

Ardcoil La Salle

Yearbook

1999-2000

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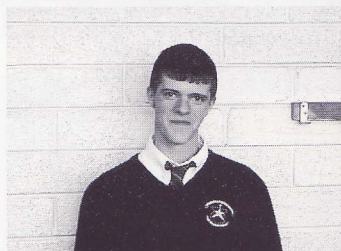




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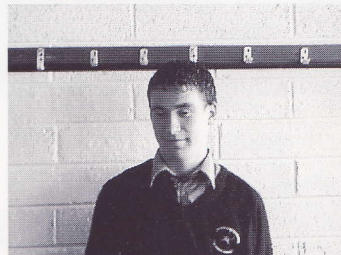
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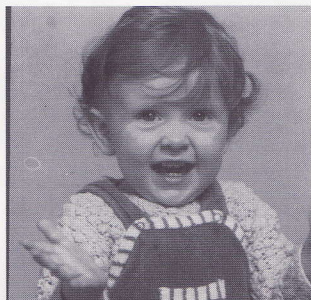
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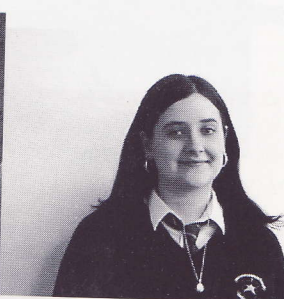
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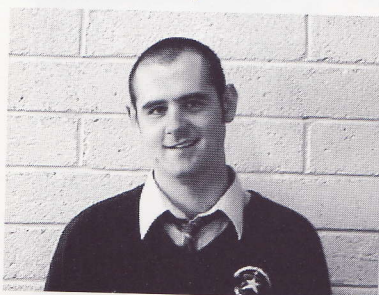
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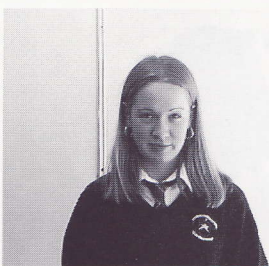
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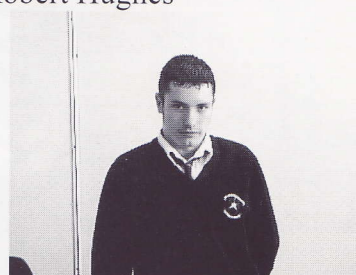
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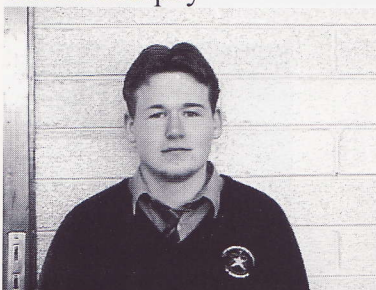
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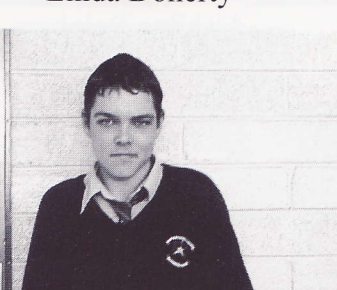
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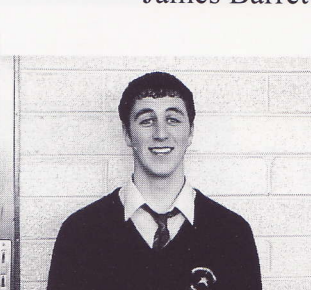
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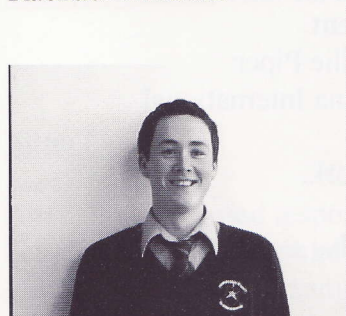
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Derek Farrell



Amy Keegan



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6th Year Survey

Best Male Vocalist:

There was some confusion in this section (and indeed in many other sections) over the past and present categories. Tom Jones and Cliff Richard seemed to fit into both the categories because they're still around and having hit records. It's not so clear why this would apply to John Lennon considering he's been dead for the past 20 years... maybe some people don't know, or just think it's not relevant because his music is still popular. Uncertainty over Dana International's gender also caused some difficulty. Stars being loved by some but hated by others was a feature in this category as it was in others below.

BEST:

Past

1. Elvis
2. Tom Jones
3. Bob Marley

Present

1. Robbie Williams
2. John Lennon
3. Tom Jones

WORST:

Past

1. Daniel O'Donnell
2. Jason Donovan
3. Dana

Present

1. Cliff Richard
2. Steven Gately
3. Robbie Williams

International

ALSO RAN: Christy Moore, Wyclef Jean

ALSO RAN: Phil Collins, Peter Andre.

Best Female Vocalist

Britney seemed to annoy as many people as she pleased, with lots of votes being cast for her in the best and worst categories. She also fitted neatly into the past and present categories as Britney (original version) and Britney (silicone version). Madonna attracted a huge vote – one of the biggest.

BEST:

Past

1. Madonna
2. Tina Turner
3. Celine Dion

Present

1. Mariah Carey
2. Britney Spears
(silicone)
3. Christina Aguilera

WORST:

Past

1. Kylie Minogue
- 2.. Cher
3. Britney Spears
(original)

Present

1. Billie Piper
2. Dana International
3. Bjork.

ALSO RAN: Whitney Houston

ALSO RAN: Cilla Black, Lolly

Male Actor/Celebrity

This section threw up a very varied list of names, including a few teachers, mostly in the worst/past category, whose blushes have been spared by leaving them out of it.

BEST:

Past

1. George Best
2. Sean Connery
3. John Travolta

Present

1. Ali G
2. Tom Hanks
3. Graham Norton

WORST:

Past

1. Gay Byrne
2. Pat Kenny
3. Brad Pitt

Present

1. David Beckham
2. Jim Carey
3. Pierce Brosnan

RAN: Homer Simpson,

ALSO RAN: John Wayne, Sly Stallone.

ALSO

Billy Connolly,
Jack Nicholson

Female Actor/Celebrity

Marilyn Monroe was the poll topper as best of the past but Courtney Cox might not be thrilled to have her name showing in the all-washed-up category too. Denise van Outen had equal numbers of lovers and haters, while Pamela Anderson was trashed as the very worst of the past.

BEST:

Past

1. Marilyn Monroe
2. Liz Taylor
3. Courtney Cox

ALSO RAN: Denise van Outen, Princess
Diana

Present

1. Cameron Diaz
2. Julia Roberts
3. Mary Robinson

WORST:

Past

1. Pamela Anderson
2. Cher
3. Cilla Black

ALSO RAN: Maggie Thatcher, Drew
Barrymore, Queen Elizabeth

Present

1. Posh Spice
2. Britney Spears
3. Denise van Outen

Bands/Groups

This section produced the clearest results in both categories. The Beatles topped the poll by a huge margin as the best of the past, with Westlife performing similarly as the best of the present. Bros. were in a class of their own as the worst of the past with twice the vote of their nearest rival, Take That. Steps were outstanding as the worst of the present.

BEST:

Past

1. The Beatles
2. Oasis
3. U2

ALSO RAN: Abba, Thin Lizzy

Present

1. Westlife
2. Stereophonics
3. Travis

WORST:

Past

1. Bros
2. Take That
3. Guns 'n' Roses

ALSO RAN: Buck's Fizz, B*Witched

Present

1. Steps
2. Hanson
3. Aqua

Film/TV

Again, a very varied response in this section, and a very close-run race in each category. TV comedies are very popular and soaps are definitely out the window. The A-Team and Friends were clear winners, and Scream 3 an undisputed loser.

BEST:

Past

1. The A-Team
2. Only Fools and
Horses

3. Grease

ALSO RAN: Happy Days, Bosco

Present

1. Friends
2. Pokemon

3. Da Ali G Show

WORST:

Past

1. All Star Trek films
2. Coronation Street

3. Art Attack

ALSO RAN: Kenny Live, Home and Away
Telly Bingo

Present

1. Scream 3
2. Titanic

3. Glenroe

Crisps/Snacks

The distinction between past and present is fairly meaningless here and in the next section.

BEST:

Past

1. Popcorn
2. Burger Bites
3. King Crisps

Present

1. Monster Munches
2. Pringles
3. Hula Hoops
Original

ALSO RAN: Fat Frogs, apples

WORST:

Past

1. A-Team crisps
2. Wheelies
3. BBQ Hula Hoops

Present

1. Burger Bites
2. Fruit Gums
3. Chickaroos

ALSO RAN: Meanies, Texacanos

Chocolate/Sweets

BEST:

Past

1. Mars
2. Milky Bars
3. Frosties

Present

1. Snickers
2. Kinder Bueno
3. Cadburys Cream
Egg

ALSO RAN: Opal Fruits, Maltesers

WORST:

Past

1. Liquorice Allsorts
2. Rice Crispy bars
3. Bounty

Present

1. Fuse
2. Dime
3. Turkish Delight

ALSO RAN: Chocolate mice, Wham bars

Most likely to be.....

