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RECORD BREAKERS

The success of CBC pupils in State Examinations each year serves as a striking example of the reward that can be gained from matching talent with hard work and perseverance, and is testament to the dedication and skill of our teaching staff. The achievements of the Leaving Cert Class of 2024 have continued this proud tradition, representing all that is best in our school community.

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Pupils attained maximum 625 points, over five times the national average.

Pupils have been awarded University Sports Scholarships to UCC, UCD and UL.

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Pupils attained 100% in this year's HL Maths Examination.

Pupils attained 600 points or higher, over four times the national average.

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Pupils have been awarded UCC Quercus Academic Scholarships.

Percent attained 500 points or higher, over twice the national average.

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CBC REMEMBERS

Mr Ted Fitzgerald 28 January 2024

Ted had the distinction of having taught in the Preparatory and Secondary School over the course of his career in CBC. In addition to sharing his love of Irish language and culture with his students, Ted served as Fourth Year Head and Transition Year Coordinator. A keen sportsman, Ted was very much involved in Rugby coaching, including as Junior Head Coach. Ted retired as a member of the teaching staff in 2008.



Ms Angela Murphy 14 July 2024

Angela began her CBC career in 1970 as the first female member of the teaching staff. Angela also taught for a number of years in Africa. A Business Studies and Accounting teacher, Angela also served the needs of students as Year Head for many years. She is fondly remembered by those who worked with her for her good humour and sincerity.



Mr John Moran 11 December 2023

John retired in 2000 having spent a lifetime teaching French in CBC. John held a Masters in French and studied for a time in the Sorbonne University in Paris. John was the College's first Transition Year Coordinator and was strongly involved in extra-curricular activities, particularly School Tours. He also popularised mountain walking among pupils and teachers alike. John remained active post-retirement, completing a second Masters Degree in Tourism. He will be missed by all who knew him.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2024-2025



Back Row (L-R): Bobby O'Donovan, Darragh O'Connell (*School Captain*), Jack Huggins (*School Vice-Captain*), Chinwendu Oji.
Front Row (L-R): Josh O'Neill (*Irish Second Level Students' Union*), Jack O'Shea, Larry Butler, Rory Griffin.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP



School Captain
Darragh O'Connell



School Vice-Captain
Jack Huggins

MEITHEAL TEAM 2024-2025



Back Row (L-R): Oisín MacCarthy, Michael Gibson, Guan Hui Lin, Rory Ryan, Seán Lavin, Stephen Walsh.
Front Row (L-R): George O'Mahony, Brian Kilbride, Mr Simon Kelliher, Luke MacMullan, Tommy Hiras, Alex Twomey.

MISNEACH TEAM 2024-2025



Back Row (L-R): Richard Cronin, Rob O'Callaghan, James Harrington, Jack Cantillon, Charlie Coakley, Hugh Johnson, Harry Walsh, Conor Murray, Charlie Liang.
Front Row (L-R): Ronan McGrath, Patrick Spelman, Ben Cahill, Corrado Mottareale, Mr Trevor Hussey, Raed Nasser, Conor O'Loughlin, Cathal Lyons.

SCHOOL LIFE & ACTIVITIES 2023-2024

YOUNG SCIENTIST COMPETITION WINNERS 2024

Our BT Young Scientist finalists enjoyed great success at the Finals in Dublin in January 2024, achieving recognition in each of their respective categories. Nikhil Sundaram took individual Second Place and Max Power Individual



Above (L-R):

Mr David Lordon, Henry Ireland, Guan Hui Lin, Luke MacMullan, Ms Michelle O'Brien.

Third in the Biological and Ecological Sciences category. Odhran O'Sullivan and Matthew Herbert were placed Third in their team category, while Henry Ireland, Guan Lin and Luke MacMullan were Highly Commended. Nikhil was also invited to present his project at a special event at Iveagh House Dublin. Many thanks to mentor teachers Ms Vicki Hennessy and Ms Michelle O'Brien for their support.

Below (L): Nikhil Sundaram and Max Power presenting to Ms Norma Foley, TD, Minister for Education.



Left (L-R): Mr David Lordon, Odhran O'Sullivan, Matthew Herbert, Ms Michelle O'Brien.

INTERNATIONAL MATHS OLYMPIAD



Fionn Kimber O'Shea, International Maths Olympiad Team Ireland Captain.

JUNIOR CYCLE 2024



Muhammad Raed Naseer achieved Nine Distinctions in his Junior Cycle examinations this year.



NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF 2024-2025



(L-R): Mr Jack Lonergan, *English, AEN*, Ms Michelle Casey, *Special Needs Assistant*, Ms Eimear O'Callaghan, *Music, AEN*, Ms Teresa Rooney, *German Language Assistant*.

DEBATING

There was much to be proud of in terms of achievement this year. Sean Ahern and Charlie Coakley won the Cork City Schools Debating Competition. Sean McSweeney enjoyed considerable success, winning the Trinity College Dublin Philspeaks competition, was selected as a member of Team Ireland for the World Schools Debating Championship as well as competing in the prestigious Cambridge Schools Debating final at the Cambridge Union with Eoghan Dunne and Eoghan O'Brien. Jonathan Walsh was honoured as the best speaker in the UCD Lit & Hist Debate Final, while Muhammad Raed Naseer emerged as the National winner and topped the tab in the Matheson Junior Mace in Dublin. Charlie Crosbie was selected to work with Ireland's National Development team, Paul Scanlan distinguished himself as the top individual speaker and national finalist at UCD and Alex Twomey, Guan Hui Lin, and Thomas Hiras were recognised as Best Delegates at UCC Model UN Conference.



