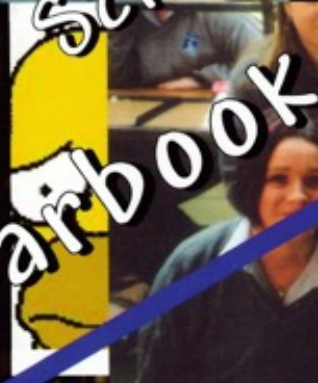




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*Jerry  
Murphy  
wishes the  
Leaving  
Cert. Class  
of 2002 at  
B.C.S  
the very  
best of luck  
for the  
future.*



*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.*

Six years! How they have flown. How much fun and strife they contained. Fun and strife which has been so well captured in this Yearbook, ensuring that the various goings on in Area D will always remain alive in our minds long after the current school building has been demolished. And, I hope when our new school is built you will come back to visit us regularly. Some things will undoubtedly change, but a lot more (of us) will probably be just the same. Now, all that remains for me is to thank you all, and especially the editorial committee, for all your hard work and creativity in the production of this wonderful Yearbook. Finally, may I leave you with these best wishes as you prepare for your upcoming exams and set out on your life paths:



Sean Slowey,  
Principal

I want to wish the class of 2002 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 into fine young men and women who are a credit to the school. I know that you appreciate the effort of all the teaching staff in guiding you towards achieving your full potential and especially the contribution of your Year Head, Ms. Donnelly. I want to wish you well in the Leaving Cert, and I know that your hard work will be rewarded.





## *A Message to Mrs. D.:*

In 1996, we realized what having a second mum was like.

We got not only one but two wake up calls each morning - "get into your lines"

We not only had to keep our rooms clean but we also had to keep the area tidy

Just like our own mums screaming at us for eating in the sitting room, we too could not eat in area D

We agreed with Mrs. Donnelly, like we did with our own mothers, when she questioned "Am I talking to myself"

But having two mums wasn't always bad

She was always there to help and understand

She always had a kind word when we were feeling bad

From the time we were 'ickle 1st years afraid of the horrors of "big school" she somehow created a safe haven for us, our own little nest in the form of Area D

It was she who recognized us as individuals and not just students

She knows who we were friends with and where we sit

For 6 years we have been a family with Mrs. D. there at every step

And it is now after 6 years that we thank you for all you have done for us

The known and the unknown

*"Thank you"*

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best of luck in their exams  
and in their future lives*

*Terence O'Hanlon, Proprietor*

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## Fun and Stress

All the fun and stress that went into the production of this work of art would not have been possible without the help of the following "little people" who would be very offended if we left them out:

Diarmuid Bowe  
Edel Conlon  
Sinead Cronin  
Ronan Dineen  
Brian Downey  
Tristan Eadie  
Alan Kavanagh  
Donnacha Long  
Michael McCarthy  
Colin Murphy  
Daniel O'Neill  
Michelle O'Regan  
Gillian Power  
Jeanie Atkins  
Leah Cronin  
Jennifer Hanley  
Yvonne Murphy  
Donna Murray  
Claire O'Brien  
Ciara O'Kelly  
Sinead O'Leary

And

Gillian Donnelly  
Sean Slowey  
Tony Weir  
Alec Myles  
Brendan Nally

Barry's at one with nature. David just stepped in doggie poo and Gary can smell it!!!!!!



Mrs D. ... just one of the girls



"Awright, someone's put Donncha back in his box."





## *And Then There was 1st Year*

And then there was first year. Will we ever forget the day we entered our yellow (now pink) school in our new uniforms and new shoes laden down with 17 subjects worth of books-The bags were bigger than ourselves!

It seems so long ago. Can any of us really believe now that we were that small, i.e. Jean O' Hanlon and Robert Walsh (thankfully one of them has since grown)

Just to take a small trip down memory lane don't we all remember our cloakroom (now the teachers smoking room) All 150 odd of us used try to squeeze in each day in desperate hope of finding our bags and coats even though each and every single one of us had an army rucksack, some of us still have them, (ahem James, actually while we're on the subject.....what's with the shoes?????)

The shelves for our bags didn't last long, even back then we were destructive.

Orla and Alan started the long history of inter-year "meaningful" relationships and back then the bathrooms were actually used for their intended purpose....

We had much to fear....

Accidentally walking clockwise

The wrath of Owens

The 6th years daily "fun runs."

Being crushed by the elders in the caf

And for the boys and girls of Scoil Eoin and Scoil Mhuire the scary new experience of spending 7 hours a day with the opposite sex ... they got used to it surprisingly quickly though!!!!

By now 1st year is a bit of a haze but we do know it brought:

1st loves,

1st kisses,

1st sneaky cigarettes

... and some long lasting friendships



"Booakasha. Big up yaself!! Raspect!



....and here are our legs



The Braidy Bunch



## French Exchange

It may seem a long time ago but will we ever forget the French Exchange? It may have only been 10 short days in the City of Paris but we packed in enough to last us a lifetime!!! We did everything! We climbed the Eiffel Tower, walked the Champs Elysees and visited L' Arc de Triomphe.



We got our portraits at Montmartre, viewed the city from the Bateau Mouche and admired the gardens of Versailles.

