Ciaran Stewart  
Eamonn Stitt  
Lee Taylor  
Thomas Thibodeau  
Conor Toner  
Darren Toner  
Mark Torbitt  
Jody Traynor  
David Wallace  
Michael White



# Senior Prizegiving - 'A'- Level

## St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School

'A' Level Year Group 2009 - 2010



Wednesday 15th December 2010

Guest Speaker

**Ciaran Barr**

President and Chief Executive Officer,  
G.E. Capital Restructuring Operations Group,  
G. E. Money Ireland

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# Senior Prizegiving



## ST. MARY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRIZEGIVING DECEMBER 2010

In December, St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar school celebrated the outstanding achievements of the 'A' level Year Group of 2009-2010. The guest speaker was Mr. Ciaran Barr, Chief Executive Officer of GE Capital Restructuring Operations Group - GE Money Ireland. Ciaran was born in Belfast in 1964 and is a past pupil of St. Mary's CBGS.

He attended Queen's University Belfast and graduated with a BSc. degree in Mathematics and Applied Physics in 1989.

Ciaran holds a double 'Blue' in Hurling and Water Polo and is also a Hurling Allstar. He played Water Polo for Ireland and Cathal Brugha and Hurling for Antrim and O'Donovan Rossa.

Ciaran then trained as a chartered accountant with Gorman & Associates in Dublin, graduating in 1993, after which he joined the Bank of Ireland. In 1999, he joined GE Capital in London as their European Marketing Director.

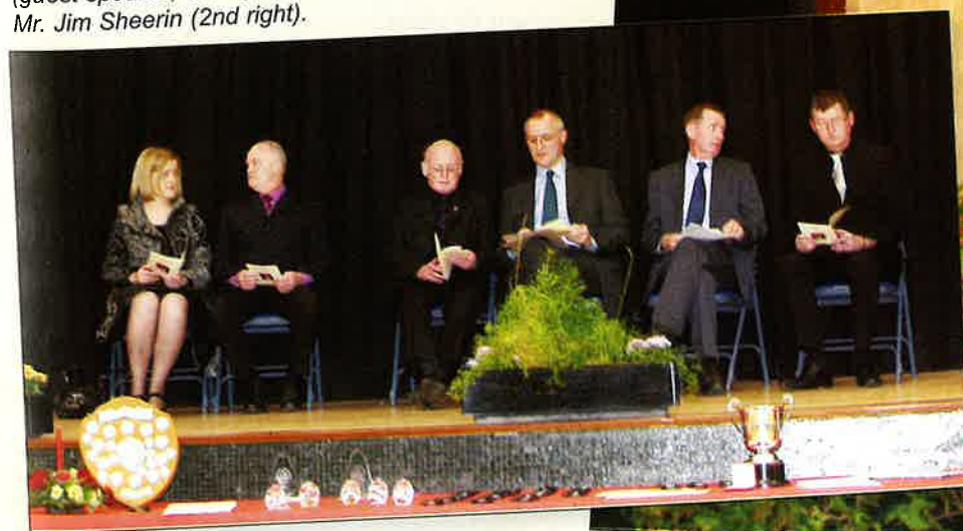
In 2001, he moved to France where he worked as Chief Accountant for TUI, the largest ski holiday operator in Europe. Later, in 2005, Ciaran rejoined GE Capital in Paris as President and Finance Director and in the same year became Finance Director in GE Money Ireland.

Ciaran stepped into the role of Chief Executive Officer for the company in August 2008 and has led the Irish business through the challenges the current recession has brought.

*Guest Speaker,  
Mr. Ciaran Barr.*



*Staff and guests including Mr. Ciaran Barr  
(guest speaker, 3rd right) and principal,  
Mr. Jim Sheerin (2nd right).*



# Academic Awards at A2

<b>A2 Art</b> (The Dominic Shannon Memorial Award) Sponsored by the Shannon family	<b>Ciaran McCusker</b> (St. Kevin's P.S.) - now studying Art at UUB
<b>Applied Business - (Ulster Business Equipment)</b>	<b>Paul Loughran</b> (Good Shepherd P.S.) - now studying Computer Science at QUB
<b>A2 Biology</b> (The Mc Clure Medal)	<b>Colm Dorris</b> (Holy Child P.S.) - now studying Medicine at QUB
<b>A2 Chemistry</b> (The Northern Bank Medal)	<b>Colm Dorris</b> (Holy Child P.S.) - now studying Medicine at QUB
<b>A2 Drama</b> (The Billy Adams Medal)	<b>Oisín Rogers</b> (Malone Integrated College) - Enhancing 'A' Levels
<b>A2 English Literature</b> (The Serridge Medal)	<b>Michael Crossan</b> (St. Peter's P.S.) - now studying English at QUB
<b>A2 Financial Services</b>	<b>Paul Loughran</b> (Good Shepherd P.S.) - now studying Computer Science at QUB
<b>A2 Geography</b> (The Francis Rice Memorial Medal)	<b>Darren Madden</b> (Suffolk P.S.) - now studying Politics and History at QUB
<b>A2 Government &amp; Politics</b> (First Trust Bank)	<b>Damien Boyle</b> (Holy Child P.S.) - now studying Physics at QUB
<b>A2 History</b> (The Bank of Ireland)	<b>Daniel Best</b> (St. Anne's P.S.) - now studying Diagnostic Radiography at UUU
<b>I.C.T. - (The Kevin Jennings Medal)</b> (St. Mary's Auditors)	<b>Jonathan Curran</b> (St. John the Baptist P.S.) - now studying Computer Science at QUB
<b>A2 Irish</b> (Cumann Gaelach Scoil Mhuire)	<b>Domhnall O'Neill</b> (Colaiste Feirste) - now studying Irish with History at UUC
<b>A2 Mathematics - Stephen Durkan</b> (The Rev. Bro. McGreevy Medal) The name of Brother McGreevy was synonymous with the teaching of Mathematics in St. Mary's in the '1950's.	<b>Stephen Durkan</b> (St. John the Baptist P.S.) - now studying Medicine at QUB
<b>A2 Music</b>	<b>-Adam Kerr</b> (St. Paul's P.S.) - now studying Music Technology at QUB
<b>National Diploma in Sport</b>	<b>-Stephen Shannon</b> (St. Anne's P.S.) - now studying Sports Studies at UUU
<b>A2 Physical Education</b> (Glenn O'Hare Memorial Medal)	<b>-Christopher McGuinness</b> (St. Colman's P.S.) -- now studying Environmental and Civil Eng. at QUB
<b>A2 Physics</b> (D.J. Mc Randal Medal)	<b>-Stephen Durkan</b> (St. Teresa's P.S.) - now studying Applied Maths and Physics at QUB
<b>A2 Psychology</b>	<b>-Michael Killeen</b> (St. Anne's P.S.) - now studying Psychology at QUB
<b>A2 Religion</b> (The Brother Mallon Medal) Named after a distinguished former teacher and donated by an ex-pupil John Larkin, former Reid Professor of Criminology	<b>Adam Graham</b> (Holy Child P.S.) - now studying Modern History and Politics at QUB
<b>The Brother Monaghan Cup</b> Presented to the outstanding pupil who entered Senior School from our associated Secondary Schools.	<b>-Michael Clarke -</b> (C.B.S., Glen Road) - now studying Business Studies with Accountancy at UUC
<b>Bonn Sheamais Mhic Eachaidh</b>	<b>-Aodhan Mitchell</b> (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste) - now studying Politics/Celtic Studies at QUB

**Outstanding Performance at 'A' Level**  
(Ancillary Staff Medal)

**Conal McGettigan** (St. Anne's P.S.)  
- University of Liverpool, Biomedical and Medical Sciences

**Martin Connor** (Holy Child P.S.)  
- QUB, Business Management

**Patrick Copeland** (St. Luke's P.S.)  
- Employment (Gap Year)

**Outstanding Performance at 'AS' Level**

**Colm Molloy** - (St. John the Baptist P.S.)

**Matthew Cosgrove** - (St. Aidan's P.S.)

**Sporting Achievements**

**Basketball Player of the Year 2010**  
Emmet Dawson (St. John the Baptist P.S.) - UUC, Psychology

**Gerry Magennis Memorial Award**  
**Gaelic Footballer of the Year 2010**  
**Kiefer Toolan** (Holy Child P.S.) - Employment

**Hurler of the Year 2010**  
**Declan Lynch** (Bunscoil Phobal Feirste)  
- UUU, Sport and Exercise Science

**Soccer Player of the Year 2010**  
**Kylan Allsopp** (C.B.S., Glen Road) - SERC (Bangor), HND Sport

**Water Polo Player of the Year 2010**  
**Matthew Hanna** (St. Colman's P.S.)  
- QUB, Actuarial Science and Risk Management

**Attendance Awards**

**Michael Crossan** (St. Peter's P.S.) - QUB, English

**Ryan Hyland** (Holy Trinity P.S.) - Employment/Enhancing 'A' levels

**Valedictorian 2010**

**Ryan Hyland** (Holy Trinity P.S.)  
- Employment/Enhancing 'A' levels



## Head Boy

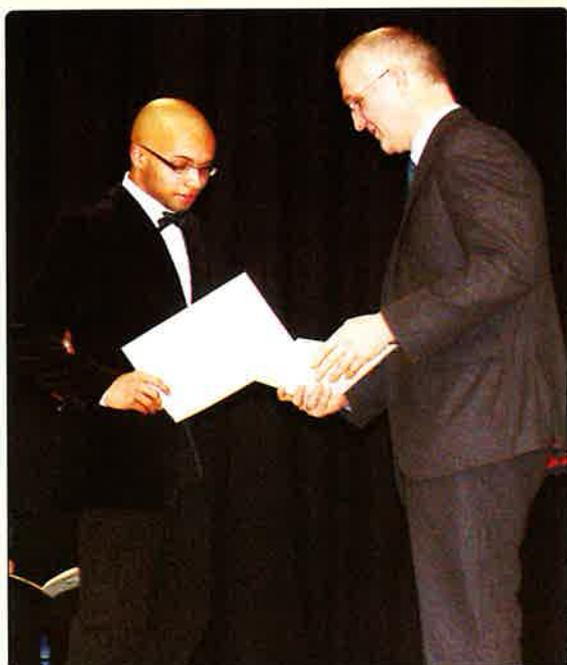
**Jonathan Curran** (St. John the Baptist P.S.)  
- now studying Computer Science at QUB

## Deputy Head Boys

**Michael Crossan** (St. Peter's P.S.)  
- now studying English at QUB

**Niall Smith** (Holy Child P.S.)  
- now studying Maths at QUB

**Gerard Torney** (St. Anne's P.S.)  
- now studying Accountancy at the University of Dundee



Ryan Hyland receives his attendance award.

Hurler of the year, Declan Lynch.



Cairan Mc Cusker receives the Dominic Shannon memorial award for Art from Mr. + Mrs. Shannon.

Jonathan Curran delivers his last speech as Headboy for 2009-2010.



**Edmund Rice Perpetual Trophy**  
**Edmund Rice Gold Medal**

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

awarded to

*Matthew Hanna*

*(St. Colman's P.S)*

*- now studying Actuarial Science  
and  
Risk Management at QUB*

**Best 'A' Level Student 2010**

**Comhghairdeas**



*Mr. Barr presents Matthew Hanna, best 'A'level student  
with the Edmund Rice perpetual trophy.*



*We wish God's blessing on  
and every success to our 'A' Level  
students of 2009-2010*

ALLEN, Hayden  
ALLSOPP, Kylan  
ARMSTRONG, Thomas  
BARKLEY, Emmanuel  
BELL, Ryan  
BEST, Daniel  
BOYD O'NEILL, Darron  
BOYLE, Damian  
BRADY, Anthony  
BRAMMELD, Jonathan  
BRENNAN, Francis  
BRENNAN, Stephen  
BROPHY, Conor  
BURNS, Paul  
CAIRNS, Aodhan  
CAMPBELL, Martin  
CLARKE, Brian  
CLARKE, Michael  
CONLON, Brendan  
CONNOR, Martin  
COPELAND, Patrick  
CORR, Brian  
COTTERILL, Steven  
CREANEY, Gregory  
CROSSAN, Michael  
CROSSIN, Daniel  
CURRAN, Jonathan  
CURRAN, Patrick  
CUSHLEY, Aaron  
DAWSON, Emmett  
DEANE, Robert  
DEVLIN, Christopher  
DEVLIN, Mark  
DEVLIN, Matthew  
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DOHERTY, Niall  
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DURKAN, Stephen  
FARRELLY, Ryan  
FEENEY, Donal  
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FLOYD, Ciaran  
GALLAGHER, John

GIBNEY, John  
GIBNEY, Oliver  
GORMLEY, Ciaran  
GRAHAM, Adam  
HANNA, Anthony  
HANNA, Matthew  
HARBINSON, Thomas  
HARTE, Anthony  
HASSON, Ciaran  
HEATH, Thomas  
HICKS, Ciaran  
HILL, Kevin  
HOLLAND, Kevin  
HYLAND, Ryan  
JACKSON, Michael  
KANE, Michael  
KANE, Stephen  
KELLY, Ciaran  
KELLY, Daniel  
KELLY, Dominic  
KERR, Adam  
KILLEEN, Michael  
LENNON, Conor  
LOUGHRAN, Paul  
LYNAGH, Colum  
LYNCH, Declan  
MADDEN, Darren  
MADDEN, John  
MAGEE, Christopher  
MAGINN, Stephen  
MALLON, Ryan  
MALONE, Daniel  
McCAFFREY, Joseph  
McCARNEY, Paul  
McCLEAVE, Matthew  
McCLELLAND, Conor  
McCREANOR, Damien  
McCULLAGH, Kevin  
McCURDY, Colm  
McCUSKER, Ciaran  
McDONALD, Paul  
McGANN, Shane  
McGEOUGH, Declan

McGETTIGAN, Conal  
McGUINNESS, Christopher  
McILWEE, Steven  
McKENNA, Mark  
McKERNON, Conal  
McKIBBEN, Thomas  
McMULLAN, Padraig  
McNEILL, Conor  
McVEIGH, Dermot  
McGUINNESS, Aaron  
McPHILIPS, Feargal  
MEGAHEY, Matthew  
MILNES, Kevin  
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MOORE, Daniel  
MOORE, Karl  
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MORGAN, Ryan  
MURRAY, Christopher  
MURRAY, Conor  
MURRAY, David  
NEESON, Matthew  
NUGENT, Aaron  
O'NEILL, Domhnall  
O'BRIEN, Caolin  
O'HARE, Adam  
PARKER, Kevin  
PRICE, Cuan  
REA, Mark  
ROBERTS, Brendan  
ROGERS, Oisín  
SHANNON, Stephen  
SHARPE, Garry  
SMITH, Niall  
SMYTH, Jamie  
SPENCE, Mark  
TEGGART, George  
TOOLAN, Kiefer  
TORNEY, Gerard  
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The President's Visit



Anniversary Dinner - Hogan Cup, O'Keefe Cup, MacRory Cup

# School Events 2010-2011



Fundraiser in New York



The Zambian Immersion Project



The Aisling Awards



A Midsummer's Night Dream

## St. Mary's is awarded IIP status.

On Friday 17th June we were officially told that St. Mary's was to receive the prestigious 'Investors in People' Award. Launched in 1991, Investors in People is an internationally recognised award presented to organisations, including schools, that improve their performance by developing their staff.

The Investors in People framework consists of three fundamental principles:

- Plan - developing strategies to improve the performance of the organisation.
- Do - implementing these strategies.
- Review - evaluating and adjusting these strategies to ensure continuous improvement.

These three principles breakdown into ten indicators; each indicator is subdivided into a number of evidence

requirements. These detail the criteria we were required to meet in order to achieve the Standard. There are 39 evidence requirements in total.

A rigorous assessment was undertaken by an external assessor, Eric Jenkinson. Eric's job was to review our policies and practices in line with each of the ten indicators in order to determine whether there was sufficient evidence that we met the standards required to justify the award of Investors in People status. Evidence was gathered via a review of school documentation and interviews with staff. Particular significance was given to the interviews, as Investors in People judge that it is the experiences of the staff that are the best testament to how well they are valued and developed.

Eric spent two days in the school (13th and 14th June) meeting 24 staff whom he selected from teachers and non-teachers. Eric was hugely impressed by the warmth, collegiality and expertise of all of those he met. He reported on the consistency of the conversations he had with staff who felt supported in their jobs, who welcomed and have met the challenges of our new School Development Plan and who felt professionally enhanced by our review processes.

Eric repeatedly said we had exceeded the quality indicators for the award. He spoke of the sense of family that came through and how the atmosphere in the school for staff was one of ownership and partnership.

In the past three years St. Mary's has experienced many improvements. Our aim throughout has been to improve the educational experiences (curricular and extra curricular) of all our pupils; to help ensure that all our pupils fulfil their potential and enhance their life chances; to strengthen our relationship with the parents of our pupils and the wider community we serve; to improve staff training and to enhance the welfare of all our staff.

It is very encouraging for all of the staff to receive such affirmation as we strive to continually improve St. Mary's for our pupils, staff, parents and community.

*John Martin  
(Curriculum Vice Principal)*



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# Presidential Visit to St. Mary's Grammar School Belfast.

*On the 15th March, President Mary McAleese visited St. Mary's to officiate at the opening of the school's newly refurbished Assembly Hall - named in honour of the President.*

The President was accompanied by her husband Martin, a past pupil of St. Mary's, who represented the school at football and hurling in the 1970s. The president and her husband have maintained strong links with St Mary's during her years in office. They were guests of honour at a gala dinner in the Europa hotel in 1997 to commemorate the closing of Barrack St. – the original site of the Christian Brothers' school in Belfast.

The Assembly Hall, which also includes a school chapel, was burnt down last year in an act of wanton vandalism. It has since been completely refurbished and the President unveiled the new facility in front of a group of students, staff, governors, past pupils and distinguished guests. These included political representatives such as Belfast Lord Mayor Pat Convery, Pat Sheehan- MLA for West Belfast and Alex Atwood MLA along with influential members of the business community.

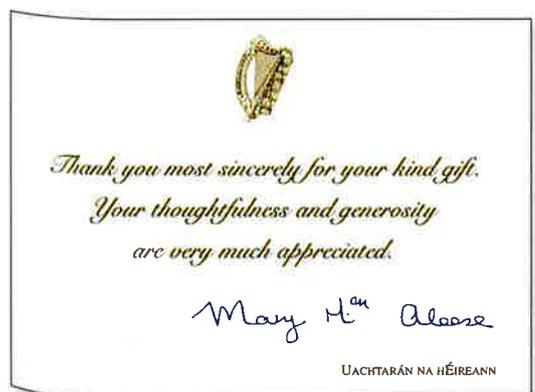
The President's reception committee included Gerry McHugh (Captain) and other representatives of the 1971 All Ireland winning Hogan and O'Keefe Cup teams. This year the school is marking the 40th anniversary of the Hogan victory at a gala dinner in the Ramada on the 15th April. The event will also honour the 25th anniversary of the MacRory Cup victory of 1986.



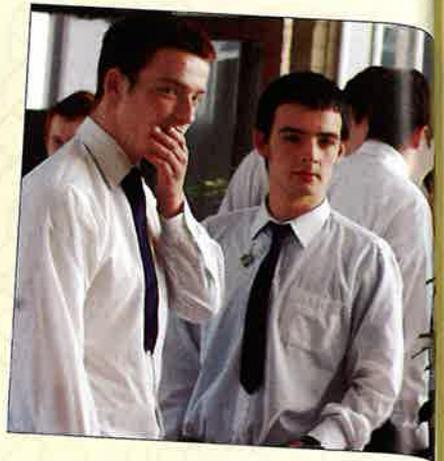
The President also took time to meet staff and senior students who are taking part in the school's award winning Project Zambia (winner of the Aisling Award for Education 2010). The Project has raised over £100,000 to date and supports schools, orphanages and irrigation schemes in the poverty stricken Misisi compound in Lusaka. Together with a group of ten staff and pupils from St. Dominic's Grammar school the St. Mary's students have volunteered to help in the township over the Easter holidays when they will be striving to deliver a range of teaching, construction and medical services as well as improving the living conditions of a group of landless squatters.

The event was a resounding success and was enhanced by an inspirational speech from President McAleese which emphasised the enormous contribution of the Christian Brothers to education in Ireland and beyond. She spoke of her husband's pride in being a past pupil of St. Mary's - "It is such an honour for both Martin and I to have this official opening bestowed upon us. St. Mary's gave Martin such an important education. This school leads to the formation of a human person and through the award winning Project Zambia we have a bunch of fellows bridging the gap between countries to show that we are all God's people. There is a righteous pride that exists in this school and it is the platform to be the best that you possibly can be."

Thanking the President and her husband, Principal Jim Sheerin reiterated Mrs McAleese's words stating- "Our students are a powerful tribute to Irish youth and education." President Mc Aleese sent a thank you card for the gift that she received from the school. It is shown left.



*The personally signed thank you card from President Mary Mc Aleese.*



*Presidential Mary McAleese  
visits to St. Mary's Grammar School Belfast, March 15th 2011*





The President McAleese Assembly Hall  
 Officially opened by The President of Ireland  
 Mary McAleese  
 15th March 2011

# AISLING Awards 2010

At the Europa Hotel on Thursday 25th November 2010, a party from the School representing students, parents, governors and staff attended the annual Aisling Awards for achievement in Belfast.

We were delighted to be awarded the prize for Outstanding Achievement in Education for our work in Zambia. Our Principal accepted on behalf of the whole school community. His remarks captured the ethos of the Zambia project and its meaning for the school.

“Dia daoibh a chairde

I'm delighted to be here to receive this prestigious award.

Firstly, I acknowledge the outstanding work of our colleagues in Corpus Christi College, Open Doors and Girls Model which must have made the decision process extremely difficult.

I thank the judges for their friendly but thorough fact-finding visit and their decision in our favour. Forgive my bias but I wish to commend them for their wisdom.

I thank the Belfast Media group for the Aisling Award programme which highlights the extraordinary achievements of our changing city of Belfast. Thanks too, to the Kennedy Centre the sponsors of the Educational Award.

I have followed the Aisling awards with interest over the years although I never anticipated standing here to receive one.

I stand here in the reflected glory of the work in Zambia for the past 8 years of St Mary's staff, parents, students and friends.

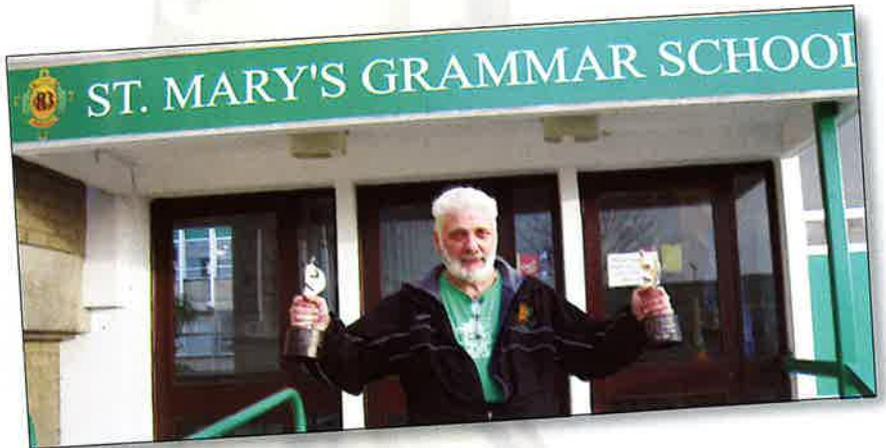
This is a wonderful affirmation of the contribution, however modest, we have made and is a wonderful incentive to greater efforts.

The Irish proverb reminds us that "Ní neart go chur le chéile", our very best strength lies in working together. Our school will continue to do that in Zambia with the wider support of the community.

Well done again to our wonderful staff and students.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go léir.”

*Mr J. Sheerin, November 2010*



## Fundraising Trip to New York

As part of our fundraising campaign in aid of the 3G Arena, four past pupils organised a breakfast in the New York headquarters of KPMG on Thursday 24th February at 7:45 am.

They were;

**Shaun Kelly**, COO KPMG USA  
**Máirtín Ó Muilleoir**, President Irish Echo  
**Gerry McCrory**, Managing Director Cross Atlantic Capital Partners, USA  
**Damian Barr**, President, Sylvan Rentals, Inc.

The invitation read as follows;

*Jim Sheerin, Principal St Mary's CBS, Belfast invites you to a*

### **Business Breakfast**

*on  
Thursday 24th February at 7:45 am*

*to benefit the 3G Sports Arena,  
St Mary's CBS School, Belfast*

*at KPMG Conference Center \**

*37th Floor*

*345 Park Avenue*

*New York, NY 10154s.*

Irish media mogul, Máirtín Ó Muilleoir with the help of alumni Damien Barr, Gerard McCrory and particularly Shaun Kelly, organised the breakfast fundraising event on Friday 25th February.

This was held in the superb Conference Suite of KPMG Park Avenue where Shaun is Vice-Chair of Operations. A wide range of people generously supported the event from industry, business, finance, education, the arts and a number of Irish advocate societies.

Other alumni present also included Conall Dempsey from Philadelphia, Dermot Hartigan from Washington and Eamon Burgoyne and Mal McHugh from New York all of whom made generous donations.

Mr. Sheerin, the Principal made a presentation on behalf of the Project and there was widespread support expressed from the floor.

Kieran McLoughlin (President of the Worldwide Ireland Funds) was the first from the floor to offer a donation of \$7,500 and others generously added to that sum.

In total over \$30,000 was raised towards our 3G Sports Centre.

A wonderfully successful event which brings us one step closer to building our 3G Sports arena.



*KPMG conference suite, New York.*



*Mr. Sheerin presents his plans for the 3G sports centre.*



*Mr. Sheerin with guests and past pupils.*



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# Hogan Cup & O'Keefe Cup 40th Anniversary

*On Friday 15th of April the Hogan/O'Keefe 40th Anniversary and MacRory 25th Anniversary Dinner was held at the Ramada Hotel.*

It was a great occasion for old friends and former team members to meet and talk about days gone by. All guests were given a 64 page souvenir booklet.

The players from the victorious teams left with souvenirs marking their fantastic achievements. Ciaran Barr, Antrim and St Mary's first hurling All-star, presented the O'Keefe Cup to members of the successful 1971 team.

Many of our alumni travelled from afar to attend the event. Noel Carlin arrived from Western Australia, Fr Christopher Hogg returned from Brazil, Frank Toman and Paddy Weir came from England and John McCullough, Sean Grieve, Paul Fox, Gerry Kelly and Simon O'Doherty came from the USA. Dr Dermot Diamond, a former teacher in St Mary's and now a Professor in DCU, was also present on the night.

Shaun Kelly (class of '77) flew in from Brazil to attend. Shaun, from KPMG in New York City, organised the successful fund raising breakfast in KPMG's New York Head Quarters and was presented with a St Mary's sweat shirt by Mr Jim Sheerin, principal of St Mary's. Shaun's great efforts in encouraging past pupils and members of the East Coast Irish American community to attend the breakfast was recognised and the sum of \$32,000 raised on the 25th of February will go towards the building of an indoor sports arena for school and community use. The school is also grateful for the generous donations made via the table draw on the night which totalled £5000.

Conal Heatley and team manager Eddie Mc Toal then led the 1986 Mac Rory Cup winning team, including the famous "Cleveland Connection" onto the stage for

their presentation. They were presented with their trophies by the great Bro Ennis, whose contribution to gaelic games throughout Ulster, was acknowledged by a standing ovation as he came on stage. Jim Magilton and Conal Heatley were presented with Mac Rory Cup medals after 25 long years.

Mark Jordan, the Mc Larnon Cup captain from 2011 was presented to the audience and interviewed by the comper for the night, Jerome Quinn. During the night, Jerome showed interviews with various characters from the three teams being honoured. (The full interviews can be viewed on <http://www.jeromequinnmedia.com/video/Schools--Colleges>).

Finally the Hogan Cup winners of 1971 received their specially designed crystal paperweights, inset with an image of the Hogan Cup. These were designed by Ann Eastwood from Crumlin whose husband Joe won a Mageean Cup medal with St Mary's in 1970. Gerry Mc Hugh and his team were joined on stage by Canon Malachy Murphy, chaplain to the Hogan Cup winning team. Hogan Cup historian and author Gerry Buckley was delighted with his night in Belfast with this unique set of players.





The display of cups prior to the presentation



Guests and team members



**Mac Rory Cup winning team, 1986**



# A Midsummer Night's Dream

Midsummer 2010 and the school assembly hall was a charred wreck. It seemed that our planned December production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' might be just that- more dream than practical reality. The show, as they say though, must go on.

The concept was challenging. It always feels like a big responsibility to stage a Shakespeare production, since he's such a prominent feature of the English and Drama syllabuses. We planned special effects and a version of the play that could be enjoyed by someone with no knowledge of Shakespeare but would also satisfy aficionados of 'the bard'. Did we succeed? I'll get to that later...

We had excellent raw materials to build with- enthusiasm, energy, talent, and determination. I should add glamour to that list- provided by the four actresses Miss Canavan, Miss Stitt, Miss Rooney and Dr. McCaffrey. The audience (and the director) were blown away by the dedication and professional displayed by all four. Each brought their own personal interpretation to their respective roles and in doing so breathed fresh life into 400 year old roles. Their efforts weren't without rewards though, and Miss Stitt (Hermia) never tired of beating up Donnchadh Fitzsimmons (Demetrius), even if it was only a stage fight.

It would be great to have the scope to mention all the students involved in the performance, but since that's not possible here, it's probably best not to single out any individual. Suffice it to say that there was a glittering array of talent on display. No one sat back and rested on their laurels- everyone constantly strove to improve, adapt and perfect their performances, so I never ceased to be impressed, right up to the final performance. In summary- the cast, not forgetting the 'sprite lifters' combined to make me look good, so I'm forever grateful for that.

Music was a key element of the show. Under Miss Porter's guiding light, we had incidental music, atmospheric music, three songs, music to accompany the introduction of individual characters, traditional music, original pieces written specifically for the show. Most of the music had a Celtic flavour in keeping with the show's theme, but also included diverse elements, from Arvo Part's 'Spiegel im Spiegel' performed with harp and cello, to Newton Faulkner's 'Dream Catch Me' performed by over twenty 'singing sprites'. All this involved a massive number of students performing on and off stage, excellently managed by Mr Herron. It's too easy to overlook the talents of Christine, the sound technician, who pulled off an amazing feat acoustically, involving a multitude of various microphones, and overcoming complex challenges due to the shape of the set and other technical matters.

The set was designed around the show's special effects. The attempt to create the illusion of 'flying sprites' involved Herculean efforts from several sources. All windows had to be completely blacked out (courtesy of Mr Turley), the stage floor, backdrop and wings had to be totally black (Callum Whyte). About 40 sprites' faces, bodies and costumes needed to be painted with UV reactive make-up and paint. This feat had to be repeated for every single performance. Students and teachers headed off to the Art department and returned as works of art. I still don't know how Miss McGonagle and the others pulled it off but the end results were beyond what I could have hoped for. Mrs Gibson and other members of Art were also responsible for Oberon's 'rocky lair', so made a huge contribution to the show. Mrs Breen and Mrs Farag's talents were indispensable in dressing the set. Mr Linden proved to be a tank in set construction. Miss Green and Mrs Breen did everything relating to costume, and I'm particularly grateful that I always could rely on them for the initiative displayed in 'guessing' any demands that were required as changes were made.

I'll apologise again for the many individuals I've failed to mention individually here, but if you've read this far, you'll have some awareness of the huge group effort that went into the show. Was it a success? I mentioned earlier that we strove to appeal both to Shakespearean experts and those who knew nothing of his work. Without stating who might fit any of these categories, both Mr Dermot Campfield (recently retired St Mary's teacher of English) and Mr Tom Murphy (Head of Politics) expressed at length their genuine enjoyment of the show. This is enough for me to conclude that we did our job well. The 'dream' is over. Heartfelt thanks to every single person involved. Onwards to the next challenge...

*Mr P Laverty*





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# Diary of the Year 2010-2011



**September 2010:**  
European Day of Languages Quiz.



**October 2010:** Pope John Paul II Award



**December 2010:** A Midsummer Night's Dream



**February 2011:** New York, New York



**April 2011:** Hogan Cup & O'Keefe Cup  
40th Anniversary



**May 2011:**  
Re-Dedication of  
School Oratory



**January 2011:**  
Spanish Department Play



**March 2011:** Presidential visit to St. Mary's



**June 2011:** St. Mary's Year 8 hurlers win the Ulster  
Colleges Hurling blitz.



**November 2010:**  
Aisling Award

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# The Zambian Immersion Trip

## Back to Zambia: Report from St. Mary's CBGS Project Zambia

home. Nevertheless, the singing, dancing and sheer enthusiasm of the congregation had all of us enthralled and captivated - no one was looking at their watches or even thinking about time.

From the next day we settled into the rhythm of Africa - getting up early, grabbing a light breakfast, getting to our various immersion sites, working hard,

Looking out from the plane over a beautiful African landscape as dawn broke above Lusaka I was struck by how green everything looked. The rainy season had just finished and the land looked lush and fertile. This year, at least, the rains had not been as severe as in previous years so flooding would not be a major problem for the people of the margins where we work. In Africa too much rain can be as problematic as too little as it can destroy crops, wash away mud huts and shacks and burst open pit latrines creating perfect conditions for diseases such as dysentery and cholera. At least the people of the slums and villages of Misisi and Mapepe would be spared that. I wondered what awaited us.

This was the eighth immersion visitation by St. Mary's CBGS to our host communities in and around Lusaka since our first school group ventured there in 2003. Over the years we have established very close bonds with the people of Zambia and the religious orders who support them. I often wondered just how the people of the host communities viewed us. Did they see us simply as visitors who came into their lives for a couple of weeks every year and then disappeared until the following year? Did they see us as friends who try to help them to make a difference to the lives of the most vulnerable? Did they see us as outsiders who share nothing with their communities, their sufferings and their poverty-stricken lives? It was after some days in Zambia this year that I found out exactly what we - the St. Mary's community - mean to them.

