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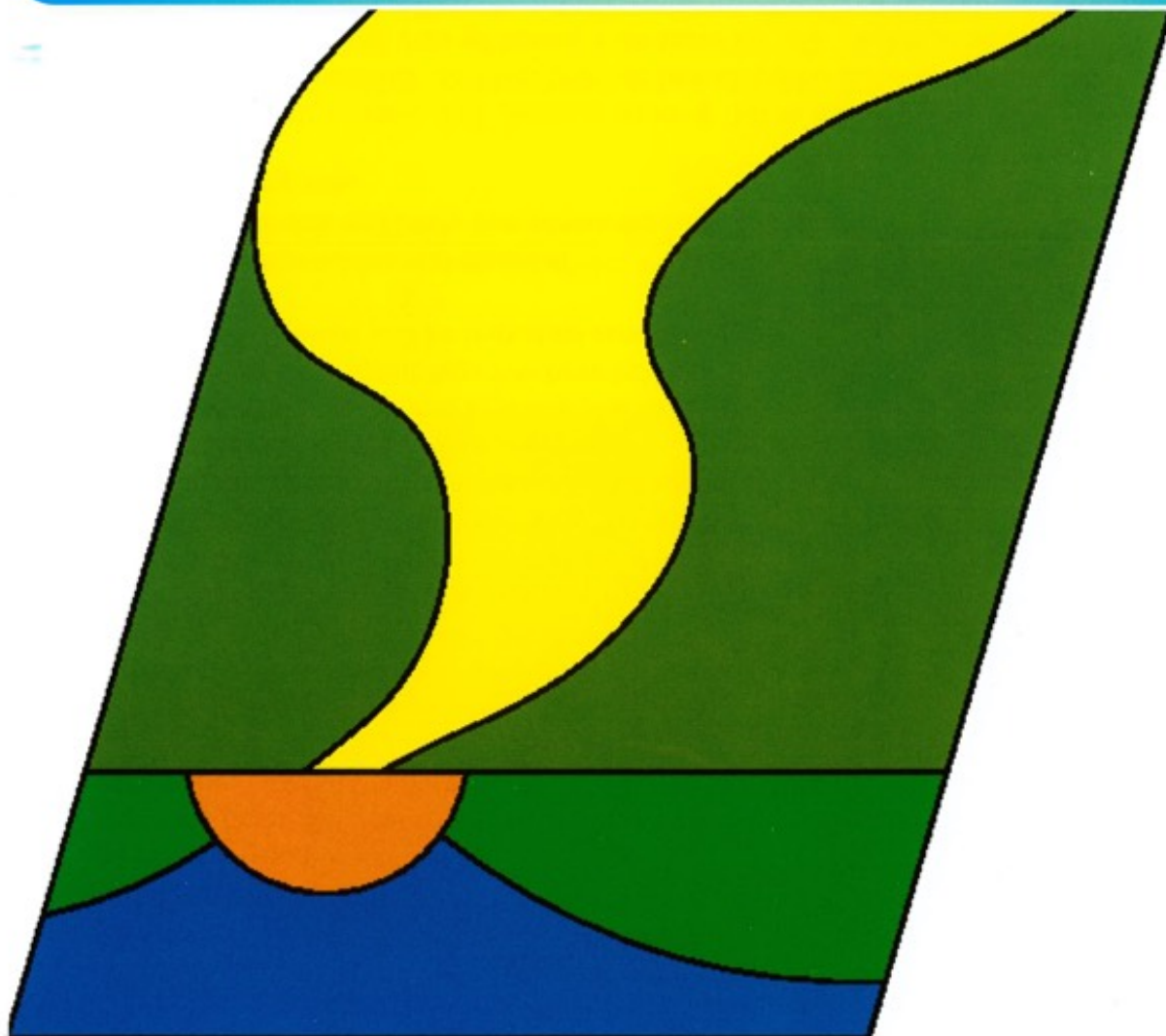
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Message from the Principal

As you reach the end of your time at Ballincollig Community School you will no doubt spend a while looking back over the last few years. You joined the school as children-you leave as adults. Along the way there were good times and times that were perhaps a bit more challenging.

This is not an end, but very much a beginning. The foundation set for you and with you here at BCS will stand by you as you follow whatever path you choose over the next months and years. You will take many things with you as you move on from this phase of your life. Take pride in these and in who you are. The world you are moving into has many opportunities and rewards. It will also produce its fair share of pressures and challenges. Be true to yourself and to where you have come from. Be true to the friendships you have built up over the years - the familiar will be important now also.

On behalf of the staff, students and Board of Management, I wish each and every one of you the very best that life can bring you.

Kathleen Lowney



Message from the Deputy Principal

While putting my thoughts together for the start of this message, I realise that it is now 25 years since I was Year-Head for the first Leaving Certs. I remember them very well and still have the class photo in my office. You too will be remembered well and deservedly so. Personally, I'll remember you for yourselves, your unique personalities and your many many talents – sports, music, art – your sense of humour and you were never mischievous ... or were ye??

