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*-BCS Yearbook Committee*

## Message from the Principal

These weeks and months begin an exciting new chapter in your lives. You are about to move off into the world and experience all that the world can offer you.

No doubt, at the moment you will be feeling quite a mixture of emotions – looking forward with anticipation while looking back with some nostalgia on the years you have spent in BCS.

It is my earnest hope that the foundations set for you and with you here at BCS, both academically and personally, will carry you forward in life. Remember to take pride in what you have come from and in who you are.

You are launching into a world of opportunity – life is undoubtedly what you make of it. You will, of course, meet some challenges along the way – remember that a problem shared is a problem halved.

I wish you all the best for the future – may it be filled with happiness, good health and good fortune. Do not forget us here at the school – you are welcome to drop in any time to let us know how you are getting on.

*-Kathleen Lowney*



## Message from the Deputy-Principal



It's hard to believe that your six years here have passed so quickly. During your time in Ballincollig Community School you have matured from enthusiastic, bubbly first years to mature young adults ready to take the next step in your chosen careers. I wish you all the very best life has to offer and hope that your sense of enthusiasm remains with you always. Every book tells a story, your story so far as you stand ready to begin the next chapter. I know that the lessons you have learned and the friends you have made here will support you in future years, whatever you choose to do.

Finally, congratulations on graduating from school and sincere good wishes for your forthcoming exams.

*-Edith Waterman*

## Message from the Year Head

As you come to the end of your time at school I take this opportunity to thank you all most sincerely for the past six years that we've shared together in BCS.

Over the years we've experienced some wonderful times and encountered some challenging times. I have to say now that I have always been impressed by the way that you have conducted yourselves in the good times and the bad.

Fortunately for you, the days of my dispensing advice in the car are now over. However these words afford one last opportunity for your consideration. My final words of advice are inspired by Max Ehrmann's "Desiderata"; always be yourself. Seamus O'Neill reminds us in his work "Subh Millis" that nothing lasts forever and Pink Floyd's "Time" urges us to seize the moment:

"And then one day you find  
Ten years have got behind you  
No one told you when to run  
You missed the starting gun."

In short, don't let life pass you by.

In truth, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with you for the past six years and I want to wish you all good health, happiness and success in your future. Congratulations on graduating from school and renewed thanks for your kindness, courtesy and endeavour. You have always been an inspiration.

Finally I would like to say a special word of thanks to the Yearbook committee for its tireless work in producing this publication. Let's hope you enjoy.

Guim gach rath agus sean oraih sa toidhchal.

*-John Buttimer*



## First Year

It's hard to remember the feeling of standing outside the school on an August morning in 2007. Everyone was thinking the same thoughts. What are these hundred or so people like, these people that I'm going to be spending the next six years of my life with? One of these people could be my best friend, or my worst enemy, and I don't even know it yet. It was a unique feeling, standing outside the building around which your life is going to revolve for the next few years and not knowing what to expect inside. It's hard to remember exactly what that first day was like, but one thing is for certain. As we stood around in our primary school classes and splinter groups, as we walked through the front doors, as we sat in the caf and listened to the first of many lectures from Ms. Lowney and Mr. Kennelly, there was an undeniable, insuppressible sense of excitement. You can say a lot of things about our year group in the six years that have passed since that day, but that excitement, that wonder and enthusiasm for what's coming next, that has never left us.

## Sporting Achievements

Sporting teams really came into their own in first year. The boys' basketball team reached the All-Ireland finals in Limerick, and managed to finish sixth in the entire country (mainly because most of the other teams dropped out, but we don't talk about that bit). The girls' basketball team also enjoyed success on the court. A group from the year took part in local and national cross-country running competitions. Training included running laps around the school on miserable, wet October mornings! There were boys and girls teams in plenty of other sports, too, including Soccer, Rugby and GAA. A highlight of the year for many was the sports day organised by LCA students for our year.



## Bowling

Overcome with the energy and excitement of first year, the Meitheal team brought us to LeisurePlex, to put our newly acclaimed enthusiasm into something productive. Bowling never appeared to be a competitive game, but we all seemed to be fighting for that first score on the over head screen. More exciting than the bowling itself, chips and chicken nuggets as well as a quick look around the arcade provided us with a day full of entertainment.

## Trip to the Cinema

On a cold winter's day, we were calmly taken from our "important" classes, before Christmas exams, to the cinema to relieve any "stress". Fred Clause was the long awaited film of choice. It may not have been the most memorable of movies but, it was certainly a memorable break and day out.

## Goodbye to Ms Coughlan & Mr Kennelly

It's important to mention that before Mr. Buttimer became our Year Head (however unwillingly) we had Ms.Coughlan. We didn't have her long, just long enough to grow to like her as a Year Head and, love her as a teacher. In the few months she acted as our Year Head, she made a lasting impression on us, for which we are very grateful. Ms Coughlan vacated the Year Head post to concentrate on the preparation of state and in-house exam timetables. She retired from her post at BCS in 2012. She started us off in the school, and for that we want to say thank you.

We would also like to mention Mr Kennelly and express our gratitude to him for his understanding and patience in his role as Deputy Principal until his retirement in 2012. Sincere gratitude is also due to the Special Needs Assistants who were immeasurably helpful and diligent in their posts.



## Second Year Skiing

It was very early on a Wednesday morning, 11th of February, when a group of 57 excited second years and six teachers (Mr. Buttimer, Mr. O' Mahoney, Mr. Griffin, Ms. Gallagher, Ms. Lancaster and Ms. Barrett) met in Cork Airport. Anticipation built on the plane as we flew to Munich. The white blanket of snow covering Munich was a terrific start to the holiday.