President:

1. Gavin O'Reilly
2. Samantha Meehan
3. Kevin Ryan
4. Brian McCormack
5. Damien Doherty
6. Rachel Denham

OTHERS: Neidín Beglane, David Robinson, Thomas Flood (for dictator), Stephen Breslin, Derek Glennon, Denise Rock, Alan Murtagh

A Chippendale:

Make a list of the skinniest sixth years and you've got it!

Rose of Tralee:

Edel Parsons ran away with this title.

OTHERS: Aisling Ralph, Neidín Beglane, Jennifer Murray, Maireád Fagan, Jackie McLaren, Claire Giles, Jenny Melia.

The next Britney Spears:

Lianne Quinn was the outright winner.

OTHERS: Sarah Doran, Claire Giles, Maireád Fagan, Donna Clarke.

The next Ronán Keating:

Barry Redmond, Derek Gorman, Seán Patterson and Brian McCormack...among many others.

The next Posh and Becks:

Rachel Denham and Nicky O'Connor are certain to be the world's new celebrity couple if our sixth years have anything to do with it. They attracted more than double the accumulated votes of all other nominated couples, who included Barry Redmond and Sarah Doran, Barry Redmond and Orla Murtagh, Robert Doherty and Mandy Byrne and Emma Hickey and Paul Hickey. Looks like a busy time ahead for HELLO! magazine.

6th Year Special Memories

The **Wicklow Paint balling Incident** starring the notorious Red Gang members, Jason "Hop Along" Hersee, Thomas "Trigger Happy" Flood and Graham "Hit the Ground Men" Cadwell.

Mr. Fallon's mnemonic ("My very easy method just sums up nine planets", taking the first letter from each word). for remembering the planets beginning with the nearest orbit to the sun. Begin by saying, out loud, "my" Mars, "very" Venus, easy" Earth etc... and slow down somewhere in the middle.

Gavin Hoey and Aidan Keogh who stole the show with their performances as the ugly sisters in the Transition Year '98 production of **Cinderella**. More TY drama that year gave us the unforgettable casting of Paul Hickey as **Scrooge** and Kirin Walsh, in the same show, who fluffed his lines but got the best laugh.

The Casanova of Carlingford, yet another TY production, but this time a one man show by Stephen Given. The show was loosely based on the theory and practice of love and played to a hushed audience of students in the dormitory.....or so Stephen thought. Unknown to Stephen, Ms. Ni Raghallaigh also caught his performance from the corridor and was considerably less impressed. There was speculation about a follow-up performance, in which Neidín Beglane was to co-star, but it never really got passed rehearsals.

Remember the exhibition of **Irish Dancing** given by Mr. Coyle and Mr. Noonan on Open Day some years ago?

Part of the ceiling in room 21 falling onto a spot where Mr. Farrell had been standing seconds before. Probably the seismic effect of years of slamming the filing cabinet.

Stephen Given choking on a Jolly Rancher and Mr. Breen giving him the **Heimlich Manoeuvre** in the middle of the corridor.

Nick, the **Action Track** director, getting stressed out in the middle of rehearsals and shouting something unrepeatable at Simon Dickinson.

Derek Farrell in drag on a non-uniform day.

Nicky O'Connor's trip...over the kerb and onto the ground that is, while running home from school.....AND refusing to get up for a good five minutes!

Jenny Melia, who began the set with the Irish dancers during the **'98 Drama Festival**, but somehow wasn't there at the finish.

Ms. Magin falling off her chair.

Michael Mc Hugh calling Ms. McCabe "Mam"!

Lianne Wilson dropping the medical kit at the girls cup final. I guess you had to be there.....

The vigorous manner in which Sister Rita dissected a rat during a second year science class. The sound of the ribcage breaking made everyone queasy..... especially Michael Finnegan.

Part-time students?

Recent research, which looked at the impact of teenage employment on achievement in school, shows a worrying trend.

All of us like the things that money can buy and with the good old Celtic Tiger roaring his head off, there's more of it to be had than ever before. Our economic miracle has created a multitude of job vacancies in shops, pubs, restaurants etc., and secondary school students seeking work are spoiled for choice these days. But, be warned, an international report shows that teenagers with part time jobs are in danger of damaging their education and development. At a sociology conference in Chicago the results of a survey carried out in 41 countries showed that students with jobs achieve lower grades than those who don't have jobs. In Irish schools surveys have shown that, on average, almost twice as many girls as boys work part time. Even in sixth year, over 30% of girls but less than 10% of boys have jobs. This is strong indication that girls' studies in particular are put at risk from part time work.

A quick check around our own sixth years has shown that over 70% are currently in part time employment. That is very much higher than the national average and is a major disadvantage to them according to the research. Therefore it is certain that jobs have a serious negative impact on schoolwork in Ardscoil la Salle every day. In the long term, exam results and the future career paths of our students are being put at risk.

Are many of us sacrificing a more desirable and better-paid job in the future for a few pounds in the pocket today? Sad to say, it looks that way.

Teenage workers and the law – what you should know

The Protection of Young Persons (Employment) Act 1996 states:

Age Limits: Under 16's must only be given light work. It is illegal for under 15s to be employed during the school term.

Rest breaks: Under 16s must get a half hour break every four hours worked. 16s and 17s must get a half hour every four and a half hours worked.

Maximum Hours: At age 15 it is illegal to work more than 8 hours per week during the school term. Working at night, with school the next morning, 15s must finish by 8pm while 16s and 17s must finish by 10pm.

Employers must see a birth certificate and get written permission from parent/guardian when employing someone under 16. A register of the following information must be kept for all employees aged under 18:

- * Full name.
- * Date of birth.
- * Time each work session starts and ends.
- * Daily wages paid.
- * Total wages paid.

Fund Raising

Brother John Gaule came to the school at the end of September to speak to classes about the De la sale missions in India. Students in 1M decided to organise a cake sale and with some help from 1s their efforts raised £54 for Brother John's projects. Congratulations to all who helped. At a more local level, this school's annual sponsored walk was held in October and the money is still coming in. Without this support the school sporting activities would have to be cut back. Ms. Doherty's third year home economics class organised a coffee morning for teachers in aid of the St.

Francis Hospice in Raheny. £95 was raised and the Hospice expressed their gratitude to all who helped out.

Past pupils of Ardscoil la Salle are to be found in the strangest places. Keith Riordan (Leaving Cert. 1993) has recently completed a hike across the Sahara Desert to raise funds for the Dublin Simon Community. Keith and two friends were part of a group of 57 who completed the eleven day hike. They averaged 27km per day in temperatures which soared to forty degrees. Keith aimed to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless in Dublin and sponsorship brought in IR£6100, including a contribution from the students here of IR£410 – the proceeds of a non-uniform day.

Participating in the Concern Christmas Fast is a long standing tradition in this school. Many thousands of pounds have been donated to Concern in support of their work to relieve poverty round the globe. Students and some staff members took part in the fast, just before Christmas 1999, which raised a very worthy IR£2,434.50. sincere thanks to staff who sponsored many pupils, those who fasted and Ms. McCabe who organised.

Windows 2000.

Although Bill Gates has nothing to do with this project, the money involved is a sum with a lot of zeros. It is costing more than IR£300,000 to replace the school's 30 year old windows with modern double-glazed window units. There has been surprisingly little disruption caused by the work in progress. The glaziers have managed to work around us and, likewise, we have had to work around them during the past couple of months. Much of the job is now complete. The warmth, security and general appearance of the school have been greatly enhanced. However, for safety and to protect the windows from damage, **students are requested to ask their teachers to open/close windows.**

Although the bulk of the replacement cost will be borne by the Dept. Of Education and science, **the school must contribute IR£25,000.** Those with **fund raising ideas** out there are requested to **contact the school at 8480055.**

Amnesty International — Student and Youth Conference 2000.

By Sr. Carmel.

Shortly after Christmas, Vincent Greely (2C) and Liam Leech attended a conference in Trinity College. Mary Lawlor, Director of Amnesty International, Irish Section, opened the conference, which was on the theme of the **Rights of the Child**. She told the story of Ben, from Angola in Southern Africa, who was recruited as a **child soldier when he was just 14 years old**. Ben sought asylum here in Ireland, but despite his awful experiences, his application for refugee status was turned down by the Irish Government. At Mary Lawlor's suggestion, those at the conference signed a petition to the Minister for Justice, asking that Ben be allowed to remain in Ireland and continue his schooling here. After intensive lobbying by Ben's school, his community and Amnesty, the good news is that Ben is to be allowed to stay and complete his education in Ireland after all.

