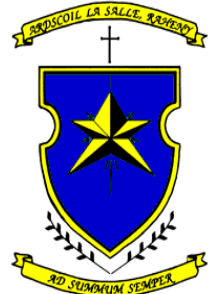




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Ardscoil La Salle Review 2015



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As Principal to this wonderful school I know that a Lasallian education really does make a difference. Our motto “Ad Summum Semper” means to ‘Aim for the Highest’, in other words- do your best! This emphasises the journey that our students take every day to develop into young men and women of character with the qualifications, skills, values and self-confidence to face the significant opportunities and challenges that lie ahead of them in life.

Ardscoil La Salle has consistently provided a high quality of education to our students for almost 50 years. A large part of the school’s success has been the strong partnership that exists between the school, parents and the local community. It is an inclusive Catholic school that welcomes students of all abilities, those who are academically gifted and those with talents in other areas. Based on the mission of our founder, St. Jean Baptiste de La Salle, and the many De La Salle brothers who have followed so generously in his footsteps, we believe that all students can learn and achieve, regardless of their starting point.

When you become an Ardscoil La Salle student, you join a community that includes teachers and support staff that really cares about you and your academic and personal success, your intellectual and spiritual growth and your potential to make a positive difference in the world. Instilled with a strong sense of community and family, students are taught to look beyond themselves and become involved in a wide range of charity, fundraising and outreach activities, particularly in our local parishes.

This Review scratches the surface of what we do and for more information you might wish to look at our website at www.ardscoillasalle.ie. I would like to thank all in the school community, the trustees, the Board of Management, parents, staff, and students for their support during the year. I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and I look forward to seeing you all at the end of August.

Mr. C. Mythen

Principal

Yearbook Editorial Team



L –R: Robert Dunleavy, Jenny Tang, Natasha Connor, Abbey Singleton, Jack Brady
Absent: Tori Hynes

Every year our school produces a yearbook. This years editorial team included: Natasha Connor, Abbey Singleton, Robert Dunleavy, Jenny Tang, Jack Brady, and Tori Hynes. We have been working constantly on the yearbook over the last while getting it ready for the printers in May.






Some of the jobs we had involved typing up articles, collecting memorable moments, detailing events and editing all of these. We also took pictures of every class, cropped them and added names underneath them. We enjoyed going to shops and businesses asking if they would like to advertise in our yearbook. We are very grateful for their support, particularly in difficult times for business.

It was really interesting and enjoyable to be a part of the yearbook committee. We learned lots of new things such as communication, interviewing, and IT skills.






We hope you will enjoy looking through the pages of this Review as much as we enjoyed preparing the pictures, articles and stories for you.






We would like to thank Ms Weir for helping us along the way and teaching us new skills we didn't know. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Review this year.

First Year Profiles






				
Name: Leon Murphy.	Name: Gary Lennon.	Name: Dean Smith.	Name: Ciara Moriarty.	Name: Sean Cooney.
Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.
Hobbies: Football, free running.	Hobbies: Football.	Hobbies: Football, sleep, food.	Hobbies: Hurling, Camogie, baking, drawing, TV.	Hobbies: Art, Paintball.
Likes: Sleep.	Likes: Football, Xbox, and TV.	Likes: Cookies, Mr Kelly, Mr Coolahan, Ipads.	Likes: Chocolate, ice cream, The Big Bang Theory and Friends.	Likes: Music.
What I like about school is: That its friendly.	What I like about school is: Art, Metal work and PE.	What I like about school is: Cookies and football.	What I like about school is: Seeing my friends, Art, Half days.	What I like about school is: Metalwork.

				
Name: Kiyantè Bates.	Name: Wayne Dennis.	Name: CJ Kelly.	Name: Katie Radley.	Name: Kayleigh O'Brien.
Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.
Hobbies: Dancing ,Jogging ,sleeping	Hobbies: Hurling.	Hobbies: Boxing, Taekwondo.	Hobbies: Football, drawing, singing.	Hobbies: Drawing, Dancing.
Likes: Keeping up with the Kardashians, Dancing.	Likes: Art football, Hurling.	Likes: Xbox.	Likes: Art, food, PE, music, metal work.	Likes: Food, Art, PE, Metal work.
What I like about school is: They have Ipads instead of books.	What I like about school is: Hurling.	What I like about school is: Lunch, half days, Ipads, art and metal work.	What I like about school is: New friends and we get a long lunch.	What I like about school is: Half days and friends.

				
Name: Jade Tobin.	Name: Kaitlin O Connor.	Name: Rhiannon Kennedy.	Name: Sinèad O'Grady.	Name: Gerard Tracey.
Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.
Hobbies: Art ,PS3	Hobbies: Basketball and drawing.	Hobbies: Tennis, Art, dancing, playing Minecraft.	Hobbies: G.A.A.	Hobbies: Soccer, singing, sport.
Likes: Art and Black Veil Brides.	Likes: Art, listening to music basketball.	Likes: Movies, The Walking Dead.	Likes: Cooking.	Likes: Soccer, singing, sport, and girls.
What I like about school is: The cookies, subjects and teachers.	What I like about school is: Half days, subjects, teachers and friends.	What I like about school is: Having different teachers, Doing art.	What I like about school is: We have lpads.	What I like about school is: Girl's, soccer, talent show.

				
Name: Laurence Groark Peate.	Name: Sèan Cumiskey.	Name: James Cumiskey.	Name: Ben O'Connor.	Name: Aaron O'Brien.
Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.
Hobbies: Reading, Dog walking, drawing and playing football.	Hobbies: Football, Boxing, G.A.A	Hobbies: Football, Gaelic, Food, Sleep, Xbox.	Hobbies: Hockey, football.	Hobbies: Football, going out, playing games.
Likes: Cookies.	Likes: Runners.	Likes: Gaelic.	Likes: Playing PS4, History.	Likes: Food, swimming.
What I like about school is: Half days, Art, French, English, and cool teachers.	What I like about school is: Half days, going home for lunch.	What I like about school is: Half days, going home for lunch, Mr Kelly and Mr Coolahan.	What I like about school is: Better subjects, meeting new people.	What I like about school is: Going out for lunch.

				
Name: Lorcan Murphy.	Name: Alex Butler.	Name: Travis O'Brien.	Name: Armando Ciobanu.	Name: Luke Blount.
Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka.
Hobbies: Football.	Hobbies: Football.	Hobbies: Singing.	Hobbies: Basketball.	Hobbies: Football, music, TV, sleeping.
Likes: Going out to my friends.	Likes: Eating.	Likes: Music.	Likes: Games, basketball.	Likes: Football, Netflix, food.
What I like about school is: My friends.	What I like about school is: Metalwork.	What I like about school is: Glee club, cookies.	What I like about school is: No heavy bags.	What I like about school is: Friends, Ipads, cookies.

				
Name: Dylan Murphy.	Name: Michael Isong.	Name: Alex Foster	Name: Gavin Clifford.	Name: Nathan Ward
Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Tolka	Class: Tolka.	Class: Liffey.
Hobbies: Football and boxing.	Hobbies: Sports, x-box, running, piano.	Hobbies: Boxing	Hobbies: Gaelic.	Hobbies: Football.
Likes: Hanging around with my mates.	Likes: Xbox, running.	Likes: Everything.	Likes: Facebook, Football.	Likes: Football, Xbox
What I like about school is: The sports teams.	What I like about school is: Ipads.	What I like about school is: Woodwork.	What I like about school is: The Gaelic team.	What I like about school is: Football matches, French.

