



Ballincollig Community School Yearbook 2010

Message from the Principal



As you finish your time with us at BCS you will no doubt do so with a mixture of emotions.

There may well be the inevitable feeling of relief that school days are over. There will be excitement as you look forward to the future. There may be some tinges of apprehension as you move from the familiar to the unknown. There will also be some feelings of nostalgia as, with your friends and classmates, you look back over the years you have spent at the school - there will be memories shared about what people did and what people said.

These days and weeks are an important time for you as you make your preparations for the next stage of your life. As you leave BCS you take with you the very best wishes of the Board of Management, the Management, the Staff and the Students.

May your lives go from strength to strength and above all else, may you be happy and fulfilled in whatever you choose to do.

Kathleen Lowney

Message from the Year Head



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ANYWAY

People are unreasonable,
illogical and self-centred,
LOVE THEM ANYWAY

If you do good, people will accuse you
of selfish, ulterior motives,

DO GOOD ANYWAY

If you are successful,
you win false friends and true enemies,

SUCCEED ANYWAY

The good you do
will be forgotten tomorrow,

DO GOOD ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you
vulnerable,

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY

What you spend years building
may be destroyed overnight,

BUILD ANYWAY

People really need help
but may attack you if you help them,

HELP THEM ANYWAY

Give the world the best you have
and you'll get kicked in the teeth,

GIVE THE WORLD

THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY



FIRST YEAR
 First Year was an adventure to say the least. It took a while to find our feet and actually find our way around the school. But after we made friends, it all settled down. We got lockers which we thought was amazing at time. We went to Oysterhaven, orienteering and Form & Fusion.
 It doesn't seem so long since our beginning ceremony and now as we prepare for Graduation Mass we look back with fond memories of First Year.

Over the last six years we have grown, cried and laughed together
 We have experienced the good times and the bad times but that's what friends
 are for
 We have spent the last six years building these friendships and we know that our
 friendships will last forever
 Even though we will be separated, the memories of our schooldays in
 BCS will never fade.
 Here are some of our memories.

Walk Down Memory Lane



Oysterhaven







Music practice



The Green Clean School

We Sported & Played!

Hockey on the astro-turf



U-14 Hurling & Football





Cathal Jordan presented the 2005 Sports Awards to us; Rebecca O'Callaghan, Stephen McDonagh and Fintan Brennan



The First Year school play was the next thing that sticks in my mind. Our play was 'Oliver' and I had to play that role; I thought I'd never live it down. Who could forget 'Pikey' playing Fagan with a black eye from the previous Ovens... no amount of make-up was going to cover that.

Oliver!



We practised for a celli in Second Year with French exchange students



KINSALE
OUTDOOR
EDUCATION CENTRE

FIND ADVENTURE



SECOND YEAR

Second year was a time where the attitudes we held in primary school truly fell away. It was the year we grew from children to teenagers ready to tackle the Junior Cert that was approaching in the next year. Second year was the year where we began to bond as a year group through changes in classes to activities such as hill walking, Eurofoot, the ski trip, basketball matches, surfing and so much more. It was a year that solidified new friendships and reinforced old ones and even though we were young we can look back now and laugh at how grown up we all thought we were. From September to May it was a year where we settled into our chosen subjects, figuring out which we loved, hated or excelled at. In short it was the year where we had yet to know the pressure of state exams, where we found best friends and sometimes lost a few but as second years I think you'll agree we knew the meaning of 'Carpe Diem'.



Kinsale in Second Year





We said Goodbye! to Mr Holland



Ian Barry gets ready to block!

Second Year Girls Basketball Team



THIRD YEAR

Isn't it great what hindsight gives to a person? Reflecting back on third year, the year of the Junior Cert, the consensus is that it wasn't a big deal. Many of our parents and older friends kept telling us not to stress out that it wasn't a "Big deal". But hey we were young and it was the first big test in our minds so we made it important. We will never forget the first day of the Junior Cert where teeth were chattering, nails were eaten and pulses raced....

Third year was a substantial stepping stone. It was the year we shed whatever ties that had clung on from Primary and we embraced BCS. We bonded together and faced life head on. And sure enough we survived and came stumbling into fourth year a little older, and a little wiser. BCS was ours.

Declan Kidney said...

