



LEGENDS

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SIXTH YEAR

Kneeling: (From left to right) Denise O'Regan, Shannen O'Sullivan, Maria Kiely, Katie Allen,

First Row: Amy O'Brien, Susan Fennell, Martha Ewence, Clíona Barrett, Nicole O'Brien, Sarah Kiniry, O'Shea, Laura O'Sullivan, Ana Marques, Claire Meaney, Hilary Buckley, Clíona Ryan,

Second Row: Alison Henchin, Emma O'Sullivan, Orna Dorgan, Eimear O'Shaughnessy, Roisin Murray, Kiely, Kevin Hennessy, Killian Bowen, Mark Bowen, Cian O'Donovan, Trevor Roche, John Dorgan, Ciara Fehily.

Third Row: John Andre Fast, Cian Swanton, Stephen Sugrue, Anthony Vooi, Jack Sheehan, dre O'Halloran, Elaine Burgoyne, Samantha O'Brien, Jennifer Hayden, Laura O'Mahony, Karen Flavin,

Fourth Row: Bartosz Wolniak, David Young, Barry Aldworth, Cormac Manning, Denis O'Mahony, Mark O'Sullivan, Colm Murphy, Mark Dunne, Jason Collins, Andrew McQuaid.

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 David O'Connor, Robert Rowell, Allannah Walsh, Joey O'Gorman, Ben Noonan, Pat Murphy, Deir-
 Louis Connolly, Darius Gembutas, Phillip Twohig.
 Robert Murphy, Lorcan O'Donoghue, Killian Murphy, Jack McCarthy, Leon Lynch, Colin O'Leary,



GROUP



A message from the Principal



To the Class of 2011.

I hope that you enjoy the contents of this Year Book and that the memories of your time at BCS are in some way captured within its pages.

The majority of you have been with us for six years – some others of you have joined us along the way. Whatever your starting point was, I hope that the foundations set for you here at the school, will support you through the next stage of your life.

Although you may at times feel nostalgic as you move away from what is familiar, I know that this is a very exciting time for you as you face into the world. It is a time for new experiences, new friendships and the world holds so much for you to learn – so open your mind to new ideas and invest in life wholeheartedly. Remember, at the end of the day, no one can keep you down but yourself.

On behalf of the Board of Management, the staff and the students of Ballincollig Community School, I wish you every success and happiness in the future.

A final thought.....

***"Don't ask so much what the world needs.
Go out and do what makes you come alive,
Because what the world needs most is
A person who has come alive"***

Kathleen Lowney

A message from the Year Head



Sixth Years, looking back over the photos in Legends "11 it's hard to believe that six years have passed so quickly. During your time here in Ballincollig Community School you have matured from enthusiastic, bubbly first years to capable young adults ready to take the next step in your chosen careers. As a year group you have always been actively involved in school life and were keen to take part in many extracurricular activities from sports to school shows to debates, to mention but a few. Your enthusiasm to fundraise for those in need was always heartfelt and heart-warming and I sincerely hope this awareness of the needs of others will remain with you always.

Every picture tells a story, and this year book tells your story, your story so far. I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the success you deserve, to encourage you to do the best you can, in whatever you choose to do and to remind you that the door to my office will always be open for you.

Edith Waterman

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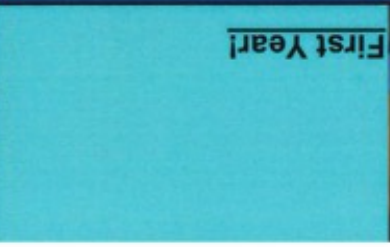
With our first day of secondary school complete, it was time to settle into our routine and classes. However, because of the many different room numbers and older students telling us to go in the opposite direction we were supposed to, finding our classes wasn't as easy as we thought it would be. Neither was carrying our huge bags! As we look at the present first years, we view them as tiny people whose bags weigh more than they do. This was the unfortunate truth for us as well. The load was lightened when we got our lockers but with that came the loss of the locker key itself! Even if you left it at home, you had to go and find one of the caretakers, which was easier said than done.

Before long, Christmas came around and with that a trip to the cinema. We went to see 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' one of the chronicles of Narnia. We had the cinema all to ourselves but 100 of us certainly depleted their stores of popcorn. Of course then came the Christmas tests, which were only half an hour long!

