



Class of

2004



Ballincollig Community School Yearbook

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Message from the Principal

I want to wish the class of 2004 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, Mr. Lucey.

The economic outlook appears to be improving and I hope that this will improve your job prospects.

I want to wish you well in the Leaving Cert. and I know that your hard work will be rewarded.

Sean Slowey,
Principal



Message from a Year Head



You have been a great Year Group! Good luck.

A Special Thanks goes to all the Sixth Years who contributed reports for the Yearbook. But most of all to Joe Darer and Claire Murphy who did great work in organising sponsorship, photos and reports.

ANYWAY

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

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

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

The good you do
will be forgotten tomorrow,
DO GOOD ANYWAY

Honesty and frankness make you
vulnerable,

BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY
What you spend years building
may be destroyed overnight,
BUILD ANYWAY

People really need help
but may attack you if you help them,
HELP THEM ANYWAY

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

THE BEST YOU'VE GOT ANYWAY
from A Simple Path

FIRST YEAR - Wow! What a year!



OYSTER HAVEN



"First Year was great! I fell madly in LOVE with Doireann Lordan but somebody said it in class and everybody laughed at me. I started balling and crying but I don't care because I LOVE HER!"



First Year was all about getting used to a new school full of new people. It was yellow and leaked and since it was a circle we were told we would never get lost. Yet a certain few still did! On our first day 100 eager First Years met in the Caf. Some nervous, others missing Mum, but all very giddy. For our Options class, we were selected by height. There was the very tall Options class all the way down to the very small. We of course had the usual First Year problems: very heavy school bags (we had 18 subjects for crying out loud!), trouble understanding the teachers and also being laughed at by the exceptionally tall Sixth Years. We can all remember Brian Daly tripping over setotape wound around the poles in the Sixth Year area. At the end of First Year a few naive teachers brought 100 excited First Years to Oysterhaven. Of course, we had a great day, including people falling into the muddy lake and all the girls falling for the 'hunky' instructor, Dave. It was a good end to the year and we were now ready to tackle the more 'serious' Second Year.

First Year

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

Walk Down Memory Lane



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The tour was a great success! Students got lost in Euro-Disney, spent every last penny on the Champs Elysées, and picked up horrible French habits like manners and courtesy. Memorable events include Michael Sugrue politely being told no (in Ms. Owens' unique way) and the tour diary we never kept. All in all, a great time was had by everyone! Overall our French did improve, even though we got much more practice in our Irish.

French Exchange
 Second Year saw Ms. Owens (showing her more masochistic side) organise a French exchange. In spite of bad weather, Adrian's aviophobia, and costs similar to a moon launch, 20 students and 2 teachers touched down in Charles de Gaulle safely and mostly sanely. We all knew our exchange students before we arrived in Paris. However, nothing could prepare us for the looming culture shock where cereal bars were tasty and cheese was dessert. Ms Owens soon grew tired of our calls for McDonalds but she took us anyway, making us promise we wouldn't tell the French parents.



German Exchange
 Aine, Yvonne, Patricia, Karl, Peter, Eddie and Claire all jetted off from Shannon to Berlin, eager and excited for our trip ahead. We all got on well with our German families and even picked up a bit of German. We had many exciting days trips, visiting Leipzig Halle. We also went champagne tasting (Patricia had one too many!!) and shopping in Berlin. After 10 fun packed days, we returned home tanned and tired.

Second Year
 Second Year was when we finally settled in. New friendships were established and the current classes were made. The French Exchange saw the first major tour the year ended with the French invading our school. The German exchange also was great success. The last Sports Day the Year group participated in wrapped up the year for most with Mark and Conor winning the prestigious school wheelchair race finishing lengths ahead of the pack.

Third Year

This was the year that we taught the rest of our lives would depend on - how wrong we were. Looking back now it meant absolutely nothing. Theorems were thrown at us from all angles (no pun intended) – thank you Ms. Hegarty. Ms Lynch finally realized that that refuge collection was the source of all our problems and some teachers had enough, notably Ms Myers and Iníon Ní Shé. Remember then the results, those little brown envelopes that were later replaced by little brown bags as we took to the streets of Cork city. Packed like sardines into Henrys as we celebrated the oh so pointless results (Looking forward to the debs?) We will never forget the first day of the Junior Cert where teeth were chattering, nails were beaten and heart pulses racing... bring on the Leaving Cert!!!

We did nothing else but study in Third Year; then we made up for that in Transition Year!

Fourth Year

Every week from the start of the year we had modules on Monday and Thursday evenings which included golf, swimming, rugby and soccer. There were breaks from normal classes. At the end of the year we went to Cobh and Kinsale for the day which everyone enjoyed. We also went on Work Experience for 2 weeks during the year.