These may be some of the world's famous monuments but what we will always, always remember was the laugh we had. Every morning throwing away our (yucky) packed lunches into the bin and spending most of our time eating Big Macs in McDonalds (remember lads??), the fights with other students (Walshy!!!) and Jay-walking across the busy streets of Paris (remember Ciara F.??) (She nearly got arrested)

Yvonne got insulted by the French and nearly got thrown off the bus, Ciara lost her camera and caused ructions in Versailles and John Patrick (Ms. Owens son) nearly fell into the Eternal Flame under the L'Arc de Triomphe!

James thought John Patrick's buggy was his own personal Formula 1 car and Vinny nearly set Ciara's hair on fire with his new "toy", a gun-lighter that he bought off a merchant on the street (which then had to be snuck through customs)

The only tears on the way home were Andrew's, as he waved goodbye to his "French amour."

*"C'etait une vacance magnifique!"*





## Future jobs

Tristan Eadie	optician
David O' Connor	Waste disposal technician
Alan Kavanagh	child psychologist
James O Sullivan	designer of new brand of clothes called "UGLY"
Tony O Driscoll	hairdresser
Orla Howick	weather woman on tv3
Caroline Lynch	an Taoiseach
Amy Stevenson	a Diva
Brendan Moynihan	farm auctioneer
Ciara Feeney	protester on women's rights
Jean O Hanlon	psychic
Alan Barry	Priesthood
Vincent Dineen	Turkey farmer
Kevin Bradley	owner of "The Fry."
Brendan Moynihan	mascot of Celtic F.C.
Shane O' Meara	T.V. presenter - Oprah's replacement
Eoin O' Keeffe	petrol pump attendant (a very good one)
Ray Hurley	Manager of McDonalds
John Carroll	tortured artist/musician/fat guy

## Look-a-likes

Donncha Long	Frodo (Lord of the Rings)
Ronan Dineen	Chief Wiggum
Sarah O'Flaherty	Sarah Jessica Parker
Barry Stevenson	Mr Potato Head
Eoin O'Keeffe	Bert from Sesame Street
David O Connor	A thunderbird
Vincent Dineen	Elvis
Evelyn Whelen	Peg Bundy
Alan Rowell	Rodney (Only Fools and Horses)
Robert Walsh	Harry Potter
Patrick Buckley	Everybodies grandad
Laurence O' Driscoll	Les Battersby
Ciara Feeney	Bjork/ Brodie (from "Home and Away")
Mr Nally	Postman Pat
Mr Buttimer	Danny DeVito
Ms Fleming	Urma (from the Turtles)
Ms Daly	Ann Robinson (you are the weakest link, go to the office)
Ms Hegarty	Ailsa (from Home & Away)
Mr.O'Broin	Jesus



"I'm tooo sexy for this class!!!!!!"



Just don't get me started!!



... but back home I'm a respected teacher!



I just can't take the pressure!!



## Girls Basketball

We started in October 1996 with our first match in Macroom and gradually progressed to the County Finals where we did our school proud and became county champions. What an achievement for a team of timid little thirteen year olds!!! Back then we had players like Michelle O'Halloran, Sinead O'Leary, Lynsey O'Leary, Sandra Curran and Katie Power who have all since left us. We went a step further in second year and qualified for the All Ireland Finals. We travelled to Glanmire where we finished third

after four very exhausting games. Our Coach Mick was delighted with his "Grand gurls" As we moved through the higher grades the competition became much tougher but Mick never lost faith in us. We reigned in September 2001 after a very enjoyable and eventful five years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mick for his personal training.

Thanks Mick, you are our No. 1 supporter!!!  
"Come on now Gurls"

## Basketball Diaries

It all started back in 1997 when we won the under 14 Cork League. It was our first medal for B.C.S. The team was a little different back then. We had players like Stephan O'Regan, Anthony Ryan, Paul Fitzgerald, Niall Murphy and others who have since left. We went on to the All-Irelands and with the help of 30 points a game from John Carroll we won the whole thing and came back with gold. Most would have said John had a bright future in basketball. It was not to be. He did not return to basketball that year. Due to age difference we were separated and players like James O'Sullivan, Eoin O'Keefe and Ray Hurley went off to U-16's and had no success. But players like Laurence O'Driscoll, Paul Fitzgerald and of course Donncha Long had more success in U-14 and went on to come 3rd in the All-Irelands. Our team was not reunited until the 1999/2000 season. By then we seemed unstoppable. James O'Sullivan was a 3 point marksman and "top class," defender (always got stuck in). Paul Fitzgerald the left handed "Cutie" was too quick to keep up with. Ray Hurley will always be known as the smallest big man that basketball has ever seen but he never let it stop him. Eoin O'Keefe, the "Workhorse", would sweat blood and tears for the team. Then, of course, there is Donncha Long - an all round player who could play any where and score from any point. Laurence O'Driscoll had gained a few pounds and could only manage water-boy that year. The big game that year and the game most of us will never forget was away to Skibbereen. Everyone expected us to lose this semi-final. But our coach Jim Nugent had faith in us. He always had through the years and that is the reason we had so much success. The match went into overtime and we won by 2 points in the end. Excellent performances particularly by Donncha Long and Eoin Lucy won the game for us that day. We actually lost in the final that year but the win against Skibbereen meant more to us than a gold medal. We did not have much success after that year but we still kept the team going. Even a surprise comeback by first year "superstar" John Carroll could not win us a medal in our final year in school. Over the years some players went on to be more successful and made the Cork team. These players were Keith Crowley, Paul Fitzgerald and Donncha Long. We give many thanks to Mr Lucey who has been a fantastic organizer through the years and a brilliant assistant coach to Donncha Long.