The following morning, after a long search for our boots, we trudged awkwardly to the slopes. We were separated, into our groups and the fun began. After two hours of fumbling, falling, and failing to stay standing, we went out for lunch. Then we had another two hours of skiing before we went to an ice-hockey match that evening.

We had an active and busy Thursday, Friday, and Saturday Skiing, which included ice skiing on Friday night and a disco on Saturday night. On Sunday, we had a well deserved rest from skiing and got a water bus to Venice. There was a carnival on and people were wearing masks. It was very atmospheric. We were left to explore by ourselves, and fortunately no one got lost.

We happily returned Skiing the next day. At this stage, the advanced group were on the black slopes and the beginners had reached the blue and red slopes. On our final day we had a skiing race. Aoife Barrett was our deserving winner! It was an unforgettable holiday and will be remembered for years to come!



A day of broken records, broken spirits and broken equipment (but thankfully no broken bones). Class 2B could barely contain their excitement when Ms. Kelly rushed out onto the pitch to make sure they got their Maths homework!



## Super Awesome-O Second Year Talent Show

B.C.S has got talent as 2nd years proved on Friday, March 6th 2009 with their "Super Awesome-O 2nd Year Talent Show". It was a culmination of weeks of careful planning and organising, by a hard-working and dedicated committee! What began as a passing suggestion from their very own Year Head, Mr. Buttimer, quickly snowballed into a vibrant colourful, entertaining extravaganza of talent!



First up was Stephen Murphy, who set the tone of the show with his hilarious stand-up comedy. The sound of electric guitars exploded through the gym next, as Emmet Murphy and Alex Cregan took to the stage and enchanted us all with their rendition of 'Layla'. Ciara O'Riordan, was next and she wowed us all with her version of the 'The Man Who Can't Be Moved'. This girl has got the X-Factor! Hand-clapping foot-tapping good-Elaine Murphy brought the audience to life with her amazing concertina skills. Up next to brave the stage was Evan Keating. He had us all splitting our sides with laughter. Lauren O'Brien, Peter Cosgrave and Ciara O'Riordan got out their guitars next to play 'I'm Yours'. The girls' voices blended together beautifully- a brilliant act. Ben Cooke then bounced on to



## Super Awesome-O Second Year Talent Show (continued)

the stage, with a very intricate display of soccer skills. Ronaldo eat your heart out! Emily Burns then showed us her tender voice, while singing 'Everybody Hurts' and playing her guitar. Sarah Murray had us captivated with her enchanting singing skills. There was magic in the air, as Michelle Walsh and Aisling Hegarty dumbfounded us with their "sensational" magic tricks! A double act- Margaret O Callaghan and Karyn Twomey gave us double the fun when they sang "Run". David McGrath rounded up the end of the first half, displaying his hysterical comedy!

Diane Killoughy started the second half, singing "Thank You For The Music". Stephanie Crotty is on the road to stardom, judging by her hilarious reenactment of the golden ticket scene from Charlie and the chocolate factory. Stephen Murphy and Peter Cosgrave sang 'Galway Girl' next. A truly enjoyable performance - they had us all singing along! Meaghan O Donoghue left us all breathless with admiration after her outstanding performance, singing 'Breathless'. Angel Cullinane proved to be a hard act to follow, with her heavenly performance of "The Fear". However Jordan Harris and Stephen J. Murphy brought something different to the show with their awesome combination of "beat-box and rapping-gangstas! Gymnastics! Laura Hayes and Caley Monks made it look easy! Oisín Rameriz played a magnificent piece on his piano- a truly original, class act. Last up, but certainly not least, Lauren O'Brien sang 'Broken Strings', while playing her guitar! You heard it here first, this girl is going to be famous!



The judges delivered a fair decision, in what must have been a difficult task. Lauren O'Brien was the winner! Caley Monks and Laura Hayes came in a deserving second place and Alex Cregan and Emmet Murphy took third place. A special thanks to our official photographer, John Carroll, Ms. Willis and Shane Buckley for their musical contribution and Mr Buttimer for making it all happen!

# Second Year Shenanigans



**Honourable Mentions!**  
The first mentions of the dreaded Junior Cert – Ms Hogan's rain stick – Mr Martin's escapades with all of his second year confidence ab-ryone's new-found confidence at realizing they weren't first years anymore...

## The Days of Third Year

Some of us struggle to remember even what we ate for dinner last night, but now let's try traipsing all the way back to the year 2009-2010 – the days of the Junior Cert, Bebo and Justin Bieber. Third year was packed full of different events and activities that kept us all busy but never neglecting to do our homework and study of course! With such diversity among the year group we had students involved in all sorts from surfing, soccer, and basketball to cooking up a storm in the Home Ec. Department or paying a trip to the Lord Mayor. As you do. As per usual in BCS, everyone was always off doing their own thing and exploring their own interests.

Although the teachers really did start piling on the homework as soon as we had arrived in the door in September – or so we thought at the time – this didn't stop anyone from discovering their talents. In fact, in most subjects everyone started to realise what they were good at and also sometimes what they weren't so good at. These so-called talents became apparent in many different situations both inside and outside the classroom, and let's just say that some people were found to have a more natural knack for things than others...

Music played a big role in the lives of many of the students in our year and there are many good memories involved. Ms Willis, as we still call her, loved to doss and take us on random adventures to the shopping centre one day for a bit of carol singing and to Killarney the next for... Yep, more carol singing. The choir sung at most school-related events and I think all would agree when I say we definitely improved with our final years!