I tend to be reluctant to give advice unless I'm asked for it. However, here goes ... be open-minded, travel if you can, work abroad if you can. We are becoming a multi-cultural society – embrace difference, don't be afraid of it – you will be enriched. Otherwise, take good care and thanks for your co-operation.

Ted Kennelly



Mairéad Ní Mhurchú

Guim gach rath agus dea ghruí oraibh. Go n-eirí libh i ngach a dhéanfai sibh. Na déan dearmad ar bhur dtuismitheoirí is ata déanta acu ar bhur son.

While writing this article, memories of your first day at B.C.S. came to mind. Yes, some of the group were enthusiastic and wide eyed, others enthralled while others looked shocked and lost. Eventually calm was restored and everyone fitted comfortably into life in B.C.S. The six years have passed by very quickly. "Time stands still for no man". Enjoy life and make the most of it. Thanks for all the hard work, dedication, help and good humour over the past 6 years. It has been great to see all of you grow and mature during that time.

Mar a deir an seanfhocal "Da thad é an la tagann an óiche". Sea a chairde, tá ceann scríbe sroichte aguibh anois agus tá sibh réidh chun aghaidh a thabhairt ar an gcéad chaibidil eile i bhur saol. Molaim sibh agus gach a bhfuil déanta aguibh le sé bliana anuas.

Message from the Year Head



1st Year Chemistry Competition

In 1st year, Martha Earley, Breffni Murphy, Niamh Kelly and David O'Driscoll participated in Salters Chemistry Competition. The competition consisted of different flame and chemical tests that had to be readjusted in order to solve a problem. We won!! We were presented with €200 and certificates but the most important thing that happened on that day that we can remember is when Ms. Chute bought us chips and minstrels.

By David O'Driscoll



1st Year Eacht Awards

Nominees-

1A

Eileen Coffey
Lisa O'Driscoll

1B

Faye Cronin
Cian O'Callaghan
Marian Sheehan

1C

Breffni Murphy
Thomas Murray
Louise Finn

1D

Valerie Leahy
Patrick Cronin
David O'Driscoll

Overall Winner-

Cian O'Callaghan

2nd Year Eacht Awards

Nominees-

2A

Aidan Foley
Eileen Coffey

2B

Valerie Leahy
Liam O'Connell
Lisa Kavanagh

2C

Katie French
Patrick Cronin
Keith Hctor
Michael Crowley

2D

Colin Shields
Brian Burns
Lynda Gunn

Overall Winner-

Valerie Leahy



By Miriam Buckley

- * Renting boats.
- * Kate's over enthusiastic shopping spree managed to end up distributed in all our suitcases.
- * Annmarie and Killian Kelleher love affair.
- * Kate and Brian Donnelly (most definitely a mathematically calculated match made in heaven).
- * Niamh and Warrens blossoming romance.
- * The numerous adventures of the Spunky Monkey.
- * before, my God we did them!!
- * up on sugary goodness. If we never realised the their forbidden night venture to the shop to stock Annmarie, Miriam and Kate nabbed by Nal on

Memories:



At the crack of dawn on an April morning, seven fourth year girls joined Mr.Nally and his tour of Stratford. How much culture we absorbed is debatable but what is certain is that we all had a ball! New friendships were formed with our older, wiser counterparts, romances were sparked and most importantly we all learned an important lesson; quite a number of female bodies were quite capable of behaving like human!! (Girls, ye all know what we mean).

4th Year Stratford Tour



Where will they be in 10 years?

- * Emer Still laughing hysterically and struggling to breathe in a corner of a room.
- * Kate Still working out Math problems with Ms Donnelly.
- * Paul In his oral still trying to perfect his sliocht.
- * Fiona M Married to Gary - baking cookies at home. Aww the perfect family!
- * Fiona O'C In Mangans beating all the youngsters at tequila shotting.
- * Lisa Still talking- is there anyone actually listening?
- * Alan, Keneally,
Liam, Pdraig Still watching re-runs of Desperate Housewives.
- * Aoife O'H As the next Batt O Keefe. Our own local politician, calling to our doors with pamphlets.
- * Andrew Larsen Being deported after the Leaving Cert.
- * Avril Owning her own bar and somehow becoming her own best customer.
- * Sinéad O'C Still searching for the skill of common sense.
- * Gráinne Eventually returns after years of searching for Ike in Germany.
- * Sophia Takes over the world! (well, tries to, but no one pays attention).
- * Sam Still trying to strike a match off his face. Only problem is-its not a match its a lighter!
- * James Leahy (La) Creates a new Maths formula which ends up replacing Pythagoras' theorem on all second level maths courses.
- * Jason Mc- Gets captured by American government for starting unfounded rumours of World War 3.
- * Martin O'Meara Takes over a chain of sugar factories and demands the re-birth of beet farming.
- * Michael Crowley Still telling everyone how he heard the breakfast roll song a year before they did.
- * Steve O'Keefe: In an Italian Jail for hooliganism after an Inter Milan match.
- * Patrick Cronin: Captains the Cork all Ireland championship team of 2010 but breaks both his legs and can never play hurling again. Mr Buttimer comes to the rescue and takes him under his wing at Fine Gael.
- * Thomas Murray: See above but one behind.
- * Keith Hoctor: Still asking for more paper 10 years after his English Leaving Cert exam.
- * Ian O'Flynn: Step overing his way to international step dancing stardom.
- * Patrick Deasy: Resurrects 5 extinct languages and creates one of his own.
- * Marianne Cooper: On medication to control laughing fits.
- * Louise Cronin: Fiddles her way to the Presidents office.
- * Alan O'Riordan: Still looking for the answer to the philosophical question "who farted?"
- * Brian De Groot: Finding himself paying a backlog of fines for sexist comments.
- * Ann Marie Casey: Gets her big break in show business reading the line "you know when you've been Tango'd" on a popular soft drink advertisement.