### From airport to immersion

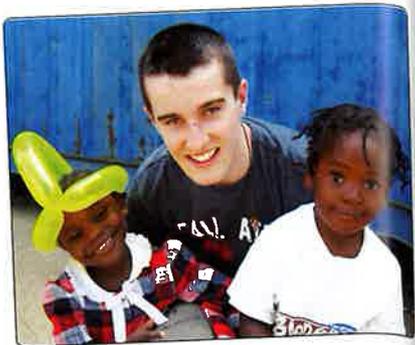
As usual we were greeted by Sister Bernard at the airport and the larger than life Zambia nun (and Airport Chaplain) shepherded all 30 of us (20 from St. Mary's and 10 from our sister immersion school, St. Dominic's) through the immigration and customs as Zambia nationals! Mr. Soko (our usual bus/transport organiser) picked us up and brought us to Ku'Omboka Backpackers where we spent the next couple of hours organising dormitories, unpacking our bags, sorting out mosquito nets and generally getting ready for the days and tasks ahead. The rest of the day was spent getting



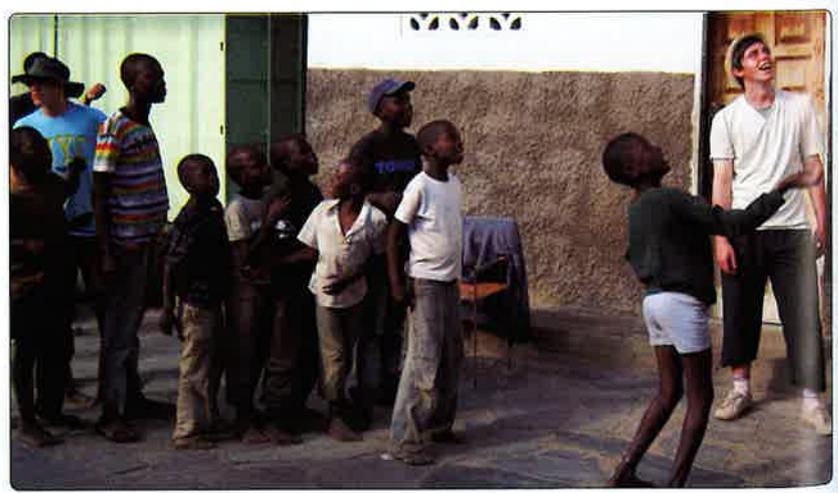
used to our new surroundings and visiting some of the immersion sites that would become the centre of our lives for the next 10 days and would give us experiences and memories that will continue to touch us for the rest of our lives. Sunday was Palm Sunday and we joined the procession which went from the centre of Lusaka and ended up at St. Ignatius' Church. It was a most colourful and joyful occasion with a genuine sense of celebration. Our school groups were welcomed at the start of mass by Father Joe, a Jesuit priest who has said mass for us numerous times before. In Africa an 'ordinary' mass will take at least 2 hours so it was no surprise that this special Palm Sunday celebration took a little more time than we would expect at

playing with the children, listening to the stories of the old people in Mapepe village (while Cecilia translated), laughing with the orphans in Kabwata, shedding more than a tear when we witnessed the inhuman conditions of Misisi slum in which countless tens of thousands of people are condemned to live and die, listening and learning to the wisdom and dreams of Peter Tembo and Angela Miyanda, feeling so proud of the difference our school has made to the lives of so many in the margins (never was an Aisling Award so deservedly earned), making new friends and returning to Ku'Omboka Hostel tired, energised, angry, inspired and determined.





No two days are the same on immersion. One day you could be lifting concrete block from a truck to help build the school in Mapepe or Misisi, the next you would be washing the clothes of the orphans or cooking 'n'shima' for them in Kabwata Orphanage. You might find yourself painting the classrooms in St. Catherine's School in Misisi or playing football with the street children in the Home of Hope in the St. Lawrence's Centre. During our 10 days on the immersion programme we achieved much. Numerous classrooms were painted and decorated with Ms. Laura McToal and Alan Hunter supervising the rest of us who are no quite so artistically talented. The school in Mapepe was roofed, Mrs. Tohill ensured that the science room in St. Catherine's has a definite 'biological feel' to it and Mr. Declan Bunting's coaching skills were ably employed in the Home of Hope. Yet there is one thing that all of us did every day - we grew closer to the people in the margins - so much so that they have become a new family for us and all of us have truly become their brothers and sisters.



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**The death and funeral of Kebby Tembo**

What really brought it home to me just how close our school is to the communities we work with was the death of a young African man, Kebby Tembo. He was the son of one of our main friends in Africa, Peter Tembo - the leader of the community in Misisi slum and a man of incredible energy and vision who has dedicated his life to improving the lives of his people through education and empowerment. He is nothing less than a modern day prophet. We have worked in support of Peter through the building of the St. Lawrence's Centre and the St. Catherine's Centre. Peter is normally requesting financial support for building materials or for some of our volunteers to come to Misisi to help with some project. So when my phone rang I wondered what it would be this time. Peter's voice was breaking as he uttered the words, 'Come quick, please, my son Kebby is dead.' Ten minutes later I was sitting in the St. Catherine's Centre with Mrs. Tohill trying to find some words of comfort for Peter. Kebby had been ill with tuberculosis for some time but his death was completely unexpected. Kebby had hoped to send for his wife (who was living some distance away caring for her elderly parents) to

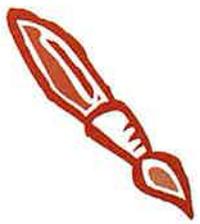


join him and their two children when he got better. She was unable to attend the funeral. Peter informed us that he hadn't enough money to buy a coffin and that Kebby would have to be buried in a blanket. Mrs. Tohill and I assured him that the two school groups would cover the costs of the funeral. Peter had one further request. 'I want all of you to come to Kebby's funeral. He was my son and you are also my family.'

Standing in the middle of Leopard's Hill Crematory among hundreds of people from Misisi slum - and thirty people from Ireland - at the funeral of Kebby Tembo was one of the most emotional experiences I have ever had. Looking around at all of the faces of the people there as Ruairi Fisher and Emer Johnston played a haunting lament on the tin whistle as Kebby Tembo's body was laid to rest I realised just how deeply this great school of ours has impacted upon these communities in the margins and how they have affected us.

**Dr. A. Donaldson**





# Literary Section

Editor Mrs M. Jennings

## Diary of a Soldier 23rd March 1918

Dear Diary,

I am Lieutenant Patrick Henderson. After I arrived here at training camp and got my uniform and equipment, I had a pretty good time...until now.

I joined the British Forces in November 1915 and found it easy to slot in with the rest of the army. I am part of the Cheshire Regiment of 1,000 men and am the leader of E Company. I know a lot of the people in the regiment, like Sergeant Michael Jones, who was in the same school as me. Also, there was Lieutenant James Mason, who was the leader of A Company. He was my best friend all through my childhood.

Note how I said 'was'. He is dead. I remember it like it happened only yesterday. April 8th, 1917 and we were on stand-to at dawn when a bombardment happened. Shell after shell was launched from artillery weapons at our sector. We answered with rifle and machine-gun fire as they come running across No Man's Land in an attack on our front line. That was when it happened .....

Lt. Mason popped his head up too high and a bullet from a sniper rifle penetrated his skull like a knife through paper. I watched him collapse. He lay there, looking at me. That image has returned to my head just now as I talk about it. That filled me with so much anger and resentment towards the German Forces.

He didn't deserve to die. He had a heart of gold, pure dedication and love for his country. He died for his country. He was the main person who stayed by me through the war. Now he's gone and I think I have no hope for what lies ahead for me and the army.

All the boys at the training ground have shown me sympathy since that horrific event. I thank them for what they have done, but it won't revive him. He is gone and there is nothing I can do about it.

Battle at the front line is pretty intense, heart-pounding and exciting at times, but when there's no attack it is very boring. All there is to do is to lie around and play cards or try to get some sleep while it's quiet. I and Sgt. Jones have persevered through what is hopefully the last segment of the War. It has to end soon because I hear we are driving the German Forces back. But we know it won't be easy because we know, deep down in the pit of our stomachs, we have to fight to win. The rats and lice don't make it any easier. The rats scuttle across you at night and it really frightens you at first, but then you get used to it. Lice,



however, is your own problem. You have to burn them off with a lighted cigarette end.

I don't know why the forces on both sides don't realise what a catastrophic price this will cost for both sides in this conflict. Thousands upon thousands of casualties accumulate, all because of jealousy and hatred towards one another. War is a terrible thing and so few people actually realise it.

Goodbye,  
Lieutenant Patrick Henderson.

P.S. If I die, please pass this diary on to my family. I want them to know the true conditions of war and that the newspapers and telegrams are not what they seem.

Eamon McFadden 10F



## Death Before Dishonour

*The door on his cell slammed open, with an almighty crash not unlike thunder. It echoed in the tiny cell, causing the walls and his bed to vibrate. Two grim faced guards stood, shotguns in rest positions, with an officer between them.*

*It was time.*

"Get up," the officer snapped. He looked at the clock on his cell wall. Ten to six in the morning, British time. Ten minutes. Then it would all be over.

The guards stepped in and grabbed him roughly by the arms, half throwing and half dragging him out of the cell. The officer kicked him and he stumbled forward. He regained himself quickly, not wanting another beating. He remembered the flogging he'd endured already. The bruises on his back were a sickly, bright purple and burned like the fires of hell when he moved. Yet he marched on. By his count, it was now seven to six.

He thought back to the incident. He and the others, sitting in their barracks. Buzz was cleaning his rifle, Knife was praying and he was talking to Ginger. He had commented on how stupid the colonel was for his tactics. The colonel happened to be passing. He stormed in and dragged him out. He publicly flogged him, in front of the entire regiment. He wasn't even given a trial. He was given a half hour of the officers speaking against him. They accepted no evidence from him.

Half an hour for a man's life. Hardly seems fair. It was too late now. The colonel called him a worm, all sorts of names and none of them good. Never had names bothered him- until then.

It was five to six by his count.

He stepped into the courtyard, frost clinging to the grass. The air was crisp and cold as the sun began its slow ascent to the west. The sky that remained untouched by the sun's bathing rays was still dark, the stars in full shine, yet falling to the morn. Despite himself, he smiled. He thought back to the time when he had decided to join up. The air had been crisp and cold, the stars were still out and the sun had just begun to rise. 'You'll end where you begin,' as his father used to say. He smiled at the memory. Three minutes to six he guessed.

Three other soldiers stood in the courtyard, yet he could see their backs. They wore the same coloured armour he had, a few days ago. It seemed a lifetime. He was pushed against the wall and tied to a post. He didn't bother to fight back. The priest came up, with the black hood and went to put it over his head. He shook his head vigorously. If he would die, he'd look his comrades in the eyes as they pulled the triggers. The priest mumbled and made the sign of the cross, moving back as the soldiers turned, with the officer beside them. He barely resisted the urge to laugh. It was Buzz, Knife and Ginger. God, or at the very least, the commanders, had a very sadistic sense of humour.

He watched as his old squad-mates' expressions turned from that of stony duty-bound men, to friends showing signs of shock, horror and disgust.

Shock, that it would be them pulling the trigger on their friend; horror, that he would watch them do it; disgust at the sadistic pleasure their commanders were no doubt getting from this.

"Attention!" the officer roared as the trio of soldiers snapped to attention.

'I fear no evil, I fear no death, for God comes for me,' he thought to himself.

"Present arms!" the officer bellowed and the soldiers readied their rifles.

"May God, spread your divine light to protect me from the darkness," he mumbled.

"Take aim!" the officer bellowed again, raising his 9mm pistol and aiming for his chest. His old friends did the same with their assault rifles, poorly controlled tears in their eyes.

"Fear is naught, for my faith is strong!" he screamed, turning his head to the heavens.

"Fire!" the officer ordered. The soldiers followed without question. A thundering crack told the world it was over. He was untied from the post and dragged to a pit. He was thrown in, topping a pile of dozens. He had no name. He did not exist. He was forgotten by God and Empire.

*Daniel Boyd*



# Letter from the Front

Dear Emily,

Today was one of the most awful days I have ever had. We have lost most of our men, including a soldier who was extremely close to me and an excellent friend. He was called Fred Patterson. He was very funny and had a good sense of humour and cheered me up when I was depressed. I have also been shot in the leg and I am badly limping like an old man with crumbly bones. The sound of grenades and people dying is dreadful. It sounds like someone banging drums repeatedly in my ear. The pain in my leg is so painful that it is like someone holding a blowtorch on my leg and not moving the slightest bit.

I am in the grip of shell shock now. I am currently using first aid and I can't even smoke. They



say I can't smoke because if I do then I could give away our position by the smoke rising into the atmosphere. My job is to sit on the MH42 turret gun and watch into No Man's Land in case enemy soldiers try to sneak up on us. I hate the war so much. I am doing it for the good of my country so that we can all be free and live in peace. I hate killing people. I just think of them as moving targets- it helps me cope. I have no choice otherwise what good would I be?

I can't describe how much I am missing you. I miss your personality, your comfort. I miss the beautiful food you make with gravy and chicken and most of all I miss our beautiful children. Tell Rebecca and Brian that I love them and miss them dearly. Hopefully the war will be over soon and I can get back home to you. Tell all my friends that I am fine. Please pray for me and my comrades. Try not to worry about me.

Love forever,  
Tom  
Ciaran McCartan 10E

# The Assault

The war ships came from all directions to the island of Altran, and they docked in the numerous ports of the island; archaic and massive, capable of holding the greatest vessels the world has witnessed. The men upon these ships were destructive and barbaric, killing all in their path. Any man that would dare to ask the mercy of these people found none; they were slaughtered like pigs with cut throats and amputated limbs, their blood spilling and staining the ground on which they lay. They were ruthless. The men were lead by the infamous Slover.

Slover was a tall, dark haired man and he towered over all of his enemies...and his own men! He was the greatest warrior of this world and his enemies were ones that would strike fear into any who were confronted by such things. He destroyed those from beyond this world-The Demons of Hell. He bore a scar upon his chest; a crucifix of Christ, along with a sacred ring. Both fended off all the powers and temptations whose origin was hell. However there were some spirits, strong spirits, who could resist these charms. The demon Mesto, the Devil's favourite, could do so. Solver had the power to discern between these strong forces so they were able to deceive their enemies, not him. Even in sleep he was aware. Never truly did he sleep.

After the docking there was a large horn call that bellowed

from the ships and all harkened to its call. Out from the ship jumped Slover and all followed him. The army of barbarians massed on the West green plains of Altran. The army was camped there for twelve hours before the assault, but unbeknown to Slover and his men they had been detected by the scouts and skilled assassins of the castle. On this occasion, Slover had miscalculated the enemy's plans. For all his subtleties he was not always wise. Now the Castle of Altran was cunningly planning its counter attack.

Suddenly and abruptly, sections of the army were crushed beneath a fiery mass. Many were launched into the air, burning as they went. Huge craters were etched into the land. An almost molten upsurge erupted forth with each hideous impact. The catapults of the castle had retaliated with vengeance and fury. It had begun. The green fields of West Altran were ravaged and destroyed but the army was hardly harmed or scathed. They roared an advance towards the castle, pillaging and burning the towns and villages they tramped through. Each village was victim to the fires that lit the thatches ablaze and scorched the skin of men women and children. The bodies were naked and bare and were tossed aside in a mound for burning. The people were tortured and mutilated, their limbs thrown aside like a scrap of meat.

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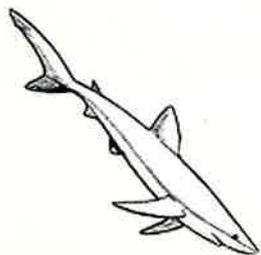
## Mini Sagas



### Drive by Shooting

The young boy was walking home from school. He cut through a dangerous neighbourhood. A car turned the corner and the driver noticed the boy. He recognised him as the younger brother of a member of a rival gang. The black tinted window rolled down and a small pistol emerged. As a wave of bullets seemed to engulf him, the boy thought this would be his last day on earth. The murderer had to reload and the boy used the fleeting moment to escape.

Conor McCarry 9A



### The Shark

The happy honeymoon couple were swimming calmly in the beautiful blue sea. The water was warm and sparkling under a blazing hot sun. The man had a deep cut on his foot. He did not know that the blood was oozing out of it. Nearby a terrifying shark could smell the fresh blood and followed it. He swallowed the man whole.

Paul McCoe 9A



### The Sea

The young surfer picked up his board, not realising what lay ahead for him. He ran across the beach into the salty blue ocean. The bitterly cold water sent a shiver up his spine and made his fingers and feet go numb. A huge wave hit him. The water was stinging his eyes and its force pushed him ashore. Water gushing around him, he lay motionless on the hot sand, absorbing the impact of the wave.

Stephen McGreevy 9A

### The Bank Job

Two small time crooks, Billy Ray and his partner Nick Steel were attempting to rob the biggest bank in the world. Everything was carefully planned: drop in from the roof, keep people hostage, load the money and escape all in ten minutes. The reward-ten million pounds!

Everything went to plan until Billy shot Nick in the arm and attempted to steal the money for himself. Nick got up and shot Billy in the leg declaring "FBI! You're under arrest."

Cops swarmed in and arrested Billy. Everyone left the bank except for Nick. He grabbed the heavy bag full of cash, shot the officer tending to the frightened hostages and disappeared over the horizon in a speeding car.

Owen McCrudden 9A

### The Darkness

It was a bright night so he took the shortcut but just as the shadows of tall buildings blacked out the path, he heard scuttling sounds ahead and looked behind him. As he turned, he saw nothing but the penumbra that lurked beyond. These shadows that loomed gave the impression of an ominous presence; of something that he could not yet perceive. He quickened his pace. As he did so he heard echoing footsteps behind him. He was acutely aware of this encroaching entity.

He began to run. His knees felt weak, his breath grew heavier. He began to panic, and as he broke into the darkness ahead he caught his footing and stumbled to the hard concrete below him. He turned and gazed, his eyes full of fear and anticipation. There it was; a being of shadow and darkness, wreathed in evil, born of iniquity. There he saw no face, only a hood that contained within a black abyss, a deep pit of shadow and evil. Slowly and cautiously two dark wells of red light emerged from within this abyss.

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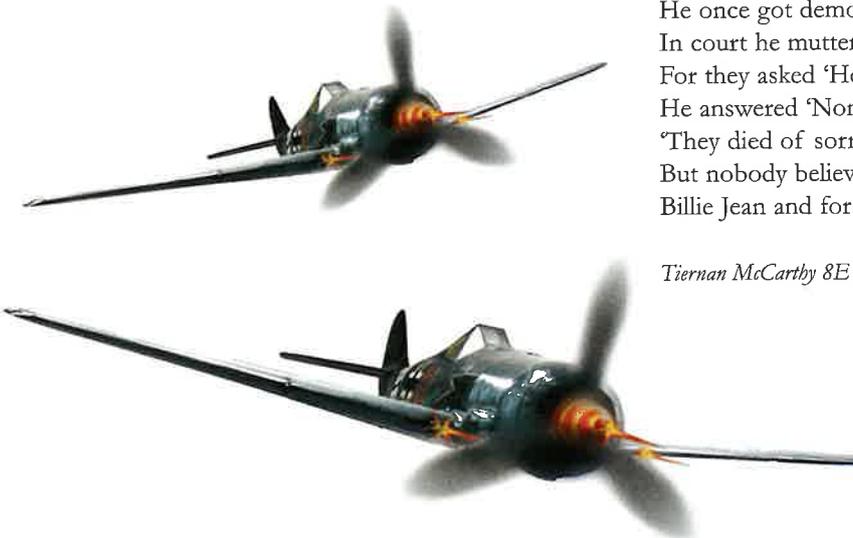


# Poets' Corner

## WAR

There once was a soldier call Billie Jean  
 Who was afraid to fight for he was a Pacifist.  
 He once got demoted because they said he killed his team.  
 In court he muttered it was not his fault.  
 For they asked 'How many have you killed?'  
 He answered 'None- I'm a pacifist'  
 'They died of sorrow,' he said  
 But nobody believed poor  
 Billie Jean and for now he rots in prison.

*Tiernan McCarthy 8E*



### *The End of summer*

Summer is a time of joy,  
 The sun beating down on every girl and boy.  
 Ice cream melting slowly away,  
 In the sun for most of the day.  
 All the children laugh and play,  
 But summer is not here to stay.  
 Days getting shorter,  
 School getting closer,  
 And before you know it's the end-  
 Dark days ahead.

*Brian McKinley 9B*

### *Taken from Mankind*

*The fear of being shot  
 Still rattles my brain.  
 Disfigured corpses on the ground.  
 No movement, nor sound.  
 Blood trails of innocent  
 people led to locked rooms.*

*This really is obscene,  
 I cannot feel love any more.  
 Germans  
 took it from me.*

*I am locked away,  
 kept in captivity.  
 No light, no one to comfort me.  
 The hissing of the  
 showers and screams  
 within chill my spirit.  
 I was next, as they  
 closed the doors and  
 turned on the showers.  
 I took my last breath, I knew it was the end.*

*James Maguire 9B*

## Poets' Corner

### Home is where the Bass is

Oh how the display of striking guitars,  
That glowed in the darkness drew me in as always,  
Entering the exciting space once more,  
Like I was returning home.

My eyes gazed longingly at the selection  
Of basses that hung on the walls like photo frames.  
Lifting one off the perch it weighed heavily,  
Awakening the fiery dragon as my fingers  
Connect with its strong thick strings.

The beast's roar blared through the amplifier,  
Drowning out the voices as my fingers ran up and down its shiny surface.  
Its deep tone echoed around the small room,  
Making my heart feel truly at ease.

Gradually the wealthy men departed with  
An ample amount of gear.  
Leaving me alone with the dragons-  
And their keeper.

Sean Quinn 9B

### Day and Night

Day and night, I toss and turn,  
I keep stressing my mind,  
I look for peace but see I don't attain,  
What I need for keeps-this silly game we play.

Now look at this. Madness to magnet keeps attracting me.  
I try to run but see I'm not that fast,  
I think I'm first but surely finish last,  
But that's just day and night.

Hold the phone, the lonely man  
Mr. Solo is down low. He's on the move,  
Can't seem to shake the shade,  
But that's just day and night.

Nathan Curran 9D



### The Piano

I gently press my fingers on the keys,  
Just like a feather blowing in the winter wind.  
My fingers glide from E and F to A and B.  
The tune carries my mind away.

As I start to play my chords,  
I imagine my wife beside me,  
Her gentle fingertips pressing down on mine.  
She suddenly disappears,  
And my eyes fill with tears.  
What more have I to lose?  
I am alone with my piano.

Niall Park 8E

### The Enemy

*The air screamed, the ground shook,  
The bodies around me! I couldn't look.  
I thought I would be proud,  
I thought it would be fun,  
But now the time has come and I am shouldering a gun.*

*The enemy fired but so did we,  
The tanks exploded and blinded me.  
Smoke was in the air but I could not see,  
The horror in my friend's eyes as he looked back at me.*

*We plucked up our courage, stood side by side,  
We charged together with strength and pride.  
A bullet was fired, it flew past my head,  
I turned myself round but my friend was dead.*

*I was on my own, life was slipping away,  
I could hear their laughter,  
I gazed upwards at the stars,  
There was no happy ever after.*

Niall Park 8E



## War

I saw the smoke  
I saw the newly dead.  
I saw the brothers I fought with-scattered.

I felt the sense of pity  
For the enemy we fought,  
For reasons unknown,  
They died for a useless cause.

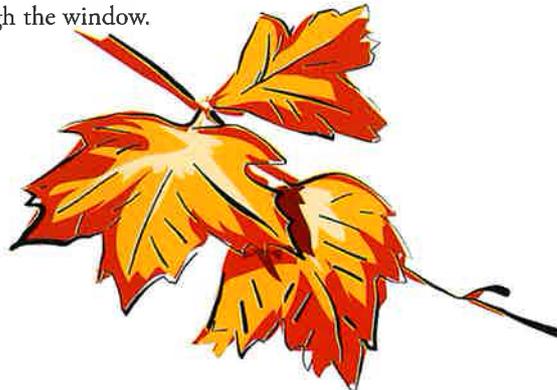
I breathed and took a pause  
I checked for signs of life.  
I found none.  
I am alone in this futile fight.

*Ciaran Connolly 9D*

## The Seasons

The winter chill seeps through my window,  
The rain pelts against the pane.  
But then the flowers are growing,  
With rain as their food.  
The summer has dawned  
And it smiles at me through the window.

*Matthew Grant 8D*



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Even though we're a thousand miles apart  
The disaster which unfolded in Japan  
Touches every human heart.

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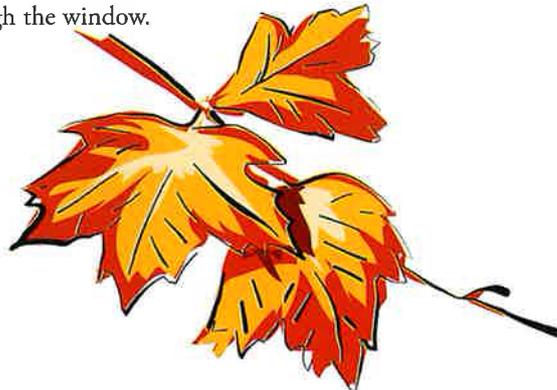
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The distinct smell of decomposing leaf,  
Pavements covered in colours of crimson and brown,  
The noises of gushing wind carrying raindrops,  
Raindrops that cannot restore life in the leaves.

Now the white blanket comes but does not keep you warm.  
Icicles of glass spread everywhere,  
My house is like an oven-  
Inside a freezer.

Spring appears and restores life,  
Flowers sing to the heavens.  
Summer comes and the flowers sing sadly,  
Knowing that autumn is on its way.

*Stephen Geddis 9D*

## Toy Soldiers

The toy soldiers lie heaped on the ground.  
Some green, some brown.  
I pick them up and knock them down,  
But they don't make a sound.  
I play with them,  
I put them sway,  
I take them out another day.

Now they are all alone,  
Sitting there without a home.  
My brother makes them bend and break,  
It's just too much for them to take.  
My mummy says they're getting old,  
So now they sleep there in the cold.

*Paul Bradley 8F*





# The Fault of the Hunt

*Valen ensconced himself in the thicket. He lay flat on his stomach and placed three bone-tipped arrows before him. The river, which flowed from a stolid glacier that slumbered somewhere higher in the mountain, silently splashed over the rocks and continued downstream, its icy edges glistening under the rising moon's curious eye.*



The sun, now low in the sky, illuminated slivers of gold in the water. Vibrant fish darted here and there. A slight breeze stirred the air, though a scent of vegetation hung in the meadow, like it could not be stolen by any earthly wind.

The ground below Valen was cold and loose. It was comprised of trampled reed grass and unsettled sediment from the river. The prints told him that the elk he had been tracking had been in the meadow only a half - hour before. Valen waited now, and watched with a practised eye. He observed his unbounded surroundings and took note of the sudden drop further north of the clearing. A brooding mist had been slithering down from the moors' peak. These conditions were typical in the highlands and were the main reason why so many people avoided hunting in the moors, refusing to track game into the craggy recesses of what had been nicknamed the Woelands.

The sun finally slipped under the other side of the mountain and the clearing was enshrouded in darkness. Valen now relied on his senses, which would determine whether his hunt was successful. He listened into the dusk, into the darkness of the forest ... and was rewarded. The gentle thump of hoof on the forest floor, and the snorts from the invisible creature prepared Valen. He removed his bow from the buckskin tube that was fastened between his shoulder and waist and locked one of the arrows onto the flax - woven string. He took a silent, deep breath of the crisp night air and

tightened his grip on his weapon. All his work of the last two days had led to this moment, finding the tracks, tirelessly following the trail through the awkward inclines and drops of the highlands and then finally finding the meadow where the herd rested. A young elk stepped out of the dense woodland into the clearing.

The moonlight enveloped its large antlers and it snorted loudly, creating a small cloud of warmth against the night's chilling temperature. The magnificent animal abruptly surveyed its surroundings, and then dropped its head to drink. Valen observed the prey, his cold eyes searching for the fatal place to strike. He decided that the neck of the creature was the most vulnerable, and that an arrow there would most likely stun it; a second arrow would then be needed to finally kill it. Valen drew back the bowstring and he lined up his shot. His instinct then took over, his hand steady and his face was hard. He released his grip on the string and the arrow hissed through the air towards the elk. The animal bolted upright, and the arrow missed by a finger's breadth, spiralling into the darkness. Immediately the animal bellowed a cry of alarm, throwing nesting birds into the black sky, and thundered, into the woodland. Valen cursed, and then lunged forward, out of the thicket. He bounded the embankment and sprinted across the meadow. However there was a river to be manoeuvred. He quickly placed his bow back into the tube over his shoulder and fastened the strap, securing his kit in place. He trundled into the freezing river. Its raw, bitter

temperature attacked him. The water climbed above his waist and its torrent became perilously strong. His footing began to slip. He had misjudged the river's strength. Valen's feet were swept from under him and he was thrown into the deep of the river. He was thrown downstream by the force of the torrent and each frenzied gasp for air was met by another mouthful of water. His senses flooded back to him and he gained a small degree of composure. He made a brisk attempt to break to the surface but collided with something hard. He was propelled back down into the inclement depths. He tumbled twice and then spiralled across the river's breadth. He then noticed the lodged rocks between the embankment and other glacial debris that hadn't been plundered by the river. He scrambled for the hold and his hands locked around a small outcropping of rock that supported his grip. He pulled himself against the furious torrent and clambered out of the wintry water. He dragged himself off the rock, clear of the river and writhed onto the bank. He fell onto his back and gasped for breath, sucking in mouthfuls of the chilling mountain air. He then shook violently in his drenched clothes. His body became heavy, and his breathing slowed to a sluggish pace. Exhaustion invaded his limbs and he couldn't find the strength to raise an arm. Under the velvet sky, his eyes glazed over and the air pressed a weight down onto him. He began falling backwards, down a shrouded incline and was enveloped by a hazed, abyss of sleep.

Martin Reid 11D

# Silver Sacrifice

During twilight, the sky breathed calmly as the sun hid its glare beneath a liquid reflection, preparing for tomorrow. Overhead, the surface remained innocent despite the excitement below. His heart fought with water, pumping frantically to provide warmth and reassurance. Above this livid sanctuary his sister awoke in fright, rising to take her position as Queen of the Night. Seductively silver, her full face lit the heavens. Superior to earth, she stood shivering awaiting her children, keeping a parental watch. Mesmerised by her beauty, I lay lifeless not knowing my fate but somehow realising she did. Skipping from the porch, I jumped with excitement. I couldn't wait to enter the forest. The only thing holding me back was the scent of mother's mouth watering, home-made pie which had sneaked through the air. Tempting my taste buds, it gave me something to look forward to when I get back from my daily adventure. Embarking on my journey, deserting the charming village, I followed the unbeaten path into the woods. My timing was perfect! Today the soil was warm and moist between my bare toes. Their hands shared a relaxing touch against my pale skin. The natives also embraced my presence. As I collapsed through the canopy, young flowers surrounded and greeted me with vivid colour. Reds, pinks, blues, yellows and greens amused my sight. Transfixed in the centre, adoring the welcome, sunlight began to crawl through the trees, hugging the earth with passion, while a wild aroma filled the air and danced through the leaves, caressing all my senses, inviting me in. As I crouched under the intimidating trees to get a closer look, the wind emitted a friendly sigh, whispering a secret too low for me to hear. Wrapped in my apple red cloak, I was an easy target.

The first creatures to say hello were butterflies so divine they would make God jealous. Thousands of floating, bright lights fluttered over to cover my entire body with a shield. Although I enjoyed the bemused curiosity, their silk wings viciously tickled, causing me to become hysterical in laughter. At one point I thought I would never escape, they seemed to be quite fond of me. Losing my patience, the majority fluttered above my head to form a crescent moon crown. I was King of the Forest. Moments later they

disappeared and the sky looked threatening. By this time I should have returned home but my blind, fifteen-year-old innocence compelled me to explore deeper.

As more time went on, Nature no longer greeted me. The trees stopped giggling. The woods were now filled with a deadly silence. The only sounds present were the moans of my footsteps against the skeletal twigs. As each minute became the past, the forest grew darker and more ominous. Twilight was advancing. From the moment I ventured into this dungeon, the shadows rested in peace, slithering from one branch to the next. Now they enveloped me, keeping a close watch on their new prisoner. They were stronger and no longer retreated from the sun's glare, but I still moved forward. Not long after, I discovered the cleansing sound of a waterfall to aid my ears and mind back to the safe world of reality. Its violent waves broke the silence. Striding to the cool, clean water- waiting to quench my agonising thirst, that is when I saw it; a creature covered in fur darker than shadows, its body contorted to look human although it crouched like an animal. It stood on all four limbs. I knew what it could do to me. As for its feet, one moment they resembled human hands, just like mine, nurturing the earth and then they would transfigure to reveal claws attacking the soil. I was torn between good and evil. How can something be as repugnant and demonic as this creature but at the same time be something so angelic and divine? It doesn't make any sense! Her face and mouth also misled my sight. Its enticing rouged lips became wolf-like with sparkling silver teeth which forced their way out.

Her prodigious eyes gazed into mine and compelled me to move closer. Mentally I wouldn't allow it but the allure of her silver eyes took possession over my body and paralysed all judgement; even my heart was hostile. Half of it became frozen and was too afraid to move while the other pumped frantically with excitement. A surreal stillness seized the air as I sauntered forward. Why did I not express my human emotions? Did I have any? Was I still human at this point?

Closing the distance between us, the wind whispered in my ear, this time loud enough for me to hear.



“Run!” he ordered, “run!”

