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Another First for CBC

On results day last year, Minister for Education and Science Mr Batt O’Keeffe TD personally phoned Principal Dr Larry Jordan, to ask him to pass on his congratulations to CBC’s top Leaving Cert. pupils. Of the 14 highest achieving students in the country in 2008, three were from CBC. This year, however, the Minister did not phone on results day: he called to the school. He wanted to personally congratulate Rory Crotty who, with 9A1 grades, stood alone as Ireland’s highest achieving Leaving Certificate pupil of 2009.

Rory’s seven uncles — Jim, Tom, Niall, Eric, Brendan, Terence and Dominic — and his Dad Owen, are distinguished past pupil of the College. In the 25 year period from 1966 to 1991, there was always at least one of the Crotty brothers in CBC. The Crotty family’s history of

extraordinary academic and sporting success enabled Rory to take in his stride the hectic days of media attention that followed.

Five other pupils of the Class of 2009 achieved the maximum 600 points. The average number of points attained by this year’s 132 Sixth Years was a highly impressive 415.

Some results tended towards the other end of the spectrum, which is to be expected in a school in which high academic ability is not an entry requirement. We ask our pupils to do their best, to ‘fight the good fight’ and CBC is delighted to celebrate also the ordinary results of ordinary pupils.

The following pupils were awarded UCC entrance scholarships: Luke Baxter, Brian Carey, John Collins, Barry Courtney, Rory Crotty, Shane Fitzgibbon, Timothy Mawe and Gearóid Wrixon; while Ciarán Hayes was awarded a UCG scholarship and John McGarry a scholarship to UCD.



CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE PUPIL RORY CROTTY WITH MINISTER BATT O’KEEFFE TD
MINISTER FOR EDUCATION MR BATT O’KEEFFE CALLED IN TO CBC ON RESULTS DAY TO PERSONALLY CONGRATULATE IRELAND’S TOP LEAVING CERTIFICATE PUPIL RORY CROTTY

Junior Certificate A-Team 2009



Back Row L-R: Conor Martin, Colin Martin, Robert O'Dowling, Philip Macilwraith, John McCarthy, Conor Durkan; **Front Row L-R:** Ryan O'Dowling, Enda Kerr, Colm O'Riain, Rónán O'Connor, Fintan Sheehan, Richard Roberts.

Parents Councils

The Secondary School Parents Council has been operating for several years. At the beginning of this school year, a Preparatory School Parents Council was established.

A Parents Council is the representative body of parents in the College. Partnership is the key to success in education. The Parents Council seeks to enhance the positive experience of education for pupils in a spirit of co-operation with all the educational partners. The Council is elected by parents of pupils attending the College. Its role is advisory and consultative, providing a home-school link and helping the school to provide wider opportunities for involvement of parents generally.

The following are the members of the Secondary School Parents Council for the year 2009/10 (see Page 9 for Prep School Council): Mrs Mary Coleman, Mrs Mary P. Coleman, Mr Conal Courtney, Mr Dave Fitzgerald, Mr Edmund Heaphy, Mr Thomas Hunter McGowan, Mr Ray Kinsella, Mrs Mary Maguire, Mr Martin McAuliffe, Mrs Sharon McCarthy, Mrs Finola O'Connor, Mrs Gillian O'Kelly and Mr Martin Walley.

Staff Changes September 2009

There was an extraordinary number of retirements of long standing members of CBC staff this year: no less than ten!

Mr Greg Ahern attended both the Preparatory and Secondary Schools as a pupil; he returned to CBC in 1973 as a Science teacher. He will be particularly remembered as coach during the 1990s when CBC had a great run of Senior Cup wins, including a famous four-in-a-row.

Mr Diarmuid Cashman taught Science, Maths and Chemistry in CBC since 1970. His amazing mathematical abilities enabled him to work out the most complex school timetables without the aid of a computer. Pupils of Mr Cashman achieved national firsts in the Leaving Cert. on several occasions.

The School Orchestra has been an integral part of CBC life for many years, playing at happy events such as Concerts, Open Evenings and Awards Nights, as well as sad

occasions such as funerals. **Mr Sean Dunne** who set up and directed the orchestra will be sorely missed in the cultural life of CBC. He was also the driving force behind the bi-annual Arts Week.

Mr Denis Johnston taught Science, Biology and Maths in CBC since 1980. He also participated fully in the extra-curricular programme and will be remembered by pupils for his orienteering, mountain walks, trips to Delphi and the photography displays he regularly provided of significant school events, such as cup finals.

Mr Tony McCarthy taught English and History from 1972 up to 2000 when he succeeded Mr Sean O'Leary as Deputy Principal. Mr McCarthy retired in August 2009 but has since been appointed as Preparatory School Administrator by the Board of Management.

Mr John B. Murphy came to CBC in 1980 as a teacher of Business subjects. As head of Business/Economics he was innovative in the integration of ICT into his subject areas. He was a valued member of the Discipline Committee. This year, he led a group of pupils and teachers who participated in an immersion project to Zambia in June.

Mr Finbarr O'Donovan, a fluent German speaker who resided in Germany for many years, introduced the German language to the curriculum when he came to CBC in 1988. Since then, German

has become firmly established. Two years ago, one of his pupils was placed first in Ireland in Leaving Cert. German.

Both **Mr Maurice Magner** and **Mr Willie Hogan** also retired at the end of the 2008/09 school year. The popular duo, known universally as Willie & Maurice, provided the essential background services necessary to keep the school functioning. Between them, there was no job they could not do or emergency that they could not tackle. Whether it was setting up the Hall for an Open Evening or tracking down an electrical fault. Willie and Maurice never failed to keep the show on the road.

Miss Rita Field, School Secretary since 1981, retired in December 2008. Miss Field, who ran the CBC office single-handedly for many years, will be remembered by generations of school boys and their parents as very competent, friendly, omni-present and well able to deal with any issue that was brought to her attention.



