



# BLS 2014





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## *A Word From Our Principal.*

As your time in Ballincollig Community School comes to a close I wish you all the very best for the future. I am sure that these last few weeks have brought a mixture of emotions for many of you – feelings of joy and sadness, anxiety and anticipation. It can be both exciting and a little daunting facing change and the unfamiliar. The things that will remain constant, the anchor as you move on, will be your memories of your time at BCS and your friendships. Value both as you enter the next phase of your lives. Life is at your fingertips, but don't just leave it there. Grasp it with both hands and never let it go and soon you will realise how much possibility lies before you. You take the good wishes of the whole school community with you as you move on to the next chapter in your lives. Good luck to you all.

Kathleen Lowney

Principal



## *Ms. Waterman.*

Sixth Years, I hope you have enjoyed your time here in BCS. Leaving school is a momentous, exciting and sometimes a sad occasion, we will miss you and Corridor A will indeed be very quiet on Monday mornings without the weekend gossip and the excitement of Fridays' plans. It's hard to believe that your six years here have passed so quickly. During your time in Ballincollig Community School you have matured from enthusiastic bubbly first years to mature young adults ready to take the next step in your chosen careers. I wish you all the very best life has to offer and hope that your sense of enthusiasm remains with you always. Every book tells a story and this yearbook tells your story, your story so far, as you stand ready to begin the next chapter. I know that the lessons you have learned and the friends you have made here will support you in your future years, whatever you choose to do.

Finally, congratulations on graduating from school and sincere good wishes for your forthcoming exams,

Edith Waterman.

Deputy Principal.





Gillian Donnelly.

Mark Twain

Explore. Dream. Discover."

sail.

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour and catch the trade winds in your

Finally I want to wish you well in the future and hope that whatever path you chose you will always be true to yourselves and in the inimitable words of Mark Twain, remember,

evoked many happy memories as you look back on your school years in BCS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on the committee who have worked tirelessly to produce this wonderful Year Book. I hope you will enjoy it for many years to come and that it will

and challenging times that lie ahead.

Tonight not only do we join together to celebrate your time in BCS but also to recognise the exciting

pleasure to work alongside you.

As you come to the end of your time in BCS I want to thank you all most sincerely for all the happy and sometimes not so happy, times that we have shared together. It has been my privilege and

sleepier gang of 2014, you have grown into such fine young adults.

It is hard to believe that the past 6 years have gone so quickly, from the days when first thing in the morning more than 150 of you filled the fitness suite with your noise and exuberance to the slightly

Our Year Head, Mrs. Donnelly

## Kate Murphy

It wouldn't be right to start this piece off with anything other than a few notes of thank you to the people who have helped us get through these years alive. As a year group of over a hundred people, it's fair to say we couldn't possibly agree on everything, but I think I speak for everyone when I say that we are all incredibly grateful to have had Ms. Donnelly as our year head. After six years of putting up with our outstanding notes, congregating on the stair way and the brief but beautiful case of "rock the boat on" the corridor, Ms. Donnelly went above and beyond her duty of care to ensure we got the most out of our time in BCS. I think it's impossible to write a genuine thank you piece without seeming like I'm trying to influence the results of my last few maths tests, so I will keep this exceedingly short. For the complex issues you solved, for encouraging us on the mornings we couldn't function, for listening to our oftentimes irrational excuses and for recognising our present and potential value as students, even at times when we've probably pushed you to the limit. Thank you.

I know I should probably write something in this piece about how our past six years have shaped us to be the people we are today, how far we've come, how much we've grown. But I think that suggests that we have come to the end of our run, that our eighteen year old selves will be consistent for the next 60 odd years of our lives, this is far from the end. In the next six years we probably won't even recognise ourselves as we are today. While I'm writing this, the yearbook Facebook group is in full swing and I have to do a double take to recognise the 12 year olds we were.