This Years team: Donncha Long(C), Ray Hurley, Eoin O'Keefe, James O'Sullivan, John Carroll, Brian O'Keefe, Keith Crowley, Cormac Lucey, Kevin Doyle, Paul Gleeson, Ciaran "the Muscksavage" Casey, Killian Dineen, Killian Kelleher, David Baldwin.

By Donncha Long





## Italy

The school tour to Italy in Transition Year will definitely be one of the most memorable events during our 6 yrs at BCS. Those of us lucky to go experienced the wonderful and exciting atmospheres of the Italian cities Milan, Verona and Venice. The days we had were short but a lot was packed in for us to see as much of the amazing country as possible.



It started early on Saturday morning 15th April 2000, when we all met in the L&N car park and got on the bus that was to take us to Dublin airport. The excitement was electric even though we were all exhausted from the journey and this was only the beginning! A transfer at Heathrow and another flight took us to our first destination - Milan. Allowed off to look around, the girls ran to the shops (to find out how expensive things were!) and the cameras were out straight away to capture some of the beautiful city in case we would ever forget! Back on the coach again we arrived in Verona that night and once the rooms were finally sorted we headed off to bed after our long day (well.... some of us anyway, the excitement keeping most of us up all night in different rooms!!)

The next day and we found ourselves at the Gardaland theme park. We will never forget that day when we were all soaked or just scared xxxless by some of the rides. Yet that didn't stop us from having another go! An easy and relaxing night of bowling wound down the day.



The following day saw us on speedboats on Lake Garda. I think the drivers were more interested in a race as we shouted at the driver to go faster. Ms. Dawes was found clinging onto Mr. Galvin for dear life! Into the beautiful city of Verona, we saw where Romeo climbed up to Juliet - the most famous balcony in the world. Everyone gathered around the statue of Juliet and as it was rumoured to be good luck to touch her, most of the lads were found up by Juliet, especially Mr. Galvin who took the opportunity of giving her a kiss! Another bus journey took us to Venice where that night, the glad rags were put on, make-up and hair done and we all set out to dance the night away in the nearby Hard Rock Café. The best dance moves definitely came from the teachers where Ms. Donnelly let her hair down and showed us what she could do!



Another day and somewhere else to go. A trip to Venice on Monday was an enjoyable one as we got a taste of true Italy with a ride on the gondolas and had the best pizza and ice cream ever! Shopping was on the agenda for the afternoon while most of the lads were only interested in buying guns and rifles and trying to think of a way to sneak them back through customs. Shooting matches took up most of the rest of their time in Venice! The last night, and due to popular demand it was back to the Hard Rock Café Disco! Some of us had to be carried home (Karinal!)

The next morning and the last day. We were up early (again!) but this time to pack all our clothes and presents back into the suitcases and bags. On our way back to Milan Airport we got to visit San Siro Stadium - a delight to all the lads. The ends of the films were used up and a final goodbye to what we believe is the most amazing country in the world, we left Italy and headed on the long journey home.

Well, the saving was worth it after all. The teachers never recovered - poor Mr Galvin even left the school!!! Ms. Daves got up close and personal with an "Italian Stallion". Mrs. Feeney played an entertaining game of hide and go seek with Jean - congrats on the hiding place - not many would have thought to sneak into a cupboard in the boys room. Who could forget Leah nearly breaking Karinal's toe. The poor girl hobbling around Venice.

After a fully packed and exhausting five days with all our friends we arrived home and went straight to bed only to find ourselves in another few hours on the phones again talking about the best school tour ever!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!





## *RTE Radio Show*

Transition year saw eight pupils from Ms Owens' English class being presented with a once in a life time opportunity to broadcast a short sketch on RTE Radio, Cork. Initially Michelle O' Regan was responsible for the proposal, which was accepted as a finalist. With her guidelines and the collective creative imagination of the team a script was born.

The theme of the sketches was numerous interviews with various influential figures from the last millennium in a New Year's Eve party setting. After much character analysis the cast were ready for the unknown - RTE studios. The initial nerves felt by some members of the cast gradually eased towards confidence and after three intense, yet enjoyable hours it was declared a "wrap". The final production was widely praised and it was agreed that the students had turned in an impressive performance.

The show hit the airwaves on 28th December 1999. Sadly it did not win the competition but those who took part, Ciara Feeney, Karina Sheehan, Siobhan Andrews, Ciara O' Kelly, Michelle O' Regan, Diarmuid Bowe, Shane O' Meara and Daniel O' Neill.all had a memorable experience.

## *Meitheal*

In 5th year the enthusiastic Shane O'Meara, Sarena O'Hanlon, Sinead Keenan, Ciara Feeney and Michelle O'Regan became the Meitheal team of 2000-2001, or the "M-Team" as they were later named. After a weeks em ... intensive training during the holidays they were ready for an eventful year perfecting their tea making techniques and peoples skills at the many parent teacher meetings.