Back Row L-R: Mr Trevor Hussey (Religion, History, Geography), Mr Con Lynch (Science), Mr Ronan O'Donovan (B.Ed Sports Studies student), Mr Colin Murphy (B.Ed Sports Studies student), Mr Adam Clarke (B. Ed Sports Studies student); **Front Row L-R:** Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Miss Mairéad Fitzgibbon (Maths, Music), Miss Vicki Hennessy (Science), Mr Anthony Nash (PGDE student).



ABOVE: Mr Brendan Walsh who has been appointed to the position of Facilities Manager

School Activities 2008-2009

The CBC Debating Society has come to the end of another very successful year. This academic year, 2008/09, marked the 98th session of the Society, one that has seen further increases in the College's debating activity throughout the city and further afield.

Membership ranges from First to Sixth Year which indicates the wide ranging appeal of the Society in the school. This year the Society boasted over fifty full members, with in excess of ninety pupils attending debates during the year. The increased involvement in the inter-school debates and competitions has enhanced the profile of the Society, both in the school and in the wider community.

On an international level, we were very proud of Stuart Chisholm who will travel to Helsinki to represent Ireland at the European Youth Parliament. This is the fifth time that members of the Debating Society have been selected for the Irish delegation in this prestigious competition.

Student Council

The CBC Student Council has been in existence for two years. However, previous to its establishment, there was a long tradition in the school of student participation in school affairs.

The Sixth Years as a group elected a School Captain from

Debating Society



School Debating Committee 2008/09

Back Row (L-R): Owen Murphy, Aodhrua Fitzgerald, Oisín O'Kelly, Gearóid Wrixon; **Front Row (L-R):** Declan McCarthy, Rónán O'Connor, Conor O'Brien

We were also delighted with Daniel Purcell who was chosen as a sub for the Irish delegation.

The involvement of our pupils in competitions closer to home is also a source of pride. We were delighted to see our pupils enjoy so much success in

various competitions. James Ó Núanáin and Aodhrua Fitzgerald won the Blackrock College Senior Mace competition; Conor O'Brien and Rónán O'Connor won the AIB Cork Schools Mace competition, and in April, Josh

O'Mahony and Enda Kerr won the Cork City Schools Debating Competition. In the same competition Zac Frennett took the runner-up individual slot. In the Denny Philosph Munster Schools competition, CBC was represented by Gearóid Wrixon and Owen Murphy who were finalists. Our Concern Debating team this year consisted of Daniel Purcell, Hugh Murray Isaac O'Kelly and Matthew Kelleher.

This year's Gold Medal motion read: 'That this House would Emigrate'. James Ó Núanáin, Enda Kerr and Oisín O'Kelly proposed, while Daniel Purcell, Rónán O'Connor and Owen Murphy opposed the motion. The debate, one of the most closely fought in recent years, was informed and compelling, with each side discussing the motion with great enthusiasm.

When the judges returned, Rónán O'Connor was declared the winner. The silver medal went to Owen Murphy and James Ó Núanáin was presented with the bronze medal.

among their number. The position was always considered to be very prestigious and was invariably hotly contested.

The successful candidate usually discovered fairly quickly that the job had many facets to it and was complex and time consuming. However, he had a Vice-

Captain to help him and a small Council.

Among the Captain's duties were making a speech to the assembled pupils on Lord Mayor's Day, organising support for the Rugby teams on match days, and a major involvement in the organising of the Year Book and Graduation Ball.

The establishment of an expanded Student Council, with a representative elected from each class in the school, has helped to draw attention to some of the concerns of pupils, ranging from a suggestion for a new school fleece to mentoring for First Years. It can only result in an improved CBC.

Gaisce Awards 2008/09



Back Row (L-R): Daniel Purcell, Lorcan Doyle, Simon Henley-Willis, Niall Scanlon, Michael Bruen, Stuart Chisholm, Mr Martin Owens; **Front Row (L-R):** Fergus Wright, Eoghan Doyle, Rory Burns, Stephen Downey, Vincent O'Donovan, Graham Kelly.

History Project

The 'Discover Cork: Schools Heritage Project 2009' competition is run in association with Cork City Council and is judged by Cllr Kieran McCarthy, who is a well known Cork local historian. CBC picked up the top three places in the competition: Conor Kenny came first for his project, 'Cork connections'; Stephen O'Sullivan was placed second for his project, 'Dripsey Ambush'; and Dylan West came third for his project on Terence MacSwiney.

L-R: Stephen O'Sullivan, Conor Kenny and Dylan West (who were placed second, first and third respectively in the competition) and their History Teacher Mr J.J. Conneally.



Transition Year Ski Trip to Austria



The 2009 ski trip took place during the February mid-term break. It was organised by Mr D. Lyons and the boys were accompanied by Mr K. Moynihan, Mr V. Murray, Mr R. O'Mahony, Mr T. Crowe and Mr B. Russell. This was the fourth ski trip organised by the College. In 2006 and 2007, Transition Year pupils travelled to the Tyrol region of Austria and in 2008 to Folgaria in Italy.

The flight to Munich took two hours, followed by several more hours onward by bus, before arriving in the ski resort of Kitzbuhel. The boys were settled into their accommodation and kitted out to be ready for going on the slopes the next day.

The following day, Sunday, the lessons began, after taking the ski lift up the 2,500 metre mountain. This first day was devoted to learning the basics.

It was an early call again on Monday morning and this time onto proper ski slopes where some of the boys took to the sport like ducks to water with some others less sure.

On Tuesday, no skiing could be done as five feet of snow had fallen overnight. However, the rest of the week was perfect.

Every day had its laughs and memories which will stay with all of the group for a very long time to come.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

The main charitable drive this year was in relation to fund-raising for the school's Zambia project. A range of activities that began in October and continued until just before the group travelled at the end of May, raised a sum approaching sixty thousand euro. These activities included cake sales, bag filling in supermarkets and a race night in the Ambassador Hotel.

Two local charities, the Cork St Vincent de Paul Society and the Cork Blind Association also benefited from the generosity of parents and pupils. The assistance of St Vincent de Paul is in greater demand than ever during this period of recession. CBC is delighted to be able to keep up its tradition of presenting generous cheques to representatives of these well-deserving Cork charities at the annual Christmas Concert in December.

