



Memories

Class of 2014



**Ballinacollig
Community School**





INTRODUCTION

I think it is safe to say that the last six years have flown by in a whirlwind of memories, emotions and friendships. This yearbook presents the most memorable of these highs and lows that we as a year group experienced as we grew up together within the wonderful walls of our school, and reflects on the highlights of all six years that undoubtedly formed a major part of each and every one of us. Whilst reminiscing on this time which ran past us with phenomenal speed will definitely cause undeniable feelings of nostalgia, this yearbook combines not only the fondness of yesterday but the hope

of tomorrow which awaits us all as we leave our comfortable lives at school and embrace the extraordinary adventure that is life. Therefore, on behalf of our year group, I thank you for creating our glory days, wish you the utmost of good fortune for the future and hope you enjoy our excellently crafted yearbook. ~

Ava Cregan, Sixth Year

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Message from the Year Head



Kathleen Lowmy, Principal

You are about to embark on the next exciting new chapter in your lives. Shortly, you will move off into the world and experience all that the world can offer you.

No doubt, at the moment, you will be feeling quite a mixture of emotions – looking forward with anticipation while looking back, with some nostalgia, on the years you have spent here, with your friends, in BCS.

It is my earnest hope that the foundations set for you and with you here at BCS, both academically and personally, will carry you forward in life. Remember to take pride in where you have come from and in who you are. You are launching into a world full of opportunity – life, undoubtedly, is what you make it. You will, of course, meet some challenges along the way – remember that a problem shared is a problem halved.

I wish you all the very best for the future – may it be filled with happiness, good health and good fortune.

Message from the Principal

It is hard to believe that the time has come to bid you all farewell and I must admit that I will miss you dearly. It has been an absolute privilege working with you since 2010 and I have no doubt that you are now well prepared to take on the challenges of life outside BCS.

You are graduating during a time of huge historical importance in our country and it is now your turn to make your own history as you strive to achieve your goals and embark on new adventures.

I want to thank you all for contributing to the academic, sporting, social and cultural aspects of life here in the school. You have left a lasting legacy for those students coming behind you. My dearest wish for you now is that you enjoy happy and fulfilled lives.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Yearbook committee who have worked tirelessly on producing this special publication for you to enjoy. A sincere thank you to our very special editor, Mr Dermot Lucey, who gave so generously of his time.

A final word of advice....."Keep your eyes on the stars, and your feet on the ground!"

Noelle Donovan, Year Head



Thinking about First Year is like going back in time. We were all so innocent and fresh faced. I remember my first day going into BCS absolutely petrified of everything and everyone, this before the older years had joined us. Within six weeks we were all settled in, as if we had been in the place for our entire lives. One thing I remember distinctively about first year was our fear of Ms O'Sullivan; we would instantly become quiet walking into her business class. She had a way about her that not one student would step out of line in her class. The Meitheal team were especially kind to us. They organised quizzes, parties and great ice breaker games. The best part was getting to skip maths on a Friday evening. In First Year we enjoyed many school trips to the Inniscarra Dam, Cork Pops concert and many more. My highlight would have to be our end of year trip to Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre. It was a bonding day for the entire year, we had a great day kayaking, climbing, doing archery and more.

To end a great year we saw the student of the year award going to SARAH HARRIS which was well deserved.



First Year

Let us start our trip off down memory lane,
 Back when we were excited, young and plain.
 From first stepping foot into BCS with oversized bags on our back,
 To making new friends and having such great craic.
 Art, Music, Tech-Graph, Metalwork, Woodwork, French, German we tried
 them all,
 Along with our trip to Kinsale and First Year Mass to recall.
 Love it or hate it –
 In the future when you look back to see how far you've come here,
 You'll agree that it felt as if only 6 minutes have passed, rather than 6
 years.

'I remember going to the Caf every day for the first four months because I thought it was class being able to buy hot food.'

'My memory of First Year is that I always got lost between classes!'

'I remember being so nervous at the start of First Year in BCS. Everyone was sticking to their own group that they knew from primary school. We were then split up into our classes. I felt like a man left behind on the moon. I remember going on tour to the Kinsale Outdoor Education Centre; it was so much fun and I really bonded with the rest of the year group.'



KINSALE - AWESOME!



In Second Year we were no longer the babies of the school; it was high time to start being responsible, unfortunately. First Year excitement was long gone and there was more focus on the dreaded Junior Certificate! However, it was not all work of course; we had the craic throughout the year as well. For example, we had an unforgettable excursion to Ballyhass Lakes where we went kayaking, did the "leap of faith" and many other exciting activities. Unfortunately, this year we had to say goodbye to Mr Lucey and Mr Kennelly, two great teachers who gave us their valuable guidance and wisdom. Overall, this year was another stepping stone in our education and without a doubt we enjoyed ourselves along the way.