		
Name: Daniel Cepeda.	Name: Thomas O'shea.	Name: Luke Canning.
Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.	Class: Tolka.
Hobbies: Hurling and running.	Hobbies: G.A.A, gaming, reading.	Hobbies: G.A.A
Likes: Running.	Likes: Comics.	Likes: G.A.A
What I like about school is: The teachers are sound.	What I like about school is: Good teachers, good labs, lockers, long lunch.	What I like about school is: Cookies, Mr Kelly, Mr O'Grady, and Mr Coolahan.

		
Name: Bartosz Bulanda.	Name: Conor Sheridan.	Name: Nicolas Bucataru.
Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.	Class: Liffey.
Hobbies: Football, Video games.	Hobbies: Art and Metalwork.	Hobbies: Guitar.
Likes: Fifa, Pizza.	Likes: Art, Metalwork.	Likes: Music, Guitar.
What I like about school is: P.E.	What I like about school is: Art, metalwork, and cookies on break.	What I like about school is: Everything.

First Years



Tolka-(L-R) Back row: Sean Cooney, C.J. Kelly, Luke Blount, Daniel Cepeda, Luke Canning.

Middle row: Leon Murphy, Thomas O'Shea, Laurence Groark Peate, Gavin Clifford, James Cumiskey.

Front row: Ben O'Connor, Jade Tobin, Kaitlin O'Connor, Sinéad O'Grady, Kayleigh O'Brien, Dean Smith.

Absent: Katie Radley, Alex Foster.



Liffey - (L-R) Back row: Armando Ciobanu, Aaron O'Brien, Lorcan Murphy, Alex Butler, Michael Isong, Conor Sheridan.

Middle row: Travis O'Brien, Dylan Murphy, Sean Cumiskey, Gary Lennon, Nathan Ward.

Front row: Gerard Tracey, Ciara Moriarty, Kiyanté Bates, Rhiannon Ní Chinnéide, Nicolas Bucataru, Wayne Dennis.

Absent: Bartosz Bulanda.

Second Years



Elm-(L-R)-Back row: Iko Vardiashvili, Darragh Collins, Sean Reynolds, Gavin Johnson, James Carroll.

Middle row: Adam Maher, Ben Johnson, James Brady, Shane McCormack, Jack Erb, Jack Bethel.

Front row: Shauna Murphy, Alicia McSherry, Angelica Javier, Nicole Cunningham, Katie Ryan, Jade Mulligan, Megan Gray, Andrea Parsons.

Absent: Carrie Meighan, Shannon Gray, Sandra Zukovskaja, and Eric Dunne.



Oak (L-R) – Back row: Dylan McKenna, Evan Byrne, Brandon Bates, Cillian Quigley.

Middle row: Emilie Kane, Chloe Moore, Eoghan Gilroy, Andrea Barone, Sofiya Firkova, Emma Gray.

Front row: Aaron Byrne, Niamh Reid, Kellie Lennon, Saoirse Kelly, Kim Trimble, Tegan O'Donovan, Erik Azev.

Absent: Aaron Cooney, Jacqueline Corr, Rebecca Graham, Noel Hatton, Geri Nolan.

Third Years



3.1 (L-R) - Back row: Eoin Brogan, Bartosz Wojdas, Adam O'Grady, Robert Herbert, Ben Singleton, Dylan Curley, Liul Mekonen, Jordan McDonnell, Mr Brennan.

Middle row: Mark Barry, Jamie Pollard, Daragh Gilroy, Craig Chandler, Ryan O'Donnell, Kevin Bortas, Ryan Murphy, Liam O'Hara.

Front row: Aaron Connor, Danielle Lonergan, Melissa Ryan, Jessica Kelly, Akachukwu Ayagwu, Sarah Ryan, James McSherry.

Absent: Ciara Gillanders, Laura Doyle, Clodagh Clifford, Isabela Mikula.



3.1A(L-R)-Back row: David Tarasovs, Ryan O'Brien, Graham O'Reilly, Adam Hale.

Front row: James Tracey, Dean Byrne, Suzanne Lee, Michael Dillon, Ciaran O'Sullivan.

Absent: Abbie Brady, Patrick Byrne, Aoife Clifford.

Transition Year



TY-(L-R)-Back row: Cain Powell, Kevin Whelan, Lolo Mendez, Jack Brady, Darragh Quigley, Andrew O'Doherty.

Middle row: Sue Lamberts, Keith Conroy, Dylan Currivan, Dean Kelly, Segun Balongun, Jason Moriarty, James McMahon, Louise Fitzgerald.

Front row: Becky O'Connor, Sarah Byrne, Jenny Tang, Natasha Connor, Abbey Singleton, Rebecca Leech, Nadia Tougher.

Absent: Robert Dunleavy, Tori Hynes, Calvin O'Brien, Alec Palaghia, Jack Rock.

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We wish all the students the best of luck with their Review.

Fifth Years



5.1-(L-R)-Back row: Lee Conroy, Karl Hatton, Roy Jones, Josh Cumiskey, Luke O'Shaughnessy, Sebastian Gadek.

Middle row: Shane Lennon, Andrew Palaghia, Rebecca Hansard, Hayley Smith, Katie Byrne, Dagemawit Mesfein Mekonen, Anna Schneider, Matthew Carter, Ryan Kiernan

Front row: Simona Falanga, Shantel Flynn, Nicole McMahon, Lauryn Kenny, Beatriz Giambalvo, Orla McKay, Nicole Byrne.

Absent: Sinead Linden, Jade Griffin, Rebecca Tierney.



5.2-(L-R) - Back row: Nathan Garnett, Jamie Murphy, Conor Reilly, Aaron Murphy.

Middle row: Ms Cooper, John-Paul Mulvaney, Mark O'Reilly, Jonathan Daly, Ryan Kelly.

Front row: Amy Mulhall, Shauna Walsh, Suzanne Nolan, Sarah Bernes, Carla Cassidy.

Absent: Brian Dennis, Ciaran Coates, Daniel Loftus and Michael Iwanko.

Sixth Years



6.1-(L-R) - Back row: Adam Powell, Ryan McSherry, Josh McDonnell, David Groark Peate.

Middle row: Daniel Murphy, Kevin Leech, Paul Brown, Jamie Byrne, Conor McCormack.

Front row: Donna Maher, Chloe Grant, Megan O'Sullivan, Shauna Scanlon, Jennifer Reynolds, Gemma Walsh, Rachel Tracey.

Absent: Adam Cooney, Eoghan Farrell, and Dylan Leech.



6.2&6.3-(L-R)-Back row: Shane Carr, Aaron Beatty, Dylan Byrne, Thomas O'Connor, Craig Connor, David Groark Peate, Mark Somers, Jack Gillanders.

Middle row: Sean Plummer, Adam Quinn, Eric Kelly, Claire Smith, Alex Scott, Keith Hale, Dillon Erb, Glen Reilly.

Front row: Sean Brady, Caitríona O'Brien, Eve Breslin, Sarah Kelly, Louise Gillanders, Chloe Byrne, Lara Doyle, Gianluca Parravani.

Absent: Luke Evans, Bernard Hanlon, Louise Smith, Robert Whelan, Jack Byrne, Gerard Colton, Paul Cummins, Aaron Dalton, Ryan Foster, Mark Grace, Lauren Keegan, Conor Leach, Clodagh Murray, Kyle Tipping, Eamonn White.