Each year the relief agency Trocaire organises a national 24-hour fast as part of its Lenten campaign to highlight poverty and its effects in the developing world. In February 2009, Trocaire decided to launch this year's appeal in CBC, Cork. Though a national event, the launch had several CBC connections. The local Director of Trocaire is former CBC teacher Ms Janet Twomey. She was joined by past pupil and Munster and Irish Rugby star Tomás O'Leary. A group of CBC pupils were glad to help also.

Other charities helped by CBC this year included the Daffodil Appeal, which focuses on the treatment of cancer; and the Stuart Morgan Appeal which aims to help finance treatment for this seriously injured rugby player.



Zambia Immersion Project 2009

On Friday 29 May, a team of pupils and teachers from CBC departed from Cork Airport and travelled to Lusaka, the capital of Zambia. The purpose of their journey was to participate in the College's fourth Immersion Project in the Christian Brothers' Murundu Development Centre, Mufulira. Seven months prior to departure, the team was involved in an extensive fund-raising campaign and in preparing themselves both spiritually and mentally for the experience.

THE TEAM: Back Row (L-R): Ryan Levis, Robert Johnston, Thomas Moloney, Timothy Riordan, Stuart Chisholm, Nathan Scott; **Front Row (L-R):** Mr Benoit Ric, Miss Marie Delaney, Aidan Reynolds, Kevin Dunleavy, Miss Lisa McKeigue, Mr John B. Murphy

FIRST YEAR TOUR

Not all tours involved flying off to foreign destinations. In December, all First Year pupils accompanied by Year Head Mr Pat Kelleher, paid a visit to the Blessed Edmund Rice International Heritage Centre at Mount Sion in Waterford. There, they were able to find

out more about the founder of the Christian Brothers through a number of very interesting displays, including the bedroom in which Brother Rice died in 1844, his tomb and a model of his face as it would have looked around the time of his death.



CBC boys visit Alcatraz during their school tour to San Francisco in April of this year.

GOLF

The College competed in the Irish Schools Match Play Championship, South Munster Section and the Irish Stroke Play Championship, Munster Section, but were unsuccessful in both. In the match play competition, Coláiste Choilm won outright, while in the stroke play competition, Charleville CBS won.

The teams that competed in these competitions for the College were Harry and Chris Cocking from East Cork Golf Club and Thomas Roche from Douglas Golf Club.

There seems to be a resurgence in interest in golf in the junior part of the school again, so the future looks bright.

PITCH AND PUTT

The annual South Munster Pitch & Putt competition took place at Pfiizer's sports complex in glorious weather conditions.

CBC fielded three strong teams in this year's competition, with teams from another twelve schools also participating. This year we finished outside the medals, with both Fearghal Lynch and Aaron Singleton performing admirably. The future of Pitch & Putt in the College is very promising as ten of this year's 15 squad members are also eligible next year.

Team A: Stephen O'Mahony, Fearghal Lynch, Ethan McCarthy, Andrew O'Regan, Tim Mawe

Team B: Alan Keating, Conor Buckley, Kevin Casey, Mike Bruen, Mark Barrett

Team C: Noel Barry, Aaron Singleton, Brian Burke, David McCarthy, Glen Stokes.

CBC QUIZ TEAMS

Two school teams participated in national general knowledge quiz events this year: the Thomas Crosbie Holdings (TCH) Quiz and the TV3 All Ireland Challenge. The school's TCH Quiz team this year consisted of Joe Shinkwin (captain), Ciarán Hayes, Daniel Purcell, Enda Kerr, Neil Brennan and Colm Hornibrook. The team made it to the national quarter-final and featured on radio in a quarter-final presented by 2FM DJ Ruth Scott.

THE COLLEGE ORCHESTRA AND CHOIR

Back Row (L-R): Mark Kennedy, James Ó Núanáin, Sam Keogh, Evan O'Keeffe, Neil Horgan, Evin Doyle, Mr S. Dunne, Christopher Cocking, Dálach Ó Deasmhúnaigh, Cillian Williamson, John O'Dowd, Matthew Kelleher; **Middle Row (L-R):** Cormac O'Brien, Enda O'Riordan, Ronan O'Sullivan, Oisín Kelly, Aodhaghán Ó Deasmhúnaigh, James Cunningham, Edmond Heaphy; **Front Row (L-R):** Brian Fitzgerald, Oisín O'Callaghan, Daniel O'Sullivan, Timothy Lehane, Vincent O'Donovan, Conor Pigott.

The year 2008/09 was another hectic and musically exciting year for the CBC Orchestra and Choir, which started with the performance at the First Year Mass at the beginning of the year.

Our next event was the College Open Evening, at which the Orchestra entertained the hundreds of potential pupils and their parents as they came to view in 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 Reg Geary '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 pupils 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 sound 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, Holy Communion and Confirmation.

All in all, a very full and rewarding year!

YEAR BOOK

IT IS NEVER POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE AN ACCOUNT OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE IN CBC IN THE COURSE OF A SCHOOL YEAR IN THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER. MORE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE WILL BE FOUND IN *Christian Brothers College Year Book 2008-2009*.

The TV3 All Ireland Challenge team consisted of Fifth Year pupils Daniel Purcell, Owen Murphy, Eoghan Doyle (captain), Niall Scanlon, Shane Riordan, James Ó Núanáin and Aodhrúa Fitzgerald. This team made it to the national final where they were narrowly beaten by Mercy Mounthawk of Tralee. Over the course of their challenge, they made a number of appearances on TV3 in a quiz programme presented by Paul Connolly.

**READY FOR THE STAGE: CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2008**

A nativity performance was one of the highlights of the show, put on by the Preparatory School. The Class of 2009 were also involved in the night, in particular in bringing Santa Claus to CBC for his annual visit.



FIRST YEARS ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK



Parents of First Year pupils attend a meeting in the College in September to review how their sons are settling in. A phrase frequently heard by First Year Head Mr Pat Kelleher is: "He's getting on fine, I think he's definitely on the right track".

