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Minister Congratulates CBC

Minister for Education and Science Mr Batt O’Keeffe TD personally phoned the schools of the fourteen highest achieving pupils on Leaving Cert results day, 13 August, to ask the principals to pass on his congratulations to the top students. However, he had to lift the phone only twelve times because three of this gifted group came from the one school: CBC. Dr Larry Jordan was very pleased to oblige.

Nor was the Minister the only person taking an interest in Christians’ extraordinary achievement. CBC’s results caused such a stir that they were featured on TV, radio and the local and national press for days afterwards.

The *Irish Times* sent a journalist to investigate the teaching of Maths in CBC: ‘Nationally, just two per cent of maths students secured a

higher level A. At Sidney Hill, 24 per cent achieved this grade’, the paper stated. The journalist researched how CBC ‘is bucking the trend in spectacular style’, and concluded that ‘gifted teaching and fresh thinking is delivering outstanding results.’

The article was titled: ‘Maths: where did it all go right?’ However, several other subjects could have been substituted for Maths in that headline. In a physics class of 28 pupils, 24 achieved higher A grades, and one of their number, Paul Fitzgerald, was awarded the top mark in the country in Leaving Cert Physics. His classmate, Kevin O’Keeffe was awarded the top mark in German.

Though it was very gratifying for the school to achieve headline-grabbing results, the most satisfactory statistic again this year was that the average points achieved by the Class of 2008 was a whopping 400.

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LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2008 — EIGHT CBC PUPILS ON MAXIMUM POINTS (AND SOME TO SPARE)
BACK ROW (L-R): MARK MORIARTY, JAMES DONNELLY, ROSS O’SHEA; FRONT ROW (L-R): IAN CHISHOLM, KEVIN O’KEEFFE, DR LARRY JORDAN, PHELIM BRADLEY, TIM CRONIN; INSET: DANIEL LEHANE

This Year's Junior Certificate A-Team



Back Row L-R: Donnchadh O'Sullivan (10 A's), Cillian Williamson (11 A's), Kevin Slater (9A's), Paul Ryan (11 A's) Conor Barry (10 A's), Darragh Clifford (10 A's), Jack Hogan (10A's); **Front Row L-R:** Alan O'Regan (9A's), David O'Leary (9A's), Michael Killian (10 A's), Dylan West (10 A's), Aidan O'Dowling (11 A's), Oisín O'Callaghan (9A's), Simon Treacy (9A's).

CBC Retirements

Four long-standing members of CBC's teaching staff retired at the end of the 2007/08 school year: Mr Christy Lordan and Mr Bill Guiney from the Science Department and Mr Dan Healy and Mr

Ted Fitzgerald from the Irish Department. Presentations were made to all four on behalf of their colleagues and on behalf of the Board of Management. All at CBC join in wishing them the best in their post-CBC lives.

Board of Management 2008-2011



Back Row L-R: Mrs Nodlaig Nathan (inset), Mr Dennis Lenihan, Mr Pól O'Seanachain, Dr Larrie Martin, Mr John McSweeney, Mr Frank Cotter, Mr Declan Daly (inset); **Front Row L-R:** Dr Larry Jordan (Principal/Secretary), Mrs Anne Collins, Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson), Mrs Myriam O'Connor.

CBC LEAVING CERT 2008 STATS

8 Higher A1 grades: Three pupils in CBC out of a total of 14 in Ireland: Ian Chisholm, Mark Moriarty, Kevin O'Keeffe

6 or more higher A1 grades: Eight pupils: Kevin O'Keeffe, Daniel Lehane, Ross O'Shea, Mark Moriarty, James Donnelly, Phelim Bradley, Ian Chisholm, Tim Cronin

590 points: Five more CBC pupils: Fergus Daly, Stephen Daly, Richard Fitzgerald, Paul Fitzgerald, Conal O'Deasmhunaigh

400 Points: Average number of points attained by CBC pupils in Leaving Cert 2008

11 UCC Scholarships: Phelim Bradley, Timothy Cronin, Stephen Daly, James Donnelly, Paul Fitzgerald, Daniel Lehane, Daniel McWhinney, Mark Moriarty, Donal O'Dwyer, Kevin O'Keeffe, Ross O'Shea.

Irish: 17 higher A's in a class of 24

English: 18 higher A's in a class of 18

Maths: 27 higher A's in a class of 30

French: 15 higher A's in a class of 24

Physics: 24 higher A's in a class of 28

Applied Maths: 16 higher A's; class of 30

Chemistry: 13 higher As in a class of 19

First Place in Ireland

Physics: Paul Fitzgerald
German: Kevin O'Keeffe

Edmund Rice Schools Trust

On 1 September 2008, the Edmund Rice Schools Trust took over responsibility for trusteeship of all former Christian Brother Schools. The Trust is chaired by Mr Pat Diggins, and Mr Gerry Bennett serves as CEO and is based in the Trust's new Education Office at Clonkeen Road, Blackrock, Co. Dublin.



STAFF CHANGES, SEPTEMBER 2008

Back Row L-R: Mr Michael Dalton (H. Dip student), Mr Stephen Stokes (H. Dip student), Mr Michael Burke (Physics/Chemistry/Science teacher), Mr Darragh Ryan (H. Dip student); **Front Row L-R:** Miss Elaine Hammond (Irish and French teacher), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Miss Katie Court (H. Dip student)

School Activities 2007-2008

BASKETBALL

Basketball continues to go from strength to strength in the College with a wealth of talent in each age group.

This year the Under-16 team were in Group A of the Cork Schools Cup featuring the North Mon AG, Coláiste Choilm Ballincollig, Crosshaven, Carrigaline and Cobh. The Christians' side played with pace and skill winning two of their matches but unfortunately being narrowly defeated in the other three and as a result finished fourth.

Mr Pat Fitzpatrick from Neptune continues to coach the Christians teams on a weekly basis and to bring a wealth of experience.

The Under-16 team 2007/08 was as follows: James Hennessy, Thomas Daly, Elliot Cagney, Kieran Frost, Matt Hosey, Darragh Clifford, Kyle Crowley, Jack Hogan, Justin Cronin, Ryan Murphy, Adam King and Killian Cremin.