Along with being a fab year academically, we also excel at sports. This has been documented fiercely by Ms Owens and her newsletter team but what kind of a yearbook with this be if we didn't mention it too. Third year brought us all sorts of exciting sporting events; there were Frisbee competitions,



# The Days of Third Year (continued)

cross-country running, the usual GAA goings on, Ms Gallagher liked to bring people away to Inchydoney for the day for a few surfing lessons, the lads and their soccer and of course can't be forgetting our coolers on the basketball team!

All in all, third year was one of the best years ever- rrr. The Junior Cert was just a minor inconvenience but hey, we all survived it. Let's not forget the stellar Junior Cert results of our very own Aisling He-garty and Odhran Reidy (ten straight A's apiece - not bad!). Now as we head into the last few weeks of our Leaving Cert we can look back on all our enjoyable, funny and memorable times in third year, when we still believed that the teachers actually fell for the "sorry I forgot my homework" excuse. Those were the days...



## First Year 2007/2008



**Back Row (l-r):** Mr O'Sullivan, Ian Downey, Patrick Corcoran, Matthew Laughton, James Kelly, Neil O'Sullivan E  
Graeme Moorcroft, Gavin Forde, Andrew Brady, Jakub Plaza, Chris Taylor, Declan Manning, Emnet  
**Fourth Row (l-r):** Ms Whelan, Aisling Hegarty, Jordan Harris, Alex Cregan, Bret Ryan, Odhran Reidy, Peter Os  
Mark O'Connor, Robert Desmond, Shane O'Mahony, Oisin Ramirez, Shaun O'u  
**Third Row (l-r):** Lauren O'Brien, Stephanie Crotty, Cathy Naughton, Deirdre O'Flaherty, Karyn Twomey, Aoife Birr  
Marie O'Shea, Aoife Linehan, Michelle Walsh, Mathilda O'Toole, Emer Griffin, Caley Monks, Chloe Sill  
**Second Row (l-r):** Ms Barry-Murphy, Abbey Murphy, Joseph Stuart, Emily Burns, Mia Bowen, Angel Cullinane, Cnc  
Leona Dorney, Laura Dorney, Rosemarie Reck, Rebecca Twohig, Jean Barry-Murph  
**Front Row (l-r):** Megan O'Mahony, Kasia Wnek, Elaine Murphy, Abby Sheehan, Sarah Murray, Padraig Gal  
Rebecca Kelleher, Margaret Twohig, Anita Wrzesinska, Louise Doyle J:



Eoin Daly, Kevin Murphy, John McDonogh, Roisin Ormond, Stephen J Murphy, Sean Hogan, Dave McGrath,  
 Trent Murphy, Adrian McCarthy, Aran McKenna, Ellie Carroll, Sam Long, Carmel Murray, Mr Botzard  
 Osgrave, Cathal Murphy, Evan Smith, Stephen Murphy, John Carroll, Eoghan O'Crualoi, Darren Shanahan,  
 O'Sullivan, Jamie Walsh, Paul Foley, James Quinn, Kamille Martinkute, Ms Forde  
 Brett, Una O'Leary, Margaret O'Callaghan, Angela Houston, Elaine McCarthy, Katie O'Herlihy, Laura O'Carroll,  
 Sillane, Chloe O'Brien, Laura O'Neill, Shaunagh Scannell, Ora Hallissey, Laura Hayes, Aimee Shine  
 Chor O'Brien, Ms Lennon, Ms Lowney, Mr Buttner, Mr Kenelly, Niamh Murray, Ola Podchorodecka, Dajana Blach,  
 Alphy, Chloe Haussmann, Meaghan O'Donoghue, Diane Killoughy, Simone Lynch  
 Caham, Ben Cooke, Michael Delaney, Zoe Kavanagh, Clara O'Riordan, Noreen O'Brien, Catriona Dixon,  
 Helane Lee, Sarah Cuddihy, April Forde, Hande Dogan, Ellie Brennan

## Sixth Year 2012/2013



**Back Row (l-r):** Anita Wrzesinska, Valerie O'Driscoll, Sarah Cuddihy, Dave McGrath, Mark O'Carroll, Karyn Twomey, Emily Burns, Orla Hallissey, Laura O'Carroll, Katie O'Herlihy, Aoife Linehan,

Aimee Shine, Jenny Banta, Roisin Ormond, Mea  
**Middle Row (l-r):** Abbey Murphy, Elaine Murphy, Laura Dorney, Kamile Beinoraite, Kamile Marti  
Una O'Leary, Jean Barry-Murphy, Rebecca Twohig, Margaret O'Callaghan, Aoife Barrett, Cia  
Louise Doyle, Jane Lee, Niamh Murray, Dajana Blach, Leona Hangya, Cathy Naughton, Diane  
Zoe Kavanagh, Ellie Brennan, Leona Dorney, Declan

**Front Row (l-r):** Kevin Murphy, Jordan Harris, Eoghan O'Crualaoi, John McDonogh, Gavin Fogarty,  
Declan Manning, Conor O'Brien, Evan Keating, Neil O'Sullivan, James Kelly, Alex Cregan, Odhran  
Evan Smith, Aaron O'Carroll