Over the conference weekend, Vincent and Liam participated in workshops on issues such as children's rights, children in armed conflict and the campaign against the death penalty. On Sunday the final day of the conference, a demonstration, at the top of Grafton Street, highlighted the plight of child soldiers.

Vincent and Liam also presented Orla O'Sullivan of Amnesty with a cheque for IR410 pounds, which was raised by a non-uniform day held earlier in the term. Any students interested in becoming involved in Amnesty International should contact Sr. Carmel or Vincent Greely (2C).

1.1



NAME: Darren McDonnell
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Brian Somers
FOOD: Chips



NAME: Andrew O'Connor
TEAM: Celtic



NAME: Paul McCabe
DRINK: Coca-Cola



NAME: David O'Donoghue
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Aidan Carroll
PETS: 2 dogs, 2 turtles



NAME: Cormac Doyle
SPORT: Football



NAME: Mark Noonan
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Graham Kenny
MUSIC: Rock



NAME: Michelle McLaren
ANIMAL: Dolphin



NAME: James Chambers
HOBBY: Playing for Shels



NAME: Alan Keogh
TEAM: Arsenal



NAME: Darren Roche
TEAM: Celtic



NAME: Joanne Kelly
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Seán Stringer
BAND: Ocean Colour Scene



NAME: Caroline Grace
SUBJECT: Home-Ec.



NAME: David McDonnell
HOBBY: Playstation



NAME: Stephen Connor
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Lorna O'Brien
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Aisling Scanlon
FOOD: Curry



NAME: Darren Giles
HOBBY: Playing Playstation



NAME: Darren Hagen
FOOD: Chips



NAME: Aisling Nolan
BANDS: Westlife



NAME: Wendy Hughes
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Tadhg O'Sullivan
BAND: Red Hot Chilli Peppers

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NAME: Lianne Coulten
TEAM: Chelsea



NAME: Vicki Canning
FOOD: Pasta



NAME: Andrew Shorthall
BAND: Eminem



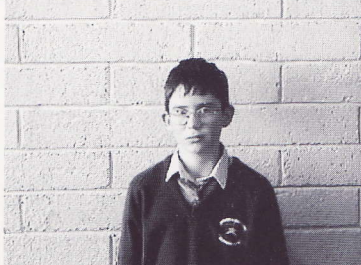
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TEAM: Man. Utd.



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FOOD: Pizza



NAME: Gerard Conmy
SUBJECT: Technology



NAME: Sean Hehir
TEAM: Barcelona



NAME: Philip Muhall
Subject: PE



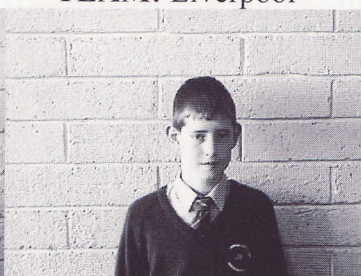
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TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Cannice Roe
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: James Murphy
BAND: OCS



NAME: Ian Mooney
BAND: Eiffel 65



NAME: Alan Keogh
TEAM: Shels



NAME: Lisa Lyons
FOOD: Chips



NAME: Lynn Gough
FOOD: Chinese



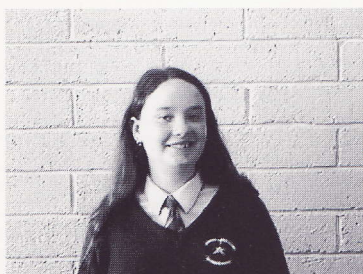
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FOOD: Pizza



NAME: Damien Murphy
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Alex Lynam
BAND: Blink 182



NAME: Anita McCormack
HOBBY: Dancing



NAME: Loren Boyle
BAND: The Offspring



NAME: Nicola Judge
BAND: Aslan



NAME: Eimear O'Driscoll
ARTIST: Tupac



NAME: Elizabeth Tyndall
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Lisa O'Neill
BAND: Dune



NAME: Tracy Morris
BAND: Dune



NAME: Marcella Conroy
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Rachel McDonnagh
TEAM: Man-Utd.

1.F



NAME: Darren Borza
SONG: Changes (2Pac)



NAME: Gavin Nolan
MUSIC: Rap



NAME: Kelly Hynes
SINGER: 2Pac



NAME: Joe Carroll
BAND: Oasis



NAME: Georgie McKane
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Elaine Cranley
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Mark Lyons



NAME: Ronan O'Keeffe



NAME: Gary Foy

SINGER: Eminem

BAND: Bloodhound Gang

BAND: Oasis



NAME: Jessica Fitzsimons

BAND: Five



NAME: Paul O'Connor

FOOD: Chips



NAME: Gerard Murray

FOOD: Curry



NAME: Tara Conroy

SINGERS: TQ



NAME: Barry McGee

FOOD: McDonalds

1.S



NAME: Daniel Griffin

SINGER: Britney Spears



NAME: Nadia Chamberlain

BAND: Westlife



NAME: Donna Doyle

FOOD: Chips



NAME: Nicola Ward

TEAM: Leeds



NAME: Ciarán Lalor

FOOD: Soup



NAME: Paul Lawlor

FOOD: Chips



NAME: Colin Boyle
TEAM: Spurs



NAME: Nicola Evans
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Sarah Matthews
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Jessie Redmond
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Christopher Allen
BAND: Oasis



NAME: Christopher Carey
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Robert Hart
TEAM: Newcastle



NAME: Mark Caulfield
BAND: The Offspring



NAME: Edmond Crawley
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Michael Corbally
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Keith O'Driscoll
HOBBY: Playing pool



NAME: Gary Lynch
FOOD: Chips



NAME: Daniel O'Donnell
FOOD: Chips



NAME: Ross Kane
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Darren Fowler
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: James Riordan
TEAM: Liverpool



NAME: Karl van Boxtel
TEAM: Man. United



NAME: Elena Howard
BAND: Five



NAME: Jenny Beatty
HOBBY: Disco dancing



NAME: Nicola Askin
BAND: Five



NAME: Claire Sunderland
BAND: Five



NAME: Carol Murray
BAND: Westlife



NAME: Leah Humphreys
BAND: Westlife

Sports Round-up

Boys Soccer

The **Under 13s** stormed into the League last autumn with a string of wins against Portmarnock Community School (1-0), Scoil Ui Chonaill (6-1), and St. Fintans (2-1). They entered the playoff stage of the competition as winners of their group and beat St. Mark's Community College Tallaght in the quarter-final with two fine goals from **John Behan**. In the semi-final, against St. Mac Daras, the U 13s dominated the play but **Keith Grehan's** team just could not get on the score sheet. **Robert O Shaughnessy** had a goal disallowed. **Andy Shorthall** and **John Behan**, who had been outstanding throughout the campaign, played well in this game too, but to no avail. St. Mac Daras managed to score, very much against the run of play it has to be said, to leave us trailing 1-0 at full time.

Congratulations to the team and their mentor **Mr. Mac Namara** for finishing among the top four teams in the U 13's section of the League, a proud achievement indeed!

The **Under 15s** also got off to a flying start. Competing on two fronts, the U 15s featured in Division 1 of the FAIS Irish Permanent League, Dublin Metropolitan Section and also in the contest for the Leinster Cup.

In their first game in Round 1 of the Cup, they beat St. Fintans 5-0, a victory to be savoured after some of the narrow defeats by Fintan's teams of the recent past. **Stephen O Neill** scored two in that game, with one each from **Alan Mc Cormack**, **Eddie Grace** and **Peter Usher** who scored from forty yards. Going from strength to strength, in Round 2 Chanel College was dispatched 6-0. Team captain **Stephen Murtagh** led by example scoring one, **Eamon Dunne** netted two brilliant headers and **Stephen O Neill** delivered a hat-trick.

At this stage the U 15s campaign had the unstoppable force of a runaway train.

In their first League match, they defeated Grange Community College 11-0! **Karl Cox** scored four, **Eamon Dunne** three, while **Francis Matthews**, **Peter Usher**, **Stephen Murtagh** and **Alan McCormack** scored one apiece. In further League games, Portmarnock Community School, St. Declans Cabra (2-0) and St. Pauls Raheny (3-0) were added to the list of victories and a place in the quarter-final was secured. **Gary Murray** and **Karl Cox** were the scorers against Cabra with **Derek Tyrrell** outstanding at centre-half. **Alan Mc Cormack** scored twice from play and **Stephen Murtagh** scored from the spot against Pauls.