Debating

This year saw the Society once again organising two competitions that are fast becoming recognised in Cork and further afield. The first, the Cork City Schools Debating Competition, was aimed at junior debaters and we were delighted to see how well it was received. In all, thirty-six teams took part, the highest number so far, with the final held in the Ambassador Hotel. CBC was represented in the competition by Ronan



First Year Basketball Team

Back Row (L-R): E. O'Keefe, P. Leahy, T. Arrigan, R. Connolly, C. O'Leary; **Middle Row (L-R):** D. O'Callaghan, J. Coleman, D. Galvin, E. Fallon, C. Hurley; **Front Row (L-R):** L. Deasy, D. Hurn, S. Dennehy, J. O'Connor, B. Morgan

O'Connor and Conor O'Brien, Alan O'Regan and Cormac O'Brien and Enda Kerr and Jack Corbett. The second, the Sean Lydon Memorial Mace, is now in its fifth year and was likewise a huge success. In all, twenty-four teams from around the country registered to take part. The success of these two competitions is a tribute to the student committee. A special word of thanks must go once again to the members of UCC Philosoph, especially past pupils J.P. Frenett, Ross Frenett and Conor O'Brien for their hard work and dedication to this competition. It was particularly gratifying to see so

many past pupils from CBC returning to help adjudicate and advise over the course of the year. Their continued involvement is appreciated.

Orchestra and Choir

2007/'08, another hectic and musically exciting year for the CBC Orchestra and Choir, started with the performance at the First Year Orientation Mass at the beginning of the year.

Our next event was the College Open Night, where the Orchestra entertained the hundreds of potential students and their parents as they came in to view the College. Before long, preparations and

rehearsals for the annual Christmas Concert began to take place, culminating in the big night itself. The newly elected PPU President Mr Eamon Muldoon 'lit' the Christmas star, and then the carols and fun began. There was a record number of students in the Choir this year — forty-five in all — and over twenty-five students in the Orchestra. As usual, Santa and his little (big!) helpers were the most popular guests at the Christmas Concert.

Rehearsals began again in the New Year on a regular basis, and before long the sounds of music echoed along the Canteen corridor. The Orchestra and Choir performed at the Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day Mass, First Year Mass, Graduation Mass, Edmund Rice Awards Ceremony, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

All in all, a very full and rewarding year was had!

Cricket

Cricket has undergone a resurgence in CBC this year. Last year's team had seven members whereas the current squad comprises of 35 members from Second to Sixth Year. In addition, the captain of the Munster Under-13 team, Brad Morgan, now comes from the ranks of CBC, and one other CBC player, Ronan Hill, unfortunately missed out on making the Munster team through injury.

Duais Mhór don Ghaeilge

Bhuaigh Roinn Gaeilge na Scoile trí míle euro le déanaí i gcomórtas náisiúnta a bhí á réachtáil ag Foras na Gaeilge. B'í príomhaidhm an chomórtais ná aitheantas a thabhairt do na cleachtáirs is fearr maidir le cur chun cinn na



Ms Catherine Welch, Múinteoir Gaeilge; Mr Batt O'Keefe TD, Aire Oideachais agus Eolaíochta; agus Darragh Daly, dalta 5ú Bliain.

Gaeilge labhartha ar bhealaí cruthaitheacha nuálacha i scoileanna ar fud na hÉireann a fheidhmiú trí mheán an Bhéarla. Bhronn an tAire Batt O'Keefe TD agus Aire Oideachais an Tuaiscirt Catriona Ruane an gradam orainn i mBaile Átha Cliath.



Debating Society Committee 2007/08

Back Row (L-R): Owen Murphy, Conal O'Deasmhunaigh, Gearoid Wrixon, Stuart Chisholm; **Front Row (L-R):** Evin Doyle, Aodhrua Fitzgerald, Aodhghan O'Deasmhunaigh, Alan O'Regan.

ZAMBIA 2009

In summer 2009, CBC Zambia Immersion Project will enter its fourth phase, as eight students will again travel to work with the Christian Brothers. The students will be accompanied by Mr John B. Murphy, Miss Marie Delaney, Miss Lisa McKeigue and Mr Benoit Ric.

SCHOOL TOURS

The year 2007-08 was a memorable one for tours. For the fourth successive year CBC embarked on a week long ski trip during the February mid-term. The venue this year was Folgaria ski resort in northern Italy. Fifty fourth year pupils and five teachers braved the elements for what was a memorable week of skiing. With a large number of beginners in the group, a degree of nervousness was felt the first morning. However, these fears were misplaced as the boys took to skiing with ease, and soon passed out some of the more experienced skiers in the group. The boys attended ski school each day for four hours, with a little practice time at the end of each day. In the evenings the boys were also very busy with ice skating, tobogganing and a ski extravaganza just some of the activities. All in all, it was an action packed week and one that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

The most exotic tour was that undertaken by 44 senior pupils and four teachers who headed for China for a week in March. There were many highlights including a visit to the Great Wall and the Silk Market. The boys can stake a small claim to have made history, as they participated in the first ever St Patrick's Day parade in Beijing and consequently appeared in both Irish and Chinese television.

The junior pupils also had an exciting trip to look back on at the end of the year. Forty of them, accompanied by five teachers travelled to Los Angeles and San Francisco during the Easter break.

Student Council & Parents Council



Student Council 2008-09

Back Row (L-R): Charlie Slowey, Kevin Creedon, Cuchulainn Morrissey, John O'Dowd, Jeff Safar Hamadi, Conor Martin, Dean Dunlea, Mark O'Sullivan, Kevin O'Sullivan, Stuart Chisholm, Daniel Murphy, Jack Hogan, Daniel Coughlan;
Middle Row (L-R): Jack Hartnett, Edmund Heaphy, Scott McKenzie, Brad Morgan, Shane McAuliffe, John Keneally, David Purcell, Owen Mulcahy, Steven McGivern, Neil Brennan, Saul Goulding-Bradley; **Front Row (L-R):** Cian O'Connor, Max Waterstone, Glen Stokes, Eoin Kilcommons, Mr Pol O'Seanachain, Eoin O'Sullivan, Shane Browne, Enda Kerr, Luke Sheffran, Dylan Lenihan.

