

CLASS OF

2021



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Editorial Team



Our time in BCS has been extraordinary and being part of the Editorial Team has made our experience in secondary school much more enjoyable. So after many months, the finished product is here. We would hope that the 2021 Yearbook will allow everyone to look back fondly on their post-primary school years in BCS. As you look through these pages, we would like to think you will remember the good times and the fun times you've had, the friendships you've made and maybe even the lessons you've learned!

A special word of thanks to Mr. O'Brien for helping us complete this Yearbook. Your daily emails certainly kept us motivated!

On behalf of our Year Group we would like to thank our Year Head Ms. Owens for all that she has done for us over the past six years. Thank you for believing in us. Thank you for inspiring us. Thank you for empowering us. Thank you for comforting us. Thank you for keeping us 'on the straight and narrow'! We are very grateful to you and we were lucky to have you as our Year Head.

-Oisín De Baróid, Éabha Buttimer, Frances Corkery, Kamil Labuda, Gabija Cizauskaite and Daniella Quinn



Ms. Kathleen Lowney Principal



As you leave Ballincollig Community School, I want to thank you. Thank you for all of the hard work that you have done, while you were here at the school. Thank you for the way you co-operated with Staff, while they guided you towards your final years in the school. Thank you for being such good ambassadors for our school. Thank you for your sense of fun and good humour! Above all else – thank you for being you. It has been an absolute pleasure to have you in the school. You are a fantastic group of young people. Each and every one of you will add so much to your future place of training and/or future workplace.

I wish you continued success in everything that you do. Work hard at the next chapter in your lives, wherever that may be. Take huge confidence in the fact that you have journeyed this far and done so well. Take every opportunity you get, to advance in life. Be happy.

“Take pride in how far you’ve come. Have faith in how far you can go. Don’t forget to enjoy the journey.”

As you leave BCS, you take with you, the best wishes of the Board of Management, the Staff and the whole school community.

-Ms. Kathleen Lowney

Deputy Principals



Mr. Gary O' Sullivan

I want to wish the 6th Year Group of 2020/21 every blessing and success for the future. I hope that you have all enjoyed your time at Ballincollig Community School and that you have made firm friends. We have watched you grow and mature into fine young men and women who are a credit to the school.

I also wish to thank Ms. Owens for the part she played as your Year Head and in helping to instil in each of you a sense of maturity and responsibility which has been very evident to your teachers and I over the last six years.

I hope in the years to come, it will give you pleasure to look back at this Yearbook and remember some of the highlights of your days in B.C.S. I wish the class every success in your final examinations and the best of luck, as each of you start another exciting phase of Life.

Mr. Gary O'Sullivan

Congratulations to the class of 2021 from your Year Head **Ms. Avril Owens**

It's hard to believe that I am here writing a piece for your Year book...6 years have passed and it has gone in a flash! Do you remember one of the first things that I said to you all at assembly in 1st year 2015? I asked you to stop and look at all the other students around you- that this was your gang, your year group, your place in school. I encouraged you to reflect on the idea that ye were going to be together for 6 years. Ye have grown up together, experienced many things as a year group, good strong friendships have formed that will last forever, and you have shared memories that you don't ever want to forget – memories of your time together in BCS.

I wish everyone of you, class of 2021 a happy and healthy life, it's all ahead of you and may your dreams come true.

In the words and voice of Bob Dylan - **Forever Young**

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Ms. Karen Forde

I wish the 6th year Group of 2021 happiness and success in the future and I thank you for your contribution to Ballincollig Community School. You have been a lovely group and each of you have shone individually in your own way.

As you take the next step in your journey I hope that you will carry into life happy memories of the five years at Ballincollig Community School. I wish you the best of luck as you prepare for your upcoming exams and set out on your life journey. Go n-éirí libh go léir.

Ms. Karen Forde



May God bless and keep you always
May your wishes all come true
May you always do for others
And let others do for you
May you build a ladder to the stars
And climb on every rung
May you stay forever young.

May you grow up to be righteous
May you grow up to be true
May you always know the truth
And see the light surrounding you
May you always be courageous
Stand upright and be strong
May you stay forever young.