Sixth Year Memories.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The London tour. • Sizer. • “What metal did the Celts use?” “Ring forts”. • Mr Pender’s Scottish humour. • Pitter Patter – Ms O Sullivan. • Conor’s hair. • Pre deb’s bus fire. • Mr Brennan calling himself an eejit. • Ms.McCabes jog when she leaves class. • “I’m not one of your home boys Eamonn” – Ms O’ Sullivan. • Megan falling off her chair in Home Economics. • Eric wrapping himself around a pole and saying sorry to it. • Chloe Grant saying “Chloe” instead of “here” on the roll call. • Claire slipping into the lockers. • 5th Year Geography when Mr Kelly said North was South and West was East in front of his inspector. • “Blafricans” – Mr Mc Elhinney. • Eve writing about nanas and grandads dancing in nightclubs as a metaphor in her 6th year English exam. • Mr Kelly’s Cavan gear playing football. • Sarah getting wrapped in cling film. • Adam Cooney’s dancing. • Chloe Grant getting lifted over the barrier at the pre-debs by Eamonn and Mark. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eve face planting the ground in town in 4th Year. • VDP birds. • Conor in Subway. • Mr O’Grady asking Claire did her hair go rusty. • Ms O’Sullivan’s lovely metaphors “Paddle your own canoe”. • Mr O Grady asking Sarah did she put her finger in a socket because of her hair. • “It is what it is” – Ms O Sullivan. • Mr McGuinness and his Avicii obsession. • Claire nearly falling over Mr McElhinney desk onto his lap. • Craig Connor coming in to class in a girl’s uniform. • Conor McCormack’s hair evolution. • The 2 mice in Home Economics. • Lauren and Lara coming into Geography wrapped in cling film. • Rachel setting the Home Economics room on fire. • Kayla O Brien hitting Ms Ní Raghallaigh in the face with a mop. • Ms Ní Rat Bag. • Alex’s and Catriona’s go in English. • When everyone thought Mr Kelly was new a student. • Junior night 2012 – “Gonna go home, get in my pyjamas and get a chipper with me ma”-Caitríona O’Brien. |
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- "Sir Jake killed my pig."
- When Craig and Bernard ripped their trousers in P.E.
- Lauren and Lara's bouts in Art.
- Ryan McSherry falling in P.E
- Ms O' Sullivan always keeping us back.
- Ms O' Connor banging a table so hard a screw came out.
- London –stopping the London eye so Ms Higgins could get on the competent bus company.
- The T.Y hike: when Mr and Ms Dever were "just checking".
- Ms Young: "can you see me? Therefore I am real".
- Gemma and Jennifer having a huge argument over half a chicken ball.
- Conor McCormack and David's disagreement outside Ms O Sullivan's room.
- Lauren spraying Mr Kelly with the bug spray

- "I have me rights!"
- "That joke died with the famine."
- Mark Somers saying "orgasm" instead of "organism".
- "In relation to that" and "Google it".
- Ms Hughes saying "I'll show you chilling".
- Pre-Debs: round 1+2
- Jennifer insisting that she and Mr McElhinney were British.
- Ms Ní Raghallaigh and her extreme hatred of men.
- Ms .Cooper telling Gemma "she'd kill her if she left a mark on Eoghan on the bus in London"
- Conor in Subway.
- Gemma "shouting" at Mr. Mythen in London
- Adam Powell's joke about teacher's in the talent show.
- Adam Powell's joke about teachers in the talent show.
- Fracturing Rachel's arm.

The Complete Sixth Year Survey.

Most Charming	Sean Brady Craig Connor Jack Gillanders Paul Cummins	Craig Connor
Class chatterbox	Sharon Paul Cummins Catriona O' Brien Jack Byrne	Sharon
Most likely to be remembered	Sean Brady Claire Smith David Groak Peate Paul Cummins	Sean Brady
Best person to be stuck on a desert island with	Dylan Leech Craig Connor Paul Cummins	Paul Cummins
Best dressed girl	Megan O' Sullivan Louise Gillanders Gemma Walsh Louise Smith	Megan O' Sullivan
Best dressed boy	Craig Connor Aaron Beatty Mr McElhinney Paul Cummins	Craig Connor
Best Beard	Dylan Byrne Glen Reilly	Dylan Byrne
Best personality	Paul Cummins Sean Brady Jack Byrne Adam Cooney	Sean Brady
Most likely to write a book.	Gemma Walsh Dillon Erb Adam Powell Jennifer Reynolds	Gemma Walsh
Next Kim and Kanye	Gemma & Eoghan Claire & Paul Caitriona & Bernard	Gemma & Eoghan

Best sportsperson	Mark Somers Louise Smith Dillon Erb David Groark Peate	Mark Somers
Most reliable	Craig Connor Jack Byrne Kevin Leech Shane Carr	Shane Carr
Best singer	Caitriona O' Brien Alex Scott Eve Breslin Tommy O' Connor	Caitriona O' Brien Eve Breslin
Best looking	Sean Brady Craig Connor Louise Gillanders Keith Hale	Sean Brady
The next Albert Einstein	Robert Whelan Claire Smith Eric Kelly Eoin Farrell	Eoin Farrell
Most likely to be Taoiseach.	Kevin Leech Josh McDonnell Chloe Grant Sean Brady	Kevin Leech
Most likely to sit on the Iron Throne	Gemma Walsh Kevin Leech	Gemma Walsh
Most likely to cry in a sad film	Dylan Leech Tommy O'Connor Jennifer Reynolds Lara Doyle Keith Hale	Lara Doyle
Most school spirit	Lauren Keegan Jennifer Reynolds Caitriona O' Brien	Caitriona O'Brien
Most like to be on telly	Chloe Grant Paul Cummins Paul Brown Gianluca Parravani	Chloe Grant
Best smile	Chloe Grant Sarah Kelly Craig Connor Adam Cooney	Craig Connor

Sixth Year Teacher Memories

- My third year Home Economics class getting their own back on me for three years of having to say “Thank you Miss, we don’t deserve you” by saying it to me in front of the Junior Cert Cookery Examiner when I wished them well, before their practical.
- Donna, Megan, Eve and Shauna being the best graduation team ever when only second years.
- Sean Brady missing my class to be with Mr Coyle (his year head) when I demanded he do some work in Biology.
- Every moment with Clodagh was memorable and they were moments.

Ms Ní Raghallaigh.

- Josh McDonnell dressing up as a witch (with make-up) in 1st year for Open Day.
- Chloe Grant playing Jane Eyre brilliantly in the Gate Theatre.
- Jamie Byrne winning the Computer Logic competition in only 2nd year.

Ms Cooper.

- The time I attempted to use the 5-4-3-2-1 countdown strategy to gain silence amongst the students in my then, 5th year Geography class, although I did manage to achieve momentary silence in the classroom, this was very quickly followed by howls of laughter from the students. In my defence, I was only in my first week of teaching practice placement.
- The day I confessed to my then 5th year students that I was a “Dip” (i.e. a H-Dip student) which they misinterpreted as me insulting myself. I recall one student commenting, “Ah sir, don’t be too hard on yourself!”
- The day I brought my then, 5th year Geography class on a fieldtrip into town and I was charged the student rate instead of the adult rate, for the bus fare. (Despite the public humiliation, I did manage to save a few quid that day, which I’m told for a Cavan man can easily be compared to winning the lottery.)
- My first day of teaching practice, placement when the then 5th year students mistook me for a new student in their class, rather than their new teacher.
- My last day of teaching practice placement when Dylan Byrne, on behalf of my then, 5th year Geography class, presented me with the game-ball played with during our footy match in Father Collins Park, which had been signed by all the students in the class. #respect earned.

