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Foreword

I am delighted to have the opportunity to present this foreword to the Class of 1992 Year Book. I wish to congratulate the pupils for the various articles and Mr. Lucey, Year Head, who ensured that the 1992 Year Book would prove to be an excellent momento for the pupils of the 1992 Leaving Cert class.

I publicly wish to thank Mr. Lucey for the part he played as Year Head to the present Leaving Cert pupils. He has nurtured their development and has instilled in each a sense of maturity and responsibility that I am sure in years to come they will appreciate.

I am confident that the Class of 1992 will be worthy standard bearers of the excellent tradition set by previous years. Those of the class who go immediately into the world of work will contribute to the growth and development of the country. Others, who will pursue further studies in third level colleges, will emulate their predecessors by obtaining excellent qualifications.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the 1992 Leaving Cert class for their contribution to Ballincollig Community School. I hope that as they leave their "Alma Mater", each will carry into life happy memories of their five years at Ballincollig Community School.

Dan Murray Principal



Magazine Committee and contributors

Catherine Barry-Murphy, Rachel Burke, Jayne Carroll, Daphne Coakley, Martha Holden, Ruth Lynch, Klara McAuliffe, Carol O'Callaghan, Sara O'Dwyer and all those who provided memories and photographs.



Ballincollig Community School

A Parting Message

"I have a dream..."

Martin Luther King

I have a dream that one day
this nation will rise up and live out
the true meaning of its creed.
We hold these truths to be
self-evident
that all men are created equal.

I have a dream that one day in the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood...

This is our hope.
This is our faith that I go back to the South with.
With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope.

Dermot Lucy





Leaving Cert. Teachers

Autographs

First Year

The Way We Were... Cute and Innocent!

'Those were the days, my friend, We thought they'd never

A s long ago as first year may seem, we will always remember the many incidents of those days.

Who can remember the first morning as a rather pale and sickly Ann Dwyer fell to the floor of the cafeteria (does she want to be reminded?) while her fellow students were being acquainted with the school rules. The excitement, it seems, was just too much!

As first years we weren't denied our fair share of romance. Who has 'conveniently' forgotten those swooning couples such as Ciara Fahy and Jonathan O'Hea, Noelle Dalton and Paul Buckle, Melanie Hill and Killian Whooley The list is endless.



Tour and All

Our educational tour that year took us to Bunratty Castle - some people enjoyed the bus trip more than the visit to the castle itself. We were so innocent then.

We also did our share of hard work too in between the fun and the frolics. During many a Wednesday afternoon and with much elbow grease, some of us volunteers transformed the briar infested jungle in the centre of the school into a horticulturalists pride and joy. (Well almost) The example we set has now been followed by others.

Among our many other talents were acting and music. There was that first Christmas concert in the cafeteria with Mrs Kind's Rang Eanna, and Sara O'Dwyer as the baddie, giving a sterling interpretation of Roald Dahl's

Cute and Innocent?



Damien; When I grow up I want to smoke fags, drink beer and watch TV all day long.

Rory; When I grow up I'm going to be a Professor.

Brian; I'm never going to grow up.

Ciaran; I'm going to have curly hair when I'm big - and work hard.

Fergal: When I'm big I'm going to be even faster.

stories and Matthew O'Callaghan leading Mrs Woodward's class in a shoot-out or was it a murder scene or was it a play about Northern Ireland - sometimes the memory fades.

We brought our Christmas revelries to a close with a little piece that included a spine-chilling cover version of Band Aid's "Feed The World" with Karen Quinn and Martha Holden giving Boy George a run for his money. It was a good laugh and a nice way to go on holidays.

The last day of first year was crowned with an appropriate amount of mayhem. It was brought to a close in a cloud of flour and many broken eggs! Kieran Murphy will surely remember going home that last day with a mixture encrusted on his fair locks.

Without a doubt, those were the days and we were all sorry to bid farewell to first year. Five years on, with plenty of mature recollection, who would have changed one single day of that year.

Do You Remember?