They organised a quiz for 1st years, where Shane proved that teaching wasn't the career for him. Frustrated by their refusal to co-operate he threatened to...to...!!!!

Despite the late arrival of the DJ and Inion Ui Mhurchu's threat to provide replacement entertainment, the Disco (1st years only) was a success.

They had to remove their suggestion box from the fishtank after a series of horrifying unrepeatable demands. No doubt from their fellow 5th years. Thanks you guys!

And of course we should commend Shane on his survival of a torturous year being bossed and bullied by 4 girls.

However for all members the most memorable aspect of life as an "M-Team" member was the theme tune from the "A-Team" which resounded through the area any time they were seen together, which, unfortunately, was quite often.

## *Lota Exchange*

Among the activities that took place in 4th year a group of 8 participated in an exchange with students from Lota. Every second Friday we would meet in either our school or their school. Besides getting to know each other we had days filled with Art, Cooking and Sport.

One day that was greatly enjoyed by all was BCS Sports day. The students from Lota were invited to participate in the school's annual day of sports. This was, we were told, the highlight of the exchange program for them. The exchange continues for Fourth Years and a strong link now exists between BCS and Lota.



# And then there was Love!

Looking back there was a good few romances  
within the year! Here's some that lasted, well  
for a while anyway

Alan Kavanagh and Orla Howick  
(they started it all!!!!)  
Leah Cronin and Ray Hurley  
(and then there was Leah and.....)  
Kenneth Roche and Suzanne Kerins  
Alan Kavanagh and Edel Conlon  
(we thought they were gonna get  
married!!!!!!)  
John Carroll and Leah Cronin  
(and this was the second wedding we  
were going to)

Alan Barry and Ciara McSweeney  
(and it was love when she brought him  
to the A&E)

Danny Carroll and Yvonne Murphy  
Robert O'Regan and Sarah Adamson  
(without a doubt, "The Couple of the  
Year")  
Stephen O'Regan and Karen O'Neill  
(the A team)

Niall Murphy and Caroline Lynch  
John Carroll and Jean O'Hanlon  
Brian Downey and Orla Howick  
(a recent "thang")  
Diarmuid Kenefick and Sandra Curran  
Andrew O'Brien and Sarena O'Hanlon  
Orla Howick and Kenneth Roche

But there were many a night out when sparks  
were flying!!! Remember any of these  
couples?

Alan Kavanagh and Evelyn Whelan  
Ray Hurley and Sarah O'Flaherty  
James O'Sullivan and Donna Murray  
(Now, THIS is the wedding we are  
definitely going to)

John O'Connell and Jennifer Cahill  
D.D. and Yvonne Murphy  
Barry Stevenson and Sarah O'Flaherty  
Colm Garvey and Leah Cronin  
Vinny Dineen and Karina Sheehan  
(now doesn't that seem a long time  
ago)

David O'Connor and Karen O'Neill  
Laurence O'Driscoll and Jessica Farr



Who's for lunch, darling!!!



I think someone is pointing a camera at us!!



Birds of a feather stick together!!!



Aaron Piggott and Jennifer Cahill  
Eoin O'Mahony and Orla Howick  
(wasn't she going out with his brother  
as well?)

Paula Ronayne and Thomas Reck  
Colm Garvey and Karina Sheehan  
Jean O'Hanlon and Anthony Ryan  
Tristan Eadie and Gemma Hennessy  
(aww, first year love!)

Leah Cronin and Sebastian Thommen  
(all remember Sebastian's neck after  
Jnr.Cert. night?)

Thomas Reck and Suzanne Kerins  
Evelyn Whelan and Eoghan O'Brien  
John O'Connell and Yvonne Murphy  
Eoin O'Keeffe and Suzanne Kerins  
Gary Lucey and Ciara O'Kelly



Just hold me!

Firstly, we think it should be noted that it was the Ovens, the Coachford and the Oriel were many of these escapades took place.

The list was so long we apologise for leaving anybody out.

Also, there was many people who had more than one or two romantic affairs during their six years: Jessica, Karen, Leah, Suzanne, Tracey, James, Laurence, Paul F., Declan Kiely, Donncha and Ray to name but a few...

But none that was as popular as our Claire Duggan who made a good impression on our lads. Sorry for the embarrassment Claire, but there was Donncha, Stephen O'Regan, David O'Meara, Laurence, Chucky, Paul F., Declan Kiely, Eoin O'Keeffe, Barry, Ray, Alan B., David O' C, Anthony Ryan, Peter Downey and Niall Murphy

(Good on you, Claire)

(p.s. We would like to mention that she has since calmed down and has a boyfriend (the same one) for two years!)

We would like to nominate Robert O' Regan & Sarah Adamson as, "Couple of the Year!"

(We all want to be invited to the wedding!!!!)



All together now "Me and My Lollipop"!!!



Pedicure, please!



