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## *Message from the Principal*

Your long journey through school is about to come to an end. I am quite sure that this time brings for you a mixture of emotions. No doubt you are feeling excited at the prospect of a new beginning. This excitement may be tinged with some apprehension as you leave what has been so familiar to you over the years.



The foundations that you have set both academically and personally here at BCS can now be built on as you embark on the next chapter of your lives. Take pride in where you have come from and in who you are.

You are embarking on a life that will be filled with wonderful opportunities and perhaps also some challenges along the way. Life will very definitely be what you make it.

I wish you the very best for the future - may it be filled with happiness, health and good fortune.

Kathleen Lowney, Principal.

## *Message from the Deputy Principal*

The year 2007 is already proving to be a dramatic year on many fronts. Just a few examples: We will always remember that 2007 was the one that rugby and soccer were played in Croke Park, which is a miracle in itself. Another wonderful example in co-operation, is that Ian Paisley and Gerry Adams sat down together in order to plan how to govern Northern Ireland, a major miracle in itself! And some of yourselves - you played your music before a live audience in the emerging nation of the Republic of South Africa! So it's exciting times for you in many ways and yet there are many challenges before you also. Hopefully you and your generation will address the many environmental problems that we face for example.



Overall, I thank you for your co-operation in the old building and the new and I wish you well

Ted Kennelly, Deputy Principal



## *Message from the Year Head*

Where have the last 6 years gone? It seems like only yesterday that I stood in front of you in the Cafeteria of the old school and saw the young children you were and today you are now mature young adults.

You are now at a wonderful time in your lives, a time of dreams and new beginnings, and the promise of your lives unfolding is exciting to watch. Choose your paths wisely, but remember to achieve your goal you may sometimes have to take detours.

I hope that in years to come when you look back over this book you will remember with affection your school days and the friends you made in B.C.S.

Good luck to each and every one of you in your future.

Celia Coughlan, Year Head

## *Tribute to Mr. Downey*

Gerald (Ger) Downey taught P.E. and Geography in BCS for 29 years. Originally from Tralee in Co. Kerry and like many a Kerry man had a great interest and love of all sports but particularly GAA. This he passed onto his students. He coached teams of all ages winning Cork Colleges and Munster titles.

He had class in abundance, and he coached with a natural sense of fun and laughter. He always showed a sense of fairness, particularly looking out for those quieter ones among us.

His team talks were legendary and as a result the teams he trained always gave 100%. He was never a man for the lime light, always standing back in the knowledge of a job well done. He taught Geography with equal enthusiasm and energy. P.E. classes were always great fun and all sports were equally catered for.

We are saddened at his passing, but richer for knowing him.





## *First Day memories*

Crowding into the caf.

The big gangs from Scoil Barra, Scoil Mhuire and Scoil Eoin.

Everyone else looking lost.

Elaine wearing back ankle socks with pink pigs on them.

Being separated into our classes and meeting our class tutors.

Our first new friends.

Sitting through speeches.

Everyone with their ties around their necks and the girls skirts were long  
(but that didn't last long).

Being read out the school rules.

Ms Dawes telling us that the school was a spaceship.

The straw roof.

JJ telling us never to call him Mr Murphy.

Being introduced to the prefabs.

Getting our timetables.

Getting lost on the way to class.

Not being crushed as we were when the older years arrived.

## *Ballincollig Community School*

*First Year 2001/2002*



### 3rd Year Science Quiz

In third year, Eugene Boys, John Jefferies, Ciara Nash, and Eadaoin Ni Chruaiaoi took part in the Cork Science Teacher's Junior Table Quiz.

The quiz was held in Bishopstown and sponsored by Ely Lily.

The team came second and received calculators and vouchers for Easons.



### Eacht Awards

The Eacht awards were very special awards for students, as some students won a certificate for their outstanding performance throughout the year.

This also included their attitudes towards their school work, their attendance to school and their participation in sport. Luckily for the class of 2001, they undertook these Eacht awards.

Each of the students were asked to nominate one their fellow peers who they felt should win this magnificent award. It eventually came down to the top ten students who fitted these descriptions and these students were David O Donovan, Suzanne McCarthy, Denis Moloney, John Kiely, Eadaoin Ni Chruaiaoi, Susan Kelly, David Gleeson and Nicola Coomey.

However there could only be one winner and luckily for David Gleeson he won the overall award. He was soon presented with a cup and a certificate for his outstanding achievements.



## The G.A.A.

By Con Breen

Our school has a rich tradition playing G.A.A. Through the years I played hurling and football. We won the under 16½ Cork title in football. This was an achievement as our school team had many players from different clubs trying to play together as one team. More recently we reached the final of the the Lord Mayor's Cup but narrowly lost out to Carrigaline. Mr. Spillane was our football trainer and Mr. O'Mahony was our hurling trainer. The most influential players on both G.A.A. teams were Aidan Ahern, Neil Conlon, Mark Hallisey (hiding in the corner), John Kiely, Nigel Cotter and of course the Ballincollig boys Denis Moloney and Richard O'Halloran solid at back covered by the safe hands of James Groarke in goal. The main men up front David O'Donovan, who could score from anywhere and the main threat and Con Breen (Some play boil) who was a goal machine. The six years playing school hurling and football has brought many fond memories and also got us a lot of school time off!!

Various other members of the Year participated in other sports: Camogie, Basketball, Athletics, Pitch and Putt/ Golf, Astro Soccer, etc.





## Table Tennis

Our year has produced many a fine table tennis player. Our A, B and C teams were made up of players such as James Groarke, Con Breen, Iain O'Leary, Richard Harris, Aidan O'Driscoll, Denis Moloney, Stephen Quin and Richard O'Halloran. Con Breen had the potential to make it as a professional. However, a crushing defeat at the hands of the girls of St. Angela's shattered his confidence. He was never to play again.