Hurling

We had little success in the hurling competitions but came close to success on a few occasions. Thanks to Mr. Buttimer, Mr. O' Mahoney and Mr. Holland. Team members include Brian Burns, Timothy Collins, Thomas Murray, Patrick Cronin, David Bowen, Cormac Rice and Michael Crowley.



Amsterdam

Our transition year tour involved a cross country trek through different countries from Holland to Germany and Belgium and even Kerry Airport. We most definitely left our mark in Europe. Some people even managed to break the lift in the hotel on the last night.

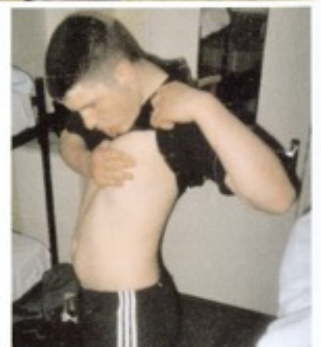
We visited Phantasialand and dragged the teachers onto the rollercoaster.

We shared a disco with an interesting group from an English Primary School. That night we saw Timothy's true colours and he saved the last dance for Mrs. Donnelly.

The majority of us happened to 'coincidentally' stumble upon the red light district, that was our most educational memory from the tour.

And no doubt we are all still scarred from the falling out of the toboggans because just about all of us broke rule 2.

But we will never forget the last night!!





Hey, isn't that ... ?

Do you recognise these year group members from their First Year Mugshots ???
(No prize for finding Where's Wally??)





Aoife's Public Speaking

When Ms Barry-Murphy suggested I enter the "Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition" last November. I agreed without ever thinking it would go so far.

The Cork heats were held on the 17th of November in Blackrock. With only two girls to progress to the Munster finals, I didn't even contemplate the concept of me getting through but lo and behold I did!! I received a Cert and a very 'fetching' clock!

The Munster finals took place in February in Tralee. When it was announced that I won, I was shocked and astounded! And when I realised I had also won a trip to Brussels (very good shopping) I was delighted.

The All-Ireland finals took me all the way to the surprisingly lovely Sligo. The competition was stiff and unfortunately I didn't win but had great fun throughout each competition.

Without sounding like an Oscar speech, I have to say a huge thank you to Ms Barry-Murphy, who sacrificed her precious free time, Richard and Maura Maloney for their valuable input and Ms Owens and Ms Lowney for their critical analysis.

By Aoife O'Halloran



Athletics

Our year was always well represented on the athletic field by Louise Finn. Throughout our years in BCS Louise has always competed to a very high standard. Some of Louise's highlights has to be making the Irish Athletic Team two years in a row. In 3rd year Louise finished 3rd in the 300m Irish heats and went on to run with the Irish Team in Cardiff. A year later Louise repeated her success. After finishing 2nd in the Nationals she joined the Irish team in Chelmsford. Louise has done herself and the school proud during her 6 years.

The way we were ...

Ballincollig Community School



First Year 2000 - 2001

The way Ballincollig Comm



Back: Patrick Cronin, David Bowen, Cian O'Callaghan, Keith Hctor, Alan O'Riordan, James Leahy, David O'Driscoll Shields, Alan Goodwin, Brian Burns.

4th Row: Stephen O'Keeffe, Sam O'Neill, Geraldine Hickey, Louise Finn, Deborah Ryan, Brian De Groot, Kristopher Cullinane, Ian Keneally, Brian Conway.

3rd Row: Martin O'Meara, Sinead O'Connor, Aoife Ahern, Deirdre Rodgers, Ann-Marie Casey, Karen O'Meara, Sophia Kavanagh, Paul Lyons, Thomas Murray.

2nd Row: Liam O'Connell, Martha Earley, Grace Kelliher, Niamh O'Shea, Charlotte Downing, Eliana Buckley, Sorcha Crowley.