A memory which stands out vividly in my mind is the visit of Declan Kidney, then Munster rugby coach, to our school after Munster had won their first European Cup. Declan addressed all the students in the gym with an inspirational speech. He told us that the hard work and dedication which his players showed throughout the season resulted in their great triumph. He compared this to our school work and preparing for exams; he said if you put in the hard work in your study it will play off with tremendous satisfaction.



CH FOR THE SKY; Ballincollig Community School students celebrating their Junior Certificate results: Emma Flanagan, Jennifer Staunton, Rebecca Keefe, Meadhbh Niala, Amanda Coleman, Rebecca O'Callaghan, Lisa Baxter and Aoife O'Hanlon.
Picture: Denis M.

TRANSITION YEAR - TY

Transition Year was jam-packed with fun adventures that left us no spare time. We started off by taking a trip to Torc Waterfall, Killarney. Probably the hardest walk ever ...all to see a waterfall! Next we started on the school show, 'Me and My Girl' ... We discovered hidden stars amongst our peers, including the oh so helpful stage boys. Who could forget Shane's rendition of 'The Sun has got it's hat on' ...and James 'Smurf' Murphy falling off the high chair whilst doing the lighting!

Skiing! Wow! This was probably the highlight of our year to date. Ya, the skiing was good but the banter back in the 'Cube Cube Cube Cube' made the tour. There were injuries on the slopes, from Evan colliding with the tree, Busher falling doen the side of the slope and Damo breaking his finger when he wasn't even skiing.

There was so much more in TY.....





The year started with the group raising €20 in share capital, which was used to fund our initial events. The company held 14 fundraising events. The main events were two concerts held in Cork, which were run in the battle of the bands format. We had to reduce our 11 bands down to a winner and a runner-up. Both went forward to a Munster competition and both beat all other competing bands to win through to the National final. Unfortunately neither band was placed in the top three in the National Final. The two bands were 'Spiralive' and 'Mucky's Wall'.

On the company side of things, we had loads of tasks to complete as part of the programme and did so to a high standard. We were awarded 1,490 points out of a possible 1,500, which was the highest ever score in all 4 years of Blastbeat. We beat our nearest rivals 'Surreal Sounds' from Lougheed to claim the first prize of €5,000 and also have the chance to represent Ireland in the world Blastbeat competition. The competition will involve companies competing from US (L.A & New York), U.K., South Africa, Slovakia, amongst others.

BLASTBEAT MINI-COMPANY WINNERS

NUMBER 1 IN IRELAND

Blast Beat was my greatest learning experience in 4th year. Every Thursday the mini-company met and we worked hard every week to promote our band and make our mini-company, Audio Circus, the best. We went to Dublin to the finals and came away with the winning prize. Wearing luminous clothes, stripey socks and having wild hair was worth it all in the end.

BLAST BEAT

School bands rock at event

By HELEN WALSH

SIX multi-talented groups wowed audiences at this year's Battle of the Bands competition at the Half Moon Theatre.

The popular music competition was organised by trustees from students at Ballincollig Community School through their company, Audio Circus. Headed up by CEO's Rebecca Keefe and Sarah O'Sullivan, five bands from Cork — Spiritive, White Ravens, Mucky's Wall, National Gemmy and Squirrels — were chosen as the winners of the national competition where the company must first and foremost make up the band for the competition.

"In the end, Mucky's Wall from Scoil an Spiorad Nuaire were chosen as the winners with 'Squirrels' Spiritive coming in second place," she added.

Mucky's Wall will now go on to the regional final of the band competition, which will take place in the Cork Open House on April 7.

Danielle Dilworth, Lisa Baxter, Rebecca Keefe, Jessica O'Sullivan, Sarah O'Sullivan and Daniel Shine at the Battle of the Bands competition put on by Ballincollig Community School mini-company at the Half Moon Theatre.



BALLINCOLLIG STUDENTS SHOW THAT BUSINESS ROCKS AT GIG



Best Buddies





One of my favourite memories of my time in BCS was our 4th Year trip to France to participate in the famous Eurofoot soccer tournament. We ended up in the 19/20th place play-off, winning just 2 of our matches. I thought to myself, this is our destiny. This is what we came here to do, a penalty shoot-out would decide our place. The Spanish team slotted home their first 4 penalties. We put away our first three. I, of course, was up to take our crucial 4th penalty. Heart pumping... adrenaline flowing ... Bang! ... the crossbar. We finished 20th. Everyone to this day is still thanking me for it!





GAISCE

I think I randomly walked into Ms Barrett's class when I joined Gaisce but now I am so happy I did because it was unreal. We had to help out in the old folks home and we did a day of silence to raise money. We also had to do a 25k walk down in Kerry and along the way we had to stay in tents for the night.