May your hands always be busy
May your feet always be swift
May you have a strong foundation
When the winds of changes shift
May your heart always be joyful
And may your song always be sung
May you stay forever young.

West Cork Secret... Remember?

Ms. Owens giving a whole class detention in assembly.



Shane Desmond running across the tables in the tech graph room.



People meeting under the stairs by the caf.



1st Year



Jonah selling Lidl cookies for €1 each.



Ms. O'Leary telling Oisín he needed glasses and him actually needing them...



Mr. Jennings teaching Irish.



Erica drilling a hole in Mr O Toole's woodwork table.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

OBI THE WINNER (OF COURSE)!!!

Mr Murphy pretending he was a robot.



Seán Ahern and Stephen Linehan's wrestling match.

Zack throwing his 2L water bottle, hitting Daniella in the head and all bottles over 1L getting banned.

Oisín doing a cartwheel into splits and ripping his pants.



When Sally, Grace and Róisín took 3 hours to finish the orienteering.

2nd Year



The E-Dog squad was formed.

Ms Dinan constantly saying "the Mezzogiorno" in class in an Italian accent.

Mr. Shanahan doing judo takedowns on Hieu and Lanky Dave

Happy Days



Even getting away with the dog ate my homework excuse with Iníon Uí Mhurchú!!!!



When Shane Buckley didn't understand that Iníon úí Mhurchú was asking him to collect copies and instead got up and said "Shane is ainm dom".



Oisín knocking Sara Zia Buckley's tooth out in PE and giving her a concussion.



Adam Summers running into Mr. O'Sullivan at hurling training and getting bounced.

Doing the experiment with hair for the junior cert.

Mr Healy setting off the fire alarm in science and sprinting to the main office.



Hope Shoe Box Collection

Iníon Uí Mhurchú's little shoes in the cupboard.

Kevin's nose bleeding in Irish and Iníon Uí Mhurchú saying "an bhfuil tú alright Kevin".

Daniella hitting Kamil across the head with a hardback for getting called a smurf in Irish class and Ms. O'Halloran choosing not to get involved.



Erica and Jonah burning a pot full of rice in home and Iníon Uí Cheallaigh making them scrub the pot until it was spotless.



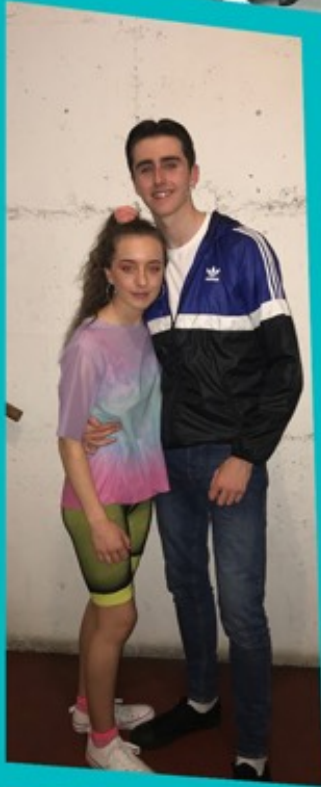
Memories:

- Voice cracking
- Maxwell dancing
- Girls dressing room
- The crowd cheering really loud when it started

OPERA HOUSE

BACK TO

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GREASE

Oisín bleeding all over the place after Jonah elbowed him in the nose during rehearsal.



The girls fighting over a stress ball during rehearsal somehow resulting in Éanna's pants getting ripped.



Memories

People missing their cues on Friday cos they were taking pictures.

People cursing on the mics.

'Nemo' the choreographer.

Grease Lightning Dance Off' Girls v. Boys,

Ms. Bowen covering Oisín in glitter.

Mr. Murphy as the celeb guy.

Adam knocking Stephen out by kicking him in the head doing a cartwheel.

Maxwell almost falling on Kim during 'We Go Together'.

Erica falling off Evan's shoulder during a lift.