Front: Pamela O'Regan, Kate Keohane, Miriam Buckley, Niamh Kelly, Eileen Coffey, Louise Kelliher, Lisa-Marie Kea Swanton.

we are ...

unity school 2006



l, Cormac Rice, Ian O'Flynn, Timmy Collins, Billy Newman, Conall Lynch, Jason McCarthy, Conor O'Brien, Colin

O'Riordan, Patrick Deasy, Brendan Whelan, Anthony Walsh, Declan Crowley, Shane Donovan, Padraic O'Regan, Alan

a Daly, Marianne Cooper, Ciara Reidy, Grainne Mehan, Niamh Dineen, Fiona Mooney, Fiona O'Connor, Lisa

a Downey, Katie French, Therasa Wallace, Ciara O'Sullivan, Faye Cronin, Linda Gunn, Mark O'Callaghan, Michael

aney, Emer O'Driscoll, Fiona Looney, Noreen Aldworth, Gemma Hourihan, Louise Cronin, Linnea Vizard, Danielle

Couples

Sinead and Brendan
Sinead and Burnsy
Sinead and David
Sinead and Desy
Sinead and Padhraic
The Whole Year and Andrew
Aoife and Stephen
Aoife and Ricey
Marianne and Huntie
Marianne and Ian O' Flynn
Louise and Stewart

Louise and Brendan
Lisa O' M and Burnsy
Karen and Stephen
Ger and Alan
Ger and Timothy
Fiona and Cian
Fiona and David
Fiona and Cormac
Fiona M and Cormac
Louise and David
Annmarie and Declan
Olive Mitchell and Hoctor
Emer and Hoctor(its gotta happen)



Eurofoot

In Fourth Year, the boyz went to Nantes, France to compete in an annually held tournament 'Eurofoot'. We came, we saw, we didn't conquer. We managed to finish an impressive 28th place out of 32. Despite this we had a great laugh and there was a number of memorable moments.

- * Noel Williams going in for a French welcoming kiss on the cheek and being shot down.
- * Stephen O'Keefe showing us how a blindman would drive a kart. (I wasn't too impressive myself).
- * Noel Williams pinging a can off some old French woman's head.

- * Singing "The Langer Song" in front of a crowd of French people. When we finished singing we received a standing ovation.
- * Bowen on French paper celebrating with the winners of Eurofoot, Wolves.
- * When the 'Brute' de Groot showed a bit of Dutch flair by dribbling around a couple of defenders before striking the ball goalwards, only to be denied by the flying fist of, you know who, Noel Williams (That spanner). Not only did it cost us the game but it meant we lost out on the fairplay award.
- * Calla's puzzled look on his face when he was told he wasn't allowed to take a penalty.

By Keith Hoctor

First Year Disco

It was a night to behold. Our very first disco. Yet another step across that blurred boundary between twenies and fully fledged teenagers.

Ah the excitement.

As our first sophisticated social venture, the girls encountered their first taste of the world of cosmetics and set out donning intricately planned outfits looking as if they had been submerged in an industrial sized tub of glitter (sun shimmer and glitter hairspray anyone?).

The boys donned their cleanest trackuits.



The café had morphed from what by day was a warzone of sausage roll missiles to an impressive disco hall. Following much awkward shuffling on the outskirts of a deserted dance floor, things began to heat up. Before long Brian Burns and Lisa O' Mahoney had found bliss in each others arms.



Stud of the night goes to Andrew Larsen who had many females attached to his face for the night with Lisa Kavanagh, Sinead O' Connor and Yvonne O' Neill to name but a few.



Yvonne O' Neill and Timothy Collins' passionate embrace came to a premature end with the glare of the flash in Inion Uí Mhurchú's camera - oh there were red faces and tears to say the least.

Girls Pitch and Putt

The involvement from the girls in the 6th year, year group didn't come until 5th and 6th year although Valerie Leahy had been playing since 2nd year.

Valerie was successful winning the girls schools single strokeplay title in a number of years. In 5th year a new team had to be formed as the previous players had finished school, so up stepped Gemma Hourihan, Louise Cronin, Martha Earley and Valerie Leahy.

For a team with little or no experience they did very well to get 2nd prize in the Cork County Schools Event. In 6th year, again a new team had to be formed as previous members with the exception of one were unavailable.

With only a day to the competition a number of girls from other years were recruited but still there was a vacancy. Luckily, at the perfect time, Emer O' Driscoll bravely accepted the challenge.

Again, this team was inexperienced but with a great performance from Emer and other girls, they managed to win 1st prize.

All the girls who participated over the years always enjoyed the day out but none of this would have happened without Mr. JJ Murphy.



Girls Basketball

Overall, it can be said that the last 6 years of girls basketball has been a success.

The majority of this success came in the first 2 years there were 2 teams established to cope with the large numbers. In 1st year, the C team played well but the D team out-shone everyone in their league by winning the Cork D League in a thrilling final against North Pres.

This sent the girls onto the National Finals in Dublin. On the 5th of May, the girls set off to Dublin with coach Mike Healy and minder Ms. Fleming, but didn't manage to cause an upset in the match against Rosscarberry.

On the 13th of April the girls travelled to Gort, Galway. Unfortunately the girls managed to win only 1 of their 3 games. From 3rd year on, the number of girls playing decreased as they lost interest leaving only a hand full by 6th year.