*Sum's Up Our First Few Years.*



## Second Year: Quatral

The first time we hit the slopes you could look around and see the excitement on each and every face. We had been looking forward to that moment for a year and we were finally there. The instructors had us lined up and split into groups, from then on it was us against the slopes, and for the most part we must admit, the slopes won, taking down Mr.Kelleher, Megan Boys and many more over the days! All you could hear was "SNOW PLOUGH" followed by Amy O'Regan's screams or Billy Hurley wiping crowds of people out as they waited in line for the T-bone lifts.

Of course there was also drama to keep us all entertained. On one of the last few days, screams echoed through the corridors, which turned out to be Jess Daly about to kick in Aoife Lyons' bedroom door. It was intense to say the least but luckily Ms.Gallagher and Ms.Barrett sorted it out before things became serious! A love triangle Timothy Murphy will never forget. The other piece of drama was a little strange and appeared out of nowhere. Does anyone actually know what happened to Colm O'Donovan's leg?

Fortunately, we all made it through the week with only a few minor casualties and the relief of not having to put on the plastic boots again.







**Back Row:** Sean O'Driscoll, Ian Dunne, Conor Buckley, Gerard O'Callaghan, Paul Collins, Brian Murphy, Peter O'Neill, Rory Fahy Callanan, Jake Bennett, William O'Flynn, Ciaran Noonan, Barra O'Connor, John O'Driscoll, Cormac Murphy, Evan Foley, Martin Hutchinson, Odran Keane-Teague, Colin Feely, Alastair Early, Brian Kirwan, Stephen O'Connell, Bryan O'Halloran, Joe Hooton, Evan Mackey, Tim Murphy.

**Middle Row:** Ray Murphy, Matthew Desmond, Brian Murphy, Aoife O'Sullivan, Breda O'Connell, Catherine Hurley, Aoife Lyons, Kate O'Brien, Amy O'Regan, Karen Lane, Molly Kelleher, Siobhan Hutchinson, Ruth Murphy, Gillian Driscoll, Cherifa Sheehan, Aoife Driscoll.

**Front Row:** Kate Murphy, Rachel Kiely, Jane O'leary, Megan Jones, Danielle Murphy, Aoife Lehane, Edith Waterman, Claudia Marques, Eimear O'Farrell, Marlena Wlodarczyk, Josie Ewence, Aoife O'Shaughnessy, Emma Russell, Stacey O'Dwyer, Sarah Stuart, Siobhan O'Donovan, Jill O'Sullivan, Eve Kelleher, Aoife Higgins, Brian Courtney, David Goggin.

Asi Nceme, Darragh Donovan, Neil Hypolite, Jack McCarthy, Cian Dorgan, Ryan Mulroy, Artem Trofimenko, Billy Hurley, Ray Murphy, Stephen McGrath, Sean Bolton, David McCarthy, Jack Boyd, Adrian Murphy, Luke Carey Murphy, Greg Murphy, Cian Twomey, James McCoy, Molly Houlihan, Laura Martin, Megan Boyss, Mollie Farrell, Grainne Hutchinson, Katie O'Driscoll, Rebecca Murphy, Meg Brady, Avril Creedon, Jess Daly, Megan O'Callaghan, Kelly O'Mahony, Annushka Krautz, Jessica Royal, Klaudia Prazak, Gillian Donnelly, Kathleen Lowney, Kayleigh Cronin, Jean Boyle, Leanne Haussmann, Kate Creedon, Michael Walsh, Stephen Walsh, Sandra Podlaska, Alessandra Guerra, Eva Linehan, Sophie O'Shea, Shauna O'Mahony, Carrie Ahern