Reclaiming control, I ran breathlessly, trying to escape the labyrinth. Stumbling helplessly through the woods, I thought it was over, until.... Light broke the leaves, I was almost free. Desperately I followed, punching through the canopy. I was home, but instead, the light had faded and I was standing limp outside the forest, somewhere different. Puzzled, I found myself on a beach, a place I've never been before. The salty air reached me first, burning my insides as it disobediently crept into my mouth, destroying all my defences. I thought I was dying. I had never felt so much pain. Then a cold kiss goodbye alerted me to her presence; it was the wind screaming for my life. As I jolted around, the wolf stood monumental and still but was very real to me. There was no confusion about how I felt this time. I was shaking in distress. My legs could not support the weight, so they surrendered my body to the ground, allowing the sharp sand to penetrate my skin. Its glass nails added to my pain. I couldn't watch her gain another step towards me, so I shut my eyes and covered myself in darkness. I could feel and taste the sweat racing down my cheeks, burning them like fire. Although my ears were trapped by the beats of my struggling heart they still managed to pick up the calm strides of the beast. Five....four.... three ...two....It was twilight.

I awoke lying on the sand, covered in a new red cloak, lifeless and mesmerised by the moon's full face.

James Irwin 11D

# A Planetary Tale

*There is a world where there is no sky; a world completely enveloped by a noxious green fog. This world has seas and rivers of acid and not a single life-form has walked on the surface of this worthless rotting husk of a world in 22,610 years.*



Until today...

Uestion was a class 5 Akarian starcraft...or to put it in layman's terms it was a spaceship. The crew of this ship were of course Akarians. Akarians are famed throughout the cosmos for being the most adept species at space travel. Akarians are amphibians. They possess sleek but strong bodies which are covered in smooth grey skin and attached to a powerful tail. Due to their aquatic origins Akarians have no problem manoeuvring in a zerogravity environment.

The Akarian in charge of the spacecraft was called Dem-Yrat. Most of the time he understood exactly what was going on. In this instance however he found himself completely baffled.

"Rhok," he said to his first-officer "I trust your judgement implicitly but please tell me you've made a mistake." First-officer Rhok-Majji looked at his computer screen again. "There can be no doubt, Captain," he replied. "These are the correct co-ordinates. It appears

we are too late. The recent war has taken its toll on the planet's eco-system. This entire world is dead."

Yrat gazed solemnly at the monitor and recalled the series of events that had taken him and his crew to this lifeless world. One hundred years ago the High-council of Akar had commissioned a group of highly successful scientists and explorers to seek out life on other worlds. Up until now their mission had proven successful. They had discovered the insectoid Ranin and the bizarre Mechanikind but on one expedition they had found only death. The Akarians had discovered a colony on the planet of Nrutas 5 or rather they had discovered an attempt at setting up a colony, a failed attempt at that. From what Yrat and the others could tell the would-be colonists were fairly new to space-travel. In fact it seemed as if they had fled to Shen in a hurry, that in their hurry they had been careless and this carelessness had cost them their lives. All 2,102 of the colonists had starved to

death. Why didn't they stock up on supplies? Why were they so ill-prepared to colonise Shen?

The Akarians hacked into the dead colonists' computers and learnt their language. In doing so they also learnt of their history. They were a war-like and greedy race. Through their actions they had depleted their own planet's-natural resources to the point when there was no longer enough to go around and war broke out between the rival factions which controlled the land-masses scattered across the planet's surface. This war only inflicted further damage upon the planet's ecology and the end result was apocalypse. The rich and powerful had tried to escape through interstellar means but to no avail. Akarians, generally speaking are a compassionate race and Yrat's crew had hoped that some humans might have survived so that they could offer them assistance.

But no ... there was nothing left on Earth but darkness and dust.

*Ultan Murray 10B*



## THE CASTLE

*The enormous white-stone castle stood there, alone, yet majestic.*

As I approached the slightly-decayed drawbridge I was harshly greeted by a cry from beyond the gigantic door, "Who goes there?" the man yelled.

"James!" I bellowed back. The familiar sounds of the drawbridge mechanism echoed from inside. The drawbridge lowered immediately to the ground beside my feet and I entered. The courtyard of the castle was magnificently illuminated by the sun's searing beams. As I entered the first iron-bolted door, I was welcomed by a frenzy of argument and panic. I grabbed one of the men involved in the brawl and questioned him as to what was going on. He explained that the Emperor's sword had been missing for several days. I offered to look for the sword but when he refused I insisted on creating another sword. He explained

that this was no ordinary sword but was made from only the finest of metals, a sword which could only be crafted by a master smith.

I decided I would have to go and speak with the Emperor himself. I traversed the extraordinary marble, spiralling staircases to the highest point of the castle. The room was illuminated through several windows which dominated the rectangular room. The Emperor himself was perched upon a jewel-encrusted gilded throne which was situated at the peak of worn stone steps. The city's emblem was displayed proudly on both the left and right of the Emperor, against a gold background. As I approached he yelled, "Halt!" his tone angry, yet nervous at the same time.

*Darren McDonagh 11D*

## Poets' Corner

### The Angry Volcano

The shrieks of the  
Volcano soar through the sky like an eagle.  
The ground shakes like a rattle.  
Lava covering the mountain.  
People screaming and running,  
Lava rocks flying through the sky like a popcorn  
maker.  
Houses falling, people dying.

Calm, quiet like a winter morning.

*Stephen Cullen 8E*



### The Volcano

The Volcano, shaking like a mouse  
when cornered by a cat.  
Its eruption as fast as a bullet  
coming out of a gun.  
The lava was running down the  
hill faster than a cheetah.  
Killing faster than the town  
murderer.

*Joshua Brady 8F*



### The Football Match

Our opponents were as big as giants but,  
We went through them like ghosts.  
I took the ball off them and ran round them like lightning,  
I took a shot and it flew like a bird into the top corner.  
My team and I went as mad as hatters.  
We played like there was no tomorrow.  
The final whistle blew-we were as happy as pigs in muck!

*Morgan McKnight 8F*



### Tiger

A tiger as vibrant as a flower but as fierce as a shark.  
Its hearing is better than a supersonic bat.  
It's as strong as ten men with a roar as loud as ten sirens.  
With its sight as sharp as an eagle eye.  
A tiger's sense of smell is better than ten hungry dogs.  
Its claws grip its prey tighter than a clamp.  
The prey does not stand a chance against this amazing animal.  
As quick as a hawk and its thirty teeth as sharp as piercing  
knives.

*Ryan Connolly 8D*

### Musical Green

I walk down the path,  
Wind shimmering in my ear.  
The trees start to move their branches,  
Just like fans who start to cheer.  
I lift my hand up to my shoulders,  
And the birds fly down to join me.  
They start to chirp into my ear,  
Just like an opera hymn.  
The badgers start to beat the rocks,  
Like drumming in a band.  
The foxes start to grit their teeth,  
Like the maracas I left behind.  
Then more join in to sing along,  
Like the orchestra I cease to conduct.  
Now I have one to control,  
In this quiet forest stroll.

*Niall Park 8E*

## Poets' Corner

### Shattered Dreams

My heart is a mirror,  
But as I look in it I see you.  
My heart is a drum beating beside yours,  
Although as I hold your hand my heart skips a beat.  
When it's time for you to leave I feel that I will weep,  
Crying on one's lullaby.  
Thinking about my shattered dreams and dead memories.

*Maitiu Deane 10D*



### Guardian Angel

If death is a tragedy,  
Life is a gift,  
That can be taken away ever so swift.  
Love is never forgotten,  
Throughout all the years.  
But I know it is always accompanied by,  
A whole lot of tears.  
I lived free in this world believe you me,  
I hit walls and bumps on the way.  
But I still remained free.  
So tonight you can sleep happy,  
And without fear,  
Because you can always remember,  
That I am here.

*Thomas Rooney 9B*



### The Grand National

Clipping the fence, touch like a whisper,  
My horse is no favourite, but bound to be winner.  
Her ears and her tail, flapping about,  
If this was a fight, the ref would have stopped this bout.  
Tricky Trickster, you're away, you're gone,  
As for the other horses they don't belong.  
So Tricky Trickster please don't skid,  
And into my pocket will be twenty-five quid!

*Anthony McKenna 10C*

### The Planets

The planets floating in the sky like a hot  
air balloon.  
Earth the blue one with only one moon.

Venus as hot as hell itself  
Pluto, the little elf  
Mars as red as a bright fire truck  
And Jupiter as big and proud as a buck.  
Saturn has rings like a giant hula hoop  
The sun like a massive tactical nuke  
Uranus like a big ball of gas  
Mercury orbits the sun really fast.

Neptune sometimes the furthest one away.  
The earth rotates completely in one whole day.

*Daire Turley 8E*





# The Voyage

*I awoke to the feeling of sweat hanging over my body like a shroud.*

I fought valiantly against exhaustion and pulled myself to my feet. A memorable smell filled my nose, the smell of seawater which brought me to my senses. After washing my face I continued to the deck of the mighty Voyager. I was welcomed with greeting of delight from my crew. "Hello, Daniel," echoed through the ship. Sunlight gazed over me with its almighty eye. I approached my close friend Alexander and was informed of our position.

"Greetings, Daniel. We will arrive very shortly!"

His delight was shown in his smile as he looked at me. "Excellent, we will finally achieve our title as great explorers!"

Hours passed. Suddenly a shout was heard over the ship, "Land Aho!" The ship burst into excitement as there was a rush to the side of the magnificent vessel. Mouths draped open like hungry dogs as we basked in the glory of this green paradise. We sailed to the shore. I raced to my cabin to grab my belongings and returned to the deck with my pistol and rucksack. Excitement overwhelmed me as I had

returned to a childlike state, in awe of this beautiful island. Our expedition began, as Alexander, Samuel and I departed the ship. Samuel was a good man and had served my ship for many years. He was as strong as a bull and would help us greatly. I looked behind me one last time and read, "The Voyager 1897," before venturing into the unknown.

The sweet aroma of fresh fruits swept across the air as we treaded through the brush. Suddenly we came into a dark clearing as the sun was blocked out by a canopy of leaves and we were startled by a small man-made hut. I turned to Alexander in shock and asked, "What is this..?" He stared blankly at me as we approached the object.

A piercing howl filled the air as we backed against each other in horror. Many native men with painted bodies surrounded us. Fear swept through my body as I felt the muscles inside me giving up. Slowly the savages approached us with pointed spears aiming towards our necks. I sat in complete shock as the leading savage spoke. He had a vicious tooth through his nostrils and wore blood red paint on his face.

This devilish creature terrified my soul as he spoke his language of death which shook my very bones. The wretched creature spoke into my face and I passed into a realm of darkness as my life flashed before me.

Suddenly I awoke and frantically looked around. Alexander was to my left, tied to a post like myself. I was unable to see Samuel when the pungent smell of death wafted up my nose to my very heart. The skull of Samuel lay before me on a pile of ash and I howled out in grief like a wolf at the moon. I struggled with my bonds and my right arm jerked free from its containment and I untied my other hand. The ominous sound of chanting was in the distance so I hastily freed Alexander and we escaped.

We left that island and never returned. In my dreams I felt the breath of the hellish creature again on my face as he chanted death and I awoke to the feeling of sweat lingering over me.

*Keelan Brady 11D*

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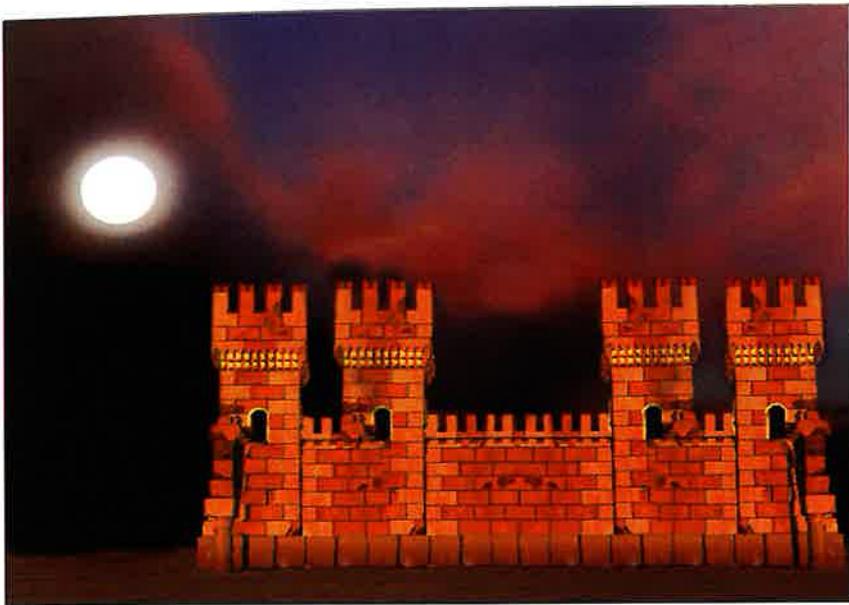
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# Catalary Bay

It was a freezing autumn night at Catalary Bay. As the gatekeeper trudged around the castle grounds the rattle of his keys could be heard as he locked up for the night. The leaves crunched underfoot. The town was mainly silent now apart from the odd door or shutter closing and the whispers of the townspeople, saying their goodbyes before the long, dark, restless night ahead. The moon was a shy, frightened child behind the clouds with one eye peering down on the forbidding town. A ship lay becalmed out in the bay emitting only the occasional creaking and groaning sound as it rolled about on the oily sea, as if complaining about its aching bones.

Meanwhile Albert, the Harbour Master is doing his rounds. He is also the town's night watchman and is acutely aware of everything that happens. He is a stooped old man, with narrow obscure eyes hidden behind bushy eyebrows. Although considered unpleasant and avoided by the townspeople this sad, lonely man was once tall and handsome with brown shiny combed hair and a friendly smile. But now Albert is almost unrecognisable. The muscles that held up the jolly smile have faded along with his handsome good looks. His creased and wrinkled face is a sheet of crepe paper, his hair a fine spider's web and his fingers twigs with large splinters coming from the ends. His mouth is a tool box; each tooth a rusted nail or chisel hanging from his gums.

On this still, chilly night as he shut the harbour gates you could hear Albert mumbling to himself as he put all the boat keys in the harbour office. He closed the office door and walked

upstairs to the watchtower overlooking the large castle. Albert was clever enough to know the calm was suspicious and ominous and with his lantern in one hand and his magazine 'Off-Shore Caves and Caverns' tucked under his arm he murmured, 'There's a storm coming and I hope we're all ready.'

The bleak winter was approaching. The castle overshadowed the town like a dark unpleasant cloud. There was a slimy, slippery, shivery sense seeping through the castle walls. Every minute you could see the blinding light from the lighthouse circling the town and bouncing off the grimy murky grey walls of a cave in the distance. The gatekeeper pushed the large heavy wooden doors of the castle shut with a boom, shaking the night air. Silence settled over the town as the last few lights were extinguished. An eerie, ominous atmosphere had descended like a blanket over Catalary Bay.

In the distance you could see a tall man removing a bag of luggage from the boot of a taxi. The strapping young man had bright blue eyes and rusty-coloured hair. He shut the boot and tapped on it twice signalling to the driver that he was finished. The taxi drove off and the man was left standing in the middle of the street. He glanced up at the imposing castle, then grabbed the handle of his suitcase and moved towards a yellow door of a skinny terrace house that was numbered 8. You could hear the clattering of the wheels of his suitcase as it shuffled on the bumpy ground. He opened the door and entered, throwing his keys on a small wooden desk in the hall and

dropping his luggage in relief. It had been a long tiring day for David Carson and he was anticipating a good night's sleep. He shut the door and noticed a small pile of letters scattered on the floor behind it. He picked up a thick envelope that had the letters C.A.T.S. across the top. There was a small 'post-it' stuck to the letter which read, "David, this is essential for starting tomorrow. Thank you. Trevor Remoray."

He let out a sigh of exasperation tempered with resignation and trudged upstairs with the envelope. David had only moved into Catalary Bay that night as he was transferred to a new job. He previously worked in the Ballinavon Police Department. He had been promoted from being High Inquisitor in the BPD to being a crime analyst in C.A.T.S, Catalary Armed Tactical Squad- a secret government agency specialising in investigating the government's top priorities. It was situated here because it was unobtrusive, isolated but not too far from the Capital City, Ballinavon. His new boss Dr.Remoray had left him with a lot of registration forms to fill in for his first day the next morning. He opened the envelope and on the first page was printed "Welcome Mr.Carson, you are now a Cat!"; this was the informal name given to one of the workers in C.A.T.S.

This cheered him up a little but he sat down at his bedside table and started to fill in the reams of paperwork. The light from the lighthouse kept flashing through the window onto his face. He went to close the curtains and was surprised to see a rather suspicious figure outside wearing a long dark

cloak, walking slowly down the street. David decided to pay no heed to the person and continued with his work. The storm was picking up now as the trees stirred vigorously outside. CRASH! David awoke after falling asleep during his work. He looked up and wondered what it was that made the loud noise. The storm was viciously invading the town like an army. He decided to forget about the work for now and wake up early the next morning and finish it. He went downstairs to fetch a glass of water to take with him to bed. As he took a sip of the cold water he heard an almighty wail making him drop the glass. It was a high pitched scream of a person coming from the direction of the harbour. He checked his phone and there was no signal available and the house phone had not been connected just yet. He quickly ran upstairs, grabbed his torch and threw on his long black coat and

his hat. He rushed out the door and immediately was punched by the strong wind. He held his head down and started walking quickly down the street with great difficulty.

The wind was a fierce lion as it violently tore the town apart as if it were an unlucky zebra that had been trapped. The moon was like a big marble that could crush the town at any moment and as David struggled down the street holding onto his hat, he turned and noticed the crashing noise was created by the satellite dish that was once firmly attached to the roof of no.8. As he got closer to the bottom of the street the castle looked like a great stone ogre. David had to quickly throw himself to the left as a wooden sign came clattering down the street that read "Barbara's Butchers, the meating point!"

When he reached the bottom he saw that the harbour gates were blown wide

open, rattling loudly. He ran over into the harbour but found it hard to concentrate because the whistling in the riggings of the ships sounded like there were a hundred banshees screaming at once. He could also hear the water breaking off the rocks violently. He turned to see that the windows of the harbour office had been smashed and the door was open, almost blown off its hinges. He spotted a broken lantern rolling along the harbour ground and he picked it up. It was still emitting heat! He saw there were a lot of pages coming from the office so ran in to find an absolute mass of paperwork flying around- and in amongst it all David found Albert the Harbour Master lying dead on the floor.....

*Brendan Loughran 11D*



## The Visit

I shake in fear as the tree aggressively bangs my window. I hide my head under the blankets shivering, praying for it all to go away. It all stops and goes silent so I peer over my quilt to discover a small dark figure... It is a woman. The woman is old looking, (seventy to eighty years I guess). She stands still as if she was a statue. I don't dare blink in case she makes a move. The old woman lifts her hand and points her bony finger at me; my heart skips a beat as she begins to take small steps towards me while still pointing at me.

My heart begins to race like a bullet being fired from a gun. She stops at the edge of my bed, and she drops her arm, silence again... The old woman swiftly grabs my bed and holds it above her, shaking it furiously, trying to knock me out of it and she succeeds.

"Where is he?" the old woman screams in a very deep satanic voice, "Where is he? Tell me!"

Then I gaze in fear as the woman in the black hood puts her head back, as a burst of light purple shines out of her eyes and mouth. Two hands appear out of the old woman's mouth, spreading her mouth wide open as a red disfigured beast climbs out of her. The smell of brimstone and rotting flesh runs up my nose like the weakness blasting up my spine, making it harder to stand against the door. I crouch down into the corner as I watch this horrific scene. The creature pushes his old woman disguise down past his waist revealing two goats legs that belong to this demonic monster.

I close my eyes praying the 'Our Father' into myself.

All I can hear are the thuds that its hooves make as he slithers over to me, hissing, "Where is he?!"

I reach to the shelves to my right with my eyes closed. I feel my rosary beads, so I grab them. The beast is right in front of me. I hear it squat down and it begins to lick my face! It licks up the first tear I shed. I force the rosary beads to his chest and the creature hisses in pain...

A bright light comes from its eyes and mouth again as its roar becomes more and more amplified and it begins to make a gargling sound. The creature's head starts to inflate while its screeches grow louder. Blood starts to pour out of its eyes and then the creature's head explodes and its body flies backwards, smacks into the wall and begins to bubble and dissolve.

*Joseph McVeigh 9B*



8.46

*As the streets awoke and the sun lifted itself into the sky it was clear to see this was a beautiful September's morning. The heat warmed the city and thousands of people battled through the concrete jungle to reach their place of work.*

A small anxious looking man hurried down the sidewalk through the growing crowds, as a light breeze followed him, breathing down his neck. The strong aroma of hotdogs and ketchup wafted along with it, luring people to the street vendors who stood in wait for their next customer. The little man carried with him a simple brown leather case with worn brass locks. His hat clung onto his round bald head as the breeze tried to carry it away and his striped blue tie flapped around as if trying to break free.

He reached a tall revolving door and pushed his way through, then shuffled his way across the lobby of the north tower. The elevator doors he was making a rush towards came to a slowing close right before him. Newly polished pristine floors covered the lobby and reflected the sunlight, as it shone softly through the windows, lining the interior and lighting up his anger-ridden face. Now agitated, it was clear to see from his facial expressions that he was becoming more intensely stressed. The continuous low level of noise seemed to be becoming rapidly

louder, fuelling the thumping from inside his skull and his patience was wearing thin. A single bead of sweat dripped slowly from his forehead down to his coarse grey moustache but was immediately swept away onto the palm of his chubby hands. His foot began rapidly tapping on the white tiles on which he stood, in front of the elevator doors. He glanced down at his wrist on which lay an old silver watch with a brown leather strap that seemed to match his case. Scratches were visible across the surface of the glass and a short, thin black hand almost pointed to the number nine. The time read 8.46.

The constant murmurs throughout the ground floor seemed to almost fall silent. What was once a clear blue sky now held a small white cloud that seemed to shield the sun like a blindfold and the cooling breeze had deserted the city. A shadow loomed from above and crawled along the streets, over buildings, across the traffic and the frozen open-mouthed people who lined the streets. A loud rumble was increasing and echoed across

Manhattan sending chills down the spine of America. Every second had become an hour and the ominous roar from the engines rang in the thousands of listening ears.

The little man stood silent and frozen alongside hundreds of helpless fellow Americans. The foot tapping stopped and the beating of his heart was almost dead. The second hand on his watch ticked once more before the city erupted in chaos.

The nose of the plane ripped violently through the upper floors of the building and as it shook it caused debris to hurtle to the packed streets below. An enormous ball of flames rose from the impact zone and into the air, engulfing the upper floors of the tower. The explosion could be heard for miles around as well as horrified cries and screams. The sky became black and the beautiful September morning became one of the worst days in American history.

*Robert Howell 11D*

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# Dejtih

Beth slowly walked by James, only offering a small glance as a gesture. The room was silent. The scent of hypnotic fragrance hung in the air. James accepted the gesture and moved towards Beth. James hugged Beth, stroking the velvet scarf wrapped around her neck like a snake contracting on its prey. Beth looked high into the sky; the millions of grains of rice in the sky sparkled and provided comfort for Beth. The window flung open and let in an ominous gust of chilling wind. The onerous wind vibrated the room. Beth reached for the window and closed it shut. She placed the key in her pocket.

The room quickly became silent again. Beth glanced once more at the stars which were no longer visible. The sky was dark and opaque. Beth focused her attention on the trees. The trees tilted from side to side, comforting one another. His car lights began to flash. Beth reached for the keys. "Stupid car," muttered Beth under her breath. Beth entered the kitchen.



"The car is acting up again." James was silent and continued gulping down a large glass of colourless water. Beth walked slowly towards the shivering car. The sound of wind blowing against the trees was loud and discomfoting. Beth climbed into the car, closing the door shut. Beth looked again at the trees. They were dancing from side to side. The wind was becoming increasingly harsh. Beth slowly reached to place the keys in the lock. The trees continued dancing more and more viciously. Beth turned the keys. The car vibrated like a fish gasping for life. The car engine failed. The car lights finally went out. Beth felt a cold hand placed on her shoulder. Her heart began beating rapidly. Beth turned slowly. A creature towered over her. The creature was dark; no light escaped the surface of its cloak and perished in the unknown. The car remained silent. The air in the car became thin. The suffocating stench of a decaying animal entered Beth's nostrils. Darkness engulfed the car,

swallowing it whole. The creature made no sound. The two dark holes on Beth's face widened in terror. Beth glared at the holes on the creature's face. They lay empty and motionless. Beth shrieked. She jumped for the keys. The keys slipped down the side of the car. The creature began to move closer to Beth. Beth let out a few more shrieks of terror before finding the key. She turned to the door. The creature was beside her, staring at her face. Beth was frightened. She let out one last shriek. The trees had become gentle in the wind, rubbing along each other like before. The wind slowly eased. The garden was still and soulless; the only sounds that could be heard were the increasingly fading echoes- the echoes once made by Beth's shrieks. Beth sat in the car peaceful and relaxed. The gentle wind vibrated the car, making it cradle Beth. The two black holes on Beth's face become empty and soulless. Beth slowly slipped into eternal lethargy.

*Proinsias Malocco 11D*

# THE FIRE

It is the 11<sup>th</sup> November 1941 and here I lie in a town square in St. Petersburg playing dead. The air is still and the only odour about this town is the ash from the burnt down buildings. I hold my breath as a Nazi Officer patrols the area. As he passes I look round to see my old friends Andre, Zherkov and Dimitri lying dead. They were good men but they were caught up in the wrong place at the wrong time; slaughtered by Nazi soldiers. So this is why they called it the Great Blood Massacre of St. Petersburg. These were the darkest days of the Nazi occupation. I heard the signal, the loud coughing coming from General Kezachov. This was it. This signal meant that we were ready to leave the victims of the massacre behind. I crawled slowly towards my commanding officer.

He whispered in my ear, "Take my rifle, wait until the bombers pass overhead and put a bullet in that Nazi officer".

I took my rifle, got my position and waited. Then came the roar of the German Luftwaffe thundering behind me.

I glanced up and saw around twenty to thirty planes above my head. The roar from the planes was deafening but I got on with the task I had been set. I closed in on my target, my hand shaking and pulled the trigger. I couldn't hear my shot go off due to the screaming of the planes but as I looked up I saw the officer fall to his knees.

My general gave me the nod and the rest of my companions who had been waiting one by one stumbled to their feet. We kept low and made a quick dash towards the buildings across the street. There were only five of us left, General Kezachov, Private Arshavin, Private Radzinski, Corporal Ivanovich and myself. We stood up straight, for the first time in hours. All seemed calm so we climbed into the building through a broken window. When we were all inside, Kezachov told us that this was a hotel before the war.

"It was probably the best hotel for miles around", he said softly, "and now it is just a burning wreck. Right men, this is the plan. Apparently General Lahm, the leader of the Nazis, is staying in the hotel outside the Nazi base up the road".

We all nodded as he gave us our instructions. It was our mission to take out General Lahm and clear out the base. If all went well it could mean the Germans would retreat out of St Petersburg.

As we got our things together General Kezachov said to us. "Keep this in mind boys. One day it will be their land, their people, their blood."

We all nodded and repeated the phrases into ourselves and we set off through the back of the hotel. We crept out as quietly as possible. I looked out onto the street ahead and saw the snow floating in mid-air like small feathers. General Kezachov was at the front of the line. He gave us the all-clear and we quickly sprinted around the corner and down a creepy looking alleyway. General Kezachov knew these streets like the back of his hand which gave us an advantage. We turned into the main street and crouched behind a burnt out Soviet army jeep. We kept still. All I could hear was my heartbeat pounding in my ears...

*Matthew Watson 11D*





# The Year 8 Annual Visit to Edmund's Ancestral Home in Callan

*On the 4th May Brother Mc Kenna, Mr Gormley and I embarked on our annual trek, (the third in as many years), to the distant counties of Kilkenny and Waterford.*



We were accompanied by fourteen excited and enthusiastic year eight pupils. After a temporary set back (which involved spending an hour and a half stranded on the hard shoulder of the M1) we eventually arrived in Callan, which lies on the outskirts of County Kilkenny. Callan is the birth place of Edmund Rice, the man ultimately responsible for establishing the long tradition of Christian Brother's schools throughout Ireland (and further afield). This tradition which is truly inspired by a preferential love for the poor and the holistic development of the human person - socially, morally, spiritually as well as academically- is one that we in St. Mary's are not only proud of but one we are committed to actively promoting on a daily basis.

During our stop at Callan we all got the opportunity to sample a piece of living history as we were taken on a brief tour which included a visit to the Rice family's actual home which has stood since the late seventeenth century (1680s). The pupils got the chance to reflect on how different and difficult life was growing up in Ireland during a time when Catholicism and Irish culture were outlawed by a brutal occupation, (which we in the North are only too aware of) and famine was rife. As our guide for the day Brother Michael Keane put it, "if you think life was hard for Edmund and his family and they were very wealthy, try to imagine how miserable and torturous life was for Ireland's poorest people."

After about two hours spent in Callan, which also included a viewing of the very famous Edmund Rice icon written by the modern Irish artist Desmond Kyne, we were on the road again, this time heading for Waterford the city in which Edmund established his first Christian Brothers school at Mount Sion. After we had all checked into one of Kilkenny's many hostels we treated the pupils to a meal of fish and chips in a nearby restaurant. Afterwards, we took the pupils for a game of ten-pin bowling

The next day we began the final part of our journey travelling the short distance from Kilkenny to Waterford. On our way to Tramore the pupils were rewarded with an enjoyable afternoon at Nore Valley Park. During their time spent at Nore Valley Park the boys got the opportunity to explore a 3D maze, play a game of mini-golf, and go wild on the go-carts (minus the engines). The next stop was the beautiful beach at Tramore before finally checking in to yet another hostel.

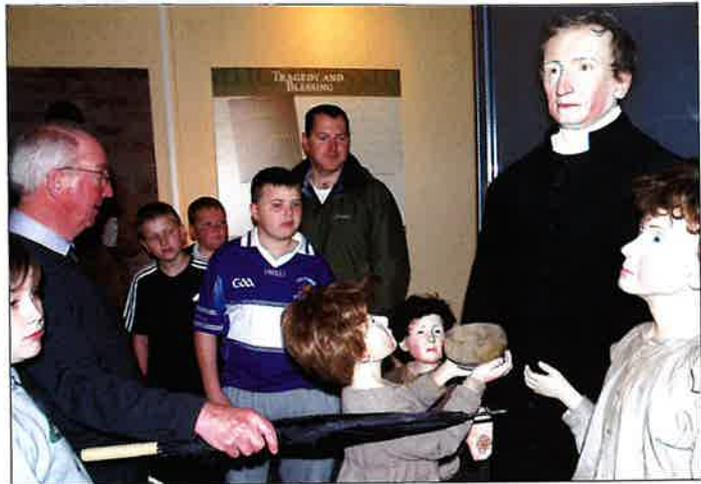
At around 7.30pm we headed to the church at Mount Sion for a mass marking the feast of Blessed Edmund. Before the celebration got underway we were given a very warm welcome by the local Christian Brothers. After mass the pupils and staff got the opportunity to relax before eventually retiring to bed. The next morning we were all invited to breakfast at the Christian Brothers' house which lies adjacent to the local Church (at Mount Sion). Afterwards, we were taken on a tour of the relatively new Edmund Rice museum. This was a very enjoyable and informative exercise. It entailed a visit to several rooms maintained from Edmund's original school, a unique reconstruction of Edmund's head expertly created from his actual skull, detailed accounts of the work carried out by the Christian Brothers throughout the world and of course the fascinating story of "Black Johnny". "Black Johnny" as he is fondly remembered was a slave who Edmund encountered one day being whipped and verbally abused by his so called "master" as he passed a ship which had recently docked in the Waterford quays. Edmund eventually persuaded his captor to release Johnny into his care where he remained until he was about eighteen before he was finally hired by the Christian Brothers to maintain their grounds.

It would be fair to say that every one of us (pupils and teachers alike) fully enjoyed our trip to Kilkenny and Waterford. This experience has undoubtedly given each pupil a deeper understanding of what it means to be a pupil in a Christian Brothers' school.



*The boys visit Blessed Edmund Rice's Home in Callan*





Fun at Nore valley park



The group at Blessed Edmund's tomb and in the church at Mount Sion





The Edmund Rice trip 2011 was my first trip in St Mary's and was extremely enjoyable because we got to do both religious and fun things. We visited Edmund Rice's village and house and it was also very interesting to see his tomb in Mount Sion. We were able to learn more about Edmund Rice's life and seeing everything in real life made us appreciate the work that he did and how he changed other people's lives.

## Edmund Rice Trip 2011

One of the highlights of the trip was going to the beach to play football and hurling. We also went to the amusements where I won €20 Euros! In the amusements we went on lots of simulators, played games and went on a roller-coaster. The trip was action packed, no time for rest because then my friends and I went bowling and I won. Then it was off to miniature golfing which everyone enjoyed. You will be pleased to hear that we went to Mc Donald's! The maze experience was good but it was too easy. My family were so pleased that I won this trip because my Granda went to this school and lived on the Falls Road in the early 1930s. He was lucky enough to do very well

and receive an excellent education, he even won a scholarship to do law, which in those days was very difficult. He always said he was so thankful to the Christian Brothers and Edmund Rice because without them him and others would have led very different lives. He would be very proud now.

I would tell all the new Year 8 pupils to work their hardest to try to win the Edmund Rice trip 2012.

Thank you Mr McCaughey and Mr Gormley.

*Ryan Paul-Carson 8F*

## Charity Work in St. Mary's

### Catholics Caring

Catholics caring donate gifts at Christmas time to families who find themselves in unexpected financial difficulty and who would not otherwise be able to provide presents for their children. It is coordinated by the SVP group in St. Mary's and relies on the generosity of the pupils and their parents as well as time and effort from the form teachers and the SVP group members.



*SVP pupils gathering together all the present donations for families at Christmas. Dr. Mc Caffery is in the background.*



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# SVP Society

## St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Group News.

**The SVP group are delighted to report another busy year in the pursuit of improving the lives of others in our local community.**

The annual sponsored walk took place on Divis Mountain in October 2010. The walkers included pupils, parents, teachers, young children and even dogs. We were all exhausted but had enjoyed the experience and the rugged scenery and best of all £550 was raised through the event.