*The way we were ...*

*Ballincollig Community School*



*1996-2002*



# The way Ballincollig Comm



## Front Row (from left to right)

Gary Lucey, John Carroll, Laurence O'Driscoll, Donncha Long, Killian Mohally, Vincent Dineen, Brendan Moynihan, Brian Dowling, Sarah O'Flaherty, Jean O'Hanlon, Suzanne Kerins, Paula Ronayne, Ciara McSweeney, Michelle O'Halloran

## Second Row

Shane O'Meara, William Cotter, Sarah Cahill, Lisa Mitchell, Gillian Cremin, Jennifer Hanley, Grace Connolly, Sinead Cronin, Clodagh Duggan, Sarena Hanlon, Ciara Feeney, Gillian Power, Denise McSweeney, Orla Howick, Ciara O'Leary, Chantal Kiely, Michelle Gemma Hennessy, Jessica Farr, Pamela Cunningham,

## Third Row

Maria Mangan, Lorraine Fitzgerald, John Finn, Tony O'Driscoll, Colm Murphy, Craig Curtis, Robert O'Regan, Tristan Eadie, Diarmuid Colm Garvey, Eoin O'Donovan, David O'Driscoll, Colm O'Mahony, Eugene McSweeney, Alan Rowell, Alistair Coakley, Kevin Br...



# Community School 2002

We are ...



swney, John O'Connell, Michael McCarthy, David O'Connor, Barry Stevenson, John Oliver O'Mahony, Robert Walsh, Evelyn

Claire O'Brien, Ciara O'Kelly, Leah Cronin, Sinead O'Leary, Edel Conlon, Jean Atkins, Sinead Keenan, Caroline Lynch, Claire  
O'Regan, Therese Hourihan, Donna Murray, Karina Sheehan, Clara Crowley, Jennifer Tarrant, Karen O'Neill, Jennifer Cahill,

Diarmaid Bowe, Robert O'Donovan, Daniel O'Neill, David Thullier, Ronan Dineen, Alan Kavanagh, Kieran Twohig, Patrick Buckley,  
Bradley



*Hey, isn't that ... ?*

Do you recognise these year group members from their First Year mugshots ???





Teacher's Quotes

Inion Ni Mhurchu

"Colm? Did you get me chocolates, Colm?"

Mr. O'Connell

"Zip Zziippi!"

Mr. Nally

"I enjoy doing Emily Dickenson!"

"... these hallowed walls ..."

"I didn't do history for my Leaving lads, because

I knew there wouldn't be any West Brom. in it."

"One of these days someone will use that

intercom to say something relevant."

Mr. O' Broin

"So, let's pretend I'm God."

"What's meant by 'Free Living' creatures, and I

don't mean the age of the hippy."

Ms. Owens

"Am I the only nutcase around here?"

"John, it turns out that you're actually quiet"

intelligent."

"You remind me of a priest David (Thuillier)"

Mrs. O'Connell

"That's my tune, you cant have it!"

"Heavens to Murgatroid!"

"Spots I could handle ... utensils I cannot"(to

Amy with her new lip ring)

"Alastair, what are you doing with your flute?"

Mr. Spillane

"Trignom, no no no wait...trignogmetrical...no,

trignotol...no...trignonometrically...THAT'S IT!"

Mr. Myles

"I don't know why they call it phy! Phy not?"

Mrs. Pope

"Oh for God's sake take your finger out of your nose...yes you...in the back row!"

Mr. Kennelly

"Go back to class like a good little boy:"(to Brendan.)

Mrs. Kelly

"I'm a control freak...you wouldn't think it, would you?"

"Oh, mother of God!"

Mr. J.J. Murphy

"The coolers are cooling whilst casting long

shadows."(- the more poetic side of J.J.)

"The Leaving Cert, it's like being asked to sing

a song and getting a kick in the face at the

same time."

"If Gary was alive in the 70's, he'd be a legend."

Mr. Kiely

"A poker vibrator is a handheld device which is

battery operated, but overuse can cause

segregation of the aggregates."(- he was

actually referring to cement)

Mr. Weir

"All males to one side...all non-males to the

other"

Mrs. Donnelly

"I'll dole out punishments aallllrrriiiiiiggghhhhtttt!"

(while piercing your ear drums)

"Is there anybody back today that wasn't

yesterday?"

"You like your breaks and I like mine - so do us

a favour and be on time!"(to John Carroll. A

future as Vanilla Ice's new lyricist looms.)



## *Camogie*

1st year training began during the short-lived hour-long lunch break on Tuesdays. Everything was new to us, including our skirts. Our first match was the only time they were seen as they mysteriously disappeared soon after. Our 'gruelling' training sessions continued and somehow we got to the Junior C county semi-final. Unfortunately there was a half-mile journey from the changing rooms to the pitch. We kept ourselves amused by singing the 'Animaniacs' theme tune. All our 'hard work' obviously paid off as we won that match. At the final against Dunmanway we were accompanied by a busload of 'camogie loving' supporters. We won that game but decided to take a break in 2nd year. Having nothing more important to do in 3rd year we once again dedicated our time to camogie. We reached the Intermediate B county final against Youghal defeating Carrigaline in the semi-final. The team thought they would have to play with no jerseys as Mr. Nally was frighteningly delayed at the launderette. Things were made worse when I gave the bus driver directions to the wrong pitch. Eventually both the team and the jerseys arrived. It was a closely contested final but B.C.S emerged victorious. When we displayed our cup around the school we wanted to show it to Mr Buttimer so he could see what one looked like. He didn't want to be found. Our very last match was played in 4th year against Carrigaline. At half time things were not going well. Mr. Nally came to give us the team talk. He was engrossed in it comparing us to the West Brom strike force (this wasn't a good thing). He failed to notice a bag of hurleys on the ground behind him. He fell over it and landed sprawled out on the ground. The whole team was in fits of laughter, needless to say that we didn't win the match. Despite the broken hurleys and bruised legs, camogie was great especially when Nal fell over.