Back to the other competition and in Round 3 of the Cup, **Stephen O Neill** scored two and **David Henderson** one to beat St. Oliver's Community College Drogheda 3-0. Results from the Fintans, Chanel and Drogheda games brought the 15s to a quarter-final against St. Vincents Glasnevin in the Leinster Cup. It was to be our team's first, and only, day in many months of competition when they found themselves struggling to find their winning formula. From 2-0 down they really showed their metal by digging deep to claw the game back to 2-2 at full-time. In extra time the ball went everywhere but into the back of the net. Eamon Dunne had more than one near miss and Francis Matthews hit the crossbar twice. Superstitious observers might have put the run of bad luck down to the team's new jerseys, or maybe it was the poor condition of the pitch and the atrocious weather. At any rate it just wasn't our day. In the final moment of added time, it was St. Vincents who found the net and won the game 3-2. A bitterly disappointed team and its mentors, Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Gannon, did not know it but their finest hour (...and a bit) was just around the corner.

Back in the League competition again and success in the playoff phase in games against Kilinarden Community School (2-0) and St. John's Ballyfermot (3-0) brought the 15s to a place in the Dublin School's Final.

Our opponents, St. Declans, were a team we had played and beaten earlier in the season, but the final, like all good ones, turned out a highly competitive game and not for the faint-hearted. Ardscoil la Salle were 1-0 down, with the game in injury time, when Stephen Murtagh's goal pulled us back from the brink of another defeat. Extra time was played without a score, so it went to penalties. Goalkeeper Brian Mc Cann saved St. Declan's third penalty and Ciaran Lloyd scored the winner for us. Final Score: 5-3 on penalties to Ardscoil la Salle. Champions!

After a truly remarkable league campaign, in which we played and won seven matches, the goal by St. Declan's was the only score against us. **In all, 29 goals were scored by our team** who will be strong contenders for the honour of being the millennium champions of Leinster. As we move up again, the team is currently in training for the Leinster Quarter Finals which will be played after Easter. The U15 squad comprises, goalkeepers – Brian Mc Cann and Andrew Shorthall; defenders – Garry Murray, Peter Usher, Stephen Murtagh, Derek Tyrell; mid-fielders – Alan McCormack, Ciaran Lloyd, Francis Matthews, Darren Lawlor; forwards – Karl Cox, Eamonn Dunne, Stephen O'Neill, David Henderson, John Behan. Congratulations to U15 Derek Tyrell who has been selected to play U14 International for Rep. Of Ireland.

In the Leinster quarter final the U 15's played at home to Coláiste Rís, Dundalk. This team had beaten last years all Ireland cup winners, St Mary's Dundalk in the Leinster NE final. This fixture was difficult to organise and on their first outing Coláiste Rís refused to play, claiming that there was broken glass on the pitch. The referee declared the pitch was safe and free of glass but Coláiste Rís still refused to play. In view of this the 6-3 victory was very sweet.

Scorers for Ardscoil la Salle on the day were; Stephen O'Neill (2), Francis Matthews (2), Alan McCormack (1) and Super Sub Darren "Daz" Lawlor (1).

The semi-final against Ballyhale Community School was played in Kilkenny on Monday 22nd May. Team Captains Stephen Murtagh and Derek Tyrrell gave a brilliant display of defensive football, helpfully supported by Alan McCormack's power and passing skills in mid field. The industrious Karl Cox made good use of Francis Matthews superb crosses and the sublime finishing skills of Stephen O'Neill ensured victory. The final score was Ballyhale CS (0) and Ardscoil la Salle (2).

The **Under 17s** began their quest for glory in the League with a home game against Ballymun. It started well, we were soon 2-0 up and going strong, but then, in the way that nasty things can come suddenly out of the blue, they did and the game fell apart for us. Despite the best efforts of our defenders the score-line slipped to 2-4. We pulled it back to 3-4 but the final whistle put paid to any further remedial work. Barry Cooney and Gareth Murphy scored for us. However things looked up. Last November, as 1999 was drawing to a close we played our next game against Colaiste Dhulaigh, Coolock. Our opponents scored first but thanks to the brilliant defensive play of David Moore, Graham Cadwell and Brian McCormack, it was to be their only score. It all came right for us when, man of the match, Paul Dale pulled us back to one all, soon to be followed by the winner from Barry Cooney. Some near misses from David Lee suggested there might be an even wider margin at the finish but no, full time score: 2-1.

The 17s went on to beat St. Mark's, Tallaght 4-0 (David Lee 2; Gareth Murray 2) for a quarter final place against Salesian College, Celbridge. Our team got going right from the start in that first playoff match and treated the Salesians to a fine display of how the game should be played as they cruised to a 7-0 victory! Ardscoil la Salle scorers included Barry Cooney, Gareth Murray and David Lee who scored a hat-trick.

This win gave the U17s a semi-final place in an away game against St. Benildus Kilmacud, a Della Salle school, like ourselves. However, Benildus were also the reigning Leinster and All-Ireland champions. Our team came back from a 1-0 deficit to go up 2-1 in the second half thanks to the efforts of Ray Whelehan and Gareth Murray. Sadly that narrow advantage began to slip away in the howling gale force winds and hail which made the going very tough indeed that afternoon. Both teams gave sterling performances but Benildus emerged victorious (3-2) and went on to win the final once again this year. The 17s brave effort merits hearty congratulations. Together with the 15s

and 13s teams they have made Ardscoil la Salle a force to be reckoned with at all levels in schoolboy soccer.

Soccer – A friendly international

Following a visit to the school by Father Brian Moore of the Vincentian Refugee Centre, sixth year students challenged a team from the centre to a soccer match. The visiting team had players from several African countries, including Nigeria, Togo and Angola. The final score was Ardscoil la Salle (6), Africa (2). The main aim of the event was to bring together two very different groups in a spirit of fun, openness and hospitality.

Girls Soccer

The under 14 girls soccer team, although they weren't entered into any competition played three friendlies this year.

On Thursday 20th January they played Westland Row and beat them 7 – 1.

On Thursday 23rd April they played St Mary's Baldoyle at home and beat them 3 – 1. Two weeks later we had a rematch against St. Mary's and beat them 3 – 2.

Outstanding performances by Alison Doyle, Marie Keenan, Marcella Conroy, Jessie Fitzsimons and of course our goal keeper Marie Bonner.

Gaelic Games

The **Under 18 Boys Football Team** played in the Dublin Colleges 'C' Competition. In earlier games they beat St. Vincent's Glasnevin (3.8 to 0.3) and Skerries (2.10 to 1.4). A draw with The Donahies (3.4 to 1.10), with goals from R. Whelan, D. Lee and P. Hickey, was sufficient to put us into the quarter-finals. The game was a tough one against a very good Colaiste Mhuire side. The best efforts of Graham Cadwell, Alan McCormack and David Moore who led a storming comeback in the second half were denied by the score-line at the final whistle.

Ardscoil la Salle 1.5

Colaiste Mhuire 2.7

The **Boys Under 16 Football Team** beat Greendale (3.8 to 3.2) with top scorer Ardscoil la Salle's Ray Whelehan whose tally was 2.4. Unfortunately we didn't have our strongest team to field in the next game, away to Skerries (2.8 to 0.5). In a home game against Hartstown the U16s swept to a comfortable victory (3.11 to 0.5) with impressive performances from P. Usher, A. McCormack, B. McCann and Stephen Murtagh who scored 1.5. The team went on to win its final group match against the Donahies C.S. (2-8 to 0-9). Edwin Mullane put in fine performance and Ciaran Kavanagh had a big game, finding the net twice. This win meant a three-way play-off for two semi-final places between Greendale Skerries and ourselves. We played Skerries at home and won (1-7 to 0-7) in a very tight low-scoring game. Ardscoil la Salle players were outstanding, notably Edwin Mullane, Alan McCormack and Stephen Murtagh, whose scoring really turned the game in the second half. This win put us into the semi-final where we met Colaiste Eoin, Stillorgan, a school with a very strong tradition in Gaelic games. We were clearly the underdogs but on the day it took extra time for our opponents to finally win out. It could have been so different though....De la Salle were leading by a point in the last minute of ordinary time. What seemed like an excessive and endless period of injury time gave Colaiste Eoin ample opportunity to equalise and this they duly did. We never really got going in extra time, hardly a surprise considering how close we had come and the final score read –

Colaiste Eoin: 1-18

Ardscoil la Salle: 1-10

Tremendous team spirit and commitment has been the hallmark of players like Ray Whelehan, Edwin Mullane, Stephen Murtagh, Francis Matthews, Eamonn Dunne, Andrew Shorthall (first

Year!) and really everyone else in the team, without exception. Hopefully, their day will come. **Under 14 footballers** also had a rocky time of it in their competition. There were defeats in three closely fought games against Chanel, Rathcoole and St. Kevin's. A consolation victory over Hartstown showed the promise of players like J. Beatty, G. Corrigan, P. Dunphy, A. Shorthall, C. Doran and J. Gallagher.