HISTORIC EVENT

The first Report Card ever issued to anybody in the Year Group was issued in Second Year to the lads who hid in the Caf after returning from a basketball match. Just because they were County Champions and went on to the All-Ireland Finals could not save them!!



A Day Trip to the Jameson Distillery. But where are the teachers!







Who's Laughing Now?

For the twins, life was always hard,
In school, being bullied in the yard.
The endless names,
They felt the pain,
And yet they carried on; still strong.

They never cared what people thought,
So they kept going on; they fought.
"You'll never be famous!" said the haters,
The twins left them be motivators.

Today, John and Edward have millions of fans,
While the bullies have now changed their plans.
Bullying in school should stop somehow,
But for the haters,
WHO'S LAUGHING NOW?

Noreen Kiely 2B

Bullying

Kick me, punch me, treat me like dirt.
Show the whole world how little I'm worth.
It has to be me, who ends up in fights,
It had to be me, denied my human rights.

Not fit to be in a cool gang with ye,
Nobody loves me, not even my family.
I'm overweight, with a big double chin.
So what? That's no reason to stuff me in a bin.

Nobody cares about the opinion I give.
Listening to this isn't how we should live.
It's no good to stand and wait, just hoping
That it will all stop, the choking and joking,

So tell a guardian, parent, a teacher or friend.
They will sort it out, and that will be the end.
You'll have the last laugh as the bullies will discover;
There's no reason to live your life under cover.

With every stride, all steps flat and steep,
Take in your pride, you've wept the last weep!

Jack Barrett, 2B



TOUGH ON SPORTS DAY!

At the end of Third Year, it was as if after 2 and a half years, as we sat in our designated seats on June 5th, it had all come down to this moment.

"The student's palms were sweaty, knees weak, eyelids heavy. Merchant of Venice quotes at the ready..."

Intense preparation was made for the 3 types of rocks (Geography), Algebra 1, the poster question in CSPE... As we prepare for the Leaving Certificate, we thought the Junior Certificate was bad. Our first taste of the state examinations had everybody wondering, "Why didn't I make the most out of the fierce weather?" As we can see in one of the statistics, someone did.

Examiners tried to humour 15 year olds with a certain pun question on the Business paper and dictate a skier's route down a mountain in Maths P2 - but at least we got a Columbus question. Fair deuce to those who did well, not to mention that it was all A's for Ava!

It was quite a blur to be honest; maybe the pictures will help portray this year better.

ALL OUR HARD WORK PAID OFF!



Alan Coffey

June 10, 2013 · 🌐

Just when u think area and volume isnt coming up surprise for the end ! 😊



Sean Leahy

June 4, 2013 · 🌐

Haha sweet job dont have to do maths paper 2

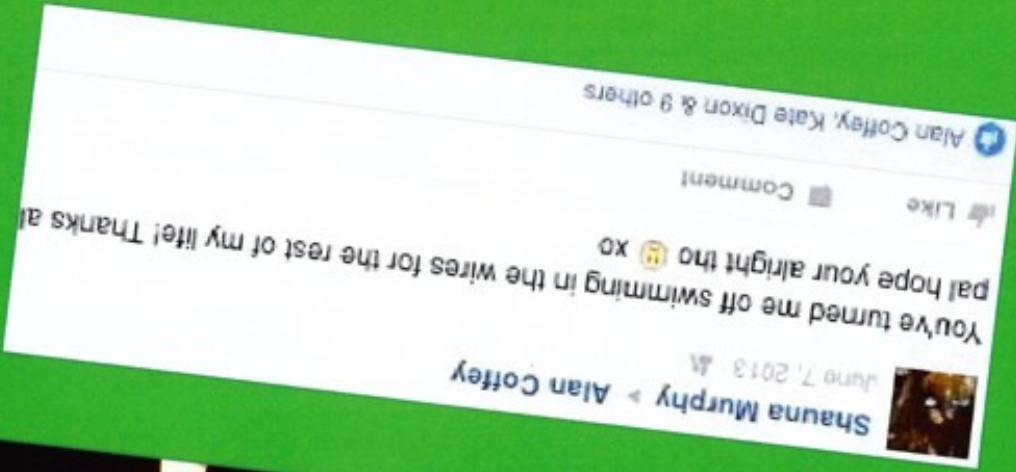
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'Congratulations to Junior Cert students in BCS. All the hard work paid off with some students achieving 10 A's and 11 A's. Well done to all!'