Everyone who was involved would like to thank all the coaches over the years, Mike Healy, Ms.Gallagher, Ms.Madigan and Rose McCarthy and especially Ms.Fleming.

If it wasn't for all their hard work and dedication, none of this would have happened.

- * Smoke bombs in the area B of the old school. (Huntie)
- * Fireworks in the prefabs.
- * Burning pens on the rads in the prefabs.
- * Blocking the key holes in the prefabs with paper to delay class and not getting blamed as we were "innocent first years".
- * Joe's Irish dancing.
- * Joe and Britney "...No Britney I'm busy ...stay back there....put your clothes back on".
- * Sophia's "Dead Man" on the Stairs, when he actually broke his leg.
- * The lift breaking in Amsterdam. Furious hotel man pointing to sign Saying "MAX 4 PPL" asking us what it said and Conor replying.... I don't speak German. (there was 11 of us....quite jolly).
- * Lisa's backwards photo in the pancake house.
- * Mr Doolan asking Conal if he wanted a change of underpants.
- * Sam getting lost in Amsterdam.
- * Kate breaking a T-square over Sean O'Byrnes head (and she was the one who started crying!!).
- * Sinéad + Yvonne's First Year fight.
- * Food fight in the Canteen.
- * Claire Quinn rapping "Where is the love" by the Black Eyed Peas at a school mass.
- * Wally and "the Incident" with the computers.
- * Form and Fusion.
- * Mr Halpin.
- * Mr Roe.
- * Miss Ryan.
- * Ms Lynchs apology.
- * Karen "blowing up" the cooker.
- * David Bowen putting his shoe through the ceiling.
- * Geraldine Hickey falls ... again.
- * Water fights with droppers from the Science Labs.
- * Breaking ... windows, rads, doors, window locks ... you name it we broke it!
- * LA breaking the Fire Door in the gym!
- * Jason confirming in third year tech graph that Mr Alcock "was in" with the words ... " Ya, I seen his socks"
- * Yvonne O'Neill pretending not to have homework done to save her reputation ... despite having pages of perfect work in front of her.
- * The mysterious ceiling tile "falling" on top of the debate team.
- * Ms O'Learys "wardrobe malfunction" in second year.
- * Student Strikes in first year, majority making it to the L&N roundabout while others proceeded to Colaistic Cholim to chant "Let them out"
- * Keith Hoctor's bag being thrown over the fence at back of the school by Conor O'Brien, Keith not being able to get over fence himself and getting caught by Mr Weir! Keith then blamed 6th years for the bag throwing and was sent back to class while wiping away the tears!
- * The Sticker Phase. Stickers such as "My Mummy cuts the crust off my sandwiches" which found its way onto the back of Thomas Murray and "my Father works in a knickers factory" which found its way onto the back of Keith Hoctor.
- * Sinéad Murphy falling over while putting chewing gum in the bin.
- * Anto Moore scarring the first years by "accidentally" breaking the glass in the music room with his bass guitar (not his foot).
- * Louise rubbing a buttered scone in Sophia's hair.
- * Those innocent single sheet paper balls.
- * The more deadly layered paper balls.
- * The severely deadly paper balls consisting of contrasting layers of A4 paper, tissue and masking tape!

Form and Fusion

As a Fourth Year Art student there was a major design task to undertake – that of creating a costume from recycled waste to enter in the “Coca-Cola Form and Fusion Design Award”.

Both art classes, Mrs. Mahony’s and Mrs. Earley’s, took part to create wild and imaginative costumes from materials as diverse as shells, plastic, paper plant matter and old school books.

A heat was held in the school to select three costumes which would go on to compete at the regional heat in County Hall. The three costumes chosen were “Shell Shocked”, “Blast from the Past” and “Take Note”. The regional heat was an exciting and nerve wracking affair. I was impressed and delighted at the support from the year group and indeed the whole school, with many students showing up to cheer the costumes on.

My costume “Blast from the Past”, a Perspex retro-inspired mini-dress, was selected as one of the 37 finalists from around the country to go and take part in the final in the Point Depot, Dublin. Much practice and perfecting went into finishing off the costume, designing the storyboard and coming up with an exciting “Austin Powers” inspired performance. The support I received from classmates and teachers alike was much appreciated and valuable.