James Groarke was part of the school team which won the U13 Munster Schools Cup in 2002. The school also won the U15 title the same year.





## EUROFOOT 2005

In May 2005 a team of 16 talented young soccer players went to Vigneux near Nantes in France to represent B.C.S in a soccer tournament. The team was lead by inspirational captain Con Breen (me) and ever reliable vice captain Colin Cahalane.

Our coaches on this epic journey were Mr O'Mahony (aka Chad), Mr Corcoran (aka TinTin) and we were met over there by Mr Weir (camera man).

We flew out from Waterford airport, (it was our first time hearing Waterford had an airport.). All of us were excited about the tournament and Friday night when we arrived families were allocated to us to stay with in pairs. This was an experience to say the least. Trying to break the language barrier was difficult but brought many funny stories for the trip home, like Eugene walking in on the mother!!!

Saturday morning was game day. There was 36 teams in the competition. Our group included USJA Carquefou, Cost Briec and Wolves. These did go our way. We drew two and lost to Wolves. The second day was a second story. It was the knock-out stages and Ville de Blain were our first opponents. We comfortably won 2-1. David Gleeson and I were the scorers. FK Dubnica awaited us in the next round. Robert Foolkes received a yellow card for a crunching tackle which ruled us out of the fair play award. This game went to penalties with Ian Busher, Dave O'Donovan and Paul Punch being the scorers. Our next game also went to penalties, James Groarke missing one. Now





we were in the bottom half final versus Wolves. They were the only team to beat us and they did again. We finished 18th and received a trophy for our achievement.

Our players were warriors throughout. They consisted of Graham O'Riordan, Aidan Ahern, Paul Punch, Con Breen, James Groarke, Eugene Boys, David Gleeson, Stephen Harrington and our man of the tournament David O'Donovan. He got picked for the European team and did us proud as we chanted from the side. Our four strikers, Colin, Ian, Tom Ross and Robert Foolkes scored a total of 0 goals.

The trip brought us life long memories!!!

### Memories of trip

Chad managing to be the first person in the history of go-karting to flip over the kart.

Colin's amazing lap which lasted all of ten seconds before crashing at the first corner. But he managed to get going again...and crashed at the next corner. Michael Schumacher watch out....Colin might crash into you..

We were determined to stick to our budget of €150 for the trip. It lasted a day.

There has been much debate over my "two missed penalties". To clarify the situation it was one penalty which I was forced to take twice!!!

Our amazing discovery of a "tin tin" shop one of the highlights of the trip.





## *Scala Religion Retreat in Fourth Year*

By Sinead Casey.

On the 28/01/05 approximately 30 of us set off on a religion retreat to the Redemptorist Ministry in Blackrock with Ms. Fleming for a day.

Bright and early, we hopped on our bus, uncertain of what was ahead of us. When we arrived in Blackrock the people of Scala were very friendly and welcoming. We were all very excited about the day and everyone can remember a certain few lads who were very "merry" (cough cough Mark and Cliff).

At the beginning of the day we were split into groups and each group had a Scala leader looking after them. Very cheesy songs were sung and various games were played. Each group was asked to draw an island and each person in the group could bring only one item with them on to the island. Someone decided they would have to have a pole for their brothel!! And of course Laura O' Donoghue chose her hair straightener.

At the end of the day each of us were given a sheet of paper, asked to answer questions e.g. our hopes and plans for after school, how we see ourselves and it was not to be opened until 2010. I still have mine surprisingly, I don't know about ye!

Anyone who attended the retreat will not forget the bus journey home, that slight disagreement between two girls in the year!

All and all our trip to the Scala retreat was a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

### *"Redz"-What a place!!!*

Everyone from the year there

Going in before half ten so you don't have to pay.

Never wanting to go to Redz but always ending up there

The dance offs

Queues for the cloakroom

Singing Avril Lavigne in the bathroom and always taking pictures there

"I don't need a man" playing, all the girls running to the dance floor, all the boys going to the bar

Birthday requests

Fiona H and Laura O'D trying to do the lift from the end of Dirty dancing in the middle of the dance floor

Everyone getting in on Diana's ID.

Mark H never getting in, Brian V always getting kicked out

The creepy Asian guy always on the dance floor

Everyone scoring everyone





*A tribute to J.H.*

Johnny is sadly missed by our construction class. It seems to lack a certain (as he would put it) "banter". Even though Toole is dead on, he actually wants us to pass the exams so now we are left to catch up on the theory. Hurling was a great passion of Johnny's, especially the kind Aidan played with a T square at the back of the class.

Lets move on to Johnny's favourite pupil, Hallisey. He was blamed for everything and quite rightly so. The amount of arguments they had was amazing. Johnny would bellow "Hallisey" in his adopted Inniscarra accent which I might say is legendary. Another point worth mentioning was when Hobbs threw Johnny's 28 year old section of an ash tree at Harry and broke it. Johnny hit the roof and nearly swung for Tristen but he must have contemplated that Hobbs ate spanners for breakfast and his efforts would have been wasted trying to knock the big fella.

Johnny was forever forgetting things as Neil Conlon was called Keith on numerous occasions. Richard Harris was also called other things by Johnny but we won't mention them now. But we shall end on a good note as we did in our final class with Johnny, we danced a few jigs on the tables to some of Stephen Harrington's rebel songs.