When it comes to charitable donations, St. Mary's Pupils and parents always step up and give generously and we have never been disappointed. However this year in particular with the deepening recession and lack of employment the society had expected Christmas donations and fundraising to have fallen in both the Catholics Caring and the Food Hamper appeals while it was clear that the number of requests for help had risen dramatically and some large retail chains had very few donations to pass on from their customers.

In reality we need not have worried as the response to both appeals in the school was overwhelming. Two hundred families in West Belfast received help with food or toys this Christmas through the donations received from pupils and parents. Indeed the third floor of the ER building could have been mistaken for Santa's Grotto when all the classes had left their gifts for collection. Thanks to the members of the group who visited classes and encouraged pupils the appeals were well supported by everyone.

The extreme weather conditions which we experienced in the days up to Christmas this year caused a number of problems for the society and those whom we help. The low income families who are the main recipients of the food and toys had added difficulties this year as they had to use their disposable income for fuel to heat their homes around the clock leaving very little for the Christmas Fayre.



The school also experienced its most difficult year ever in getting the donations of food and toys delivered to those who needed them in time for Christmas. Who could forget the weather conditions? Snow, frost, ice and -14°C temperatures to deal with. It didn't help that we had scheduled our packaging and delivery of donations for Dec 12th the day of the "Big Snow". As the school had to be closed for health and safety reasons in such arctic conditions we had to manage to move everything without the help of the many hands of our SVP senior pupils who always make the task look so easy. Moreover, with snow as high as seven to ten inches on the school driveway and in the playgrounds it was hard for the lorry to drive in and even harder for the heavily loaded lorry to get out of the school grounds again.

We begin recruiting for 2011/2012 SVP members from Years 13 and 14 in September, so if you think this work would appeal to you make sure you register early as places are limited and the group is popular within the senior school.

Mrs. M. Farag, SVP group



Mrs. M Farag SVP society In St Mary's  
Mr T Mc Caughey, SVP group members



# St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School Re-Dedication of School Oratory and Mass for Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice

May 4th 2011

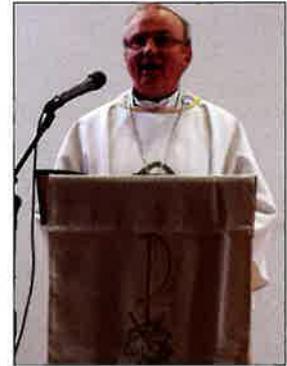
## Bishop Donal McKeown

On May 4th, the Feast Day of Blessed Edmund Rice, Bishop Donal McKeown said the Mass for the Re-Dedication of School Oratory. The school oratory had been previously destroyed in an arson attack last year and so this was a very special day for the school. Bishop Mc Keown's sermon can be read on the school website but I thought that the following extract gives the flavour of what he preached that day;

"I asked myself what motivated Edmund Ignatius Rice, a forty year old reasonably comfortable and successful business man, widowed and father of a disabled child and someone with no particular background in education? Why did he give up what little comfort he had in life to dedicate the next four or five decades to educating those who did not just have little money but who also had few dreams as to how they could get out of the poverty in which they found themselves? Why did he set himself to teach young children who were thought of as being unreachable, unteachable and not worth anything but condemnation? Edmund Ignatius Rice didn't do what he did because it was the easy thing to do or would gain him popularity. He did it because he believed that it was the right thing to do.

He saw a tough job that needed to be done and he set himself to doing it. He didn't say "What would be hard", but "how do we think differently and find a new way of doing the hard thing." Working for true justice is rarely a simple or a popular choice – here or abroad. People will criticise your motives and your intentions. People will tell you to be realistic. I suppose that one of the signs that you are getting it right is when people criticise, not your ideas but you. Edmund Rice might ask you, not to do what he did – because circumstances are different in 2011 in Belfast. But he would ask you whether your education in all of your subjects had helped you to leave school with a passion for doing the right thing, especially when it isn't easy and may very well be seen as not in the interests of your interest group. He would ask whether you prefer to be unhappy with the right questions rather than happy with the wrong answers. He would ask you whether are prepared to take the risk of being prophets rather than just keen to sell your soul for the sake of making profit. Do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. Ask how you can make things better for others and not just how to make things better for yourself. That is a big ask. But only the right thing is worth doing".

*Bishop Donal McKeown*



*Principal, Mr. Sheerin,  
Bishop Donal Mc Keown  
and School chaplain,  
Dr. A. Donaldson speak prior  
to the Mass.*



*The altar is prepared by the Bishop and the altar servers.*

*The Eucharistic Ministers are anointed.*



*Mass begins.*



*Communion is served for the first time in the newly dedicated oratory.*

# Pope John Paul II Award

As the name suggests, this initiative was set up in memory of Pope John Paul II who was so committed to young people and who had such belief and confidence in them, recognising the value and importance of youth ministry within parishes, schools and the wider community.

The Pope John Paul II Award seeks to give credit to those young people who are already doing so much to help others through parish involvement and social awareness activities. The award is for 16-18 year olds and is non-competitive, flexible and voluntary. There are four awards available, the Gold, Silver and Bronze awards and students can then apply for the Papal Cross Award once the Gold award has been received.

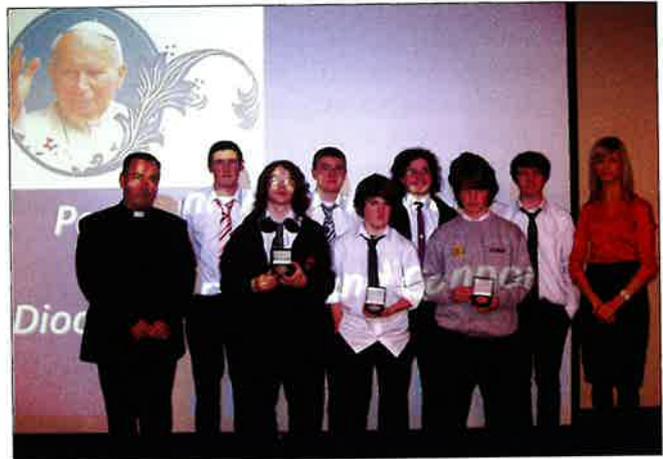
## Key stages involved

Year 13 and 14 students

Recent involvement, projects, successes etc.

September 2010 saw the launch of the Pope John Paul II Award in St. Mary's. We currently have six Year 14 students working towards achieving the Gold Award which will be presented to the candidates at a prestigious ceremony in Spring 2012.

Miss Claire McKillop



Fr. Hickland, Miss Mc Killop and some of the yr 13 + 14 boys who are undertaking the Pope John Paul II Award.

# SPORTS INJURIES?

## Sport Support & Advice

Contact

# McGrath's Pharmacy

182 Andersonstown Road  
Tel: 9061 6055



91-93 Glen Road, Belfast  
Tel: 9061 1643



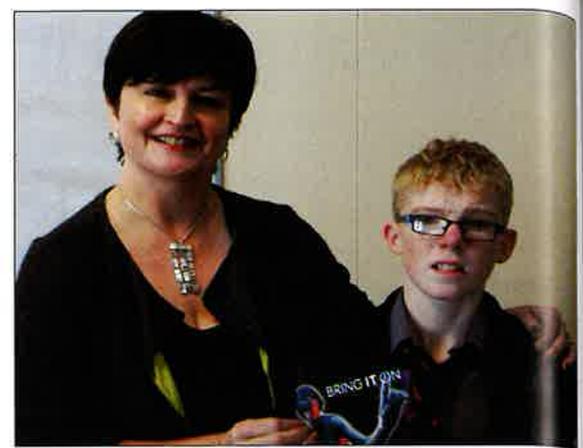
# Careers Department Insight Into Engineering

Students at St Mary's Grammar School Belfast received an insight into Engineering on Tuesday 14th December 2010.

As part of the school's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Careers initiative all Year ten students and half of the Year twelve student cohort attended a ninety minute event in our school's newly refurbished assembly hall. Guest speakers from the Engineering Training Council and the University of Ulster outlined the career areas within the varied field of engineering to students and the skills gaps that are predicted to widen in this sector in the coming years. Both the vocational and academic pathways and career progressions were highlighted to all students, showing that the broad field of engineering has a place for anyone and everyone with an interest. Students were given the opportunity to browse interactive stands from local employers and educational providers. Activities on

offer to the students included manipulating an interactive operation with Queen's University Belfast, getting up close and personal with the University of Ulster's Formula One Car or handling common components of Bombardier's Jet Engines. The Sector Skills Council for ICT offered an online competition for students, with an Amazon Gift Voucher up for grabs at the end of the day. This was won by Daniel Fitzsimmons of 10G.

Mr O'Connor, our school's STEM co-ordinator said that he hoped that an event such as this would encourage students to link science and maths from the classroom to the world of engineering. Many students were able to take away leaflets and suggestions of websites to use for STEM careers.



Daniel Fitzsimmons 10G, is presented with his prize by Year Head Mrs. M. Jennings.

For more information on STEM Careers please visit:

**Future Morph - Science & Maths Jobs**  
<http://www.futuremorph.org/scienceandmaths>

**Maths Careers**  
[Http://www.mathscareers.org.uk](http://www.mathscareers.org.uk)

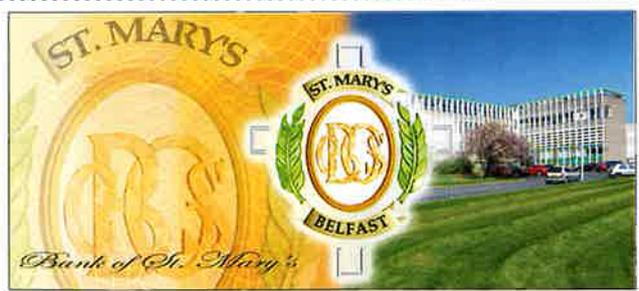
**Enginuity - Careers in Engineering & Technology**  
<http://www.enginuity.org.uk/>

**Royal Society of Chemistry**  
<http://www.rsc.org/Education/SchoolStudents/careers.asp>

**Physics.org**  
<http://www.physics.org/careers.asp?contentid=381>

**Bring It On**  
<http://bringittonni.info/>

**Energy & Utility Skills**  
<http://www.euskills.co.uk/careers/>



St Mary's CBGS went into partnership with the Northern Bank in September 2009 in order to provide the School Bank service to the pupils.

The School bank is available to all pupils on a weekly basis when they have the ability to deposit and withdraw money, or to make queries from the bank advisors.

The school Bank is staffed by two members of the Northern Bank staff, and 6 Year 13 pupils, known as the School bank Advisors. In order to become an advisor the year 13 pupils had to go through a rigorous recruitment process with the Northern Bank managers from the Lisburn branch. This included completing an application form and attending an interview. The successful candidates were then provided with On the Job Training when they visited the Lisburn Branch.

## School Bank Report

The school bank team this year was:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>John Lynn</b>         | <b>Conor Connolly</b> |
| <b>Stephen Mc Erlean</b> | <b>Conor Rainey</b>   |
| <b>Jody Trainor</b>      | <b>Stephen Larkin</b> |

These pupils have gained valuable experience by working in the bank as they have undertaken a wide range of tasks. These include administration, handling money, opening accounts, dealing with the public and demonstrating to fellow pupils how to use the E-Banking facility.

The bank has been a huge success in the school and continues to grow in strength. In 2010 one of our School bank Advisors, John Carson, made such an impression with the Northern Bank that he successfully applied for and obtained a full time job within the bank. John is now based in the main Northern Bank office in Donegal Street and has started to to prepare for his professional exams.



## Mock Interviews for St Mary's students

Year 14 students from St Mary's Grammar School Belfast and 20 local business representatives participated in an Interview Skills Day on 9th December. This event was held at St Mary's University College and was organised under the banner of the West Belfast Education Partnership. Many business representatives from the West Belfast BEP were on hand during the day and were helped by willing volunteers from Irwin's Bakery, Stratagem NI, the Department of Employment and Learning and the school's Board of Governors.

The Year 14 students were brought to St Mary's University College for two separate sessions where they were divided into smaller groups and assigned to one of the business representatives. During each ninety minute session each student received a mock interview, witnessed interviews and gained experience on an interview panel. The boys had already completed application forms for a job that had been previously advertised and interview questions were focused on the actual Job Description and Personnel Specification.

This new event aimed to equip students with the necessary skills for completing application forms and performing a successful interview. In the current economic climate young people are finding it increasingly difficult to secure employment, whether this is a part-time job, apprenticeship or fulltime employment. According to the official figures, in the

UK unemployment rose by 44,000 in the last quarter of 2010 and the February 2011 Labour Force Survey reported that the NI unemployment rate sits at 8%, which is above the UK average. Most economic commentators believe that unemployment will continue to rise during 2011 with proposed slashes to public spending and new redundancies announced at companies such as Pullman Fleet Services and Belfast Metropolitan College. The sectors particularly affected are construction, retail, finance, education, health and business services. The first people to lose their jobs are young people and those with fewer qualifications. Miss Moore, who organised the event stated "An event like this can teach students much more than they could learn in a Careers Class! Although some of these students have part-time employment they have not previously encountered a formal interview situation with a panel and competency based questions. It is competitive out there in the world of work and we would like St Mary's students to make a successful transition onto the next stage of their education or working life. We are very grateful to all of the employers who willingly offered their time as I believe that the business and education sectors have much to offer each other". Feedback from the event from both employers and Year 14 students was very positive and we hope to run Mock Interviews again in December 2011.



*Year 14 students at their mock interviews in St. Mary's College.*





# Careers Convention 2011

72 Careers & Business - THE SIMMARIAN 2011



Decisions made about where to go.

Year 12 pupils from St Mary's attended the third West Belfast Careers Convention in February of this year. This event was enjoyed by approximately 1300 year 12 pupils from De La Salle College, Corpus Christi College, Christian Brothers School, St Dominics Grammar School, St Gerard's Resource Centre, St Louise's Comprehensive, St Genevieve's High School and St Rose's High School. The convention was again funded by the West Belfast Business Education Partnership who are a community of local schools and organisations working together for the benefit of local students. Last year's convention had been based on careers using Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and although it was a hugely successful event, many students wrote on their feedback forms that they would like to see a wider range of career areas on offer. Therefore this year there were over 50 exhibitors spread out over 2 large halls in the Balmoral Hotel who were on hand to offer practical demonstrations, information and advice about their industry and employment opportunities. The hotel's ballroom saw apprentice bricklayers from Gilbert Ash giving students a go, the NI Ambulance Service showing students how life saving equipment operates and staff from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust demonstrating technical equipment. Students were encouraged to join in, talk to staff and ask lots of questions. Belfast's Lord Mayor and representatives from the Department of Education were guests at the event and they commented on how impressed they were both by the turn-out of local students and by the support provided by local employers.

Year 12 students had been prepared for the convention in their own career classes in each school and had both a questionnaire and a map of exhibitors on the day itself. Students from each school were given an hour to walk round the 2 halls and there was a lively buzz. The University of Ulster brought along their Formula 1 Car and the Beauty Academy offered nail painting sessions for local



girls and boys! The exhibitors were very positive about the event, with many commending local schools on their pupils' behaviour and intelligent questions. Our senior students were complimented by many as they dedicated the day to looking after exhibitors and visiting teachers. Alison Sweeney from the Belfast Media Group commented "This was excellent, we met a very keen bunch of students today". Howard Mcllwaine from Bombardier stated "We display at this event every year and it is very well organised, with excellent provision made for all of the exhibitors"

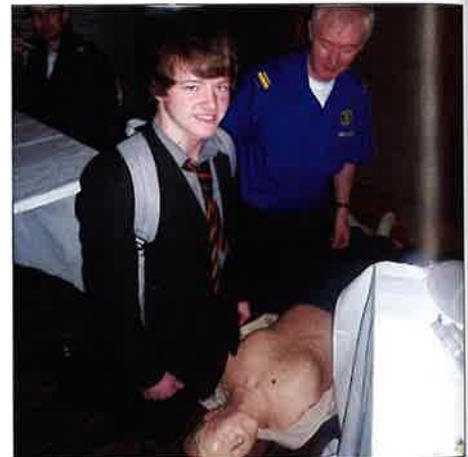
Our Year 12 students completed a survey on the Careers Convention and the vast majority reported it to be useful, interesting and enjoyable. Many students wrote on their surveys comments such as "It gave me ideas for future careers" or "It opened up my options". A careers convention is an important part of career planning and an excellent opportunity to get information and advice about jobs and courses "straight from the horse's mouth".

One of the Year 12 students speaking with a representative from the RSC (Royal Society of Chemistry)

Some of the dignitaries including careers officer, Miss C. Moore



Listening to some good advice



Luke Doyle 12D introduces himself to the dummy at the N.I. ambulance stand.



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## An Ex Student: A Case Study



**Name:** Deaglan Bunting

**D.O.B:** 23/04/1991

**Attended St Mary's Grammar School:**  
2002-2007    2010-2011

**Qualifications:** 3 A's, 4B's & 2 C's at GCSE

Scottish Advanced Higher English Grade C & Media grade B

Scottish SVQ Level 3 Excellence in Sport

### **Current Situation:**

Deaglan is currently undertaking the OCR Extended Diploma in Sport at St Mary's & volunteering on a part-time basis in several departments in school.

### **So Deaglan, what have you been up to since leaving St Mary's?**

I was offered a contract with Celtic football club in 2007 and started there straight after my GCSE's. I spent 3 years on the playing staff at Celtic but unfortunately due to a back injury my time in the game was cut short. I did an online course in Scotland on Sports Journalism when injured and got some work experience in the Celtic View. At this point I was offered a job there but I chose to come home for personal reasons. I came home to Belfast in June 2010 and tried to decide what to do next. I met Mr Tully out & about & he advised me to come up to the school to see what was on offer for me. Mr McToal & Mr Sheerin sorted me out with my current situation.

### **How are you finding the return to St Mary's?**

To begin with I found studying again really tough but with a bit of focus I managed to get into it as I knew that I needed the qualification to enhance my career prospects. At times it has been stressful completing a 2 year course in 1 year and I have been combining this with a very busy schedule.

The whole teaching staff, especially the PE staff, have been very encouraging and supportive. Something that I've really enjoyed about coming back to the school was being involved in the coaching side of school teams, particularly the MacLarnon Cup winning team. Another highlight of this year was having the opportunity to take part in Project Zambia and going out there as part of the immersion project. It was a heartbreaking, life-changing and yet thoroughly enjoyable experience that I won't forget. I'd love to go back to Zambia with the school some day.

### **What are you hoping to do next?**

I have got a conditional offer from UUU to study a degree in Sports Studies which means that I have to get 260 UCAS points from the OCR diploma. This is a reduced offer as I applied for, and have been awarded, the Elite Athlete Status. I would like to come back into St Mary's next year while at university to keep volunteering with our sports teams. Once I have finished this degree I hope to do the PCGE secondary in UUU to become a PE teacher and perhaps one day come back to work in St Mary's.

### **Do you have any regrets about your career path to date?**

Well, I lost focus during my GCSE year as I knew that I was going to play for Celtic. During that year I also missed a lot of school as I was travelling around Europe with various Northern Ireland football teams and some English football clubs. So I know looking back at my GCSE grades that they should have been better. In 2007-9 while living in Scotland I came home to Belfast on several occasions and caught up with my past St Mary's peers. Each time I felt like I was missing out on school life and possible sporting triumphs, such as the MacCrory and Mageean Cup and the Northern Ireland Cup. These friends are now all in university and I have another while to go before I get there so I still feel a bit left out. At the same time it was a dream come true to play for Celtic and I know that my St Mary's friends would have loved to have swapped places with me!

### **What contact did you have with St Mary's Careers Department?**

Mr McNeil sent me to the Careers Room in September 2010 to get advice about the right career move for me. I was able to find out various courses on offer and options available to me. Then later in the year I got support and advice about my UCAS application and in the summer term I received valuable guidance on Student Finance. Furthermore when I was undecided about my university offers Miss Moore talked me through everything & helped me make a final decision.

### **Any advice for our current Year 13 and 14 students?**

Yes: don't be disheartened by any knock-backs in your life. For example, if you don't get the results that you wanted, remember that it's how you react to the crises in your life that is most important. The easy option is to give up & feel sorry for yourself but I can assure you that you will feel a lot better by being more proactive & doing something more positive about your situation. I have personal experience of learning from setbacks and would recommend that you seek help, especially in St Mary's as everyone is approachable and more than willing to help.

**Good Luck Deaglan!**



# Report on Work Shadowing 2010

*Young apprentices,  
Michael White,  
Sean Mc Garry  
and Eoin Mc Carry.*



In the current economic climate it is not easy for students to find an employer that will help them experience a particular job. However from 24th to 26th November our careers department placed 170 Year 13 students in the world of work, with seventeen students completing five days of work experience instead of the average three. These students undertook placements in high demand areas such as Medicine, Pharmacy, or Primary Teaching.

A Year 13 assembly was held at the end of September to emphasise the benefits of work experience. All Year 13 students completed an Initial Work Placement Form at the end of this assembly, choosing a preferred and a back up career area and type of employer and indicating whether they required a placement to be organised or if they were arranging their own. Twenty six students organised their own placement through their friends and family. Many students received one-to-one guidance with Miss Moore to generate career ideas for work experience. Students also completed two lessons after work experience and provided a presentation to the rest of their Form class in the December-January period.

During the three day programme a total of ninety two students were visited by members of the Careers Department, the Head of Year 13 and a Year 13 Form Teacher and Work Shadowing Visit Forms were completed. Every employer visited was pleased with St Mary's students. Precision Analysis Laboratories hosted Kevin Murtagh and the supervisor stated that he was the best work experience student that they had ever had! Lagan Technologies hosted Stephen McCourt and Ruairi Devine who were keen to get some experience in a growing software company. Stephen said "Coming here has helped me link the content of AS Level Computing to what goes on in here. I think that some of the programming that I've seen here will also help me with Computing back in school". Jim Mallory from the QUB School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology stated that "It has been a genuine pleasure to host Connor Jackson... I am very pleased with

his work and feel that the placement has been a positive experience for both Connor and the university". Many primary and secondary schools in the greater Belfast area helped students experience life in their sector and were impressed by St Mary's students' ability to help out in the classroom and to interact meaningfully with younger children. Queen's University Belfast (QUB) and University of Ulster (UU) offered placements in many of its Engineering and Sports departments, offering our students a glimpse into university life as well as employment in their chosen field. Many employers were offering work experience as a new venture and had such a positive experience with our students that they hope to offer placements to other local schools. One of these employers is the Finance Department of the Northern Bank, situated in Belfast City Centre. They hosted Eoin McCarry, Sean McGivern and Michael White. This department set up a financial project for the boys, with a report to be delivered at the end of the three day placement. The boys were required to set up interviews with key managers in the Northern Bank, including the Chief Economist herself. Gordon Reilly, who facilitated the placement stated "We were all impressed with what the three boys achieved over the three days here considering they are still at school. Even for an adult our project would have been a daunting task but the boys rose to the challenge magnificently.... We are delighted with this new link to St Mary's and hope to roll out our placement opportunities to other schools in the province. We wish the three boys all the very best success for their future and hope that after their experience with us they could see themselves pursuing a career in finance. Who knows, perhaps in fifteen years they could be the facilitators themselves for future St Mary's students undertaking work experience in the Northern Bank!"

Employers wrote a reference for each student which will be stored and used for future school references. Students will draw on their work placement logs to write their personal statements for university entrance or job

applications this coming September. The school's work shadowing scheme is of utmost importance for the following reasons:

- \* It is a vital part of careers research
- \* Students will need some form of work experience to apply for employment, college or university
- \* Reports from work experience will be used by the school for references for UCAS or employment
- \* It gives students a chance to explore typical working conditions
- \* Students can meet and talk with adults who are earning their living in the career area that they have chosen
- \* It will help students see the links between the subjects they are studying at school, and the skills they need in working life
- \* It will help students find out more about their own skills and interests
- \* Students will be out on their own, and it will give them independence and responsibility. They will need to journey safely to and from their placement, be punctual and helpful to others
- \* It can increase self confidence
- \* Students can find out what employers want when recruiting
- \* Students can try out their own key skills and begin to develop new skills
- \* It will help students understand why business, industry and commerce are so important

The next Year 13 Work Shadowing Scheme will take place from 23rd to 25th November 2011. St Mary's would like to give a big THANK YOU to all of those employers who offered a placement to our students.

# THE WEST BELFAST BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP



Young people of all ages learn best by direct experiences. Activities which bridge the gap between education and employment open up possibilities, opportunities and challenges and bring relevance to subjects studied at school and help develop important skills such as communication, team building and problem solving. They can also help young people build self-confidence and self-esteem. Employers frequently underestimate the skills and expertise which they can share as young people respond very positively to people from the business world.

## WHAT IS A BEP?

The West Belfast Business Education Partnership (WBBEP) is a community group comprising all of the West Belfast Post Primary schools who work in partnership with a range of local, national and global employers and other key stakeholders and endeavour to:



- Develop the future workforce of West Belfast
- Raise funds to assist the delivery of many innovative Employability Programmes
- Raise awareness of key stakeholders who can assist schools in the delivery of successful CEIAG programmes
- Promote collaboration amongst schools
- Raise the personal aspirations and broaden horizons for local young people
- Enhance future educational and employment opportunities for West Belfast pupils

Business Education Partnerships provide the opportunity for employers and schools to raise the quality and relevance of skills for the world of work through a range of activities for young people and teachers.

These include:

- Work experience
- Enterprise activities
- Visits from schools to business
- Visits by business into schools
- Professional development opportunities for teachers
- Mock interviews and CV support
- Business mentoring
- Business challenges
- Curriculum support such as materials for case studies

The West Belfast Business Education Partnership seeks to encourage greater links between schools, colleges and employers to raise awareness of what happens both inside and outside schools. These links will provide insights and understanding for employers and school staff and help raise the aspirations and achievements of students to allow them to maximise their potential and enable them to become part of a skilled and adaptable workforce

All partnerships work best when both parties gain from the experience. St Mary's has been able to access the following events thanks to the West Belfast BEP:

- Mock Interviews for Year 14 in December 2010
- February 2011 Careers Convention for all of Year 12
- Enterprise Talks from independent consultant Mr Billy Dixon for Year 12 and Year 14 students
- Study Skills workshops for all Year 11 students
- Teacher Insight Day for careers teachers

## WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE WEST BELFAST BEP?

The West Belfast Schools in the Area Learning Community are involved with the following organisations:

Feedback from all of these events is extremely positive and we hope to continue the good work next year.

**The staff and students at St Mary's Grammar School Belfast would like to give a big THANK YOU to these local organisations!**

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## Year 13 Masterclass

The Young Enterprise Masterclass was held on Tuesday 30th November 2010 in the Hilton Hotel Belfast. A group of year 13 Business Studies and Applied Business Studies students were inspired to consider business start-up through first hand accounts from entrepreneurs. Students were helped to gain an appreciation of the personal qualities and skills of an entrepreneur as well as the practical aspects of setting up in business such as obtaining finance, negotiating contracts and retaining customers.

The seminar concluded with a session from David Meade, one of Europe's most sought after motivational speakers. With David's dynamic, challenging and thought provoking speeches, many organisations have used him to develop creativity, innovativeness and team productivity within their own businesses. Students were invited to participate in his 'mind reading' activity, the aim of which was to show pupils that when you put your mind to something you can achieve almost anything!

## Business Little Wing

The Business Studies Department recently welcomed Conall and Luke Wolsey to talk to our year 11 and year 13 pupils about the benefits of setting up and running a business. The Wolsey brothers follow in their father's footsteps; Bill Wolsey is at the helm of a very successful multi-million pound business empire. He owns, among other things, the luxurious Merchant Hotel in Belfast.

Conall addressed the pupils and talked frankly about his own experiences of setting up his Little Wing Pizzeria which is located across the greater Belfast area and pursuing a strategy of growth. As well as giving an insight into the running of a business, Conall give students a deeper understanding of the hospitality industry and the advantages of being your own boss.

A most enjoyable and informative session, helping students connect the theory in the classroom to the real life business world.



(L) Year 11 and (R) Year 13 students gain an insight to the Business world.





# Trade Fair: Connswater Shopping Centre

*On Saturday 5th February 2011 the Young Enterprise boys from St. Mary's CBGS travelled to Connswater shopping centre for the annual Trade Fair.*



We arrived with the aim of gaining experience in a real business environment and to make some profit. It was our first time and we were a little nervous, but on the whole excited. On our arrival we were directed to where we could set up our stand. Once this was set up and looking very professional indeed, our next task was to let people know that we were there and what we would be selling. Kevin Madden had the job of wearing our company sandwich board and his assistant Tommy McGoran distributed our flyers. Myself and Sean Floyd managed the stand anxiously awaiting our first customer. We tried to entice some of the customers over using our wit and charm and needless to say it didn't let us down. We introduced the customers to our romantic product which was a 'valentines pick and mix', full of Valentine's treats such as Haribo Hearts, Love Hearts and wrapped Chocolate Hearts, topped off with a Chocolate Love Bug.



Our main target customers were those with someone special in their life or simply those with a sweet tooth. The day was so much more successful than we could have anticipated, resulting in a complete sell out of our stock. We had such a wonderful day made even better by the fact that we won the award for Most Enterprising Traders. Our Young Enterprise Company CBGS (Come Buy Great Stuff) worked really well as a team and we definitely gained confidence in our ability to promote our product and be good business men. We are looking forward to next year already!!!



*Thomas Rooney Yr9  
Sean Floyd Yr10  
Tommy Mc Goran Yr 11  
Kevin Madden Yr 11*



# Young Enterprise - Dragon's Den

26th May 2011

Careers & Business - THE SIMMARIAN 2011



**When we arrived at Invest NI we were a bit apprehensive, not knowing really what to expect.**

We were greeted with refreshments on arrival. We then had the opportunity to run through our presentation, thinking that it sounded good and hoping that the judges thought so too! As soon as we finished this it was our turn to enter the board room and that is when the nerves kicked in. The pressure hit us hard but I guess it is the same for all people having to give a speech. What was noticeable was the fact that the board room was so big, with an oval desk in the centre with five judges seated around it. We set up our test products, price list and our other marketing materials used at our last competition (this was a trade fair, in which we lifted a trophy for Most Enterprising Traders). We were then ready and began by introducing ourselves. It was me who opened the presentation. I kept thinking that I was going to mess this up but I got through it successfully as did the rest of the group and we managed to get a few laughs out of the judges (we did a role play with a few awkward customers). We finished, packed up and left the board room. We then had the opportunity to tour the building, discovering what happens in different areas and how eco-friendly the building was e.g. they recycle water and have solar panels on the roof. After that it was time for the results. There was a lot of talk and you could

almost feel the tension as the wait seemed to go on for ages. When we got to the results the Chief Executive of Invest NI said that this group had been picked because they delivered a very professional presentation, and answered the judges questions appropriately, indicating a high level of preparation. My initial thoughts were that it wasn't us. Better luck next time. Then there was a long silence and to our surprise he said Come Buy Great Stuff (The name of our company). We were delighted and amazed and went up to collect our prize - a trophy and £500. That is the second trophy we have won for the school this year, and we are hoping for more next year.

*By Kevin Madden*



## Year 10 Business

Year 10 students recently accepted the challenge to participate in Young Enterprise's Project Business programme.

The aim of the event was to help students understand how business works, and to inspire and foster a culture of enterprise.

It was a fun and interactive day with games, activities and role play exercises to enhance their learning experience.

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On a September Friday afternoon, in the library at St. Mary's, fifteen St. Mary's Year 9 pupils teamed up with a group of language students from St. Louise's to celebrate the annual European Day of Languages. They took part in a quiz with a European theme and flavour in multi-lingual teams of three. Irish teacher, Mr. Greene acted as the quiz master which was a great success and a lot of fun judging by these photos.



Above: The winners were: **Clíodhna Tolan, Dara O'Halloran 9F, Megan O'Connor**

## European Day of Languages Quiz



On Wednesday 13th October, Miss Mervyn accompanied a group of fifteen year10 pupils to St. Louise's to participate in another European Quiz. The quiz was held in their Assembly Hall with an audience of year 10 St. Louise's girls. There were questions on many areas of European life, such as famous buildings, flags, famous people and food. Our boys always score well on the food round! St. Mary's boys, as always, behaved impeccably and their knowledge of Europe was impressive. Well done to all the participants and a huge thank you to St. Louise's for their hospitality. *Mrs J. McEvoy*





# French Department

## *French Breakfast*

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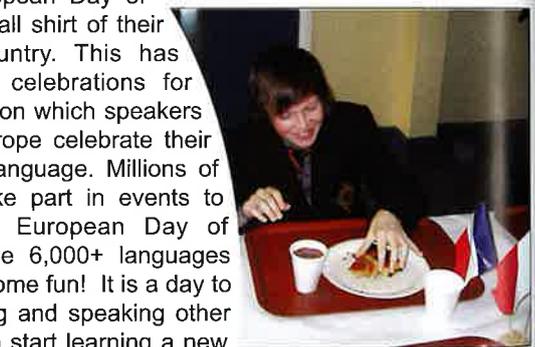
*The French Breakfast made a very welcome return to St. Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School on Friday 24th September, for the fourth year running.*



The school canteen took on a truly continental atmosphere as pupils decorated it with French and European flags. Pupils showed their support for European Day of Languages by wearing the football shirt of their favourite European club or country. This has become an integral part of the celebrations for European Day of Languages, a day on which speakers of different languages all across Europe celebrate their ability to communicate in a foreign language. Millions of people across forty-five countries take part in events to celebrate this day annually. The European Day of Languages is a time to celebrate the 6,000+ languages spoken around the world and to have some fun! It is a day to take part in events celebrating learning and speaking other languages and to encourage people to start learning a new language.