The very first day of first year Iwas afraid and alone. I was surrounded by people the same age as myself but knew hardly anyone. I was going to be spending the next five years with these strangers. Looking back now I realise what a good five years it has been.

Do you remember Rang Gobnait in first year with Irish dancing with Miss Daly and camogie with Miss O'Rourke?

Rang Brid in first year was the best class in the whole school. From day one this lively bunch always found something to entertain themselves. We were renowned for our 'National Days'. The first was 'National Shades Day' when we all had to wear sunglasses to school. In class you only wore them when teacher was writing on the blackboard. 'National Dime Bar Day' was

My memory is of first year when Thomas McCarthy hid in the press awaiting our teacher. About 10 minutes into the class he jumped out and gave teacher a fright!

Do you remember in Rang Eanna when the wobbly chair was put at the teacher's desk and the teachers wobbled on the wobbly chair?

another. Everyone had to buy at least 1 Dime Bar in the Caf and eat it during class. When teacher asked you a question, you couldn't open you're mouth because your teeth were stuck together. We also did the old 'reel of sewing thread trick' and teachers were baffled to see chairs, pencil cases and other objects move by themselves along the floor.

Second Year

Still Cute.... But Not As Innocent!

one were the lazy, crazy hazy days of first year and shock and horror were the predominant moods as we realised that there was more work to be done this year.

Soccer

But all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy (or girl) so we managed to temper our studies with feverish bouts of play. Class rivalry reared its head during this year as 'man' fought 'man' at the lunch time soccer matches. Barry O'Driscoll dazzled down the wing, Finbarr Drinan controlled from the middle, Liam Barry dived at everybody's feet, Marc O'Sullivan was solid at the back, Denis Twomey tackled like a tiger and Killian Whooley stopped anybody coming through. As tension heightened on the pitch or in the gym only the calming influence of Mr. Lucey prevented a full-scale

Not to be outdone by their male classmates, the girls got to work and after 5 weeks of intensive training were transformed into Peles and Maradonnas. This served them well in winning the

Plate in the weekend soccer blitz.

Trabolgan

Surf, sand, sun and water - of an artificial kind at least - in Trabolgan, was the destination for the customary second year tour where luminous bermudas and skimpy bikinis were in vogue. There was Luca trying to be a dolphin, Adrian Sheehan looking gorgeous with his new haircut, Miss Harrington swimming gracefully, everybody

Court Jesters -Martha and Karen



Is this Catherine?

Where are they now?



Trabolgan

gulping down those memorable burgers and chips (except the teachers who got a special), Rory Walsh and somebody else turning up late for the bus home and so much else. Safe to say that money was lost and won, people bowled, dunked and snookered and a great time was had by all.

The end of year exams (every one of them 2 whole hours long) were coped with by some with nerves on edge and by others with hints written on hands. They served as a reminder of the unwelcome object on the horizon - the Inter Cert.



Three lovely lassies

AAAhhh!!



"Look we've no hair under our arms"



K E L A X A T I O N





Starving! Oh, those lovely burgers

Beach Boys



Sittin' Pretty





Man in the middle

Third Year

Life is Getting Tougher

the 5 September 1989 with absolutely nothing to look forward to - no school tour, no play, no retreat, no debs ... except the unpleasant thought of 9 months 'slog' and a month of exams - the dreaded Inter Cert.

It sure had the makings of a boring year, but life was never dull for us energetic, enthusiastic third years. O.K there were a few tedious and boring moments here and there but that was to be expected. After all we weren't first years anymore (Thank God for that) so the thrill of walking around the school the wrong way was gone (what a thrill in those innocent first year days). Even stampeding into the back of the classroom every 40 minutes to takeover those chairs had lost its appeal.

Area D was our haven for the year - so much better than being squashed into Area C. The only problem was going through the fifth and sixth year areas - not very pleasant when you're only a third year.

The day the Cork Football team brought the 'Sam Maguire' to the school was about the most exhilarating event in the school year so that will tell you how eventful our year was.