*... and more Redz*

- Iain O' L and Fiona H, Kara W and Laura O'D
- Graham and Fiona H
- Sinead C and Aidan O'D ...more than oncell!!!
- Rob and Laura O'D and Diana
- Paddy and Grace R
- Diana C and Paul P and Timmy B
- Brian V and Maria
- Ian B and Maria
- Burger King afterwards
- Con eating a burger off the floor
- Paddy feeling ill
- Denis' birthday!!!
- Bright lights and everyone looking a state
- The hickeyys "Oh my God, look at your neck!!!"



## ***Fourth Year Collections***

By Elaine Barry and Cliona O'Donovan

One of the positive aspects of Fourth year is the opportunity to freeze our rear ends off and be attacked by ALDI workers and all in the name of charity. Our motivation for such selfless acts ... we got to spend the day hanging around the village instead of in class.



We collected for many charities. We raised €2312.96 for Trocaire by participating in a 24 hour fast. We took part in St. Vincent De Paul's flag day collection. We also collected for the Diabetes Federation, Brainwave, Holly Days, Concern and Goal.

Thanks to all the kind people who took pity on us and bought us coke and chocolate. Big shout out to the kind lady who bought Ciara Nash gloves for collecting in November with numb hands.

## ***Our Lady Of Good Counsel***

By Suzanne McCarthy

Every year, some Transition year students undertake six weeks of activities with students from Our Lady of Good Counsel. This school deals with pupils who have learning disabilities. Fortunately Grace, Con, Cliona and I were honoured and privileged enough to undertake this course. We were very lucky that each pupil was loving and warming to our arrival.

Every morning we talked to the pupils about life's general skills and these included how to communicate and listen to family and friends, to talk about times when they were sad or times when they were happy and most importantly how to deal with strangers.

We must admit that each task we undertook was as enjoyable as the last one. Towards the end of the six weeks we were sad to say our goodbyes to the pupils as we had become so fond of them. We forgot about their disability and just enjoyed their company.

Grace, Con, Cliona and I shall never forget this rewarding and fulfilling experience. After the six weeks we took back with us great communication skills and a sense of social responsibility.



## 4th Year Modules

In fourth year we had a huge choice of optional modules. We got to avail of a lot of facilities that the school was able to offer. There were Dance, Hair, Skin and beauty, Self Defence, Swimming, Photography, GAA, Tennis, Basketball, Horse Riding, Yoga, Cookery, Golf, Soccer, ECDL, First Aid, Driving Theory modules.

Through dance we got involved in our school show. We split into two groups and choreographed a dance routine which we performed in front of our fellow students and parish. In the hair skin and beauty module we learned massage and various beautiful crafts.

In self defence, how can anyone forget Aidan O'Driscoll defending himself from Robert Foolkes after injuring Robert in the gonads in the process or when Maria who did the same to Marc W who turned a sickly green shade.

Swimming was a good laugh as we even choreographed our own synchronised swimming routine. The photography class even went about producing a calendar using various and interesting photo techniques.

The First Aiders completed a safety course and earned First Aid certificates but never actually received them.

In golf Iain O'Leary asked for a left hander's golf club and Martin Moore almost killed JJ with a golf ball.





## Our School trip to Rome

By Kara Woods and Ciara Slattery

When you think of Rome, you think of beautiful monuments, handsome Italians and fabulous pizza more desirable than heaven itself. On the morning of the 11th of February 2005, a group of bleary-eyed 4th years arrived in Rome with high hopes. Well we certainly saw some monuments, but the handsome Italians were more like old men gesturing wildly on street corners. As for the food - well the train station where we ate each night wasn't exactly five-star.

Our first stop was Hotel Luciani to drop off our baggage. Then to the aforementioned train station for food - McDonalds or "Pizza Visa". The majority chose the latter, eager to sample some fine Italian "cuisine". The next morning we all trooped down to breakfast, we were greeted with several stale rolls, which we tucked into grudgingly, apart from Sarah who declared she was going to save herself for the non-existent fry. In the end she was better off not eating it as David O'Donovan discovered on the flight home. The first day we saw the Vatican, St.Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel, well the outside anyway- a 3 day long queue prevented us from actually seeing the interior.

The following day we went to the Coliseum and Forum, which surprisingly were a success. That evening however we went on a walking tour. We saw classical sights meaning pillar after pillar after pillar. Then our kind Italian tour guide decided to let us find our own way back.

One hour in the rain and a hellish bus-ride later (we won't go in into details), we made it back. After a highly successful trip to a bowling alley to see the bathrooms, we returned to the hotel for the last time. We all remember Ms Riordan's surprise visit and the lad's run-in with a certain bathroom door, which they were not happy about paying for.





We left Rome early the next day and with it, Denis's N-gage and most of John's possessions.

Then to Naples and Edenlandia (which was basically an Italian version of Funderland). On the road to the hotel, Denis somehow managed to perk up after his brush with Italian crime by singing all the way to Sorrento and we mean all the way. We found the accommodation met with our standards: "Finally hot water!"

The next day we were off to Pompeii. Now, being Irish, we have a certain tolerance to the cold and rain but we were nowhere near prepared for this. Rain so heavy Vesuvius had to be closed. David G tried to adapt to the cold by "borrowing" Elaine's pink jumper and Kara's scarf. Then to lunch and shopping in a small Italian town. An Italian town, which had completely shut down for a festival. However Laura did manage to procure a SpongeBob shaped balloon, which was the envy of the class until it was subsequently stolen by Aidan.

That was Valentine's, we stood on the balcony watching fireworks and Sinead Barry and John Kiely inching closer together. We got some real shopping done the next day before we returned to Rome to catch our plane. As we left Italy behind us, we thought fondly of Rome, still clutching our handbags, we hadn't quite recovered yet.

