



BALLINCOLLIG
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2000



FOREWORD

The years spent at second-level school are important in the maturing process of all young people. Over the six-year period, it is a great source of joy and satisfaction for all those involved in education to observe the pupils in their charge become responsible young men and women. It gives me particular pleasure to wish you - the first class of the new millennium - every success as you set off on another phase of your lives. You have done the school proud by your courtesy and helpfulness and your many achievements over your time in school. This is a great tribute to yourselves, your parents, your teachers and in particular to your Years Heads - Mr. Horgan and Ms Ní Mhurchú. You are fortunate in leaving school at a time of unprecedented wealth and prosperity in this country and I hope that you can take advantage of this. But always remember that there are others less fortunate than yourselves and we have an obligation to look out for them as well. I wish you all well in the Leaving Cert. and in achieving all you want in life.



Mr. Sean Slowe,
Principal

FOCAIL SCOIR

A special word of thanks to all the 6th years for contributing so many articles and short accounts. Many thanks also to those who provided photographs and other memorabilia. I'm sure that the year book will bring back many wonderful memories of your years in BCS. Go mbaine sibh taitneamh as:
Go n-éirí libh go léir i bhúr scrúdaithe. Gním gach rath agus séan oraibh sa todhchaí.

Youth is not entirely a time of life,
It is a state of mind.
Nobody grows old merely living a number of years.
People grow old by deserting their ideals.
You are as young as your faith,
As old as your doubt;
As young as your self-confidence,
As old as your fear;
As young as your hope,
As old as your despair.
Douglas Mac Arthur.



Mairéad Ní Mhurchú
Year Head.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Students enjoying the orienteering event on the transition year outdoor pursuits course

right: Sophia Dineen who competed in the art section of the All Ireland finals of Slógadh



Transition year pupils at Mahon Golf Club, putting into practise the skills and knowledge learned during their golf module course.



The Engineering & Technology Association of Teachers presenting Paul Bunce with a certificate for his Junior Cert Metalwork project.



6th year mock interviews, Thomasina Buckley, David Hannam and Elaine Cronin.



Attending the careers exhibition Rochestown Park.



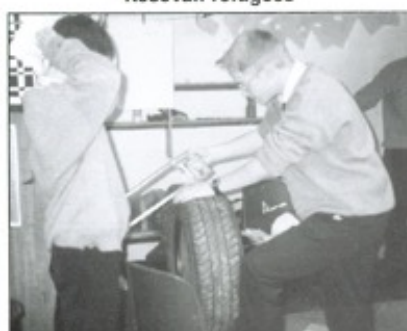
5th year marmalade sale in aid of Kosovan refugees



Susan Sheehan and Sophie Dinneen who participated in the Cork Mini Marathon in aid of the Chernobyl Childrens Trust.



6th year mock interviews. A.Downey, Ruth Moore, Grace Lehane, A. Johnstone & C. Cronin.



Kieran Brennan de-constructing & re-cycling a tyre for the transition year art project



6th year mock interviews. Aoife Ross Ciara Deane, Lorraine Jones & Claire Cronin

FIRST YEAR MAGAZINE - "AFTER SIX WEEKS"

It was but a mere six weeks since we'd started and already our help was needed. A simple task was issued - produce a magazine of our first six weeks in secondary school. Because we were all such enthusiastic first years a group of twenty-five 13 year olds became the latest journalists of BCS. All of our first year subjects were taken and an article was written on each one (all 18 of them). Not to mention the extra curricular subjects we were involved in, in our first month of school. The photographs within the magazine were priceless with M. Hegarty showing off his skills in the kitchen, (love the apron Mark) and babyface Michael Lynch shows us how hard it was to use the mouse in the computer room. The girls were hard at work too with Audrey Downey engrossed in her drawing in the Tech Drawing Room & Lorraine Connachey shows us how interesting filling a piece of metal can be. Six weeks after our arrival the school was still standing.

1ST YEAR CONCERT

This was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with all of those parents present agreeing that it was easily the best 1st year concert they had been at. The quality of talent present was top-class, with special credit to twelve boys who sang "The twelve days of Christmas". Despite Brendan Barry's best efforts the song went off with out a hitch and received rapturous applause from the adoring public. These boys are destined for stardom. The whole evening was rounded off nicely with a rendition of "The Snowman", on the piano and the parents went home well entertained.

GIRLS SOCCER LEAGUE

1 broken arm, 2 sprained ankles, 1 bust lip and 2 black eyes, no, no, only joking!! We actually managed to get through the Girls' Soccer League without any major bust-ups. Besides the occasional sly kick in the ankle or shin, or a shoulder sideways, things ran smoothly. All the girls played like professionals with lots of talent and skill. Ciarda and Muireann reached the final. It was nail biting stuff as the match ended in a draw and we were resigned to penalty shootout. Muireann won by the skin of their teeth. We all received a gold medal, which we display proudly at home. The league was a great laugh, but also gave us the chance to find out what enemies we made by the end of the 1st year.

1ST YEAR SCHOOL TOUR TO OYSTERHAVEN

For something that we looked forward to, for weeks and weeks on end, the tour to Oysterhaven now seems like a mere blimp on our social calendar, which no-one can remember anything about. Mr. Horgan came armed with a camera and Mrs. Hegarty dared to go where no science teacher has gone before - into a wetsuit!

Shockingly, all of the girls were more interested in the well-built instructors, than in learning the skills of canoeing, while the boys concentrated on keeping their macho image by not falling into the mud. Not many of them succeeded - and we have the photos to prove it. In fact the highlight of the day for many, was the oh so healthy chips at lunchtime, not to mention the bus trip there and back, isn't that right Claire Keenan and Mathew O'Connor?