Camogie players in the class of 2002 are:

Caroline Lynch, Sinead Cronin, Therese Hourihan, Edel Conlon, Louise O'Leary, Claire Crowley

## *Hockey*

The Inter-B Hockey Team that consisted of 4th, 5th and 6th years had a successful year in 2000. Currently in 4th year at the time Sarena Hanlon, Grace Connolly, Gillian Power, Jennifer Hanley, Jean Atkins, Donna Murray and Ciara Feeney were on this team which reached the Munster Schools Final. Unfortunately beaten in a tight match, the girls still had finalists medals to show for their hard but enjoyable training sessions throughout the years.





## *Futuristic Fashion Show*

Remember the futuristic fashion show?  
Here's a little something to jog your  
memory.

The "Pangea" girls getting all dolled  
up for their daily visit to Mr. Alcock.  
Ray, John and Sebastian getting  
their kicks from throwing plaster at  
each other.

Michelle O'Halloran going into

artistic rapture over "Negative and  
Positive spaces" while Lisa and

Gillian look at her sniggering and  
thinking, "what's she on about?"

Colin and Co. kicking ass. (Sorry,  
they did really!)

Sandra fiddling with bottle tops (Yee-  
Haw)

Sharon and co. making the ultimate  
wedding dress-on a budget (we

never knew paper dollies could look  
so good)

Phil and Lucy sweating blood so  
Stephen could work hard on his

dance moves.

The "bubble girls" lending the use of  
their costume to decorate the art-

room at Christmas.



Special thanks must be given to Sideshow Bob.... Sorry.... We mean Ms O'Reilly and Ms. Early.

P.S. Don't worry lads, they're never gonna top our year's costumes-after all, you can't beat  
perfection, can you??(!!!)





## *Cappanalea*

All of us remember transition year as the year we did all the different modules, futuristic fashion, work experience, and going on the school tour to Italy (and of course it was mainly a time we took it easy).

However we must never forget the craic that everyone had when we went to Cappanalea!

Three different groups headed down to Kerry to experience the fab weather (?), all the different outdoor activities and doing our wash-up! The freezing water did not stop anyone going for a swim after canoeing (most people had capsized anyway!) The abseiling was definitely one of the best activities as most of us were found clinging for dear life until we got to the bottom. We'll especially remember the walk through the woods in the pitch dark and being left there to find our own way back!

Each group had their own encounters which we won't mention but I'm sure are on the top of everyone's minds !!!



- Claire Duggan was supposed to be holding the rope for Lucy while she was abseiling down a cliff but Claire decided Lucy would be alright and went for a smoke (hiding from Ted). In the meantime Lucy turned upside down and got her head stuck in a puddle.
- We were playing these games one night where Donncha was supposed to pick up a Corn Flakes box with his mouth. But instead he fell head first into the box shouting, "Who turned out the lights???" This was the same night that someone poured water down the front of his pants. A good night all round for Donncha!
- When Chantal was chucked out of her bedroom by Mr. Weir for being out of her bed 5 minutes after lights out, left alone in the kitchen with the door slamming in the wind and rain. (Poor Chantal)
- When the lads set off the fire alarm (with their deodorants and lighters). Everyone was pulled out of their beds, covered with five layers of clothing because it was ssoooo cold. Except DD who arrives out in just his jocks !!!
- The girls taking a photo of a certain lad in the shower. (We won't say who !!!)
- When we went canoeing and Stephen Jeffers got stuck between a load of bushes and couldn't get out!





## *"Champion's League"*

In Second Year the chosen few flew to France representing Ireland in the Eurofoot competition. The standard over there was unbelievable. Take Wolves F.C. for example. They had players capped by England, trialists with Man. United and some even had professional contacts when they were older. What had we? We had pride, determination, heart and ...and...Alan Barry (no Offence). Who will forget his darting runs down the wing?

In our pre-tournament match we adopted the style of the Brazilians and played the Italian team off the pitch. However for the actual tournament we reverted to Cork City tactics, hoot the ball and everyone run after it. We lost one match, no wait two....., actually we lost most of them. We did quite well. We came second. Second last! Ah well it's not about winning, it's about the craic we had!

In Fourth Year, the Exceptional Players (yours truly) were brought back to France once again. It started on a high. Mr Byrnes slept-in and missed the flight so it was Mr. Weir Vs 16 lunatics. On this occasion we were older, had more experience and were physically stronger. Did this mean we might have a chance of winning? No, but we did give a better account of ourselves. We did quite well in our opening games but we began to get into our stride in the play-offs. In our final game we came up against the local team. We knew some of the players, as they were our host families during the trip. We treated it like an Old Firm game and we were victorious.

Despite finishing in the bottom half of the table, we did come home with trophies. We won the "Fair Play" trophy. We thought this was an insult saying we didn't tackle hard enough, but it's a Trophy!!! Ray Hurley was selected to play in a friendly match between a French selection and rest of Europe selection. This will go to his head but he played brilliantly and got an excellent goal. At the end of the competition we were lining up for the presentation. One would be forgiven for thinking we had won the competition as we were beating out "The Fields of Athenry." They were introducing individual prizes. We had just won the "Fair Play" trophy when Ray Hurley was announced "Player of the Tournament." That was quite an achievement.