The **U14 hurling team** played two matches in their group and while they lost to a very strong St. Paul's side, they succeeded in beating Colaiste Mhuire by a single point. Well done to the team and in particular to outstanding players like Philip Kelly, Michael Mc Keon, Pauric Beades and Philip Dunphy.

The **Under 16 hurlers** have played five games in their competition, winning one, drawing two and losing three. The defeats were all at the hands of very strong sides, St. Aidan's CBS, St. Vincent's CBS and Gormanstown. The drawn game was played against Colaiste Choilm, Swords and then that great victory over O'Connell's CBS. Unfortunately it was not to enough to take us into the knockout stages. The under 16 hurlers are a small squad comprising dedicated players like Edwin Mullane, Alan McCormack, Ray Whelan and Peter Usher with assistance from Robert Purdy and Alan McLoughlin.

Field Game Team Mentors: Mr. Crowley, Mr. Gannon, Mr. Brennan, Mr. McNamara, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Everard and Ms. Ni Raghallaigh.

Badminton: The **Girls under 19 Team** played six matches altogether. They won two games earlier on in the competition and, more recently, drew two against Santa Sabina and Holy Faith Glasnevin. The team made it into the playoff stages but were narrowly defeated in the semi-final for the second year in a row.



U-15's Soccer:

Back: Mr. D Gannon, Karl Cox, Peter Usher, Ciarán Llyod, David Henderson, Derek Tyrell, John Behan, Francis Matthews, Eamon Dunne, Mr. B O'Brien

Front: Gary Murray, Darren Lawler, Brian McCann, Stephen Murtagh, Alan McCormack, Andrew Shorthall, Stephen O'Niell.



U-19 Badminton Team

Back: Claire Giles, Denise Rock, Fiona O'Brien

Front: Cathy Fitzgerald, Áine O'Sullivan



U-18's Gaelic

Back: Stephen Given, Graham Cadwell, George Tyndall, David Lee, Paul Dale, Stephen Murtagh, Edwin Mullane.

Front: Shaun Hanaway, Peter Usher, Ray Whealen, Anthony Kelly, Alan McCormack, Paul Hickey, Brian McCann.



U-17 Soccer:

Back: Stuart Hanaway, Graham Cadwell, Paul Dale, David Lee, Francis Matthews, Stephen Murtagh

Front: James Cooney, Gareth Murphy, Raymond Whealen, Paul Hickey, Anthony Kelly, Alan McCormack.



U-16 Gaelic

Back: Darragh McCallion, Kevin Reilly, Brian McCann, Ciarán Llyod, Stephen Murtagh, Peter Usher, Stephen Cassidy, Ciarán Kavanagh, Edwin Mullane, Eamon Dunne.

Front: Joseph McCann, Andrew Shorthall, Raymond Whealen, Philip Kelly, Alan McCormack, Stephen O'Niell, Francis Matthews, Stuart McDonnell.



U-14 Gaelic

Back: Alan Madigan, Brian Matthews, Andrew Shorthall, Keith Grehan, Philip Dunphy, Geoffrey Corrigan, Dean Corrigan, John Behan, Alan Farrell, Joseph McCann, Paul McKenna.

Front: David Walsh, Micheal McKeon, John Gallagher, Mark Lyons, Ciarán Purdy, James Beaty, Colin Doran, Darren Das.



U-13 Soccer

Back: Colin Doran, Paul McCabe, Dean Corrigan, Andrew Shorthall, John Behan, Keith Grehan, James Tyrell.

Front: Darren Fowler, Robert Haughey, James Chambers, Alan Keogh, Gary Lynch.



U-15 Girls Soccer

Back: Eimear O'Driscoll, Lisa O'Neill, Marcella Conroy, Marie Kennan, Joanne Kelly, Jessica Fitzsimons.

Front: Alison Doyle, Caroline Grace, Maria Bonner, Michelle McLaren, Lisa Lyons

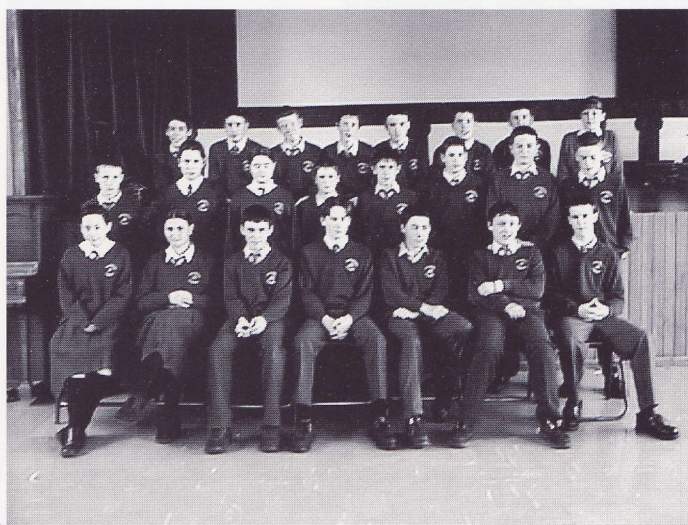


U-14 Hurling

Back: Brian Matthews, Andrew Shorthall, Philip Dunphy, Geoffrey Corrigan, John Behan, Alan Farrell, Alan Madigan, Joseph McCann.

Front: David Walsh, Micheal McKeon, Mark Lyons, Philip Kelly, James Beaty, Darren Das, Paul McKenna

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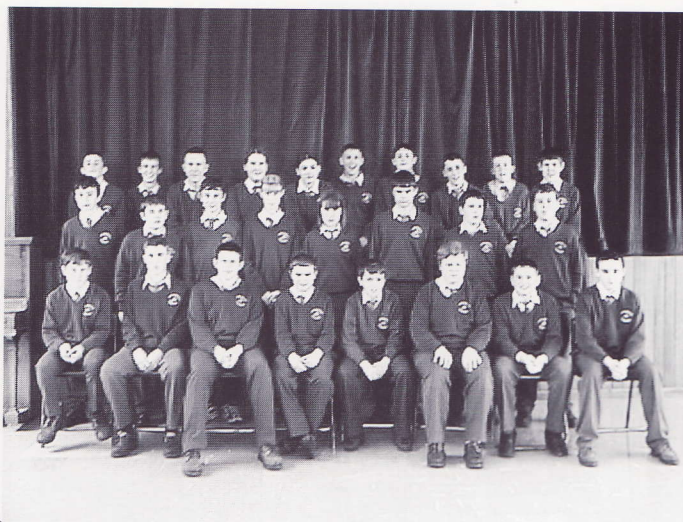


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Middle: Anthony Ruth, Danielle Hendrick, Vicky Kiernan, Garrett Grogan, Darren Das, Alan Higgins, James Tyrrell, Neil O'Connor.

Back: Keith Duff, John Bowe, Arron Farrell, Paul McKenna, Richard Bereton, Keith Grehan, Joseph McCann, Tammy Canning.

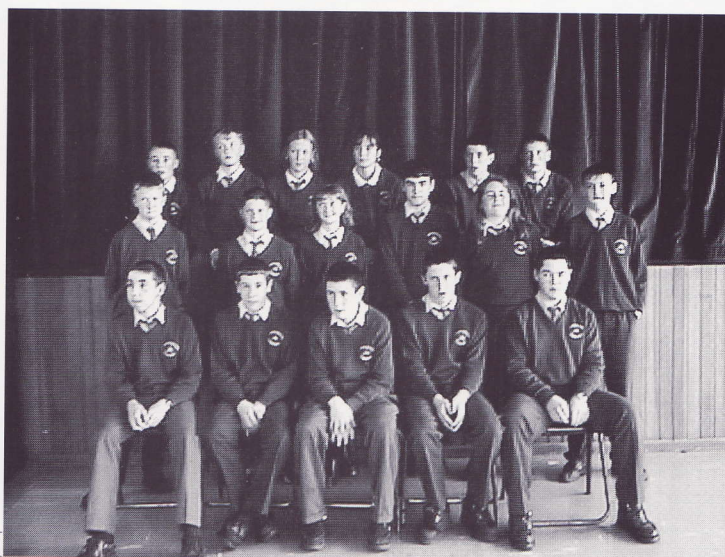


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Middle: Padraic Beades, Kevin O'Meara, Seamus Lalor, Alison Doyle, Stacie McGuinness, Ian Hynes, Colm Doran, Philip Kelly.

Back: Philip Dunphy, Francis Black, Geoffrey Carrigan, Suzanne Walsh, Aimee Patchell, Declan Barry, Daniel Trimble, Ian Cleary, David Walsh.