Mr Kelly.

- In the two years that I have been chaplain to Della Salle I have found the current cohort of sixth years to be a really nice group of people. On the one hand they are focused and hardworking, something we all want of our pupils. But more than that they are polite, engaging and a genuinely nice group of people. They are the sort of people you just know will do well in the future and make all of us in Della proud to have been a part in this stage of their educational process. I wish all of them God's blessing and every success.

Fr William.

- David Groark Peate-St.John: Can't forget that name.
- Caitriona O'Brien: The singing and the scarves.
- Gianluca Parravani: Those conversations in Italian! Drank some amount of bottled water. Hope he never ends up in the Sahara Desert. He'd never survive!
- Sean Brady: Getting stuck in for the hurling team. A man with a vast knowledge of Balcaddan Bay! Said he hoped to get a job in the Ordnance Survey office!
- Dylan Byrne: Gotta respect a man who jumps out of an aeroplane with somebody else strapped on. I hope the parachute is strong enough for both of ye!
- Aaron Beatty: A different man with the glasses on! Needs the glasses to tell one end of a horse from the other. Is going to get a job as a tipster for Paddy Power.
- Dylan Erb: The Andy Cole of De La Salle. Needs 10 chances to score 1 goal.
- Bernard Hanlon: Who can forget the pants ripping moment in the P.E. hall?
- Eamonn White: For his contribution to the Student Council.
- Jack Byrne: A great man for the Irish language. Loves his grinds too!
- Eric Kelly: This man looked like a fish out of water at times.
- Conor McCormack: Trying to convince people back in his early days that he was a centre-forward. Turns out he was a full-back. Might give Conor McGregor a run for his money based on what I saw with David Groark-Peate! Another man for the exotic hairstyles.
- Adam Powell: Taking pot shots at certain teachers whilst doing M.C. at talent show. Did more laughing at his own jokes than the audience did. "There was a student that used to bring in "presents" for his/her teachers. After a while one of his teachers asked this particular student why he/she wasn't bringing in anymore "fresh raisins". The student replied, "My pet rabbit died"! Now, Adam, that's funny!!
- Megan O'Sullivan: Will surely host her own wildlife documentary programmes in the future. A great lover of the lesser-spotted common or garden school mouse.
- Sarah Kelly: This is the person I would want in charge of the tuck shop.
- Craig Connor: For all the different hairstyles!

- Paul Brown: Some player! His unashamed admiration for Roy Keane was inspiring even through Keane's darkest moments. Thinks Louis Van Gal is a misunderstood genius. You gotta admire Brown's.
- Paul Cummins: Hopefully after he leaves school he'll get a bigger bike. A colossus on the soccer pitch. A great man to pass (the ball, the blame ...) He should be the first name on the manager's team sheet, the poor man's messy! Would have got hair-styling tips from Gary Connor in the past.
- Adam Cooney: I spent 2 years calling this fellow Dean before he told me his name was Adam.
- Daniel Murphy: If he channelled the energy he used up trying to start rows into his football he'd be the best player on the team. Must be the O'Tooles influence.
- Rachel Tracey, Alex Scott and Donna Maher: 3 of the best!
- Mark Somers: A good man, Mark very religious!
- Keith Hale: A good man for the 'oul burger and the smart answer. Asked him to spell crayon one day and he said, "What colour"?
- Louise Smith: I remember Louise being asked in a science class who invented the thermometer? And she said, "Freddie Mercury"!
- Robert Whelan: Robert was asked which was closer to Ireland, the moon or America. He said the moon. His reason was that you could see the moon but couldn't see America!
- Joshua Mc Donnell: Josh was asked to name 2 days of the week beginning with T. His answer was today and tomorrow!
- Jamie Byrne: He thought Joan of Arc was Noah's wife!
- Dylan Leech: I remember he was asked a question about Greek Mythology "who was half-man half beast"? Dylan said "Buffalo Bill"!
- Kevin Leech: I think he was back in 1st year, Kevin was asked who was the 1st woman in the world? He asked for a clue, and was told "apple". And his answer was, "Granny Smith"!
- Tommy O'Connor: "I remember one day Tommy was getting a pizza for his lunch, and your man asked Tommy would he slice the pizza into 6 or 8 pieces. Tommy said 6 pieces because he'd never be able to eat 8 pieces!"
- Ryan McSherry: I remember one time Ryan was at a match and it was a very wet day. Ryan was soaked to the skin so he rang his mam to collect him. His mam asked him where he was ringing from? "From the neck down", was Ryan's reply!

Anonymous.

Fundraising

Team Hope:

Team hope is an Irish Interdenominational Christian development aid charity that works with children in third world countries of any race, religion and ethnicity by donating item of clothing, money. They are best known for the Christmas shoebox appeal.

Abbey Singleton

Christmas Fair:

At the Christmas fair people brought in things like books, toys, bags, and cakes that they made and sold them to raise money.

There was also a table for tickets to be sold for the panto and the talent show. It was very successful and the talent show sold lots of tickets.



Louise Fitzgerald.

Mr.Mythens Marathon:

The marathon is a long distance running event; It was the 35th of the SSE Airtricity Dublin marathons. Mr.Mythen ran through the historic Georgian streets of Dublin, Ireland's largest and capital city.



Robert Dunleavy.

Cake Sale:

The T.Y class organized a cake sale in October in order to raise money for the T.Y trip to Rome. We held the cake sale in the table tennis hall in the school. We also brought some cakes to the local church,

St. Benedict's in Kilbarrack. All the students and teachers attending the trip to Rome brought in cakes to be sold. Overall we raised €340. It was a great success.



Rebecca Leech.

Talent Show

TALENT SHOW & PANTO RUNNING ORDER Night One

<u>Performer</u>	<u>Title of act</u>
1. Gerard Tracey	Singing "The cup song- When I'm gone"
2. Caitriona O'Brien	Singing "Somewhere only we know"
3. Emilie Kane	Singing "A thousand years"
4. Niamh Reid & Kim Trimble	Dancing- Michael Jackson remix
5. Thomas O' Shea & Sarah Ryan	Rap & Dance
6. Sarah & Melissa Ryan	Singing/drumming- "The man who can't be moved"

TALENT SHOW & PANTO RUNNING ORDER Night Two

<u>Performer</u>	<u>Title of act</u>
1. Saoirse Kelly	Irish Dancing- Planxty Jury
2. Angelica Javier	Singing "Thinking out loud"
3. Cain Powell	Piano Medley
4. Travis O' Brien	Singing "Dancing in the sky"
5. Aaron Connor	Singing "Someone like you"
6. Nicolas Bucataru	Playing guitar



The Coca-Cola Factory.



On Tuesday the 20th of January, a group of Junior & Senior Geography students, accompanied by Ms. McCabe, Mr. Kelly & Ms. McGovern visited the Coca Cola manufacturing plant in Lisburn, Co. Antrim.

Following an interesting DVD on the history of products made by Coca Cola, the students were guided around the various stages of production, as well as looking at the many raw materials used in the making of the popular soft drink, the bottle water treatment processes and the importance of environmental awareness in this particular industry.