4th Year

- Megan throwing a pen at Mr. McCarthy by accident.
- Being shoved aside at the Ploughing Championships so President Michael D Higgins could drive by.
- Getting drenched at the Ploughing Championships.
- Lip-Sync battle – “I Want it That Way”.
- Everybody randomly singing “I want it that way” during lunch.
- Meitheal training.
- Ms. Owens ringing Luke the morning of the Ploughing Championships but he was still in bed.
- Having a random old man huddling under our umbrella with us while we hid from the storms at the Ploughing.
- Sarah Conway making Iníon úí Cheallaigh an ice-cream in Ramen.
- Ms. Brannigan and Ms. Morrissey letting us leave the build a bank competition in Dublin early because “we weren’t going to win anyway” and going to Apache instead.
- Rory falling asleep at the RDS during the build a bank competition.
- Luke asking Ms. Branagan everyday if we could watch “The Accountant” in accounting.

5th Year

- Meitheal team getting free popcorn at the cinema.
- Ms. O’Halloran convincing us Séamus Heaney had an affair with a skunk.
- Ms. O’Halloran singing ‘Philadelphia Here I Come’.
- John Paul throwing a mini cucumber in physics.
- Cnapín in Ms. Buckley’s class.
- Meowing in Ms. Buckley’s Irish class and pretending there was a cat outside the window.
- Kevin eating on camera and going for walks during online classes.
- Ms. Philpott bringing a croissant to the French film festival and asking Ms Bowen if she wanted some.
- Luke using his locker only for his lunch and lynx.
- Snakebiters in Irish class.
- Ms. Fleming making all of us lie down in religion and doing “meditation”.
- Ms. Duggan being excited to give her first note to Luke and making it the length of the page.

6th Year

- Masks
- Daniil submitting a picture of Israel as his accounting homework
- Getting bagged
- Israel being called “Technical Difficulties”
- All the lads giving Luke a hand with his poetry essay
- Ms. Whelan doing couples therapy
- The lads stealing Jonah’s shoes and socks and him getting in trouble with Ms. Forde for ‘letting the lads take them’.
- Callum writing “Booby Sands” instead of “Bobby Sands” in his History Project
- When Bucka came back from his 2 year stay at ‘Christians’
- Kevin listening to music during Mrs. Arslan’s maths class
- Kamil dislocating Daniella’s pinky at big break.
- Adam Summers getting stung by a wasp on the lip.

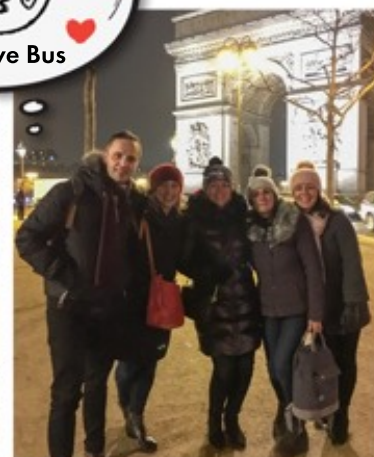
Paris



Sarah Conway getting swarmed by Disney Police after jumping the gate.



Smuggling people into Disneyland.



DJ Busdriver Yohan!



Megan answering the door to Ms. Healy with a face mask on.



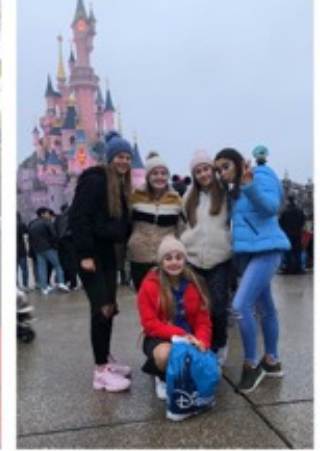


Nous nous sommes très bien amusés!

Taking pictures with the Chinese tourists on the boat along the river.