We also watched the fifth years displaying their talents in their production of "Dracula Spectacula". This whetted our appetite for next year - we would surely have to put on an even more spectacular performance.

So Christmas, the Pre's and Easter came and went and before we knew it, it was June and time for the Inter Cert . Our day of reckoning had come but it wasn't so bad after all. We conquered our fears and we conquered the Inter.

What the future holds - 10 Years On

Rachel Burke - columnist on Irish
feminism for the Sunday World
Paul Mitchel - leader of the
Abdusukian Hippie Commune
Donagh McCarthy - still in the
process of writing "The Political
Implications of a Flared Matchbox"
Ruth Leggett & Melanie Hill - Aged
cheerleaders of the fifth year boys
soccer team

Kevin McAdoo - emigrated to Holland

Nadine ("You're the One that I want") Loftus - still planning to marry Paul Doherty

Morgan O'Donovan - professional

Deirdre Conway & Eileen Greene joint presidents of the Head Bangers Ball Fergal Tubridy - still winning gold medals in the Olympics

Alayne Sexton - participating in Jane Fonda's new work out video and still talking

Kieran Barrett - godfather of the Mafia and owner of a new pair of boots John Corcoran - owner of a new pair of boots and godfather of the other Mafia (and going out with somebody else?)

Dearbhla McSweeney - representing Ireland in Miss World

Killian Whooley - trying to get Barry jealous

Martha Holden - still wondering why we didn't tell her she was on this list Mr. Lucey - just recovered from us and fearing the arrival of our kids to BCS

A Year Head's

10 Best Memories

- 2 September 1987 your first day in BCS
- 226 June 1992 -Your last day in BCS
- 3 The first year concert in the cafeteria
- The day the Inter Cert results came out
- **5**Sixtease Sixtease Sixtease
- 6 Taking off for Paris
- 7Coming home from Paris
- Shoes and wellgroomed hair
- 9When you were nice!
- 1 OThe day of the Leaving Cert results

Fifth Year

The Year It All Happened ...

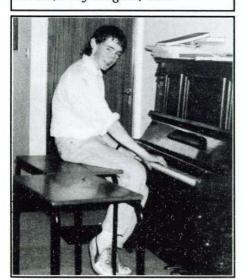
e were trapped once again - back in B.C.S. to commence Fifth Year.We were haunted by the horrible thought of the impending arrival of the dreaded Inter Cert results.

Judgement Day brought beads of sweat trickling down our stress-lined faces and a pounding beat to our hearts. But we need not have feared with A's and B's galore and a night out in the disreputable clubs of Cork city ahead of us.

Sixtease

All tensions were forgotten as we began to prepare for the Fifth Year play. Budding actors and actresses came forth to display their talents. The mellow voices reverberated around the social areas for weeks of rehearsals. We were finally pushed into shape and made a huge success of "Sixtease". We had to turn down offers to appear in the Opera House, the Everyman theatre and the local Community Centre.

Above Right; The Holy Joes Below Right; Ladies Prayer Meeting Below; Play it again, Sam.



The Retreat

My abiding memory of the last 5 years in school has to be the fifth year retreat where everybody got to know each other better and there was great unity and excitement. There was a high in the class for weeks afterwards.





Sixtease

-A new 60's Rock & Roll Musical-

Where? Set in Cork When? 1960 Who? The class of 1960

Act 1

- Scene 1: School assembly noon- first day back
 - after the summer hols.
 - 2: In the school cafe a little later
 - 3: In class that afternoon
 - 4: Katey's pyjama party Friday night
 - Underneath the lamplight at the corner of the street around midnight
 - 6: School yard a few days later
 - 7: Dining out at the local cafe

Interval 15 minutes

Act 2

- Scene 1: Just before the big dance a few weeks later
 - 2: At the dance later that night
 - Another corner at another street a few days later
 - 4: A visit to the cinema at the weekend
 - 5: Party-time later that week
 - 6: Return to the local cafe soon after
 - 7: On the street where they live