Parents Council 2008-09

The Parents Council is as follows: Mr Thomas Hunter McGowan (Chairperson), Mrs Gillian O'Kelly (Secretary), Mr Conal Courtney (Treasurer), Mr David Hill (PRO), Mrs Ann Marie Kenny and Mrs Mary Coleman (Regional Representatives) and Committee Members: Mr Ed Heaphy, Mr Billy Egan, Mr Owen Crotty, Mr Ian O'Dowling, Mr John Feeney and Mr David Fitzgerald.

ARTS WEEK

CBC celebrated another fantastic Arts Week from 4-10 November 2007. Apart from exam classes, the whole school was involved in some way in the celebration of the Arts.

There were workshops, competitions, concerts, exhibitions, enough to engage the whole school for a hectic but thoroughly enjoyable week. The teachers

also got involved with a fantastic end of Arts Week concert in the College Hall.

There were workshops in painting, pottery, puppet-making, sculpture, poetry, writing, percussion, song-writing, photography and video making, to name just a few. Music filled the corridors of the College with various lunch time concerts and performances, culminating in the Grand Finale concert at the end of the week.

Arts Weeks is in its tenth year and continues to go from success to success.



College Sports Day

This April saw a complete revamp of the school sports. Held at the UCC Sports Centre, Mardyke, there was a huge attendance of both the Junior and Secondary school pupils. The day was generously sponsored by the College PPU and also by OB Sports who provided t-shirts and medals for the College Championships.

Congratulations to Mr Frank Cotter AWARD FOR MR FRANK COTTER

Mr Frank Cotter on being presented with the Victor W. Graham Perpetual Trophy for achievement in Applied Maths. The trophy is awarded annually by INCA on the nomination of the Irish Applied Maths Teachers Association (IAMTA) and the Cork Maths Teachers Association. Pictured above are Mr Cotter receiving the trophy from Dr Maurice O'Reilly of INCA and Minister for Education and Science, Mr Batt O'Keeffe TD.



TEAM MATHS AND OTHER QUIZ TEAMS

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES



Pictured above: Four CBC 'Team Math' teams; the teams were placed First, Second, Third and joint Third in the 2007/08 IMTA competition, leaving nothing for the other contestants!

The Irish Maths Teachers Association's (IMTA) annual quiz is always a highlight for CBC. With a record in the competition that no school can match, the College is always one of the favourites to lift the 'Team Math' title. Led by Ms Ann Barry Murphy, all concerned dedicate themselves to weekly after-school training in the run up to the competition.

To say that this year's teams eclipsed the success of previous years would be an understatement. The team of Brian Kerr, Jonathan Crowley, Mark Coveney, and Tim Cronin took the top spot, with Shaun Fitzgerald, Daniel Lehane, James Donnelly and Ian Chisholm coming a close second. Teams comprised of Colm Lyne, Stephen Daly, Eoin Shannon, Paul Fitzgerald; and Daniel McWhinney, Ruadhan O'Deasmhunaigh, Fergus Daly and Richard Fitzgerald completed the CBC sweep of the board by taking joint third.

In the National Electrical Engineering Quiz, the CBC team made up of Ian Chisholm, Donal O'Dwyer, Kevin O'Keeffe and Phelim Bradley, managed to come third.

The Pfizer Chemistry Quiz ended controversially. CBC's team of Ian Chisholm, Kevin O'Keeffe, Phelim Bradley and Conal O'Deasmhunaigh were marked down by one point in error, and the first prize was presented to Mount Mercy. The error was discovered after the competition was over and both teams were eventually presented with glass trophies.

The Thomas Crosbie Holdings

all Ireland Schools Quiz team was made up of Enda Kerr; Kevin Slater; Simon Treacy, James O'Nunáin, Daniel Purcell and Shane Riordan. The team performed very well, being narrowly beaten in the third round.

CBC came second in Ireland in the inaugural TV3 All Ireland Challenge. Over 150 schools participated and CBC's team of Niall Scanlon, Aodhrua Fitzgerald, Owen Murphy, James O'Nunáin and Eoghan Doyle won through to represent Cork. The knock out stages were run off during the present school year and our lads made it to the final where they were beaten by ONE point! Watch CBC in the semi-final and final on tv later this month (20 December).

The past academic year was a very busy and successful one for charitable events in CBC. As in previous years, a committee was formed to organise all of the events, Mr Martin Owens served as chairperson, and was ably assisted by Mr Alan Hickey, Ms Lorna Mulvany, Mr Edmond Hussey, Mr Simon Kelliher and Ms Marie Delaney.

The charities selected to be the recipients of donations at Christmas were: Cork Simon, St Vincent De Paul, the Edith Wilkins Foundation and the Cork Blind Association.

The decision was taken to ask the parents of each boy to contribute twenty euro to the charitable activities fund and in return the parents received free entry to the Christmas Concert. In addition, a non-uniform day was arranged and a sizeable sum was collected.

In the New Year charitable activities continued to be successful, and in the Preparatory School pancake sales in all the classes raised considerable funds for Cork Simon and the Edith Wilkins Foundation.

In March the College presented a cheque to Killian O'Brien, Fourth Year (pictured below) to partly fund his successful application to go to South Africa for one week to build houses on behalf of the Niall Mellon Township Trust.

In May the School presented a cheque to Cian Kerrigan, Fifth Year. In June Cian travelled to Belarus for a month to work as a volunteer on a holiday programme for the children of the Belarusian Orphanage Project.

A non-uniform day was organised in April to fund the costs of both Killian's and Cian's projects.



ROWING



This was a very good season for Christian Brothers College Rowing Club. It has gained many new members throughout all levels from First to Sixth year. The year saw the further availability of rowing facilities to the school and the training programme being implemented by club captain Shane Ryan proved itself to be very successful, leading to victory for all squads involved.