In previous years, hundreds of St. Mary's boys have gathered together on this day at the Breakfast club to enjoy "pains au chocolat", croissants, hot chocolate and orange juice, and this year proved to be equally popular. In fact, for many year 10 and year 11 pupils, this event brought back happy memories of a highly successful Educational Study Visit to Paris in February 2010, which was organised by the

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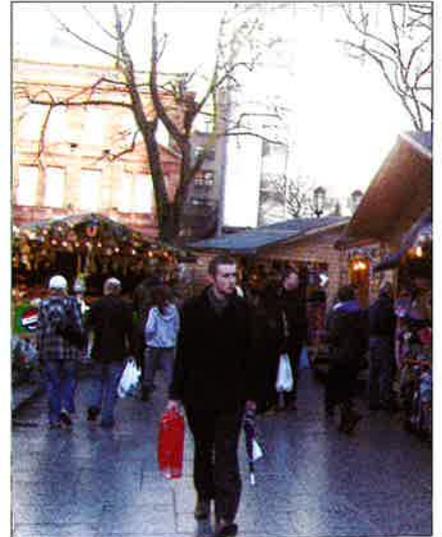
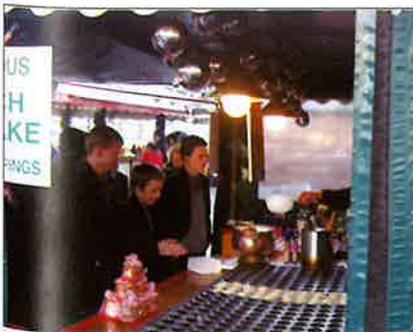
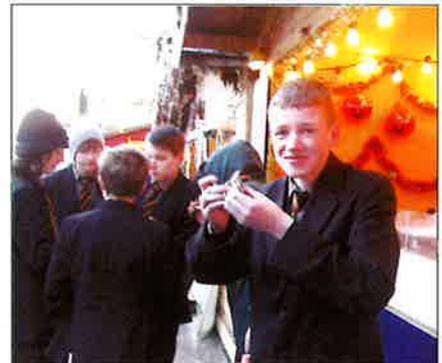


## Visit to the Continental Christmas Market

The famous Christmas Continental Market took place at Belfast City Hall from 20th November until 19th December, selling a range of food, drinks and crafts. Highlights of the food and drinks stalls included toasted baguettes, waffles, and crêpes. Year eleven students of French braved the elements on Thursday 16th December 2010 to attend the Continental Christmas Market. They were given a guided tour by the manager of the Christmas Market, which ensured that they also received a lot of free samples! The French traders welcomed back the students from St. Mary's for the fourth year running and were very generous with their time and products. The French pancakes with chocolate proved to be especially popular! The GCSE students tried out their French and thoroughly enjoyed the morning spent at the market, and despite the wintry conditions, they managed to just avoid the snow!



Back row: Kevin Madden, Anthony Robinson, Peter McCloskey, Adam Christian, Conor Murdock, Peter Lynch, Ryan McNally.  
Front row: Andrew Murray, Curtis Berry, Michael Agnew.



A French food stand selling Tartiflette



## French film screening at QFT: "La Haine"



**There was an introduction to the film by Dr Alexander Fisher, Lecturer in Film Studies at Queen's University Belfast.**

### Synopsis of film:

"La Haine" is a social drama set in the industrial suburbs of Paris, in a typical kind of French suburban housing ghetto where it's not unpleasant to live - there are parks and football fields but there is nothing for the young to do. They don't go to school, they're bored - they 'hang around'. Against this background an Arab boy is critically ill with a gunshot wound. A police revolver has found its way into the hands of a young Jewish skinhead who vows to even the score if his pal dies. The film depicts the reality of the young people's frustration and boredom.

### Film review:

The 1990s was a good decade for French cinema, with some great internationally acclaimed successes and booming box office receipts in France. But there is one film that stands out above all others for its impact, originality of style and success in tackling a major social issue head-on. That film is *La Haine*, only the second major film of the young actor-turned-director, Mathieu Kassovitz. Kassovitz was rewarded with the Best Director award at the Cannes Film Festival in 1995 for this stunning film.

The fracture sociale, the problem of social exclusion, was (and remains) one of the great political problems of modern day France. In this film, its writer and director, Mathieu Kassovitz, suggests that the problem is exacerbated by political ambivalence over racial minorities and unbridled hostility on the part of the police. The situation is a tinderbox, with angry young men having no jobs, no money, no prospects, living in cramped, poorly maintained accommodation. It can be no surprise when things flare up once in a while.

The film has a very strong anti-police message (a point which Kassovitz himself admitted - unpopularly - at the Cannes film festival), with some pretty graphic scenes of police brutality and provocation. All this creates an impression of confinement and intolerance, which seems to legitimise Vinz's almost pathological hatred for the police.

Whilst the most impressive aspect of the film is its directness, its presentation of a major social problem in - literally - black and white lucidity, many other factors contribute to *La Haine*'s success. The camera work is impressive, often veering towards genius on more than one occasion, accentuated by some sharp and unsettling editing.

The central characters are played by unknown actors, with a conviction and feeling of spontaneity that gives the film

**On Thursday 21st October 2010, AS and A2 students of French attended a discussion and screening of the French film "La Haine" (Hate) at the Queen's Film Theatre, Belfast.**

a documentary feel. Kassovitz's script and direction appear to be the work of a far more experienced film-maker than his 28 years would suggest.

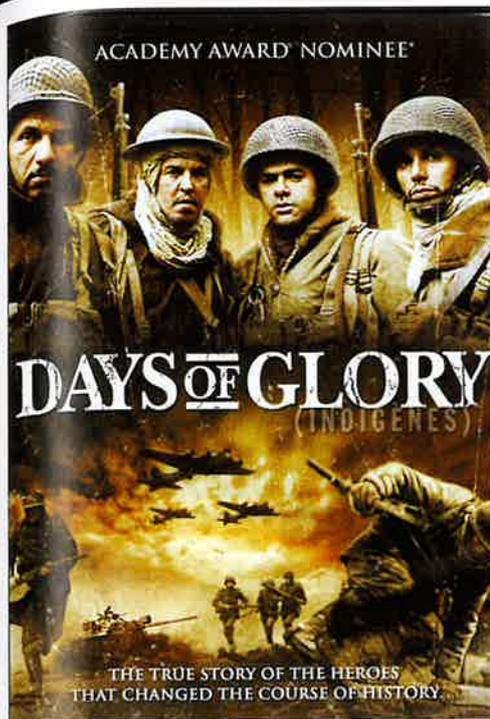
Few films have the good fortune to succeed at virtually every level as a piece of cinema and still have something important to say about life. *La Haine* is one such film.

*Miss I. Lawless*  
*Head of French*

### Pupil Review

On the 21st of October 2010, the A-level students of French at St. Mary's attended a screening of "*La Haine*" (Hatred) in Queen's Film Theatre. This is a French film about a day in the life of three young French "banlieusards" or inhabitants of the run-down suburbs of Paris. The protagonists, of varying ethnic origins, portray a damning reflection of the policing system in France, which is rotten to the core with racism. Kassowitz delivers a dramatic masterpiece - a must-see for any French cinema enthusiast.

*Eoin Brady 13G*



*The true story of World War Two's forgotten heroes  
"Outstanding. The most powerful war film of the year"  
"A truly excellent war picture"  
The Times*



*The French department invited all students of French from year 9 to year 14 to a screening of "Days of Glory". Originally titled "Indigènes" in French, this 2006 film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language film. The film was screened in the ER Lecture Theatre on Thursday 10th February 2011.*

**Résumé:**

1943. Although they have never set foot on French soil, four young Algerian soldiers feel it is their duty to enlist along with 130,000 other "indigenous troops". Their noble aim is to fight for the liberation of their fatherland (France) from the Nazi enemy. The epic journey these forgotten heroes embark upon shows us the

injustices they faced in the time of war, the fearless courage they displayed in the face of brutal conflict and the discrimination they encountered from the nation they helped defend.

Thrilling, spectacular and deeply moving, Days of Glory is unlike any war film you have experienced.



**Open Night  
September 2010 -  
French  
Department**

The French Department would like to extend a thank you to the volunteers in 10A who helped during Open Night in September 2010. They confidently delivered a short presentation in French and chatted to prospective pupils and their parents about life at St. Mary's.

*Merci!*



Caoimhin Cullen O'Neill, Sean McIlhatton, John Erskine, Anne Murphy, Simon Campbell, Ciaran Doherty, Matthew Kerr.

## Careers with Languages event

The French Department hosted a "Careers with Languages" event on Friday 18th February 2011. Groups of year ten and year twelve students welcomed Anne Murphy from Delegate Recruitment to the school in order to find out how useful having a language could really be in their future career. Students were pleasantly surprised to learn that a language qualification on their CV could enable them to earn between 5 - 20% more than their monolingual counterparts! They were interested to hear about the range of careers in which languages could be used, from Sales, Customer Service and Tourism to Media, Finance and Engineering. They realised that many multinational companies are now based in Belfast and Dublin and require language speakers for their business. The students learned that speaking a modern language can open up a world of opportunities, including greater potential for employment, better communication skills and even increased brainpower!

### Why study languages?

- Communication: 94% of the world's population does not speak English as their first language
- University applications: Some universities require a GCSE in a modern language, whereas others look favourably on those candidates who have this qualification
- Employability:
- Specialist language careers e.g. interpreting, translating, language teaching, digital subtitling
- Careers where languages are useful e.g. journalist, software developer, accountant, engineer, market researcher
- Sectors that need language skills e.g. travel and tourism, sales, customer service and marketing, central government, media, financial services, technology
- Opportunity to travel: People who use languages at work often have the opportunity to travel with exhibitions, client meetings, work placement, exchange programmes

### An Article by the French Assistant, Melanie

#### Quoi de neuf? (What's the craic?)

Salut!

Je m'appelle Mélanie. Je viens de Bretagne. J'ai étudié l'anglais à la fac, et en troisième année, j'ai décidé, un peu sur un coup de tête, d'être assistante de langues à l'étranger pendant neuf mois.

Je suis arrivée à Belfast en août 2008.

Laissez-moi vous dire qu'étudier l'anglais à l'école ne vous prépare pas à vivre dans un pays anglophone!

Je pouvais parler de quelque poésie du 19ème siècle ou de civilisation américaine mais je ne savais pas comment dire " une casserole " ou " une bouilloire " dans la cuisine! " Euh, peux-tu me passer le truc avec le machin là? "

A l'école, on apprend aussi à saluer les gens en disant " Good morning, how do you do? ", je n'ai JAMAIS entendu ça!

"Hiya", "What's the craic", "How is it going?", "How's you?" sont les expressions que j'ai entendues! On les apprend assez vite et on commence à les utiliser.

Bref, après quelques mois, on parle ainsi:

" - Hiya, what's the craic? Do you want a wee cuppa tea?  
 - Aye, it's good tea like"

On parle aussi du temps qu'il fait:

" - Have you seen the weather?  
 - I know, it's terrible!"

J'ai dit que je voulais être assistante de français pendant neuf mois. Et bien, j'ai tellement aimé ça, que je suis revenue en septembre 2009 et septembre 2010. Et à St Mary's cette fois.

J'étais seulement à St Mary's le lundi. Le lundi, c'est difficile vous savez: le week-end est fini, c'est le premier jour de la semaine, et vous ne voulez pas vous lever tôt pour traverser la ville sous la pluie. Et puis la journée passe et vous pensez " Ma foi, c'était un très bon lundi ! ". J'ai passé de très bons lundis à St Mary's, et j'ai vraiment aimé travailler avec Mademoiselle Lawless et les garçons! C'était fun! Mais les gars, vous avez intérêt à travailler encore plus dur pour avoir des bonnes notes au bac l'année prochaine! Au boulot! ;)

Mélanie

# Gael Linn Public Speaking Competition 2010



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ABAIR 2010

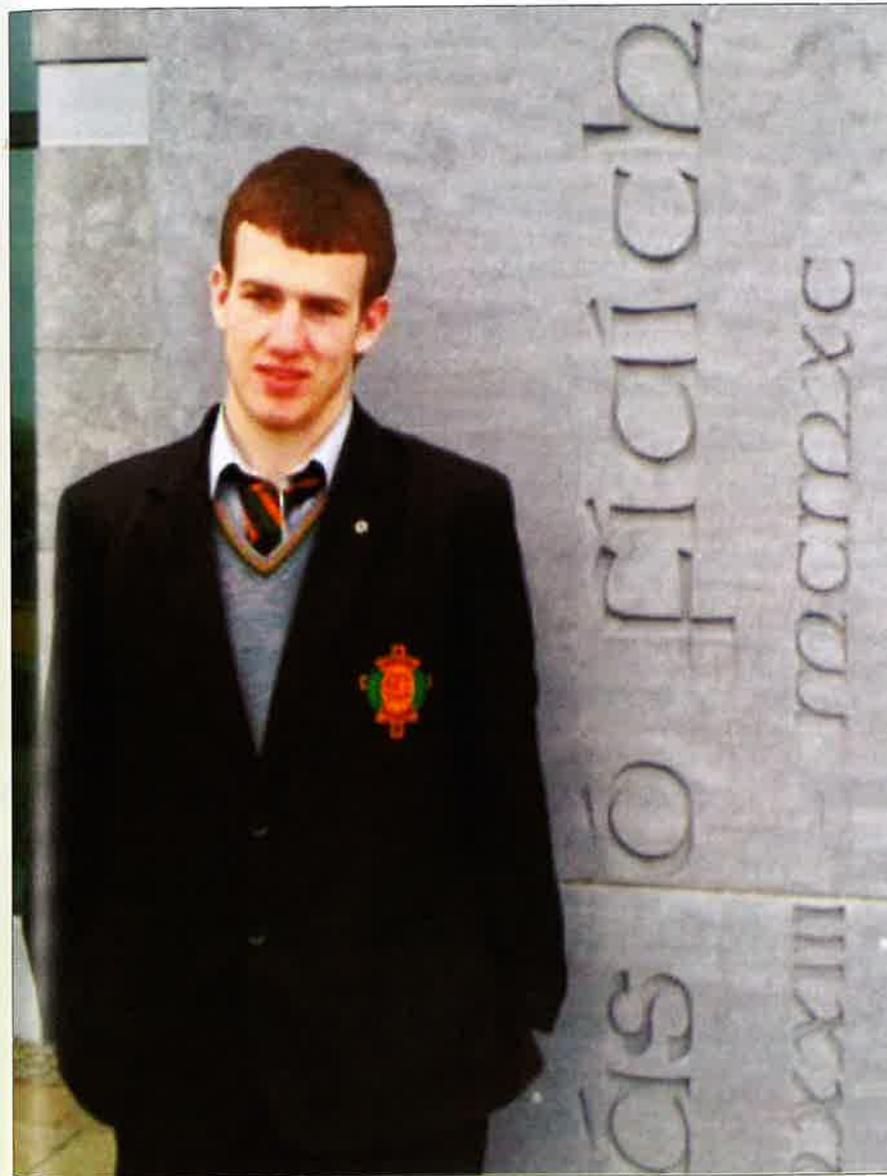
ABAIR 1

## le Ruairi Wilson Year 12

A mholtóirí agus a lucht éisteacha, an gcuimhin sibh na laetha? Na laethe nuair a bhí tú abálta siúl síos an sráid leat féin agus bhí sé sabháilte. Na laethe nuair a chuaigh tú amach le do chairde, agus ní raibh ort a bheith buartha cén dóigh a bhí tú ag dul na bhaile. Na laethe nuair a bhí tú abalta dul ar laethanta saoire agus ní raibh daoine ann, a bhí abalta rudaí s'agat a ghoid ó do sheomra. Cad a tharla de na laethe sin? Níl a fhios agam féin.

Coicís ó sin bhí torramh Michaela MacAreavy ann. Dhá lá dhéag l ndhaidh dí pósadh, agus maríodh í. Do-chreidte. Bhí sé ar chailín is gálanta agus dóighúila ariamh a dtáinig as Tír Eoghain, agus maríodh í mar bhí daoine ag iarriadh rudaí a ghoid ón seomra s'aici. I mo bharúil féin, níor choir do na daoine a rinne é a bheith beo. Ach, cad é a rinne na póilíní i Mauritius? Ghlac siad na daoine a mharaigh Michaela bocht ar ais chuig an seomra, le siúil fríd an imeacht arís. Samhnasach. Cad é a deir sin faoin domhain sa lá atá inniu ann? Níl cothrom na féinne ar fail. Fosta, ní bhfaighidh na daoine a mharaigh í, níos mó na fiche bliain l bpríosúin.

Abair 2011, Ruairi Wilson, Yr 12.



Ach ní amháin sa tír sin a bhfuil mé ag labairt faoi. Anseo in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste, tharla rud a bhí do chreidte cúpla bliain ó shin. Maraíodh fear glasraí darbh ainm Harry Holland. Bhí fearg an domhain ar an phobal. Chuaigh sé amach san oíche nuair a chuala sé torman mar bhí eagla air go raibh daoine ag iarraidh an veain s'aige a ghoid. Bhí a cheart aige. Agus ba chuma leis na daoine seo faoi Harry. Ní raibh siad ag dul ligean do Harry stop a chur leo. Ba leosan an veain anois, dar leo. Mharaigh siad é ar an toirt nuair a chuir sé isteach ar an phlean s'acu. Agus cad é a thig le pobal na hÉireann a fhoghlaim ó na tragóidí seo? Déarfainn féin go bhfuil sé ceart brón a bheith ar dhaoine nuair a fhaigheann duine bás. Silim go mbeadh na teaghlaigh MacAreavy agus Harte, níos cóngaraí lena chéile agus rachaidh siad ar aghaidh le láidreacht agus le taca ón phobal, go háirithe ón Chumann Luthcleas Gael in Éirinn. Sa deireadh, tá súil againn uilig gur féidir le muintir Michaela dul ar aghaidh lena saol. Is deá-shampla í Gráinne Holland dóibh.

Sa bhliain 2010 chuaigh iníon Harry Holland síos go Connemara. Roghnaíodh í mar cailín na Gaeltachta an bhliain sin.

Silim go bhfuil sé ceart in amanna le rá nach bhfaigheann ach na daoine maithe bás go hóg, agus is fíor cinnte go dtarlaíonn na rudaí is measa, do na daoine is deise.

## ABAIR An Murtall agus an Mearbhia

### le Curtis Millen Year 12

Dia daoibh, a lucht éisteachta, tá mé anseo inniu chun bhur n-aird a tharraingt ar an fhíric go bhfuil mearbhia ceangailte leis an epidéim atá ag fás go gasta sa lá atá inniu ann - an murtall. In Éirinn tá ocht déag faoin chéad de dhaoine murtallach agus amach as sé mhilliún is é sin aon mhilliún agus ochtó míle duine.

Fadhb ollmhór atá ann ar fud na tíre agus cuirtear an locht ar bhialanna mearbhia. Sílim gur ceart sin a dhéanamh mar is bia próiseáilte é an mearbhia agus ní chothaíonn sé an chorp dhaonna. Tá a lán fuinnimh i mearbhia is fíor, ach is cuid den fhadhb é sin mar muna n-úsáideann tú mórán den fhuinneamh seo is dócha go gcuirfidh tú do chorp i stór é i bhfoirm saill. Is gnách nach mbíonn daoine a itheann mearbhia aclaí agus is gnách go mbíonn siad falsa mar ní maith leo seasamh ar feadh fiche bomaite chun fiordhinnéar a chócaireacht.

Sílim féin gurb é an fáth a bhfuil an murtall ceangailte leis an mhearbhia, nach bhfuair na daoine murtallacha seo oideachas ceart faoin bhia fholláin nuair a bhí siad ar scoil. Tá a fhios agam go bhfuil roinnt torthaí agus glasraí ar fáil i mbialanna mearbhia ach níl aon suim ag na daoine a théann isteach sna háiteanna seo sa bhia fholláin, ba mhaith leo bia gasta blásta. Tá súil agam sa toadhcháí go mbeidh an t-eolas faoin bhia fholláin ag tromlach na bpáistí scoile.

Síleann a lán daoine nach bhfaigheann tú mórán as dáileog bheag bia ach ní fíor sin. Ar an mheán ní feoil í leathchuid den ábhar i ngnáthbhorgaire agus taispeánann seo dúinn nach bhfuil a fhios againn cad é atá sna béilí mearbhia se ar chor ar bith.

Tá an epidéim den mhurtall ag fás mar thoradh ar na bialanna mearbhia ag fógraíocht an bhia s'acu ag praghasanna níos saoire. Bíonn sé níos fusa don phobal an bruscar seo a thugann siad bia air a fháil. Sa déireadh tá an-cheangal ag an mhearbhia leis an mhurtall agus ní ar na daoine murtallacha amháin atá an locht ach ar an sochaí inar rugadh iad.

## ABAIR 3

### An tUisce

#### le Ruadhán Mac Ainmhire Year 12

Inniu, ba mhaith liom labhairt faoi ábhar atá toipiciúil agus suimiúil, ábhar atá conspóideach agus uafásach. Tá an t-ábhar seo i mbéal an phobail agus bíonn sé i mbéal an phobail. Bíonn an t-ábhar seo flúirseach, bíonn an t-ábhar seo gann. Cad é faoi Dhia a bhfuil mé ag labhairt? An t-uisce.

San Astráil tá cara de mo chuid ag fanacht thuas staighre ina theach. Tá na seomraí thíos faoi uisce agus ní thig leis dul síos an staighre mar chonaic sé siorc sa tsráid!

Mar gheall ar thuillte, tá an deichiú cuid den Astráil faoi uisce cúpla seachtain ó shin. Fuair trí chéad duine bás sa Bhrasaíl mar gheall ar sciarradh talún. Rabharta fearthainne a ba chúis leo. An tubaiste céanna sa Srí Lanca, áit a bhfuil leathmhilliún duine gan dídean cionn is gur thit fearthainn míosa taobh istigh den aon lá amháin.

Bhí an fhadhb céanna againn féin i mBéal Feirste. Nach gcreideann tú mé? Buíochas do Dhia ní raibh sé chomh tubaisteach sin, ach bhí tuilltí dár gcuid féin againn, tuilltí sneachta. Bhí sé thar a bheith deacair tiomáint nó siúl, nó taisteal ar bith a dhéanamh. Druideadh an scoil s'againne ar feadh trí lá - dúirt mé nach raibh sé chomh tubaisteach sin!

Agus cad é a tháinig ina dhiaidh sin ach triomach! Na piobaí briste agus ganntanas uisce, ní ábhar magaidh é mar bhí daoine ag fulaingt, seandaoine agus páistí óga go háirithe.

An bhfuil na rudaí seo uilig ag tarlú de thairbhe go bhfuil an cine daonna ag déanamh dochair don timpeallacht? Nó an bhfuil fáth éigin eile leis? Sílim go bhfuil cuid mhaith den locht orainn féin mar tá neart rudaí a dhéanaimid agus a rinne muid nach ar leas na timpeallachta iad. Bímid ag dó an bhreosla, leag muid na coillte teochreasa, caithimid bruscar agus cuirimid faoi thalamh é. Téimid na céadta míle in éitleán le suí in aice le linn snámha ar thaobh eile an domhain.

Thiocfadh linn suí siar agus bheith éadóchasach faoi seo. Nó thiocfadh linn dul i ngleic leis an fhadhb. Sílim gur cóir dúinn seifteanna athnuachána a chur i gcrích. Tá go leor seansanna ag gach duine sa phobal a ghiota féin a bhaint dó. Déan athchúrsáil ar an bhuidéal seo. Múch an solas sin. An bhfuil tú ag fanacht orm 'le do thoil' a rá? Ná fan. Ní chluinfidh tú é. Ach tá seans ann, agus tú i do sheanathair nó i do sheanmháthair go ndéarfadh páistí do pháistí féin leat 'Go raibh maith agat'. Déan do dhícheall agus tosaigh anois!



## Gaeltacht na Cathrach

le Ruairi Wilson Year 12

A mholtóirí, a chomh cainteoirí agus a lucht éisteachta, tá mise anseo inniu in Ard Mhacha le labhairt faoi chathair ársa Bhéal Feirste. Le daichead bliain tá oll-athraithe tagtha ar Bhéal Feirste. Má chuireann tú ceist ar sheandaoine déarfáidh said leat gur athraigh an chathair seo go mór - leathnaigh sí amach le bóithre agus títhe. D'fhas an chathair i dtreo na spéire le Halla Cois Cuan, Odyssey, Cearnóg Victoria agus Cúirt an Chaisleáin.

Ba í Iarthar Bhéal Feirste an cheantar is boichte sa chathair. Ach tá feabhas as cuimse agus athruithe nach beag ar an phobal sin le blianta beaga anuas. Níl na hathruithe seo chomh soiléir leis na foirgnimh mhóra. Tá siad níos doimhne.

Is é an rud is suntasaí gur éirigh le pobal beag le Gaeilge an oiread de thionchar a bheith acu achan ghné den tsaol. Thosaigh na hathruithe seo in am nuair nach raibh ach teanga ár máistrí - an Béarla - i mbéal an phobail. Má bhí tú ag iarraidh an Ghaeilge a chluinstin in úsáid go laethúil, bhí ort turas ceithre huair ar a laghad a thaiséal ar bhóithre cúnga contúirteacha leis na ceantair is iarghúltaí in Éirinn a bhaint amach. Cuireadh an chéad bhunscoil lán-Ghaeilge sna sé chontae ar bun in Iarthar Bhéal Feirste sa bhliain 1971. Thosaigh an scoil le naonúr páistí ag freastail ar an scoil. Inniu tá níos mó na 200 dalta ag freastail ar an scoil sin agus tá ceithre bhunscoil eile sa



chathair a rinne aithris orthu.

Ach ní amháin i gcúrsaí oideachais a tháinig na hathruithe. Tá Cultúrlann Mac Adaim Ó Fiach suite sa cheantar fosta. Tosaíodh é sa bhliain 1991 mar áis chultúrtha don phobal. Déanann sé riar ar an phobal Gaeilge agus ar na turasóirí a thagann le fíorchultúr na hÉireann a bhlaiseadh. Is teach aitheantais é ina dtig leat teagmháil a dhéanamh le muintir na háite agus dul i dtailthí ar chultúr na Gaeilge. Anois tá caifé, siopa leabhar agus oifig eolais taobh istigh agus tá Gaeilge ag an fhoireann uilig.

Téann an spórt agus an cultúr lámh ar lámh le chéile. Sa bhliain 2006 thosaigh pleanáil le foireann péile Gaelaí le Gaeilge a chur le chéile. D'imir siad i gcomórtas na Gaeltachta don chéad uair sa bhliain 2009. Ní dúirt duine ar bith go raibh said ag dul a bheith rathúil, ach ghlac siad a n-áit i measc na nGaeltachtaí. Bhí siad páirteach.

Is áit ar dóigh i Béal Feirste chun na cluichí Gaelacha a imirt. Sa bhliain dhá mhíle is a deich bhain cumann Naomh Gall Craobh Pheil Shinséar na hÉireann. Agus seachtain ó shin, ar Lá Fhéile Phádraig, bhí mé féin ar fhoireann Scoil Mhuire, a bhain Craobh Mhic Giolla Earnáin 2011. Tá na Gaeil go láidir i mBéal Feirste arís mar a bhí go stairiúil. Mo bharúil féin? Is Gaeltacht í Iarthar Bhéal Feirste anois agus an teideal oifigiúil sin tuillte aici gan amhras. Tá bród as cuimse agam as an áit ar rugadh agus ar tógadh mé, agus tá mé fíorbhuíoch, agus beidh go deo, as na Gaeil a tháinig romham agus a chur an dúshraith, le go mbeadh saol Gaelach ar fáil sa chathair is ansa liom. Tá Iarthar na cathrach i seilbh na nGael. Cá bhfios nach mbeidh an chathair ar fad againn i gceann daichead bliain eile?

The above speech was Ruairi's entry in the final of the competition.

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The 10 B boys at the Gael Linn schools quiz final in Lurgan.

## 10B Gaeilgeoirs Go Quizzing!

On Friday the 28th of January a team from 10B went to the Gael Linn schools quiz final in Lurgan. The Gael Linn Quiz was more difficult than you might expect as there was a wide range of categories. My knowledge of literature was helpful when it came to the relevant questions, but Harry Potter's pet owl was one name I really could not recall. Niall Hawkins, Rian Green and Emmet Loughran were part of our intrepid team and all contributed to different categories. Niall was our geography expert, while Rian and Emmet were the general knowledge wizards.

However, let us not forget the unsung hero of all quizzes - the guy who called out the questions! Had he not done his sordid duty and called out the questions then there would not have been a quiz in the first place! So let's all spare a thought for him wherever he may be.

On a lighter note, despite the difficulties we managed to get a fairly good score in the quiz, coming 5th overall according to Mr Herron. Our consolation prize was a trip to Friar Tucks afterwards for burgers and chips.

Before the quiz began we were encouraged to join the Colaiste Gael Linn which had organised the quiz. I am considering it, but I am afraid to look at the leaflets in case they planted subliminal messages in our minds! Two weeks fun in sunny Donegal? I don't believe it for a second!

Ultan Murray 10B

## Facebook 'Gréasán na nGob'

Sa lá atá inniu ann, tá a lán daoine ag úsáid Facebook. Is tonn tuile é agus tá sé dár dtarraingt chun tosaigh, tá rachairt domhanda air. Tá sé iontach tarraingteach do dhéagóirí ach anois, tá Facebook ag daoine óg agus aosta. Is maith liom dul ar Facebook mar tá rudaí i gcónaí ag tarlú ann.

Bíonn craic ann i gcónaí, agus is craic den chéad scoth é. Tá mé abálta labhairt le mo chairde uilig ag an am chéanna agus spraoi maith a bheith againn. Thig liom amharc ar phictiúirí a chur mo chairde suas ar an idirlín, idir phictiúirí ó bhlianta ó shin agus pictiúirí a glacadh ag an deireadh seachtaine. Ach, tá sé úsáideach chomh maith le bheith sultmhar. Thig liom fáil amach faoin obair bhaile a chaill mé ar scoil má bhí mé tinn. Thig liom a bheith ag teagmhail le mo chairde atá i dtíortha eile freisin agus níl costas ar bith ag baint leis. Sílim go bhfuil se ar fheabhas nuair nach bhfeicim na daoine seo am ar bith ach tá mé abálta caint leo achan lá. San am a chuaigh thart bhí ar dhaoine íoc as billí costásacha gutháin, nó litir a scríobh nach bhfaigheadh an duine eile go ceann seachtaine.

Tá Facebook ag a lán daoine. Tá sé ag daoine cáiliúla fosta, tá Facebook ag Barack Obama mar shampla. Is

gné den phoiblíocht s'acu é. Bíonn said fíor-chúramach an iomha s'acu a threisiú leis an chóras seo. Mar gheall ar Facebook, ta seans ag daoine labhairt faoi na meáin chumarsáide, cúrsaí reatha agus rudaí toipiciúla. Thig le daoine a bharúil a chur in iúil ar rudaí a tharla sa nuacht.

Thig le daoine a ghnó a leathnú ar Facebook. Mar shampla, tá Facebook ag a lán bialanna. Fecieann daoine seo agus tamall gearr ina dhiaidh sin bíonn said ina suí sa bhialann ag ithe an bhia, agus ag tabhairt airgid dóibh. Ní suíomh gréasán amháin é seo mar tá sé idirghníomhach.

Ar ndóigh, is rud idirnáisiúnta é agus tá do rogha agat do theanga féin a úsáid. Sílim go bhfuil sé ar fheabhas go bhfuil mé abálta Facebook a chur i nGaeilge. Déanaim seo agus cuidíonn sé liom Gaeilge a fhoghlaim agus a chur chun cinn i measc mo lucht aitheantais. Taispeánann seo freisin, go nglactar leis an Ghaeilge mar theanga oifigiúil. Tá a fhios agam go bhfuil mé a rá go bhfuil Facebook ar fheabhas agus tá a lán buntastí leis. Ach tá a lán míbhuntaistí bainte le Facebook fosta. Is féidir tromaíocht a dhéanamh fríd Facebook. Is féidir go bhfuil daoine ag cur isteach ar dhuine d'aon turas nó ag magadh faoi. Thiocfadh eagla a bheith

ar dhuine teacht ar scoil mar gheall ar rud éigin a tharla ar Facebook an oíche roimhe. Tá seans ann go bhfuil pictiúirí suas a chuireann aiféaltas ar dhaoine freisin agus thiocfadh leis seo fadhbanna a chruthú mar má tá duine ann a atá goilliúnach agus a dhéanann míol mór de mhíoltóg.

Míbhuntaiste eile, is é an t-andúil a bhíonn ag roinnt daoine i Facebook. Tá a fhios agam seo mar nuair a bhí mé féin in ainm is a bheith ag stáidéir do mo scrúduithe GCSE, bhí mé i gcónaí ag cur ama amú ar Facebook. Tá daoine ann a bhíonn ag cur teachtaireachtaí ar Facebook agus iad ar scoil ar ghúthan póca agus téann said caol díreach chuig an ríomhaire nuair a bhaineann said an teach amach.

Is iad na fadhbanna is measa le Facebook, go dtig víris a fháil, nó go dtiocfadh le stalcaireacht a tharlú ar Facebook. Tá a fhios agam go bhfuil droch rudaí a bhaineann le Facebook ach, leis an fhírinn a rá, sílim go fóill gur rud maith é mar gheall ar an chraic, an spraoi, ar chairde agus ar an chumarsáid. Mar sin, muna bhfuil sé agat, bain triail as agus sílim go mbainfidh tú sult as.

## Gael Linn Quiz 2011 - Tráth na gCeist



**St. Mary's - Gael Linn Quiz Participants**

L - R, Caolan Park, Brendan Loughran, Callum McVeigh, Cormac Bradley



**St. Mary's - Gael Linn Quiz Participants**

L - R, Ciarán Kelly, Seaghan Shannon, Conor Kerr, Anthony Allsopp.

Above: are the participants in the Gael Linn Senior Quiz in Falls Leisure Centre in February this year. This was a nerve-racking but enjoyable experience for the boys.