This is gratifying to hear because, over the years, CBC has put much thought into how best to manage boys in their transition from primary to secondary school

Accommodating First Years in a separate building with its own facilities proved to be a hugely beneficial factor in the settling in process.

Also of major importance is the continuous presence of a senior teacher in the First Year building. The First Year Head manages the facility and is also available to pupils and their parents throughout the day. The care given to each pupil and the ease with which First Years settle in to a new way of life has become the hallmark of CBC.

First Years go up to the main College for PE in the Gym, for double Science classes in the 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 with confidence.



Many CBC pupils rely on the trains to ferry them back and forth from home to school every day. Our photographer was out early on several school mornings to catch the contingents from Cobh, Midleton and Mallow queuing up for the CBC express.

Class 1A27



Back Row (L-R): Timothy Hulshof (Killavullen), Adam O'Riordan (Whitechurch), Jack Murray (CBC), Timothy O'Keeffe (Ballinlough), Raffaele Baldassini (Dromahane), Paul Burke (Puerto Rico), Conor Andrew (CBC), Stephen Logan Lane (Ballinlough), Rory Martin (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Tristan Defren (Whitechurch), Fintan O'Kelly (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Cillian O'Brien (Blarney), Jamie O'Donovan (Blarney), Robert Hughes (Rushbrooke), Peter Hyde (Ballinlough), Conor Wiley (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Benjamin Dunlea (Scoil na n-Óg), James Allcott (Aghatubrid), Mark McGirr (Grange Fermoy); **Front Row (L-R):** Niall Buckley (Summercove), Aaron O'Driscoll (Blarney), David Synnott (CBC), Ciaran Higgins (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Henry Parry (Ballydaniel), Shane O'Connell (Ballinlough), Fionn O'Leary (Blarney), Benjamin McAuliffe (Ballinlough), Thomas Higgins (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn).

CLASS 1A28



Back Row (L-R): Padraic Noonan (Ballinlough), Douglas Lordan (Ballinlough), Robert O'Donovan (Ballygarvan), Philip Hayden (Scoil Barra, Ballincollig), Olan McEvoy (CBC), William Trevor (CBC), Niall Melia (Inishannon), Andrew Killian (Glounthaune), Ben Whyte O'Callaghan (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Shane O'Connell (CBC), Gregory Cahill (Gaelscoil Uí Riada), Evan Barrett (Ballinlough), Ultan O'Callaghan (Glounthaune), Thomas Stavrou (Watergrasshill), Philip Grant (Ballaheada), Ryan Birmingham (St Columba's), Samuel Kennedy (Ballinlough), Paul Burke (Ballinlough); **Front Row (L-R):** Neil O'Brien (Scoil Oilibhéir), Karl Kennedy (Ballinlough), Cian O'Connell (Scoil Naomh Micheál), Jack Buckley (Ballinlough), Owen Murphy (Carrigtwohill), Morgan Walsh (Shanbally), Nicholas Moore (Ballinlough), Timothy Crowley (Scoil Naomh Micheál), Jack O'Riordan (CBC).



CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Colin Forde (St Patrick's), Jack Cronin (St Patrick's, Mallow), David Lynch (St Patrick's, Mallow), Colm Feehely (Mardyke), Jack Simpson (CBC), Kevin Daly (St Patrick's), Cameron Waugh (CBC), Stephen Horgan (Glounthaune); **Middle Row (L-R):** Rory McCarthy (Ballinlough), Richard O'Leary (Ballinlough), Neil Doody (Whitechurch), James Murphy (Scoil na n-Óg) Glenn Quigley (St Patrick's), Sean McSweeney (Kerry Pike), Kelan Sexton (Ballinlough), Shane O'Donovan (Ballinlough), Kieran Moloney (Middleton CBS), Stephen Sheedy (Kerry Pike); **Front Row (L-R):** Darragh McPolin (Kerry Pike), Joseph Ryan (Glounthaune), Niall Bradley (Monkstown), Daniel Mulcahy (Scoil na n-Óg), James M. Murphy (Whitechurch), Robert McGuire (Ballinlough), Niall Barry (Glounthaune), Daniel Woodward (CBC); **Absent:** Alex O'Sullivan (Ringaskiddy) Thomas Treacy (CBC).



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Michael Purcell (St Luke's), Joe McSweeney (St Luke's), John Oliver (CBC), Killian Doyle (St Patrick's), Adam Gould (Ballinlough), Liam O'Callaghan (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Darren Lee (Firmount), Owen Casey (St Patrick's), Shayne Barrett (St Lacteen's); **Middle Row (L-R):** Michael O'Halloran (CBC), Rory Burke (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Cian O'Regan (St Luke's), Daniel Linehan (Ballinlough), Ben Lenihan (CBC), Patrick Crosbie (Scoil na n-Óg), Donnacha Dilworth (Firmount), Liam O'Neill (Ballinlough); **Front Row (L-R):** Odhran O'Callaghan (St Lacteen's), Barry Fitzgerald (Ballinlough), Brian Ahern (Firmount), Cian Murphy (Firmount), Evan O'Reilly (Ballinlough), Lorenzo Niemitz (CBC), David Redmond (Beaumont), Leigh Doyle (St Patrick's), Richard Donovan (St Patrick's).



Class 1A30 Back Row (L-R): Colm Fitzgerald (Scoil Eoin), Neasan Guilfoyle (St John the Baptist), Michael Clune (Gaelscoil na Dúglaise), Patrick Bracken (CBC), Andrew Buckley (CBC), Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann (Reading), Andrew Neville (Blarney), Charles Murray (CBC), Seán Hurley (Ballinlough); **Middle Row (L-R):** Fionnán McSwiney (Kilmurray), Samuel Seymour (St Columba's), Daniel Walsh (Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig), Kevin Twomey (CBC), Saul Gilmore (Scoil Iosaif Naofa, Cobh), Kyle O'Brien (St Joseph's, Riverstown), Patrick Hayes (Ballinora), Stephen Kennedy (St Joseph's, Riverstown), Stephen Murphy (Ballinlough), Daniel O'Brien (St Joseph's, Riverstown), Ciarán Geary (St Columba's); **Front Row (L-R):** Scott Carey (Ballinlough), Daniel Burke (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Darragh Lonergan (Ballinlough), Raymond Murphy (Blarney), Ryan Hartnett (Blarney), Jeffrey Hodder (St Joseph's, Glanmire), Christopher O'Brien (Ballinlough), Rory O'Sullivan (Ballinlough), David O'Connor (Ballinlough).