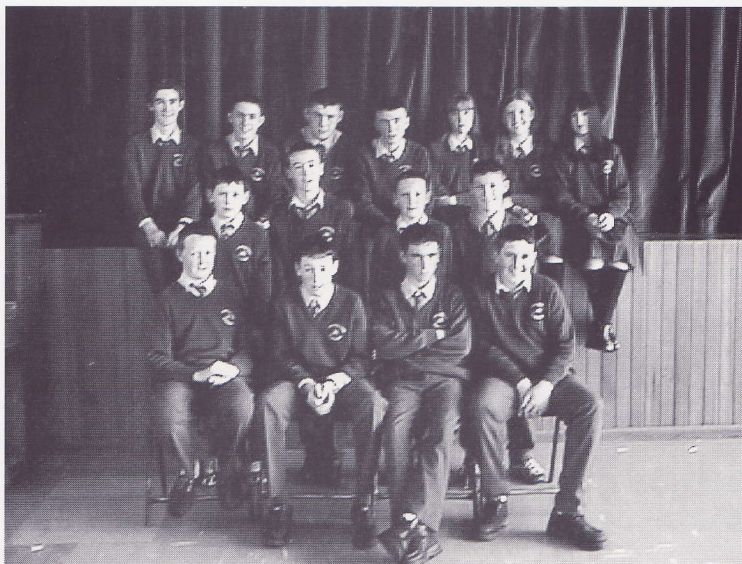


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Middle: Stephen Murray, Michael McKeon, Jenny Styles, Seán Dodrill, Andrew Muller, Robert Nolan.

Back: Robert O'Shaughnessy, Bryan Walsh, Geraldine Gaffney, Cathy Kelly, Pauric Morris, Dominic Kelly.



2C

Front: Glen Boyle, David Murphy, Paul O'Sullivan, Derek Meehan.

Middle: Keith Reilly, Steven Bracken, James Beatty, Philip Kelly.

Back: Keith Murphy, Vincent Greely, Keith Kenny, Ian O'Brien, Liza Corrigan, Claire O'Shea, Elaine Grant.

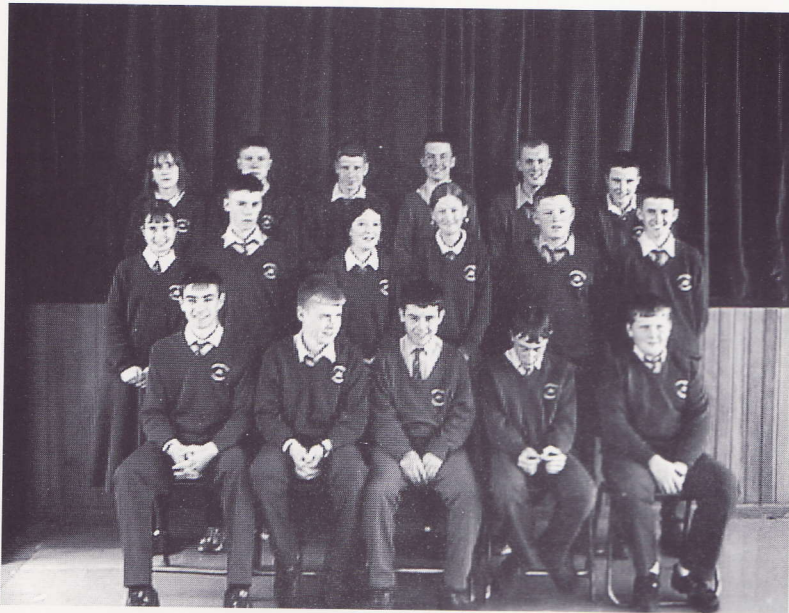


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Middle: Kevin Leech, Vanessa Cassidy, Paul Dunleavy, Cathal Murnane.

Back: Cathal Canavan, Ciarán Kavanagh, Alan Redmond, Steven Quigley, Stephen Cassidy, Stephen Doyle, Philip Reddin.



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Front: Seán Coogan, Joseph Kane, Robbie Carroll, David Moore, John Kenny.

Middle: Caroline Fennelly, Patrick Quinn, Alison McCarthy, Martina Douglas, Erik Dolan, Stephen Barrett.

Back: Sabrina Heffernan, David O'Brien, Mark Ross, Luke Magee, Eoin Devitt, Darragh McCallion.



3.1A

Front: John Sunderland, Mark Borwick, Derek Molloy, Adrian Hughes.

Sitting: Shane O'Connor, Alan Burke, Eddie Grace, Stephen McLoughlin, James Keane, Michael Farrell, Ian Canavan.

Middle: Michelle Nolan, Nicola Higgins, Karen Brady, Ciara Barry, Lisa Healy, Siobhan Stafford, Robert Purdy, Barry Stanley.

Back: Michael Saunders, Stuart Hanway, Edwin Mullane, Jonathon Peacock, Anthony McClean, Adam Wilson, Stephen Curtis.



3.1

Sitting: Mark Ward, Ian Grant, Neil Doyle, Paul Breslin, Colin O'Brien.

Front: Rebecca Quinn, Sarah Denham, Katie Daughen, Sarah Merriman, Marie Keenan, Debra McCormack, Denise Fitzpatrick.

Middle: Stephen McDonnell, Graham Larkin, Brian Clancy, Daniel O'Kelly, Darren Lalor, Anthony Martin.

Back: Martin Quinlan, Stephen Murtagh, Eamonn Dunne, Brian McCann, Derek Tyrrell, Alan Lawlor, Ciarán Lloyd, Daniel Dowling, Karl Cox.

Jubilee 2000

The coming of Christ as a tiny child 2000 years ago propelled world history in an irreversible forward direction. God truly entered the human family so that humanity would know itself as God's Family. In the year 2000 we celebrate the fact that "God loved the world so much that he sent his only Son" (*Jn 3:16*)

In a Jubilee letter to the Young people of the Dublin Diocese, Archbishop Desmond Connell wrote:

"Jesus Christ is not just a figure of history, somebody who came and went because he conquered death by rising to new life. He is with us now and forever. If he had simply died like other great people of the past, history might tell us about him, but that would not help us to know him. As St. Augustine says, we come to know a person only through friendship, and friendship is possible only with someone who lives. Friendship with Christ, Sharing our life with him, is the heart of our Christian faith. Of course you have already experienced the pressures of life – Exams, the struggle for success, disappointment, or even trouble with drink or drugs. Christ wants to give your life meaning in spite of your troubles, and to give you a better reason for living than any worldly success. Our friendship with Christ is the News of great joy of the Jubilee year."

Jubilee events

In December, 1st year students took part in a jubilee crib competition. A lot of work went into making the cribs and a wide range of materials were used. All who entered the competition were presented with certificates.

Elena Howard, Carol Murray and Ciaran Devoy took part in a Diocesan Jubilee Project. Each student had to make a commitment to caring for others, bringing hope to others, and others to prayer. The students were invited to All Hallows College on Wednesday 16th February to receive Certificates of Participation, which were presented by Bishop Jim Moriarity.

The De La Salle Brothers are marking the Jubilee Year by sponsoring projects in schools under their trusteeship. The Brothers are funding the refurbishment of the school prayer room. The new prayer room promises to be a prayerful, colourful and warm place. The target date for the completion of the work is September.

Support of the De La Salle Missions

Br John Gaule visited the school last September and spoke to classes about De La Salle missions in India and parts of Africa. Fund raising events were organised in the school and were able to send Brother John £300 to support De La Salle projects in poorer parts of the world.

Amnesty International

The Amnesty International Student and Youth (SAY) Group has been active again this year. In September the members prepared an information stand for Open Night. A non-uniform day was held in the school in December and over £400 was raised to support the work of Amnesty International. Members of the group spoke to the CSPE class on the work of Amnesty International. In January two delegates attended an Amnesty SAY Conference on the Rights of the Child. Throughout the year Urgent Appeals were sent to political leaders in various parts of the world, urging them to protect human rights and investigate human rights violations.

This year the school Amnesty group doubled in size! Any student who would like to become involved in the work of Amnesty are very welcome to join the group.

De La Salle 1968 – 2000

St. John Baptist De la Salle (1651-1719), the patron saint of teachers, was the founder of the De la Salle Order of teaching brothers. Today 60,000 teachers and brothers work to educate 750,000 students in 85 countries. In Ardscoil la Salle all pupils attend Religious Education classes. They are encouraged to take part in retreats and seminars, and to live their lives as caring and responsible Christians.

For many students entering Ardscoil la Salle in recent years the choice of subjects has been a major concern. Should I take Metal Work or Business Studies? Technology or Art? French or German? For the Students of **1968**, however, there was not a problem. They had no choice!

Ardscoil la Salle was originally a boys only school. The 85 boys who enrolled in 1968, studied the usual core subjects – English, Irish, Maths, History, Geography, Science and Religious Education. In addition, depending on the class the student was in, they studied one or more of the following – Latin, French, Commerce (Business Studies) and Mechanical Drawing (Technical Graphics). In

1969 Art was also added to the list. A wider range of subjects could not be provided because of the very limited number of teachers and limited space. In those early days there were four prefabricated class rooms. Mr. Seamus Mc Hugh, who retired as vice principal three years ago, was the last remaining member of the school's first teaching staff.