On behalf of everyone who went to Rome we want to thank the teachers. Despite all the disasters, we all still managed to have a good time, partly helped by Stephen who developed his own method of comforting some of the girls.





Hey, isn't that ... ?

Do you recognise these Year Group Members from their First Year mugshots???









# Ballincollig Commu



Front row: Susan O'Leary, Fiona O'Mahony, Laura Hocht, Kara Woods, Karla Healy, Clai O'Connell, Suzanne McCarthy, Diana Clinton, Eadaoin Ni Chrualaoi, Lorraine Horgan, S

2nd row: Cormac O'Connell, Brian Mullins, Barry Donovan, John Jefferies, Graham O'R Murphy, Elaine Barry, Cliona O'Donovan, Ciara Nash, Tare Eyitemi, Sinead Casey, Elaine

3rd row: David O'Donovan, Kevin Lynch, Patrick Murphy, Niamh O'Sullivan, Maria Keri Quin, Nigel Cotter, Richard O'Halloran, Tom Ross, Marc Werst, Steven Harrington, Trist

Back row: April Murray-Cantwell, Timothy Burke, Denis Moloney, Eugene Boys, Cliff M Stephen O'Connor, Neil Conlon, James Groarke, Iain O Leary, Con Breen, Richard Harr



# Unity School 2007



Maire Crowley, Ciara Slattery, Mrs. C. Coughlan, Mrs. K. Kelly, Gillian Murphy, Joanne  
Sinead Barry, Sarah Leary.

O'Riordan, David Gleeson, Aidan O'Driscoll, Grace Russell, Fiona Huggard, Andrea  
ne Hogan, Vicky McCullagh, Niamh Brennan, Grace Gleeson, Laura O'Donoghue.

erins, Jennifer Collopy, Michelle Barrett, Susan Kelly, Aidan Ahern, Paul Punch, Stephen  
isten Hobbs.

Mashetti, Colin Cahalane, Robert Foolkes, Brian Virgo, Damien Healy, Mark Hallissey,  
eris, Ian Busher, Eric Murphy, Kieran Desmond, John Kiely.



## *Our School Shows*

Our Fourth year show saw many talents from of the students in our year. Con, April and Kara sang their own individual songs. All the Form and Fusion costumes were modelled, the dance module students displayed what they had learnt and certain other 4th year students also prepared their own dances. It was a very enjoyable show and it was well received by all.

Last year's school show 'Tales by the Lee' showed a complete variety of fun and culture. All year groups took part in this Cork themed show, which was a great success. The show was presented by Maria Kerins, while Vicky McCullagh helped choreograph the dances. The students also performed songs, poetry and sketches from the Frank 'n Walters, Frank O'Connor and many more. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by all students and staff members.



## *The Form and Fusion*

By Gillian Murphy.

And how could we forget the "Form and Fusion". Everyone in art class in 4th year got involved. That year names like "Da Hustla", "Evolution" and "Queen Thorax" bring back some great memories. In early September we were full of enthusiasm. We were all putting our heads together to make the most marvellous costumes our imaginations could produce. By late October we had nearly given up. We tried to focus on the preliminaries in January.



That day there was a nervous atmosphere along with a lot of excitement. What really sticks out about that day was when Richard Harris "Da Hustla" nearly fell off the stage while performing. Two of the organisers had to hold him up to make sure he didn't fall on the audience. It didn't help that he was 12 foot tall.

Unfortunately we only managed to succeed in getting one of our costumes through to the final - "Da Hustla", despite the disaster of the performance. When the 35 costumes that were heading to Dublin were announced, Gillian Murphy, Joanne O'Connell, Maria Kerins, Denis Moloney, Richard Harris, Brian Ahern and Iain O'Leary were overjoyed.

We spent as much time as possible in the

art room perfecting our costume. We rehearsed the routine over and over and over, to ensure it didn't go wrong all over again. By the end of it all, we had had enough of the costume, and each other.

Before we knew it, it was the 13th of May, "The Final". The air was tense and our nerves were shaking. It didn't help that it was Friday the 13th. We forgot all about that when we heard all our supporters who had travelled all the way up to "The Point" to cheer us on. Much to our disappointment we didn't manage to take an award home for the team. But without a doubt it was definitely a night that we will always remember.

Joanne and Gillian will never forget getting caught up in Gerard Ward's



hotel room with all the lads. That knock on the door from their teachers telling us to get out. And we wont forget all the friends we made up in Dublin either. Some became more friendly than others eh Denis and Siobhan!

We'd like to thank Mommy (Mrs Earley), Daddy (Mr. Kiely) and Auntie Ruth (Mrs O'Mahony) for all their help.





## *The Impressionists*

The Impressionists began as a band in 2005 when Denis Moloney (bass guitar) and Kevin O'Connor (drums, 5th year) decided to start making music together. The two decided then to grab Cliff Masheti as a frontman for the band. The name of the band was the cause of many disputes. Cliff wanted "The Flames" to be the name but thankfully he didn't get his way and Kevin and Denis decided on "The Impressionists". After a few practices the group entered the national Battle of the Bands competition. Armed with only a handful of songs the lads surprisingly made it through the heats. They also won the Munster final held in The Halfmoon, Cork and it wasn't long before they found themselves playing in front of a thousand people in the Final at the Cork Opera House. 5 judges deemed them the best band out of 133 other bands and to their surprise they won a 4 year record deal with "Blast Beat Records" to record 3 albums.