1st year tour to Oysterhaven may 95

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2ND YEAR FAST

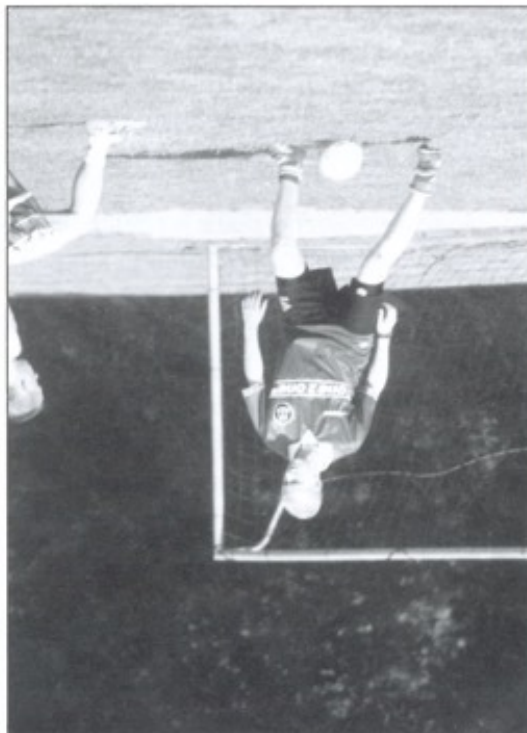
Our second year fast was an event organised by Mr. Cuthbert in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project. Sponsorship cards were distributed and we went away and attempted to fill them with varying degrees of success. In the grand tradition of the sponsored fast we all went hungry for the day. Beginning at nine that morning and ending at nine that night all attentions were directed away from food. On empty stomachs we competed for prizes and fun. It was an enjoyable night that capped quite a successful day. The money was quickly gathered and the total was counted. Then a substantial cheque was presented to Adi Roche.

EUROFOOT - 2ND YEAR - 1996

In 1996, 16 of the lads in the year travelled to France to this annually held soccer tournament. Mr. Weir, as usual, coached the side and we didn't disappoint him. We played with style and finesse all through the competition, scoring the huge total of two goals. Well done 'Kelloogs' and 'Mick'. Defensively, we were just as good with Leonard Long conceding only eight goals, in only one match. We didn't win the competition but we won the last game on penalties. We celebrated like champions but in fact, we were second last. We served our country well.

EUROFOOT - 4TH YEAR - 1998

This was the 1st Eurofoot year where the 4th Years were allowed to accompany 2nd year students on the trip to Nantes. Four of our 4th Year lads, Gavin Jolley, Dave O'Brien, Ian Kirby and Richard O'Regan, were present at this competition along with 12 other 2nd years. As far as winning was concerned, let's just say that we were out of luck! We beat the Italians 4-0 in a friendly. However, when the competition started, things did not equal, or even come close, to that result. Everyone played their part, both on and off the field, and were led by the minority of 4th years. The competition finished with a European match against the French selection. That night, a disco rounded off the occasion where everyone was on good behaviour, inside and outside the car!!



2ND YEAR FRENCH EXCHANGE.

In April of 1996, a group of French students descended upon us. We were fortunate enough that we developed good friendships immediately. For Claire Keenan it was love at first sight when she saw Pierre but alas it wasn't to be. We made certain to show them Irish culture and heritage at its best, so we took them to the Coachford disco and another night we took them to Ballincollig Castle !!!!

Teary good-byes were said but the consolation was that we would soon have the chance to invade their country. In June, our group took Paris by storm, accompanied by Ms Owens and Ms Dawes. It was certainly a memorable time. Who could forget the day the group got over-confident and headed off to the Eiffel Tower - on our own. Ms Owens was not impressed!!

Lorraine and Claire will be remembered, by the students of the L'Istude de L'Alma , for arriving wearing orange pants and wedge heels. It was there that Claire met a new friend called Jerome. Their love ignited at a party. And yes, that was the same party at which Lorraine Conachey broke the lamp.



Claire Keenan & Lorraine Jones french student exchange
(French - Irish) 1996 (2nd year).

Conor Murphy French student exchange (Irish - French) 1996
(2nd year) . In a small shop down the road from Mon Mart.
Claire has a job next year and I spent my last pennies in there
on 2 friendship bracelets for 3f. last day.

The extreme heat had a major effect on us. Suzanne Hickey decided to help Ms Dawes cool down by pouring a bottle of water over her. Claire joined in by soaking a smart Parisian business-man and Caroline B followed suit by accidentally drenching a rather scary looking ruffian, complete with shaved head and tattoos. We managed to take in all the usual sites. We visited Sacre Couer and had our portraits sketched. Claire even succeeded in getting a job in one of the local shops. A friendship was formed between our group and a group of boys from Longford. They accompanied us on our tours. Over the duration of our time together we got to know them well, and Orla Fitz and Suzanne became very fond of them.

There was also a sinister note to the tour. Caroline B, Lorraine J and Lorraine C will never forget the day they met the local stalker at the Eiffel Tower. And I'm sure poor Edel can still remember the pain she felt when she went a little too far on her sun tan and ended up with sun stroke instead.

Above all an unforgettable time was had by all and we certainly left our mark on Paris.

JUNIOR CERT. NIGHT

As hundreds of 15/16 year olds descended on Henry's in the Grand Parade to celebrate Junior Cert. results little did we realise how eventful the night would actually be. To begin with, keeping your balance was hard enough - what with such a slippery floor inside! This meant that most people sort of fell on top of each other - then again maybe that broke the ice for some of us. It was very noticeable how attractive, unattractive people became in the artificial lighting of Henry's. I feel that Daniel O'Sullivan should get a special mention for his expert skills in mouth to mouth on the night. Classes will be held in the Darby Nighclub weekly. Some say Junior Cert. night started the long saga of Sinead and Cathal. I think almost everyone had a worthwhile night that night. Of course now, Henry's looks rather different when you go in - Oh the innocence!!

I would like to dedicate this article to Johnny and Mitch whose Junior Cert. night was sadly cut short.

THE TRANSITION YEAR RISING.