PPU ACTIVITIES IN THE YEAR 2008-2009

As in previous years, the Past Pupils' Union has been involved in many of the annual round of events in the College.

The union continued to sponsor the Gold Medal Debate and to assist in the funding of the Golfing Society, Sports Day, the Senior and Junior Rugby squads, the Christian Brothers' Immersion Project in Zambia and the Sundays Well life Centre located in the former monastery in Blarney Street.

The College Library was completely refurbished in the past year and restocked with a fine collection of

Pictured Below: PPU President Mr Reg Geary makes a presentation at the Annual Awards Ceremony at the Life Centre in Blarney Street CBS, which is sponsored by Christian Brothers College PPU



78th Annual Dinner of the CBC Past Pupils Union

PPU President Mr Reg Geary (right) with guests at the 78th Annual Dinner of the CBC PPU, from left, Mr Peter Barry (past pupil and former Government Minister), Mr Brian Birmingham (Lord Mayor), Mr Micheál Martin TD (Government Minister), and Principal Dr Larry Jordan.

books. The new reading material makes available to pupils some valuable reference works enabling them to deepen their knowledge of many of the exam subjects studied in CBC. The Library also provides a wide selection of books of general interest and has encouraged pupils to experience the joys of reading. Again, the PPU helped out with this important educational initiative.

Much of the archival material in the school, such as state exam results and various photographic collections, was

scanned and digitised in the course of the past two years. Understandably, the PPU took a keen interest in this project, as it was concerned with the preservation of the history of the *Alma Mater*, and helped out financially. This material can now be accessed easily and quickly and printouts provided when required.

Past pupils may now register as members and keep in touch with Union activities through the College's website at :

www.cbccork.ie



The Class of 1961

Some of the members of the Class of 1961 at the annual dinner: **Back Row (L-R):** Mr Brendan Boylan, Mr Dave Muldowney, Mr Michael Howell, Mr Leslie McGee, Mr Denis O'Leary, Mr Billy Groegor; **(L-R):** Mr Andy Moynihan, Mr Bernard Uniacke, Mr Ray Cosgrove, Mr Freddie Hill, Mr Paddy Crimmins and Mr Bob Casey.

Pictured Below: At the PPU AGM held on 1 December 2009 at the Imperial Hotel, Cork, outgoing President for 2008/2009 Mr Reg Geary (left) handed over the chain of office to incoming President for 2009/2010, Mr Neil Jeffries (right).



PREP SCHOOL

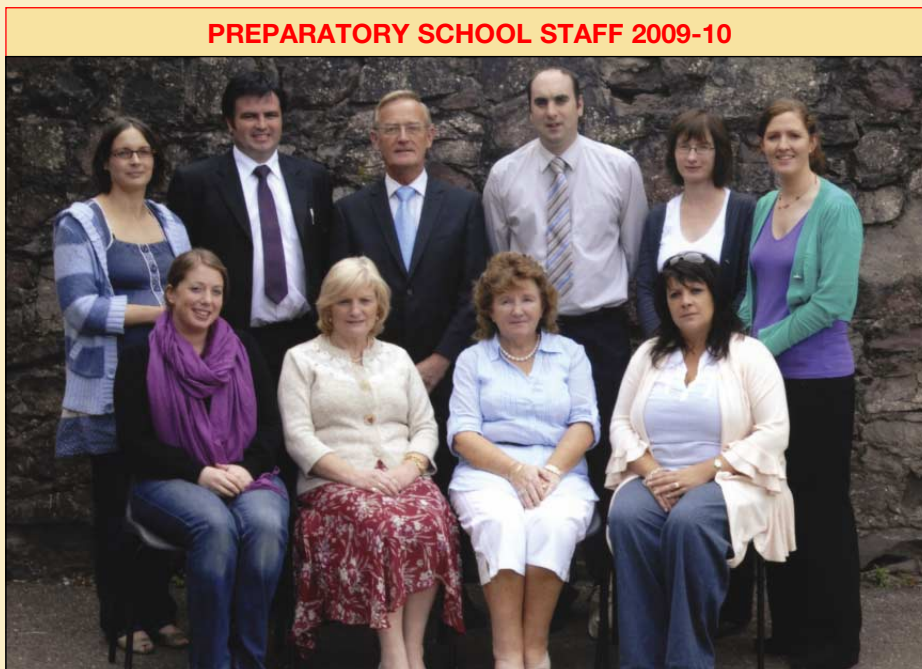
The Prep School had a number of memorable sporting successes this year, and not all of them on the rugby field.

CBC's victory in the *Sciath na Scol* hurling final, was given wide publicity in the *Evening Echo* under the headline: 'Impressive CBC claim hurling title'. The final score was CBC 6-5; Padre Pio, Churchfield 0-0. The *Echo* commented: 'It was all one-way traffic in the Allianz Sciath na Scol H5 hurling final yesterday afternoon at Páirc Uí Rinn as Christians, more renowned for their exploits on the rugby pitch, defeated Padre Pio.'

The Prep School boys' skill on the rugby field was demonstrated during the annual tour to Bath in April. In three matches the touring party of twenty players played and defeated teams from Avon RFC, Walcott RFC and St Brendan's Old Boys RFC. This is the first time in the many years of the annual Bath tour that CBC won all its games.