At the end we received the President's Award.



In second year a group of us and a group from Colaisie Choilm did a French exchange with students from Redon. It was a great experience to learn the French culture and improve our French.

FRENCH EXCHANGE

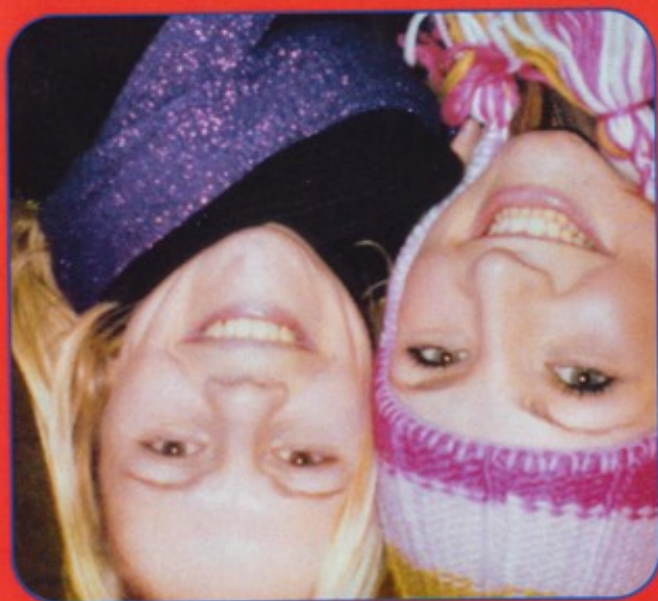


French Exchange

SOME OF US WERE IN FRANCE TWICE!! FRENCH EXCHANGE IN SECOND YEAR, FRENCH TOUR IN FOURTH YEAR!!

My favourite memory of the past 6 years is definitely our 4th year trip to Paris. We left Cork airport on 31 January 2008. It was a perfect time to go as it was so wintry and cold. We occasionally ate in the restaurant 'Lunch', not quite food, not quite lunch. Starving from our day out, we were delighted to get food but were disgusted when the food ended up being as bad as a soup kitchen.

FRENCH TOUR



French Tour

France

Going to Paris and standing on top of Montparnasse watching the Eiffel Tower light up. AMAZING!!



First Year Group

(Kneeling) Ciara Carroll, Lovisa Cosgrave, James Martin, Tim O'Leary, Bryan Busher, Christopher Murphy, Linda O'Sullivan, Lisa Baxter, Catriona Horgan, Gemma Larsen, Sarah Carroll, Sinead O'Connell.

(First Row) Jennifer Bracken, John O'Brien, Donal Buckley, Max Allen, Cian O'Brien, Colum O'Connell (Head), Ms. Forde, Aisling Cronin, Michael O'Connell, Bryan O'Flaherty, Laura Hogan, Meadhbha O'Connell.

(Second Row) Stephanie Foley, Daniel Shine, Matthew O'Sullivan, Michael Fallon, Damien Holden, James Murphy, Joanne O'Leary, Katie Moore, Katie Hallissey, Michelle Hayes, Karen Hausman, Aisling O'Sullivan.

(Third Row) Niamh Mc Cormack, Claire McSweeney, Christopher Desmond, Francis Morgan, Zita O'Connell, Emma Flanagan, John Kelleher, James Clinton, Phillip Connolly, Brian Lane, Rachel Murphy, Stephanie O'Leary, Aisling Kelleher, Michelle O'Driscoll.

(Fourth Row) Gregg Kelly, David Alton, Shane Hallissey, Nicholas Punch, Shane Atkinson, Ian Egan, O'Mahony, Diane Hutchinson, Claire McKnight, Marian O'Meara, Ryan Ahern, Joe Jennings, David O'Connell.

(Back Row) Barry McDonogh, Christy Casey, Richard O'Connor, Brian O'Connor, Eugene Chalmers, O'Hanlon, Amy Burke, Eric Carroll, Mark Murray, Clare O'Leary.