'Connor, Jakub Plaza, Stephen J Murphy, Chloe O'Brien, Shaunagh Scannell, Lauren O'Brien, Michelle Walsh, Marie O'Shea, Mathilda O'Toole, Eoin Daly, Peter Cosgrave, Ian Downey, eaghan O'Donoghue, Aisling Hegarty, Mia Bowen  
artinkute, Hande Dogan, Ola Podchorodecka, Laura O'Neill, Grace McDonnell, Elaine McCarthy, Ciara O'Riordan, Stephen Murphy, Rosemarie Reck, Ms Waterman, Mr Buttimer, Ms Lowney, ne Killoughy, Megan O'Mahony, Abby Sheehan, Margaret Twohig, Emer Griffin, Chloe Spillane, e, Seán Hogan, Shane O'Mahony, Jamie Walsh, Dane Hurn, Ben Cooke, Michael Delaney, O'Leary, James Quinn

Year Photograph Courtesy of Mr Alcock





## Transition Year Induction Day

At the beginning of Transition Year, we all spent the day traipsing around some countryside in Kerry so that we could get to know the other people in our year (who we had known for three years). All joking aside, it was a day well spent and a good start to what turned out to be a pretty amazing year. We were just never told there would be so much walking... Special thanks to Ms Cronin and Mr O'Broin for organising the day out.



## German Exchange Students

After 4 months of good experiences and adventures in Ireland, we made lots of new friends, got to know the traditions and culture of the country and improved our English. We would recommend such an exchange to everybody. We would like to thank the principal Mrs. Lowney, our Year Head Mr. Buttmer, all 4th year students and of course our host families for being patient with us and making the last couple of months such a great time.

*Kolja Zajicek & Lorena Helfrich*

## Eurofoot

In June of 2011, BCS sent a soccer team consisting of second, fourth and fifth years, along with Mr Moriarty and Mr Kennelly (and a few of their kids!) to the annual Eurofoot competition in France. The team surprised everyone by finishing in fifth place out of thirty-two teams, the school's best finish in several years of entering the competition. Class of 2013 students involved were Michael Delaney, Patrick Corcoran, Stephen Murphy, Ben Cooke, James Kelly & John Carroll. Special thanks are due to Mr O'Mahony who dedicates countless hours to organising the school's participation in the competition.



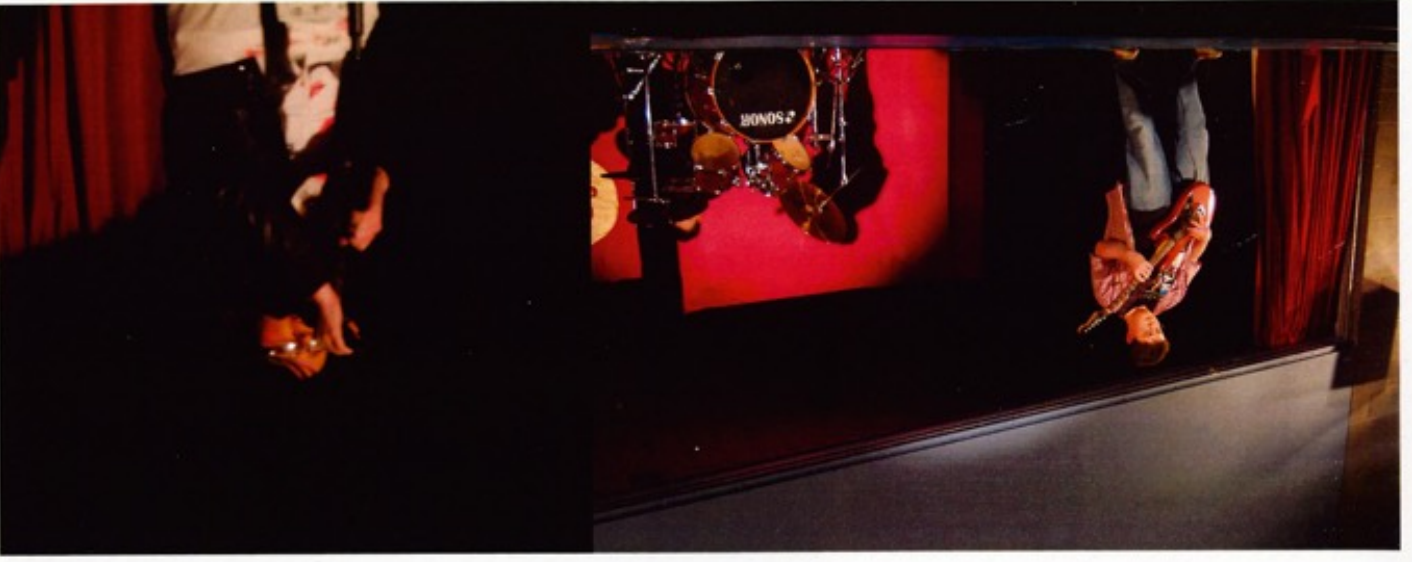
## Christmas Variety Show

There was no doubt that BCS had some serious talent after the Variety Show in December of 2010, and us fourth years were at the forefront. Emmet Murphy melted some faces with his rock guitar medley, accompanied by his brother Daniel on drums. Lauren O'Brien also wowed the crowd with her solo rendition of the Queen classic "Somebody To Love".



After the intermission came "Forgotten Dreams", a band formed especially for the occasion and comprised of Matthew Feehily on lead guitar, Raymond Murphy on drums, and our very own Emmet Murphy on bass guitar and Alex Cregan on lead vocals. The band ripped through a medley of hits by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, starting with "Under The Bridge" and jumping into "Can't Stop" without missing a beat. The transition years continued to steal the show as Diane Killoughy and Alex Cregan performed a tender acoustic version of Demi Lovato's "Catch Me". Our year played a part in several group performances on the night, including a hip-hop dance mix and a dance ensemble from the Ultra-Flex School of Dance. Closing out the night was an exhilarating display from a gymnastics group featuring several of our girls.