The greatest success of the year was at the Munster Schools Rowing Championship which took place at the National Rowing Centre in Inncarra. Christians picked up medals in the

Junior 14 and Junior 18 categories despite stiff competition from Skibbereen Boat Club, who are regarded as one of the best clubs in the country and produce the most oarsmen selected for the Irish teams nationwide. Shane Ryan, Club Captain, received an award for achieving the fastest time of the event.

PHOTOGRAPH

- Back Row (L-R):** J. Coughlan, E. McKernan, L. O'Mahony, S. Ryan;
- Middle Row (L-R):** T. Sutton, C. Crowley, J. O'Flynn;
- Front Row (L-R):** J. Moroney, K. Horgan, P. O'Kelly Lynch.



Class 1A27 Back Row (L-R): Dylan Walsh (St Luke's), Darragh Newman (Scoil Chríost Rí), Cian O'Connor (Bartlemy), Brodie O'Sullivan (Brooklodge), Alan McCarthy (St Anthony's), Conor O'Driscoll (Saleen), Conor Crowley (Analeentha), Tadhg McAuliffe (Bartlemy); **Middle Row (L-R):** Jack Canning (St Anthony's), Rory Humphries (St Columba's), John Wallace (St Anthony's), Aaron Singleton (CBC), Declan McCarthy (Brooklodge), Peter Townsend (Gaelscoil Uí Riada), Keith O'Regan (St Patrick's), Thomas Goggin (St Luke's), Jack Hartnett (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn); **Front Row (L-R):** Darren Dowling (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Ross O'Sullivan (St Patrick's), Timothy Shermann (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Lorcan Wiseman (St Columba's), Ross Hill (CBC), Kynan Rocks (Scoil an Athar Tadhg), Kevin O'Sullivan (St Anthony's); **Absent from Photograph:** Brian Dowling (St Columba's), Conor Drummond (Scoil an Athar Tadhg).



CLASS 1A28
Back Row (L-R): Niall Galvin (Glounthaune), William Lehane (Scoil Eoin), Luke Field (St Patrick's), James Roberts (CBC), Kevin O'Flynn (St Patrick's), Aodh Kennedy (Scoil na nÓg), James Bryant (St Columba's), Luke Mulligan (Clogheen); **Middle Row (L-R):** Cormac O'Mahony (Clogheen), Tristan Hartnett (Firmount), David Barry (Glounthaune), Shane Morely (St Anthony's), Ian Cahill (CBC), Stephen O'Connor (CBC), Oisín McSwiney (Kilmurry), Shane McHugh (CBC), Timothy Fannon (Rushbrook), Jack Harrington (St Laichtin's); **Front Row (L-R):** Jake McCarthy (Glounthaune), Alan Reidy (Firmount), Adam Daly (Glounthaune), Nigel Booth (St Anthony's), Anthony Creed (Clogheen), Brian Cooney (St Anthony's), Scott McKenzie (New Inn), Brian Burke (St Columba's); **Absent from Photograph:** David Grufferty (Scoil Iosaif Naofa).



Class 1A29
Back Row (L-R): Samuel Guilfoyle (Glounthaune), Shane McAuliffe (St Anthony's), Kevin Creedon (Cork School Project), Ruben O'Callaghan (Glounthaune), Robert O'Driscoll (Cork School Project), Gregory Roche (CBC), Cian Rigney (St Columba's), Craig Tansley-Peglar (Brooklodge); **Middle Row (L-R):** Liam Coates (CBC), Peter Collins (CBC), Lorcan Finnegan (Glounthaune), Jack O'Brien (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Evan White (St Columba's), Robert Murphy (Cloghroe), Conor Phelan (St Anthony's), Sean Coomey (Brooklodge), Conor Horgan (St Patrick's, Whitechurch), Alfie Sammon-Jones (Cork School Project); **Front Row (L-R):** Cian Luddy (Glounthaune), Conor Murphy (Summer Cove), Kieran Griffin (CBC), Eoin Scully (Summer Cove), Lorcan Hickey (Summer Cove), Adam Fahy (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), David Madden (St Patrick's, Whitechurch), Eoin Walshe (St Patrick's, Whitechurch)

HOW FIRST YEARS BECOME CBC BOYS

The move from primary school to secondary school is as dramatic a change in a twelve year old boy's life as is the later change from Sixth Year to Third Level, or from Third Level to the work force. Fourteen years ago, CBC devised a system to ensure that the transition would be as smooth as possible. It worked so well that, in the intervening period, no substantial changes have been made to the original plan.

We started with the infrastructure. The First Years are housed in a separate building which is situated a little distance from the main College. The First Year building is equipped like a small school. It has its own shop, hall, toilets and yard. There is a Computer Room and an Art Room in the same block to which the First Years have easy access. In fact, on many days of the week, they have no need to go up to the main College; they are fully catered for in First Year World.

From the very start, it was decided that the continuous presence of a senior teacher would be required, both to manage the facility and also to be available to pupils and their parents throughout the day. Mr Dan Healy took up this position and translated the ambitious plan for a designated First Year area into a working model. The care that was given to each pupil and the ease with which First Years settled in to a new way of life became one of the prime attractions of CBC.

Currently, the First Year Head is Assistant Principal Mr Pat Kelleher who has continued and developed the work started by Mr Healy.

Settling in is only half of the work carried out in First Year. Moving on to the main College at the start of Second Year is also an important focus.

First Years have a full year to get used to CBC. They go up to the main College for PE in the Gym, for double classes in the Biology, Chemistry and Physics Labs and, if they wish, to Campbell's Catering for a hot meal during the lunchtime break.

By the time the end of the first year arrives they have become well used to the bigger boys and can find their way round the school without difficulty. Imperceptibly, they have become CBC boys.