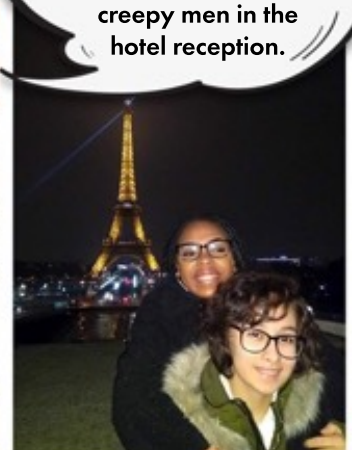
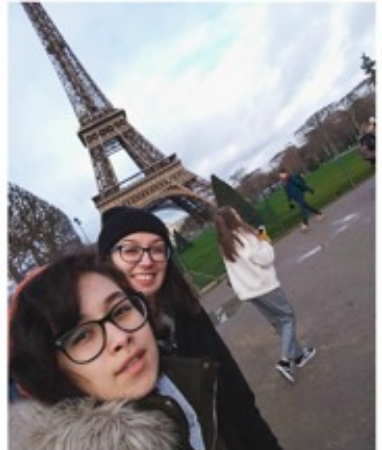


Sarah and Erica stealing Nutella from the hotel.



Mr. O'Brien standing between the girls and creepy men in the hotel reception.

Mr. O'Brien calling himself 'DAN-GER' and flexing...



Sarah Conway jumping from her bunk bed down on top of Grace.



Kolkata



Kevin's karate skills.



Bus drivers...



Ms. Coholan and Ms. Hooley pranking us to think there was a rat in our room.



Trying to get Anna to score a goal against the Indian boys for her 18th birthday.

Kevin causing an earthquake by jumping off the bed.





The girl who fell in love with Sean and asked him to be her boyfriend.



Turning the Rockwell bus into a party bus after we broke down.



The flight attendants checking the overhead bins so much we thought there was a bomb.



The 'toast' that was just warm bread.

Sean putting a water bottle in a sock and rolling it towards Alana, who thought it was a rat.



Class Photos

Class Aibreán



Class Briaín



Class Carraig





Class Donnacha



Class Eoin



Leaving Cert Applied

Quotes



- Ms. Bowen on the bus in Paris, "Ms. Owens, they're all shifting!"
- Ms. Bowen to Evan Lucey "You're not just a pretty face"
- Ms. Owens christening the Paris bus "The Love Bus"
- Mr. Jennings to Chris Moran- "It's not you it's me Chris"
- Mr. O'Brien "Waft lads, WAFT!!"
- Ms. Branagan "Be audit you can be"
- Ms. Cotter "and I'm a complete technophobe at the best of times"
- Ms. Branagan "I know you didn't do well in that test anyway Oisín with all the cursing and blinding"
- Ms. Owens "0+0=0"
- Mr. Kelleher "Chris, if you were any more laid back you'd be horizontal"
- Ms. Cotter- "Just take a couple of minutes for your walkabouts"
- Ms. Cotter- "in the meanwhiles"
- Ms. Cotter- "a hop skip and a jump" (said at any possible moment)
- Mr. Murphy " in that respect" (after or before every sentence)
- Mr. Jennings "Ehhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh"
- Mr. Prendergast "This gives you your cut face"
- Ms. Owens "If I hear 'I don't know' one more time"
- Ms. Owens "Maxwell be realistic now your not going to be a PT"
- Ms. Bowen "today we're doing drugs and alcohol"
- Ms. O'Leary "20% of ye probably have worms"
- Ms. Philpott "Mes élèves" (100 times every class)
- Ms. O Leary "Erica your thumb looks like a toe"
- Ms. Morrissey during online school "let me know if you are here or not"
- Ms. Brennan saying "it's almost time" when there's 10 minutes left until break
- Ms. Bowen "You're not doing her Vincent. You just love her, you're not doing anything to her" (Ms. Bowen talking about pronouns)



6A Class of 2021



Aoife Gahan Jones



Callum Sheehan



Caoimhe Twomey



Chris Moran



Cian Murphy



Daniil Tjurins



David Hume



Éanna O'Connell



Grace Cooke



John Paul Reck



Josh Moran



Kerri Cooper



Kevin O'Connor



Kezban Alici



Lisa Ryan



Megan Foley



Nicholas Egan



Obi Agwu



Sarah Conway



Seán Ahern



Siobhán McAvoy

6B Class of 2021



B.C.S.