Early in the Transition Year of 1998, an idealism swept the luminous yellow halls of Ballincollig Community School. Well actually boredom encompassed the participants of transition year. Foul smelling substances released from cans and residue of smoke bombs lingered in the school on a daily basis to fill the void that a lack of study left. Once the more "politically minded" of a year heard that severe miscarriage of justice that was about to take place, they swooped into action, this being that ours was to be the first year who were not to receive a school tour. Firstly, a petition was passed around the year and people signed it unaware that a strike was being planned. The signatures were then added to a melodramatic and meandering letter, the author of which remains anonymous. The content threatened strike action if the demands of the students weren't met. Surprisingly, the demands were not met on the Monday morning and the majority of the year group did not join the small group who had planned this rising. As an act of bravery (and an excuse not to go to class) they began to put into place their cunning and well thought out strategy. They would walk out the school and picket outside the main gate, there was even talk of phoning the newspapers with this ground-breaking story. As they courageously walked to what would be the picket line, they came under heavy fire from the authoritative Ulster tones of the then vice principal, threatening expulsion of the perpetrators. In a display of brilliant strategy and a belief in the cause for which they fought, they turned around and walked quietly back inside. A record was henceforth set in the school of the longest duration of a strike to date, clocking in at just over fifteen minutes. The next week, detention was half filled with political prisoners, some were also suspended. However the school board, after the fuss had died down, because of, or perhaps, in spite of the strike decided to grant a school tour to Transition Year. It was a pity that very few people actually wanted to go.

THE LETTER.

Fourth Year Petition

This petition is to voice the opinion of the fourth year pupils with regards to the news that the school trip is to be cancelled. The reason we were given is that the school board favoured the French exchange program instead. This means that they favour an elite few in one French class to go on a school tour. There is a high percentage of students in fourth year who do not do French. This means that it is only those of a certain academic standard that get to go abroad and gain the experiences and educational aspects of travel. We believe this is a form of discrimination and segregation. We live in a democratic society where people should have free choice. It is a sad thing that students become disillusioned with the society in which we live, and gain disrespect for authority as a result of discrimination within our own school system. We suggest however that if we did have a school trip abroad for everybody that there be some educational aspect to it. This seems to be a fair compromise.

We the undersigned want a school trip abroad that includes everybody as has been done for many years preciously. If we hear nothing from the school by Monday morning October 20th, we will strike from Tuesday 21st of October.

The students of transition year.

CAPPANALEA - 4TH YEAR

Years later, there's very little to remember about Cappanalea. However, a few funny incidents come to mind. As we walked into the house to have dinner, there was a knock on the window. To our horror, it was Adrian Downey's bare backside up against the window. The boys needed to cool down, so they threw their wellies filled with water at the girls! Elaine Cronin and the gang exercised their voices at 6.00 in the morning. Caroline Kilty, fearing the windows would break because of them, threw a blunt object in their direction. Aidan O' Riordan was 'surprisingly' sick and he christened both girls' rooms. Ms. Brannigan and Mr. Prendiville seemed to get very close!

That night, Mr. Weir walked in on some girls practising witchcraft. He was suspicious at their quietness. They, however, thought they were innocent as all they were doing was trying to get in contact with the 'other side'.

Some had a wet nights sleep as the boys, who were easily bored, bombarded rooms with water-filled wellies.

On the journey home, Mathew O' Connor was the given a make over, not by choice of course, but while he was asleep, the opportunity couldn't be missed! Just think, a brown face, pink cheeks, green eyes and bright red lips!



4th year Cappanalea

Jonathan - " Men should do their bit in the kitchen" - Cappanalea 98



4th year Cappanalea



Seamus Forde, Alan Keohane, Paul Bunce at the Cappanalea outdoor pursuits in Kerry.



4TH YEAR JURY'S FASHION SHOW

Self - presentation seemed like a good idea. Dressing up in (expensive) clothes that weren't yours , wearing more make-up than usual and claiming to be a "model" - really , what could be better ? . And when one Mr Ed Jordan (of the Profile Model agency) suggested a fashion show in Jury's Hotel , well, that seemed like a good idea as well. And it was, but it was also a source of near heart failure for all involved including Ms Lynch, our mentor . Sunday the 17th of May 1998 proved to be an interesting night for our little year group. Two days after coming back from France many "Models" didn't quite have those promised tans , but instead , sported bright red patches of skin. The rest of the group had been busy practising their dance routines, under the guidance of the choreographer , Anna Kavanagh . And the night itself went well. In a way. The side drop fell down , as did Elaine Cronin's dress. Ken O' Connor managed to get slapped three by different girls , and then followed the example set by other male models (Richard, Vinnie , Johnny) and did the Full Monty. Claire Cronin attacked some unsuspecting audience member with her chocolate rose , before almost falling off the stage . However on the plus side ,the Spice Girl's dance was so good it got selected to be performed at the Cork Fashion Show in the City Hall , and Edel Corcoran (deservedly so) got offered a place in the Profile Model Agency after her stunning walk down the ramp. But it was worth all the heartache, after all ,we survived (barely) and £500 was raised for the Rape Crisis Centre, Cuanlaoi Battered Women's Shelter and Cork Cancer Research.



4TH YEAR ST.V.DE P. TABLE QUIZ

Under the presidency of Suzanne Hickey, the St.V. de P. Society in the school arranged a table quiz in 4th year. Local businesses supported the quiz by providing fantastic prizes, such as £10 vouchers from "Hollywood". Brian O' Donovan, from 5th Year, proved an excellent quiz master. However, the tense, competitive atmosphere was broken when Mr. Nally sauntered in late, wearing oversized ear-phones, listening to "the match". Elaine Cronin and Mary Hickey obviously had their hearts set on the Hollywood vouchers. Either that, or cheating comes naturally to them. Their team eventually won (dishonestly). The money raised was placed in a fund, which eventually went to the victims of the flood in Honduras.

Transition year for the art students meant a combination of hard work and fun. Our task for the year was to design costumes made out of recyclable materials. We used anything from old tyres and boxes to metal plates. You name it we used it. In total there were six costumes made, three male and three female. They ranged in colour and themes such a roman versus cyberg, monsters, the "studs", flower power, fire and water. Despite the hard work the end product was worth it. Dimension X was held in the school gym. Apart from the costumes we had a rendition of "Perfect Day" by the teachers, which was very amusing. Even though there was only one winner - Oceanic Futura - everybody was a winner that night as this show was just the beginning of Futuristic Fashion.

DIMENSION X

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Christine O'Hea, Denise Spillane & Audrey Downey working on the original designs for "Dimension X".



The "Fire Queen" modelled by Denise Spillane and the "Pink Lady" modelled by Mary Hallahan at B.C.S. Futuristic Fashion Show.