Since then members have come and gone but the 3 originals have stuck at it. In the summer of 2006 with a new guitarist- Iain O'Leary, the lads had the honour of playing at the "Oxegen Music Festival" along with many other venues in Cork and Dublin. Recently the band travelled to South Africa to play at the 5th World Summit for Media and Children, held in Johannesburg. The band played at the Opening Ceremony, and in the main exhibition area each day to hundreds from around the globe. They were met with an extremely warm welcome, and plan to return in a few months time. It has been a great experience so far for the 4 young lads from B.C.S. and won't ever be forgotten.





## *A Change in My Life.*

By Tare Eyitemi

There have been a lot of changes in my life since coming to a foreign country.

Ballincollig Community School is a lovely school but it is very different to my old one. I used to go to a boarding school which was about 30 miles from my home.

At the start of a new academic year I went to school and remained there until the holidays, for example Christmas time. But, my family would come and see me on the first Saturday of every month.

I found it hard when I came to B.C.S. because in my boarding school I could do my homework with my friends and share ideas. Also my day was laid out differently.

Here is a typical day in my old school:

6 a.m.	Wake up and get ready for school
7 a.m.	Eat our breakfast in the dining hall and walk to assembly
8 a.m.	Classes start - each class lasts 40mins
10 a.m.	Break
2 p.m.	Classes finish
2.30 p.m.	Lunch
3 p.m.	Compulsory 30min siesta
4 p.m.	Back to prep (study time)
5 p.m.	Return from class
7 p.m.	Dinner
8 -9.30 p.m.	Study
10 p.m.	Lights out

At the weekends we had social gatherings. We danced and had lots of fun. We put on shows around the holidays where we performed various songs and dances.

I found it much easier to wake up in my country as Ireland is very cold. I miss all of my friends and I'm sure they miss me too.





## *Is This a School Tour I See Before Me??*

We set off for England at 5.30am on a cold October's morning from Cork airport. Despite the early start Mr. Nally, Ms. O' Sullivan and Ms. Earley were met by a giddy bunch of 5th years eager to learn more about our favourite author, Shakespeare - Well...Sort of!

In London we marvelled at Globe Theatre and then sat bored for hours outside the Tate Modern Art Museum. We then journeyed from London to Stratford and endured a 3 hour-long rendition of "1000 bottles of beer on the wall" on the bus.

We soon learned that hygiene wasn't the primary concern of the proprietors of the B&B's. One house was served dinner by their landlady with a plate in one hand and a cat in the other, while the other house was treated to pavlova with complimentary flies.

We went to see Shakespeare's birthplace, his grave and Warwick Castle. Alton Towers was an exhausting but enjoyable experience with pretty much all of us getting soaked to the skin by the constant rain. However, the sight of Mr. Nally in his pink raincoat cheered us up.

Thirty very sleepy 5th yrs made the journey back home after what was a really educational, enjoyable and entertaining trip. We would like to say thanks to Mr. Nally, Ms. O'Sullivan and Ms. Earley for making it possible.





**Among the things we'll never forget from**

**Stratford are:**

Nal in his pink raincoat when the heavens opened in Alton Towers

The theatre workshop

Nal's table quiz

Con's penchant for women's underwear

Warwick Castle

Marian, the landlady, "stealing" Lorraine's towel

Nossy - "Call 911 Mum!"

Ms. O'Sullivan - "They're drunk Niamh!!"

Playing knock and run in the bedrooms

Marian - "My Boys!"

Mr. Nally ringing Joanne "step away from the window" as we all crowded around to watch the big

drunken fight between randomers on the street.

The time the fire alarm when off at 6 o'clock in the morning which resulted in us running half way down the stairs and Nal coming up to the girls' room asking "who was smoking?". Sorry, Nal, that was the breakfast burning!

Our famous word "buzzing" and the song that came with it.

Dancing in the airport.

Con, Denis, Sarah, Aidan and Joanne getting threatened by an umbrella unless they shut up in a queue in Alton Towers

Our fascination with the Irish language over there.

It was great no-one knew what we were saying (not even us I'd say).





## Sixth Year

This is the year we all let loose. Even though we should have kept our heads down most of it turned 18 so we had to party!!!!

The attendance was worse than it ever was, with certain people (you all know who) not turning up because they were nursing sore heads or sunning themselves on holidays. Ms. Coughlan has never chased people for absence notes so much. After Christmas and the test results came back many people made a complete change and came to school a lot more - besides the odd few who still had their party shoes on.

This year we had a lot of fun playing jokes on people and just being silly. Really, it's our last year and I think we made it fun so far.

Time to cram for the Leaving now though.









## *Student Council*

Our year group was one of the first groups to form a Student Council in a few years. It included Aidan O'Driscoll as secretary, Cliff Masheti as treasurer, Jennifer Collopy and Kieran Desmond as Vice-Chairman.



We had fortnightly meetings where delegates from all the years attended. The chairperson and its officers ran the meetings and the floor was left open at the end to any further issues.

The student council achieved the formation of a stationery shop in one of the areas which is still active today. The student council was closely involved with school policy and rules and attended a meeting involving the creating of a new drugs policy.

We dealt with issues that arose like cafeteria prices. We also attended a student council of Ireland meeting. The council fundraised several times in the year for various charitable organisations.

Its members also attended parent teacher meetings and helped the parents there by providing light refreshment and guiding them to the various teachers.

## *The Credit Union Debating*

### *Contest*

In Fifth Year, Iain O'Leary, Elaine Barry, Aidan O'Driscoll and Cliona O'Donovan were chosen by Mr Nally to represent the school in a debating competition.



Under the helpful guidance of the Moloneys and Ms Barry-Murphy, and after adding as many jokes as possible to our speeches, we progressed to the finals after winning our first two debates. Unfortunately, we lost to Dunmanway on a dubious adjudication but we will never forget the whole experience.