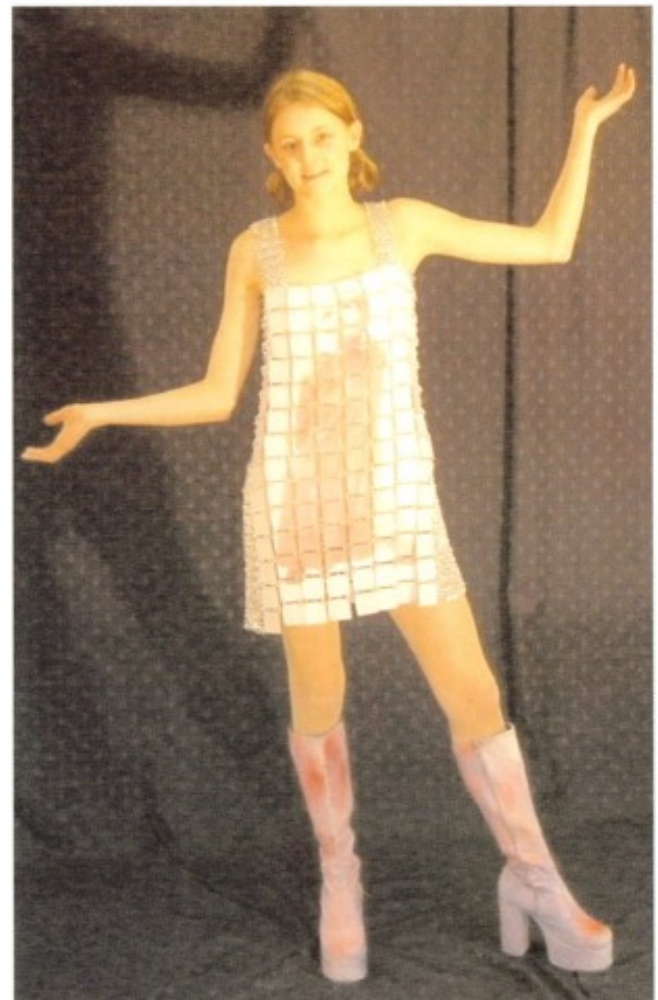
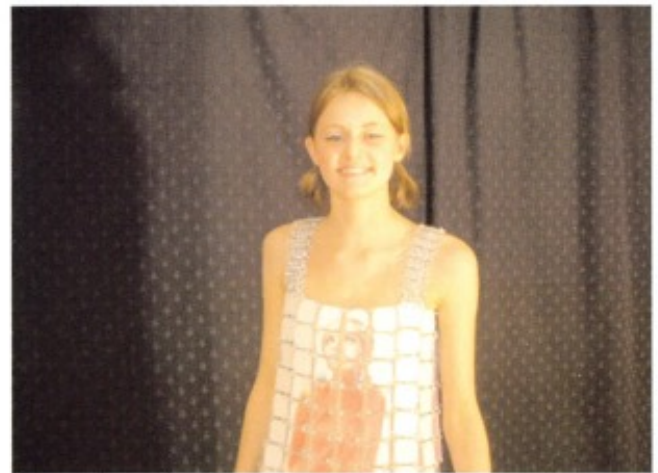
The final show in front of 5,000 people in the Point was an absolutely incredible experience. I was very nervous, but so proud to go out there and represent my school in front of a huge crowd of supporters. I swear ye all screamed the absolute loudest for me!

Winning an award was a great honour, and there the added bonus of meeting Ray D’Arcy and Tommy Tiernan! I was delighted to receive an award for “Best Use of Props and Accessories”, walking up the catwalk to accept the prize along with my teachers and team members in front of a huge audience was a great feeling.

I think it is a great credit to the year group that as a student new to the school in Fourth Year I felt really welcomed and that everyone was behind me.

Special thanks – Louise Cronin, Noreen Aldworth, the rest of the girls, Jason McCarthy, Alex Hanlon, Warren O’Sullivan, Mrs.Mahony, Mr.Kiely, and everyone who supported and contributed.

By Linnea Vizard





School Debating

Although we were late starters into the very competitive world of schools debating, we all wholeheartedly enjoyed our experience. Spurred on by our Business Organisation teacher Mrs. Myers, who was fed up with our incessant chatter in class, we gladly accepted her challenge.

Ms. Barry-Murphy, our coach and chief provider of chocolate, set up a friendly debate with St. Patricks.

The motion was "It is better to have loved and lost to have never have loved at all". Unfortunately we were opposing the motion and we were defeated by an experienced St. Patricks.

Undeterred, Ms. Barry-Murphy entered us into the Credit Union Debating competition. This first round was undoubtedly our sweetest victory when we defeated our old rivals Cholaiste Choilm. (The prize money helped too). The motion on that occasion was the very topical: "The right to die is as important as the right to live"

Leaving several other schools in our wake, we eventually reached the semi-finals where we met Clonakilty. The excitement reached fever pitch and a bus load of supporters travelled with us (and no, not just to miss school). Unfortunately, that is where our adventure ended. We were defeated under suspicious circumstances (Bitter? Us? Nooooo...) after a member of the opposition faked injury (in a debating competition!!!)

However we all thoroughly enjoyed our experience and each of team member learned to utilise our strengths. Captain Aoife became known for her 'interesting' summation speeches (Nobody killed the flowers...), Niamh for her sheer brainpower, Grainne for her witty remarks and Sophia was always at hand to destroy the opposition with her acidic comments.

We have to thank everybody who supported us. Special gratitude to Ms. Barry-Murphy, Ms. Myers and Iníon Uí Mhurchú.

Stratford 2005!!