Above: Prize winners in Gael Linn Senior Quiz in Tráth na gCeist, 2011. Congratulations go to our senior boys who proudly represented their school and who also won a prize.

**Congratulations also go to:**  
Fiontán Ó Muilleoir, David Nelson,  
Naoise Ó Cairealláin, Patrick McBride  
who came second in the interschool quiz  
held in Coláiste Feirste  
to celebrate  
Seachtain na Gaeilge in March.





# Spanish Department

## Spanish pupils visit the Opportunity Europe Fair

On 19th October, fifteen year10 pupils visited the Opportunity Europe Fair held in St. George's Market. They participated in various workshops, such as A Taste of Polish, Cinemagic International Film and Television Festival and Making it to the Big Screen. Some of the boys will

even be on Youtube as their film-making was so admired! They watched Indian dancing, listened to music, tasted different European food, visited stands representing many European countries and collected many, many free gifts - they have officially enough pens, pencils, erasers and

rulers to equip a small school! They entered quizzes in different languages and talked to representatives, who were all very complimentary about the boys' behaviour. They were, as always, a credit to St. Mary's. Well done, boys!

*Mrs. J. McEvoy  
Head of Spanish*



## Onatti - The Spanish theatre company

The Spanish Department in St. Mary's invited Onatti (a Spanish theatre company) to perform a short play in Spanish in the Edmund Rice Lecture Theatre for Year 10 and 11 pupils on Friday 25th February 2011.

The performers put on a lively and well-paced play, entitled Horóscopo, containing lots of words and phrases that the pupils had come across in class, so the audience participation was energetic and entertaining - as you

would expect from St. Mary's boys! The actors, Emilio and Diana, were talented and friendly, bringing out the best in their audience. The accompanying photographs will give you a glimpse of the boys' appreciation of the event.

Our boys' behaviour was, as always, a credit to the school. Well done!

*Mrs J McEvoy*



LANGUAGES - THE SIMMARIAN 2011

## The Spanish Trip

On Wednesday 25th May '11 Belfast International airport was besieged by 48 excited St Mary's pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 and their 6 extremely tired teachers. After check-in the boys made straight for their two favourite haunts - Burger King and Starbucks! Once on board, any hopes we had of them sleeping were soon dashed when it was announced that the food and drink trolley would be coming around. On arrival at Barcelona airport, after a smooth flight, everyone changed from their winter woollies into their shorts and T-shirts before beginning their Barcelona adventure.

Day 1 consisted of a four hour guided tour of Barcelona by coach. The boys had the opportunity to see some of Gaudi's work (Barcelona's most famous architect). The "culture vultures" admired this although they were few in number. We stopped off at the Olympic Stadium (former grounds of football club, Espanyol) and the impressive Montjuic. We then travelled to Salou to check into our hotel and after dinner and a long walk the boys were ready for a good night's sleep.

Day 2 saw us all a little tired but we managed a hearty breakfast before heading back into Barcelona to visit the Museu de la Xocolata (Chocolate Museum). The boys were amazed by the sculptures and film characters made entirely of chocolate including Bambi and Chicken Little. After filling themselves up on chocolate they were ready for some walking. As we made our way to the Maremagnum area they passed typical Spanish cafes and bars and even a yellow post-box. Some of the group visited the aquarium which is the largest in Europe while the others opted for shopping in the Maremagnum complex.

After lunch we all made our way up Las Ramblas, the boys keeping a tight grip on their bags remembering our warnings about pickpockets. We toured La Boqueria and everyone was amazed by how cheap and tasty the fresh fruit and vegetables were (no E-coli here!). Much in need of a cool drink we headed for the 9th floor of El Corte Inglés and relaxed while admiring the spectacular view of the city. Back at the hotel the boys wasted no time in getting changed and hitting the swimming pool, much to the amusement of the other hotel guests.

Day 3 was a little more relaxing and for some it was a dream come true as they entered Nou Camp. Everyone was impressed by the newly installed interactive area telling the history of the club and its famous players and managers before moving onto the tour of the changing rooms and press room. But perhaps the best moment was when they came up the steps onto the pitch level and saw those famous words, "mes que un club" ("more than a club"). They also had a chance to sit in the commentators' boxes before spending an absolute fortune in the superstore (big windows - saw them coming!). Swimming and table tennis kept them occupied until our evening entertainment which was a night of magic. Everything from card tricks to disappearing handkerchiefs kept the boys enthralled. Despite the unlimited jugs of cocktails (non-alcoholic, of course) they went off to bed without a problem.

Day 4 for many was the highlight as they got to spend the entire day at Port Aventura. The second I had finished giving them the last bit of information on times etc they ran off in all directions. As the teachers sat down for a relaxing coffee we realised we were one short - Mr Moyes! He was the biggest kid of the lot as he had taken off with the more adventurous in pursuit of the Dragon Khan and the Hurakan Condor. Later that evening the boys settled down to watch the Champions League final dressed in their brand new Barca tops while a few Man Utd supporters kept a low key. The final score and watching FC Barcelona lift the cup was the perfect end to a great trip.



The boys outside the famous church, La Sagrada Familia.



Chilling out in the park in the Spanish sunshine.



Image from the tMuseu de la Xocolata



Images from the tMuseu de la Xocolata



Group photo with Mr. Leyden in the middle. The boys at Camp Nou Stadium.

A huge thank you to Mrs Jane Mc Evoy, Ms Gerlyn Curran, Mr Donal Armstrong, Mr Michael Leydon and Mr Sean Moyes as they kindly gave up their mid-term break to accompany myself and the boys. I would also like to thank Miss Maria Morris, the school's Finance Officer, whose hard work made the financial matters run smoothly. Most of all I would like to thank all the boys whose outstanding behaviour and good manners helped to make this trip a great success. As usual they were a credit to their parents and St Mary's.

Ms J. Mervyn



Michael Mc Mullan and Joseph O' Hara 8F enjoying their trip around Barcelona FC.

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## Barcelona Trip May 2011 - Pupil Comments

The Spanish trip was beyond expectation! Everything was amazing - except the flight home! When we got off the plane we went on a four hour guided tour of Barcelona and we had lunch in Las Ramblas. We went to visit La Sagrada Familia commonly known as the "unfinished church". On the second day we went to a chocolate museum. It looked "muy delicioso"! There were sculptures of scenes from films such as 'Up' and landmarks like La Sagrada Familia.

The next day we headed for Camp Nou where we went around the stadium. We got to sit in the commentators' chairs. We then went into the interview room and then to the locker rooms - there was a hot tub there!

Then we went into a museum about the history of FC Barcelona. There were touch screens on the history of the players etc.

On the fourth day we went to Port Aventura amusement park. There were several areas: China, Mexico, Far East and finally Polynesia. There was also an area called Sesame Aventura which was recently built. I enjoyed the Dragon Khan as it was pretty fast but didn't last too long. Overall the trip was a good experience. I would definitely go back.

*Stephen Geddis 9D*

The Spanish trip was really good apart from the journeys. When we arrived in the city centre we had lunch at the top of Las Ramblas before beginning a 4 hour tour of the city. During the trip we visited the

biggest aquarium in Europe and shopped at the port called Maremagnum. Then we walked up the Ramblas where we had to be careful and on the lookout for pickpockets. On the last day we went to Port Aventura which was the best with crazy rides and some nice food.

*Cathal Devenney 9D*

The 2nd day was my favourite because we went to a chocolate museum with some of the most fantastic and unique chocolate sculptures I've ever seen. I also enjoyed Port Aventura as it had the best ride ever.

*Sean O'Neill 9F*

The Spanish trip was really good - overall I would give it 4\*.

*David Mc Peake 9F*

We went to Barcelona on the 25th of May. It was a very eventful trip. The first day we went on a tour of the city. We went to see the Sagrada Familia (Gaudi's unfinished basilica) and then some of the houses he designed for a rich family to live in. The tour was very good and a great experience as we got to see different parts of the city.

*Kevin Lynagh 9F*

Barcelona is a very nice and interesting city with plenty of landmarks. We saw the Olympic stadium and a church called the Sagrada Familia. The hotel was very nice with good food and rooms. The Chocolate Museum had many interesting sculptures and we enjoyed a walk on Las Ramblas

with all its shops and famous market, La Boqueria. Nou Camp was huge with its own superstore. We went to a magic show which was one of our favourite things. Port Aventura was great fun with loads of rides. Overall I enjoyed every minute of the trip!

*Ciaran Mc Caffrey & Brendan Mc Carthy 9F*

The Spanish trip was very good and thoroughly enjoyable. The 2 highlights were Nou Camp and Port Aventura. Nou Camp was great as we got to see the trophies, press room, VIP boxes and the commentator boxes. Port Aventura was great fun with lots of rides to go on.

*Colm Mc Cusker 10C*

The 2011 Spanish trip was the best fun I have had in ages! I cannot pick a favourite part because I enjoyed every second of it.

*Aidan Foster 10C*

My favourite part of the trip was Port Aventura. We got to go on all the thrilling and exciting rides but the best was Dragon Khan. That night we watched the Champions League final which was great.

*Caolan Rea 10C*

The Spanish trip was amazing! I liked all the places which we visited. My favourite day was in Port Aventura where the rollercoasters were amazing. I had a great time in Spain with my friends.

*Ryan Santos 10C*

*Robert Murtagh 10C*



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# The Geography Department

## Geography Fieldwork

The Geography Department had another busy year with most year groups involved in fieldwork. In November the Year 14 pupils took to the schools mini buses and made their way to Newcastle Co. Down to complete their fieldwork for A2 Geography focusing on the impact of tourism on a seaside town. A few days later the Year 13 pupils took a similar journey to Murlough Co. Down (pictured) to complete the fieldwork element of the A/S geography course. This is the 6th year that Year 13 pupils have successfully conducted this study to look at succession on a sand dune system. Both Year 13 and 14 students visited QUB to attend a number of Geography Association Lectures in November and December. The lectures were well attended and proved invaluable to the students sitting exams in January.

The Year 12 GCSE students visited Colin Glen as part of their controlled assessment at GCSE to perform a detailed river study of the Colin River. A total of 76 pupils carried out this exercise over three days to great affect. The Colin River has proved to be an excellent site to study not only for the pupils here at St. Mary's but by schools throughout Belfast. The Colin Glen Trust provides an excellent service and has made massive impact in improving the local environment. It has been a pleasure to work alongside the volunteers and staff of the Colin Glen Trust.

The key stage 3 pupils also had the opportunity to get their feet wet and their hands dirty carrying out fieldwork over the past year. The Year 10 pupils visited Tayto Castle in November as part of their investigation into industry and globalisation. The Tayto trip is not

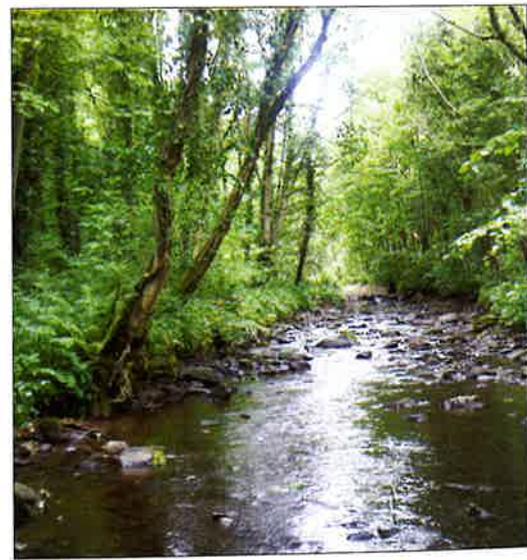


only a big hit with the pupils who all left with a multi-pack of crisps, but the Tayto tour brings the classroom to life and allows the students to develop a better understanding of employability. The Year 9 students conducted a micro-climate study on the school grounds which are perfect for the study of changing climates in a small area. Despite the fact the pupils stayed on site, all the Year 9 students produced excellent results and took detailed measurements back to the classroom for further analysis.

Finally the Year 8 students also took part in a river study in Colin Glen in June. With the sun splitting the trees, the Year 8 students got a real sense of the spirit of Geography and the opportunity to collect data first hand.

*Mr. M. Watson, Head of Geography*





The Geography Department thoroughly enjoyed these experiences which would be impossible without the support of parents and the excellent behaviour of our students who always participate and get involved.



## Year 10 Industry - *Tayto Factory*



All the pupils in Year 10 travelled to the Tayto Castle in Tandragee over 7 days in November. My class 10B travelled by mini-bus which took nearly an hour to get to the factory. When we arrived we went inside the visitors centre before going into the main part of the factory. Here we had to take all our belongings out of our pockets and put on aprons and hairnets so that we wouldn't transfer any bacteria, diseases or foreign objects in the sterile environment where the crisps are made.

When we went into the factory where the crisps are made, we got to see each stage of the production process. We watched as the potatoes were washed, peeled, cut and fried before being allowed to sample some Onion Rings that were just freshly made.

The tour guide explained how Tayto uses products from all round the world and makes and exports crisps before taking us to a modern part of the factory where state of the art machines produce crisps. Here we got to taste freshly made crisps without the flavour. This part of the trip linked to our study of globalisation and industry and was really interesting.

At the end of the tour we had a quiz to test if we were listening. Each pupil got a multi-pack for each question they answered right. Amazing!

*Darren O'Brian 10B*

A group of year 11 students from the Business Studies Department visited the new Coca Cola Factory in June. We arrived, albeit late (having got lost a number of times) at the Lisburn site; a state of the art plant at Knockmore Hill. The experience began with a chronological history of the company

in a relaxing cinema type room, made more comfortable with a free drink from the 'bar'. We then got a tour of Coke's most modern and technologically advanced production and distribution centres. An enjoyable visit to Coke, not to mention the sight seeing tour of Lisburn and the surrounding countryside!!



## A Visit to the Coke Factory

*Mrs. Gillespie with the Year 11 students who visited the coke factory.*

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# History Department



## Navan Centre Norman Outreach Programme

Every Year our Year 8 Students enjoy an invasion by some rather cheeky Normans! The staff from The Navan Centre Armagh (in full costume) take the students on a journey back in time to key events in the Norman Invasion of England.

Students have the opportunity to try on Chain mail, attack a Kite Shield Wall and vote as a Jury on the trial of John de Courcey. This is an excellent way to revise the Year 8 Course and also to promote connected Learning in this case History and Drama.





**Commissioner Lewsley Visit Dec10**

**LIVING HISTORY INITIATIVE:**  
 COMMISSIONER LEWSLEY UNVEILS OUR  
 STUDENT CHARTER:

December 2010.  
 Living history event: Patricia Lewsley, Commissioner for Children's Rights unveils our Student Charter of Rights. This Charter was the product of a two year consultation process involving all students, the Justice Group, accessing

International Legal guidance, ERST Charter, insights by Trustee Brother Gleeson and the Student Council. Patricia Lewsley commended our school at her meeting with Mr Sheerin and then our Justice Group and enjoyed taking excellent questions from our students.



**LIVING HISTORY EVENT:**  
**EXAMINING EVIDENCE IN A KEY EVENT:**  
**BLOODY SUNDAY.**

A 'Living History' Initiative took place Friday 7 January 2011 - in the Edmund Rice Lecture Theatre. Karen Quinlivan (Barrister) spoke to all Year 11 History Students about her work in the Bloody Sunday Tribunal and the relevance of studying History for a legal career. She will also take questions from students. Both Teachers and Students involved found this a very interesting talk and useful in linking History with a Legal career as well as linking the controversy of Bloody Sunday with their GCSE History course.

*Mrs. A. McCann*  
 Head of History



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# St Mary's trip to **Berlin** - Wednesday, 20th October 2010

On a cold morning in October at 6 o'clock in the morning! 35 Students Mrs McCann, Mr Tully, Miss Rogan, Joe and Josephine McBurney set off on their History Trip adventure to Berlin beginning with a coach from the school to Dublin Airport heading for Schoenefeld Airport. We left Dublin at 8.45am with Aer Lingus staff singing the praises of our students and arrived in Berlin at 1.55pm. We were met there by our wonderful German Guide for the trip Angelika. We boarded our coach and after checking into our fantastically located Hotel, the Hotel Transit, began a brilliant, comprehensive tour of Berlin.

After our coach tour and dinner at the Hotel we ventured out on the Ubahn to the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag and the Soviet War Memorial. On approaching the splendour of the Brandenburg Gate at night a number of students who shall remain nameless, were heard gasping in amazement with pointed fingers quivering in disbelief not at the gate but at the nearby neon sign for Dunkin Doughnuts! On arriving at the outdoor Soviet War Memorial it appeared closed off due road works, but thanks to some creative thinking we managed an invasion of our own and enjoyed climbing on top of the first Soviet tanks to enter Berlin in WW2. We all arrived back to the Hotel tired with lots of Doughnuts but also with wonderful memories already.

## Thursday, 21 October 2010

Our day started with an early breakfast and then we were taken by Coach to the Glockenturm (Bell Tower). This provided magnificent views over Berlin, the Olympic Stadium, the WW1 Memorial but also some tragic areas where people were murdered by the Nazis. We then transferred to the Olympic Stadium made famous of course by the 1936 Olympics and Nazi Rallies. We had a fantastic tour of the Stadium including the Berlin Football Team's dressing Rooms, the VIP seating where Hitler and Leading Nazis would have sat, a prayer room with gold plated walls and surviving architecture from the Nazi era.

We then transferred by Coach to Sachsenhausen (Former Concentration Camp). We had an excellent Guide and everyone found this both an informative but also thought provoking experience. The Horrors inflicted by the Nazis during the Holocaust, were easily imaginable in this very eerie living testimony to sheer evil.

We then transferred back to Berlin to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, where students could experience Berlin's History after WW2 and the Cold War experience, including daring escapes.

We returned to our Hotel by Coach, had some dinner and then set off on a good walk to the Reichstag (Berlin Parliament Building) and enjoyed roof top views of the City at night and the History of this iconic building, as well as Mr Tully's creative poses for photographs. After a walk around the Brandenburg Gate and surrounding area we headed back via the Ubahn to our Hotel.

## Friday, 22 October 2010

We arrived by Ubahn at 9am to experience the 'Story of Berlin' Museum: [www.story-of-berlin.de](http://www.story-of-berlin.de)

The museum travels through 800 years of Berlin's history, beginning in the 13th century when the city was first regarded as an important trading centre and ending in the present. The museum is an interactive experience which allowed us to cross the boundary from spectator to living participant in Berlin's history. This experience included us being given a guided tour through the Radiation Proof Bunker dating back to the Cold War era. After a delicious lunch we headed on foot to the Kaiser Wilhelm Church which is what remains of the Historic Church after Allied Aerial Bombardment WW2. It is an iconic image of WW2 Berlin but still has beautiful architecture and mosaics as well as the famous Cross of Nails.

We then went to the amazing Science and Technology Museum. It provided an excellent opportunity to learn about Germany's History in relation to Science, Technology and Engineering. All of the students thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Later that evening after another delicious meal we all went bowling and let loose our very competitive spirit. Despite some students having serious concerns about their image and credibility if they were discovered to have been bowling!!!!, everyone enjoyed this great fun evening at the Berolina Bowling Centre. We made our way back to the Hotel tired and happy.

## Saturday, 23 October 2010

We made our way by Ubahn to the Jewish Museum which provided excellent insights into History, Art and Architecture. We also had specialised sub tours relating to Special Exhibitions. This was a very moving / Informative experience.



We then made our way to the 'Topography of Terror Museum'. Here we had excellent tour Guides that vividly brought to life the activities of Terror crimes by the Nazis. Website: <http://www.topographic.de/en/>

The Group then had some free time to shop at the nearby Potsdam Platz before heading off by Ubahn to Unten din Laden where we saw the infamous spot where the Nazis held their book burning. We then managed to sweet talk the Curators of the National Museum to allow us to visit the temporary and controversial Hitler Memorabilia exhibition 45 minutes before closing time. This was a very generous act as People had been waiting for hours during the day; we managed to just walk in!! It was an excellent exhibition with many of Hitler's personal items and belongings from the Bunker on show. After this we walked along the Unten din laden and had some shopping time around the Brandenburg Gate. We returned for a late evening meal to the Hotel again tired but with lots of memories.

## Sunday, 24 October 2010

This was our last day in Berlin and after a hearty breakfast we all had great fun playing card games while awaiting our coach. We thanked our lovely Hotel Staff and headed off by Coach. We checked in at Schoenefeld Airport had a last minute shop and then left Berlin at 2.30pm for Dublin. We arrived back at St Mary's Gates safely at 6pm. For all of us the Trip to Berlin epitomised what 'Living History' is about, bringing History to life through experience, the added bonus was sharing the experience with a fantastic group of people.

Our next Living History Trip abroad is to Krakow in October 2011 (3 days) visiting Auschwitz, Schindler's Factory and the Salt Mines.

Mrs. A. Mc Cann



## ST MARY'S STUDENTS PARTAKE IN HOLOCAUST TRUST MEMORIAL CEREMONY

The following students and staff were invited to the Holocaust Memorial Trust National Ceremony in Dublin at Mansion House on Sunday 30th January 2011. This was a very prestigious event attended usually by the President or Taoiseach and St Mary's was one of only 4 Students in Ireland invited to attend and the only school in the North. The audience was full of leaders of all groups of Irish Society as well as relatives of Holocaust Victims. This invitation was in recognition of all the Holocaust Memorial work done in our school. Some of our students were Readers in the very moving ceremony which included readings by survivors of the Holocaust.

- Jack Gunn 14C (Reader)
- Michael White 13G
- Patrick Von Ohsen 14C
- Lee Taylor 13F
- Chris Maguire 14G (Reader)
- Ryan Duckett 14B
- Patrick McWilliams 13F
- David Johnson 14G (Reader)
- Daniel Barr 13A
- Daniel Cosgrove 13G
- Conal Sheppard 13B
- Patrick McCormack 14C
- Nathan Callaghan 13D

Teachers: Mrs. A. McCann,  
Mr. T. McCaughey and Bro. McKenna



### LIVING HISTORY INITIATIVE:

**YEAR 12 and YEAR 14 History Students attended a 'Living History Initiative' on Friday 10 December 2010**



*Mr. Gerry Adams speaks to his audience.*

Gerry Adams spoke to the students on the themes of: the importance of Studying Irish History, his experience of Modern Irish History and its legacy, as well as his memories of St Mary's as a former student. St Mary's students asked excellent questions during the talk. This was a very enjoyable experience attended also by Mr Sheerin and Pat Sheehan (former Hunger Striker and MLA). Students enjoyed the light hearted memories of Gerry Adams as a question and answer session.



*St. Mary's History students with Mr. Pat Sheehan, Mr. Gerry Adams + Mr. Sheerin.*

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The Minister for Education and the American Consul General were at the official launch of the Civic Voices Project at the QFT on 21 June 1.30pm - 4pm. Three Year 11 students; Robert Murtagh, Nathan Crudden and David Moore attended with Mrs McCann. The Civic Voices Project is organised by NASUWT, Queen's University and the American Education Trust. Its aim is to give a voice to our memory (Oral

History) in controversial contexts. Nathan and Robert interviewed Mr Sheerin on 23rd May using twenty agreed questions. This interview will be transcribed and then uploaded on to the civic voices website: www.civicvoices.org and shared among Teachers and students all over the world. It is hoped that David, Robert and Nathan will be able to interview two more controversial Speakers in a

bid to link the Civic Voices Project with the 'Prison to Peace' Initiative/ Oral History Project that the History Department is involved with. There is great potential for these projects to evolve into our own collaborative Oral History Project called 'St Mary's Voices' where past students and staff all over the world can contribute to our own living History Oral Project.

Mrs. A. Mc Cann



Robert, Nathan and David with one of the American Consul officers.



**JUSTICE/HISTORY SOCIETY**



**Holocaust Poem**

Taken...destroyed, their souls diminished,  
 And all is quiet upon those fields of death.  
 There they crowded like dogs unfed,  
 To await the call from an official Death Head.  
 Line upon line, Whatever for,  
 "A shower, what delight, a treat for our sores!"  
 Many went in, but more came out,  
 Those showers were deadly, one might say,  
 And the world went on day by day.  
 No hope nor joy did anyone find,  
 As they dwelt and died in those huts all aligned;  
 The Holocaust.

The crime of the Nazis, what a disgrace,  
 So many innocent lives were misplaced.  
 Children, Women, Babies and Men,  
 Gone, all gone, a tragedy unfolds;  
 They kept the baby clothes and everyone's hair,  
 So as to gloat in triumph with a gleeful icy stare.  
 Therefore stop and listen, a moment to reflect  
 To stand and remember those who truly suffered neglect.  
 Those spirits are gone beyond the confines of this world,  
 Above and beyond as they rest in peace.

By Stiofan Trainor 12C

The Holocaust Memorial Week Display. The crocuses are a symbol of renewal and hope. They represent the 1 million children murdered in the Holocaust.



Stiofan Trainor 12C holds the certificate he won for the connected learning competition.

## St Mary's Sentinus Science Event - March 2nd 2011

St Mary's held a Science event on 2nd March in conjunction with business training organisation Sentinus. Primary 6 pupils from St. Theresa's were invited to attend the morning session. The day involved the pupils using their scientific skills to build rockets. The objective of this event was to enhance the links between the schools while promoting Science and associated group work skills to pupils at primary and secondary level.

Many thanks to those involved especially Evelyn Heaslip for running the day and to St Theresa's for taking part.



## Environmental Youth Speak Science Competition



Paul Burns and Cathal Devenney (9D) were chosen to represent St. Mary's in the Belfast City Council heat of the Environmental Youth Speak Science competition in March. Both pupils spoke passionately about the topic 'Love Food. Hate waste?' They were highly commended for their excellent debating skills and received certificates for their participation.

Dr. K. Robinson



(L) Paul Burns and Cathal Devenney 9D with their certificates.





# BT Young Scientists meet Catriona Ruane at Stormont

Mr. Brady and three boys from Year 9 travelled up to Stormont to take part in the BT Young Scientist's competition. It was a great experience for the boys who thoroughly enjoyed their outing and learned a lot. They hope to return next year. Education minister Ms. Catriona Ruane was present and the St. Mary's party had their photograph taken with her.



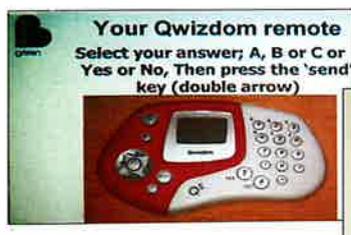
Back Row: Mr P Brady, Catriona Ruane, Peter Morris  
Front Row: Aaron Hall 9C, Niall Crossan 9E, Eamon Hill 9C



## Year 9 Environment Quiz Feb 2011

Year 9 pupils took part in a science quiz to test their knowledge on the impact of science on the environment in March 2011.

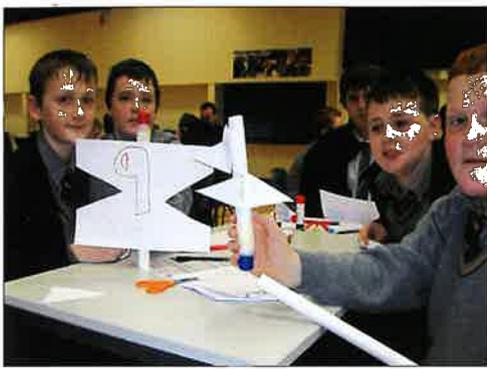
Mary McGinn, Resource Education and Promotions Officer, Belfast City Council hosted an information session to inform pupils of the necessity of recycling.





# Yr 8 STEM EVENT

On March 2nd, Year 8 pupils took part in a rocket building challenge in conjunction with Sentinus. Senior pupils helped pupils to use science and technology to construct a rocket. St. Teresa's primary visited in the morning also. Team work and communication were key to the manufacture of a successful rocket. The fun continued outside as rockets were launched high into the sky.



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## CANCER RESEARCH PRACTICAL DAY

The above photos show some of our A2 and AS Biology students who attended the practical day at the Cancer Research Centre on Saturday 2nd October at Queen's University Belfast. The students were given an insight into the science behind cancer research. This included practical sessions on DNA sequencing, polymerase chain reaction and advanced microscopy. It allowed the students to gain practical experience of the techniques outlined in their A level course and to learn more about careers in science from research scientists.

Mrs. L. Cleary



Matthew Cosgrove  
in the lab

A group photo of the research scientists.



*Together we will beat cancer*

### Genetics, Risk and Lifestyle Workshop W5

The A2 Biology students took part in the "Genetics, Risk and Lifestyle Workshop" at W5. This involved assessing whether or not conditions such as heart disease, obesity and high cholesterol were due to inherited genes, to lifestyle or to both.

Students had the opportunity to study genetic pedigree diagrams and make observations regarding inheritance. They also performed the practical skills of gel electrophoresis, staining and washing. This enabled the students to determine if the individual tested actually carried the gene for high cholesterol. The results had to be critically evaluated. The sensitivity of genetic testing was considered and the level of disclosure of information received from genetic testing discussed.

All of the above techniques were very much applicable to the A level biology specification and a highly enjoyable day was had by all. Thanks to W5 and the Wellcome Trust who sponsored the event.

Mrs. L. Cleary





# ST. MARY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL - SCIENCE

## STEM LECTURE

On Monday 4th October Year 10 pupils from St. Mary's Grammar school had the opportunity to hear guest speaker Dr. Neil Buchanan from Queen's University. Neil works in the Institute of Electronics, Communication and Information Technology (ECIT) in Queen's Science Park.

The theme of the lecture was STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers.

All Year 10 pupils have currently finished two weeks of lessons on the importance of STEM subjects and have researched the skills and qualifications needed to work in STEM based jobs.

Dr. Buchanan showed pupils footage of relevant STEM careers and allowed them to participate in exciting experiments and demonstrations.

*Miss A. Doherty, Head of Science*



### Year 9 Environment Project Competition



During the spring term the year 9 science classes took part in an Environment Project Competition as part of the science syllabus. This followed an interactive information session provided by Belfast City Council. All of the classes worked extremely hard to produce projects covering a variety of environmental issues such as recycling; pollution; global warming and acid rain. The work was of an exceptionally high standard.

The final judgement was made by Head of Department - Miss Doherty and the Year Head - Mr Austin. This was a tough and unenviable task! The winners of the competition were 9D!

They presented their work in the form of posters, poems, models, paintings, collages, power point presentations, animations and a rap. The entire class worked to produce an excellent display. Waste materials were used to great effect. Gerard-Liam used bottle tops to make an amazing robot; Conal used a basketball as planet Earth,

Declan used his Mum's cake tin for his model of planet Earth! Conor used aluminium foil to create a fantastic boat. We had cars and boats made from plastic bottles and cardboard. Jordan, Ciaran and Nathan created Eco-pig from old cardboard and of course we had our aeroplane produced by Marcus and John. Che and co. used old newspapers to produce a collage while John and Conal produced a poster using wire. Animations from Stephen were used to illustrate Paul's rap and Jude provided an excellent power point presentation on greenhouse gasses (thank goodness we don't have smellyvision)! Aaron's poem is included here.

As a reward for their efforts the class went to a STEM activity day in the Ulster Museum where they took part in a Topology activity (mathematical shapes to you and me) and a Science behind Magic activity. Some of their reports on that day are included here. I think it is fair to say that on this occasion Science was indeed Fun!!

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## Environmental poem



Recycle, Reduce, Reuse  
 For so long the world we have abused  
 Instead of a car drive a bike,  
 Litter bugs can take a hike  
 Recycle our empty plastic bags or even our  
 leftover football mags.  
 Reduce the level of CO<sub>2</sub> by getting the bus, you  
 know it's true  
 Drive a bike not your car,  
 Unless your destination is far  
 To get electricity, why make priceless oil turn to  
 flames  
 We could use windmills for example to make our  
 environmental problems change  
 Reducing our rubbish means less landfill sites  
 Because the amount of waste dumped is reaching  
 dizzy heights  
 Reduce packaging that we don't even use  
 Because were losing oil we can't afford to lose  
 By the year 2035 lack of oil will increase world  
 strife,  
 So recycle, reduce, reuse for a healthier longer life  
 Aaron Fitzpatrick 9D

## A Day At The Museum

On the 24th March 2011, my class 9D went on a science trip to the Ulster Museum. We were the only year 9 class to go on the trip because we won the year 9 Science Environment competition. Our whole class had to chip in and create things to do with the environment or they could write a story. I wrote a poem about the environment but without doubt the best creations were a huge environmentally friendly airplane and a little robot man made entirely from bottle caps. The airplane was made by John Darragh and Marcus Murphy. The robot was made by Gerard Liam Thomas. It was a close call but together Miss Doherty and Mr Austin agreed that we had the best display.

When we arrived at the museum we got our group numbers, we then went into a room and met a mathematician called Flo, who studied TOPOLOGY. She taught us about an oddly shaped bottle called the KLEIN BOTTLE. We were also shown a Torus which was in the shape of a doughnut and also the Mobius Circle. After that we went into a different room and met a man named Paul who combined Magic and Science. It was a great day out.



Torus Klein bottle Mobius Circle

Aaron Fitzpatrick 9D

## S.T.E.M. Activity day!

We entered a competition at school about environmental awareness and we were required to make objects and useful things out of everyday recyclable objects. We won the competition and were invited to a day out of school at the Ulster folk and transport museum on Thursday the 24th of March. When we arrived we were to study 2 subjects they were:

### Topology

#### Science And Magic

We studied topology first. There was another school there to learn about the Mathematical shapes, our instructor was a Mathematician named Flo. She taught us how to make different types of shapes like a torus and a mobius strip. It was very interesting.

Then we studied Science and Magic with our instructor named Paul, it was very funny and entertaining as he taught us about how we are deceived in everyday life by science and magic. Overall I would say the activity day was a success as it was interesting and was still knowledgeable.



By Conchur Fitzpatrick

## STEM

Activity day Ulster Museum



The Activity day trip was amazing.



The most interesting part was the magic and science. All of the tricks were amazing and we found out that with every magic trick there is science involved. The bit that was interesting about this part was that there was an aeroplane that was round and it flew and we were told that if thrown right it can reach up to three rugby pitches in length. There was also a (smoke ring launcher), that when filled with smoke and when shot it fired out a smoke ring and travelled to the end of the room.