The tour wrapped up with the students spending time in the factory's interactive room & a quiz on everything that they had learned on the tour. A very enjoyable, informative & fun time had by all!

Transition Year Review

Transition year was a brilliant opportunity to do new activities that can't be done in exam years. We tried out a selection of the optional subjects for the Leaving Cert to become more aware of what the Senior Cycle involves. Throughout the year we went on many trips such as Templemore Garda college, an art museum, The Laughter Lounge, Ice Skating, The Criminal Courts of Justice, Yahoo, and Rome. We also got to perform our own pantomime called Snow White and The Seven Dubs and we acted out a small play of the Stations of the Cross. We also got to make our own film which was a great opportunity.

Work experience was a brilliant chance to experience the life of the workplace. We attended work every Friday for the year. Everyone chose a job they would be interested in doing and it gave us an insight on what we may or may not be doing in the future.

Overall, Transition year was a fantastic experience for us all; we took part in different courses such as Yahoo interviews, T.A.G Garda programme and a Street Law programme. There was also less exam pressure, less homework and a chance to mature, learn more about others and build confidence in different activities.



Transition Year Memories

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Segun tripping Abbey and she fell and her shoe came off.• Nadia crawling off stage and meeting the wall.• Sue and Roberts moment in the train station.• Nadia's meltdown in Rome.• Rebecca smashing a Wiseman statue.• Sarah whipping out garlic balls in the middle of Irish.• When Mr Coyle told Jack Rock to move to the front of the class and Jack replied "Rock's don't move."• Segun pushing Jack Brady into Natasha and she fell into the splits.• People getting lost in Rome.• Our trip to Templemore with the Gardaí.• Jack Rock's "Tea cosy"-Mr Coyle.• Fr William's sense of direction. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Panto.• The stairs in the Dome.• Jason and Jack Rocks 'Let's get it on' dance.• Rebecca giving Jason a jockey-back in P.E and falling.• Natasha and Abbey "bagging"• Jack and Ms Magin snapping.• Robert getting beat on to the metro in Rome.• Ice skating when everyone kept falling.• Sarah dancing in the middle of English.• Robert and Nadia's "moment" in Connelly train station.• Ms McCabe spraying Dylan with fly spray. |
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Ice Skating Centre:

Ms. Ní Raghallaigh and Sharon took us ice skating in December. We went to the ice skating rink in Pavilions. We got the bus there. Before we went ice skating we went looking around the shops. It was great everyone kept falling all over the place. After ice skating some of us went to McDonalds and then got the bus home.



Art Museum:

We went to the art museum in September with Ms. Higgins and Ms. Magin. We saw lots of interesting pieces of art such as sculptures, paintings and other pictures digitally made. They had different exhibitions about different artists showing some of their work in different rooms. Some of the art was big enough for us to walk in to and see what it was like and some of it we could feel like things hanging from the ceiling or sand on the ground. Afterwards we walked back to the Luas and went home.



Templemore:

The Garda brought us to the Gardaí training unit in Templemore, as part of a T.Y trip. We went down in two Gardaí vans. We walked all around the college and saw the different things we would have to do if we decided to become a Gardaí. We talked to the Gardaí students and they explained the college and work to us. We also tried the obstacle course and went for lunch with all the students and guards. It was a great day off school and nice to experience Gardaí College.



Laughter Lounge:

In September we went to the laughter lounge with Mrs. Magin and Mrs. McMahon we got the train to Tara Street, and then walked up the keys. When we arrived, there were other schools also there to see the performance. He was a stand-up comedian and we all really enjoyed it. After the show we got to make our own way home.



The Stations of the Cross

Transition year put together a passion play based on the Stations of the Cross. They had to act out the scenes of Jesus being crucified, in St. Benedict's church in front of the school. They used a bodhrán to make the scenes more dramatic. Each student in transition year had a role to play. Mr. Coolahan the school's handy - man hand - made a cross that Jesus was crucified on. All Transition Year students enjoyed taking part in the Passion play as it really gave them a sense of the pain Jesus was put through and the sadness of all his followers.



Snow White and The Seven Dubs

In December we had our annual Ard Scoil La Salle pantomime. This year our Transition Year students put on a fantastic show which told the story of poor little Snow White sent away from her home by her wicked step-mother. Luckily she found safety with all the singing and dancing Dubs and love in the arms of the 'Hot Huntsman' who loved her too much to kill her! Well done to all the students involved, the hard work and commitment paid off. More proof of the exceptional talent contained within the Della!



Rome 2015

On the 15th of April our Transition Year and some Fifth Years went on a pilgrimage to Rome. We arrived at the airport at 4.30am. (Way too early!)

The journey lasted 3 hours. When we arrived we were greeted by bright sunshine. Our immediate task was to locate our accommodation.

That done, we were free to start our itinerary. Our first stop was the Colosseum. We went there by the metro. The Colosseum was much more impressive than the pictures we had seen in our history books.

This was a good start to four days of visits to everything that Rome has to offer. The high point of our visit was, of course, our visit to Vatican City. It was special. We all remember particularly the Sistine Chapel and the famous ceiling painted by Michaelangelo.

So we will all remember fondly our visit to Rome

- Nadia's meltdown.
- Natasha like a bull going up the Vatican steps.
- Robert getting "bet" around on the metro.
- Selfie stick salesmen.
- Rebecca and Louise putting an alarm clock in the boys room to go off at 5.30am.
- Ryan getting locked in the wardrobe.
- The priest cursing.
- All the walking and getting lost.
- Darragh forgetting his passport.



Le Chéile

On the fifth of February I was chosen with Segun Balogun from Transition Year to take part in an overnight stay in the Hudson hotel for Le Cheile school conference. Mr Mythen



dropped us to Glasnevin to get a coach with other students to Athlone. When we got to the hotel we had to check in to our rooms. We were brought to a conference room to work on what we can do to help the environment. We were in groups with students from all over the country. After that we sang songs it was so much fun. Later on in the day we had a table quiz we were in a group of six. It was so much fun. After the quiz we had to go back to our rooms for the night and be up for seven in the morning. We got our breakfast at nine. We had a morning mass in which we sang and prayed and a woman spoke to us about her

experience in India with helping the people living in poverty. After the mass we had a break then we started on our workshop. We had the option of four workshops: drama, art, music or poetry. I chose to do drama and Segun did art. For drama there were ten of us in a group and we did a sketch on injustice. We practiced the sketch and came up with ideas. We then had a lunch break. After that we performed the sketch in front of the other students and teachers. Each workshop had their own presentation. The music workshop wrote a song and performed it. The poetry workshop wrote and read out poems, and the art workshop designed and presented posters. For drama we did a sketch based in a classroom and a courtroom it was such a great experience performing in front of all the students and teachers. We finished up the conference and got free Le Cheile bags and then we got the bus back to Dublin. It was a great experience and so much fun and the best thing about it meeting students from all over the country and getting to know them and I would recommend it to the Transition Years next year.

James McMahon.

Work Experience



Jenny Tang.

I loved working every Friday in 123 insurance company. It broke up the school week, and made it feel a lot shorter with only four days in school. I loved going in every Friday and realising what it's like to work as an adult. I started work at nine and finished at four, with an hour lunch in between. I stapled and packed letters. I opened post and listened to calls. I helped with making tea and coffee for the morning break. It was brilliant and I enjoyed working there. I felt mature. All the staff were kind, caring and very helpful.

Abbey Singleton.