Aisling Murphy, Jessica Houlihan and Amy O'Halloran fitting a costume on Mary Hallahan for the BCS Dimension X "A Futuristic Fashion Show."



Denise Spillane modelling one of her designs for the upcoming fashion show.



YOUNG SCIENTISTS EXHIBITION - 1998

Ergonomics - Are we Aware? was the title of our project entered in the Young Scientists Exhibition 1998. The aim of our project was to make people aware of the dangers they face in the workplace each day - from health and safety requirements to the essential equipment needed when dealing with computers.

Ergonomics is the fit between a computer and its user. All our hard work paid off as Tanya Curtis , Breege Curran and Laura Power received second place in our category.



Anne Marie Maher, Marita Barrow, Tanya Curtis, Breege Curran, Laura Power, John O'Connell, Mary Chute, Pierce O' Brien. Teachers of B.C.S. with the award winning pupils at the 1998 young scientist exhibition.

GERMAN EXCHANGE

A German exchange was organised with the Irish-German friendship circle when we were we in 3rd and 4th year . Lillian , Catherine and Alison from our year , along with others from the year ahead us took part in the exchange . The Germans came to Ireland first , during the summer after 3rd year .



German exchange



German exchange 4th year Karaoke night



German exchange 4th year. The Irish kicked German ass in a soccer match 7-4 to the Irish

the summer after 3rd year. They met nightly at "the Rock" in Ballincollig, where they basically just sang and chattered. They also enjoyed bowling games and trips to Bunnarthy and Trelie. On the 30th of June 1998 we made the journey back to Warendorf, which is a city near Munster and Dortmund. Any apprehension soon disappeared, as the three weeks we shared with a group from Longford proved to be fantastic fun. Memorable occasions such as the boat trip, the soccer match, the open air museum and the karaoke nights at the Dublin Road Irish Pub always bring a smile to those who travelled. As does the memory of Ms Daves literally beating Tim Dineen past the passport inspector, because his passport was already on the plane. The trip was very well organised, with Ms Daves and Ms Barrow as our leaders. Our hosts proved very generous and everyone claimed to have had the best time of their lives.

4TH YEAR TOUR TO PARIS

An early start for the forty 4th Years as we made our way to Rosslare at 4am, and then over to Pembroke. Someone forgot his money (stupid Johnny), so we had to stop along the way to get it wired over. Mr.Horgan kept us well fed with cola and clubmilks, which was just as well, considering we were getting a bit sick of the old flunchy lunchy. We saw the usual sites - the Eiffel Tower, l'Arc de Triomphe and Disneyland. On the romantic side, Sinéad Ahern and Vincent Twomey had a bit of a fling. It was also the start of a beautiful friendship between Roman Wall and Orla Murphy. Eamonn Mitchell had a



Aoiite, Thomesina & Denise waiting for the bus after visiting the



L to R: Richard O'Regan, Andrew Shorten, Sinéad O'Connor, Ian Kirby, Orla Murphy ready to eat in French restaurant. (April 95)



Andrew Shorten very happy on the french school tour.



Paris 98



Paris 98

short, but very sweet, relationship with a slab of Bud. It all ended tragically, when the bud. was confiscated by the diligent Mr. Horgan. Speaking of Mr. Horgan, himself and Mr. O' Callaghan had quite a bit of trouble getting out of bed (good night eh boys??). However, they made themselves feel much better by embarking on a huge shopping spree in a hypermarket. The boys came out with two large trolleys full of various wines, liquors and larger, obviously very generous to friends and family. Finally, the rocky boat trip home put everyone on their stomachs - the teachers were the first to go down. We arrived home with a week to recover before school, which was greatly needed.

FROLICKING WITH THE F***ING FRENCH.

They arrived!! God help us!! Some were tiny, others were tall. They were all French! They all smoked! Beads of sweat were felt as we fumbled over our verb books, but gradually we made use of phrases like "okay", "yes" and "no" as well as the infamous sign language. We brought them to Titanic, to town, to pubs, to fields, to West Cork, to school, to our homes. House parties were a ritual regardless of



French exchange 4th year



Left: "Lookin a bit small down there", Jim.
"Thats a very big flute your're holding"
" Hey look even the deer is looking at it"
Elaine Cronin.
Good little catholic girl Mary Hickey
French exchange 98

below: Top row l to r: Áine, Daniel, Emma,
Grace, Gillian, Michael. Bottom row l - r:
Denis, Edel, Ms. Brangan, Treasa, Sinéad,
Denise, Sinéad.



French exchange Sinéad on toilet in the bus

the day. Everything went smoothly apart from a "joint" event in front of the cineplex on Paddy's day. Seemingly they didn't realise it was illegal in Ireland. We will never forget the day that they went home. The bus rounded the corner, we applauded, screams of joy rippled through the car park, there were tears in our mothers' eyes !!

Our turn!! We took the plane and had Irish breakfast. Some had pains in their ears, others forgot to lock the toilet door (Denise Spillane) but we arrived safely. Next we coached our way to Nantes. "Squidgy" got locked in the toilet and, to add salt to an open wound, used up

all the toilet paper. Then with hoarse voices we met those people again. Once again verb books were produced and we baffled them with our Irish charm and good looks, as well as our bottles of Paddy's for the parents. For the two weeks the weather was gorgeous, so much so that Squidgy was taken to shaving her legs with her electric razor on the bus, while Michael Lynch watched, although at the time he claimed he was married to Grace Lehané. Daniel Kerins and Denis Kelleher were taken to wearing hair bands. We hit the fabulous "supermarchés". The school was huge and gorgeous. We got burnt on the beach. Surprise! Surprise!

All in all, we only had one terrible day, when the French department thought we'd enjoy travelling across the "Loire Vallé" to observe swamps. Wow! Apart from that small hitch everything went smoothly, that is until back in "Gal Paris" where Denis Kelleher realised he forgot his passport 8 hours previously back in Nantes, due to adverse, ahem, alcoholic conditions. The inevitable giddy Ms Callan smooth talked those French people and we arrived home, tanned, duty freed, safe and sound. It was an education, as Mr Kennelly put it, "You really know you are stupid when the dog understands what's going on and "sits", and you just don't have a clue".