The Cast

Patricia O'Sullivan Jenny Jones Katey Quirke Rozz Furlong

Connie Kearney
Tina Dunphy
Helen Hennesey
Bobbie Kearney
Bartholomew Buckley
Donie Doyle
Noel O' Neill
Nickie Casey

Tommy Twomey Eddie Reck Tadgh Meagher Sean Fenders

Raymond Rigley Ms. Mc Donnell Voice on the radio Gary Logan Butch Rock Guardian Angel Carmeseta Cooney

Sue Rachel

Catherine Cronin Carol O'Callaghan Elaine Sexton Jane Carroll Martha Holden Nadine Loftus Eileen Greene Karen Quinn Niall O'Hanlon Killian Whooley Barry O'Hea Kenneth Hegarty Rory O'Brien Paul Doherty Tim Power Rory Walsh Gerard Coakley Karen Kinsella Ann Dempsey David Mohally Jim Corcoran Trevor Desmond Laura Searles Sinead O'Leary Ruth Lynch

Cheerleaders

Niamh Fitzgerald Karen Buckley Ann Dwyer Lorraine Ahern Catherine O' Callaghan Mandy Kelly Katherine Barry-Murphy Ciara Fahy Margaret McSweeney Ruth Leggett Fiona Sheehan Julie Bradley Daphne Coakley Aoife Nash Linda McGrath Clara Summers

Caroline Metcalfe

Patricia O' Leary

Rockettes

Dearbhla Mc Sweeney Claire O'Keeffe Yvonne O'Leary Valerie Nagle Linda O'Sullivan Ann Dempsey Gwen O'Leary Jackie Bohan Laura Searles Sinead O'Leary Deirdre Conway Klara Mc Auliffe

Rollers

Jim Corcoran Matthew O'Callaghan Marc O'Sullivan David Mohally Gerard Coakley Trevor Desmond





Ballincollig Community School Presents

Sixtease

-A new 60's Rock & Roll Munical-Production

Director
Musical Director/Choral Mistress
Choreographer
Asst. Choreographer
Co-Ordinator
Musicians

Set Design

Stage Manager

Sound Equipment Lighting Equipment Lighting Design/Operator Stage/Set Constuction

Video

Costumes

Make-up

Emer Hartnett Donna Daly Blyth Miriam Murphy Dermot Lucey Deirdre Foley and Sean Kinsella Agnes Earley and Fifth Year Art Class Celia O'Riordan Sara O'Dwyer Bart Arnold Allight /R. Casey Tony Weir Freddie Alcock John Holland Tim Horgan Willie Searles and Fifth Year students Jim O'Leary and Fifth Year students The Cast and Breda Cronin Antoinette O'Regan, and Fifth Year students

Marion Wyatt

Special Thanks to: The teachers who helped with supervision, teas and in many other ways; to the parents of the cast; to Fr. Michael Keohane; Derry Canty; Derry Costello; to Gareth Ahern & Fergus Lordan for stage construction; Sean Slowey; and to our Principal, Dan Murray, for constant support.

Sixtease







The
Saints
Go
Marching
On



A Whiter Shade of Pale

Gay Paree

In between all this excitement we did some study. But after the summer exams a recovery period was needed and what better place to recover than in gay Paree. We conquered the Eifel Tower, we braved the dark quarters of Notre Dame, we mingled with artists, we prayed in Sacre Coeur, we roamed free without teachers, we looked with puzzlement at the Pompidou Centre, we even ventured into McDonald's - a week of exciting days and nights.

Fifth Year was enjoyed by all - 'the calm before the storm' - as Sixth Year loomed ahead and we were about to pay for the frantic adventures of our misspent youth.

Vogue, eat your heart out



On Tour

"Travelling down the Boulevard St. Michel that is where we saw them, their legs of white and their hair so fair, they looked so out of place. At last we figured out who those lads dressed in green were - the boys from BCS - with the white legs and the fair hair - how out of place they were."

Нарру

in

Paris



True Love - Romance in Paris





"Hands up if you use Right Guard"



"Hands down if you don't"

"Hey girls, want to sit with me" "Catch this".