Abbey Gorman



Aisling Mackey



Cian Byrne



David Robbie Walsh



Éabha Buttimer



Emilia Makhnanov



Gabriela Owczarczulec



Jack McCarthy



Jack Murphy



Jason Walsh



Kim Keohane



Lee Kelly-Obi



Marcus Heinen



Martina Keogh



Maxwell Idouzee



Oisín de Baróid



Sally Punch



Seán O'Flynn



Shane Desmond



Stephanie Eze



Vincent McDonnell

6C Class of 2021



Aine Finnan



Amy Hogan



Aodan Faherty



Cal McCarthy



Cliona Kierse



David Brett



Erica Shiels



Faye Roche



Gabija Cizauskaite



Jack Walsh



James Flannery



John Coffey



Jonah Osobase



Kamil Labuda



Kornelia Stadnicka



Piotr Klyś



Rachel Murphy



Sam O'Driscoll



Sarah O'Keeffe



Sean Lynch



Shane Buckley



Stephen Linehan



Trizah Kigathi

6D Class of 2021



Abbie Ahern



Adam Murphy



Cian Hypolite



Colm Hayes



Daniel Stoenel



Darragh O'Sullivan



David Selmeczy



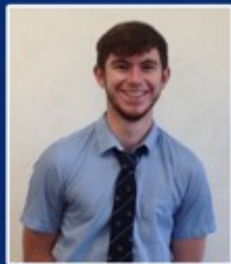
David Stephen Walsh



Eibhlin Ni Dhonnchadha



Ethan O'Driscoll



Evan Lucey



Frances Corkery



Glen Buckley



John Lehane



Kevin O'Donoghue



Luke O'Sullivan



Nicole Cronin



Rytis Pagalys



Sean McCormack



Sofia Unna Hernandez



Sophie Collins



Sophie O'Connell



Tara O'Mahony

6E Class of 2021



Adam Summers



Alana O'Sullivan



Anna Sullivan



Caoimhe Curran



Ciara Hendrick



Ciara O'Connor



Culann O'Donoghue



Daniella Quinn



David O'Sullivan



Eabha O'Mahony



Ellen O'Regan



Evin Cunningham



Grainne O'Shea



Hieu Power



Israel Omoshule



Josh Ambrose



Leah Kenny



Milosz Nowak



Nicholas Fitzgerald



Patryk Zazula



Rory Collins



Shannon Twomey



Tom O'Sullivan



Tyrone Johnson



*Bring Flowers of the rarest,
Bring blossoms the fairest,
From garden and woodland
and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling,
Our glad voices telling,
The praise of the loveliest
Flower of the vale.*

Roisin O'Donovan





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April 2021

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Dear Students,

I am delighted to offer my best wishes and encouragement to both the Leaving Certificate and Leaving Certificate Applied classes of 2021 in Ballincollig Community School.

This period marks an end of one chapter in your lives and the start of another as you prepare to move on to the next phase – whether that will be to further study, an apprenticeship, work and broader life experiences.

Most of you will have spent 14 years or thereabouts in the Education System at this point and you have worked hard over those years to reach this point where the future you choose is within your grasp. There is no doubt that COVID-19 has made the last 12 months a very difficult time for everybody. It is now more important than ever that we work to stay positive through difficult times, continue to help each other and look forward to a brighter future ahead.

You are fortunate to be part of a school where students, teachers and parents have been able to work together to ensure that your education can continue in a safe environment. This allows you to benefit from your school's deep commitment to the care and development of each individual and to fostering a positive attitude towards lifelong learning.

Throughout your senior cycle, you have demonstrated commitment, resilience and dedication to the achievement of your goals. You have supported each other, your teachers and your school by rising to the challenge of learning during a pandemic. At this most important time in your education you have also demonstrated patience as we work through the issues arising for this year's State Examinations. I am very proud of the class of 2021 and you should be very proud of yourselves.

Despite recent challenges I hope that you will look back fondly on your school years overall. They will give you a strong foundation for your future lives.

So, I congratulate you on all of your hard work to date, I wish you every success in your upcoming Leaving Cert and I look forward to watching your achievements in the coming years.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Yours sincerely,

Micheál Martin
Micheál Martin T.D.
Taoiseach

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