Carrie Ahern

Klaudia Bartula

Jake Bennett



Sean Bolton

Jack Boyd

Jean Boyle



Megan Boys

Meg Brady

Conor Buckley



Luke Carey Murphy

Paul Collins

Brian Courtney



Avril Creedon

Kate Creedon

Kayleigh Cronin



Patrice Crowley

Jessica Daly

Daniel Desmond



Matthew Desmond

Darragh Donovan

Cian Dorgan



Aoife Driscoll

Gillian Driscoll

Ian Dunne

Eve Kelleher



Molly Kelleher

Megan Jones

Darragh Keane-Teague

Odran Keane-Teague

Martin Hutchinson



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Molly Houlihan

David Goggin



Alessandra Guerra

Leanne Hausman

Mollie Farrell



Colin Feely

Evan Foley

Alastair Earley



Josie Ewence

Rory Fahy Callanan





Stephen Kelleher

Rachel Kiely

Brian Kirwan



Annushka Krautz

Karen Lane

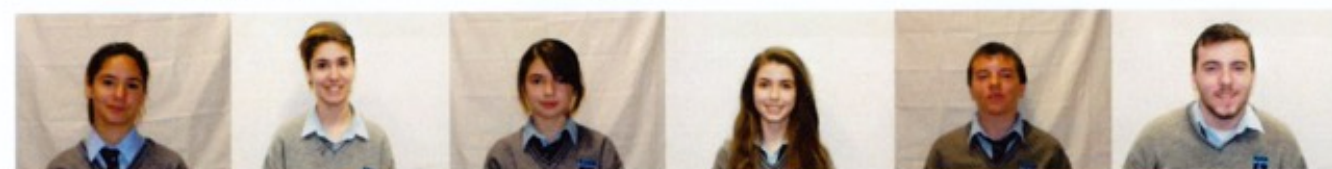
Aoife Lehane



Eva Linehan

Aoife Lyons

Evan Mackey



Claudia Marques

Laura Martin

David McCarthy



Jack McCarthy

James McCoy

Stephen McGrath



Ryan Mulroy

Adrian Murphy

Brian Murphy



Brian Murphy

Cormac Murphy

Danielle Murphy



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Kate Murphy

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Shauna O'Mahony



Peter O'Neil



Amy O'Regan



Aoife O'Shaughnessy



Sophie O'Shea



Aoife O'Sullivan



Jill O'Sullivan



Sandra Podlaska



Klaudia Prazak



Jessica Royal



Emma Russell



Cherifa Sheehan



Sarah Stuart



Klaudia Szymanska



Artem Trofimenko



Cian Twomey



Michael Walsh



Stephen Walsh



Marlena Wlodarczyk





'Being part of our Grease act in the school show was memorable to say the least. The drama that went on was unbelievable and we spent more time figuring out what we were going to wear than actually practicing! I'll never forget the drama with the skirts and how our huge group chat on Facebook became so stressful. Seeing the boys walking out stage in their leather jackets and slicked back hair was priceless. Most of us were hopeless at dancing so trying to get the steps right was challenging. Although in the end it was probably one of the best things I took part in during fourth year because I had such a laugh doing it.'

Rebecca Murphy.

## Go Grease Lightning



# Delphi

It began at an ungodly hour of darkness, buses and oversized bags. How close we were to our destination could be told by the rising number of sheep and the falling quality of phone reception. When we arrived, rooms were assigned and exploring began. To be perfectly fair the place was beautiful, well the girls half any way. An air of excitement filled the dining room as we were told to prepare for a surprise, which turned out to be a team building exercises in the hall. The biggest surprise was that team building was actually good craic.

We had an early start the next morning for an array of activities like surfing, kayaking, ziplining and some hiking that invovled puzzles. Although we got to do some great activites over the course of the stay, they weren't as important as the people we went with. In my opinion, the best part of the holiday Mrs. Donnelly's face when we watched The Inbetweeners Movie. Fortunately our trip was nothing like their geology trip.





The Fashion Show was another highlight of transition year, the fashion show also featured a dance off, fashion Diva's and a proposal on the catwalk. The preparation for the show was riddled with hardships and heartache but the crew prevailed in the end. I'd like to thank our camera team, tough security and the backstage crew as the night would not have been successful without them. When one remembers this night of razzle-dazzle, one will not think of the ensemble of high culture but of the sheer fun that was had by all.