Once the Christmas exams were over, the school routine was back to normal. Students buying the much missed hot dogs in the "cat" and if you found the lines too long, you could always pop into the tuck shop for a packet of 'Hot Lips' or 'Thai Rings'. By now, we felt like part of the school and the transition year mini-company ran many quizzes and competitions for us to participate in. They also printed up a Valentine's Day newsletter where we could publish loving messages to each other for all the school to see!

Towards the end of the year, we took part in the annual sports day run by older students. There were many events such as high jump or simply running races! It was a chance for us to relax and enjoy ourselves and get in touch with our sporty sides. As we approached the final hurdle of first year tests, we had a "field trip" to the Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre. This gave us the opportunity to absail down a rock wall and kayak to our hearts content in a small bay. Of course then we were all nervous about the upcoming summer tests because they would determine what class we made it into in second year. No one wanted to leave the friends they'd already made and we made a point of signing each other's journals with farewell messages for the summer.

With that, first year had ended and our secondary school career had truly begun. What would second year bring? New classes, new timetables, new teachers and new friends.



First Year!

My first day at BCS...

- I remember Ben's phone going off in our 1st assembly and his embarrassment in front of Mr. Kennelly- Colm P. Murphy
- I was a lonely guy- Joey O' Gorman
- I remember being the coolest person in the year, maybe even the school!
– Leon Lynch
- I remember the emotions most vividly. A gut wrenching feeling of fear, overshadowed by curiosity, and being an insatiable wanderlust. The school was an unknown territory filled with social standards and expectations. In my life, I've been to many places around the world. To me, school was a new land to explore. A task I've always loved and always will. – Cian Swanton
- My first class was in Mr. Nally's room, and I was surprised to find he was a fellow West Brom supporter- Barry Delaney
- I remember being put into our classes and mumbling the morning prayer because I'd no idea what it was. – Grace O'Sullivan
- I remember walking through the front doors and pulling the door that said 'Push'... - Rebecca Feely
- I was put in a bin by fourth years- Andrew Mc Quaid
- On my first day of school, I remember I wasn't happy that I got history homework and my bag being mahoosive! – Nicole O'Brien
- Ms. Cronin throwing me out of home economics and giving me Butlers Chocolates afterwards- Jason Collins
- I remember Mark Dunne and his giggle- Stephen Sugrue
- I remember feeling so minuscule in contrast to the great vastness of the educational facility – Jack McCarthy
- Wearing a huge jumper- Marcus Cosgrave
- Mr. Nally's infamous use of the word "bogface" – Barry Aldworth
- We all had our ties pulled up and skirts rolled down... How naïve!
Everyone was so tall and the school was so big and had an upstairs! – Emma O'Sullivan
- I remember walking into the wrong class about 3 times - Kevin Hennessy
- I remember everyone asking me why I was wearing "Grandad shoes" – Roisín Murray





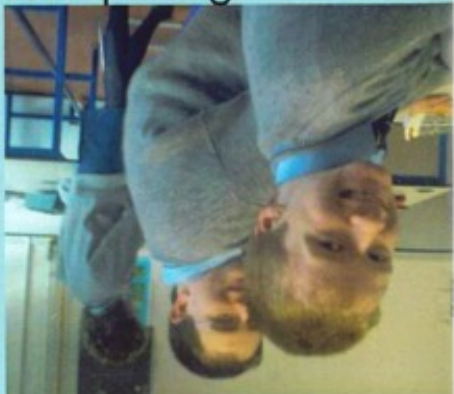
During second year a small group of students participated in a French exchange programme, with a French school in Redon, Brittany. In November we each hosted our French exchange partners for ten days. They were involved in many activities around the school during their stay. During this time both sets of students became good friends and this helped for the return journey. In spring we travelled back to Redon for ten days. We learned much about their culture and heritage and we had great experiences during the time but we were glad to come back home to our own familiar surroundings.

Second Year French Exchange



Second year began with people missing the fact that they were no longer left out five minutes early for lunch. I remember separating into new classes not being with our friends that we made in first year but soon making new ones. The option subjects being dropped to do your favourites.

Second Year



Second Year Skiing



During the February mid-term a group of forty-second years went to Mt.Vogel in Slovenia to ski.

The week was thoroughly enjoyed by all even if we had lots of bumps and grazes throughout. I remember being put in the advanced skiing class even if I was bad but I improved over the week. At night we were unable to sleep as our roommates constantly kept us awake, and we nearly fell asleep on the mountain the next day. I remember being afraid of the Lift that brought us up the mountain, and people shaking it to make it worse!!



3rd year

In 3rd year 3a, 3d and 3e went to visit Páil Ciaráin as part of our C.S.P. action project.