THE YEAR WE BROKE THE BANK

It was all going great. Elaine had "successfully" promoted the bank with her singing debut "Money, Money, Money". The accountants never turned up. The 1st Years were foolishly lodging their money and we had £50 in our pockets to "promote" the bank. HA. HA, HA, HA, HA!!!!

Of course, it all went wrong!

In the midst of the Yorkie Bar promotion, it was discovered that one Yorkie Bar was missing. To this day, no one knows who took it, isn't that right Denis?

This saw the beginning of the end for the hardworking T.S.B. Bank. In a completely unrelated matter, £1000 went missing and the bank shut down forever.

DEBATING

Debating is not something that our year-group loved. Admittedly, the German class turned their hand to debating very successfully in 5th Year, but aside from this and one other class debate in 2nd Year, it was left to Ciara Bowe to debate on the Year's behalf. During transition year, she along the three 5th Year students, reached the All-Ireland finals of the Concern debating competition, held in Trinity College Dublin, chaired by Mr. Ray D'Arcy himself. They lost this debate, despite the hard work put in by both the team and the coaches Ms. Owens and Mr. O'Leary.

5th year saw another opportunity for Ciara. This time, she captained the school team, with 3 Transition Year students, once again in the Concern competition. Mr. O'Leary's history class showed a keen interest in debating during 5th year, just as Ms. Owens' English class had done the year before, very eager to listen to speeches over and over again - never once complaining that it was interfering with their schoolwork. Such troopers! This time the team reached the semi-finals, which they lost despite the enthusiastic support from Claire S., Laura H. and Teresa - not forgetting Bunny, our temporary school mascot.



CALL CARD COMPETITION

In fifth year our art class participated in the Telecom Eireann "Design a Callcard" competition. Audrey Downey came second in the 14-19 year old category and Sophia Dineen was highly commended for the same age group. We were invited to the Coach House in Dublin Castle for the prize giving



above: Sophie, Audrey Telecom Eireann Callcard Competition

below: Audrey & Ray Darcy Telecom Eireann Callcard Competition.



ing ceremony where Ray D'Arcy from RTÉ was the spokesperson for the day. Ronan Keating also paid us a surprise visit. When he got up on stage and sang one of his songs we realised - he really can't sing! Despite this little snag however the day was a huge success and Audrey walked home with a spankin' new P.C. for the school and a playstation for herself. Sophia and the others who were highly commended received certificates, many callcards and lots of other goodies!

THE MEITHEAL TEAM.

The Meitheal Team was a group organised in fifth year to help with student activities and difficulties. Initially, we helped settle the first years into the routine of an average secondary school. We organised discos and table quizzes. The money raised was given to local charities. We helped to transform the skirts that many detested and replaced them with trousers for girls. Iníon Uí Shé was our mentor and the group consisted of Catherine Kelleher, Grace Lehane, Breege Curran, Denise Spillane, Aisling Murphy, Laura Power, Treasa McSweeney and Kelley Duddy.

TRIP TO STRATFORD.

Sunday March 28th we headed off for our "educational tour" to Stratford and Bath. Sure we got to learn a little about Shakespeare and Jane Austen, but that's not all we learned! Daniel Casey realised that standing in the hallway of the B&B in the middle of the night shouting "You're caught, you're caught, caught", isn't the smartest thing you could do. But he learned his lesson by spending the night in the teachers' room and he also had the pleasure of their company on the bus journey the following day. Sínead McSweeney failed to understand that the object of bowling is to release the ball so that it can knock down the pins. Instead she held on to it and ended up half-way down the alley flat on her back. Aine Considine (knight in shining armour) came running to her rescue in leaps and bounds and naturally enough also fell flat on her back. I think it's safe to say that they learned an important lesson. Of course our trip to the ice-skating rink didn't pass uneventfully. Teresa O'Sullivan proved to be Queen of the Ice as she pivouetted her way onto a stretcher and spent the rest of the tour on crutches. Alton Towers was a big hit with everyone, except Mr Nally who decided to remain on the ground where it was "safe". A special mention must be made to our bus driver Paddy, who proved to be the most well-orientated person of the millennium, showing an innate sense of direction. We only got lost every time we got on the bus. Our "common sense tour", as it was ironically named, came to an end on Thursday 1st of April. It was a brilliant experience and certainly provided us with a few laughs that will be remembered for years to come.