Annushka Krantz

## Asteria Fashion show

# Our last time in the spotlight.





'During the midterm of 5<sup>th</sup> year, 9 students and 3 teachers travelled to Kolkata for a week. Prior to leaving, each student individually fundraised, discos were held, bag packing was done and coffee was drank but the generosity of everyone who supported really helped us out. We arrived in Kolkata airport on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February with toys, gifts, sweets and clothes. We visited many projects set up by the Hope foundation including, protected homes for street children, hospitals, slums and rehabilitation centres. We interacted with the children we played, danced and just spoke with them. Learning about what they had gone through was a life changing experience. When we brought the stories home friends and family were delighted to hear about the difference the charity is making. We will take away many memories from Kolkata whether it's the happiness in kids faces or that we should never live with Aoife Driscoll or Cherita Sheehan unless we want to hire a personal cleaner. Overall, the experience was one we will never forget.'

Adrian Murphy

# Kolkata

## To Wrap It All Up: Katie O'Driscoll

To think that the time is here to finally be writing a sixth year reflection is bittersweet.

During last summer, I faced the same question numerous times, 'are you afraid to go into sixth year?' and was also constantly reminded of the stressful year that I was heading into. However, although we all knew that we would face a lot of hard work this year, we also knew that we would be in it together. We knew that we would be there to support each other. I hope that I speak for everyone in the year when I say that no doubt, we have all been the best support system for each other during this year. Over the last two years especially, as a year group we have naturally grown closer.

As clichéd as it may sound, we became one big happy family with Mrs. Donnelly leading the pack. I think the bond that we share is special and although now we face the big bad world as we each go our separate ways, I am thankful for the journey that we have shared together over the last six years. As Confucius once said 'the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step', it is now time that we all take that single step to begin the journey into our future.





Time To Say Good Bye.



# Oh yeabhl! Didn't you meet...?

Aoife Lyons + Asi	Kayleigh + Cormac
Danielle Murphy + Johnny	Aoife Lehane + Peter
David McCarthy + Amy	Avril + Michael
	Bryan O'H + Siobhan
	Bryan O'H + Kate O'B
Daniel + Meg	Stephen K + Meg
Grainne + Conor	Cian D + Orla
Raymond Lee + Katie	Aoife Lyons + Cian D
Peter + Shauna	Ryan + Jean
Ryan + Aoife O'S	Ryan + Kayleigh
Leanne + Cian D	Meg + Luke
Grainne + Barra	Aoife + David Drohan
Alastair + Kate O'B	Alastair + Ruth
Alastair + Annushka	Kate C + David G
Luke Fisher + Aoife Lyons	David Mac + Megan J
Jack Mac + Mollie F	Emma + William
Tim + Niamh	David Goggin + Niamh M
Karen + Gerard	Karen + Jack Boyd
Jacob Derham + Aoife Lyons	Danielle + Ryan
Danielle + Stephen K	



# And you went out with.....

Emma + David Drohan

Aoife Lyons + Cian Twomey

Emma + David McCarthy

Ryan + Jean

Amy + Brian Kerwin

Ciarán + Megan Jones

Ciarán + Laura

Ciarán + Bella

Johnny + Breda

James Nygaya + Gráinne

James McCoy + Megan Jones

Amy + Cormac

Amy + William

Katie + Gerard

Aoife Lyons + Gerard

Aoife Lyons + Tim

Aoife O'S + Alastair

Jess + Alastair

Emma + Alastair

Mollie + David McC

Johnny + Megan J

Alastair + Mollie

Jean + William

Kayleigh + Conor

Emma + Luke Fisher

Aoife Lyons + Cormac

Luke Carey + Jane

Kate Murphy + Tim

Josie + Tim

Alessandra + Ray J. Murphy

Emily + Raymond

Cian Dorgan + Megan Jones

Cian Twomey + Chloe

Conor + Aoife Lehane

Niamh Murray + Greg

Johnny + Cherifa

Cherifa + Steve O'C

Gillian + Steve

Molly H + Jack McC

Bella + Jack McC

Klaudia P + Wayne

Paul + Sandra

Gillian + Cormac

## Where Will You Be In 10 Years?

Conor Buckley - In debt to the Bookies and still putting up inspirational tweets.