SOCIALISING

First year disco and Miss Daly and Mr Weir were kept busy chaperoning as teenage hormones hit an all time high. Many little lovebirds hooked up and slow danced the night away. A special mention to the strangest couple of the night, Doireann and Trevor. Poor old Doireann had to stand on a lower step to reach Trevor. First Year was also when most graduated to the Ovens disco. Every month on the first Friday we all headed to that small hall in the middle of the wilderness (also known as Ovens) to dance, drink (cans of coke) and mingle with the opposite sex. Second and third year was when we headed for Coachford and more of the same with the drinking dancing and a special mention to Jess and Maria who gradually worked their way through the males in the disco.



Transition Year Soccer



The real business of school!



Cogh & Kinsale



Friends For Life!





Cobh & Kinsale



Fashion Show

The Fifth Year Fashion Show is the one production this year can be proud of. The events of the night will stay with us for years to come, and if not, sure we always have Paul's video. Who can forget the entertainment of watching Kate stumble on stage, over and over again? And that prize winning shot of peeping Tim... Nice one Paul. We have Ms Madigan getting on stage. Hassan (Anthony) and his legendary walk. And who can forget Kieran Casey and Gary Hanlon's little cross-dressing show at the end. The scariest part of it all was that the dress looked good on Kieran, oh and nice one Gary. And praise is due to all who participated, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank... Oonagh, for all the work she put in?!



For some reason Fifth Year became more like Transition Year for us. I spent more time outside class preparing for the Fashion Show, playing basketball of practicing for our hugely successful girls tag rugby team. I think it was the year when we really got to know each other. The highlight was the Fashion Show. The night was brilliant, we all had great fun and we raised 2,000 euro for charity.

Fifth Year

Sixth Year

Sixth Year was all about our serious studying and some serious partying too as almost everyone turned 18. It was time to get down to the books. Teachers and students began to panic alike as the reality of the mighty Leaving Cert began to hit us all. Sixth Year will be remembered mostly for: Miss Owens telling us we will all fail in college, the numbers in Mr. Myles honours maths class slowly dwindling and Iníon Ní Mhurchu's pass Irish class growing by the minute. But overall we are grateful to all the teachers for helping us get through the dreaded Leaving Cert!



On Retreat in Gougane Barra





Did we look like this?



First Year 1998-1999

Back Row: L to Right Adrian O'Connell, Joseph Canty, Simon Mansfield, Brian Daly, Adam O'Br
Kieran O'Leary, Tony Larsen, Daniel Hallissey, David Nolan, Alan Coomey, Conor Quinlan, Anth

Third Row: L to Right Timothy O'Leary, Kevin Kelleher, Joseph Darrer, Amy Williams, Oonagh
O Callaghan, Marie Aldworth, Claire Murphy, Sharon Buckley, Karen Gayer, Sinead Searles, Lorna
Lordon, Anne Marie O'Shea, Michelle Geran, Sean Cummins, Noel O'Leary, Adam Akmed

Second Row: L to Right Andrew Shannon, Mark Cullinane, Paul Desmond, Kenneth Foley, Davi
Claire Kelleher, Irene Kelleher, Jessica Murphy, Elaine Kelleher, Brenda O'Conner, Annemarie Cro
Arlene Jolly, Maria Maloney, Laura Hickey, Charlotte McCarthy, Joshua Arnold, Kevin Hegarty.

Front Row: L to Right Barry Crowley, Tommy Donoughue, Trevor Morrissey, Graham Cahalane, A
Fitzgerald, Amy Lucey, Ms O'Sullivan, Mr Lucey, Mr Slowey, Ms Maher, Ms Dawes, Karen McG
Jennifer O'Riordan, Emma O'Mahony, Maria O'Connell, Eoin Browne, Trevor Kelleher

Brien, John McKenna, Killian Dineen, Brian O'Keefe, Kieran Casey, Brian O'Flynn, thony Niem, Gary Hanlon, David Rath, Joseph Kelleher, Gerard Murphy, Karl Werst
 th Considine, Emer O'Kelly, Audrey O'Leary, Patricia Nolan, Yvonne Deady, Antoinette
 traine Barry, Jean Barry Murphy, Audrey O'Regan, Kate Forde, Fiona Ryan, Doireann
 vid O'Callaghan, Steven O'Donoghue, Robert Clancy, Garry Keane, Donagh Horgan,
 Crowley, Aine McGrath, Maria Murphy, Karla Conway, Orla Duggan, Lauren McClean,
 Grath, Emma O'Leary, Geraldine Reilly, Erika Murphy Desmond, Siobhán O'Hea,





Sixth Year 2003-2004

We Sported & Played...