In **1971** classrooms became available in the new school – those rooms which are numbered 1 to 12, and 23 to 33 in the present school building. The rest of today's school was still under construction at the time and strictly off limits to the students of the day. The pioneering group who entered in 1968 were now in 5th year and had the following subjects to choose from – Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, Geography, Economics, Business Organisation, French, Spanish and Latin. Mr. Fallon joined the staff in that year.

Woodwork was added to the curriculum for the **1972** entrants and classes in the subject were held in the present rooms 2 and 3. Art was added to the Fifth Year options and Mr. Brennan joined the staff. The Art classes were held in the present rooms 27 and 28. Spanish, however, was dropped. **1972** was also the year that Mr. Swan came to the school.

In **1973** the Della won the Dublin boys U15 and U17 Gaelic Football Championships. Both finals were played in what was then known as the Oval, now the site of the Tuscany Downs/Ashcroft housing estate! Many familiar faces arrived in **1973** and **1974** including Mr. Power, Mr. Glynn, Mr. Cullen, Mr. Doyle, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Mc Hugh (Maths)

Accountancy was added to the Fifth Year options in **1975**, and was followed in **1976** by Technical Drawing. Also at this time Mr. Slattery, Mr. O Grady, and Mr. Farrell took up their posts. From about the mid 70s soccer became the school's dominant field game and the senior team won the Leinster Schools Qualifying Cup in **1977**.

The U14 hurlers won the Dublin "C" League in **1978** and Phase Two of the school building was completed in that year also. New special rooms then became available for the various technical subjects and for Art. That year also saw the enrolment of girls in the school for the first time. Home Economics and Metal Work were included for the incoming first years. During the late 70s, table tennis had its most successful years (ever wondered why some of the longer-serving staff talk about the "Table Tennis Hall" when no bats or balls have been seen there in recent memory?). Mr. Fallon coached the winners of the All Ireland Senior and Junior Table Tennis Titles in **1978** and **1979**.

A number of women teachers, including Ms. McCabe and Ms. O Reilly, joined the staff in **1980** and yet another senior table tennis title was won by Mr. Fallon's protégés. This was also the year that Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dever, Mr. Coyle, and Mr. Noonan arrived in the school. The Leinster Qualifying Cup was won for a second time in **1980** in a drawn game, decided by a penalty shoot-out

In **1981**, Home Economics and Typing were added to the senior curriculum, this was also the year that Ms. Rickard joined the staff. The U14 boys soccer squad reached the '81 Leinster final in Tolka Park and a crop of Gaelic players (including former Dublin star Vinnie Murphy) arrived in the school and began to make their mark almost immediately. The U14 Gaelic team defeated St. Declans to win the "B" Title in **1982**, which was also the year that Ms Hackett came to the school. In **1983** and **1984**, the earliest recorded sporting successes in girls' competitions were recorded in Basketball – Dublin Senior "B" Champions ('83 and '84); Dublin Intermediate "C" Champions ('84); All Ireland Junior "C" and Intermediate "C" Champions ('84). These teams were coached by Ms. Hackett, the PE Teacher. In **1984**, under the guidance of Mr. Cullen, the U16 "B" Title and Cup were won and two years later almost the same squad won the U18 "B" Title.

1985 was the year Ms. Ni Raghallaigh came to the school. Three new subjects were added to the senior curriculum in the late 80s, Computer Studies and Engineering have been available since **1986** when a computer room and an engineering workshop were equipped. Physical Education has always been an important element in the school curriculum. However, until the Gymnasium was built in **1986**, PE was limited to team games, such as hurling and football. All junior classes are now given one Physical Education session per week. '86 was also the year in which the U18 hurling team, managed by Mr. O'Brien, defeated Rosmini in the Dublin "C" in Croke Park.

There were prominent girls' soccer teams throughout the late 80's and early 90's. In **1987** The U16 team were runners-up in the final of their competition. Off the playing fields, Construction Studies was first offered to students in **1987** and Mr. McCaul, took up his post as the fourth principal of Ardscoil la Salle in **1988**. That was also the year we finally took the prestigious Leinster Senior Cup in boys' soccer, having been the runners-up in that contest in '81 and 87. Also in **1988** the U14 girls soccer team were Leinster Cup and Shield Winners.

Mr. Crowley's U14 soccer team also won a Leinster Cup title in **1989** and many of the same players were on the Gaelic team which won the Leinster Colleges "C" Title in that year. The victorious team was all the more remarkable because half its members were from just two local families, the Farrelly triplets and the Lawless twins. The new Sports Hall provided a facility for developing girls badminton, and the very first team competed in the Leinster Championships of **1989** and were runners-up in the Division "A" final in that year.

Although some degree of subject choice has always been available to first years, it is only since **1989** that pupils have been given a trial period in each of the optional subjects before making their final choices. Science is a core subject studied by all pupils.

Applied Maths has been available for a number of years as an optional extra subject, and with the arrival of Ms Smith in **1990**, German was made available on a similar basis for seniors. At Junior Level, Technology and German were included for the first time in that year. The girls soccer team were the Leinster Cup Winners and League Champions in **1990** and finalists in **1991**. That same year the girls badminton team reached the Leinster Final again, only to finish runners-up once more. However, the U14 boys badminton team won the Division "B" Leinster Championship final in **1991**.

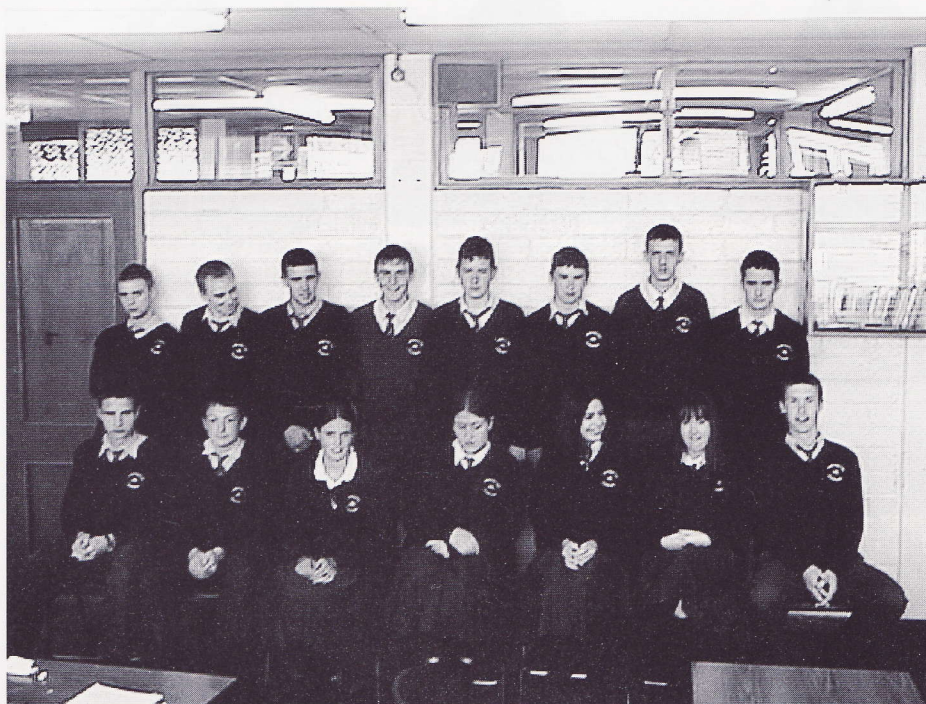
The introduction in **1991** of the Transition Year should help to ensure that pupils who take it are more mature when leaving school, better prepared for the Leaving Certificate examination, and for life in general.

In **1992** the boys badminton team competed in two finals on the same day, winning the Leinster U16 Division 2 Final and coming second in the Division 1 Final.

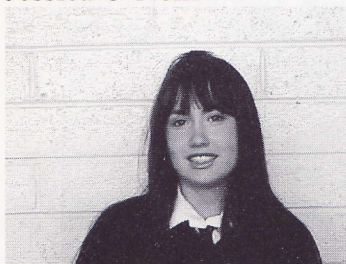
Teachers who came to work in Ardscoil la Salle in the 90s include: Ms O'Connor and Mr. Brennan (maths), in **1991**; Ms. Aherne in **1993**, the year the school celebrated its Silver Jubilee; Ms. Everard, Ms. Young and Ms. Magin all arrived in **1994**; Ms. Igoe and Mr. Russell in **1997**; Mr. Gannon in **1998**; Mr. McCnamara in **1999**.