Ian Durie - Opening up a cat shelter.

JoHe Lyons - Still Denying she is in love with Darragh Kingston and ringing the CAO with questions.

Ryan Murphy - In a wheelchair after suffering multiple injuries.

Peter O'Neill - Repeating his Leaving Cert for the tenth time.

Stobhan Hutchinson - All star Dual player.

Kate Creedon - Married to David Goggin.

Leanne Haussman - Married to James Nyagaya A.K.A Niko Sauve.

Adrian Murphy - T.V personality/ celebrity banistear

Katie O'Driscoll - Still in CADA.

Sharna O'Mahony - Finally Touring America with One Direction.

Evyn Mackey - Bouncer.

Stephen Kelleher - Collection of Glanza's and professional S\*\*t stirrer.

Aileen T - Painting in maximum security prison, sentenced for "Tripping Acid".

Joe Hooker - The cause of World War Three.

## Teacher quotes.

"Sorry John, can you not see with Barra's head? Oh sorry Barra I'm sure it's full of loads of Information and knowledge." – Mrs. Donnelly

" Barra they could've used your head as a shield in Roman Times." – Mr. Lucey

"Bogface" – Mr. Nally

"I beg your parsnips" Mr. Nally

"Ciaran, By the time I'm finished with you I will have to get a pacemaker"

Ciaran: " Ammmm ya, my dad already has one."

"Lads I love nature, Sometimes I look out at the cows in the field and....I'd just love to be a cow"  
-Mrs. Donnelly

"Girls it's not boys that get you pregnant, it's the vodka"- Mr. O'Broin

"Alright lads go to page... ahh go anywhere"-Mr. J.J Murphy

"GET OUT"- Mr. Moriarty

"It's not my job to put you on the dole"- Bean Ui Lionsigh to Brian Kirwan

"Ye are more interested in the birds getting it on than your own Leaving Cert"- Ms. Whelan

"Phosphate, Sugar, Base" – Mr. J O'Connell

"I suppose Asi's in mourning is he lads?" Mr Murphy the day after Nelson Mandela's Death.

" Jake the Rake", " Luke the Fluke", " Leanne House Woman" – Mr. O'Broin

" Port-ta-folio" Mr. O'Broin

## More Teacher Quotes

"They're just lining up across the gym roof, staring at me" \* Talking about her fear of crows\*  
Ms. Owens

"Ye can drink, ye can drive, ye can vote but ye can't do ye're homework" – Mrs. Donnelly  
"Anyone got any NOOOOOOOOOOTES? Any NOOOOTES please?" – Mrs. Donnelly

"Sarah L-A-Z-Y is written all over this" -Ms. Cronin

"You read Jake, I like hearing your voice" – Mrs. A O'Sullivan

"Tuck in your shirt, this is not Home and Away" – Ms. Whelan

"Shakira Shakira"/ "Cherita, Cherita" – Mr. J O'Connell

"Adrian and Aoife if ye don't stop talking ye can....exit...through...the ...door behind me."  
Mr. O'Sullivan

"Okay girls, take off the tops and let's see what's underneath" - Mr. O'Mahony (Checking that the name tags were on the back of the crest).

"Shuuuuuuuu Alessandrra" – Mr. Lucey

"Lads I'm not afraid to fail ye, in fact I'd fail my own grandmother" – Mr. Nally

"This row Ooonly" - Mr. Kelleher

"You'll remember the quadrants in the circle because 'QUAD' is four in French isn't it?"  
Ms. Barrett

"Expand your Bottoms" Ms. Barrett

# *The Yearbook Committee.*



*It's Been a great 6 years Lads! Thanks.*