Class 1A30 Back Row (L-R): Alexander Mulcahy (St Anthony's), Eric Jones (St Patrick's), James Bradfield (St Patrick's), Darren Coughlan (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Glen Stokes (St Anthony's), Jack Casey (Ballintemple), Karl Hurley (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Jack Stoot (Scoil Iosaif Naofa, Cobh); **Middle Row (L-R):** Brian Manning (CBC), Luke Carroll (St Patrick's), David Hickey (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Liam O'Connor (Scoil Oilibhéir), Darragh Muldoon (CBC), John Mitchell (CBC), Kevin Sheehan (Ballintemple), Cuchulainn Morrissey (St Patrick's); **Front Row (L-R):** Daniel O'Connell (St Columba's), Michael Cooney (Clogheen), Evan Galvin (Upper Glanmire), Saad Azher (St Columba's), Mark Kavanagh (St Patrick's), Patrick Doyle (Berrings); **Absent from Photograph:** Corey Cashman (St Anthony's), Aaron Daly (St Anthony's).



CLASS 1A31
Back Row (L-R): Kieran O'Regan (Rathpeacon), Shane Canton (CBC), James Coughlan (Ballintemple), John O'Dowd (St Luke's), Jack White (Rathduff), Conor Carlson (St Anthony's), Keegan O'Mahony (St Joseph's, Riverstown), David Hurley (St Anthony's); **Middle Row (L-R):** James Treacy (St Anthony's), Eoin Barrett (St Patrick's), Finbarr Donovan (Canovee), Dylan Lenihan (Scoil an Chroí Ró-Naofa), Shane Kearney (Ballintemple), Jason Higgins (St Anthony's), Christopher Walley (St Joseph's, Riverstown), Conor Pigott (St Luke's), Sean Buckley (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Vincent O'Brien (Cloghroe), David O'Sullivan (Ballintemple), Liam O'Sullivan (Scoil Oilibhéir), Hugh Doyle (Ballintemple), Cory Galvin (Scoil Naomh Micheál), Tristan Kelleher (Cloghroe), Shay Buckley (St Joseph's, Glanmire).



CLASS 1A32
Back Row (L-R): John Kennedy (Norwood), Mark Colgan (St Columba's), Eamonn Casey (St Columba's), Paul Redmond (Scoil Barra), Bryan McSwiney (CBC), David Parfrey (Scoil Barra), Dylan Barrett (St Anthony's), Evan Mintern (CBC), Jack Cowhig (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Luke Garvin (Shanbally), Charles O'Keeffe (St Patrick's), Jack McHenry (Scoil Bhríde, Co. Kildare), Kevin Kelly (Scoil Eoin), David Murphy (Scoil Eoin), Matt Nagle (St Anthony's), Max Waterstone (St Luke's), Derek O'Leary (St Joseph's), Cian Fitzgerald (Notre Dame, NY), Daniel O'Sullivan (St Anthony's); **Front Row (L-R):** Ronán Crowley (St Joseph's), James Greene (St Luke's), Jack Sheehan (Scoil Barra), Jamie Beadle (North Monastery), James Kevin McCarthy (Shanbally), Sean O'Brien (Shanbally), James David Mc Carthy (St Patrick's).

PPU ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2007-2008

In the course of 2007/'08, the Union was very active in the life of the College. It was involved with sponsorship of the Annual Gold Medal Debate, the Golfing Society, Sports Day, the Senior and Junior rugby squads, the Christian Brothers Immersion Project in Zambia, the Sundays Well Life Centre (located in the former monastery in Blarney Street) and the Grace O'Gorman Trust.

The Union continues to be involved in the Br Edmund Rice Award for Charitable Activities at the Annual Prizegiving, the Christmas Carol Service, Rugby Presentations, Graduation Mass,



77th Annual Dinner of the CBC Past Pupils Union

Mr Vivian Nathan (front row, fifth from left) and guests at the annual dinner of Christian Brothers College Past Pupils Union held at the Metropole Hotel on 26 January 2008.



Outgoing President Mr Viv Nathan hands over the chain of office to incoming President for the year 2008-09 Mr Reg Geary

Transition Year Open Evening, Arts Week Presentations Day, First Year Orientation Day — amongst others.

In this way, the PPU is actively involved in the day-to-day running of the school. The College recognises the PPU as a valued component of the CBC community.

PPU COMMITTEE 2008-09

President: R. Geary; **Vice-Presidents:** V. Jacobs, N. Jeffries, R. Kiely, K. O'Sullivan, L. Jordan; **Hon Secs:** M. Owens, M. Collins; **Hon Treasurers:** P. Cashman, E. Kenny; **Committee:** G. Fitzgerald, P. Madden, A. Monahan, P. Nathan, J. O'Donnell and S. Parfrey.



The Class of 1958

Back Row (L-R): Gerald O'Flynn, Jerome O'Donovan, Frank O'Flynn, Norman Baker, Reggie O'Keeffe, Denis Crowley, Tim Ahern, Jim Lucey, Donnacha O'Cinneide, Frank Bowen, Brendan Quinlan, Fr Vincent Twomey SVD; **Front Row (L-R):** Fr. Cormac Breathnach SMA, John Curtin, Noel O'Mahony, Liam Murphy, Rod MacConnaill, Tony Fitzpatrick, Jack Lynch.
Absent: John Crimmins, Fr Lee Cahill SMA, Peter Gaffney, Fr Larry Mulligan OFM

PREP SCHOOL

On Friday, 11 April at 12:45am, a group of twenty Sixth Class pupils, accompanied by four staff, met at Cork Airport for the annual tour to Bath. The tour was organised by Mr Dennis Linehan and Mr Steven Lynch, ably supported by Mr Martin Owens, Mr Tony Murphy, and by Mr Ian Rea who met us at Bristol Airport. Spirits were high as we prepared for departure. However, after checking in we were informed by airport staff that the flight was delayed for over an hour, so our original plan of checking into the hostel in Bath was changed.

Instead, after arrival into Bristol Airport, we headed directly to Avon RFC for our first match. This was a tough ask for the boys, but they proved they were more than up for it, putting on a brilliant performance resulting in a 30-5 victory. After availing of the customary excellent hospitality provided by Avon, we departed for our hostel in the centre of Bath and enjoyed a good night's sleep.