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 Barry, Stephen Fahey, Michael Coleman, Phillip Quinn, Donal Murphy, Jennifer Staunton, Michelle
 David Reck, Jason O'Connell, Jan Kotlarova.
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Group 2004/2005





Skiing twice!! This is 2006



Skischule Total - Ehrwald Feb. 2008



The most memorable time for me in BCS was definitely our ski-trip in TY. It was an unreal trip...from our massive snow fight on the first day, to sliding down the snow so we didn't have to walk, to nights we had on the 4th floor, it was all so much fun. There was ice-skating, hanging on the climbing wall, ordering the wrong pizza toppings in German, near-death falls, mental taxi drivers bringing us around roundabouts backwards, cramped bus journeys, walking in our impossible ski-shoes, running out for snow at night to bring in for fights, water fights with the shower heads, sneaking down two floors to the boys only to hear, 'gittirlssst!' when we got to the doors...it definitely was the best trip ever!

Ski trip in TY - This is 2008



Stratford



STRATFORD

One of my fondest memories of my time in BCS is our 5th year school trip to Stratford. It was one of the best weeks in my life, an exciting four days gaining a great insight into the life of Shakespeare culminating in trips to both Anfield and Alton Towers. During the week we visited Anne Hathaway's home, the Globe Theatre and took part in a Shakespearean workshop. We also went to Warwick Castle for the day which had a spooky Halloween theme going on! I came back from our trip better educated on the works of William Shakespeare but more importantly after having one of the best school trips ever.



Killarney



KILLARNEY - TORC WATERFALL

In Transition Year we went on a walk in Killarney. The whole year went so it was good fun to get out of school. I remember we were the only group ever to get lost there.

Losing the teachers on the Killarney hillwalk by accident - whoops!



The Biology trip in Fota Wildlife Park in 6th Year, everyone being soaked to the skin and when we left the sun came out.



Lisa Baxter, who played the part of the Sergeant in the Pyke Theatre's production of 'Funic at Nut Grove Place' at the Ballincollig Festival of One Act Plays, having an arresting experience with County Mayor, Clr. Gerry Conboy prior to official opening. (Picture: Mike English)



Drama Festival draws the crowds

My favourite memory is the school show 'Me and My Girl' in fourth year. We were preparing for it for almost three months. We had lots of fun doing it. I had a really good time. The school show was a great success... We had a full audience for two nights and we put on a great show.



BALLINCOLLIG STUDENTS TO STAGE ME AND MY GIRL



'These 6 years were the quickest years of my life. Looking back on the years I have good memories.'