On Tour





The Kenny Family 1

←Watch out! I'm not properly trained yet

Hi, Girls! →





M A C H O P O S E





We're on a Plane!



Ritist Lears 1981.88



Craduation Dance 1991.92







On Tour



An Irishman in Paris



Hey, Mama!

Homage to a dead Door





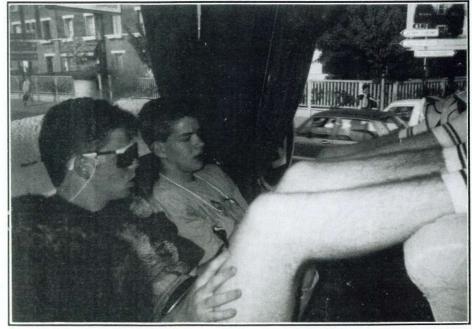
Caroline
betrays her
childhood idol
- if Ronald
McDonald
could only see
her now

O.K., you throw the knife and I'll catch it in my mouth





Patrick, will you still love me when I'm old and have knobbly knees?



Sixth Year

Life Will Never Be The Same...

a Sixth Year dawned, the doors of freedom, joy and youth were locked forever behind us and the chains of slavery, sorrow and old age were tied around our necks. Life would never be the same again.

The Grads

For a brief moment our suffering was relieved by the arrival of the 'Grads' in Jury's. What a night it was - dashing handsome young men and beautiful young ladies. What a mixture. I personally would be too embarrassed to divulge to naive minds those dark and dangerous secrets from that night which lie forever in the cobwebed corner of my heart. (You poor creature) Who was that mysterious young lady with the green and black dress who flung herself with gleeful abandon at a young man of dubious reputation, known simply as Jim. Just one of the shocking secrets which will return to haunt us in old age.

We soon retreated into the embracing arms of the Grand Parade Hotel and later into the more sophisticated ambience of a rugby club, would you believe.

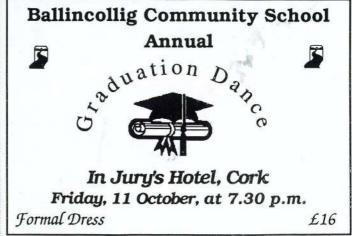
Alas, that was the only time that we found relief from this year of torture. There is no time for fun and frolicking now. The shouts of "Study, Study, Study" echo in our ears. Mr Lucey, looking not unlike Bruce Dickinson (who's he?), brings his daughters and sons to the slaughter. Oh, what a terrible fate awaits us!

The Grads

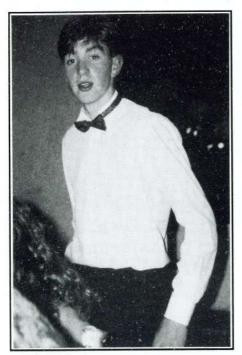
The Grads was one of the best nights of my life. I remember walking into Jury's and seeing my whole year group transformed. People that looked so ordinary in school now looked so different.



Then came
the main
event of the
evening Killian
Whooley,
Luca O'Neill
and, doing
his best
Mexican
voice, Niall
O'Hanlon



The Grads

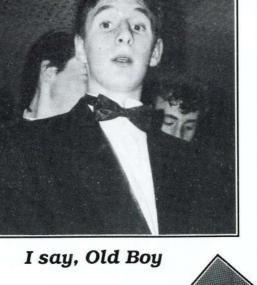


Speech!

Hhmmm!















The Grads













The Grads

Top Hat

Lucky Fellas



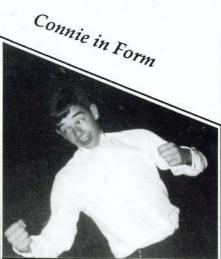






Sisters

Cool it, Babee!



The Gaeltacht

ff to Dunchaoin for a weekend in February - 21 girls, 2 boys, 1 straw hat, a torch and 2 teachers arrived in the dreary darkness of Nell's front garden...