I enjoyed doing working experience every Friday in Wendy Kinsella hair dresser in Artane as I got to meet lots of people and experience what it would be like to work in a hair dresser. I started at 9am and finished at 4pm. I washed customer's hair and made them tea and cleaned around salon. I also got to come in and work around Christmas time and got paid too.



Natasha Connor.

I really enjoyed work experience every Friday in Kidz First crèche in Kilbarrack. I think it helped me see what it's going to be like when I get older and have to work. I start work at 10am and when I went in they would be having play time then it would be snack time and I'd help with the food and drinks. Then they would go out and play outside for a while. After that some of the kids would be going home but the ones that weren't would watch a film and after that they would have their dinner and then the older kids would come in after school and I'd leave at 2pm. I loved doing my work experience in a crèche and it let me see what it would be like for me if I was to do it after I left school.

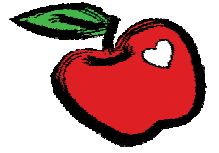


Segun Balogun.

Book Haven in Donaghmede is where I did my work experience. Every Friday I would go in at 10am, my work consisted of answering phone calls and sending out messages to people saying that their books had arrived. I was also in charge of deciding which way the books would be displayed. If there were too many notes and not enough coins in the cash register I would have to go to the different shops and break the notes. My break was only 20 minutes long but that was because I was only working until 1pm. My work experience was fun and I enjoyed it.



Jack Brady.



I really liked my work experience in St Mary's primary school. I had to make sure they were doing their work and make sure that they were behaving in the yard. I also had to give out their lunch and set up the art equipment. I found it very helpful and it definitely helped me realise what I want do when I'm older. It showed me what it would be like to work in a school.

Dylan Curriivan.

My work experience was in Kilbarrack pharmacy. I started work at 9 o'clock and I finished at 15:40 with an hour break in between. I liked doing work experience because it showed me how life will be after school and what we will have to do in a work place. The people that work in the pharmacy are really nice and are always there if I need help with anything.



James McMahon.

In Transition Year for my work experience I worked in Supervalu in Raheny. I work from nine in the morning to half three in the afternoon. It is enjoyable in Supervalu, though it is hard work. On a regular day I pack and stack shelves, bring out the rubbish, bring up trolleys and help customers if they are looking for items or with any other problem. I enjoy working in Supervalu it is a good place to work and the staff are very friendly. The best thing about working there is helping the customers.



Robert Dunleavy

Every Friday I did my work experience in Boots in the Jervis shopping centre. I started at 9am till 3:30pm and worked in the No.7 and fragrance department. I was a sales advisor and helped customers with their queries and directed them around the shop. The staff were very friendly and I also stocked the shelves and sold many perfumes and lotions.



let's feel good



Doing Business With Yahoo!



Skills at work - CV workshop

The Transition Year Students are busy completing the Skills@work programme with the Human Resource Department at Yahoo Ireland. This programme consists of the Company Overview, A Day in the life, CV workshop, Interview skills, Job Application, Mock Interviews and a Site Visit to the company offices.

We have been running this programme with Yahoo for over 10 Years and are delighted with the outcomes. Every year pupils seem to get more and more out of it.



Annual Mock Interviews at Yahoo

On the 14th of April the Transition Year students went on a site visit to the brand new EMEA Offices of Yahoo Ireland. The staff at Yahoo went the extra mile to make us feel welcome. Following refreshments, the pupils had a full tour of the premises and were treated to a detailed account and demonstration of the day to day work in each section. The second part of the day was given over to mock Interviews. Yahoo staff members made every effort to make them as realistic as possible while keeping our pupils relaxed and confident. All agreed that they learned a lot from the exercise.

We wrapped up the day with lunch and a prize giving ceremony.





Charity Skydive Challenge



This year, in an attempt to fundraise money for the Irish Cancer Society, Mr. Kelly along with three Leaving Certificate student-volunteers, planned to participate in a sponsored, 10,000ft Tandem Skydive Challenge.

This challenge requires participants to endeavour to raise a target amount of €480 each for their nominated charity, over the course of a twelve week period. Following receiving sponsorship and collecting their target amount of money, Mr. Kelly, accompanied by Dylan Byrne, Joshua McDonnell and Aaron Beatty, plan to travel to Skydive Ireland's Aerodrome in Holdensrath, Co. Kilkenny in April of this year, and undertake a 10,000ft tandem skydive.

A massive congratulations is owed to Mr. Kelly and these three students for successfully organising this once in a lifetime and very worthwhile challenge. Not only will they very bravely parachute out of a plane from a height of 10,000ft, but they also collectively raised just over €2,000 for the Irish Cancer Society. This is a remarkable achievement and everyone here in Ardscoil La Salle is very proud of their charitable efforts. It is fair to say that on this occasion, these four lads quite literally, lived by the school's motto and "aimed for the **HIGHEST**".



Mr. Kelly, Dylan Byrne, Joshua McDonnell and Aaron Beatty, would like to say thank you to everyone who sponsored them during their fundraising efforts. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Trinity Access Programme (TAP)

Tap (Trinity access program) are working with Ardscoil La Salle to introduce the C.F.E.S program to our school. C.F.E.S stands for 'college for every student' and aims to create a culture of striving to go to college amongst all pupils through mentoring, Leadership Through Service and Pathway to college. As part of this program our 2nd years attended the Trinity access 21 'college for every student' launch in the Convention Centre, Dublin and a leadership team from 2nd year attended training days in Trinity College. The school helped a mentoring launch where 2nd year pupils met with mentors from their community after which everyone had tea and cakes thanks to the baking of some of our 2nd years.

For their Leadership Through Service initiative the Leadership team chose to fund raise for St. Francis hospice. As the first part of the exercise, the 2nd years held a bake sale with cakes donated by local business and cakes baked by the pupils. They also had a raffle for an Easter egg hamper. €190 was raised with a sponsored school walk that is planned.



JUNIOR MERIT AWARDS 2015

1ST YEAR, Academic Excellence: Laurence Groark Peate, C. J. Kelly, Armando Ciobanu, Rhiannon Kennedy

Academic Endeavour: Luke Blount, Daniel Cepeda, Sean Cooney, James Cumiskey Ben O'Connor, Dean O'Brien, Kiyante Bates, Bartosz Bulanda, Alex Butler, Sean Cumiskey, Dylan Murphy, Lorcan Murphy, Conor Sheridan, Nathan Ward.

Contribution to Mathletes on Khan Academy: Rhiannon Kennedy, Armando Ciobanu, C.J. Kelly.

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Sport & School Spirit: Kaitlin O'Connor

Academic Excellence & Contribution to School Spirit: Ciara Moriarty.

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Culture & The Arts: Thomas O'Shea.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Spirit: Luke Canning, Katie Radley, Sinead O'Grady, Gary Lennon.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Aaron O'Brien, Gerard Tracey.

Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Nicolas Bucataru & Travis O'Brien.

Contribution to School Spirit: Michael Isong.

Perfect Attendance: Laurence Groark Peate.

Excellent Attendance: Kaitlin O'Connor, Kiyanté Bates, Luke Canning.

2ND YEAR

Academic Excellence: Erik Azev, James Carroll, Darragh Collins, Adam Maher, Shane McCormack

Academic Endeavour: Aaron Cooney, Rebecca Graham, Emma Gray, James Brady, Megan Gray, Sean Reynolds, Katie Ryan, Jacqueline Corr.