Well, Fourth Year was a year of new experiences and opportunities. For just a few months we managed to fit in quite a lot. We went on many adventures such as our trip to London, Delphi, The Ploughing Championships, The Irish National Stud Farm and much much more! We also learned many new skills through our modules such as skin care, photography and many varieties of sport. As well as this we clocked up a nice few awards through Mini Company, Young Social Innovators with Project Rita. Of course we contributed a lot to various charities throughout our time in Transition Year such as Saint Vincent De Paul, Pieta House, SHARE, the Hope Foundation and many more.

Without a doubt it was an action packed year; needless to say we were quite tired heading into Fifth Year.



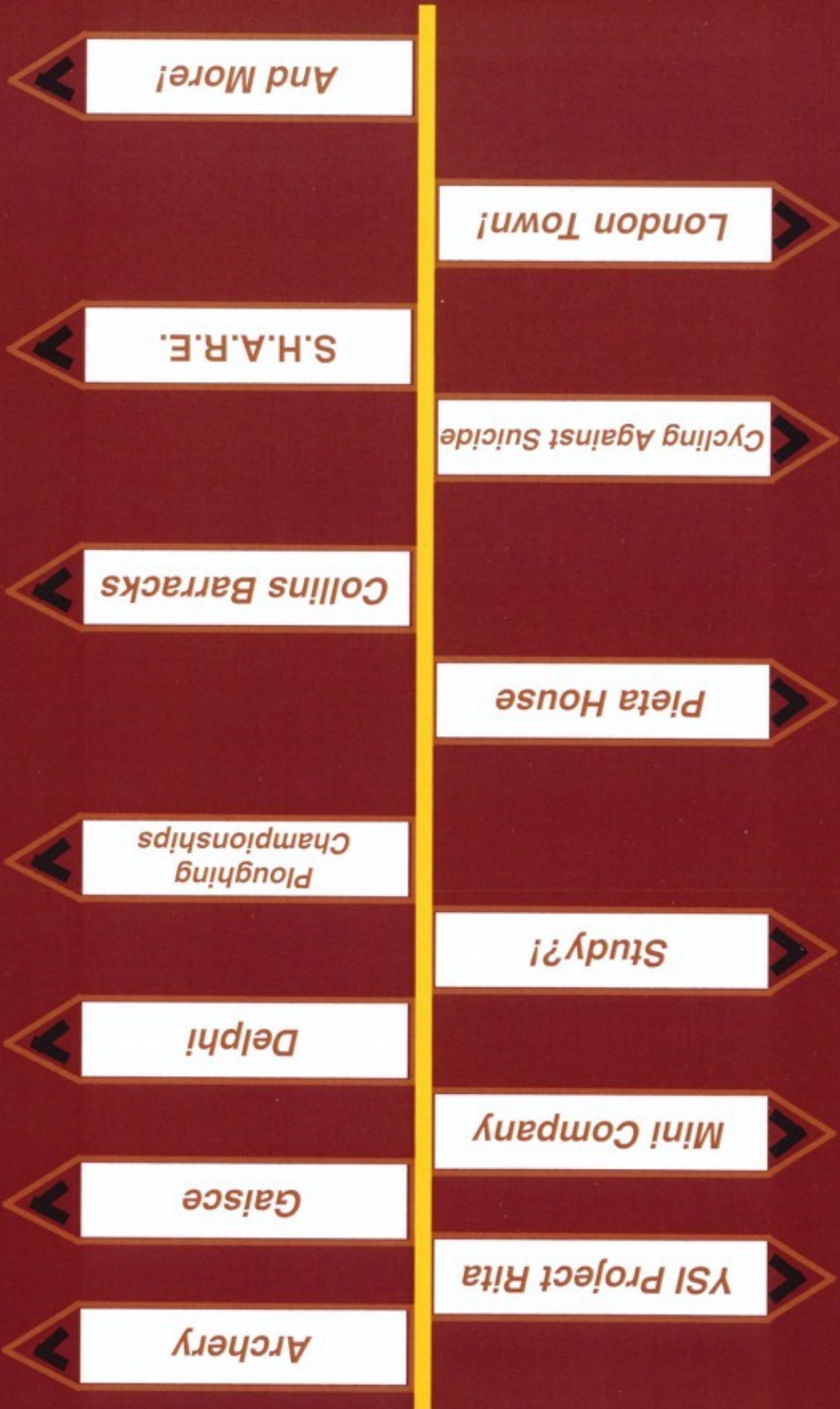
EUROPEAN STUDENT PARLIAMENT

5 transition year students were chosen to represent BCS in the European Student Parliament Science Debate.