By Gerard Liam Thomas 9D

# Royal Society of Chemistry-Schools' Analyst Competition

Congratulations to Year 13 chemistry students Niall McCann, Conor Rainey and Ryan Smith who represented St Mary's at the Royal Society of Chemistry Schools' Analyst Competition. They competed against ten other schools to complete a series of experiments and detailed calculations in Stranmillis College. Pupils received certificates of merits for their efforts.



Year 13 chemistry students Niall McCann, Conor Rainey and Ryan Smith.



## Earth + Space Science awards.

Mrs. M. Farag presents competition winners with their prizes.



## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

The Junior Maths Challenge is a national competition designed to test, not just the ability to recall skills and techniques learned in class. It examines the ability of innovation and creativity, being able to see through to the essence of the problem. The three levels that can be awarded are Gold, Silver and Bronze. The Certificates are only given to a very small percentage of entrants and there are over 600,000 entrants from over 4000 different schools! The overall performance of St Mary's students yet again this year was excellent.

Fifty of our top Year 8 and 9 pupils participated in April's Junior Maths Challenge. It proved to be a difficult paper but the results were outstanding.

Nearly half of the entrants were awarded with Certificates and, for the second year running, Jude Reilly 9D was awarded with the additional certificate of "Best in the School." Here are all the winners. Congratulations!

Mr. G. O' Connor, Head of Maths



### Gold certificates

Jude Riley	9D (Best in School)
Darren Fox	9E

### Silver certificates

Pearse Allingham	9G
Naoise Quinlivan	9E
Mark Sykes	9E
Cahal Devenney	9D
Chris O'Hagan	8G
Ryan Connolly	8D
Owen Hanna	8G

### Bronze certificates

Niall Hughes	9F
Paul Burns	9D
Conchur McCullough	9A
Chris Raffo	9C
Eoin Kearney	9B
Michael Hanna	9G
Sean Maxwell	9E
Jarlath Mervyn	9F
Donal Maguire	9F
Sean McParland	8G
Niall Park	8E
Ryan Gallagher	8G
Matthew Collins	8G
David McNally	8A
Morgan McKnight	8F

## Technology Department Yr 13 Visit to QUB

On Wednesday November 3rd 2010 nineteen Yr 13 pupils travelled to the QUB Engineering Department for an educational visit. On arrival at the Ashby building we were welcomed by Dr John Orr who gave us some insight into what engineering is and what engineers do. He then performed some tests on various materials to demonstrate how they have different mechanical properties.

*Mr. V. Murphy  
Head of Technology*



*Dr John Orr welcoming us to the QUB Engineering Department.*



*Performing a Compression Test on a Mild Steel sample.*



*Technology pupils show their projects at Open Night.*



*Mr. Linden with some of the boys from Holy Trinity PS during their primary school visit.*

# Open Nights 2010 - 2011

St. Mary's held two open nights again this year, one in September which allowed prospective year 8 pupils an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school before sitting the GL assessment and the second one in January. Parent's comments were very positive and they were impressed with what they saw.



Orla Scott with her children Kane and Nia in the Religion Department.

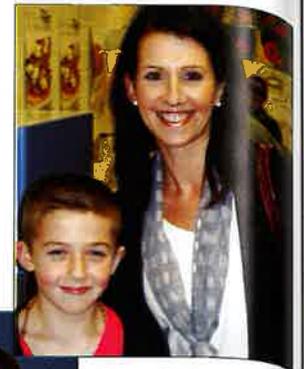


Sean Quinn with his son Aaron in the Music Department with Year 12 pupil John McCann on drums.



Owen Crilly and his mum Martina explore the Science labs.

Senior students John O'Neill and Kevin O'Brien show prospective pupils Dominic McEnhill, Conall Shannon and Ronan Clarke round the library.



## January Open Nights



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# Road Safety Awareness Programme

Members of the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue service were in the school on Thursday 10th February to deliver a Road Safety Awareness programme to all Year 14 students.

The morning commenced with a simulated rescue of two senior students trapped in a vehicle after a road traffic accident. This was followed by a video presentation in the Edmund Rice Lecture Theatre in which

people involved in accidents recounted their own personal experiences. This presentation gave an insight into the traumatic effect that accidents have on those involved and the subsequent impact on their families.



## Year 11 Dublin Drugs Awareness Trip

In March, Mr. Herron (Year 11, Year Head) took twelve boys on a trip to Dublin to see for themselves the very harmful effects that drugs can have on people's lives. The following are pupil accounts of that trip. On Monday the 28th of March we travelled to Dublin on behalf of the year group to participate in workshops and talks on drugs and heroin in the lives of young people and their families. Firstly we went to the Crinan Youth Centre where we met Aaron who is an ex-drug user. He told us that since he has taken drugs his life has changed. He cannot socialize due to the fear of going back to taking drugs. After we met Aaron we went to Saol centre

which was a centre for women who are trying to come off drugs. They are involved in using a substitute for heroin by which they take methadone. In my opinion Saol was the best part of the trip as you can see they way in which drugs can affect women as well as men and that it is not just "bad" people who take drugs but also "good" people in society can fall into the trap. Then finally we went to the Talbot Centre which is for children taking drugs or the children related to the drug user. The Talbot Centre was very considerate as, although they needed permission from parents to help the youth, they take the first move in making people aware of their services. Overall the trip was very worthwhile and it has affected my life greatly to see how drugs affect people.

*Daniel McArdle 11C*



and answer session with Aaron and he said that the one thing that made him decide to go to Crinan was seeing his his friend shot dead.

Afterwards we visited the Saol centre which is a drug addiction clinic designed specifically for women and their children. The women visit this centre if they are addicted and can't get off drugs. They do lots of daily activities. Some of the women didn't even start taking drugs until they were 39! All the women in Saol centre were very well mannered and it made me think that it's not just wasters and lowlifes that take drugs but it can in fact be decent people who just can't seem to cope with everyday life and so turn to drugs for help. Most of the women in the Saol centre had been off heroin for years but there was a woman who had recently started her addiction and was visiting the Saol centre for help. They have to take methadone in order to rope them off heroin. In the basement of the Saol centre was a crèche for the children of the addicts to attend so that they can grow up in a drug-free environment. After we went for something to eat, we visited The Talbot Street Centre which was a clinic designed for under 18s. It did work with teenagers and they run their programmes after school so that when the users finish school



Upon arrival in Dublin, we visited one of three local rehabilitation clinics for people addicted to drugs. The first one we visited was the Crinan Centre. This was a centre specifically targeted at young people over the age of 18.

They have been going around 20 years and have successfully changed many drug users into better people and have got them to stop taking drugs. We met a man called Aaron who was a past user of: Heroin, Hash, Snow Blow (Methadrone) and cannabis. Aaron wanted to turn his life around. Crinan worked with him for years, eventually turning his life around. Aaron became a successful DJ in the Dublin night clubs but eventually had to give it up due to the temptation of drugs and alcohol. However he does work as an ICT software developer and earns over €40,000 a year! We had a question

they can visit the centre instead of going to take drugs. Once they workers at the centre have built up enough trust with the young people, they will then visit their homes for more help for the parents and more one to one with the young people.

Overall I enjoyed the trip; I found it very educational and a worth while. I think the most shocking thing was finding out that almost everybody in the community was affected by drugs in some way or another.

*Year 11 pupil*

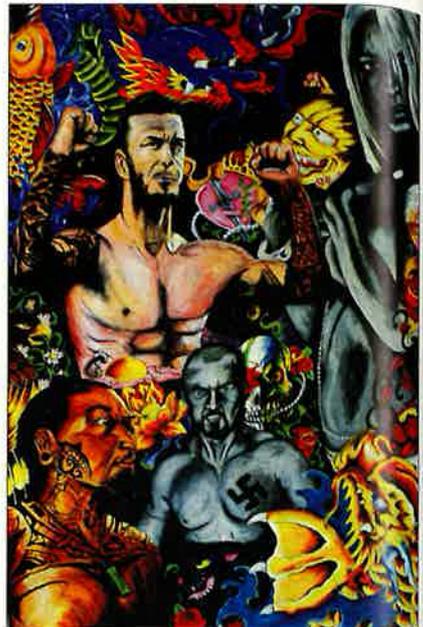




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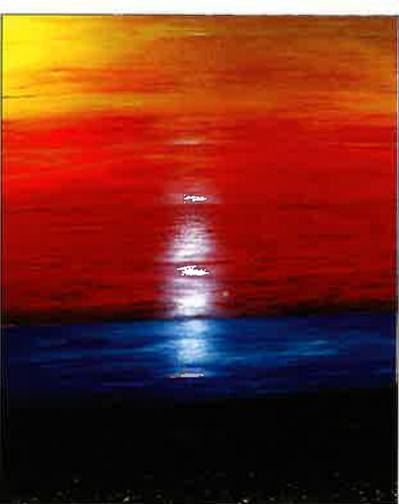
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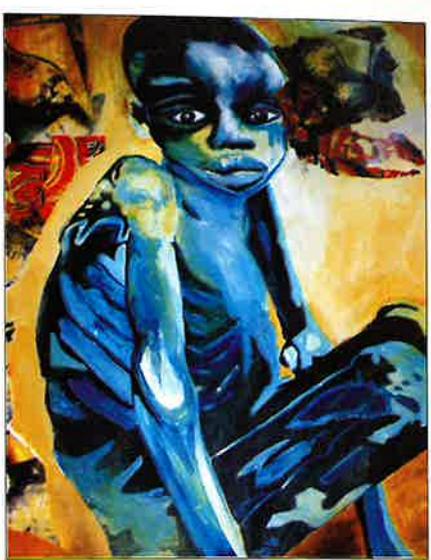
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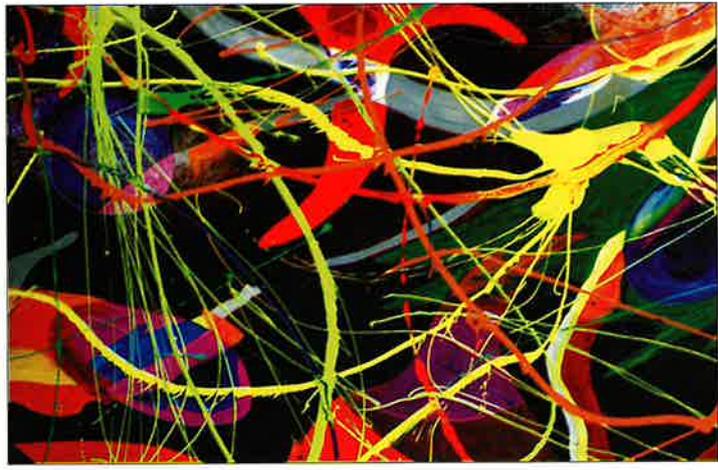
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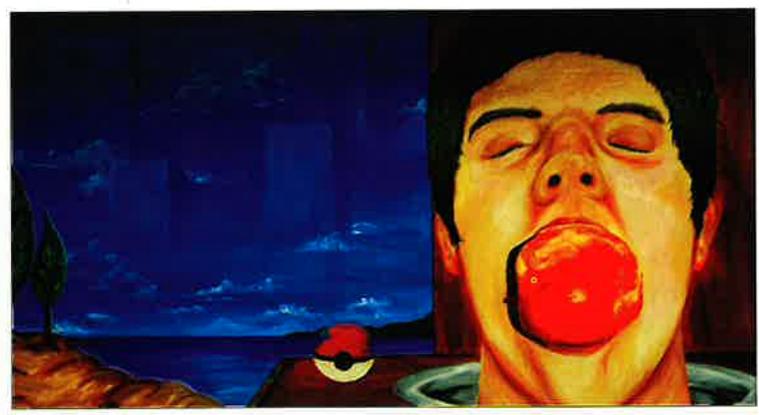
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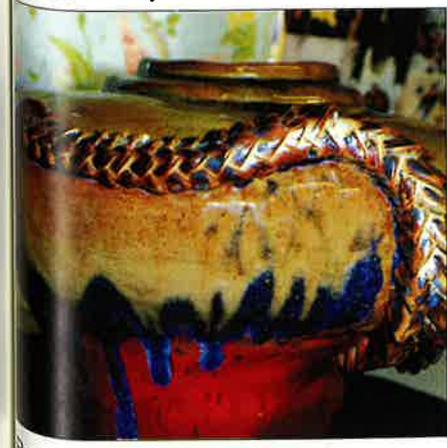
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# HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT 2010/2011

## Ready, Steady, Cook.

The year began on August 26th for the Home Ec. Dept, when we hosted the three day annual event of pancake making, tossing and dressing, one of the highlights of the Edmund Rice camp for new Year 8 pupils. This was closely followed by the Open Night for P6 in September which proved very popular with the primary pupils and their parents and gave the year 9 chefs a chance to showcase their skills. The potato skins and fruit smoothies were popular as always and disappeared as quickly as they were produced while the pancakes caused queues to form and headaches for the guides.....sorry!

We have taken further steps forward this year in offering new opportunities and skills acquisition to year 10, year 11 and the senior pupils.

The year 10 course offers 12 weeks of combined theory and practical lessons and approached topics as wide as adolescent health and diet, vegetarianism and the challenges of buying or renting a home in the credit crunch and recession.

The theory classes were punctuated by preparation and presentation of such culinary delights as Shepherd's pie, spaghetti Bolognese, filled baked potato and sweet and sour chicken. Parents are advised that all year 10 pupils should now be able to organise lunch or dinner for the whole family!

This year we also decided to take the tentative steps in introducing extra-curricular cookery experiences for senior pupils in years 13 and 14. The idea is to help them develop cookery skills which will make them more independent when they leave home for university. Year 11

pupils were also able to avail of the opportunity to use the kitchen to improve their skills after school during April May and June when the senior pupils were on study leave. Based on the success this year we hope to offer these after school clubs again, so if you have an interest in this area call to S24 and get signed up.

Our annual collection of the LMC cookery demonstrations took place in January when the Year 9 pupils were able to take part in the preparation and tasting of a range of excellent dishes from around the world using the finest local quality assured meats. The week-long event was hosted by the very talented Mrs. Wendy Donaldson of LMC who has worked with the school for the past three years. We hope to be able to invite her to demonstrate for us again.

Year 10 pupils were advised on consumer affairs by Belfast City Council consumer advisors who explained how the law protects consumers and how to complain successfully if goods or services fall short of reasonable expectations.

With increasing experience and greater confidence our junior pupils are now entering cookery competitions with ease. We had a number of entries for the Dairy Council competition and the 2012 OLYMPICS "Get Set" sports nutrition competition. We are also very proud that two of our year 12 pupils managed to get places on the Saturday "Junior Chef" course at BMC this year. Well done to everyone who took part in all our activities. We look forward to more

opportunities and even greater numbers of participants across the whole range of cookery events and competitions in the coming year.



### Method:

- mix all ingredients in a small bowl
- turn onto a chopping board and shape with a palette knife
- cook under a hot grill, turning once when brown
- serve in a bap (toasted if you wish) with salad

### Sweet and sour chicken

#### Ingredients:

- 250g chicken pieces
- 1tbsp oil
- ½ red pepper
- 1 peeled and sliced carrot
- 100g patna rice
- 1 ring pineapple

#### Sauce:

- 2 tbsp vinegar
- 2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1tbsp honey
- 1tbsp pineapple juice
- 250ml vegetable stock
- 1 tbsp tomato sauce

#### To thicken:

- 2tbsp cold water
- 1tbsp cornflour

### Method:

- Wash and peel carrots and cut into small sticks.
- Halve, quarter and slice pepper into sticks.
- Make up the stock. Make up sauce by adding together the ingredients listed. Heat oil in pan, add meat and fry until surface is sealed and meat is just beginning to brown. Add stock, sauce, carrot and peppers. Cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes. Add pineapple
- Place cornflour in a cup and mix with cold water. Add to sauce and stir until sauce thickens.

Mrs. M. Farag, H. E. Co-ordinator



The recipes below are taken from the collection of recipes used by our junior pupils in class.

### 1. The healthy burger

#### Ingredients:

- 100g lean mince
- 1tbsp breadcrumbs
- 1tbsp beaten egg
- ½ tsp chopped parsley

#### Seasoning

- 1 burger bap

# St. Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum, Belfast.

Quite some years ago, Fr. Hugh Kennedy had an ambition to bring world class music to St. Peter's Cathedral in Belfast. In March 2008, the Schola Cantorum was founded.

In February 2009, we sang with 'the Priests' which was very exciting as we were young and very keen to get into musical life quickly.

Two years ago in 2009, the Schola toured Paris and sang in the renowned Cathedral of Notre Dame. We all found this experience very encouraging.

Our patron of the choir is Her Excellency, Mary Mc Aleese, President of Ireland. We would regularly perform for her and she even invited us down to her estate for a garden party! This was very enjoyable!

In the late days of winter in 2009, the BBC approached the choir and announced that they were very interested in making a three part documentary about us. We all decided to go with this fantastic idea. This was later screened in 2010.

In early spring 2010, we sang the Easter Liturgies to a European audience which was filmed by RTE. Very nervously, we sang triumphantly through the pieces.

Early summer of 2010 approached quickly and we travelled from St. Peter's on the Fall's Rd., to St. Peter's in the Vatican. We had now worked our way up the musical ladder and had reached the top of it!

On that tour of Rome and

the Vatican we went on to perform for Pope Benedict not only once but twice! The Pope himself then congratulated us delightedly saying, 'I especially would like to thank St. Peter's Cathedral Schola Cantorum, from Belfast for their praise of God in song.'

The experience was just unimaginable to be using my talent to perform for Pope Benedict XVI.

*Aidan Gittens 10 A*



Stephen Jackson 10F (L) and Aidan Gittens 10A (R) both St. Mary's pupils rehearse in the choir.



Schola Cantorum singing in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.



Rehearsals and performances in Rome with their choir leader and Fr. Hugh Kennedy.



Rome June 2010





Many congratulations to the large number of pupils who took in the Annual Spring Concert. They presented a wide and varied programme that included some well placed items; 'Don't Believe a Word' (year 13/14 Rock Group) was performed in honour of the

late Gary Moore of Thin Lizzy. The repertoire ranged from Mozart to The Red Hot Chilli Peppers and included Schonberg, Sting, Oasis, to name but a few. The Junior singers even sang in our native tongue! The success of the evening is a testament to the talent of

our pupils. Very well done to all who participated!(over 100 pupils)! £800 was raised for Zambia.

*Thanks to all.  
Mrs C Morris-Spillane, Head of Music*

## Music Department

### Spring Concert - 13th may 2011



Poetry Talk Poetry Talk Poetry Talk Poetry Talk Poetry Talk Poetry Talk Poetry Talk

## English Department

Poet and past pupil Ciaran Carson brought poetry alive and charmed the Year 11 pupils and teachers with traditional Irish music, his knowledge of history, and poetic insights. He is presently a Professor of English at Queen's University Belfast and is the current Director of the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry. The pupils were given the opportunity to hear a reading of his

poem 'Belfast Confetti' that they will be writing about for their next G.C.C.E Controlled Assessment. They listened to his interpretations and were keen to interrogate him with questions about his poem and childhood life as a pupil in St Mary's CBGS, Barrack Street. An Inspiration to us all!

*Mrs. C. Carson*



*Mrs. C. Carson (English and Drama),  
Mr. C. Carson, poet and  
Mr. R. Herron Year 11 yr. head.*



*Poet Ciaran Carson, plays some music to set the atmosphere for a recital of his poetry.*

# Senior Debating Society

St Mary's C.B.G.S vs. St Genevieve's High School debated whether

*'It's still a Man's World.'*

A friendly inter-school competition was held between St Mary's C.B.G.S and St Genevieve's high school.

The first debating topic was 'It's a man's world' unfortunately the boys didn't win. The second round topic was 'Interventionist policy in foreign countries is unfortunate but necessary' and this time the boys won against St Genevieve's.

There were four on each team, the first speakers introduced the motion, then two developed the argument and finally one summed up. The rest of team plus a mixture of year 13/14 pupils acted as the audience.

- The senior debating team meet every Monday lunchtime.



## A night with 'George'

'A Night With George' played to a packed audience on Saturday 9th April. The proceeds raised went towards our 3G Sports Centre Project.

We are very appreciative of the staff, parents, and friends of St Mary's who supported the occasion. The night was a great success and the performance was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The next performance of the play will be in New York so we also appreciate the support for the school from Brassneck Productions and Tony Devlin (Past Pupil) the Director and star performer Donna McGarry (mother of past pupil Jack and wife of Jack from our staff).



# Sports

## The Ski Trip 2011 -

### St. Mary's Ski Trip Folgaria 2011

Due to circumstances beyond our control the ski group departed from two locations this year. Ms. Curran and Mr. Mahon met with 19 of the group in school at 7.45am for the trek to Dublin for a 1pm flight. We were met with rain and snow on our journey which set the pattern of weather for the week. Miss Convery, Mrs. Crookes, Mr. Watson and Mr. Mc Gettigan met with the remaining students in Belfast Airport at the more reasonable hour of 11.45am for 2.15pm departure from Belfast.

We were delighted to see each other again for dinner in the Hotel IRMA where we were welcomed very warmly by Paolo and his staff who remembered us fondly from our last visit in 2006. Following dinner we were off to Fondo Grande for a ski fit. Now a week of sun and skiing could begin! Or so we thought!

On the first morning we were greeted by snowy conditions and the boys were amazed to find mountains covered in snow, surrounding the ski shop we were at the night before. The beginners were initially overawed but gradually all managed the snowplough stop and we knew a good week lay ahead. The advanced and intermediate groups disappeared into the mist at great speed. It snowed and it snowed and a cold group of skiers

met together for lunch but all were keen to get back out in the afternoon. By evening we were all thoroughly soaked and so the pattern was set for the week.

A new duty was about to be added to the teachers' day. Tumble Dryer duty!! Oh how they fought to take their turn each night! Without doubt Ms Convery was the expert closely followed by Mr Mahon. For the next two days we skied in rain and sleet and although we discussed stopping half way through the second day the St. Mary's men voted to return to the mountain with all the seasoned skiers. On the third day the weather won and as the slopes were closed we had to go shopping! Next day found us back on the slopes some of us had accessorized our ski suits with black bin liners. Not a pretty sight but they work. Wigs and face paints were also in evidence as it was St. Patrick's Day and Italy Day. That night there was a parade through the town in celebration and to mark the beginning of an

International Ski competition with teams from 47 different countries taking part.

Back at the hotel Paolo

and his staff were serving green drinks, green jelly and ice cream and the party atmosphere helped make up for the cold and wet day. The last day of skiing had arrived and so had the SUN! We had a ball! The slalom race was held on the slope next to the International competition. Ok, they were a little faster than our competitors but the enthusiasm and determination to win was just as keen. Despite the weather all of the boys made excellent progress on the slopes and were complemented by their instructors, particularly Seaghan Shannon. Other memorable performances were provided by Naoise Quinlivan-McCann, Patrick McWilliams and Adam Perry. All of our beginners worked hard and achieved a high standard of skiing. All agreed that Ciaran Gallagher was the most improved skier of the week and was the epitome of good sportsmanship. We would like to wish our leavers John McGlone and Ciaran Rice (the apprentice!) every success with their exams and the best of luck in their future careers. We include John Carson in those good wishes also. We would like to thank all the boys for their enthusiasm, good humour and cooperation in the worst ski weather we have ever experienced. Finally we also thank Paolo, Max and all the staff at the Hotel Irma for their kindness and hospitality and most especially for their TUMBLE DRYER!

Mrs. G. Curran





The town of Folgaria



The Hotel



Ski lift in the snow



The advanced ski group



Mr. Mc Gettigan and the boys get ready to ski.



Mrs. Curran, Miss Convery and Mrs. Crookes enjoy some Italian ice-cream!



The intermediate ski group



An amazing panoramic view of the ski resort.



The senior Water polo team.

The senior water polo players of St. Mary's once again did the "double - double" winning both All Ireland and Ulster titles for the second year in a row. Whilst this is not the first time in the school's history that we have witnessed such a mammoth achievement, it does however illustrate the strength and dominance of St. Mary's and the dedication and hard work of the players and staff involved.

St. Mary's Under 19 Water Polo team retained the Irish Schools Senior Cup having cruised to the final beating Blackrock 7-0, St. Joseph's 10-1 and St. Malachy's 5-2 before replaying St. Malachy's in an all Ulster final. St. Mary's progress through the early stages of the competition was clinically executed with a total of 22 goals for and only 3 against. The St. Mary's

# Water Polo

squad contained no fewer than four Irish Internationals across the U-19 and U-16 set up and their experience and insight proved to be too much for the competition.

The final game ended 10-4 to St. Mary's and the Senior Irish Cup was returned to the school.

## Senior Irish Cup Results Table 2011:

Qualification 1	St. Mary's Belfast	10 - 1	St. Joseph's Dublin
Qualification 2	St. Malachy's Belfast	4 - 1	Blackrock Dublin
Qualification 3	St. Mary's Belfast	7 - 0	Blackrock Dublin
Qualification 4	St. Joseph's Dublin	0 - 6	St. Malachy's Belfast
Qualification 5	St. Mary's Belfast	5 - 2	St. Malachy's Belfast
Qualification 6 and 3rd place play off			
	St. Joseph's Dublin	8 - 3	Blackrock Dublin
Final	St. Mary's Belfast	10 - 4	St. Malachy's Belfast

The senior water polo team made further history by retaining the Canada Cup for an unprecedented 11th year in a row to regain their Ulster title. The U-19 team remained undefeated in all Ulster games despite the resurgence of a rejuvenated St. Malachy's.

### The Senior St. Mary's squad included:

- Cathal Fitzpatrick (C)
- Ciaran Mc Keever
- Conor Mc Geown
- Donnchadh Fitzsimons
- Connell Morgan
- Tiernan Monaghan
- James Mc Comish
- Paul Moran
- Matthew Fitzpatrick
- Brendan Loughran
- Nathan Hanna

St. Mary's U-16 squad had less fortune this year than the senior squad having made an early exit from the All Ireland competition in the group stages. However the boys did challenge to retain their Ulster title which saw them narrowly lose to local rivals St. Malachy's by one point.

This year the U-14 pupils were once more trained by Ronan Mc Clean. Ronan has been a valuable assistant to the school and our recent success at all levels would have been impossible without his expertise and insight. Ronan has developed a strong U-14

squad who look set to continue the long tradition of water polo here in St. Mary's.

Mr Watson and assistant coach Ronan Mc Clean would like to thank all the pupils and staff involved over the past number of years for their help and support. We especially would like to thank the U-19 squad for their dedication, commitment and sportsmanship and we wish them all the best in their first year at university.

Mr. M. Watson



The senior team and a proud Mr. Watson with the Canada Cup.

# Gaelic Football

## St. Mary's win MacLarnon Cup

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St Mary's senior football team won the MacLarnon cup for the second time in the school's history after beating St Paul's Bessbrook.

The campaign started in October 2010 with victory over Patrician, Carrickmacross by 3 points. The next game, against Castleblaney, proved a more difficult assignment and resulted in a narrow one point defeat. The league section was completed when the team drew against Rathmore, securing second place in the group.

In the last 16 St Mary's played Ballymena and were always in charge of the game and came away with a 4 point victory. The team went on to play St Eunans, Letterkenny in the quarter final stage and again they won by 4 points.

In the semi final the team played St Pius X, Magherfelt. The game ebbed and flowed with each team having a period when they were in the ascendancy. The game changed in the 50th minute, when a Brendan Bradley 45 sailed into the roof of the net and gave St Mary's the lead going into the last ten minutes of the game. Thereafter, the team displayed great composure and held on for the victory on a score line of 1-10 to 1-8.

### BT MacLarnon Cup Final

St Mary's CBS 0-11 St Paul's Bessbrook 0-8

St Mary's saw captain, Marc Jordan lift the BT MacLarnon Cup for only the second time in an exciting final in the Athletic Grounds in Armagh. In the initial stages St Mary's were in the ascendancy with Eamonn Quinn dominating the midfield area. This period of control brought about 3 scores with Brendan Bradley putting the ball over the bar after only 23 seconds on the clock. Throughout the contest St Mary's were always in the lead although the Armagh side did get to within a single point of St Mary's in the first and second periods.



After this initial St Mary's period of dominance St Paul's then took over and brought the scores level after 20 minutes but this was to be short lived as St Mary's once again gained the upper hand in the match with consecutive points from Patrick McBride, Kevin Quinn and Carl Maxwell. Before the half time interval half back Michael Hynes was controversially given his marching orders after a second yellow card, to leave St Mary's with a difficult task in the second half. St Mary's began the second half as they had started the first with Quinn

firing over from close range. St Paul's hit back with 3 well worked points and by the 50th minute they narrowed the gap to just one, 0-9 to 0-8. With St Mary's in need of a score Kevin Quinn again struck a point after a fine solo effort before eventual man of the match Brendan Bradley kept a cool head to knock over the last score of the game with a close range free. Darragh McGuinness and corner back Jackson McGreevy, in particular, performed well throughout, and were contenders for man of the match along with Quinn in the middle of the park.





## YEAR 9 GAELIC-THE CORN COLM-CHILLE COMPETITION

*The year 9 Gaelic team had a reasonably successful year and only lost match one all season, the Final of the Corn-Chille cup.*

The team was managed by Mr Moyes, Mr Herron and Mr McEvoy and a rigorous training regime started in January 2011. The numbers attending where so high and of such good quality that St Mary's entered two teams into the Antrim Blitz in January and both teams returned to school undefeated.

The Corn Colm-Chille campaign started in February with the opening game against our local rivals La Salle. St Mary's won this game with impressive performances from players such as Irwin, Dougan, Fegan, Flynn, Erskine, Donnelly, Gallagher, Beattie, Garland and Crossan.

Next up was Keady, the team we would face in the final, on a windswept day. At half-time St Mary's were only a point ahead and faced the second half playing into a gale-force wind. The boys however delivered a second half display of real guts and pulled away to win this one by eight, with keeper Marcus Murphy, Odhran Mc Kenna and Sean Maxwell being in particularly fine form. The third and final group match was against St Paul's Besbrooke and again St Mary's came out comfortable winners.

In the quarter final, St Mary's played cross city rivals St Malachy's. This was a one-sided affair with St Mary's running out easy winners, with Year 8 pupil E McCabe scoring 1-03

### The Squad- Year 8

Mr. Mc Evoy, Mr. Herron and Mr. Moyes with the Year 9 Gaelic Squad

The semi-final was against Our Lady and St Patrick's Knock and was an absolute classic. Both teams played with flair and tenacity throughout. Knock were 3 ahead at half time and had St Mary's in real trouble. In the second half an early Irwin goal levelled the game and both teams traded points. Going into the last couple of minutes St Mary's were 2 ahead and under real pressure. O'Reilly, O'Rawe and Crossan were immense as they soaked up wave after wave of attack. In Midfield Connolly and Flynn worked tirelessly to support the defence and Gallagher provided an effective link to the forwards. In the final counter-attack Fegan scored a goal to put the game beyond the reach of the Knock lads, but what a game.

Final score : St Mary's 2 - 09 OLSPK 1 - 07

This left only one team between the team and the cup, Keady.

Straight from the throw in St Mary's suffered a setback as Keady scored a goal. The lads responded to score 5 points in a row to take a 2 point advantage. However Keady responded with another goal to nudge ahead again. At this point St Mary's scored an excellent goal through Connolly and tagged on further pints to take a 3 point advantage at half time.

At the start of the second half Daniel Clarke-Magee scored a point to give us a four point lead, but this was to prove our last score for some time as Keady went on a scoring spree to establish a 10 point lead. However the boys never gave up and reduced this lead to 6 and were unlucky to find the Keady keeper in exceptional form as he made four top class saves to deny goals.

The team should be very proud of their efforts this year and hopefully can build on this success in coming seasons.



Odhran McKenna, Conor Smith, Eoin McCabe, Jack Trainor, Dominic Lynn, Ryan Mallon, Ronan Beatty, Gary Donnelly, Chris Gallagher, Pierce O'Rawe, Conor Finch, Brendan Deeds, Jude Reilly, Stephen Erskine, Pearse Fegan, Dermot Irwin, Niall Crossan, Sean Maxwell, Aodhan Dougan, Daniel Clarke-Magee, Michael Hopkins, Ciaran Garland, Pearse Fegan, Jarleth Mervyn, Cameron Flynn, Joe Diver, John Darragh, Conor Carson

# Year 8 Gaelic Football Blitz



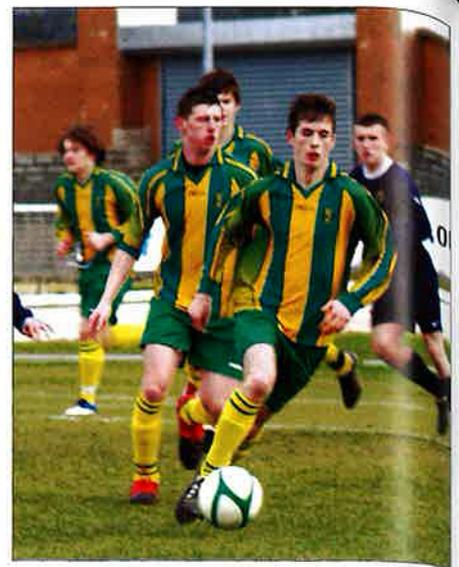
Saturday 4th of June, saw St Mary's host the Ulster College's Year 8 blitz for the 28th time. St. Mary's Year 8's started the competition in great style with a victory over St. Mary's Magerafelt 2- 2 to 1-2 with Odhran McKenna, Tiarnan Murphy and Ciaran Ryan outstanding for the host school. Next up was a game against St Pius's X who had beaten us by 10 points before Easter. After a fine game the match ended in a draw 1-4 to 1-4. St. Mary's

had John McCaffrey, Darren Shields, Martin McPolin, Nathan Gibson and Colm McLarnon in great form. St. Mary's then were beaten by the eventual winners, St Parick's Maghera, despite the fine efforts of keeper Conor Smith, Eoghan McCabe and Niall McCann. In the Ulster Colleges Plate Final, St. Mary's were beaten by St. Patrick's Dungannon by two points. Great displays in the final were given by Kevin Bradley, Conor Magee, Paul Kennedy

Aodhan O'Brien and St Mary's MVP on the day Ciaran McKenna. St. Mary's B team were also playing on Saturday they had fantastic displays throughout the day from Francis Serrano, Branán MacAinmhire, Cahal McClean, Manus Smith and Jack Silcock.