Josh congratulates Stephen after he scored a try



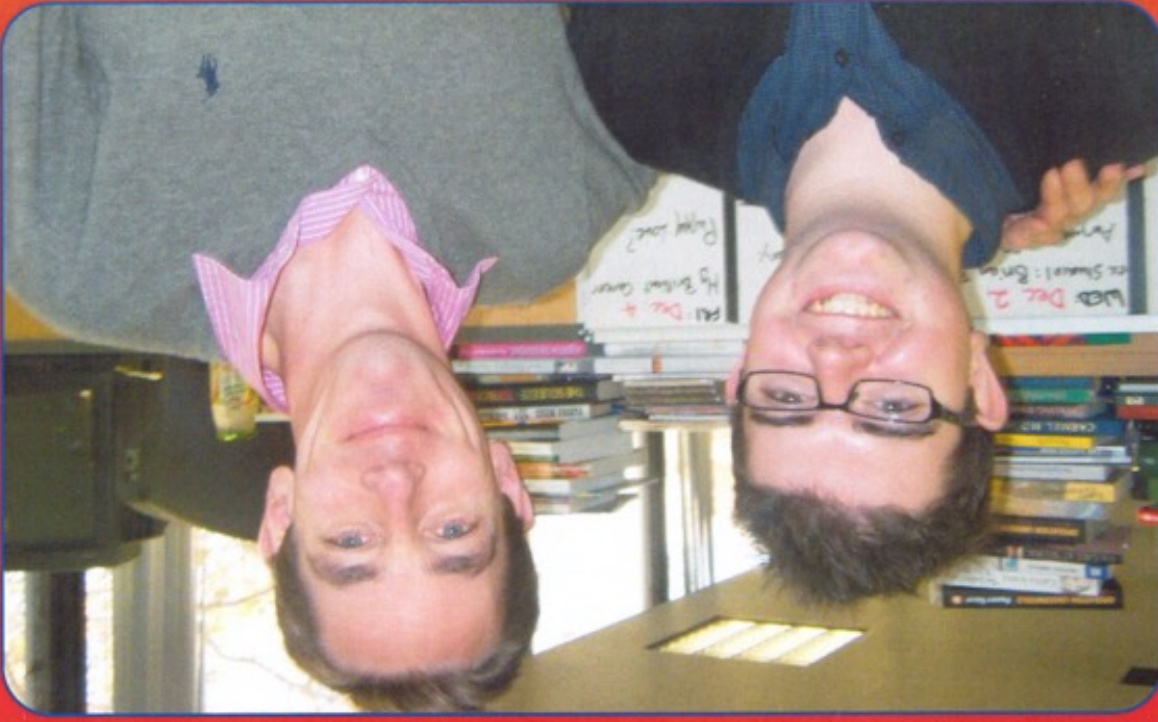
Carol singing at Christmas



Senior Boys and Girls Basketball teams



U-15 rugby players with Declan Kidney and the Heineken Cup



Shane with you-know who



Geography field trip in 6th Year

Fifth Year was the year we at B.C.S grew into our maturity, sort of! No more Eugene Ching's jumping out of windows or eccentric Austrian foreign exchange students showing us up in German class. It was the year where we (metaphorically) pulled up our socks and got down to working towards our Leaving Cert. Gone were the years of extravagant school trips to Austria, but fond memories remained. Our friendships stayed as strong as ever and new ones blossomed. Fifth year saw a much changed group from the one that first walked through the school doors in 2004.

It was the start of many lectures by our teachers, "time to take responsibility for ourselves", being a fan favourite. And I think in hindsight, it's fair to say we did. For myself, and perhaps fifth year as a whole, it was a time when I truly learned to enjoy school for what it was. The academic side of school no longer held the same monotonous tone as it had before. In fifth year we felt like we were finally going places, going to achieve things. We could finally see the light at the end of the tunnel!

Summarising fifth year is best done with a plethora of clichés because, for once, they hold true. We laughed, we cried, we tried our hardest and we saw both bitter disappointment and utter joy. A cursory glance would indicate fifth year as another dull nine months in the education system, but we who have experienced it know, it was one of the best years of our life.

FIFTH YEAR



I will always remember

Kissing people under the stairs in first year
 60 cent sausage rolls
 Our first year disco and everybody doing 'Rock-the-boat' on the floor
 Falling in love in BCS
 The week in first year when the fire alarm went off 8 times
 I remember being sent to the office for the first time.
 The many incidents with the 6th Years when we were in Third Year
 The U16 hurling final we won against Doneraile. Still waiting on medals
 PC telling his parents NG meant Natural Genius.
 On the baby slope on the first day ... nor knowing how to stop I kept going and rammed into both Ms Barrett and Ms Lancaster who were minding their own business and the three of us were knocked to the ground..
 ..The first person to be suspended by Ms Lowney
 Opening our Junior Cert results in the Church
 Bryan Murray pulling the chair from under Aidan Cotter in AO37 in first year
 Mitchelstown Caves - John O'Brien getting money for the noddy ride
 Always telling the caretakers to turn on the heating...
 Getting my first Report Card in 6th Year after 6 years of secondary school. NOT DESERVED!
 Waiting for our trip to the cinema since third year
 Jen Staunton spraying bleach in Nicky Punch's eye in first year
 Gaisce, painful walk, and Stephnie never getting off the phone!
 One time Max Allen came up behind neil Murphy and flipped him without any warning. Everyone, even Neil, couldn't stop laughing.
 Luckily nobody was hurt.
 In first year when someone stapled Ms Myers business book together
 Tara getting stuck in the ski lift because of her suspenders
 The first night in Stratford we found a microwave and decided to melt chocolate...
 When I was in Ms Lennon's French class, Ian Barry ran into the tree just outside the window. It was hilarious.
 Paintballing in fourth year was unreal
 Okay everybody, its time for Assembly!



trek across Gaisce Award

a, cooking gear and a kit
 They were told to divide gear up, pack what they'd carry and leave the rest behind. It quickly became clear that the pillows and straighteners would be to stay behind, due to the 25km hike across the high terrain to get to their straight camp location near...