Each student got a topic and they met and discussed this topic with students from different schools in Cork. The main aim was to get students involved in environmental issues scientifically. The topics included; New approaches to the city, City climate change, resources in the city, smart city and development of houses. This event was hosted in CIT and City Hall. Students got the chance to work alongside scientists to discuss environmental matters.

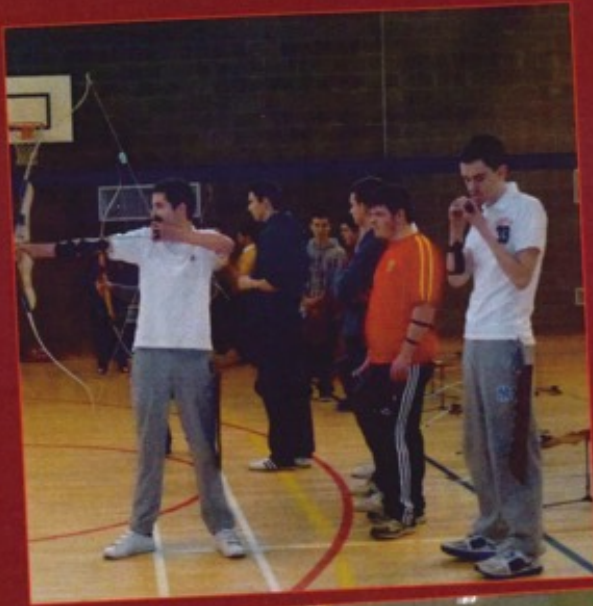
Five students got the chance to exchange their ideas on a European scale with 95 students from across Europe in the final European Student Parliament in Copenhagen in June 2014. The students involved were Didier Ching, Michaela Mercado, Ciara Dinneen, David Barry and Danielle O'Donoghue.





TY - we were BUSY!

TY Activities!





To London



We went to London in February of Fourth Year. Although we only went for three days we fitted a lot into our busy schedule such as The London Dungeon, London Eye, Big Ben and Westfield. Although the food wasn't great we had great craic in the hostel. I think we will all remember the night that Alex set off the fire alarm.



In Fourth Year, approximately 70 students spent 2 nights in Delphi Mountain Resort, Connemara. While there we completed our Bronze Gaisce award by taking part in a 25km hike through the picturesque mountains on the border of Galway and Mayo. Overall it was a great trip, packed with exhilarating activities such as mountain biking and orienteering.

In Fifth Year, some of us just did not have enough, 7 students went back up to Delphi to complete our Silver Gaisce. We trekked through the gruelling heat for 50km, needless to say we were proud as punch coming home (also a bit sun burnt!)

DELPHI (GAISCE TRIP)





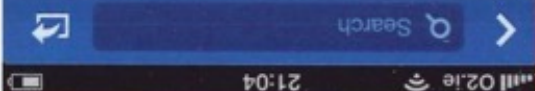
Opinion: We wanted to make a



"I love getting involved in things like YSI just to show that not only Ministers and TDs can make a change in our community, but young people can too"

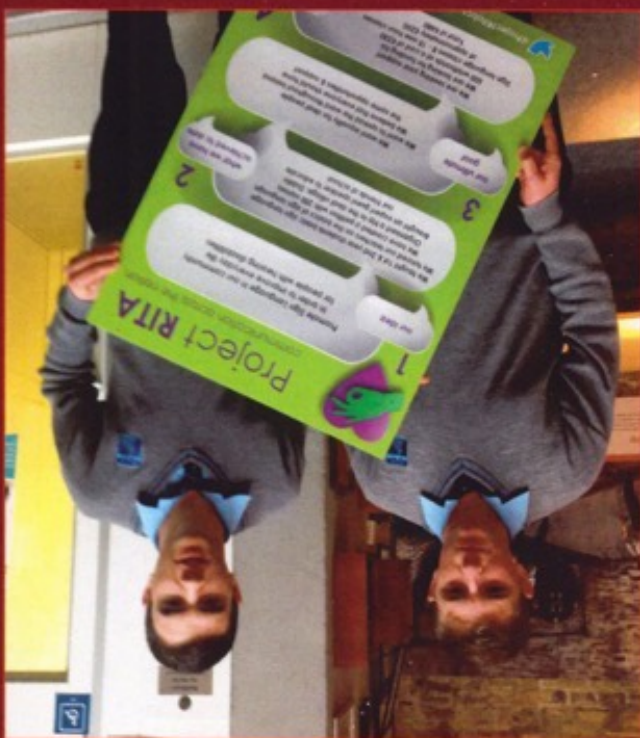
Alan Coffey (who's team has made the Young Social Innovators Showcase 2014 shortlist) has given an outstanding opinion piece to *TheJournal.ie* about 'Project Rita'.