Major Changes

At a meeting of parents in the Prep School in September, it was announced by Principal Dr Larry Jordan, that the Christian Brothers had handed over all of their schools in Ireland to the newly



BACK ROW L-R: Ms Jane Scannell (Fourth), Mr Dennis Linehan (Fifth and Prep School Head), Mr Tony McCarthy (Administrator), Mr Steven Lynch (Third), Mrs Ann Long (Resource), Mrs Susan Egan (Sixth); **FRONT ROW L-R:** Ms Sharon McAdoo (First), Mrs Kathleen O'Shea (Second), Mrs Sheila Curley (Senior Infants), Mrs Denise Lowry (Junior Infants).

established Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST). He went on to inform those present of the necessity to set up a separate Board of Management for the Preparatory School.

Future Changes

Dr Jordan introduced Mr Tony McCarthy, former Deputy Principal of the Secondary

School who had been appointed as Preparatory School Administrator.

Mr McCarthy explained his role as managing the changes necessary to make the Preparatory School an independent, self-sufficient and thriving school. In the short term, he said he would like to improve communications with parents. He said that the formation of a parents council would be very important in this respect. Newsletters, texting and e-mailing of parents, an electronic notice board and the setting up of a new website were other measures to be introduced in the current school year, he said.

Board Decisions

The current Board of Management, which has responsibility for both the Secondary and Preparatory School, has decided to limit the number of pupils in the Prep School to a maximum of 25 per class. Currently, the Board is implementing a plan for the overall improvement of Prep School facilities.

Parents Council Reps

Junior Infants:	Mrs Denise Healy
Senior Infants:	Mr Joe Joyce
First Class:	Mrs Vicki Casey
Second Class:	Mr Richard Keily
Third Class:	Mrs Johanna Radley
Fourth Class:	Mr Declan Barry
Fifth Class :	Mrs Petronella Love
Sixth Class:	Ms Anne McCarthy

JUNIOR INFANTS CLASS OF 2009-2010



BACK ROW L-R: Tadhg Cronin, Jack Casey, Ross Hanley, Oscar Gray, Eoin O'Sullivan, Tom Folley, Conor Foley, Seán McDonald; **FRONT ROW L-R:** William Kavanagh, Josh Radley, Jimmy O'Riordan, Charlie Healy, Ben Moynihan, Joseph Kiely, William Whyte.

Annual Awards 2008-2009

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	SPECIAL MERIT
1A27	John Wallace	Dylan Walsh Declan McCarthy Scott McKenzie Jack Harrington
1A28	Timothy Fannon	Sean Coomey Liam Coates Patrick Doyle Kevin Sheehan
1A29	Cian Luddy	Barry Donovan Jason Higgins Jamie Beadle James K. McCarthy
1A30	Saad Azher	
1A31	Eoin Barrett	
1A32	Max Waterstone James Greene	
2A1	Evin Doyle	Matthew Bradley Jack McNamee
2A2	Devin Fitzgerald	Jake Walsh Oisin Carroll Liam Deasy
2A3	Scott Dennehy	James Curran Shinook Kim Shane Galvin
2A4	Conor Moloney	Darragh O'Brien James Heffernan
2A5	David Barry	

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE 2009

FIRST PLACE:	SPECIAL MERIT:
Philip McIlwraith Colm O'Riain	Ronan O'Connor Conor Durkan Enda Kerr John McCarthy Ciaran Burke
Cormac O'Brien Aaron Gilmore Joseph Gallagher Eoin Roche	

FOURTH YEAR

FIRST PLACE:	Special Merit:
Conor E. Barry	Michael O'Halloran Andrew Mintern Thomas Foster
Tadhg Hurley David Murphy Daniel Wallace	

FIFTH YEAR

FIRST PLACE:	SPECIAL MERIT:
Daniel Purcell	Robert O'Driscoll Killian O'Connell Ciaran Daly
Ryan Nolan Craig Wakefield David Ring	

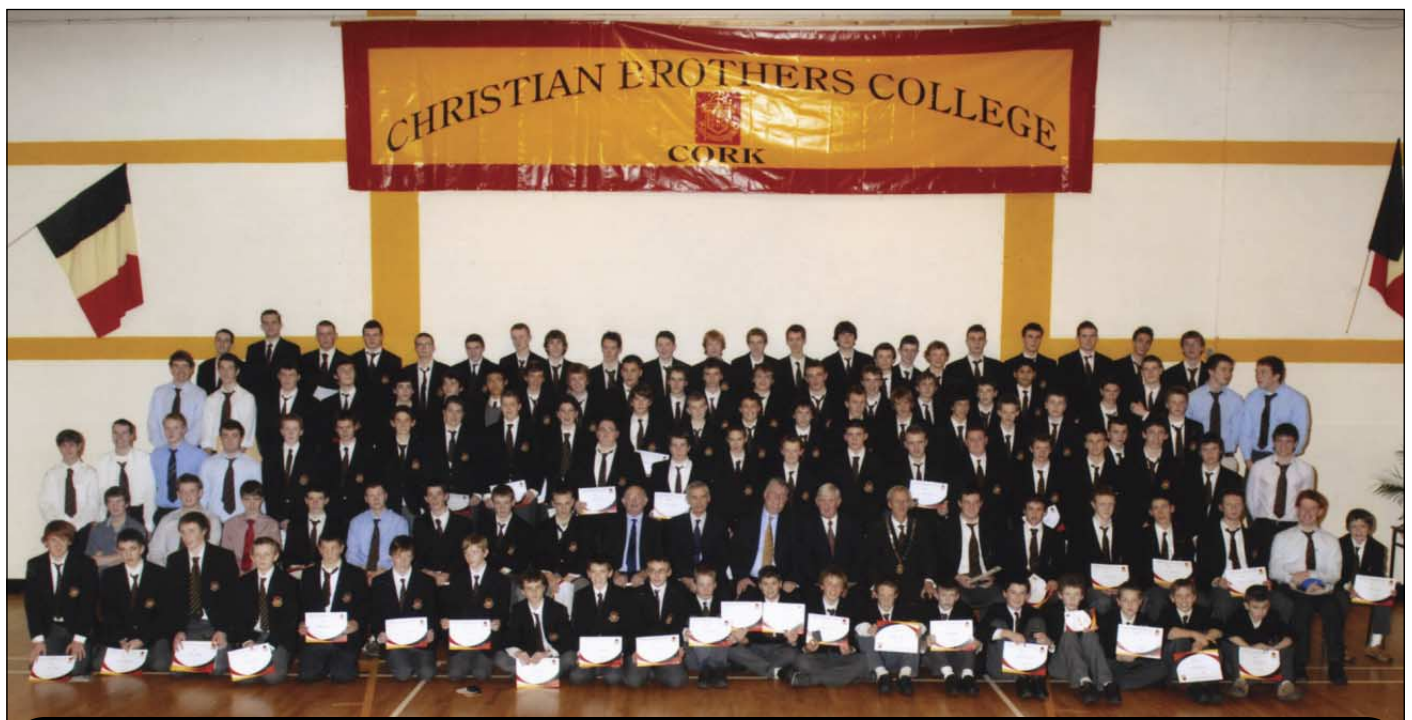
LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2009