Contribution to Mathletes on Khan Academy: Katie Ryan, Niamh Reid, James Carroll.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Sofiya Firkova.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts & Social Awareness: Angelica Javier, Alicia McSherry

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to School Spirit: Eoghan Gilroy, Tegan O'Donovan, Jack Bethel, Jade Mulligan, Andrea Barone

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Social Awareness: Andrea Parsons.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport: Noel Hatton, Dylan McKenna, Ben Johnson, Gavin Johnson

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts & to School Spirit & Social Awareness: Niamh Reid.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Cultural & the Arts & to School Spirit: Emilie Kane, Kim Trimble.

Contribution to Culture & the Arts - Social Awareness & to School Spirit: Shauna Murphy

Contribution to School Spirit: Brandon Bates, Iko Vardiashvili, Kellie Lennon.

Excellent Attendance: Chloe Moore Ben Johnson, Adam Maher, Shauna Murphy, Sean Reynolds, Brandon Bates

3RD YEAR

Academic Excellence: Kevin Bortas, Dylan Curley, Darragh Gilroy, Liam O'Hara, Ben Singleton, Davids Tarasovs

Academic Endeavour: Mark Barry, Eoin Brogan, Craig Chandler, Laura Doyle, Robert Herbert, Jessica Kelly, Danielle Lonergan, Liul Mesfein Mekonen, Jamie Pollard, Bartosz Wojdas, Michael Dillon, James Tracey

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Akachukwu Ayagwu, Izabela Mikula

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Sport: Ciaran O'Sullivan

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport: Jordan McDonnell, Ryan Murphy, Ryan O'Donnell, Dean Byrne, Graham O'Reilly

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: James McSherry, Melissa Ryan, Sarah Ryan.

Contribution to Sport: Adam Hale.

Contribution to School Spirit: Adam O'Grady

Perfect Attendance: Dean Byrne, Bartosz Wojdas

Excellent Attendance: Mark Barry, Kevin Bortas, James McSherry, Liul Mesfein Mekonen, Dylan Curley, Jamie Pollard, Ben Singleton, Jordan McDonnell, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Darragh Gilroy, Adam O'Grady, Liam O'Hara.

SENIOR MERIT AWARDS 2015

TRANSITION YEAR.

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Jason Moriarty, Cain Powell

Academic Endeavour: Antonia Lamberts.

Contribution to Mathletes on Khan Academy: Becky O'Connor

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Jose Mendez

Contribution to Culture & the Arts & to School Spirit: Jack Brady, Natasha Connor, Robert Dunleavy, Andrew O'Doherty.

Contribution to Sport and to Culture & the Arts: Louise Fitzgerald.

Contribution to Sport and to Culture & the Arts & Contribution to School Spirit: Jenny Tang

Contribution to School Spirit: Tori Hynes, Abbey Singleton.

Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Segun Balogun, Dylan Currivan, Dean Kelly, Alec Palaghia, Darragh Quigley, Nadia Tougher, Jack Rock, Rebecca Leech, Calvin O'Brien, Becky O'Connor, James McMahon

TRANSITION YEAR.

Contribution to Skills at Work Yahoo Programme: Segun Balogun, Jack Brady, Natasha Connor, Dylan Currivan, Louise Fitzgerald, Rebecca Leech, Jason Moriarty, Calvin O'Brien, Becky O'Connor, Jenny Tang

Excellent Attendance: James McMahon, Jenny Tang, Antonia Lamberts, Dylan Currivan

5th YEAR

Academic Excellence: Lee Conroy, Mathew Carter, Shantel Flynn, Beatriz Giambalvo, Ryan Kiernan, Luke O'Shaughnessy, Anna Schneider.

Academic Endeavour: Simona Falanga, Jade-Robyn Griffin, Rebecca Hansard, Orla McKay, Dagemawit Mesfein Mekonen, Andrew Palaghia, Hayley Smith, Ciaran Coates, Jonathan Daly, Aaron Gifford Murphy, Amy Mulhall, Jamie Murphy, Mark O'Reilly, Shauna Walsh.

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Sport: Robert Cumiskey

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Sport: Roy Jones

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts: Sebastian Gadek.

Contribution to Sport: Karl Hatton.

Excellent Attendance: Jamie Murphy, Luke O'Shaughnessy, Roy Jones

6th YEAR

Academic Excellence: Paul Brown, Adam Cooney, Kevin Leech, Chloe Grant, Ryan McSherry, Adam Powell, Jennifer Reynolds, Gemma Walsh Brown, Thomas O'Connor, Glen Reilly, Mark Somers.

Academic Endeavour: David Groark Peate, Conor McCormack, Rachel Tracey, Eve Breslin, Craig Connor, Sean Plummer, Alexandra Scott, Robert Whelan, Gianluca Parravani.

Academic Excellence & Contribution to Social Awareness & School Spirit: Josh McDonnell.

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Social Awareness & School Spirit: Aaron Beatty

Academic Endeavour & Contribution to Culture & the Arts & School Spirit: Caitríona O'Brien

Contribution to Sport: Daniel Murphy, Paul Cummins, Dillon Erb.

Contribution to Social Awareness: Dylan Byrne

Excellent Attendance: David Groark Peate, Conor McCormack, Gianluca Parravani, Ryan McSherry, Jennifer Reynolds, Robert Whelan

The John Slattery Award

This award was set up in memory of the late Mr. John Slattery, who taught in this school for many years, working especially at encouraging the academic progress of junior students. It is given to a pupil in Junior cycle who has consistently shown a positive attitude to schoolwork and helpfulness and courtesy to fellow-pupils and to teachers, even when the going gets tough.

This year, for excellent behaviour, for consistent hard work, for unfailing co-operation with teachers, for displaying strength of character in pursuing the personal goal of trying always to achieve the best possible academic standards, the John Slattery award goes to: **Laura Doyle 3.1.**

Junior Sportsperson of the Year 2015

This award is made to a student who has consistently displayed the highest standards of sportsmanship, combining a high level of athletic skill with team spirit and who, while exhibiting enthusiastic competitiveness, yet always strives to play fair, leads by example, inspiring team-mates to greater effort.

This year, for Soccer and Gaelic football, for showing a mature understanding of the game, for being highly motivated, consistently helpful to teammates and trainers and always performing at the highest level of sportsmanship.

This year, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Junior Sportsperson of the Year to: Ciaran O'Sullivan & Jordan McDonnell



Junior Student of the Year for 2015

The award of Junior Student of the Year 2015 goes to the student who has maintained the highest standards of excellence in all areas of school life over the past three years. This student has been exemplary in character, respectful of others, steadfastly cooperative with and obliging to both teachers and fellow-students. Highly motivated, extremely diligent, conscientious in attendance and punctuality, our Junior Students of the Year consistently strives for and reaches the goal of academic excellence.

For the pursuit of excellence in all fields, for consistent commitment to studies, for displaying strength of character and outstanding personal integrity, the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Junior Student of the Year 2015:

This year, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Junior Student of the Year to: Akachukwu Ayagwu & Sarah Ryan



Senior Sportsperson of the Year 2015

The Senior Sportsperson of the Year is an all-round sportsperson, a key member of the school team, whether in soccer, Gaelic football or hurling, a player of distinction, with a strong sense of team spirit and outstanding ability, always generous in victory and courageous in defeat.