We also went shopping in Stephen's Green as part of our treat!!



We went to see Romeo and Juliet and The Merchant of Venice in the Half Moon Theatre, for our junior cert English course.

We also took part in the student teacher school match. All the girls went out ONLY to watch Mr O'Toole play.

We also had the Cork Sexual Health seminar

We took part in a study seminar

Memories:

Ms. Waterman and her flock of sheep, chasing Ms. Dawgs down the street in Dublin as she set the pace, don't be eating the baby, Ms Dawgs and her puppets.





Fourth Year

We also got up to many other activities in fourth year including Paintballing, safety talks and excursions.

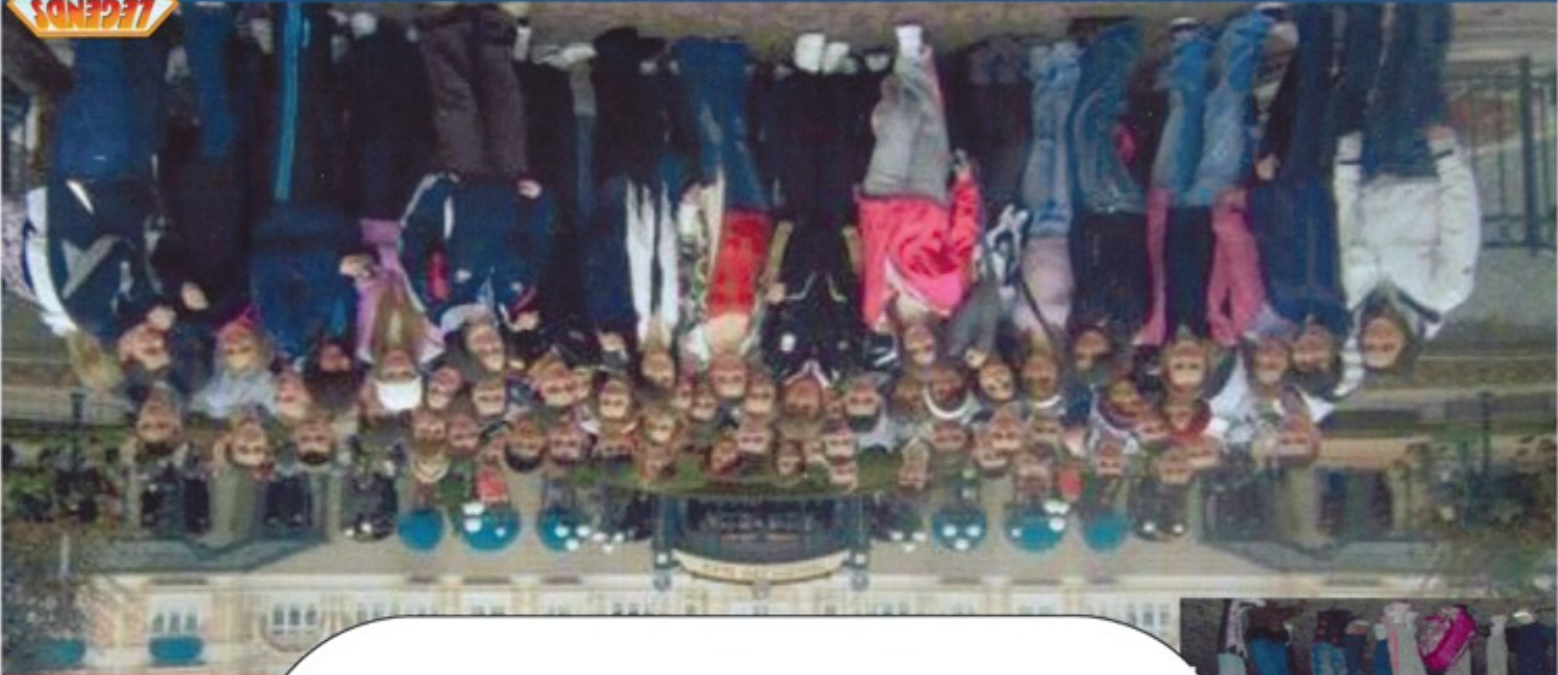
A basketball blitz was organised by Karen Flavin, Ben Noonan, David Young and Mark Bowen to raise funds for the Childrens Leukaemia Association in the Mercy Hospital. Laurie Fisher from Munster Rugby presented the prizes at the end of the day. ABSOLUTLEY everyone from the year took part and we raised over 3000



Best Buddies

Possibly one of the most enjoyable things we took part in while in fourth year was Best Buddies. Students from our school and Our Lady of good Counsel school took part in group events which included bowling, a barbeque and meals out.