There were many memorable moments from both trips. Robert Walsh's "Andrei Kanchelskis" impression on the halfway line, Ray Hurley's goal in the friendly match and the celebrations that followed to name but a few. None of this could have been possible without Mr. Weir.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of "The Boys in Green" to thank him for everything he did for us. In my opinion, though, we would have done better if it wasn't for a few of his dodgy tactics.

*By Brendan Moynihan*





## *I Will Always Remember*

- Piggy falling flat on his face outside the engineering room while playing with Donncha's crutches.
- Mr. Nally's *love* of intercoms.
- Ms. Donnelly doing the YMCA with Colin Murphy in Italy
- The swimming modules in Transition Year when Mr Weir explained to the class why girls had more buoyancy than lads (with his hands) whilst Keira Fenton, the only girl in the class looked on in terror.
- Mr. O'Connell's everlasting phrase, "You can't beat the BBC!"
- Sports day (4th year) when Karina drank a peculiar brew out of a warm bottle (we all know what it was!)
- At Eurofoot when 15 players jumped on top of JOC when we won our first match.
- When David O'Connor walked into the caf covered in doggy poo!
- The time Winny got locked in the toilet.
- The time the girls got locked in the toilets and Leah had to pretend to be having an asthma attack in order to get them to open the door.
- In computer class in Transition Year, Mr. Myles told everyone in the class not to print anything out because the printer was jammed but while Kieran wasn't looking Walshy pressed "print", on his computer. Myles went mental and Kieran got kicked out of class.
- The fact that Chantal deliberately missed one day of school every week in Transition Year in order to keep her record going.
- We'll never understand the enjoyment the lads got in the Area from kicking around an empty can of coke (piece of sandwich, orange, apple basically anything they could get their hands on).
- In third year history class, Sully and Keefey decided to sing, "Moonlight Shadow". Yet it became contagious and by the end of class they had an echo of, "shadow, shadow, shadow," circulating around the history room. Those were the days!!!!
- The time Brendan stuck Velcro men on to the back of Ms. Lennon's jacket.
- Karen getting tied to the pole on her birthday in 1st year.
- Those memorable days of Chemistry class. The time Keefey and Colin lost control of the tap and water sprayed around the class soaking everyone within a 4m radius. No casualties, however many complained of cramps in their sides and teary eyes.
- The times of the strikes when we all demonstrated on the roundabout!!!
- Sarah Adamson dressing up in pigtails, pulling up her socks and walking around the area.
- When Caroline threw Orla's g-string around the Area (on top of Brian D., her new romance).
- Ms. Donnelly's pink and blue days.
- When Vinny got Moynihan's crutch and lifted Barry Stevenson, resulting in the crutch splitting in two.
- When Vinny kicked Walshy in a (ahem) tender area. Walsh turned green yet it resulted in BOTH of them getting report cards!



*And then there was PE*

The time Vinny and Walshy did the Chicken dance in PE - those were the days!!!!!!!  
 Keira Fenton falling over the bollard on the way in  
 The day Tristan came into the gym covered in blood after jumping headfirst into one of the goal posts  
 In 6th year Michelle O'Halloran was playing tennis and swung to hit the ball but she missed it and it hit her right in the middle of the forehead.  
 All those six minute runs and circuit training!  
 Garvey running around with his pants down on the Asturf.



*Forever friends*

- James and Eoin (or is it more than a friendship?)
- Jennifer and Gemma
- Robert and Vinny (connected at the hip)
- Brian Downey and Mr.Kennelly
- Karina and Edel
- Jean O'Hanlon and Ms. Donnelly
- Mr.O'Connell, Lisa and Gillian
- Kieran and Bob
- Kenneth and Ms.Owens
- Jennifer and her plastic bottle (Jenny Gagga)
- Donncha and Barry and Ray
- Mr. O'Connell and Ms. Maher (or so he wishes)
- JOC and Gary
- Paula and Ciara Mac (Go on the Ovens girls!)
- Ciara, Claire, Donna, Yvonne, Sinead and Leah
- Evelyn and Sarah
- Gary and Colm
- Daniel and David
- Karen, Lucy and Jess
- Phil and Lynsey
- Claire and Orla
- Clara C. and Therese
- D.D. and the comfy seats in the office
- Sarena and Gill