In a desperate effort to help us to mature, Mr.Nally brought four of his craziest 6th year students as 'junior teachers' to Stratford. Unfortunately Linnea was forced to pull out so four became three before we left Irish soil.

The 5th year students didn't know what hit them, and some wished we had missed the plane! But after we listened to 1,000 bottles of beer the whole way to Stratford, we realised we were all as crazy as each other.

A medieval encounter was enjoyed by all on our adventure to Warwick Castle. The Ballincollig students made sure they were heard. Poor old Nal, we mortified him. From the singing in the rain in Alton Towers to becoming the 'dominating' Lady Macbeth we truly encountered the Shakespeare experience!

By Karen O'Meara



Earley and Louise Cronin.

Those who took part were Marianne Cooper, Sophia Daly, Kate Keohane, Breifhni Murphy, Linnea Vizard, Martha

opportunities that exist in science and engineering, especially for women. didn't spoil the fun!! I think we all benefited from the two days and returned to school with new insights into the where thanks to our solid grounding in chemistry at BCS, we were able to predict some of the reactions. But that the Process and Chemical Engineering department, a Physics road show and a hilarious Chemistry Magic Show,

departments of science and engineering. There was a light-hearted side to 'WISE' too- we enjoyed a table-quiz in college. We were given tours of all the facilities, as well as attending introductory lectures in the various girls with a scientific leaning to get a taste of the courses offered at UCC, and also to experience daily life at Science & Engineering' and the aim of the program is to encourage women to consider careers in the 'manly' areas of mathematics, physics, chemistry and engineering of various kinds. It was an exciting opportunity for seven of us In April 2005, seven of us took part in the two-day 'WISE' program in UCC. 'WISE' stands for 'Women into

W.I.S.E

Leahy!! Go on the LA!!!

And who could forget when Shane Fallon was going around capsizing everyone's canoe. He met his match with James

Nice one Calla!

across the river, when her team mates didn't pull her across. remember Geraldine Hickey getting stuck in the tyre going

wind surfing and general sliding in the muck. We all

We took part in many activities - water rafting, canoeing,

soaked!!

Basically we all threw water balloons at each other and got were kitted out and joined in "team building" activities-

As soon as we arrived we

went a year later.

anywhere in first year, so we

mouth we couldn't go

school trip. Due to foot and

headed to Oysterhaven for a

Mhurchu and ourselves

Ms O'Leary and Inion U!

year, Ms Daly, Ms Madigan,

Sometime in April 2002, 2nd



Oysterhaven



Blastbeat

Blastbeat was a national competition where we had to form a mini-music company and compete against 15 other schools from around the country. We will always remember the long afternoons in the office next to Iníon Uí Mhurchú's checking league tables and writing reports. SideBurn Sam truly was the underdog of the competition as we spent the first three months in last place. We kicked into gear when David O' Driscoll and Sophia Daly took charge and made us do our work. Slowly but surely we rose to third place in the rankings. We were on the road at 5 in the morning and wasted no time on the way up, preparing the presentation and assembling the charts on the bus (Oh the organisation!!). At the Helix we felt a bit intimidated by the lighting presentations and extremely prepared stalls. It made our few poster boards look a bit silly!! We continued to make loads of friends from all over country as well as some enemies (those girls from Phonic TY). Overall the way was a complete success, we won 3rd prize and our band got the overall prize. We all learned a lot in that project and made great friends.

By Martha Earley



Lota Exchange Group

In 4th year a group of students signed up for an exchange program with local Lota. school. Every second week, we would go over to their school or they would come over to us. It was great fun. We did all sorts of activities. We did art, went to the computer rooms and did sports. It was a great experience and we all had a great time.

By Kristopher O'Riordon

School Show

In 4th year, just before the Easter holidays we held a show in the school cafeteria, drawing big crowds both nights.

Although rumour had it that parts of the show (the costumes) were considered "too erotic", we still had a great time. The talents of us transition year students was exhibited through song, dance and of course the 6 Form and Fusion costumes.



Quotes ...

Mr Nally

"Keith you have a natural flow."

"Who fingered Joey?"

"oh I didn't tell ye this lads but....."

"Niamh, imagine you are a baby machine."

"Ann-Marie did you kill a sheep on the way to school?" (referring to her scarf).

"Ann-Marie WHAT happened your bag."

"It could be worse Karen, you could be like Geraldine and have no friends."

Iníon Uí Mhurchú

"Liam where did you go on work experience"....

Liam: (quietly) "Virgin..."

"where Liam".....

Liam: Eh.. Virgin miss..."

Alright folks when you're ready please! (said before assembly every morning for the past 6 years!).

Monday morning Irish.....

"Well Liam are you glad you saw me for your birthday Saturday night?"

Liam: "I didn't see you Saturday night?????"

"Yeswe were talking"

Ms O' Sullivan

"If you don't cop on you'l be out that door faster than a Boomerang".

Martin-"Eh...Miss, don't boomerangs come back?"

"Eh...yeah...well ye won't be!!"

Ms A O'Sullivan

(To Louise Kelleher after a prolonged absence from class) "Who are you?!?!?!?"