Wacky Waterman ,Donners, Ledge Barry Murphy ,Hogan Knows best, GPS Fleming and Tootley all hit Cork Airport to accompany 66 hormonal, tempermental, confused , anxious, nervous and excited teenagers. We arrived in France to scenes of uncontrolled excitement and deafening clapping. Paris was beautiful-It lured you in like a cup of hot cocoa on a cold winters night, or in our case a can of coke and a breast in a bun from Drumsstix!! After an exhilarating guided tour around the city we were all famished with the hunger. It was time for Flunch! Negotiating that buffet proved trickier than negotiating wide Parisian streets. Eventually everyone had eaten their fill except maybe for Donnachadh "Where's the nearest McDonald's" O'Donovan and Mark "I'm following him" Bowen. Ice skating was next and if I'd be lying if said wasn't apprehensive about my trip to the ice rink. All of my fears were soon demolished when I saw Rob and Kevin think that it was a tobogan run and spend most of the time on their behinds! Then there was Colm"Look I can Run"Murphy and I won't even mention the people that couldn't tie their laces, You know who you are!

On Saturday we made our way to the River Seine for a cruise along this beautiful route. This was our first encounter with the French Metro System. We moved organised and efficiently through the intricate underground- all 72 of us -moving in sync like a shepherd moves his flock or more to the point, just like Mr. Kennedy moves us flawlessly through the school corridors. It would be remiss of me not to mention the love factor when talking about Paris and I saw it with my own eyes that day. Ms. Barry Murphy's legs weakened and her heart pounded as she fell hopelessly for Joey when he, in the most chivalrous way, rammmed his shoulder into her back and pushed her to safety from near certain death on the metro. The Eiffel Tower was next on our list. It was at this point, as the lift effortlessly transported us to the first level, that I experienced a darting pain up my left arm. I immediately thought that my over indulgence in Flunch had come back to haunt me in the form of a heart attack. My fear evaporated when I looked down and saw Kevin"i'm afraid of heights"Deasy clutching my arm with white knuckles.

On Sunday we headed straight for EuroDisney to enjoy a day of adrenaline fuelled rollercoasters and of course some shopping. As I avoided the group for most of the day I can't really comment on what went on , but for a summary of the highs and lows of the holiday I compiled a list:

- Green is Go-Red is stop
- Creodon got it wrong
- Pink is now cool thanks to Lurch's shirt and Mr O'Toole's camera
- Euro Disney is just a french funderland
- Keep Joey close for Metro emergencies
- Stripes in your hair is NOT cool
- What Ms. Waterman says is final-"I mean it"





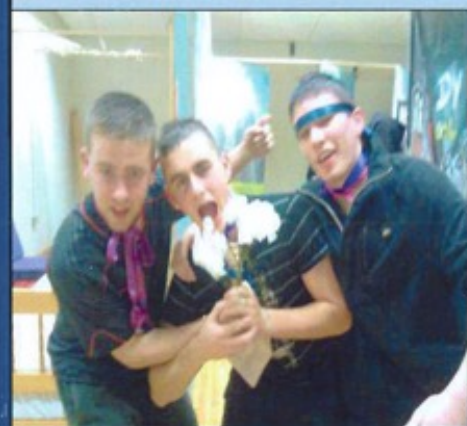
Blastbeat

With Mr. Griffin taking the role of Bill Cullen, forty students channelled their inner apprentice and won the overall best mini-company in the National Finals in Dublin. Along with their band, Suede Halo, Pandora's Beatbox held event after event, much to the dismay of the teachers with students never being in class, and cruised their way to winning the competition. Some of the best moments included: shooting the music video, making Andrew wear the sandwich board around Cork City, The smell of pig's blood in An Cruiscin Lan the day of the gig, Singing on the bus after the Nationals.



The Sound of Music

In 2009, over 30 transition year students performed in our very own production of Roger and Hammersteins 'The Sound of Music'. The stage was small, the costumes limited, but that didn't prevent us from giving it our all, two nights in a row! Every night the comradary between us shone through and this worked to our advantage as we portrayed the Von Trapp Family. The last show was a sad one, of course, but it was nice to leave the stage with the feeling that we were all more like family than friends.