On Saturday morning after breakfast the touring party headed for Coombedown RFC who kindly provided their ground for the match against Bath RFC. Despite a very good performance, we were



Back Row (L-R): John Mitchell, Bryan MacSwiney, Shane Canton, James Roberts, Gregory Roche, Lukas Manamangas, Shane McHugh; **Middle Row (L-R):** Ben Dunlea, Darragh Muldoon, Eduardo Rocha, Jack Cowhig, Evan Mintern, Peter Collins, Liam Coates; **Front Row (L-R):** Ian Cahill, Stephen O'Connor, Kieran Griffin, Aaron Singleton, Ross Hill

beaten by a Bath side with greater pace in attack, eventually losing out 25-14. After the initial disappointment of losing, the boys looked forward to an afternoon's shopping in the city centre. This is always a very popular, though expensive part of the tour. This time some of the boys and teachers availed of an open top bus and boat tour of Bath, which provided an excellent account of the history of the city.

On Saturday evening we made our annual trip to Longwell Breen Leisure Complex. Here the boys enjoyed an hour in the Laser Fusion Centre, followed by a meal in Pizza Hut. Instead of our usual bowling we decided to go to the cinema where we all enjoyed *Son of Rambo*. We arrived back at the hostel at 11:00pm and settled in for a good night's sleep after an exhausting day.

On Sunday morning we visited Walcott RFC to play our final match of the tour. The boys were in great form and completed a great tour with a resounding win 17-5. After some photographs and exchange of gifts with the always hospitable hosts at Walcott, we made our way to Bristol Airport for our flight home.

The large group of travelling parents were also of immense support, and all the staff worked tirelessly and cheerfully to ensure that the tour was a huge success. Roll on 2009!

JUNIOR INFANTS CLASS OF 2008-2009



BACK ROW L-R: Alex Joyce, Joseph Gaffney, Brian Waugh, Cian O'Mahony, Liam Scagell, Eamon O'Riordan, David Carroll, Cian O'Keefe, Freddie Frogatt, Eoin Downey; **FRONT ROW L-R:** Scott McCarthy, Dylan Haugh, Jack O'Mahony, Jack Casey, Seán Forbes, Eoghan Rodahan, Aaron O'Brien, Joe Kennedy, William Kavanagh.

All Weather Pitch

During summer 2008, a new all weather synthetic grass pitch was constructed in the College grounds. Positioned between the Preparatory and Secondary School buildings, the pitch measures 20 metres by 40 metres. The new facility, which is floodlit, is available to all pupils in both schools for PE classes, soccer and rugby training during the school day, and also after school for various sports activities.

Annual Awards 2007-2008

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	SPECIAL MERIT
1A27	David Purcell	Eoin Fallon Dane Hurn
1A28	Sean Gill Rory Kelleher	Mark Fenlon Jack White
1A29	Darren O'Dowling	Matt Grogan Liam Deasy
1A30	Conor Moloney	Michael Abernethy Shane Galvin
1A31	Eamonn Kenny	James Burke Luke Baldwin
2A1	Colin Martin	Tom Moorehead Rory Daly
2A2	John McCarthy	Kevin Synott Daniel Murphy
2A3	Alan Courtney	Andrew Love Kevin O'Riordan
2A4	Robert O'Dowling	Jack Lehane Daniel Coughlan
2A5	Ronan O'Connor	John Teahan Brian Finn

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2008

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE
3A9	Paul Ryan	Michael Killian Donncha O'Sullivan
3A10	Aaron O'Connor	Donal Mulqueen
3A11	Tim Cremin	Justin Cronin
3A12	Cillian Williamson	Conor Barry Darragh Clifford
3A14	Aidan O'Dowling	Dylan West Thomas Hogan

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST PLACE:	Cillian Power
Special Merit:	James Sullivan, Ronan McCarthy Daniel Murphy, Sean Forde Tom Moloney, Shane Henchion

FIFTH YEAR

FIRST PLACE:	Rory Crotty
SPECIAL MERIT:	David Walsh, William Murray James Eivers, Kieran Burke Edward Noonan, Mark Donovan Usman Aslam

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2008 AWARDS

Phelim Bradley	Ian Chisholm
Tim Cronin	James Donnelly
Daniel Lehane	Mark Moriarty
Kevin O'Keefe	Ross O'Shea

— EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS —

Art	James Fayer
Soccer	Craig Burns, Tim Mawe, Ethan McCarthy
Athletics	Chris Murnane
Swimming	Paul Laffan Ryan O'Dowling Robert Bevan Simon Treacy
Junior Cricket	Brad Morgan
Senior Cricket	Asfand Baig Mirza
History	Craig Wakefield
Irish	Philip Neville Sean Delea
Under-13 Rugby	Ryan Foley
Under-14 Rugby	John McCarthy
Junior Rugby	Kevin Slater
Under-16 Rugby	Daragh Daly
Senior Rugby	Brian O'Callaghan
PETER WILSON AWARD	Kyle O'Dwyer
Rock Music	Adam Forde
Orchestra	Matthew Kelleher
Junior Maths	Evin Doyle