We wandered footloose and fancy free down roads, up roads, over hills and across fields.....We arose late next morning to the noise of Melanie shrieking in the cold shower. After crackers and cheese, some hitched into Fionntra to participate in the traditional Irish pastimes.



Natives

The fun-loving five - Eileen, Fionuala, Gwen, Karen and Claire, eager to get a colour, gathered their swim gear and set off for a nice day at the beach. We were greted by the rolling mist and 24 foot high waves ...

That night we put on our best glad rags and disco shoes and set off in search of the local nightclub. We sweated it out to the beat of the bodhran with the locals... When we left Dunchaoin the next day we were sorry to leave our house on the hill.



Perg agus Cart Jim



Fionnuala Meditating?



Some played table tennis



We Were Active ...



1989 All-Ireland ITGWU Project on the 1913 Lockout

Sara O'Dwyer (winner of the Junior Competition) and Gretta Costello (second in the Senior Competition) being presented with an Apple computer by Mr. Declan Shelvey (Production Manager, Apple Computers) with Mr. Murray, Principal, and Mr. Lucey, History Teacher.

Get a Permanent Supply of Christmas Candles and Stylish Hair Accessories from the Mini Company

Social Committee organisers of Discos and other wild parties

Sinead O'Leary Nuala Hegarty Jim Corcoran Ciara Fahy Catherine Barry-Murphy Jayne Carroll Marc O'Sullivan

President; Linda O'Sullivan
Treasurer; Julia Bradley
Sales Manager; Carol O'Callaghan
Production Manager; Nuala Hegarty
Labour Force; Karen Kinsella, Ruth
Lynch, Margaret McSweeney, Sinead
O'Leary, Fiona Sheehan, Jayne Carroll.
Adviser; Mrs Myers

Soccer Team 1991

In the Munster Blitz in Limerick, this team fought with courageous spirit and determination to win the Shield.

Team; Niamh Fitzgerald, Yvonne O'Leary, Ann Dwyer, Nuala Hegarty, Laura Searles, Karen Quinn, Sara O'Dwyer, Margaret McSweeney.

Trainers; Miss Harrington, Miss Cronin.

Travelling teachers; Mr Downey, Fr Michael, Inion Ni Mhurchu

The Camogie Girls

This skillful, energetic group of hardworking girls under the watchful eyes of Miss O'Rourke, Inion Ni She, Mrs O'Riordan and Mr Murphy reached the Munster Final, but lost unfortunately, to the then All-Ireland champions, Mount Mercy.

Team; Yvonne O'Leary, Niamh Fitzgerald, Julia Bradley, Nuala Hegarty, Valerie Nagle, Carol O'Callaghan, Theresa Cotter, Tina Cadogan, Sinead O'Leary.

Carol O'Callaghan and Julia Bradley made the Cork minor team in 1990. Julia retained her place on the team the following year.

Basketball

In First Year we trained under Paddy Flood, who soon separated the men from the boys and the women from the girls. During the year a group of about 16 played 3 matches in West Cork. In Second Year we visited Neptune under our new trainer, George Meade.

Some of our members became very active in the local Basketball club. Colin Bradley and Adrian Breen at the age of 15 played in the under 19 minor boys final. The local team, which also included Ronan Cullinane, has played very well in the Basketball league.

We Were Active ...



Golfing Success

Golf has made progress in the school under the watchful eye of Mr. Murphy. Morgan O'Donovan and Jim Corcoran were on the school team that won the Cork City Schools golf competition. In the South Munster Schools competition the same team, which included 2 second years - Philip Costello and David O'Donovan - were unlucky to lose. However, Morgan O'Donovan had the best individual score of the day.

Morgan also won the very prestiguous Cork Junior Scratch Cup - following on the footsteps of Eoghan O'Connell.

The School Bank

We took over the School Bank in fifth year and it thrived under our guidance. This indeed was a great year for the bank. Our promotional campaign to attract new depositers paid dividends with 50 new accounts. At the end of of the year the Savings

Bank presented us with certificates of achievement.