The year that many thought was work . . .
 Gaisce – One of the best times from 5th year was climbing that massive mountain, jumping in the river, camping out, and joining in a proper campfire sing-a-long. The School Show - Many of us took part in the school show again in 5th year. Among the talents were acting, singing and gymnastics.
 The Gaeltacht – Dingle was “go hiontach” with the sun, the beach, the mountains and the craic on the bus, we almost forgot to speak Irish.
 Cormac represented us on the European Linguistics Team and also won a young scientist award.
 The girls football team did us proud winning the Munster Championship.
 5th year Barbecue – Before the year ended we held a charity barbecue for ARC and the Childrens Leukaemia Association Mercy Hospital Cork. “The food was awesome” thanks to Quishes Super value and O’Crualoats who kindly sponsored the event.



5TH YEAR

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ATURES

L.C.A

I think the Leaving Cert Applied is a brilliant course because it's not as pressurised as the traditional Leaving Cert course. I enjoyed going out on work experience every week and also going on trips with my class. The classes were a lot of fun and the teachers were nice. I enjoyed the L.C.A course and I would recommend B.C.S and the L.C.A course to anyone.

As part of our course we made a model of the front of the school for our 6th year class project and also organised orienteering for second years as part of a module for vocational preparation class. We went on several trips to historic places such as Cobh and visited restaurants as part of our hotel catering and tourism module. We also held a coffee morning for our teachers and the residents of the Westgate Foundation.

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6th Year

It was time. After five years of BCS, it was time to face into our final year. While there was loads of studying to do, we also found time to party! Then there was the small matter of the Leaving Cert to prepare for... As the year went on and the tests and the parties kept coming sometimes we felt like this year would never end but in the end it did. And when it finished, for the first time ever we had to choose where we wanted to go next. It was truly the end where we began.

In a way we all grew up over the year. Not only did most of us turn 18 as the months went on but we also developed a more mature outlook on life. Each of us had our own different highlights, but the memories of this year will last for the rest of our lives.

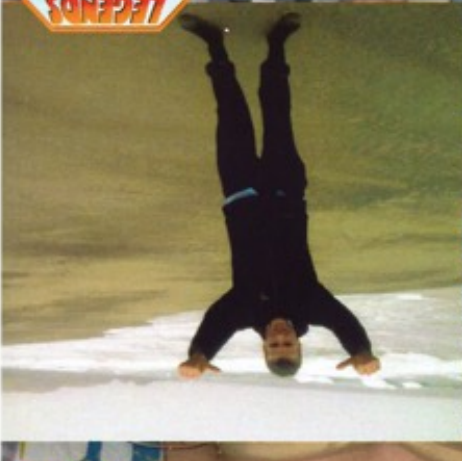


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Claire O'Sullivan



Edel Yelverton



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Karen Flavin



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Killian Murphy



Cormac Manning



Mark Dunne



Samantha O'Brien



Roisin Murray



6C1



6C2





Class Of 2011

6A



TEN YEARS TIME !

Mark Dunne: Looking down on Mark Zuckerberg.

Ben Noonan: Still No.1 DJ, only white man in the NBA, probably still mocking Denis

Killian Murphy: New face of target for men

Lorcan O'Donoghue: Postman

Marcus Cosgrave: Teaching obese women karate

Claire Meaney: President of the world by accident while proving that common sense is not linked to success in any way

Barry Aldworth: Still texting his girlfriend

Colm P Murphy: Trying to invent a device to do his work for him

Craig O'Driscoll: Politician

Denis O'Mahony: San Salvadorian, owl eating Spanish lecturer

Pat Murphy: Agriculturist (farmer) in Ballinora with his horse

Roisin Murray: Teaching her junior infants class to play COD

Martha Ewence: Next Mr. Nally, randomly insightful

Maria Kiely: still stalking half the Cork team

Nicole O'Brien: still racing in England and always having a better car than everyone else.

Killian Bown: At the greyhound track

Barry Delaney: Still on Runescape, Spec savers model

Cliona Barrett: Finally got together with Killian



Megan Buckley: Now referred to as Serreant Buckley

Jason Collins: Primary school teacher, still unreal at Irish

Trevor Roche: Who could possibly predict that?

Mark Bown: Chatting with Becky

Ana Marques: Chilling with Pah

Stacey Ahern: Jumping out of a plane somewhere

Cliona Ryan: Happily married to Brian

Marianne Bunce: Living in a Gaeltacht

Jack Sheehan: Recreating the Titanic

Phillip Twohig: Still Messing

David O'Connor: Still with Michelle.