Senior Maths

Tim Cronin
Mark Coveney
Brian Kerr
Jonathan Crowley
Stephen O'Mahony

Pitch & Putt

Martin Corbett

Hurling

Tennis

Kevin O'Keefe
Mark Moriarty

Golf

Josh Cogan

Basketball

Tim Riordan

Debating

Gearoid Wrixon
Ian Chisholm
Conal O Deasmhunaigh

Rowing

Shane Ryan

Young Writer

Kieran Burke

Science

Gearoid Wrixon

Physics Mark Moriarty and Paul Fitzgerald

Chemistry

Phelim Bradley
Ian Chisholm
Kevin O'Keefe
Conal O Deasmhunaigh

Business

Eoin O'Sullivan
Colin Kenny

GRETCHEN CROSBIE AWARD

Daniel Lehane

ANDREW QUINLAN AWARD

Daniel Purcell

BLESSED EDMUND RICE AWARD

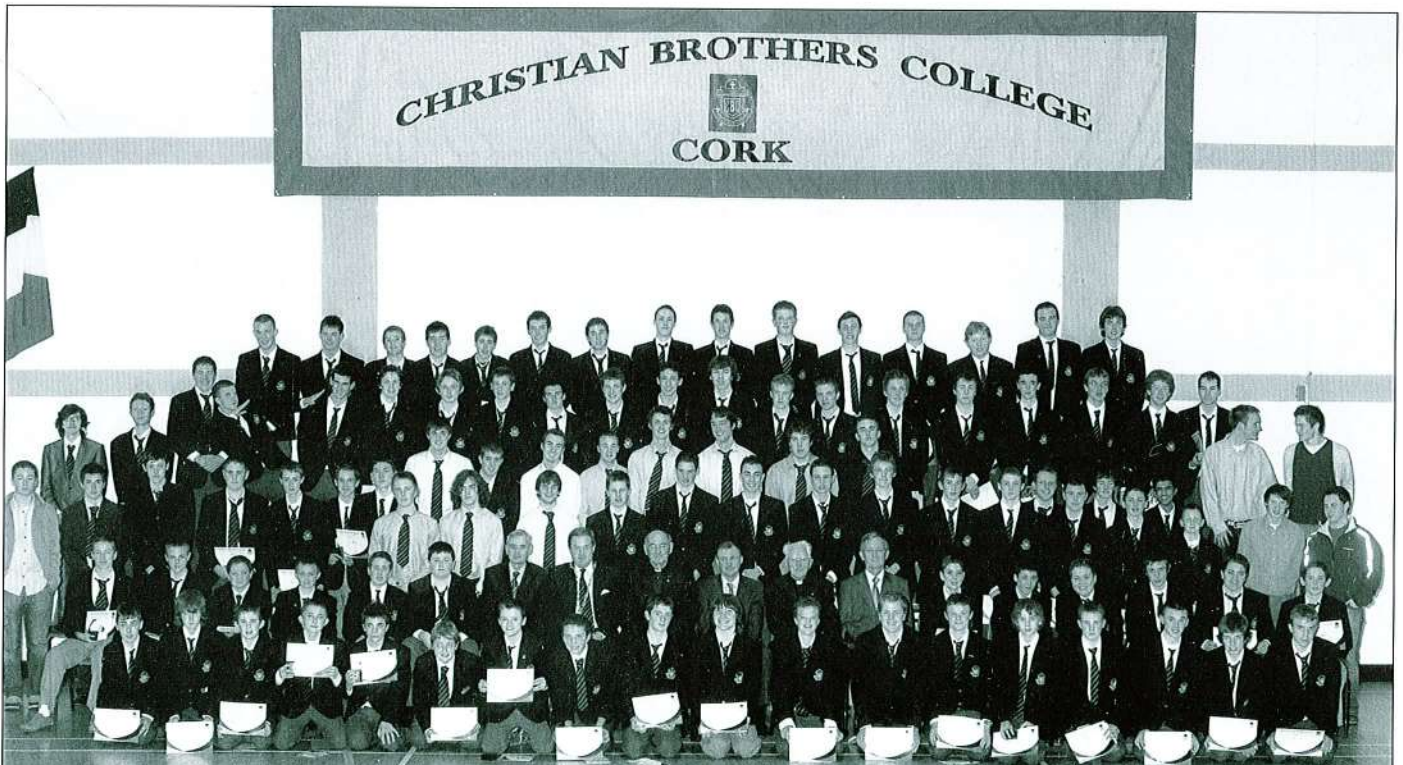
Conor O'Meara
Rory McSweeney
Shane Ryan
Rory Crotty
Conor O'Sullivan
Ethan McCarthy,
Ronan Fitzsimons, Daniel Keane

FATHER MIKE WHELAN AWARD

Cian Kerrigan
Simon Henley-Willis

BROTHER REYNOLDSF

STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2007/2008
Mark Moriarty



AWARDS RECIPIENTS ON THE EVENING, PHOTOGRAPHED WITH GUEST SPEAKER DR CARL VAUGHAN AND SPECIAL GUESTS FR ANTHONY MORRIS OP, MR VIV NATHAN (PRESIDENT PPU) AND BROTHER LP REYNOLDS

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Though rugby continues to be the main sport, an effort is made to resource any sporting activity in which pupils have an interest. Over the years, the College has catered for the enthusiasm of pupils in games such as Hurling, Gaelic Football, Rowing, Tennis, Martial Arts, Basketball and Soccer; and will continue to widen the sporting opportunities available to pupils. The following paragraphs give a sample of CBC's sporting life in 2007-08.

Hurling

Our Lord Mayor's Cup team won the competition this year in great style. We had good wins over Ballincollig Community and Carrigaline the first day, and then beat Nagle Community College before beating Carrigaline again in the final. This was a nice way to finish the year and a deserving piece of silverware for the lads.

The seniors played the North Mon in the first round of the O'Callaghan Cup in the Glen Field in early October. We had a great win, coming from three points

Tim Mawe Holds Aloft the Cork Under-16 Soccer Cup



A full account of the CBC soccer teams' campaigns may be read in the *CBC Year Book 2007-08* (page 200-7). The high point of the season, undoubtedly, was bringing back the Cork Under-16 Cup to the College after a hard won, 2-1 victory over Ashton Comprehensive in the final of the competition. CBC met Kinsale Community School in the first round and were convincing winners, with a final score of 8-0. Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig, slogged it out with CBC in Novartis Park, Ringaskiddy. Our boys won 3-1 and were in to the quarter-final against Colaiste Mhuire, Cobh. Against this talented team, CBC's winning margin was further reduced to 1-0, but was sufficient to pit CBC against the other semi-finalists: Mary Immaculate, Dunmanway. Again, the soccer gods smiled on CBC giving us a 3-2 victory. All the travelling and hard work paid off when Mr Tim Kelly, Chairman of Cork Schools, presented the trophy to our captain Tim Mawe who gratefully accepted it on behalf of the squad.