We look for an athlete who besides being a committed, passionate and determined performer on the pitch, has shown impressive leadership ability, leading by example in training and on the field, motivating and spurring on team mates before and during matches and the students who have well and truly deserved the accolade of Senior Sportsperson of the Year.

This year, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Sportsperson of the Year to: Jason Moriarty



Senior Student of the Year 2015

When choosing the Senior Student of the Year, we look for an exemplary pupil, a student who has maintained for five or for six years a consistent commitment to study at the highest level, who has achieved excellent results in the Junior Cert and continues to apply the same high standards to preparations for the Leaving Certificate.

The Student of the Year is not only outstandingly able in academic work, but also possesses sterling personal qualities: displaying uprightness, maturity, helpfulness; treating both staff and fellow-students with unfailing courtesy and consideration; always completely reliable, outstandingly honourable, and utterly unassuming.

Outgoing and supportive of fellow-students and of teachers, combining meticulous schoolwork and outstanding academic achievement with the highest ideals of personal integrity and all-round excellence of character:

This year, we have great pleasure in awarding the title of Senior Student of the Year to: Caitriona O'Brien & Josh McDonnell





Sports news



U.18 Hurling: This team contained most of the players who got to the U.16 hurling final last year, So expectations were high for this group of players. A 1st round victory over an understrength Trinity comprehensive school, Ballymum gave us false hope as our next match in round 2 was away to St Pauls College Raheny. They were a much different proposition to our previous opponents and were shrugging from the off. A combination of absentees, injuries, players not trying and not to mention a very strong and skillful opponent meant it would be a very long day. However, players like Ciaran O'Sullivan, Jason Moriarty and Karl Hatton never gave up even when things were not going well!

Panel: Lee Conroy, Keith Conroy, Brian Dennis, Karl Hatton, Aaron Gifford, Noel Hatton, Jason Moriarty, Daniel Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Ryan O'Donnell, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Eamon White, Dean Byrne, Wayne Dennis, Gavin Clifford, Sean Brady.

U.16 Football: This panel of players spanned the whole spectrum of years, with representatives from 1st year up to 6th year on the same team. This team started off by losing to a very strong Coláiste Dhulaigh team. The game was played in torrential rain, and our team gave a very good account of themselves staying with their physically bigger opponents for most of the game, before conceding a couple of late goals which flattered our opponents on the score board. Next up was a home match against Fingal Community College which we won easily. The next opponent was Balbriggan Community College and in a winner takes all situation, we won with a bit to spare. We had now qualified for knock-out stages by finishing runners-up in the group of 4, and we then had to travel out to Tallaght to play Tallaght Community School. We scored some crucial goals at key stages at the match and despite a late surge by our opponents we had enough scored to hold on for a 4-8 to 3-3 victory.

This victory put us into a semi-final against St Pauls C.B.S., Brunswick Street, an opponent we knew little about. It wasn't long before we knew all we needed to know about them as they outplayed and outscored us from the very start. It was a disappointing day for us and we suffered a heavy defeat with our poorest performance of the year, Final score; St. Pauls C.B.S. 5-16, Ard Scoil 2-3.

Panel: Dean Byrne, Keith Conroy, Karl Hatton, Noel Hatton, Roy Jones, Jason Moriarty, Daniel Murphy, Ryan Murphy, Ryan O'Donnell, Ciaran O'Sullivan, Luke Canning, Wayne Dennis, Gavin Clifford, Sean Cumiskey, James Cumiskey, Dillon Erb, Robert Cumiskey, Evan Byrne.

U.15 Soccer: This team was involved in a 4 team group, and we opened our account away to Sutton Park vocational school. Our opponents were competitive for the first half but we got on top in the second half and a couple of goals by Patrick Byrne and a cracker from Gavin Johnson saw us run out comfortable 4-1 winners.

Our next outing was a home game with O'Connell's C.B.S. We got off to a great start and we lead our opponents 2-0 midway through first half. We went in 2-1 up at half-time confident we could get a result. Alas our opponents re-grouped and were a different team in the 2nd half. They equalised and then took control of the game scoring 3 more goals before the final. Indeed, only for goalkeeper Ben Johnson, the outcome would definitely have been worse. Final score; Ard Scoil 2, O'Connell's C.B.S. 5. The final game was against New Cross College at home and a win was needed. In the corresponding fixture last year at 2-2 draw was the outcome, and we were expecting another tight game. We knew in advance that we would need to win by 3 clear goals. The first half was a tight affair and we went in at half time 1-0 up. New Cross had chances in the second half as had we, and it was our opponents who equalised late on. We won a penalty in the dying minutes which was converted by James Cumiskey and despite throwing everything at our opponents in the final moments we could not score again. It could have been so different if a goal had been awarded to us when the ball had clearly crossed the line but the referee failed to spot it. The final score was Della Salle; 2 New Cross College; 1.

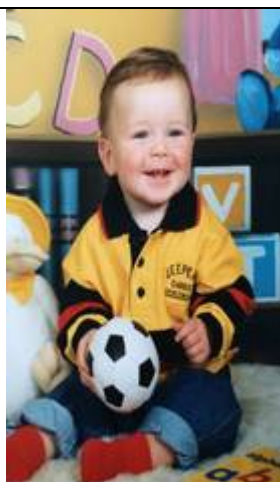
Panel: Ben Johnson, Noel Hatton, Gavin Clifford, Adam Hale, Dylan McKenna, Evan Byrne, Brandon Bates, Gavin Johnson, James Cumiskey, Sean Cumiskey, Patrick Byrne, Graham Reilly, Dylan Murphy, Wayne Dennis, Nathan Ward.

P.S: Goalkeeper Ben Johnson was our player of the tournament rescuing the team on numerous occasions and is a player with huge potential.

Some Babies – Our Sixth Years



1.A ray of sunshine



2. Starting at an early age.



3. Bonnie Baby.



4. Strawberry shortcake.



5. Hands in the air like you just don't care.



6.Little princess



7. The perfect little doll.



8. Eye see you.



9. Gummy galore.



10. Beep beep.









11. Sleeping beauty.



12. Choo choo.

1.Adam Cooney, 2. Adam Powell, 3. Alexandra Scott, 4.Caitriona O'Brien, 5. Conor McCormack, 6. Chloe Grant, 7, Eve Breslin, 8. Gemma Walsh, 9.Jenifer Reynolds, 10. Josh McDonald, 11. Keith Hale, 12. Kevin Leech.

			
<p>13. Little heartbreaker.</p>	<p>14. My ma has me gorgeous.</p>	<p>15. Model in the making.</p>	<p>16. Strike a pose.</p>
			
<p>17. Pretty Picture.</p>	<p>18. They're my crisps.</p>	<p>19. Face of an angel.</p>	<p>20. Butter wouldn't melt.</p>
			<p>"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind." - Dr. Seuss</p>
		<p>"All our dreams can come true...if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney</p>	<p>"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." -Dr. Seuss</p>
<p>21. Cutie pie..</p>	<p>22. Do you like my fringe.</p>	<p>23. The sweetest thing.</p>	
<p>24. Smiley.</p>	<p>25. Hello gorgeous.</p>		

13. Megan O'Sullivan, 14. Paul Brown, 15. Ryan McSherry, 16. Dylan Byrne, 18. Sarah Kelly 17. Shauna Scanlon, 19. Lauren Keegan, 20. Louise Smith, 21 Sean Brady, 22. Craig Connor, 23. Daniel Murphy, 24. Paul Cummins, 25. Chloe Byrne.

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