FIRST PLACE:	LEAVING CERTIFICATE AWARDS:
Rory Crotty	Barry Courtney Shane Fitzgibbon John Collins
Brian Carey Gearóid Wrixon	

— EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS —

Art	Peter Martin, Chris Walley
Soccer	Colin Kenny, Ethan McCarthy Timothy Mawe, Eoin Kilcommons Andrew Joyce, Dominic Kelleher
Rowing	Shane Ryan
Cricket	Brad Morgan
Irish	Jack Hogan
History	Stephen O'Sullivan, Conor Kenny Dylan West
Music	Cillian Williamson
Under-13 Rugby	Lorcan Hickey
Under-14 Rugby	Patrick Leahy
Junior Rugby	Cian O'Halloran
Under-16 Rugby	Conor Scannell
Senior Rugby	Brian Hayes
PETER WILSON AWARD	Willy Ryan
Sailing	Sean Quill, Aodh Kennedy Conor Murphy, Iarlaith Kennedy, Rob Lehane
Water Skiing	Shane Galvin
Swimming	Paul Laffan, Darren O'Dowling Simon Treacy, Robert Bevan, Ryan Dowling

Junior Maths	Keegan O'Mahony
Senior Maths	Brian Carey, Rory Crotty Gearóid Wrixon, Barry Courtney Stephen O'Mahony, Fergal Lynch
Pitch and Putt	Stephen O'Mahony Fearghal Lynch
Hurling	John Collins, William Ryan Michael Abernethy, Paul Redmond PJ O'Sullivan-Greene, Eoin Fallon
Tennis	Matthew Terzic
Golf	Chris Cocking, Jack McHenry
Basketball	Shane Browne
Debating	Ronan O'Connor Stuart Chisholm Daniel Purcell
Chess	Hugh Doyle
Science	Donncha O'Sullivan Sean O'Leary
Physics	Shane Fitzgibbon
Chemistry	Rory Crotty
Business	Daniel Keane
Journalism	Thomas Roche
GRETCHEN CROSBIE AWARD	William Murray
ANDREW QUINLAN AWARD	Joe Shinkwin
BLESSED EDMUND RICE AWARD	Ben Halpin, Conor O'Keefe Mike Bruen, Simon Hanbidge Daniel Boland, Tim Riordan Dan Ahern, Ryan Levis Graham Kelly
FATHER MIKE WHELAN AWARD	Robert Johnston, Tom Moloney Nathan Scott, Aidan Reynolds Kevin Dunleavy, Ryan Levis Timothy Riordan, Stuart Chisholm
BROTHER REYNOLDS STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD 2007/2008	Rory Crotty



AWARDS RECIPIENTS, PHOTOGRAPHED WITH BROTHER MICHAEL O'DONOGHUE, DR LARRY JORDAN (PRINCIPAL), GUEST SPEAKER MR DAVID O'HAGAN (CHIEF STATE SOLICITOR), MR MICHAEL WALSH, (CHAIRMAN BOM), AND MR REG GEARY (PRESIDENT PPU)

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rowing has become a very popular sport in CBC in recent years and the school is becoming increasingly successful in competition.

The highlight of the year in competition was the South Munster Schools Championship, held in Farran Wood last November. Teams represented the school at Under-18, Under-16 and Under-14 levels. The Under-18 and Under-14 squads both won their events and the Under-16 squad performed admirably also.

At Senior level, Shane Ryan and Thomas Sutton are very accomplished oarsmen. Shane is currently on the national team at Under-18 level.

Basketball

Basketball continues to flourish in the College, with CBC teams entering local and national competitions. Coaching assistance is sourced from the Neptune Club with some in-house assistance as well. The players take part in regular training sessions in the gym which are both competitive and enjoyable. A particularly strong First Year team had an excellent season. Second Year, Under-16 and Under-19 levels are also doing very well.

Under-14 Hurling Squad Breaks New Ground



This year marked an historic year for hurling in the College as we entered the Under-14A Cork Colleges competition for the first time. It really was a trip into the unknown as the team consisted mainly of the incoming First Years. It turned out to be a very successful venture.

In our first game, we had a great win over Patrician Academy, Mallow. Our next game was against St Aidan's, in the Glen Field which we also won. This was followed by a game against Blackwater Community College from Lismore, which we lost by five points. Our final game before Christmas was against Rochestown College in their school pitch. This was our best performance, winning a very tight game by a single point.

This left us with three wins and one loss heading into the Christmas holidays.

After Christmas we had the tougher games to face. First up were St Coleman's in Fermoy. After playing well we finally succumbed to a better balanced team by six points. Midleton CBS proved far too strong for us in the next game and beat us well. The final game of the competition was against Coláiste Chríost Rí in which we were beaten by a point: a disappointing end to a great campaign. It was interesting to note the mix of clubs represented on the team. We had players from Blarney, Bride Rovers, Aghada, Clyda Rovers, Blackrock, Bishopstown, Midleton, Erin's Own, Sarsfield and Glen Rovers.

CBC Cricket Squad 2008/09

Cricket has had a long tradition in CBC and after a gap of some years, has re-established itself firmly in the list of school sports.