Manager; Sara O'Dwyer

Assistant Manager; Valerie Nagle

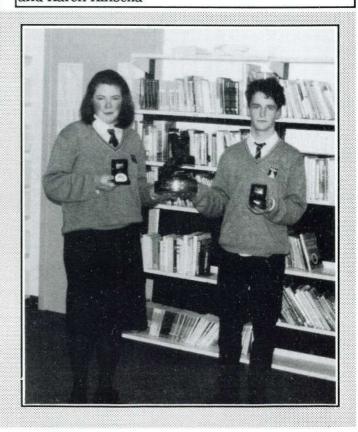
Auditor; Denis Twomey

Cashiers; Karen Buckley, Niamh Fitzgerald and Karen Kinsella

Debating

Since 1989 when 2 unknown second years - Carol O'Callaghan and Sara O'Dwyer - took on their older rivals, debating has played a prominent part in the activities of the year group. Over the years in Concern and Bank of Ireland debates or in the Speakers Trophy, Carol and Sara were joined by Eileen Greene, Rachel Burke, Martha Holden, Niall O'Hanlon, Valerie Nagle and Karen Kinsella.

This year, Sara and Niall won the team award in the Speakers Trophy to add to their triumphs of other years both inside the school and in interschools debates.



Autographs And Photographs



































































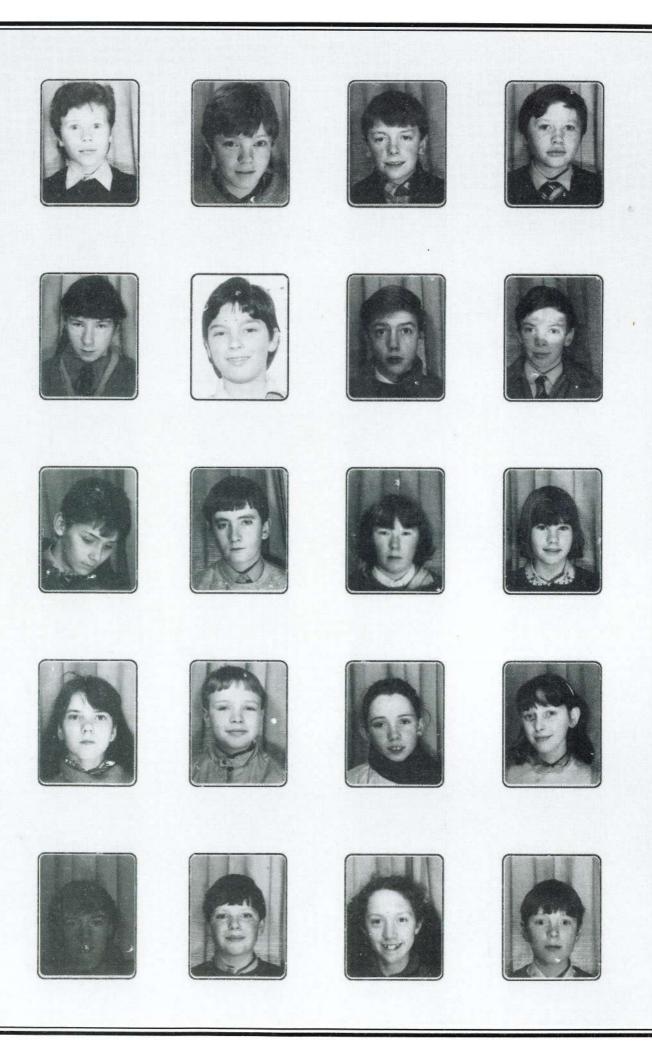




























































































































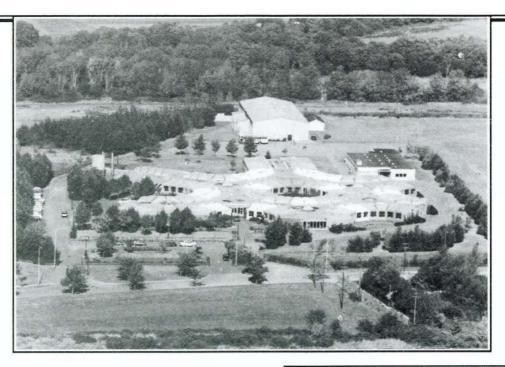