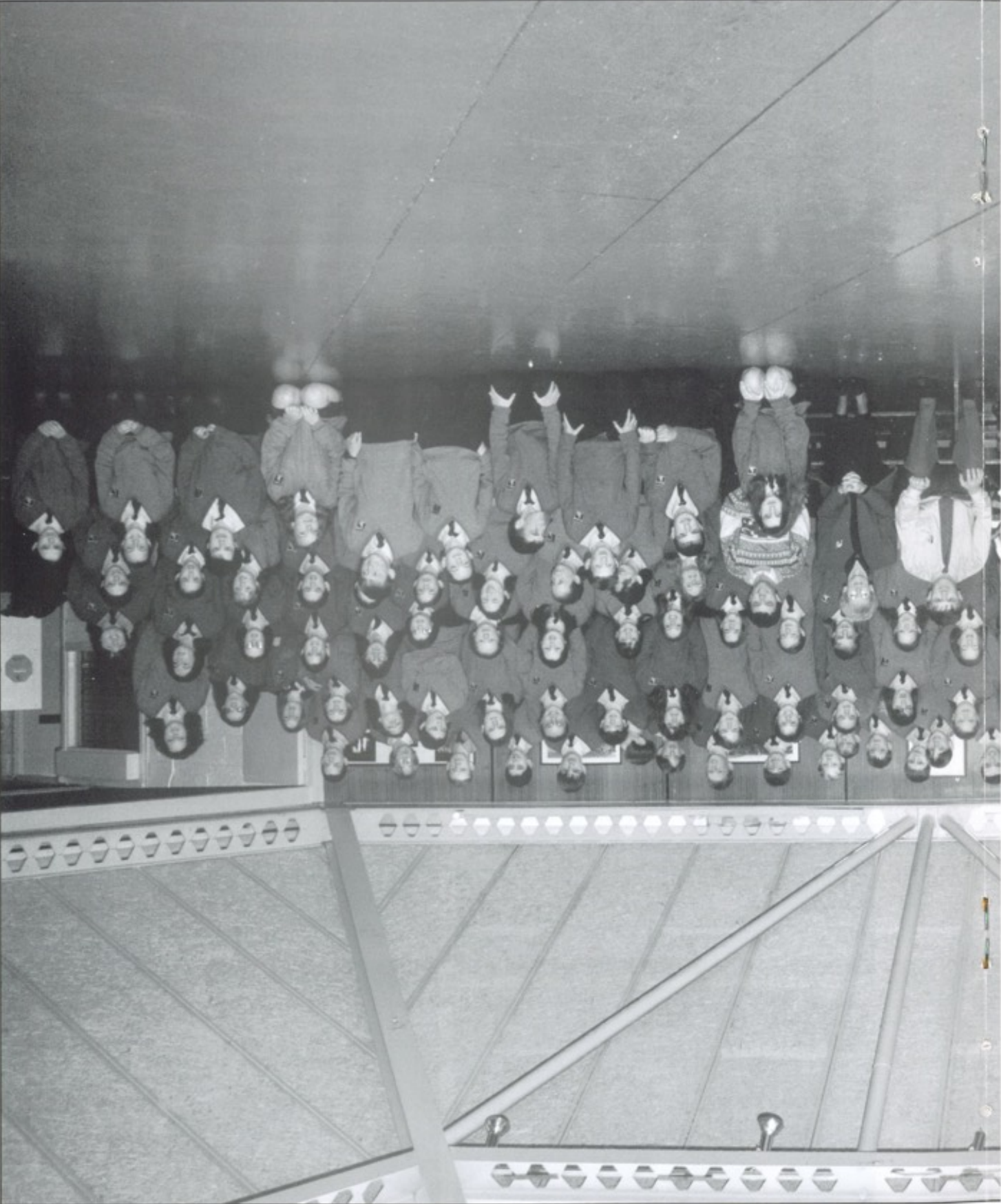


First Year



Kneeling - Front Row. Vincent Twomey, Ronan Conlon, Andrew Shorten, Bredan Barry, Eamon Mitchell, Paul Bunce, Luke Mansfield, Aoife Ross, Lee
Second Row - Seated. James Doyle, Eugene Hallahan, Jason Condon, Aidan O'Riordan, Emily Cronin, Conor Murphy, David Kavanagh, Ronan Wall, Alan Keohane, Ms.
Sinead McDonnell, Laura Hegarthy, Claire Slattery, Anne Marie Quinn. Third Row - Standing. Philip Tarrant, Matthew O'Connor, David Curtin, Aidan Murray, Declan S
O'Sullivan, Bernard Dwyer, Mary Hallahan, Tanya Curtis, Audrey Downey, Johanna Morrissey, Sinead O'Connor, Anna Kavanagh, Claire Keenan, Claire Cronin, Aine Con
Brady, Mary Hickey, Ruth Moore, Aisling O'Driscoll, Orla Murphy, Sinead Ahern, Lilian Kelleher, Gillian Barry, Thomasina Buckley, Eileen O'Sullivan, Al

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Leonard Long, Timothy O'Leary, Adrian Downey, Cillian Jordan, Anthony O'Mahony, Laura Power, Mary Anne Sheehan, Susan Sheehan, Ms. O'Sullivan, Ms. Callan, Ms. Daves, Ms. Owens, Mr. Horgan, Ms. Hegarty, Mr. Cuthbert, Marie Desmond, Grace Spillane, Paula Holland, Emma Tobin, Treasa McSweeney, Conside, Kevin Darrer, Declan O'Mahony, Alan O'Driscoll, Daniel Kerins, Seamus Forde, Justin Conside, Fergal Cullinane, Johnathon Down, David Hannam, Christopher Stack, Sinead McSweeney, Lisa Murphy, Aoife O'Leary, Amy O'Halloran, Jessica Houllihan, Lisa Rath, Forth Conside, Lorraine Conache, Niamh Flynn, Caroline Alison Johnstone, Suzanne Hickey, Louise Merrick, Susan Courtney, Elaine Cronin, Clara Deane, Laura Andrews, Brid Curran, Sophia Dineen, Clara Bowe.



Monday 29th March 1999 on the way to Bath me and my Bob Marley Impression.



SPERM AND SCIENCE

January 99 was the date ; R.D.S. and Jury's Hotel were the venues. Mark ,Catherine, and Elaine arrived there to take on the world and publicise the drastic effects of oestrogen on our lives. The main shocking fact was that a seventy two year old man has more SPERM than a twenty year old boy!!!

Our routine was simple; hit the pool,(and wake up half the residents of Jury's hotel in the process)Next; came the Jacuzzi (Mark had a very brief, erotic encounter with a Mr. P.D.FILE in the tub of love & bubbles) we will say no more!!! Finally we relaxed in the sauna and at 7:30a.m. sharp we devoured our Irish Breakfasts although Mark chose the Peaches & Cream dish. Every evening we worked out in the gym while a certain teacher who will remain anonymous indulged in a private massage!!! We brushed with "Picture House" enjoyed discos (ahem!!) and cinema nights .Internal phones proved very useful. Thursday night: we were on television and we waved to the camera. Our families forgot to watch!!



We came "HIGHLY COMMENDED", Mark was convinced we didn't win because we were too contro- versial!!! So we stole the toilet rolls, milk, and biscuits from our room and we met the President!!! Not bad for the future scientists!!!!

ORLA FITZPATRICK'S T.V. DEBUT

Well I told ye all that ye would see me on T.V. even if it was on the 6 o'clock news for streaking down Patrick's Street, thankfully I did not have to resort to such drastic measures thus saving the eyes of Cork city. New decade were producing a program on Careers. I was chosen to be their personal "guinea pig" and that was my claim to fame. Yet unfortunately now everyone knows that I have a genetic problem of saying "like" but not to worry I'm taking tablets and it's meant to clear up soon. In the space of a week I experienced four different careers. So now I'm a qualified brickly com- plete with hardhat and boots (which are dashing). Wanted for robbery by the Musgrave uniform supply office. Hit the headlines of the Irish Times and featured on Xerox's internal internet. That's about it. However I know my career on T.V. is not over as I've heard that Steven Spielberg has been on to Mr Slowey looking for my telephone number. So you'll see me soon (I hope) and I'll talk to you later.