Many boys expressed an interest in taking up the sport, so contact was made with a much respected Cricket coach, Mr Dermot Giltenan, who now comes to the school weekly. Membership numbers have continued to increase this year and what is most pleasing is that many boys in the Preparatory School from Fifth and Sixth class are keen to play.

Back Row (L-R): Brad Morgan, Conor Morgan, Rowan Fitzgerald, Ronan Hill; **Front Row (L-R):** Saad Azher, Kevin O'Sullivan, Shahrukh Baig-Mirza, Paul Martin



Swimming

Swimming as a sport continues to thrive in CBC. Over the last five years particularly, our swimmers have distinguished themselves at inter-provincial and national levels with a number representing Ireland. This year, the following swimmers represented the school: Simon Treacy, Paul Laffan, Robert Bevan, Ryan O'Dowling and Darren O'Dowling.

All of them excelled in competitions individually and in relays, winning numerous medals at the Munster Schools Swimming Championships and the Irish Schools Championship. Also, both Simon Treacy and Darren O'Dowling represented Ireland with distinctions at an international tournament in Swansea.

School Sports

Though there was stiff competition between the serious athletes during many of the events organised at the annual School Sports, the emphasis again this year was on a fun day for all. The traditional Teachers v

Sixth Year soccer match was looked forward to eagerly by the two teams and their respective supporters. With both teams level at 3 goals apiece and only seconds to go, it looked as if the game would end in a draw. However, a misfortunate teacher scored an own goal giving victory to the Sixth Years. Man of the match Mr Tom Crowe commented: 'I think we have a lot of work to do in the gym to prepare us for next year.'

Gaelic Football

CBC entered this year's Lord Mayor's Football Cup with a chance to be the first team to achieve a three in a row since the beginning of the competition. However, the opposition proved too tough and the dream must be postponed for another few years.

Tennis

The Under-14 and Under-16 teams were narrowly beaten in the semi-finals of their Cup campaigns. The Under-19 team, however, managed to bring home the silverware, winning the Munster Shield.

A GREAT YEAR FOR CBC RUGBY

The captain raised the cup to ecstatic cheering in Musgrave Park, fingers clenched round both handles, though no team could now wrench it from his grasp. That was the iconic moment. The team, which was beaten in the first round of their campaign, which had hung on by a thread against their PBC rivals, had won the final against Rockwell with — according to the *Evening Echo* — ‘a display that must have been comparable to any in the previous 100 years.’

Two factors made the win even more special. It was the centenary of the inaugural Senior Cup match — coincidentally, both schools had also played in that game; and the win put CBC firmly at the top of the leader board with 28 Senior Cup titles.

Great credit is due to the team which came back from the dead after a 5-14 defeat by St Munchins in their first game. Coach Mr Peter Melia never gave up on them. Special thanks is due to the whole coaching staff of Mr Dennis Lyons, Mr Alan Hickey, Mr John Kelly and particularly to Mr Brian Hickey.

Notable also, and well deserving of mention, was the tremendous support given to the team by pupils, parents and past pupils. The Sixth Year cheer leaders were at the

forefront of manufacturing this sixteenth man who never failed to turn up to every match and never spared his vocal chords.

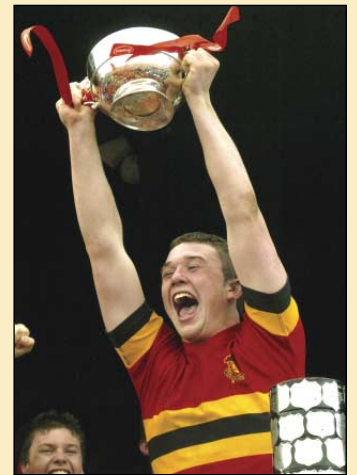
In Brief

The Under-13s, produced a formidable group of teams which were successful at all levels, often defeating their Dublin rivals. Once again, the season culminated with a very successful tour to France, from which CBC returned unbeaten once again.

The Under-14s had a very tough season. Although failing to make the league play-offs, they displayed a development of physicality and skill level which should bode well for the future.

The Juniors, had an outstanding season. The Junior B's won the Kidney Cup and the Junior Cup Team had

Pictured Above: Brian Hayes, CBC Senior Captain; also Munster Under-20 and Ireland Under-19 Captain; **Pictured Below:** Cathal Quinn, Darragh Dunne and Kieran Stokes, Representatives on Munster Under-18 Schools Rugby Squad.



an excellent cup run, losing narrowly in the semi-final.

A fantastic display by the Bowen Shield team in Dooradoyle saw them bring the trophy back to CBC after an absence of three years. An

impressive team performance saw Darragh McNamara kick three penalties and Dean Nolan score the all important try. Victory came to CBC by 14-9 over a gallant Ard Scoil Rís side.

At Senior level, as already stated, the Senior Cup is safely back in CBC's trophy cabinet, though the victory was achieved after a six year drought. After an absence of three years, the Barry Cup returned to CBC, though shared with St Munchins.

At the end of such successful and hectic season, it was very gratifying that CBC was chosen as Munster Rugby School of the Year.

Thanks to Mr Ed Hussey, Ms Teresa Nolan, Mr David Leahy, Mr Benoit Ric, Mr V. Murray, Mr N. Lucey, Mr Barry Russell, Mr Keith Moynihan, Mr Tom Casey Mr Brian Homan, Mr Tom Crowe and to all others who helped to make the rugby season so successful.

Senior Cup-Winning Team 2009



Back Row (L-R): C. Keogh, R. Martin, W. Ryan, R. Clune, J. Moloney, L. Coughlan, J. Holland, B. O'Leary, D. Attridge, B. Monahan; **Middle Row (L-R):** K. Slater, J. Browne, C. Corkery, E. O'Donnell, E. Doyle, S. Barry, K. Stokes, M.O'Mahony, C. O'Meara, D. McNamara, Mr Peter Melia; **Front Row (L-R):** G. Mackesy, E. O'Sullivan, D. Dunne, S. Hanbidge, Brian Hayes (Captain), C. Quinn, B. Slater, R. Barry; **Absent:** J. O'Donoghue