Lord Mayor's Cup Football

2007-08 proved to be another successful year for the College on the football field. Christians' Transition Year footballers continued the College's proud tradition in the Lord Mayor's Cup winning it for the second year in a row and for the third time in four years. Another major development was the setting up in the College, for the first time, of a senior football team. The team entered the Cork Senior Colleges or Simcox Cup and had an impressive victory over Coachford Community College in the first round. The second round saw CBC paired against a very strong Youghal side and despite a gallant performance by the Christians players it was not to be.

Below: Niall Scanlon, Captain, accepts the Lord Mayor's Cup from Lord Mayor Cllr Donal Counihan to the delight of the whole team.



down and a man down to win by two in the end. To beat a school with such a great tradition in hurling in Cork was great for Christians and a reminder of the talent that is now in the College in hurling.

Swimming

The Christians Boys Intermediate Team (14-16 years) included Paul Laffan, Robert Bevan, Simon Treacy, and Ryan O'Dowling and they competed in the Munster Schools Gala on 2 December. Starting strongly the team easily won the front crawl and medley relays.

In addition Paul Laffan and Simon Treacy won 1st and 2nd place respectively individually in the medley and Paul Laffan won the 100m front crawl.

Then in the first weekend in February the team travelled to Galway for the All Ireland Schools Finals where they competed against very strong teams from Ulster and Leinster. The team came a close second to Ulster in the front crawl relay. In the medley, Simon Treacy was on back crawl, Ryan O'Dowling on breaststroke, Paul Laffan on fly and Robert Bevan on front crawl, and in a super

performance the team won by a comfortable margin, making Christians All Ireland Schools Champions.

In addition Paul Laffan won the Irish Schools 100m fly with Simon Treacy also coming third.

Tennis

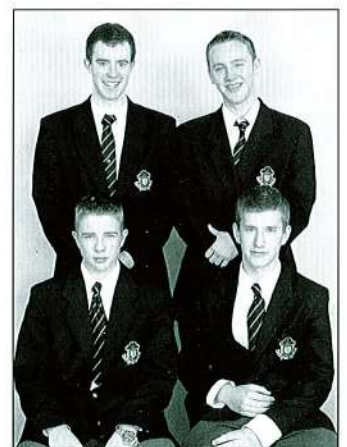
CBC's Tennis teams battled it out in various competitions again this year but the silverware eluded them this time.

Back Row (L-R):

M. Moriarty, K. O'Keefe;

Front Row (L-R):

B. Harnedy and M Terzic



RUGBY 2007-08

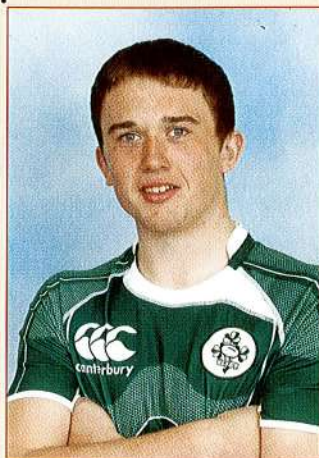
Season 2007/2008 was once again a time when fate chose to frown more often than she smiled on CBC.

The opening round of the Senior Cup was played in the Mardyke against an Árd Scoil Rís team which had beaten us three years earlier in the Junior Cup final. A tense game was won, possibly more convincingly than the 13-6 score line suggested.

An equally tense game was played in the semi-final against Glenstal in Tipperary, with underdogs refusing to lie down. A competent performance saw CBC win 18-12. Once again, and for the third time in four years, the



Munster Cap
Darren Loftus: Munster Under-18 Schools



Ireland Cap
Brian Hayes: Ireland Under-18 Schools

16 level, namely: Richard Martin, Cathal Quinn, Tomas Harrington, Simon Hanbidge, and Kieran Stokes.

The Under-14 team under the guidance of Mr Vincent Murray and Mr Neil Lucey had a very successful season, culminating in victory in the Under-14 final. The game ended with the score 24-17 against the old enemy PBC. The highlight of the

final proved heartbreaking. In a pulsating match, CBC went down 15-21 to Castletroy, with the match possibly being decided after three minutes when, after an horrendous collision, the captain Brian O'Callaghan and our international second row Kyle O'Dwyer both had to leave the field of play. CBC recovered from an 0-18 deficit and were piling on the pressure when time ran out.

The Bowen Shield team under the tutelage of Mr Tom Casey and Barry Russell reached the final once again, but went down despite a brave performance. A number of the Bowen Shield panel represented Munster at under-



Munster Schools Under-19
Odhran Mulrooney, Brian O'Callaghan, Billy O'Regan and James Mulcahy

match being a hat trick of tries from wing Johnny McCarthy.

The Under-13s also had an enjoyable and successful season under the leadership of Mr Ed Hussey. The usual problems were encountered

against the Dublin schools as local regulations permit their players to be up to three months older.

One of the major highlights of the season was a wonderfully successful trip to Paris, which included beating the French opposition and taking in the France v Ireland international.

Several CBC players had the honour of wearing the red jersey and/or the green jersey and representing their province and country.

Thanks to all who helped out during the season.



Munster Caps
Chris Nolan and Kyle O'Dwyer: Munster Under-19

The Under-14 Squad: Winners of the Under 14 Cup



Back Row (L-R): D. O'Mahony, E. Ackland, T. Arrigan, E. Ahern, J. McCarthy, D. Connolly, B. Finn, J. Corbett, A. Cashman, M. Lordan, C. Martin, R. Wiseman, J. Daly, E. O'Keefe, R. O'Sullivan, D. Kelleher, C. O'Callaghan; **Middle Row (L-R):** J. Normile, A. Buckley, K. Coughlan, J. Whooley, C. McAuliffe, T. Murphy, S. Galvin, R. Burke, D. Quill, H. Donnelly, B. O'Connor, N. Griffin, A. Joyce, D. O'Rourke, J. Buckley, B. Kelleher, A. Love, R. Bilginer, C. McCarthy; **Front Row (L-R):** J. Lehane, J. O'Dowling, E. Fallon, S. Burke, L. O'Regan, A. O'Deasmhunaigh, R. Slater, C. Slowey (Captain), D. O'Riordan, R. O'Dowling, C. O'Halloran, T. Morehead, E. O'Shaughnessy, C. Durkan, A. McCarthy.