Thanks to our coach,
Jim Nugent

Victory!!!
for
BCS

9.00am	Mounthawk	-V-	Sc. Brendans
10.00am	Tralee CBS	-V-	DLS Waterford
11.00am	Castlebany	-V-	Limerick CBS
12.00pm	Ballincollig CS	-V-	Sc. Josephs
1.00pm	Mounthawk	-V-	Limerick CBS
2.00pm	Sc. Brendans	-V-	Castlebany
3.00pm	Ballincollig CS	-V-	DLS Waterford
4.00pm	Tralee CBS	-V-	Sc. Josephs
5.00pm	Limerick CBS	-V-	Sc. Brendans
6.00pm	DLS Waterford	-V-	Sc. Josephs
7.00pm	Ballincollig CS	-V-	Tralee CBS
8.00pm	Mounthawk	-V-	Castlebany

the O'NEILL cup

U-19 Schoolboys Basketball





TEAM PROFILE

This year began with the hope of success in all ages for both boys and girls. Even though the girls cadette team did not do as well as other years, the huge numbers in training each week means that all is looking well for the future.

But this year both the boys U-19 and U-16 teams have reached the bank of Ireland Cup Finals. All this is great for basketball in the school, but it is not the first time that we have had All-Ireland experience. The school won the U-14, U-16 and U-19 'C' titles. As well as this we have reached the U-19B final twice, finishing runners-up on both occasions. The last time we played Our Lady's Castleblaney who are also our opponents in this final. BCS hope to make it third time lucky.

On our way to the final we played 4 good teams but came out top in close contests against Castlecomer CS, Templeogue College, Tralee Community College, and Rockwell College. The U-16s route to the final has also been tough with games against Patrician College, Newbridge, Carrigaline CS and Ard Scoil Rís Limerick. Some players are members of both the U-16 and U-19 panels. We owe a great deal of our success to our coach, Jim Nugent.

The future looks bright for BCS basketball with strong First and Second year teams coming through in both boys and girls.

After a year of hard training, we are hopeful of it all paying off with 2 Bank of Ireland Cups coming to Leeside.

**BANK OF IRELAND
SCHOOLS CUP FINALS
2003**

Six Great Years of Basketball

- Cork County Champions many times
- Bank of Ireland Cup Finalists and All-Ireland League Finalists 2003
- O'Neill Cup Winners 2003

Cork County Hockey Champions 2000





Hurling

The less said about our hurling teams the better. Hardly a skilful team, at one stage our best player was someone who had never played hurling before! You always knew how badly you were doing by the amount Mr Buttiner spat at half time. In all fairness though, the whole team has to thank Mr Buttiner for all the work he put in over the years and he always stopped in the shop! But I think that's because he wanted to. Thanks Mr Buttiner.

Football

Football was a slightly different story - we enjoyed a bit more success. Trained by the poetic Mr O'Connell and fuelled by the promise of Galaxy bars we won some games. Recently the tactically minded Mr Spillane has taken the reigns and just in time for the Yearbook we won the Under 18 County Football Final. It was a victory we looked forward to for a long time. Thanks Mr Spillane.



**Sports Day
Firts Year**

We Sported & Played...



We Played
Tag Rugby
Pitch & Putt
Golf
Basketball
Hurling
Football
Rugby
Hockey
Soccer etc

Eurofoot

Eurofoot was a soccer competition for the elite soccer teams from all over Europe and us! We played against professionals with signed contracts. What did we have? Pasion, determination and 70s style tracksuits! We got to France on two years - in Fourth Year and Fifth Year - we were that good! In Fifth Year we had a distinct age advantage over the other teams - it was an under-15 competition and some of our players were over 17! The organisers didn't seem to mind as they assumed we would not win and by God we proved them right! Yet again a great time was had by all on the last night. We came 23rd in the soccer but we came first in the partying! The week was rounded off nicely with a fireworks display. As we sat on the grass, we looked back on one of the best weeks of our lives.

Good times!



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So we finally arrived in London – Yes, Daire, that is a tree, and you're right, it is in London Daire! After passing the same building 20 times, we got to the Globe Theatre, which was, eh, very educational! In fact, the whole tour was educational...we learned of Brian O'Keefe's strange love for the colour pink, and his fetish for singing Enrique Iglesias songs! One of the most memorable days of the tour was the day in Warwick

Castle, between Joe rolling in duck poo and having to buy a new jumper and Daire chasing the peacocks. And of course, who can forget Mr Slowey's face when he saw Daire with

white fluff up his nose, saying, "Who am I?" And finally, we must give credit to the poor B&B owners, who put up with so much – Tony Larsen's singing alone to Blue's "One Love" every morning with a deodorant bottle and Maria O'Connell's laughing in her sleep, not to mention the toilet paper stealing and the walkie talkies!! By the way, Ms Cronin, Ms Daly and Ms Waterman,

we know ye sneaked out for a few drinks that night!!



We Achieved...