In **1999** the boys U15's soccer team went all the way to the schools first Dublin Final for many years and, as mentioned elsewhere in this magazine, they won this year's competition. The U15s also went all the way to the year **2000** Leinster League Final and we wish them luck in that game which will take place shortly.

TY2



Jessica O'Neill



Stephen Counihan



Graeme Clinton



Andrew Walsh



James Elliot



Mark Rodden



Jennifer O'Connor



Sandra Murphy



Brigid Burns



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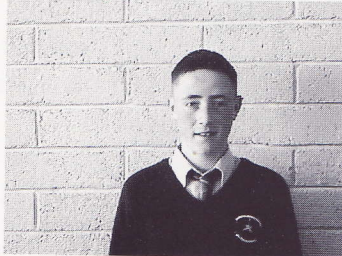
Patrick Sweeney



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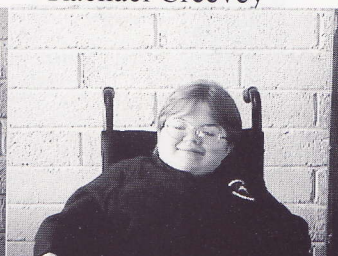
Anthony Brown



Stephen McDonnell



Rachael Creevey



Paul Foley



David O'Rourke



Paul Quinn



Mignon Netzer



Philip Culleton



Sinead Pidgeon



Paul Stanley



Mary Griffith



Sarah Pitt



Samantha Chamberlain



John Kane



Paul Stafford



Barry Murphy



Kevin Roche



Michelle Byrne



Siobhán Curtis



Adrian Eustace



Annual Merit Awards

1st Year.

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

1. Maria Bonner
2. Mark Lyons
3. Daniel O'Donnell
4. Elena Howard
5. James Riordan
6. Darren Hagan.
7. David O'Donoghue
8. James Chambers
9. Nicola Askin
10. Christopher Allen
11. Colin Boyle
12. Paul Lawlor
13. Colin Roden
14. Paul O'Connor.

EXCELLENCE IN TECHNOLOGY:

1. Caroline Grace
2. Andrew O'Connor. (absent)

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE:

1. Lorna O'Brien.
2. Shane Horgan.
3. Ronan O'Keeffe.

GIRLS SOCCER:

Marcella Conroy

CONTRIBUTION to SOCCER:

Andrew Shorthall.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

1. Tadhg O'Sullivan
2. Mark Noonan
3. Canice Roe
4. Stephen Pettigrew.

FUNDRAISING for SCHOOL WALK:

1. Ashling Scanlon
2. Brian Somers
3. Ian Mooney.
4. Aidan Carroll.

2nd YEAR.

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR & PERFECT ATTENDANCE

1. Paul McKenna.

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR:

1. Keith Murphy
2. Danielle Hendrick.
3. Vicky Kiernan.
4. Neill O'Connor.

ARTISTIC ENDEAVOUR:

1. Tamara Canning
2. Richard Brereton
3. Alan Higgins

WOODWORK SKILLS:

1. Patrick O'Hanlon
2. Ian Cleary
3. Michael Igoe.

CONTRIBUTION TO GAELIC GAMES:

1. Philip Kelly.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE:

1. Ian Hynes.

FUNDRAISING for SCHOOL WALK.

1. Brian Kennedy.
2. Ciaran McLoughlin.
3. David Walsh

FUNDRAISING for CONCERN:

1. Keith Duff
2. Peter Beggs
3. Andrea Mullen.

3rd YEAR

CONTRIBUTION TO U15 SOCCER:

1. Eamonn Dunne
2. Ciaran Lloyd
3. Karl Cox
4. Stephen O'Neill
5. David Henderson
6. Brian McCann

CONTRIBUTION TO G.A.A.

Edwin Mullane.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Philip Reddin

FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOL WALK:

1. Stephen Cassidy.
2. Michael Saunders.

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR:

1. Mark Ward
2. Martin Quinlan
3. Sarah Denham.
4. Sarah Merriman
5. Rebecca Quinn.

ARTISTIC ENDEAVOUR

Ian Canavan

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

Nicola Higgins

GIRL'S SOCCER

Marie Keenan.

**CONTRIBUTION TO U15 SOCCER & U16
GAELIC & HURLING:**

Stephen Murtagh

JUNIOR SPORTS PERSON of the YEAR.

Derek Tyrrell.

JUNIOR STUDENT of the YEAR.

Katie Daughen.

TRANSITION YEAR.

**EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE &
PUNCTUALITY:**

Sandra Kelly.

**PARTICIPATION in the INFORMATION
NIGHT for PARENTS & STUDENTS.**

1. Samantha Chamberlain
2. Stephen McDonnell.

U15 SOCCER:

Gary Murray

5th YEAR

**MATHAMATICS – OLYMPIAD
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:**

Kevin Daughen

**ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR &
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE &
PUNCTUALITY**

Greg Scanlon

ARTISTIC ENDEAVOUR

Alan Clarke

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Aidan Byrne

WOOD CRAFTMANSHIP EXCELLENCE

George Tyndall

**ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE &
CONTRIBUTION TO SPORTS**

David Moore

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT

1. Raymond Whelehan
2. David Lee

U15 SOCCER

Francis Matthews

BADMINTON

1. Fiona O'Brien
2. Cathy Fitzgerald

**EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE &
PUNCTUALITY**

Darren Flanagan

FUNDRAISING FOR CONCERN

Cerina Doyle

6TH YEAR

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR

1. Robert Hughes
2. Derek Gorman
3. Stephen Fisher

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR & ARTISTIC
ENDEAVOUR

Leanne Quinn

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR, CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES & COMMITMENT TO
SCHOOL

Rachel Denham

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR &
EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE &
PUNCTUALITY

1. Daniel Galvin
2. David Richards

ACADEMIC ENDEAVOUR &
COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL

Stephen Breslin

ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE

Gavin Hoey

EXCELLENCE IN CABINET MAKING

Kieron Walsh

CONTRIBUTION TO SPORT

1. Paul Dale
2. Paul Hickey
3. Brian McCormack
4. Michael Kelly
5. Anthony Kelly

6. Gareth Murphy

7. Kevin Ryan

BADMINTON

1. Denise Rock
2. Claire Giles

EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE &
PUNCTUALITY

Derek Healy

FUNDRAISING FOR CONCERN

Nicky O'Connor

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR

1. Michelle Walsh
2. Graham Cadwell

STUDENT COUNCIL

Natalie Brennan

Michelle Byrne

Louise Clancy

Thomas Greely

Sandra Kelly

Jessica O'Neill

Karl Stafford

George Tyndall

SENIOR STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Gavin O'Reilly

Christmas Merit Awards

The Christmas Merit Awards are a new event in the school calendar. Students now have two dates in the year on which the school recognise their positive attitude and commitment. These awards are made by the Year-head, not alone for distinction in school work but also for activities such as fundraising, sport and other extra curricular pursuits. The awards were made this month on the 13th (Transition, 5th and 6th Years), 14th (3rd Years) and 15th (1st and 2nd Years). Letters of commendation are in the post to parents.

Award Winners:

1st Years – Caroline Grace, Darren Hagen, Andrew O'Connor, David O'Donoghue, Brian Summers, Marcella Conroy, Wendy Hughes, Gillian Byrne, Shane Horgan, Paul Lalor, Keith O'Driscoll, Clare Sunderland, Mark Lyons, Gavin Nolan.

2nd Year - John Bowe, Darren Das, Keith Duff, Keith Grehan, Alan Higgins, Brian Dowling, John Gallagher, Ian Hynes, Philip Kelly, Damien Keane, Brian Kennedy, Liam Leech, Stacey McGuinness, Ciarán McLoughlin, Keith Coleman, David Farren, Carl Gibney, Brian Matthews, Pauric Morris, Vincent Greely, David Murphy and Keith Murphy.

McGuinness, Ciarán McLoughlin, Keith Coleman, David Farren, Carl Gibney, Brian Matthews, Pauric Morris, Vincent Greely, David Murphy and Keith Murphy.

3rd Years – Katie Daughen, Sarah Denham, Neil Doyle, Eamonn Dunne, Stephen Murtagh, Martin Quinlan, Rebecca Quinn, Mark Ward, Michelle Saunders, Michael Saunders, Stephen Cassidy and Stephen O'Neill.

Transition Years – Anthony Brown and Barry Murphy.

5th Years – Gary Doyle, Aidan Keogh, Jason Martin, David Moore, Raymond Whelehan and Alan Gaskin.

6th Years – Stephen Breslin, Rachel Denham, Gavin O'Reilly, Edel Parsons, Kevin Ryan, Robert Hughes, Ann-Marie Maher, Stephen Fisher, Daniel Galvin, Derek Gorman, Alan Murtagh, Lorcan O'Cearbhaill and Amanda Byrne.

Congratulations to all!