There was no question that the fourth years stole the show, not to mention our stage hands working tirelessly behind the scenes to make sure everything ran smoothly on the night! In the words of our very own Diane Killoughy, "It was an amazing experience to be involved in and I think I speak for everyone when I say I can't wait to do it again."



## Fourth Year Skiing

You'd have thought we had enough broken bones, giddy teachers and endless bus journeys the first time around, but no. In March of 2011, a group of adrenaline junkies from the year group travelled to the mountain resort of Montecampione in Italy, accompanied by Mr Buttimer, Mr O'Toole, Iníon Uí Mhurchú, Ms Hogan and Ms Gleeson. We had four brilliant days on the slopes, along with some bowling, rollerskating, go-karting, swimming and some dance lessons. The highlight of the trip was Mr O'Toole's uncanny impression of Mr Buttimer, right down to the positioning of his spectacles!



## Delphi

As part of their Gaisce project, a group of fourth years travelled with Ms Barrett, Ms Gallagher and Ms Arslan to Delphi mountain resort in Connemara for a few days of walking, mud, water sports, mud, and walking. A good time was had by all!



Ah, minicompany - the holy grail of TY-Heads. To say that Nebula caused some divided opinions in the year would be a bit of an understatement, but let's not talk about the bitchiness, the blame-throwing and the classroom politics! When we came together at the start of the year, there had been three All-Ireland winning minicompanies in the previous four years. No pressure then, lads...

A few months, three CEOs, four gigs, thousands of customers, many rousing speeches from Mr Griffin (with the occasional input from Evan Keating), hundreds of hours of hard work, two radio interviews on RedFM, more awards than we can remember and two thousand euro in charity donations later, it was pretty safe to say we had proved the naysayers wrong. While the All-Ireland glory was reserved for our techies over at Mint Web Design (or so we thought), nobody can deny that Nebula was an amazing experience and a brilliant project to be a part of.



## Mint Web Design

Everybody seemed to love Mint Web Design, an offshoot of Nebula that designed websites for companies. Everyone, that was, except the companies themselves. We managed to make a grand total of three sales, but nevertheless had some lovely newspaper articles written about us. We also won the overall prize at the Cork Schools Enterprise Competition and competed in the national final in Croke Park. At the end of the day, we weren't too surprised when none of the prizes went our way and the grand prize went to some girl from Roscommon getting her dad to make red stickers to put on the soles of some shoes (we're not bitter about that at all, in case you couldn't tell).



## Young Social Innovators



YSI's mission was to raise social awareness among teens in Ireland by providing social awareness education through action and platforms for young people and those guiding them. The group dealt with teenage pregnancy and some students in the class tried something new. They became parents of a simulation baby to experience the realities of being a parent during the last term. Never mind that few of the babies "survived" their few days with the students, it was a learning experience!

## TY 'Til I Die...



### Honourable Mentions!

The teachers attempting to grow facial hair for Movember... not very successfully – A Gaisce trip to Delphi that involved enough mud to last a lifetime – \*That\* bus trip to the Young Scientist in Dublin – Linguistics teams, Spikeball Leaders, Book Clubs and much more.

## Rotary Award

When Niamh Murray applied for the Rotary Youth Leadership Programme in fifth year she mistakenly thought it was a rowing club. Little did she know after the first interview that she would end up going all the way to Strasbourg during the February mid-term of fifth year to represent the Bishop-stown Rotary Club in the European Youth Parliament. Congratulations to Niamh for being selected out of 1000 applicants from Cork (including Evan Keating) – not bad for the girl who thought it was a rowing club!