Form and Fusion

There are some things about the Form and Fusion that we will never forget. Think back to the bitter rivalries, the tantrums and Waterfall Man group moaning every time we had art class because they were paper machéing rocks for ages. Brian and Paul threatening to start their own group about twice a week. Remember Adams solo attempt to grab first prize, unfortunately Orla literally got stuck in the crossfire. Then there was the three coke-sugar high days of the finals. They brought some classics. Like Triona and the tango loudspeaker. Oh and the crazed bus driver who thought driving at 70 mph into every pothole was amusing. It wasn't until the floor gave way that we started laughing (Damn Coke!) With Waterfall man (jullku-jnnn???) triumphant with the best mask at the finals, it was all worth it.....

Who can also forget the other events that occurred down in Millstreet – Jess turning a guy gay in only two days. Who can't remember a group of us getting called out of the disco to search for people who had tried to break into the Green Glens Arena to go to the disco. Then there was Joe in his tights – Yeah right sure they were just tight pants Joe!



Students' Council



Oonagh Considine & Ballincollig Lions Club Award



Adam O'Brien, Prize Photographer



Goal Collection
 The goal collection was one of the most memorable weeks of fourth year, thanks to Ms Cronin. We would like to say it was all about the money but in truth it was about missing all those classes. Every day we raced up the village in a battle to get the most profitable areas; Thank God for the AIB!! Also there was the battle to avoid ALDI, the most exposed to the elements (Frost Bite) and the insane bargain hunters. Then after all our hard work and wedges from O'Crualaoi's, we deposited our funds to Daire (anyone else think that was a bad idea?). We were then awarded with the unexpectedly comical ceremony months later.

LCA Prizes



Lota Exchange

The Lota exchange was organised by the ever helpful Ms Cronin. It was a six week course that took place on Mondays and Wednesday. The programme was to help integrate students in Lota with students in BCS. Many a great Wednesday afternoons were spent playing soccer, basketball, art and crafts.

Triona Collins & the Young Scientist





I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.....

Jess' 1st year wedding to Jonathan Kelleher of 6th year, completely unknown to him of course.

Claire Murph falling through the prayer room door in front of everyone, how could we forget?

The time Thomas locked himself in the boy's bathroom in area F, accidentally of course but thanks for entertaining us through lunch break anyway Tom.

Patricia Nolan attacking all the lads with a scribe in 1st year, good times Trish, good times.

Gleeson's underwear being ripped off by Kevin Neeson and then thrown all around the area, HA HA....

The 'gay' pole back in area F.

Bub the bin, agh, good ole Bub!

The inappropriate mound. (Just in general)

Kieran dump tackling Daire in the middle of the area in 4th year, good stuff!

Jess with the "There's more than one way to skin a cat" sticker attached to her forehead for an entire lunch break. (In her defence it was a dare, nice one Orla)

Tommy O Donoghue's brilliant cheating methods, every time. And never getting high marks.

Robert and his lorry

In Stratford when Aoife and Amy tried to impress some lads, unfortunately a park bench got in their way

Michelle Geran attacking Ms Murphy with cream on a whisk which she "forgot" to turn off

I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER.....

Joe falling off his chair..... again..... and again..... oh and again, oh how you make us laugh.
 Tommy Two Shoes... need we say anymore.
 Back in area F when there was a constant dispute between the girls corner and the LCA corner over the lights on either side of the module, "on, "off, "ON! "OFF!!".
 Michelle Geran's attempt to tackle the smoking in the bathroom ... unfortunately her sign soon went up in smoke
 A.D.A.C.A..... Summer tape test in 4th year, you know what we mean. (Thanks Casey)
 The 2 scrawnies with balaclavas and shorts who ran across the lawn on our last day!
 Where were Kieran Casey and Paul Gleeson when that happened?
 The day Patricia Nolan "accidentally" fell off her chair and landed underneath the lads table .. for a better view Robert Clancy and his legendary Elvis impression
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 The fireworks on the last day of the old school, poor Annette Schud
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Thank You, Our Teachers



**We moved
from here
to there in
Fifth
Year...
and lost
our seats!**





Quotes

Kate Forde - "All guys have to do to make friends is grunt!"
 Killian - "Grunt" - Brian - "Grunt"
 Orla Duggan - "All hairdressers should be put in a room and gassed."
 Jessica Murphy - "You could cut the tension in here with an angle grinder!"
 Jess - (Hungry in the Caf) - "It was a choice between curling my hair or making my lunch."
 Ms Harrington - "What cash crop is grown in South Italy?.....It's used in spaghetti and lasagne...."
 Patrica - "Mince meat?"
 Michelle Geran to Karen Gayer - "So then bla, bla, bla, ha, ha, ha" (Really it's a code language that's all we hear!)
 Joe - "Lads we're losing.....Which means we're not winning."