Vodafone Ireland Foundation
Tuesday at 12:25



YSI PROJECT RITA

In transition year we took part in Young Social Innovators (YSI) as a module. This module consists of doing a project to raise awareness for a certain group of people. We decided on Project Rita. It was based on a project member's mother who is profoundly deaf. This project took place throughout the year and we concentrated on raising awareness for deafness in Ireland. We ended up winning an All Ireland award for "Making our world more inclusive and poverty free." Also making an appearance on television.



PLOUGHING CHAMPIONSHIPS GREAT CRAIC!



**AND SO WAS COLLINS BARRACKS!
AND BABY ROBOTS!**



Mini Company kept us very busy for fourth year. We created and sold t-shirts; a group of us created an alternative recycling bin to encourage children to recycle; also we organized numerous in-school events including Halloween goody bags, sold ice cream, quizzes and first year speed dating. Awards were won by the students involved in the recycling bin for the best innovation and overall winner at the School Christmas Trade Fair 2015. The students involved were Ruth Dunne, Amy Brennan, Grace Mc Sweeney and Shauna Cronin. Overall, it was an incredibly worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

MINI COMPANY



PIETA HOUSE



YUMEE PIZZA!!

We were GREAT! in Fireworks





Fifth Year was a gruelling year filled with dedication and sweat, but ultimately we pulled through as a year group. It was hard, to say the least, especially since we had just spent a year in TY staring into space thinking of something to do. However, once we entered Fifth Year we knew that we had to get working immediately. We were bombarded with essays, exam questions and other forms of torture. But to be honest it wasn't all work; there were special moments which made us feel that this year was just about acceptable like the trip to Calcutta, Meitheal Mondays, the trip to Delphi, the trip to Watergrasshill to shoot each other with balls of paint and much, much more.

BLUE SEPTEMBER



FOR CHARITY



GOAL





During Fifth Year, 16 student accompanied by Ms Whelan and Ms Kiely travelled to the city of Kolkata, India in February 2015. It was an incredible opportunity that none of us will ever forget, filled with tears of joy and laughter and a definite eye opener for us all. The students involved were Ciara Dinneen, Chloe Punch, Grace McSweeney, Meghan Wills, Sinead O'Sullivan, Gemma Dineen, Leighann O'Shea, Rachel Murray, Amy Brennan, Maggi Morley, Shane van, O'Neill, Alan Coffey, Daniel Murphy, Adam Collins, Jack Hoey and Andrew Staunton.



KOLKATA



First Year 2010-11

Back Row: L - R: Eoghan O'Neill, Sean Conlon, Daniel Hegarty, Eoghan Creedon, Jennifer O'Halloran, Rebecca Carroll, Judith Saura, Sive O'Sullivan, Laura Delaney, Shane O'Neill, Alan Coffey, Tim Creedon, Jason Twomey, Amy Louise Kelleher, Grace McSweeney, Sarah Harris, Helen Lynch, Megan Suen, Lisa Shir Ching, Killian Wallace O'Driscoll, Matti Weredynski, Killian Derwin, David Barry

Fifth Row: L - R: Ruth Dunne, Jack O'Sullivan, Maggi Morley, Olivia Coleman, Jason Murray, Johnny White, Kate Dixon, Grainne Kierse, Ciara O'Connor, Paulina W Maeve Carroll, Lorcan Dixon, Denise Twomey, Judy O'Sullivan.

Fourth Row: L - R: Rachel Cronin, Damian Owczarczuk, James Walsh, Conor Cronin, Michal Sleszynski, Elinga Pagalyte, Nicole Murray, Chloe Punch, Julia Grabos, Rob Buttimer, Ryan Bergin, Sean Leahy, Adam Collins, Amy Farrell, Seamus Desmond, Ciarán Healy, Chloe Power

Third Row: L - R: Andrew Staunton, Gemma Dineen, Stephanie Murphy, Ava Cregan, Amy Brennan, Olivia O'Leary, Hayley O'Donovan, Kiara McNally, Gavin Doyle, Andrew Jordan

Second Row: L - R: Andrew Staunton, Gemma Dineen, Stephanie Murphy, Ava Cregan, Amy Brennan, Olivia O'Leary, Hayley O'Donovan, Kiara McNally, Gavin Doyle, Andrew Jordan