We would like to thank everyone involved for their help along the way.



Looking back, there were many love affairs within the year. Here's some that lasted...well for a while anyway!

Sarah and Tristen (We all want to be invited to the wedding!)  
Colin and Kara  
Eadaoin and Dave O'D. (3 years it took them to get together!)  
Martin and Andrea  
John K. and Sinead B. (where did that come from?)  
Joanne and Neil  
Aidan A. and Maria (and there was Maria and ...)  
Laura O'D. and David G.  
Grace R. and John J.  
Nigel and Elaine H.  
Susan O'L and Richard G.

Remember any of these couples on many nights out??

Virgo and Lorraine  
Sinead C. and Con  
Gillian and Harry (ah those 1st yr discos, and it was the first time for both...awww)  
Cliff and Vicky (those magical prefabs!)  
Mark H. and Susan K. (how many times???)  
Mark W. and four in one night (don't ask!)  
Richard O'H. and Gillian  
Grace R. and Paddy  
Ciara S. and Aidan O'D. (Didn't think we knew eh???)  
Fiona H. and Graham  
Jennifer and Tom (good night eh!!)  
Bushier and Fiona H.  
Diana and Paul (the list is too long Diana)  
Claire and Rob F.  
Michelle and Richard H.  
Laura O'D. and Iain O'L.

It should be said that Ovens, Coachford and Redz had a huge part to play and sorry for those who didn't get mentioned but the list is too long. But no one beats our Grocky who got around the year and around again - PIMPI! There was... Gillian, Kara, Eadaoin, Joanne, Maria, Diana, Laura O'D and Laura K, Jennifer C. and some not just once!!

Also Quinny was high up on the list but we would like to say he has now moved on to the younger years so we are safe!!



## Teacher quotes ...

### Mr Nally

We'll talk about the usual, sex and West Brom.

A woodchuck? Isn't that those cute little furry things that you just want to smash their heads in?

That's called doing the Macbeth, its a new dance.

Temptation isn't a sin - take me now, Lord!

### Ms. Coughlan

Can we go people please.

I've got a list as long as my arm.

Why are you at your locker?

And with that we'll say the prayer.

Can we have quiet people, please?

Talk to me people, please.

Get back up that stairs!!!

### Ms. Lennon

Take that down or I'll wring your little necks.

Rodo Dodo.

Stop acting the baby.

### Mr. Buttimer

The table is not a sexual being.

Hobbsy, hows the one?

(To John) don't you dare come on to me!

Creche opens at 3, hot milk and Liga will be served.

(To Eugene and Aidan) You can hold hands at 3.45.

### Ms. Fleming

(During Lent) During this time of year we are all looking forward to the death of Jesus.

### Mr. Myles

I'm flexible enough.

I could do it both ways.

You don't need to know this but let's just see what happens.

### Ms. Cronin

(About a 1st Year) Cheeky little imp.

### Mr. O'Broin

It's not the sperm that gets you pregnant its the vodka.

Guinness is the best form of contraceptive. The Mafia are nothing in comparison to bananas.

### Inion Ni Mhurchu

Chomh maith leis sin.

An bhfuil sibh liom? ... yeh Barry

Tri n-uaire d'amarach.

Organisation is the key to success

What are you still doing here then? I know I'm beautiful but would you ever f off and get your book!!

You have to sell yourself.

Its not a lie detector test.

Lean ort ag caint, is scrudu cainte e.

Bi, teigh, feic, faigh, abair, dean (x100)

### Ms. Owens

Everyone needs a Dave in their life(on about Dave O'D)

I love that. Its very French

We've done this, I put it on the board last year nyal

My First Years know this!

Am I the only crazy person in here?

You gotta know it, there's no way around it

(About Jean-Yves) Ask that famous guy you see wandering the halls.

### Ms. Donnelly

Come on 6th years, we're dead dead late, let's get started

(About Joanne's shoes) Are they dead dead flat?

(To Diana) Did you meet any wandering 6th years in the corridor - you would take it up the wrong way!!

You're dead dead right!

Mark, where are your glasses?

### Mr Holland

I'll break your face, Hallissey Boy

You broke my wood! Its been there for 25 years, boy.





**Mr. Sloney**  
Where's yer tie?

Patience is a virtue that I don't possess.  
The gremlins are going to get you.  
I have no sense of humour.  
This comprehension is very depressing,  
maybe we should do something more fun.

**Ms. Dawes**

When you are in the exam just tippex all  
the important words out. (Don't you mean  
highlight Miss??)

**Ms O'Sullivan**

Let's go now please.

There has been a pencil case found it's  
boat shaped.  
A pencil case has been found, it has -um-

Good luck boys, Good luck girls  
(Making a speech when the Munster  
Rugby team came) It brings warmth to my  
heart.

**Mr. Kennelly**

Lads! What are morning romps? Do ye  
not know what romps are?

**Ms. Waterman**

Who's using that vile language?  
(To Fiona) Your journal says a lot about  
you - your life is falling apart!

**Mr. O'Mahony**

Active body, active mind!

**Ms Forde**

Right so mar sin.  
Cleachtadh! Cleachtadh! Cleachtadh!  
Lads don't sit there like a lemon.  
(About some First Year making noise) God  
will someone shoot that thing.

**Ms Gallagher**

Ye are all just mushy peas.  
Don't forget your tools.  
Tristen, your bits are hanging out.  
When the brown stuff hits the fan.

**Ms Horgan**

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Take your sheets and lads - one under the  
other

**Ms Willis**

Key words.  
Is that ok now, is that ok?  
Pat, Ger, I mean Aidan

**J.J. Murphy**

Hang on, hang on now.

again.