ARTISTS ATTACK DUBLIN

"The day dawned with scent of must and rain" because, unlike us 6th Years, the 5th Years



top left: Audrey & Breege



top: Aidan Murphy (mouth open) & Connor Murphy

left: Sophia Dineen & Susan Sheehan, Bridge in Dublin.



don't know when to take a shower. We arrived in Dublin at Houston and realised we had a problem. Mrs. Earley had not appeared. From Houston, we 'flew' to the National Gallery of Ireland, and from there, we were released onto the streets of Dublin for lunch, followed by some serious shopping. From there, we were once again imprisoned under the custody of Ms. O' Reilly and taken to Collins Barracks. Here, Susan, Sophia, Audrey, Denise and Sinéad had an eventful experience in the Gents'. Next, it was to the Modern Art Gallery, where we discovered the cryptic side of art. We left Dublin at about 5.15 and got entangled in a minor misunderstanding on the train that resulted in red curly hair flying everywhere. Arriving home at around 8.30. After being released on parole, we all retreated home.

What a day!!!!

HURLING

Last year was a prosperous year for our senior hurling team. The team flourished under the passionate rule of our teacher and trainer Mr. Jerry Buttimer. An inspirational goal by Anthony O' Mahony ensured our place in the final when we played a strong Fethard team in the semi-final of the Munster College's Grade C. The final was against Hamilton Academy of Bandon. The match was a closely fought one but we were unlucky in the final result. This year we are in a similar situation, the semi-final of the Munster Colleges. This year we reached the semi-finals of the Munster Colleges, however we were defeated. Leaving Certificate representatives on the panel were as follows: Dave O' Brien, Ronan Wall, Richard O' Regan, Cathal Long, Alan O' Driscoll and Daniel Casey.

HOCKEY

Hockey has always played a big part in the life of our year group. From first year we have been a very positive and strong team, coming through defeats to finally make it to the top. In the Munster final we came so close yet were so far away from victory, losing by only one goal. We never gave up and this enthusiasm and encouragement was shown both on and off the pitch. We had a brilliant goalkeeper and 10 strong players in front of her vowing never to let the ball come near her. Over the years many players came and went and strutted their stuff along the way, making hockey so memorable for all of us.

Players

Sinead Ahern
Caroline Brady
Thomasina Buckley
Elaine Cronin
Breege Curran
Sophia Dineen
Audrey Downey
Mary Hickey
Suzanne Hickey
Alison Johnstone
Lillian Kelleher
Sinead McDonnell

Treasa McSweeney
Ruth Moore
Lisa Murphy
Orla Murphy
Sabrina Murphy
Sinead O'Connor
Mary O'Halloran
Eileen O'Sullivan
Laura Power
Claire Slattery
Denise Spillane

THESE FOUR WALLS

It's been six long years, and what can we say?
At the very, very least, it's been a memorable stay,
But before we leave for the big world that calls,
Just remember what happened between these four walls.

Ah yes, our little area, good auld area C,
Was very lucky to get us, we were destined for B,
But fate stepped in and brought us together,
And non-smokers could be found there whatever the weather.

Our relationship deepened as the years flew by,
Some girls grew very attached, by some one else's school ties.
And while on one side of the area, girls fought for their seat,
Across on the other side, the boy's hogged all the heat.

At 8:55 every morning, there was that interesting event,
Where Mr Horgan, the Year Head, proved such a gent,
Sit or stand through assembly, it was always your choice,
You could never forget how he projected that voice.

Lights have been broken, missiles have been fired,
Bombs have exploded, report cards acquired,
And one nameless girl, showed what a model should be,
As daily she strutted across good auld Area C.

Sixth year brought with it a calming affect,
And an Irish speaking red head who was to direct,
She brought the "Ar n-athair" to our Area C,
And audible assembly was no longer a novelty.

Now it's the end of an era, it's our time to depart,
Into the big bad world, those just kids at heart,
And no matter where life takes, no matter what path we chose,
The memories held between these four walls, we can never ever lose.

TEACHERS' QUOTES

Iníon Uí Mhurchú: "The first years keep coming to me asking to see my box."

Mr. J. Buttimer: "You'll find out who's doing you orally next week."

Mr. Nally: "I've been going all morning and I've been going all night too."

Mr. Weir: "Put your hands against the wall and I'll zip you up."

Mr. Nally: "Just come up to me and say I want it sir, and I want it now."

Mr. O' Broin: "I find women's menstrual cycle fascinating"

Ms. Cronin: "I'm not an artist but I'll give it a bash anyway."

Mr. O' Broin: "Good morning creatures and how are your mothers?"

Mr. J. Buttimer: "I can feel it in you, you want to go faster."

Ms. Fleming: "Mangez les chaises."

Mr. Myles: "I use the term fun loosely."

Mrs. O' Connell: "Christine, was that you yawning - journal."

Mr. J. Buttimer (Religion teacher): "Put the bin in the gum."

Ms. Dawes: "Are you just going to sit there like a lemon."

Mr. Horgan: "Would you please pass me a spoon?"

Mr. W. O' Callaghan: "Lads get out from under the table - I can see ye."

Mr. W. O' Callaghan: "Lads, lads, get off the stage."

Mr. W. O' Callaghan: "Fairly lively now lads."

Mr. Myles: "Now this isn't on the course but"

Mr. Myles to Daniel Casey: "Do it sideways or else it won't all fit."

Mr. Myles to Daniel Casey: "My wrist isn't that flexible."

Mr. Horgan to David Hannam: "To be honest David, I just don't like you."

Mr. O'Leary: "Joanne, stop looking at the ceiling."

Iníon Uí Shé: "Beidh me ann, má bhíonn tú ann, ach an mbeidh tú ann?"

Mr. Kennelly: "Know where you are, stay quiet and don't move until everybody is gone."

Mr. Buttimer (Irish Teacher): "When I get home I just like to flop out for about 20 minutes."

Mr. Buttimer (Irish Teacher): "When I think of riding another image comes into my head."

Ms. Maher: "Excellent!!!" (said to herself while clapping her hands)

Mr. JJ Murphy: "Is that okay now lads? Is that okay?"