Front Row (kneeling): L - R: Anas Moulay-Slimane, Conor Glazier, Chloe Blackham, Louise Dorgan, Amy C Kelleher, Shauna Cronin, Mikaela Mercado, Caroline Altor



Sixth Year 2015-16

Back Row: L - R: Michal Sleszynski, Damian Owczarczuk, Ben Hajja, Conor Cronin, James Walsh, Jason Twomey, Stephen Halligan, Sean Conlon, Andrew Staunton, R

Fourth Row: L - R: Amy Kelleher, Sarah Harris, Grace McSweeney, Chloe Punch, Ruth Dunne, Louise Dorgan, Aoibhinn Murphy, Emma O'Sullivan, Matti Weredynski, Power, Tim Creedon, Didier Ching, Elinga Pagalyte, Marcell Hangya, Rob Hamill, Humphrey O'Mahony.

Third Row: L - R: Amy Brennan, Laura Delaney, Ciara Crowley, Rachel Cronin, Denise Twomey, Caitlin Kelly-Foley, Jennifer O'Halloran, Lydia O'Keeffe, Shauna M Shauna Cronin, Kate Dixon, Emer Thompson, Nicole Murray, Meghan Wills, Grainne Kierse, Sinead O'Sullivan.

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Front Row (kneeling): L - R: Eoghan Creedon, Michael Jefferies, Adam Hurley, Shane O'Neill, Stephen Dorman, Rebecca Kidney, Michaela Nagle, Gemma Dineen

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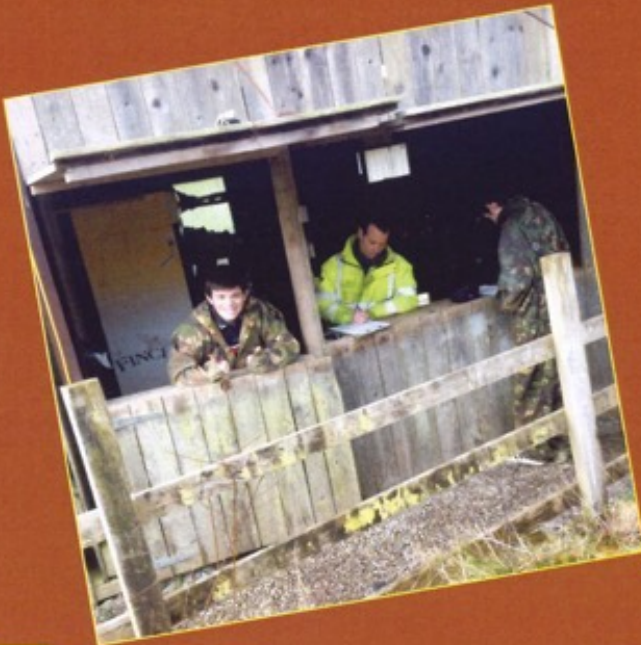
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FRIENDSHIP



PAINTBALLING is SUCH FUN!



S.H.A.R.E. is a charitable organization that is run by volunteers. S.H.A.R.E. stands for Students Harness Aid for the Relief of the Elderly. It is dedicated to providing housing and other supports for the elderly of Cork. S.H.A.R.E. was started in 1970, by Brother Jerome Kelly and a group of twelve students. The tradition has continued and today there are two students from twenty schools in Cork involved in the S.H.A.R.E. executive.

S.H.A.R.E.



Well done, Johnny!



Ten students were hand-picked by Meitheal co-ordinators at the end of fourth year to take part in the Meitheal Leadership Programme in Scala premises in Blackrock. As part of the training we were put through our paces in series of exercises to enhance our understanding of each other and ourselves. The bottom line of the training was to grow as a group and learn new social skills. We were now prepared for the arrival of the first years. During our time with them we engaged them in numerous activities that were organised over our lunch breaks. Activities put together were a Halloween Quiz, a study prep seminar, a slogan competition and a well-received set of ice breaker games at the beginning of the year. In addition we organised a day of paintballing for our own year to break up the year. It's safe to say our group grew immensely over that short year.