A chat with Patti





## *We Would Like To thank...*

- The Lads-for providing all the girls with endless hours of “entertainment” as they kicked or threw any piece of fruit, sandwich or coke can that they could get their hands on. Granted we used to peer over at them, curse their immaturity and question if they would ever grow up (it's debatable) but still it provided us with many a laugh!
- Ms. Donnelly-for rudely awakening us every single morning at assembly and constantly being amazed at our “outstanding” absences
- The Staff of the Caf - How would we have survived the six years if it wasn't for our sausage rolls, apple slices and chocolate!
- Mr. Downey and Mr. Weir - for the truly enjoyable 12-minute runs - how we loved them.
- Mr. Galvin - (or as we used to call him “Trev”) for being the lust object of all the girls of 4th year.
- Mr. Kennelly - for letting us eat in the Area
- Sinead O'Leary-for being the “Classiest” girl of the year - EVER!
- Gary Lucey-for being a “Legend”. (Or so J.J. thought)
- Mr. O'Broin - for supplying all his students with the biggest amount of useless information that they ever will learn in their entire life
- Mr. Nally - for letting us all find our “inner child” by making us write articles through the eyes of a six year old
- Ms.Cronin - for not letting Ciara O'Kelly burn down the Home-Ec. room during practical classes in Third Year.
- Ms.Madigan - for having hope that 6M2 would survive through the Leaving Cert. Irish paper - Some people are so naïve!
- Mr. Murphy - for letting us have a “nap” in the middle of the day
- Mr. O'Connell - for teaching the girls of Brendán how to step dance in 1st year, for teaching Lisa Mitchell some card skills and showing us all his levitating pub skills.
- Donncha and the Cornflakes box - need we say more?
- Chantal and Sonny - Oh, how we laughed!
- Alan Kavangh for his classic phrase, “Sure what harm, I don't need points!”
- Brendan -for his “shovel” hands and his nifty dance moves (I LIKE TO BREAK IT DOWN!!!)
- Leah for permanently scarring Sebastian's neck Junior Cert. Night!

## *And, finally...*

- “The Key Holder” - and so we question at the end of our six years: - Who has the key which supplied us with many a laugh? (Hint: Winnie and the girls in the bathroom.)



# CLASS OF 2002

*This is a poem about our year.*

Now we're in the Leaving Cert,  
The hardest year of all,  
But when the exams are over,  
We'll go out and have a ball,  
We've been together six years,  
We've been together a while,  
Now it's time to mock some people,  
So take it with a smile,  
Alan Rowell is freakishly tall,  
So is Sarah O'Flaherty, oh wait, she's small,  
And then there's Baz, with the body of a bear,  
We all still wander, will Tony cut his hair,  
Donnacha loves basketball, just like Ray,  
After the leaving, it's off to the NBA  
When Sully didn't play, the team would lose,  
We think it's because of his ugly shoes,  
Finners likes music, Laurence likes dirt,  
DD Kennefick would meet anything in a skirt,  
Mitch is mean, Cremo is a talking machine,  
Hanners is quiet, Sinead Keenan is loud,  
Vinny is a bogger and he's very proud,  
We went to C.I.T., Myles, Alcock and us,  
But Figgy caused commotion, when he didn't  
catch the bus.  
We went far, far away on our religious retreat,  
Colm O Mahony sat on the roof because of  
his massive feet.  
The girls around the corner were always  
looking good,  
So we'd like to quote Ali G and say, "we  
definitely would".  
Their make-up impeccable their hair all a curl.  
And we all swore we had the nicest girl.  
We'd like to thank Mrs Donnelly  
For our six years in the school,  
She was there when we needed help,  
And her clothes were always hip and cool.  
This is our poem, we're at the end,  
We'll keep in touch and stay good friends.

*By Brian Downey And Michael McCarthy.*

We still don't have a clue about "Algebra" or  
"King Lear".  
We had plenty of good days and plenty of bad,  
Everyday in the area the lads went mad,  
Things were thrown, which led to a riot,  
But when Slowey came in, everyone was  
quiet.  
There was one day in the area, we organised  
a dance,  
But someone got excited and soiled their  
lovely pants.  
First year was the year we were all introduced,  
The boys were messing and the girls seduced.  
Second year was when the fun really began,  
"Sketch was called and the whole year ran.  
We remember Eurofoot and the fun we had,  
We played quite well but the results were bad,  
While in France the sun was blazing,  
All the French thought Moynihan was  
amazing,  
We weren't the best team, but the French  
didn't care,  
They were too busy looking at Moynihan's  
hair.  
Third year was a tough one, we were able to  
cope,  
But this year's the big one, we'll do well we  
hope,  
Third year was a time of panic and stress  
But all the lads found time to mess,  
Fourth year began and the results came out,  
There were a couple of tears but many a  
shout.  
Fourth year was fun, fourth year was a doss,  
"Don't forget your study" said Donnelly the  
boss,  
Fourth year was when we went on tour,  
Did we learn stuff in fourth year, we're not  
sure,  
Fifth year was when some knuckled down,  
Some of us didn't, we still messed around,  
On Friday nights we all went out,  
We took over the Oriel, and had a laugh no  
doubt,



# Autographs



**Autographs**





**Area D was for us...**

*the epi-centre of the school*

*a place to sit, a place to put  
your bag*

*a place you wished had softer  
seats!*

*a place where many of our  
fondest memories were created*

*like our very own personal barn  
only the hay was on the ceiling!*

*the place that had to bear the  
brunt of all our misguided  
energies for the last five years  
(watch out for that flying pencil  
case)*

*a place where friendships were  
made and broken and everyone  
was kept updated on the daily  
gossip, be it good or bad*

*where everyday had that,  
"Friday feeling"*

*somewhere where the girls used  
to sit and stare at the lads  
throwing fruit and think to  
themselves, "What age are they  
again?"*

*the place where we just sat and  
watched the traffic of the school  
go by*

*We believe we made Area D our  
own. This was our Domain,  
Our Land and doesn't it seem  
fitting that Area D is to be  
knocked down when we leave!!!*



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