Mr. Myles: "Did anybody see 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire' last night?"

Mrs. A. O' Sullivan: "If you ask anybody about me they'll say 'Oh, that one'."

Ms. Horgan: "Go for a walk by yourselves and when I say yourselves, I mean your REAL selves."

Mr. Horgan to Laura H.: " Stop blowing kisses at me."

Ms. O'Reilly: "Sorry lads, I forgot to turn off my phone."

- Ø Dave O'Brien -- Barney from the Simpsons.
- Ø Edel Corcoran -- Proprietor of "Brown Thomas"
- Ø Suzanne Hickey - Editor of "Play-Girl" magazine
- Ø Daniel Casey -- Mascot for the Tango ad
- Ø Brendan Barry -- A gynaecologist, with Elaine Cronin as his nurse
- Ø Ronan Wall (otherwise known as Ronan Keating) -- Married to a model, but having an affair with Cathal Long (Brian Kennedy)
- Ø Treasa McSweeney, Brian (and the kids) - The FAT family on "Too Fat"
- Ø Eugene Hallahan -- Mad stunt man
- Ø Ailision Johnstone -- A jockey at Cheltenham
- Ø Bernard Dwyer -- The winking weather-man
- Ø Anthony Cronin -- The first giant teddy bear/male model/ Chip'n'dale
- Ø Kenneth O'Connor -- Montessori teacher
- Ø Sinead McSweeney -- The next Oprah
- Ø Damien O'Mahony -- Carpet Salesman
- Ø Ciara Bowe -- The next Mary Harney.....(slimmer version)
- Ø Sinead O'Connor & Sabrina Murphy -- Housewives(Quote from Richard O'

MOST LIKELY TO BE ...

- Regan)
- Ø Gavin Jolley -- A microphone
 - Ø Cillian Lordan -- A lamp post
 - Ø David Kavanagh - A "spud"
 - Ø Orla Fitzpatrick -- Will take over RTE
 - Ø Mary Hickey -- Author of concise notes for "Emma" (she'd have to read the book first though)
 - Ø Mark Hegarty - Working in EMC
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GOSSIP COLUMN

You Didn't hear it from me but -----

1st Year -Testing Testing !!!!

- * Cathal Long + Jessica Houlihan
- * Dave Hannam + Lorraine Jones
- * Caroline Brady + Richard O'Regan
- * Ken O'Connor + Sabrina Murphy
- * Cathal Long + Amy O'Halloran
- * Anna Kavanagh + Timmy O'Leary
- * Lorraine Conachey + Kieran Brennan
- * Aoife O'Leary + Kieran Brennan
- * Niamh Flynn + Richard O'Regan
- * Niamh Flynn + Kieran Brennan
- * Andrew Shorten + Laura Hegarty
- * Laura Power + John Paul O'Mahony
- * Christopher O'Sullivan + Laura Power
- * Mousey + Edel Corcoran
- * Denise Spillane + Eugene H
- * Claire Keenan + Matthew O'Connor

A special mention must go to Ken O'Connor who, never one to let down the ladies , stood on a concrete block to get closer to Caroline Brady.

Poor Dave Hannam who got a report card for having cigarettes which really weren't his and he really had just found.

Everyone remembers Oyster Haven and especially the filthy smelly bog thing we had to cross on a pole . Imagine falling into it with your mouth open - Joanne Bohan did.

2nd We Found Our Feet

Sinead's memorable continuous rejection of Ken spanned 2nd + 3rd year.

Lorraine Connachey floored Brendan Barry over a rubber!!

Will Ken keep his fetish for (much) younger women.

Denis reveals his vocation with an outburst in religion - " Ssh I'm talking to God"

6th Year = And The Grand Finale

Kellogs begging outside bathroom in the Oriel for Dixie.

- * Orla + Ronan
- * Caroline Kilty + David Hannam
- * Lorraine Jones + Dave Hannam (feelings from 1st year re-ignited)
- * Claire Keenan + Ken O'Connor
- * Sinead Aherne + Andrew Shorten

Squidgy launched herself instead of the bowling ball . And Aine followed with her Baywatch rescue but ended up the same way. Squidgy - always only too eager to please!!.

Teresa - overcome with excitement - gets carried off ice by 4 burly men!

Mr Weir is just so nervous when ice skating .

Stratford.

Squidgy + her model mooch

5th Year

- * Gillian + Mousey
- * Aoife + Ian Kirby
- * Sabrina + Ian Kirby

4th Year Extra Curricular Activities.....

- * Sabrina + Ronan Wall
- * Orla + David Kavanagh
- * Sabrina + Cathal Long

3rd Year We Did More Than Just Study

- * Grace and Daniel Kerins.
- * Aoife and Cathal.

Joanne Bohan , always the voice of the student body , demands of Mr Buttimer " Why can't we go up on the roof" ?

Dixie will always be so "popular".

Just can't face a final goodbye!

- * Anthony + Aoife
 - * Nicola + Ronan
 - * David McCarthy + Lorraine Jones
 - * Laura Hegarty + Mickey Lynch
 - * Teresa + Vincent Twomey
 - * Teresa + Damien
 - * Dave O'Brien + Lillian
 - * Dave O'Brien + Sophia
 - * Mickey Lynch + Teresa
 - * Dave O'Brien + Teresa.
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AUTOGRAPHS

COMMENTS



6th year Pupils



6th year Teachers

AUTOGRAPHS

COMMENTS



As we glide through these majestic waters you'll notice to your right.....



"Does anyone else find it hot in here?"



Boyzone



"Im just not interested Michael"



"The world's biggest wedgie".



Mommy said I can go on the Big Boy Swings

COMMENTS



Late for work, have a headache can't find the paracetamol



Flying without wings



" I can give Pama Anderson a run for her money"



En garde



Before



After plastic surget "do you like my implants"



Balls, balls, everywhere?



Who says I cant do a foursome.

COMMENTS



"Admiring the view"



"Are you Blue"



"Im all wrapped up and ready to go, now wheres the ice"



"I knew I should have had my weetabix"



"Lifes just one big long limping drag"



"Girls watch out im loaded"



The "Carpenters" finally got to us.

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