Just because you dont wanna learn, give  
people the chance.  
(To the newcomer) I bet ye wish ye were  
back in Honours.

**Ms Daly**

Who moved my rock?



## Student's quotes ...

Eric: "It's in the fridge"  
"Don't argue with me because you won't win!" (With ferocious hand movements)

Nigel: "My bum is sore from squatting"  
Jennie: "What? On the toilet?"

Ms Cronin: Do you have a coat  
April: I'm fine. - I'm wearing thermals

Harry: (When we had a sub sending around an attendance sheet)  
"Michelle, write "Cliona window!"  
Michelle wrote: "clean-a-window"

Harris: "No more negative vibes"  
"miaow"  
"You sneaky Russian"

Joanne:  
"Sir it's not Jo-Anne, it's Joanne with a flow!"  
"Sir, like what are you blowing on about?"

Suzanne:  
"I didn't rain in the last shower"

Mr. Griffin: "Could Suzanne stop chatting for one day?"  
Suzanne: "Sorry Sir."  
Mr. Griffin: "Are you ever sorry?"

Grace:  
(Shouting at the top of her voice) "The answer is 51"  
Teacher: "Yes Grace, we said that 10 mins ago!"

Fiona O'M.: "Mrs., what is the meaning of life?"

Vicky:  
"Excuse me your answer may be good, but mine will always be better!"

Sinead C.:  
"I f\*\*cked Maidhc on the floor!"  
"I love starburst.....you never know what colour is coming next."  
"Ignoramus"

Mr. Nally.: "Have ye ever seen a pheasant lads?"

Sinead C.: "Yeah we saw one in Stratford"

Mr. Nally: "No! That was a peacock!"

Sarah:  
"Why don't people in the southern hemisphere fall off the earth?"

Neil H.:  
"I can't see red!"

David O'D.:  
"Have you seen my wood?"

Suzanne:  
(about Mr. Griffin) "He's coming to get us!!"

Elaine B.:  
"Nil Maidhc i mo mhala, ta se i mo thais-cadan"  
"Em....." (x86)

Laura:  
(To the religion HDip about cults) "They impregnated her"  
"It just turned off"

Quintan:  
"Who dressed me in these borrowed clothes"

Claire and Lorraine:  
"O'Shea!!!"

Busher & Gleeson:  
"Freaked"  
"That's what she said"

Eadaoin:  
"Oh my god!"  
"It's fricking Hailstone!!"

Cliona:  
"J-cloth stands for jumper cloths 'cause that's what people used before they had cloths"

Ciara S.: "Really??"



Ian Busher: "Beem-she boo-in air boort gach lo"

Kara: "Are aliens real?"

David O D: "Her name is Mairread? I thought it was Inion!"

Iain O'Leary (to Mr. Lucey): "Is this the outro?"

**Will we ever forget**

**Random quotes:**

"G'Luck"

"Would ya"

"Aah stop"

"Put it away, Drick"

"Groock's old doll"

"Give us a break"

"Who are ya taking to the debbs, Drick?"

"Collig for the county"

"Which is gayer.....?"

"The passion"

"Ah u havin a lar?"

"U'r recking my life!!"

Chalk fights in the prefabs.

When Ian Busher broke Mr. Myles Chinese box.

When Ciara Slattery fell off her chair in English

Ms. Lennon stopping the tape and answering the phone when it rang on

the tape

J.O'C tap dancing on the table

Lorraine and Elaine sneaking into the caf at big break

in the old school to buy lunch (i.e. dummies) for every-

one

Gary Deady trying to kick down the door of the girls

bathroom in the prefabs when the girls got locked in

Breaking the unbreakable window in the prefabs

When Kara came in with no fringe in 2nd year

Being locked out of the prefabs

Being late to Inion U! Murchu's class (Feach ar an

chlog!!)

Ms Owens telling her French class to tell her when she

was being mean when she turned over a new leaf after

the new year.

Getting dummies as change in the old school when they

ran out of change.

The fish tank with no fish

Moving to the new school

Aidan coughing at Ms. Myers for 10mins

The 1st year discos

Cormac and Nicky fighting in 1st year

Orienteering (Con and his first love...literally)

Bagging and stealing locker keys and pencil cases

Claire falling down the stairs with her caramel slices

Con being pushed into the girls changing rooms





## *Will we ever forget ... continued*

When a pencil case got thrown out the window in J.J.'s class and Mr. Slowey handed it back in.

John doing laps of Ms. Madigans classroom during class

Claire in the Home Ec. room....(fire, blood and mess)

Jessica!!

When the girls put tampons into Iain O'Leary's lunch box

Cheerleading for the basketball All Ireland finals

Mr. Roe, Ms. McKenna, Ms. Hickey, Mr. Bluett, Ms. Wall, Ms O'Connor, Ms Gill, H.

Dips and subs in general really

The first year who got into his locker.

The locker inspectors (Girls 6A)

The one way system in the old school

Doing laps of the old school

Jean-Yves!!! always looking for someone to talk to him in French or German (Parlez-vous francais?), and his fascination with

Claire

J.J. giving out that he couldn't shade with whiteboard markers

Ms. Myers calling Cliff, Mohammad

Niamh sewing her finger in Home Ec.

The 4th year open night where Ciara attacked a parent in her costume, a teacher was rushed off to hospital and the fire alarm went off and the school was evacuated.

When Richard got set on fire

When Harry, Eugene, Aidan and Hoggie got lost orienteering. We were all waiting for an

hour and Mr. O Sullivan was going crazy

The lads fascination with milk cartons and who could get the apple stickers the highest on the wall

Eugene tying himself to the banister and

Mr. Broin having to cut him free.