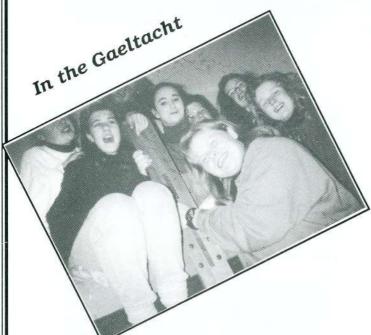






Alma Mater





German honour for clever Catríona

CONGRATULATIONS Catriona!
Catriona Buckley of Templehill, Carrigrohane, a pupil of Ballincollig Community School, has won a scholarship sponsored by the German Embassy.

The scholarship entitles Cartiona to a three-week language course in a German school.

Catriona was awarded the scholarship on the strength of her excellent results in the German Language paper of her Intermediate Certificate, which was followed by an interview at the German Embassy in Dublin.

Catriona was selected as one of the top twenty pupils in the country. She has brought great honour to her community and to her school.

Sixteen-year-old Catriona is a member of the German-Irish Friendship Society, which has a very active junior committee at the Ballincollig Community School.

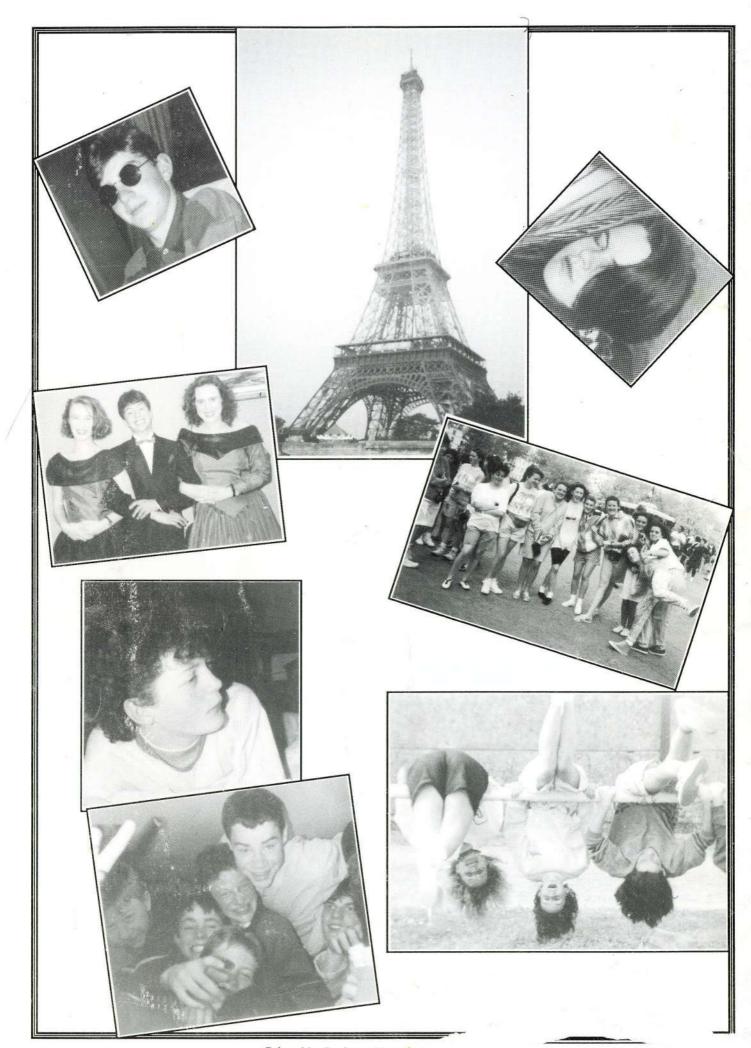
She is also part of a youth group which is busily organising a visit of young German students to the Ballincollig area.

On Retreat





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