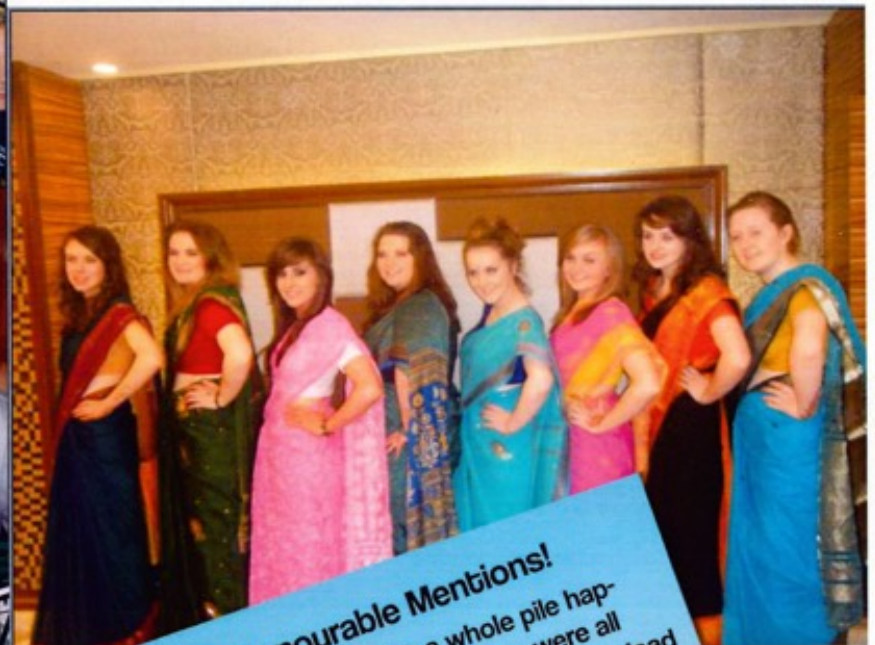
## Shave or Dye

On a normal Wednesday morning in 5th year Niamh Murray was approached by no other than Mr. Nally. He asked her where the best place to buy hair dye was and she honestly thought he had lost his mind for moment. Observing the look on Niamh's face, Mr. Nally hurriedly explained the reason behind his odd request. He had decided to take part in Shave or Dye - a fundraiser organised by the Irish Cancer Society. The wheels were set in motion and Mr. Buttimer also got himself roped in. In front of a very amused class of students, Niamh dyed Mr. Nally's hair a vibrant shade of orange and Mr. Buttimer's a radioactive shade of green! (Wash out hair dye was used!) Close to €1000 was raised and both teachers were said to be pleased with the outcome of the dye ...



## Calcutta Trip

On the 9th of February in 2012, 7 students from the year travelled to Calcutta along with Ms. Whelan in aid of the Hope Foundation. 21 students took part in the interview for travelling to Calcutta and the 7 fortunate girls chosen were Margaret O'Callaghan, Sarah Murray, Emer Griffin, Elaine Murphy, Aoife Linehan, Ciara O'Riordan and Rebecca Twohig. Each of them had to fundraise a large amount of money in aid of the Hope Foundation. While there, the girls visited the Hope Foundations homes for children to see the work Hope carry out in Calcutta and they also visited the slums to witness the appalling conditions other children live in. The trip did not go without its hitches along the way, an example would be when Margaret's passport was lost a week before the trip was due! All in all, the girls learned much from the trip and shared their experiences in Calcutta with a talk given to the year. What everyone will no doubt remember from the talk is that hermaphrodites are viewed as unlucky in India and make a living from this!



### Honourable Mentions!

Let's be honest, not a whole pile happened in fifth year. Maybe we were all too busy coming down from our TY-Head high. Alex and Michelle played MCs for the night at the Christmas variety show, introducing performances from several of the fifth years, and keeping the puns rolling until the entire audience was cringing for them.

## Sixth Year Christmas Show A View from Two Perspectives

It was that time of the year again, the school talent show. 6th years usually aren't allowed in it so everyone was fairly disappointed. Then we heard the news; this year was the new school's 10th Anniversary and they were using the school show to celebrate it. The good news? They were now able to allow a select few 6th years in it. Our school choir were delighted to be able to perform one last time ever. It also meant missing lots of class. (Woo!) We got to play possibly the two greatest songs of the year. Some Nights – Fun, and Little Talks – Of Monsters And Men. The show had never been held in the gym before and it was very exciting. We were able to chill out during rehearsals and watch the other acts perform which was a refreshing and rare experience in 6th year. There was a mixture of cheers and groans when we were told that the soloists could wear head-sets. Former students from past years were invited back to perform and it was lovely to see familiar faces again. The teachers performed in a choir and that got everyone out of their seats in rehearsal and in the actual show too! There was also a self-written song performed by everyone's favourite German assistant, Simon Schnepatti!



-Diane Killoughy



Since it's my last year in BCS, I thought attending the Christmas variety show would be a great way to take in the best of my school while I'm still very much a part of it. The show was held in December and marked ten years of the "new" school buildings' use. The show displayed the wonderful talents of students from all year groups and even a few teachers. The most memorable performances for me were the students' choir (who sang Little Talks by Of Monsters and Men and Some Nights by Fun) and a beautiful duet by Diane Killoughy and Lauren O'Brien. The two girls and the other sixth year choir members all said that they enjoyed taking part and I, as one of the audience, also found their performances thoroughly enjoyable.

—Cathy Naughton



## Declan Manning - Prism



The gift of numbers - it's fair to say that most of us haven't been blessed with it, but those that have undoubtedly deserve some recognition. In December of 2012, the year group was made to gather in the upstairs gym during maths class. Although glad of the break from pre-Christmas-test class work, the majority of us didn't know what the impromptu assembly was about. Mrs Kelly soon enlightened us, announcing that Declan Manning had earned a certificate for his outstanding result in the 2012 PRISM competi-

tion. We were all thoroughly impressed and most of us surprised since Declan, being his modest self, had kept his amazing achievement very quiet! Declan received a well-deserved round of applause from the year group as Mrs Kelly presented him with his certificate. Declan also deserves commendation for his participation in the Irish Chemical Sciences Olympiad. He won a silver medal in the competition and will now go on to represent Ireland at the 45th International Chemistry Olympiad in Moscow.

## BCS Boys' Senior Soccer Panel 2013



### Class of 2013 Boys involved:

James Kelly, Jordan Harris, Michael Delaney, John Carroll, Gavin Forde, Sean Hogan, Shane O'Mahony, Ben Cooke

## Sixth Year Teaching Staff

**Back Row (l-r):** Mr Buttimer, Mr Moriarty, Mr O'Broin, Iníon Uí Mhurchú, Ms Kelly, Ms Gallagher, Ms Cotter, Ms Coleman, Ms Daly, Ms Donnelly, Mr O'Sullivan, Mr Macgillycuddy, Mr Kelleher.

**Front Row (l-r):** Ms Fleming, Ms Arslan, Mr Murphy, Ms O'Sullivan, Mr O'Mahony, Ms Forde, Ms Barrett, Ms O'Donovan, Mr Griffin



Okay so it's time to get sentimental...