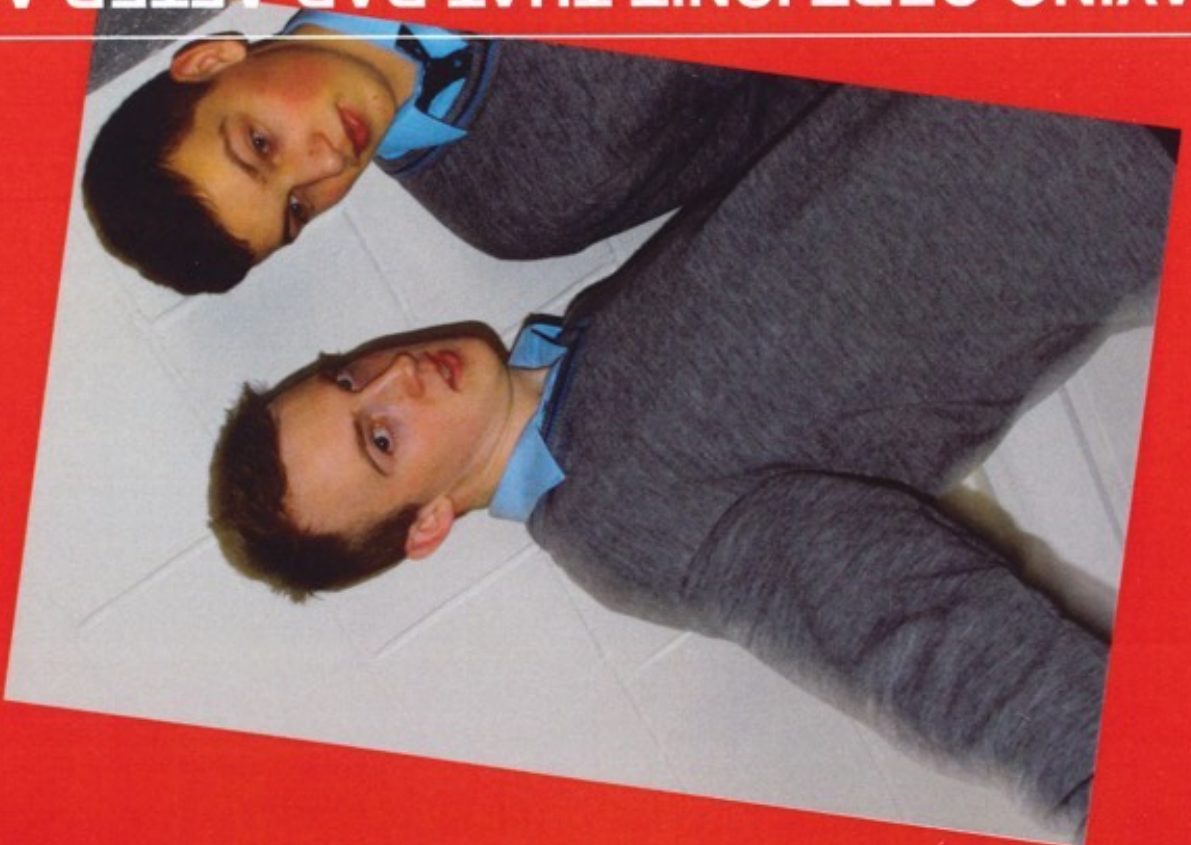
Meitheal

At last, after climbing the staggering ladder of secondary school, we reached sixth year. Whilst it may not have been the most fun or exciting of years, this final year has certainly been the glue that stuck us all together as we prepared to plunge into the adult world. Although this year still has so much in store for us (namely the dreaded Leaving Cert), it is easy to say that sixth year has given us time to bond with the help of our own unique teachers as we transition into the people that we were always descent to be.





LEAVING CERT ISN'T THAT BAD AFTER ALL!



Sixth Year Teachers



**Sixth Year
Teachers,
2015-16**

O'Sullivan

Front Row: L - R: K Forde, V Ollivier, A Owens, D Hanafin, N Donovan, C Desmond, D Murphy, C Arslan, M Cotter and S Daves, M Hooley, D O'Sullivan, E Dinan, J O'Connell

Second Row: L - R: K Kelly, A Brosnan, A M Daly, K Lynch, E Colohan, L Branagan, S Cullinane, S Healy, A M Whelan, O Back Row: C O'Sullivan, P Griffin





Basketball Champions

Greg on the Irish basketball team



Helping with Spikeball

Just for Fun!





Wheelbarrow racing is a laugh!

U-16 Tennis



Soccer in France

Nathan on the Ballincollig Youths All-Ireland FAI Cup winning team 2016





Senior Ladies Football team



Senior Camogie team



Rugby teams



Hurling teams



GAA Cup winners!