Our 4th year retreat. What a laugh. It turned out to be a very "holy day", isn't that right Mark?

Aidan and Rossy having their banana fight in Irish class which ended up with banana all over the place

John J breaking Stephen's tooth in PE " by accident". Poor Stephen is still going to the dentist

In Maths as Ms Donnelly was walking in the room, Richard shouting "Hey there Big Boy" Rob F and Aidan O'D falling asleep in every history class and newcomer Grocky

Joanne shouting out "there's no Johnny Mrs" referring to Juno and the Paycock

Neil Hennissey having to write an essay on "Only smarties have the answers"

Piggy back races in the prefabs and the amount of first loves down the back

The time Eugene floored Joanne in PE and went flying on top of her and Dave O D landing on top of him!

JOC's famous yellow and red cards

The time Ms Owens started freaking at Paul and threw his copy around the room

Ms Owens reaction when Sinead got her fringe

The lads breaking everything in the Chemistry lab

Con putting the pipette through his hand John dislocating his knee cap and Mr. Mahony kicking him to get up when he fell through the curtain

When random sub called Denis "Dex"

When Cormac knocked Kara over when playing Volleyball

When Ms Owens ripped the poster off the wall and brought it down to Grace Russell because she couldn't see it....



*Will we ever forget ... continued*



*Where We Will Be In 10 Years Time.....*

- John Jeffries: Milkman  
Con: Crossdresser/Singing for the Killers...he wishes  
Aidan O'Driscoll: Professional lamp-post/New voice of Beaker from "The Muppets"  
Iain O'Leary: Starring in a production of MacBeth  
Denis: Watching Hollyoaks and Laguna Beach  
David O'Donovan: Perfecting the word "seriously"...we mean "sicily"  
Ian Busher: Still wishing he was a punkrocker  
Barry: Inventing a new breed of cow..."cad is bri leis sin?"  
David Gleeson: Still freaked...that's what she said!  
James Groarke: Still wearing his school pants and hanging at the playground  
Eugene: Proud owner of 'Calculators 'r' Us'  
Stephen Quin: Hanging with James at the playground  
Brien Mullins: Walking his dog Max...oops we mean Bran  
Eadaoin: Making her mark with her sunglasses  
Ciara Nash: Chasing Pres. boys in Redz  
Gillian: Joins a convent (where's she hiding her naggin though???)  
Sinead Casey: Still drunk in Playa Des Ingles  
Elaine Barry: Still proving Nally wrong  
Fiona Huggard: In court for neglecting her 11 kids  
Claire: Eating Terry's Chocolate Orange bars and listening to the Love Zone  
Lorraine: Becomes a famous impersonater (poor Avril) but still has Beatrice  
Sinead Barry: Staying away from flower beds  
Ciara Slattery: Travelling Ireland looking for Andrew Trimble  
Diana: Manager of BB's  
Laura O'Donoghue: The next Maigdileana & still trying to learn Stair na Gaeilge  
Sarah: "Working like a trojan"  
Cliona: Writing a cookbook for caramel slices  
Kara: Still in detention for being late  
April: Finally making it in Hollywood  
Niamh Brennan: Professional sewer  
Jessica: Finally present...  
Elaine Hogan: Still learning how to drive her fiesta  
Grace Russell: Starring on Pimp my Ride adding the latest pink accessories to her car  
Suzanne: Still looking for paper for her English & Business exams  
Joanne: Her laugh will reach no.1 on the most requested ringtones  
Maria: The next Business teacher flirting with the 6th years  
Susan Kelly: Hosting the Love Zone on Red FM  
Niamh O'Sullivan: She'll be starring along with Hector in the show 'Only Fools Buy Horses'





Ms Coughlan for having our backs the whole way through the years and thanks to her for putting so much work into this yearbook, it wouldn't have been possible without her.

**Thanks to:**

- Grace & Andrea: Still wandering around the woods
- Fiona O'Mahoney: The next Mrs. Fleming
- Karla: Running her own newsagents
- Vicky: Starting in her own dance video
- Laura Hoctor: The next Mrs. Mary Hannafin
- Michelle: Working in Sashas planning the day she becomes Mrs. O'Toole
- Susan O'L: Working on her own car dealers with hubby Geran
- Timmy: Selling jeeps from his business "Timmy's Big Horn"
- John Kiely: Ireland's best rally driver/Panel beater
- Richard: Big Issue, Big Issue
- Tom: Millionaire
- Marc: Fitness trainer - owns his own gyms across Germany
- Neil: Playing professional soccer
- Tristen: Will have his construction wood
- Eric: At Mardi Gras
- Damian: Owner of his own stripclub
- Nigel: Professional squatter
- Jennie: Running her own Hooters in Cork
- Harry: Starting a new trend when his orange puffy jacket comes back into style
- Mark H: The next communist leader of China
- Stephen O'C: The next Bill Gates
- Kevin: Famous Irish rugby player (aka future sex god)
- Graham: Still styling that orange/yellow hair
- Colin: Future face for Lucozade (especially before "Lost")
- Cliff: Still convincing himself he'll be famous
- Richard O'H: Being the first person to fly by human ways
- Virgo: Marrying his 1st and only love it would have to be...Budweiser
- Cormac: Still trying to prove Mr.Griffin wrong
- Martin: In the Guinness book of records for having the longest hair
- Rob: After joining anger management classes
- Dezy: Famous after his two new songs on 'bebo' reaching no. 1
- Paul: Still attending AA
- Aidan: Him and Clare having babies - The prefect Irish combination - FOXY and CURLY
- Paddy: Eventually owning his own land!!!