But first, let's be honest. We could say that our last year together has been the best yet but really it's been exhausting. Between piles of homework, attempted study and the dreaded CAO... There's one word that everyone is thinking of and that's "stress". But that's not to say that through all that, we didn't know how to have a good time. We've partied hard and many L.O.L's have been had. We probably wouldn't have remained sane throughout the Leaving Cert if we hadn't. So we could focus on how difficult this year was or how the last six years have been but instead let's concentrate on the good times.

I know we all have our fair share of hilarious stories from down through the years and these are memories that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. No matter what way we look at it, school has shaped us. It was within these walls during the last six years that we have become who we are. Think back to yourself in first year. Think of who you are now. You are not the same person. None of us are. And as exciting as it is to leave what some people just love to call "prison", and move on to college, you cannot deny that some of the best moments in your life occurred right here. Maybe it was some huge achievement in your life, such as an award, or maybe you simply learned to be yourself, or learned that some people are worth trusting. It all happened here. We've all had the chance to meet a huge variety of people, some who will remain our friends for life. There have been some hard times; fights, drama, break-ups and make-ups, but by the end of it, we've found the friends that have remained by our sides through it all. The friends who have carried us through school and who will continue to carry us through college and the rest of our lives.

The last six years have been amazing. Sure they've been up and down but I think I can speak for everyone when I say, I don't regret a single thing because they've made me who I am. Little first year me would never have thought I'd be making decisions about college. Somehow I thought I'd never grow up. It's crazy to think that back then, teachers were these scary people trying to tell us what to do and somewhere along the way they stopped ordering us and started advising us. In their own way, they've shaped us too.

We are adults now and it's time to go out on our own and take on the world. We have a huge journey ahead of us and it starts here. Right now. This is our moment. School is over. In some respects I will miss it dearly and it's comforting to carry the good times with me as we close that chapter in our lives and open a new one. But right now it's time to let go. So many opportunities await us and it is finally time to face them.

Goodbye BCS.....

..... Hello big wide world.

PS. The bant has been mighty! ;)

# Awards

Most Rebellious Young Scientist	Bus Organiser	Niamh Murray
Most Prolific Staircase Traffic Obstruction	Strongest Opinions	Evan Keating
Strongest Arguer with Teachers	The Emshlaken Award	Margaret O'Callaghan
Best In-Class Meltdown	Best Dressed	Laura O'Carroll
Best Hair	Best Jumper	Rebecca Twohig
Best Shaun Award	The Shaun Award	JOC
Biology Class Farming Expert	Least Politically Correct	Jakub Plaza
Best Nosebleeds	Best After-School Study Impostor	Aaron O'Leary/Jimmy Quinn
Most Consistently Late for School	Most Consistently Late for School	JJ
The Coláiste Turncoat Award	Best Nickname	Shaun O'Sullivan
	The Minor Internet Celebrity Award	Una O'Leary
	The Spoof Award	Mr Nally
	Best Pun Artists	John Carroll
Most Face-Melting Guitar Solo	Most Blonde Moments	Chris Taylor
Most Drastic Haircut	Most Likely to Squeak Under Pressure	Caley Monks
Best Skiing Hat	Best Skiing Hat	Cathal Murphy/Chris Taylor/Laura Hayes/Rob Desmond
Outstanding Performance in a German Drama	Most Brutally Honest	NOS
Best Timetable Memorisation	Best Right Hook	James Kelly
Happiest Person	Happiest Person	Stephen Murphy
Dodgiest Driver	Dodgiest Driver	Lauren O'Brien/Dave McGrath
Best Shepherd's Pie	Best Shepherd's Pie	Emmet Murphy
Best DJ	Best DJ	Chloe Spillane
The Strawberry Blonde Award	The Strawberry Blonde Award	Peter Cosgrave
The Shneh Award	The Shneh Award	Alex Cregan
Best Couple	Best Couple	John McDonogh
Biggest Party Animal	Biggest Party Animal	Adrian McCarthy
Most Likely to get ID'd When They're 30	Most Likely to get ID'd When They're 30	Aoife Barrett
Least Likely to get ID'd When He Was 13	Least Likely to get ID'd When He Was 13	Aimee Shine
Strongest Cork Accents	Strongest Cork Accents	Mathilda O'Toole
Biggest 1D Fans	Biggest 1D Fans	Louise Doyle
Best Beat-Boxing	Best Beat-Boxing	Sarah Cuddihy
Best Rap	Best Rap	Margaret Twohig
Best Singer	Best Singer	Leona Hangya
The Agony Aunt Award	The Agony Aunt Award	Dee O'Flaherty
Best Attendance	Best Attendance	Ciara O'Riordan/Shاونagh Scannell
		Mags O'Callaghan & Neil O'Sullivan
		Mr Buttimer/Orla Hallissey
		Abby Sheehan
		Eoin Daly
		Kamile Beinoraite/Dajana Blach
		Chloe Haussmann/Sarah Murray
		Stephen J Murphy
		Jordan Harris
		Rosemarie Reck
		Megan O'Mahony
		Jamie Walsh

# Awards

- Peacock Award
- Phone Obsession Award
- Most Sporting
- Most Alarming Growth Spurt
- Biggest Westlife Fan
- Best Hats
- Best Artist
- Highest Number of Hair Colours
- Best PE Outbursts
- Celebrity Stalker Award
- YOLO Award
- Best Pinch
- Best Culchie
- Most PE Records Broken
- Softest Hair
- Most Likely to have Yoghurt Explosions
- Best Comebacks
- The Giggles Award
- Most Dramatic Hair Flick
- The Ladies' Man Award
- Hashtag Abuse Award
- Best Fall Down The Stairs
- Best Fall Up The Stairs
- Biggest Liverpool Fan
- Most Victimised
- Best Newcomer
- Maddest Mad Thing