At the Cork GAA Hurling Academy

Class of 2016



Aaron Feeney



Adam Collins



Adam Hurley



Alan Coffey



Alex Buczynska



Amy Brennan



Amy Farrell



Amy Kelleher



Andrew Jordan



Andrew Staunton



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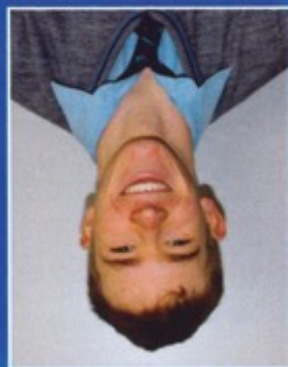
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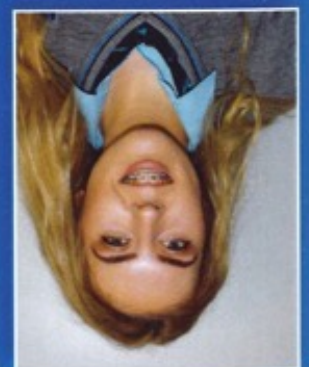
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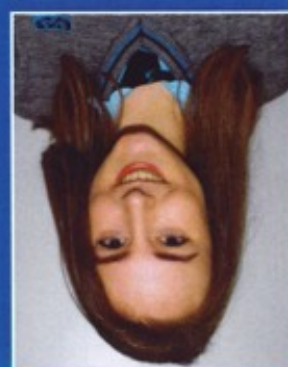
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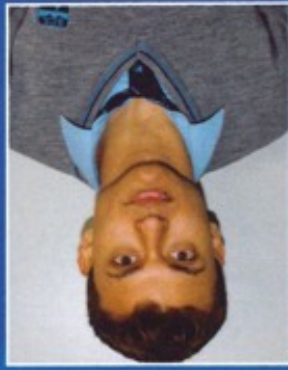


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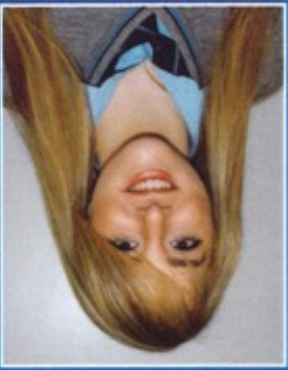
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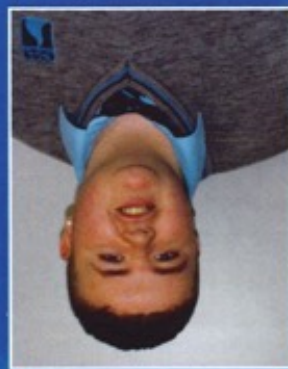
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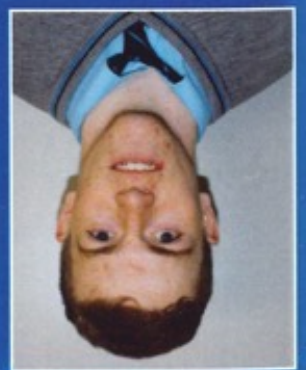
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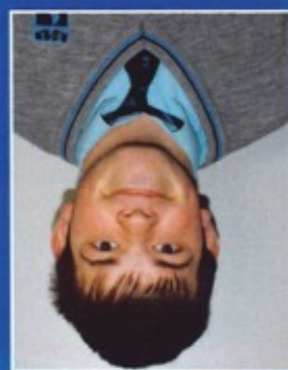
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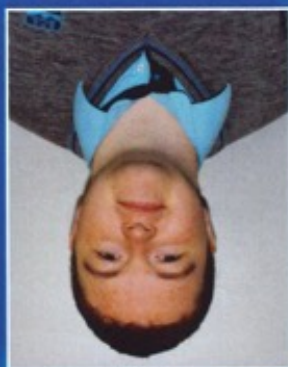
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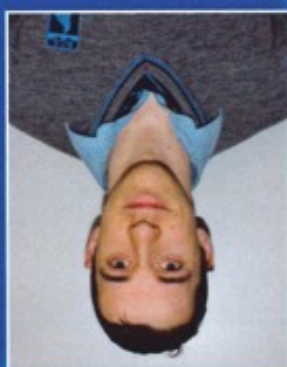
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Rebecca Kidney



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Shauna Cronin



Shauna Murphy



Sinead Corkery



Sinead O'Sullivan



Sive O'Sullivan



Stephanie Murphy



Stephen Dorman



Stephen Halligan



Tim Creedon

LCA CLASS 2013-15

Back Row: L - R: Lauriss Rudziss, Evan Fitzgerald, Killian Derwin, Kiara McNally, Jason Murray, Wojtech Stozek & Stephen Healy.
Front Row: L - R: Chloe Blackham, Nadia Dixon & Krisztina Sarosi.



FIRST YEAR PHOTOS - WHO AM I?





I Will Remember My Teachers

Best Wishes
Dermot Lucey
↗





I Will Remember You!

AUTOGRAPHS

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