# Soccer



## Under 16's Belfast School's Cup

Congratulations to the Year 12 soccer team who defeated Belfast Boys Model 4-3 in the Final of the Under 16's Belfast schools Cup on St. Patrick's Day.

In a tense, enthralling game, St. Mary's had to come from behind twice - the first equaliser came from a set piece - Joe McManus flighted into the penalty a great ball which was nodded down by Ryan McLaughlin for Domhnall Quinn to volley into the net.

Model scored again leaving St. Mary's 2-1 down at half time.

St. Mary's came out in the second half all guns blazing. Ryan McLaughlin was scythed down in the box and was awarded a penalty which he coolly scored. Ten minutes later,

Domhnall Quinn picked up the ball in the centre circle and lifted it into the path of Brendan Bennett who chested and volleyed into the bottom right hand corner of the net. 3-2.

Model then has a player sent off for a second bookable offence but they still managed to score a great free kick. 3-3. In the dying seconds of the game, Ryan McLaughlin was again upended in the box and, again, finished with aplomb giving St. Mary's a memorable victory and the Under 16 Belfast Cup for the second time in the school's history.



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# One out of three ain't bad- Soccer 2011- Belfast Cup

Three finals: one win. With only a single piece of silverware in the soccer section of the trophy cabinet this year, it's easy to overlook what we've achieved. There are only five teams in the school; we only compete in a single cup competition in each year grouping, so reaching three finals is impressive stuff. Mr Malone's Under 16 set down the gauntlet with their dramatic win over Boys' Model in March, but the under 15s and under 12s still had their finals in store at that point, with Mr Laverty and Mr Tully in charge respectively.

The under 15s, Belfast Cup winners two years ago, were favourites for the title. Even without Northern Ireland international Anthony Allsopp, out all year through injury, the team had breezed their way to the final. On the day of the big game, against Glengormley High, St Mary's were strong and played attractive, open

football. Our single goal from Conor Johnston failed to reflect our strength in depth and dominance. But a one goal cushion is never that, and with three minutes to the final whistle, Glengormley equalised. A very short period of extra time failed to separate the two teams and it went to penalties.

All the best players on the planet have missed penalties. I will not name names here. Suffice it to say that Ciaran Kelly, our keeper made some spectacular saves to keep us in it, but we failed to score when we most needed it and so ended up snatching defeat from the jaws of victory as they say. We have some form here. The fourth years have only ever lost two games since they started in second year in each case we led until the dying moments of the game. No excuses though- next year, I'm sure we'll go all the way!

The Under 12s, a brand new squad under the inspirational leadership of Mr Tully also went all the way to the final. They too had injury problems, with top goal scorer Marcus Murphy breaking his foot to join Calum Portis and Conor Stinton on the casualty list.

The final, against Ballyclare High, proved a bridge too far for the depleted squad. An early two goal deficit was cut by back to 2-1 with an excellent strike from Michael Conlon. St Mary's, in pursuit of an equaliser managed to score...but into the wrong net...their own! A tragic error that put the game beyond their reach, but an excellent Belfast Cup competition that shows the great promise of this young squad.

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# Hurling

## Forrestors' Cup Photos



## All Star Awards 2010



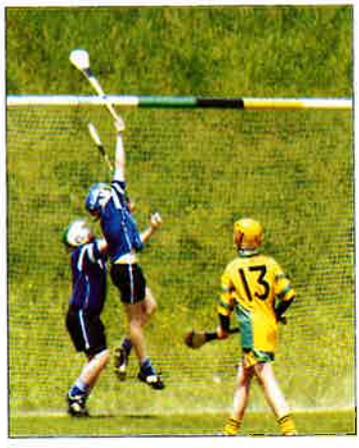
St. Mary's AllStar Pupils with their awards and proud parents looking on.



# Year 8 Hurling Blitz



St. Mary's V Maghera



St. Mary's V Keady



St. Mary's V  
St. Killians

St. Mary's V  
Ballycastle



St. Mary's  
are the  
overall  
winners.





Year 8 cross country fun run.

## Year 8's revive running tradition Cross-Country and Track and Field 2010-2011

2010-2011 saw St Mary's most successful year in Cross-Country and Track and Field for a very long time. The year began with the annual year 8 Cross-Country fun-run around the school. The top 3 finishers; Conor Magee 8C, Conor Irving 8C and Niall McIlhatton 8D would go on to lead the year 8 Cross-Country team to Ulster Success and enjoy individual success in the Ulster Track and Field Championships.

In February the year 8 Cross-Country team won gold in the South Antrim District Championships at Ormeau Park in some style. This was followed by finishing second in the Ulster Championships at Mallusk in March.

For the first time a link between St Mary's and Beechmount Harriers was established and the team was coached by Paul McGee from the Harriers club. I hope this successful link between St Mary's and the Beechmount Harriers Club may continue to bring success to our school in the future. Team members included; Martin Brady 8D, Joe Marley 8D, Niall McIlhatton 8D, Odhran White 8D, Conor Irving 8C, Aaron Conlon 8C, Conor Magee 8C, Niall Begley 8F and Ryan Carson 8F. Lorcan Magee 10F also did himself proud qualifying and performing well in the year 10 Ulster Cross-Country Championships.

Undoubtedly the star of the year was Conor Magee 8C. Conor won

individual gold in the district and Ulster Cross-Country Championships. This was a momentous achievement considering this was our school's first gold medal at this level for 26 years. Later in May it was the turn of our magnificent year 8 runners to turn their attention to the track with the South Antrim District and Ulster Track and Field Championships at the Antrim Form. Again 3 lads in year 8 stood out amongst the best in Ulster. Niall McIlhatton 8D won a bronze medal in the district 100m and finished in the top 6 in Ulster. Conor Irving won the 800m silver in the district and Ulster Championships and Conor Magee took home the gold once again in the district and Ulster 800m.



3 WINNERS

These boys had to fight against the elements on a wet and windy Saturday with the 800m final being the highlight of the day. All 3 boys should be very proud of how they represented our school.

For the first time in many years we now have a double Ulster Champion in Cross-Country and Track and Field in young Conor Magee and a Cross-Country team capable of winning Ulster gold next year. It is up to our new year 8 pupils in 2011-2012 to keep this momentum going as we continue to revive the tradition of producing top class running athletes in our school.

Mr.B. McComb

### Conor Magee 8C

- South Antrim Cross-Country team gold
- South Antrim Cross-Country individual gold
- Ulster Cross-Country team silver
- Ulster Cross-Country individual gold
- South Antrim 800m gold
- Ulster 800m gold



Year 8 cross country ulster success

### Conor Irving 8C

- South Antrim Cross-Country team gold
- Ulster Cross-Country team silver
- South Antrim 800m Silver
- Ulster 800m Silver



### Niall McIlhatton 8D

- South Antrim Cross-Country team gold
- Ulster Cross-Country team silver
- South Antrim 100m bronze



# Sports Day 2011 Results

## Year 8

- 100m Mr Austin (Head of Year) M Mooney, C Flynn, C Fitzpatrick
- 200m Mr Austin (Head of Year) M Mooney, C Allingham, C Doran
- 400m N McCann, P Allingham, E Kelly, Mr Austin (Head of Year)
- 800m P Allingham, C Fitzpatrick, Mr Austin (Head of Year)
- High Jump A Dugan, C Fitzpatrick
- Relay 9B

## Year 9

- 100m O White, N Mcllhatton, CJ McKenna
- 200m O McKenna, N Mcllhatton, P Kennedy
- 400m C Magee, N Mcllhatton, CJ MCKenna
- 800m D McNally, C Irving, O White
- Long Jump D McNally, O White, N Mcllhatton
- High Jump R Hughes, B McCann, O White
- Relay 8D

## Year 10

- 100m C Allen, C McGeough, B Chambers
- Long Jump A Foster, Junior McKee, P Mervyn
- 200m G McAlinney, C McCarry, P Mervyn
- High Jump A Foster, B Chambers, C Doherty
- 400m D Murphy, G McAlinney, B Chambers
- 800m L Magee, P Doherty, S McDonnell
- Long Jump A Foster, Junior McKee, P Mervyn
- High Jump A Foster, B Chambers, C Doherty
- Relay 10B

On your marks,  
get set, go!  
The runners.



The long jump.



# Sports Day 2011

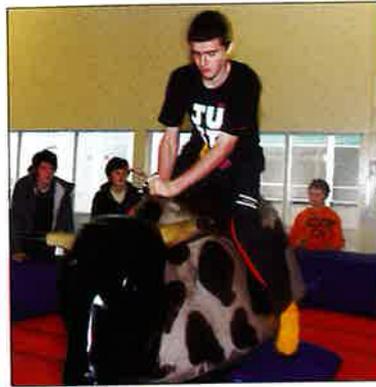
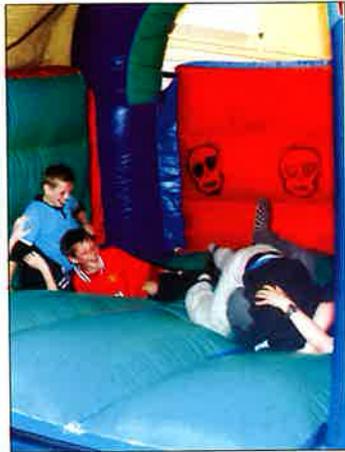


The sprint for the finish line.



Up, over and down - the high jump.

# Fun Day 2011



Above; Pupils try out the bouncy slide.

Chefs Joe + Gerry barbeque the food.



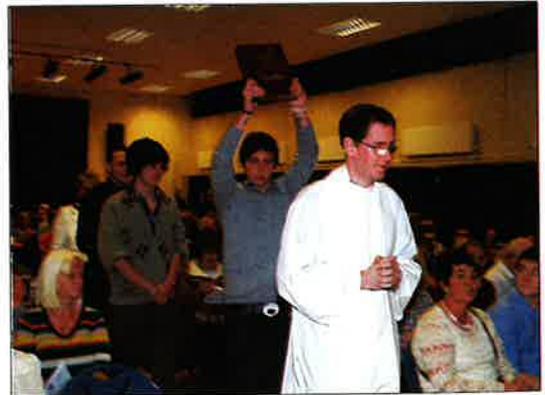
# The Leaver's Mass

## The Year 14 Leaver's Mass

On Monday 9th May, the leaver's mass was celebrated in the newly re-dedicated school oratory. The Mass was attended by the year 14 students, their parents and school staff. For the boys, it is a time to reflect on their time in St. Mary's and the many things that they have learned there, both academic and non-academic. It also prepares the boys for life beyond school as they progress on to third level education and employment. It is an occasion of mixed emotions as the boys remember happy times but experience the sadness of leaving an important chapter of their lives behind.

Afterwards, refreshments were served and there was an opportunity for students to recount stories, thank their teachers and for the parents to chat with staff.

*We wish all our year 14 students every success in their examinations, their future careers and in their lives beyond St. Mary's.*



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*Absent*  
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Form Tutor: Miss N. Brady

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Corey Allen, Christopher Taggart,  
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Jordan McAllister, Eoin Connelly,  
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Matthew Kane, Lorcan Magee, Barry Chambers, Mark Christie, Jonathan Cairns, Michael Gorman, and Ryan Pendleton.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Ryan Brown, Ryan Smyth, Dara Rocks, Conor Kelly, Sean Quinn, Sean McDonald, Febin Abraham and Eamon McFadden.



### Class 10G

Form Tutor: Mrs L. Cleary

*Back Row (L-R)*

Brendan Corr, Ciaran Barkley, Conor Murray, Lewis Guy and Declan Lees.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Matthew Daly, Nathan Hanna, Gregory McGreevy, Ronan Kelly, Gerard McGleave and Kent Padayhag.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Padraic Woods, James Kennedy, Declan Bingham, Sean Floyd, Daniel Fitzsimmons, Darren O'Neill, Conall Murray and Ben Crudden.



### Class 11A

Form Tutor: Mr T. Murphy

*Back Row (L-R)*

Ciaran Gallagher, Conor Boyce, Aaron McDonald, Ciaran Churchill, Sean Irvine and Paul Devlin.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Michael Hamilton, Sean Owens, Adam Quinn, Jack Boyce, Ruairi McGrath and Barry Lawlor.

*Front Row (L-R)*

James McMahon, Ryan McAreavay, Matthew McBride, Aaron Fairley, Anthony Robinson, Malachy Nolan, Gareth Murphy and Thomas Milnes.

Absent: Ryan Dacy, Anthony Allsop and Ciaran Kelly.

### Class 11B

Form Tutor: Mr N. Ward

*Back Row (L-R)*

Ruairi Dillon, Conor McCorry, Crawford McAree, Michael Kennedy, Paul Moran, Nathan Crudden and Stephen Garland.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

David Steenson, Sean Magennis, Joshua McKenna, Cathal O'Neill, Brendan Quinn, Cormac Bradley, Niall Fallon and Eamon Shannon.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Jordan Adams, Ciaran McCabe, Jonathan Rooney, Martin McGauley, Saul Pelan, Neil Armstrong Sean Murphy and Stephen Healy.



### Class 11C

Form Tutor: Mrs C. Morris-Spillane

*Back Row (L-R)*

Colm McKenna, Kevin Auld, Daniel Boyd, Liam McLarnon, Patrick O'Connor and Eamonn O'Toole.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

David McGoldrick, Caoimhin Hanna, Diarmuid Hillock, Adam Christian, Kevin Madden, Sean Ryan Quinn, and Gareth Hill.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Michael Agnew, Patrick Crossan, James Kennedy, Brownross Kudilil, Daniel McArdle, Paul McCourt and Ryan McFall.

*Absent*

Nathan Crudden, Ryan McNally, David Moore and Patrick Robinson.



### Class 11D

Form Tutor: Mr P. Tully

*Back Row (L-R)*

Christopher Mervyn, Caolan Paru, Joseph Magee, Damian Christian, Peter McCloskey, Robert Howell, and Daniel Collins.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Keelan Brady, John McCaffrey, Connell Jackson, Matthew Watson, James Irwin and Darren McDonagh.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Gary Coyle, Aaron Harbinson, Niall Hughes, Martin Reid, Martin Prior, Proinsias Maloclo, James Stott and Brendan Loughran.

*Absent*

Lewis McDonald and Bebito Jacob.





### Class 11E

Form Tutor: Mr P. Linden

*Back Row (L-R)*

Michael Conlan, Declan Brown, Anthony McKenna, Nathan Lavery, Joseph McKiernan and Nathan Maginn.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Tiarnan Healy, Carl Toner, Jonathan Denvir, Caoilin Kearns, John Monahan, Conor Kehelly and Patrick Kilfin.

*Absent*

Conal Brazier and Caomhin Slane.



### Class 11F

Form Tutor: Mr V. Murphy

*Back Row (L-R)*

Deaglan Cullen, Donnchadh Barr, Caolan Quinn, Ryan McNally, Sean O'Neill and James Johnston.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Ross McKenney, Conor Dodd, Declan Russell, Kieran McAuley, Darren Branny and Darren Weldon.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Conor Kerr, Matthew Fitzpatrick, Andrew Murray, Gerard McGonigle, Adam Perry, Seaghan Shannon and Stephen Guskin.



### Class 11G

Form Tutor: Mrs A. Burrows

*Back Row (L-R)*

Anthony Green, Conor Wilson, Christopher McCorry and Callum McVeigh.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Maitiu Deane, Joseph Crangle, Donal Carolan, Fergal Green, Garrett Mulholland and Peter Lynch.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Conor McGeough, Conor O'Hare, Cormach McKenna, Darren Pollock, Juan Gonzales, Calin Allingham and David Gallagher.

### Class 11H

Form Tutor: Mr P. Lavery

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Eoghan Rua Lambert,  
Thomas McGoran, Gary McAnoy,  
Ciaran Jordan, James Sloan and  
Michael Breen.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Pol Homes, Concobhar McBride,  
James Cunningham,  
Sean McCallum,  
Conor Floyd, Robert Murtagh  
and Brian Gibney.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Kieran Songster, Kieron Power,  
Callum Shields, Kevin Rice,  
Conor Doran, Curtis Berry and  
Aaron Murphy.



### Class 12A

Form Tutor: Mr P. Cunningham

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Ruari Wilson, John Mallon,  
Patrick McKee and Daniel Sloan.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Niall Deylin, Daniel Doherty,  
David Meehan, Conor Loughran,  
Cris Donegan and Niall McCreanor.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Corey Smith, James Farrell,  
Brendan Bennett, Aaron Garland,  
Adam Jones, Hugh O'Hollaren and  
Sean Wylie.



### Class 12B

Form Tutor: Mr S. McGoldrick

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Ruadhan Mac Ainnhire,  
Ciaran McAllister, Michael Vernon,  
Daniel McBride, Conor Browning,  
Darren McCann and  
Christopher Larkin.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Michael Anderson, Conall Lynagh,  
David Miason, James Carson,  
Dylan Neill, Conor O'Rawe and  
Pearse McDermott.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Paul McGreevy, Caolan Malone,  
Declan Smart, Conor McGuigan  
Eoin Connolly, David O'Neill,  
John Elliman, and Chris King.





**Class 12C**  
Form Tutor: Mr B. McComb

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Lorcan McKeown, Raj Ehosh, Ciaran Murdock, Mark Scott, Seamus O'Kane and Tomas O'Ciarain.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Gerard McKiernan, James Mallon, Donal Rooney, Darragh Murphy, Tiernan Monaghan and Patrick McQuillan.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Aaron Mullan, Brendan Wilkinson, Peter Maguire, Aidan Orchin, Brendan McKiernan, Joseph Robinson and Padraig Scott.



**Class 12D**  
Form Tutor: Mr C. McEvoy

*Back Row (L-R):*  
John Erskine, John McDaniel, Michael McCabe, Conor Heath, Simon Campbell, Stephen Edgar and Luke Doyle.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Colm Smyth, James McComish, Christopher Keenan, Ciaran Doherty, Aidan Murphy, Mark Cunningham, Matthew Kerr and Mark Lyons.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Peter Ferguson, Padraig Brady, Kieran Moreland, Sean McIlhatton, James Lynn, Bibinross Kudilil, Caoimhin Cullen-O'Neill and David McCabe.

*Absent*  
Ruan McCready and Curtis Millen



**Class 12E**  
Form Tutor: Mrs M. Murray

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Stephen Toner, Gerard Joyce, Mark Fitzsimons, John Keenan, John Meli and Caoimhin Munster.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Rian McEvoy, Raymond McGeough, James McCourt, Tony Kelly, Sean Pat Donnelly, Matthew Rainey and Chris Coogan.



### Class 12F

Form Tutor: Miss C. Stitt

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Conall Murphy, Martin O'Prey,  
Daniel Reid, Anthony Vardell,  
David Durkan and Paul Bell.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Anthony O'Neill, Niall Fitzgerald,  
Daniel Rogan, Michael Ryan,  
Ciaran Doherty and  
Matthew Brennan.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Martin Sloan, Ben Teague,  
Joseph McManus, Gavin Matthews,  
Eoghan Curley, Chris Boyle and  
Patrick Graham.

*Absent*  
Aiden Churchill



### Class 12G

Form Tutor: Dr E. McCaffrey

*BackRow (L-R):*  
J. Devine, Daniel McArdle,  
Ryan McKee, Joseph Fitzsimons and  
Kevin Taggart.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Donal Moran, Pieras Webb,  
Mark Napier, Luke Kelly,  
Christopher McComish and  
Edward O'Neill.

*front Row (L-R)*  
Daniel Brownlee, Patrick Meenan,  
Emmett Fellon, Gary McGuigan,  
Tom Barnes, James Stuart and  
Niall McDonald.



### Class 12H

Form Tutor: Mr A. Smyth

*BackRow (L-R):*  
Niall Adams, Ben Hesketh,  
Thomas Mulligan, Kevin Connolly,  
Gary Mulhall and Daniel O'Connor.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Aidan Cregan, Daniel Winchester,  
John McCann, Adam Campbell,  
Conor O'Kane and  
Christopher O'Connor.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Sam Boyle, Conor O'Donnell,  
Conor Devlin, Adam Fitzpatrick,  
Conor Smyth, Steven Morris  
and Domhnall Quinn.





**Class 13A**  
Form Tutor: Miss L. McGonagle

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Aidan McGarrity, Brendan Dougan,  
Mark McCaffrey,  
Cormac Livingstone,  
Mark Cummings, Ciaran McKeever  
and Laughlin McCurdy.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Ruairi Fisher, Daniel Clarke,  
Conor O'Callaghan, Kyle Brown,  
Dan Smyth, Darragh McGuinness  
and Lee Sheridan.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Cormac Kelly, Aedan Marley,  
Padraig Holmes, Conor Toner,  
Stephen McCourt, Kevin Quinn  
and Gerard Roberts.



**Class 13B**  
Form Tutor: Mrs C. Gillespie

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Conor McCaffrey, Connor Brennan,  
Cormac Smyth, Christopher  
McGuigan, Brendan Clarke,  
Jonathon O'Donnell,  
Gerard Lavery and Ciaran Adams.

*Middle Row (L-R)*  
Stephen Courtney,  
Gareth Patterson, Liam Kelly,  
Jack Dorrian, Matthew Hill,  
Ciaran McLaughlin, James Reid,  
James Keenan and  
Connell Morgan.

*Front Row (L-R)*  
Kevin Finnegan, Paul Manson,  
Darren Toner, Aidan Grant,  
Matthew McKnight,  
Conal Sheppard,  
Brendan McDonagh and  
Declan McCavana.



**Class 13C**  
Form Tutor: Mr D. Armstrong

*Back Row (L-R):*  
Michael Dudley, Paul Robinson,  
Michael Maxwell,  
Joseph Cunningham, James Hopkins,  
Shane McGarry and Niall Quinn.

*Middle Row (L-R):*  
Ruairi Boyle, Cormac Flannery,  
Aaron Nolan, Mark Torbitt,  
Jack McCrea, Jack McKenna,  
Jonathan Moyna and Ryan Smith.

*Front Row (L-R):*  
Niall McMahon, James Donnan, John  
Loughran, Anthony Shortt, James  
Brownlee, Brian O'Neill, James  
Harriott and Ryan Clarke.

### Class 13D

Form Tutor: Mr H. P. Gettigan

*Back Row (L-R):*

Matthew Murray, Carl Davis,  
Niall Lynagh, Jody Trainor,  
Niall McCann, Michael O'Neill,  
Aaron Brady and  
Michael Bradley.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Ciaran Stewart,  
Piaras Long, Eamon McNally,  
Thomas McCrory, Brian Donnelly,  
Sean Fox, Mark McAreevey and  
Nathan Callaghan.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Jack Small, Declan Dillon,  
Jude Fallon, Nathan Hanley,  
Michael McGivern, Patrick Kelly,  
Alan Hunter and Conor Rainey.



### Class 13E

Form Tutor: Mrs J. McEvoy

*Back Row (L-R):*

Conor Rooney, Gerard O'Prey,  
Padraig Nugent,  
Stephen McCullagh,  
James Gaskin, Colm McKeown,  
Paul McCann and  
Ronan Campbell.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

David Murray, Neil Farquharson,  
Stewart Phillips, Sean McGivern,  
Naoise O'Caireallain,  
Eamonn Stitt, Niall Connolly and  
Ciaran Kerr.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Connor Jackson, Ryan Carleton,  
Daryl Randall, Fintan McBride,  
Anthony Harte, Conor Donnelly,  
Caolan Smith and David Fraser.



### Class 13F

Form Tutor: Mr C. McCann

*Back Row (L-R):*

Brendan Haughey, Declan  
McCullough, Eamonn Smith,  
Patrick McWilliams,  
Conor Kettle, Conor McGrath,  
Eoin McCarr, Stephen Rooney  
and David Nelson.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Marc Deighan, Thomas  
McKeown, Stephen Rea, Peter  
Rooney, Matthew Kearney, Piers  
Cormican, Martin Catney, Patrick  
McBride and Leo McKenna.

*Front Row (L-R)*

David Wallace, Louis Donnelly,  
Stephen Carson, Donal Brady,  
Pearse Fryers, Matthew Lappin,  
Sean Maguire and Lee Taylor.





### Class 13G

Form Tutor: Mr M. Greene

*Back Row (L-R):*

Daniel Cosgrove, James Keenan, Fiontan Ó Muilleoir, John Nesbitt, Conleth Hendron, Ryan McBride, Conor Pelan and Matthew Sloan.

*Middle Row (L-R)*

Jackson McGreevy, Thomas Thibodeau, John Lynn, Hugh Doran, Ruairi Devine, Michael White, Eoin Brady and Matthew Cassidy.

*Front Row (L-R)*

Andrew Reid, Ryan Parker, Dalon Ferguson, Stephen Larkin, Paul Smith, Daniel McKernan, Thomas Manning and Michael McCarthy.



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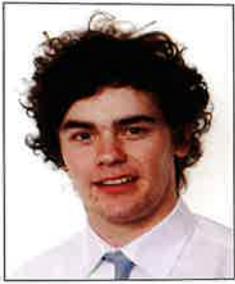




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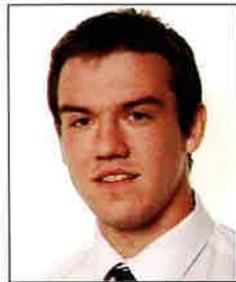
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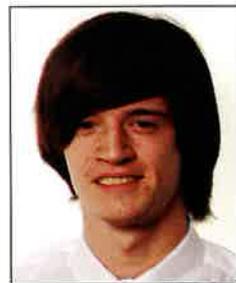
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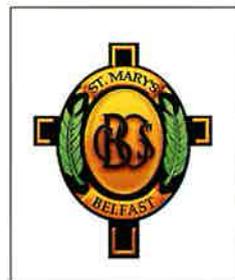
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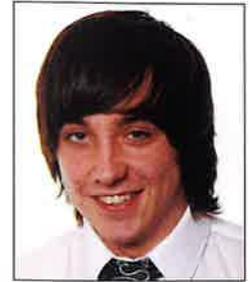
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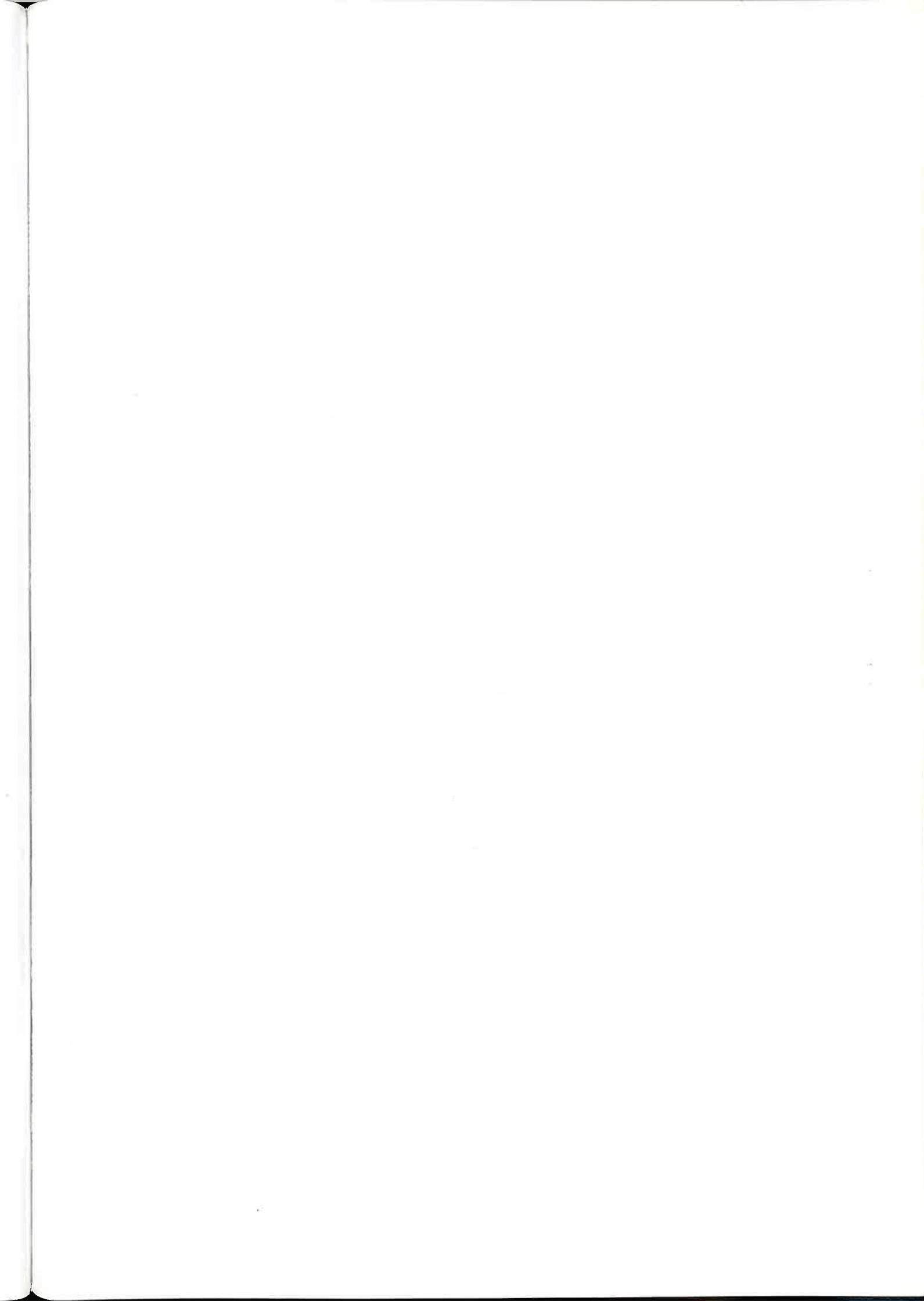


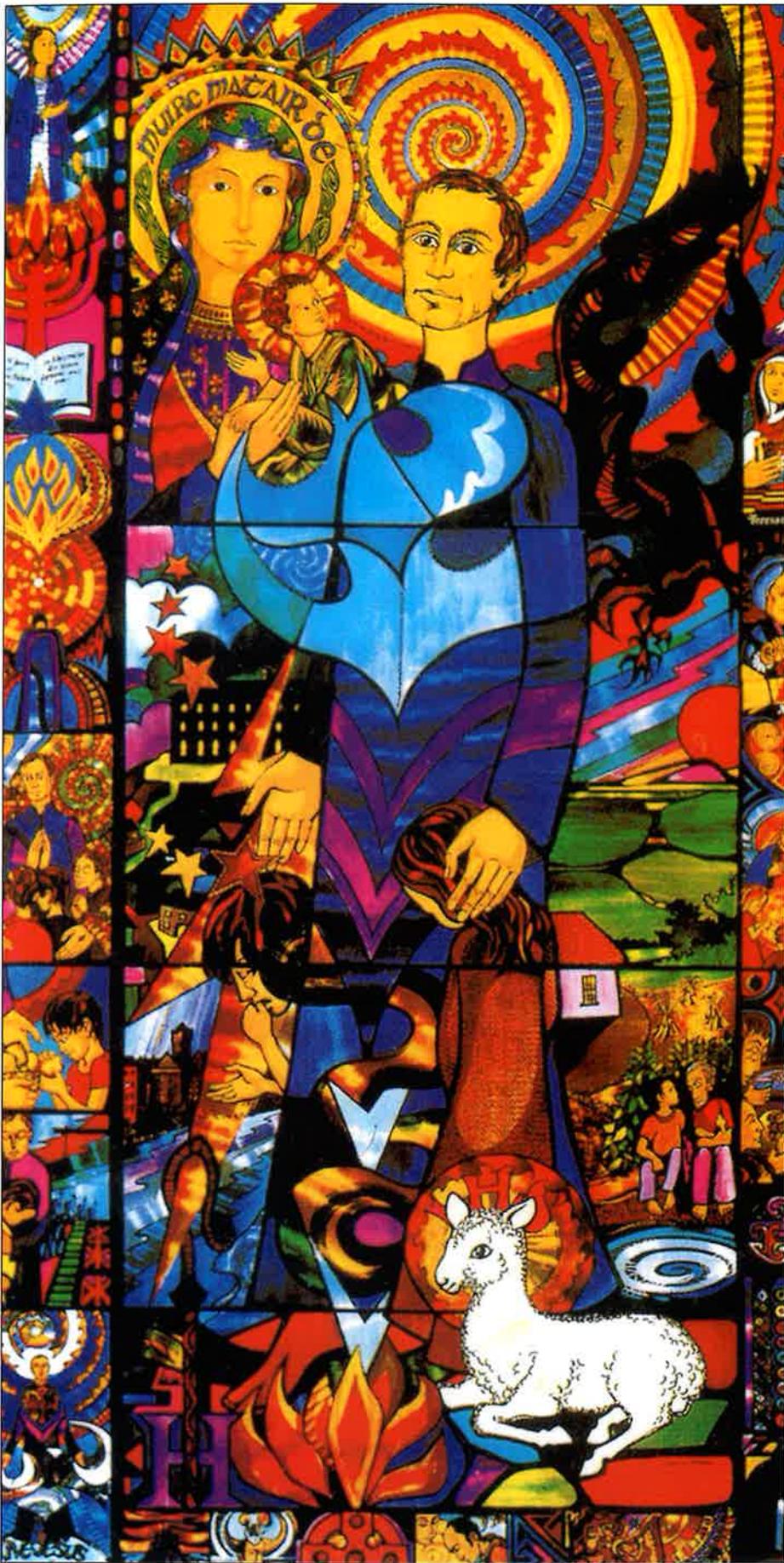
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