Mr O' Broin

"OK you horrible creatures..."

"my pearly words of wisdom".

"Ok chat about the changeable weather".

"Its not sperm that gets you pregnant Its vodka" (to a shocked naive first year class)

"God this is heating up..." (while reading reproduction).

"Girls, Prostate cancer is no joking matter....."

"everyone needs to get checked and know what their own bits are like".

"Mooney goes wild".

"Go for a gallop but make it look important and be quick".

Mrs Donnelly

(to Linnea in 4th year)

"Ok, I'll just explain to the new girl, these children did exams called the Junior Cert. and today they are getting their results".

Linnea: "Ya I know I'm getting mine as well"

"Oh where are you from?"

Linnea: "Ovens..."

Less haste more speed!

Common 6th Years!

Mr Slowey

Where's your tie?

... and more quotes

Ms Daves

"Michael boy, just because I'm not looking at you doesn't mean I can't see you".

Child!

I don't have a sense of humour.

Ms Fleming

"In some Christian churches, they wait until the children are old enough to decide for themselves whether or not their children should be baptised".

I don't want to have to say the same thing everytime I come in here. (said in every class!)

Mr Murphy

"I know you want to go to sleep or feed a horse or whatever you do in your car".

"Paul's on hash or something. Or is it the gazebo beside him?" (in reference to Paul Lyons and Alan Goodwin)

"I'd like to be beside the sea in an octopus's garden.....ah well there ya go".

Ms Lynch:

Alright!!

I didnt ask you to start talking!

I told you not to forget!

Ms Owens

The verb! the verb! the verb!!

Ms Madigan

Okay lads we're going to do some work today.

Ms Arslan

Lads ye seriously are OUT OF ORDER!

Mr Alcock

Lads I've a blind dog at home with three legs that can pass this paper.

2 HANDS!!!!

Come on lads its not a bath were having.

Take it easy lads, we're engineers not butchers.

Mr Myles

In actual fact.....

In this particular case....

Mr Kiely

If I was you this is what i would do.....

If you dont like it get out. Theres the door!

I've done my Leaving Cert and I'll still be here in 25 years.

Ms O Leary

Okay, that's it. Open the windows!!!

Ms Barry-Murphy

Lads I definitely gave ye those sheets!

Boys Table Tennis

There were 3 members of the school table tennis team from 6th year. They were Anthony Walsh, Colin Shields and Stephen Buckley. They won numerous trophies between 2nd year and 5th year. In 2nd year they won the league at Division 2 level and were promoted to Division 1. In 3rd year they entered the Munster schools cup and were successful at U-19 level. In 4th year they were runners-up in the league and won the Cork Schools Cup at the TY level. In 5th year, they were runners-up in both the league and cup, which capped off their Table Tennis days in BCS.

By Anthony Walsh

Cork Minors

Patrick Cronin and Thomas Murray were both members of the Cork Minor Hurling Team that were Munster Minor Hurling Champions in 2005 and were unlucky to lose to Galway in the semi-final of the All-Ireland Championship.

Their campaign started with a trip over the county bounds to play Kerry. Here, the Cork lads recorded a very easy 4-28 to 0-1 victory.

Next for the Cork lads was Waterford and after a close battle, Cork eventually shook off the challenge of



Waterford and Pa & Thomas contributed handsomely in leading Cork to a Munster Final. Here, they faced Limerick on a very warm day in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Munster final day is always a tough and tense affair and the occasion was made much sweeter when Cork overcame Limerick 2-18 to 1-12.

Unfortunately, Cork did not play the hurling they are capable of in the semi-final of the All Ireland against Galway, who ran out eventual winners.

Despite this loss, all of 6th year and BCS are very proud of their achievements and we say 'well done' to Pa and Thomas.

School Football

In 1st year, we won the under 14 and a half football competition under the guidance of Mr. Downey and Mr. Kennelly. Team members included Stephen Lynch, Thomas Murray, Patrick Cronin, Michael Crowley and David Bowen. In 4th year, we won the under 16 and under 18 football competitions under the guidance of the man himself, Mr John Spillane. During his half time speech in the senior game, his hand nearly fell off, such was the force he hit the table! U-16 players include Ian O' Flynn, Cian O' Callaghan, Thomas Murray and Keith Hctor. Senior players include Thomas Murray, David Bowen, Keith Hctor, Patrick Cronin and Liam O' Connell. Thanks and well done Spiller!!!



Autographs

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Ann Marie

Noreen

Marianne Cooper

Phyllis

Casey

Maureen

Patrick Cerin

Ruairi Hurley

Conall Lynch

John Burt

Niamh Kelly

James Leahy

Katie French

MARINA ERIKSEN

Saeche Downey

Brian Burns :)
 Aife O'Malley

DELLAW Crowley

Jan Kenneally

Charlotte Larsen

Aiise Finn

Lisameria Keenan
Charlotte Dawson
Aislinn Kelly

Elena Buckley

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Lynda Gunn

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Geraldine Hickey xxx

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