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Carey,
David



Buckley,
Susan



Bracken,
Jennifer



Alton,
David



Cummins,
Peter



Coomey,
Andrea



Clinton,
James



Carroll,
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Christopher



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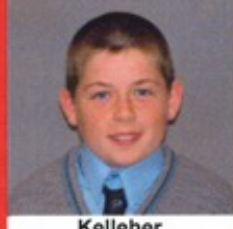
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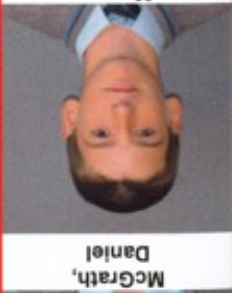
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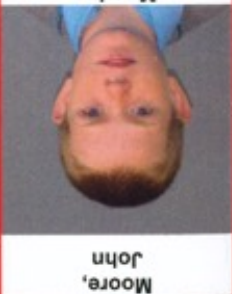
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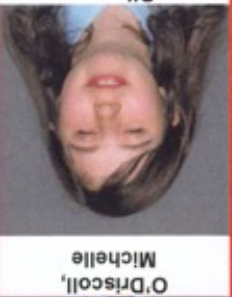
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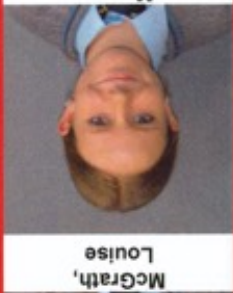
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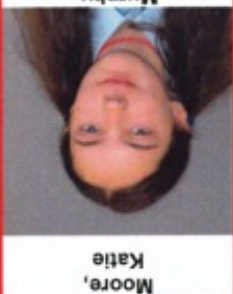
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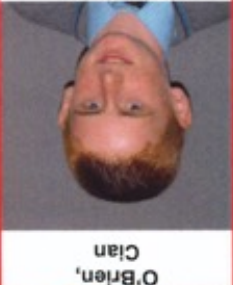
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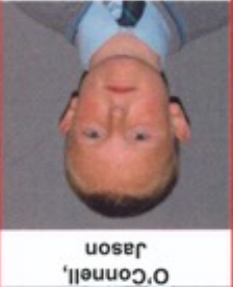
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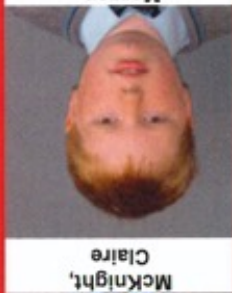
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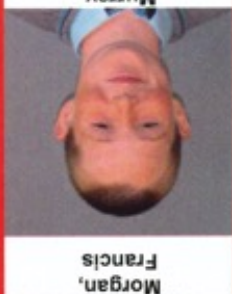
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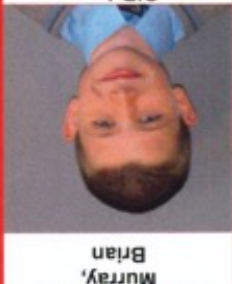
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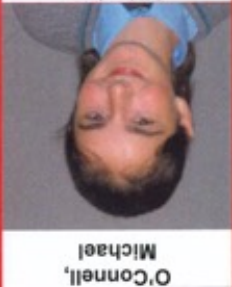
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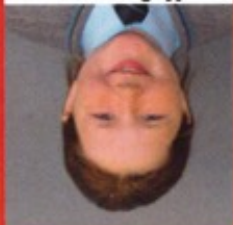
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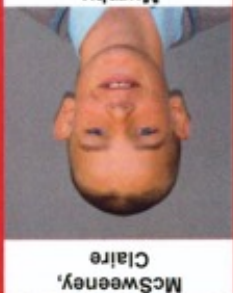
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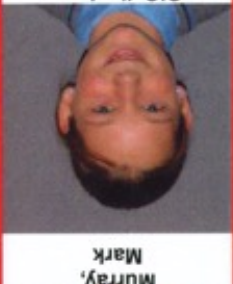
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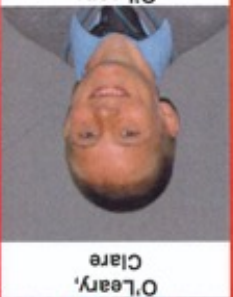
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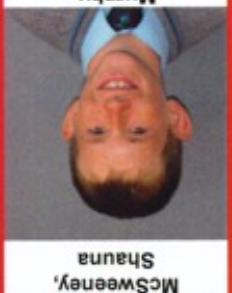
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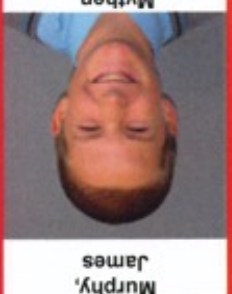
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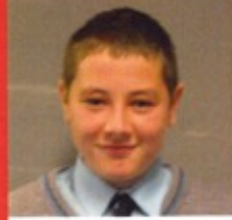
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