## In Ten Years' Time...

- Michael Delaney
- Aisling Hegarty
- Declan Manning
- Emily Burns
- Evan Smith
- Leona Dorney
- Roisin Ormond
- Michelle Walsh
- Ellie Brennan
- Hande Dogan
- Professional golfer
- President of Ireland
- Accepting the Nobel Prize for Chemistry
- Married to a member of the Royal Family
- Internet multimillionaire
- Married to a member of The Script
- Capitaining the Irish Women's Rugby Team
- Married to Paul Galvin after a dream first date at the Debs
- Robbing a library
- Still panicking about everything

- Mia Bowen
- Patrick Corcoran
- Elaine Murphy
- Ian Downey
- Eoghan O'Crualaoi
- Kamille Martinkute
- Grace McDonnell
- Odhran Reidy
- Still in Bulgaria
- Still doing his German project
- Winning the Grand National
- Still wearing the same pair of chinos
- Still having nightmares about Inion Uí Mhurchu asking him to count in tens
- Wishing she hadn't abandoned her Physics class
- Still being hounded by Ms Waterman over her school pants
- Still trying to think of awards for this godforsaken section of the yearbook

# Quotables

## Mr O'Broin

- (On starting human reproduction)  
"Unfortunately there's no practicals on this now lads."
- "Lads it's a bit embarrassing if ye don't know yer own bits and bobs so just learn it."
- "Rebecca Onehig, Margareeto O'Callaghano, Emily Burns Brightly..."
- "It ain't the sperm that gets you pregnant, it's the vodka."
- "I am me, you are you, this is us and what are we doing today?"

## JJ Murphy

- "See, what I'm trying to teach ye about weather is that, you could be out the back of the school wearing a sombrero and out the front in an igloo."
- (Car passes by with music blaring)  
"Ah yeah, there he goes now. Isn't he class? His mother probably still irons his shirts."
- "Take out your journals please, take out your journals, take out your journals, take out your journals please..."

## Mr Griffin

- (During a mini-company motivational speech)  
"I don't want to be associated with a mediocre group of people"  
Evan Keating: "Oh, thanks."  
\*Mr Griffin stares Evan down for a full minute\*
- "You're actually really funny Rosemarie..."
- "Women used to marry men for their HUGE... milk quotas."

## Ms Bowen

- "Laura, stop using Google Translate!"  
Laura: "I wasn't!"  
Ms Bowen: "Guuurrl, I have a Masters' in French, lived in France for four years and studied arts and theatre in French for three years."  
Laura: "Yeah, well I went to Disneyland."  
• "Guys, did ye do drugs with Ms Owens last year? No? Okay, we'll be doing drugs next week so."  
• "Excité is the wrong kind of excited Eoghan, that's all I'll say!"

## Mr Buttimer

- "I'll be having a few glasses of orange tonight lads, if ye know what I mean!"
- "TGIF."
- "Good cross, Ben!"
- Explaining in-line rhyme:  
"For example, something like bang and... gang."

## Mr Nally

- "He's not my friend... No one is, really."
- "I'm going to do Plath thoroughly next week... heh."
- "It's good to teach."

## Miscellaneous

- "I'm going to blow a head gasket!"  
*-Ms Donnelly*
- "Sir, do males always go on top?"  
*-Valerie O'Driscoll, in Biology*
- Ms Dawes, calling the roll: "Shauna? I mean Shaun, sorry Shaun. Will you forgive me?"  
Shaun: "Eventually."
- Ms Hogan: "Michelle! Outside the door, now!"  
Michelle: "I WASN'T EVEN TALKING!"  
Ms Hogan: "Okay sorry."
- "Become aware of your foot, your heel, your toes... your leg, your thigh, your stomach, your face and your face muscles..."  
*-Ms Fleming, in meditation*
- "Ah, ya wally!"  
*-Ms Kelly, to anyone who got a question wrong in her Maths class*
- "Yeah yeah yeah, talk away, talk away!"  
*-Mr Kelleher*
- Ms Willis: "I played the cello in college."  
Aoife Linehan: "Is that the big thing you put between your legs?"
- John McDonogh: "Can I go to my locker miss?"  
Ms Whelan: "Not a prayer, John."  
John "Haha, that's funny miss, because we're in religion."
- "I'M NOT YERE BABYSITTER!"  
*-Ms Whelan*
- "Now lads, I want everyone to look at my bottom."  
*-Ms Barrett, on fractions*
- Iníon Uí Mhurchú: "What does 'muc fireann' mean?" (male pig)  
Michael: "Eh... Pig man?"
- "You'll be down to the office so fast, it'll be... a new world record for... going to the office!"  
*-Ms Kiely was never one for empty threats*
- "Good luck on your diet!"  
*-Laura O'Carroll, to a woman in Delphi*
- "Daly you light up my world like nobody else, the way that you shave your beard gets me overwhelmed."  
*-Shaun O'Sullivan, lyrical genius*
- Mr O'Sullivan, writing a Macbeth quote on the board:  
"Peter, who said this quote?"  
Peter: "Jesus?"
- "Y'know when your cow ploughs your field?"  
*-Ms Coleman*
- Ms Gleeson: "Well, any questions lads?"  
\*Deafening silence as all five members of her Physics class stare at their books\*