Sean McSweeney, winner of the 2024 Philspeaks Mace Debate, with teacher Ms Isabelle Culvert.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE 2024 MAXIMUM POINTS

Luca Bonnet, Rory Cogan, Ben Cullinane, Jagat Gogineni, James Harrington, Joe Hartnett, Sean Kelleher, Fionn Kimber O'Shea, Tadhg O'Brien, Nathan Power, Daniel Quinn, Paul Scanlan, Jonathan Walsh.

PARENTS' COUNCIL 2024-2025

Ms Lynda O'Donnell (6th Year, Chairperson), Dr Rosario Kietly (6th Year), Ms Ita Gubbins (5th Year), Ms Lisa Stewart (5th Year), Ms Kate Nagle (5th Year, Secretary), Ms Cliona Conway (4th Year), Ms Marie Downey (4th Year), Ms Therese McGrath (3rd Year), Mr Paul Hayes (3rd Year), Ms Nicola O'Connell (2nd Year), Ms Mary Spratt (2nd Year), Dr Juliette Buckley (1st Year), Mr Conor Calnan (1st Year).

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2023-2026

Dr Larrie Martin, Chairperson
Ms Niamh Power, Preparatory School Parent Representative
Ms Sharon McAadoo, Preparatory School Teacher Representative
Mr David Lordon, Secretary
Ms Cathriona Power, Mr Daniel Boland, Secondary School Teacher Nominees
Ms Joan Byrne, Mr Brian Twomey, Secondary School Parent Nominees
Dr Colette Synnott, Dr Owen Crotty, Ms Una Feeney, Trustee Nominees

LEARNING AND TEACHING

The focus of the Learning and Teaching committee is to progress and maximise student outcomes through active engagement, student voice and professional learning. This year we focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Learning and Teaching and Teacher Peer Observation (TPO). AI in education holds immense potential to transform the educational landscape, making learning more personalised, efficient, and engaging. TPO allows teachers to observe each other in the classroom and to share ideas and methodologies to implement in their own teaching. This promotes a culture of professional learning allowing teachers to improve their practice to enhance student learning.

A number of foreign research trips were undertaken by teachers during the academic year funded by the Erasmus+ Mobility programme. In Finland, our research project focused on the impact of Effective Questioning and student voice on the overall academic progress and wellbeing of students. In the Netherlands, our research focused on investigating the effective use of peer observation in the Dutch education system. Finally, in the Netherlands and Germany, staff members observed and shared best practice in relation to learning and teaching strategies.

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY VISIT TO CBC

CBC was delighted to welcome Ms Erin Camilleri, Director of Recruitment and Strategic Partnerships at the University of Notre Dame, USA to the College. Ms Camilleri made a presentation to students about academic scholarship opportunities under the US system and at Notre Dame University, in particular. Past pupil Ben Warren Flynn is currently a student at Notre Dame and participated in a summer programme at University of California, Berkeley.



MATHS SUCCESS

This past year was characterised by outstanding success in the field of Maths. In First Year, Max Dietze and John Murphy were presented with Outstanding Achievement and Merit awards by the Irish Maths Teachers Association (IMTA) for their exceptional performance in the First Year Maths Problem Solving Competition. Aaron Sidhu was also recognised by the IMTA at the inaugural Maggie Gough Maths Competition. Aaron was one of the top 55 students from almost 19,000 students whose outstanding achievement in the competition was acknowledged. Fionn Kimber O'Shea enjoyed extraordinary success

through his involvement in a number of Maths Olympiads and international competitions. Fionn won the Irish Maths Olympiad for the third year running and captained the Irish Team in the International Maths Olympiad. He has accepted an offer from St John's College, Cambridge where he is studying Maths. Finally, 11 students from the Leaving Cert Class of 2024, George Beardsworth, Luca Bonnet, Donnacha Collins, Ben Cullinane, Eoghan Dunne, Jagat Gogineni, James Harrington, Tadhg O'Brien, Peter O'Shea, Lucas Kennedy and Fionn Kimber O'Shea, achieved an incredible 100% in the Higher Level Leaving Certificate Mathematics exam this year.

ZAMBIA IMMERSION PROJECT

In June, the Zambia Immersion Project team of 14 Fifth Year students and 3 teachers (Mr Steven Lynch, Ms Catherine Whelan and Ms Ciara McCormack) embarked on a life-changing two week Immersion to Mazabuka, the first trip since before the Covid pandemic. The project was undertaken with the support and assistance of SERVE. A busy year of rigorous preparation preceded the trip including the organisation of fundraising initiatives, culminating in the very successful Chaser event at the Clayton Silversprings Hotel. Highlights of the trip included time spent in three schools, primary, post-primary and special education, where the team assisted with a number

of practical projects. Students were privileged to be able to spend time with, and learn from, local people whose attitude to life was so inspiring. As the two weeks came to an end, students had learned so much and felt fortunate to have had the opportunity



CAREERS EXHIBITION

The biennial Careers Exhibition took place in October and brought together Universities, professional bodies, organisations and practitioners to meet with and offer guidance for CBC students from Third to Sixth Year. The event is organised by the Parents Council in collaboration with the CBC Guidance and Counselling Department.



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

CBC has a long tradition of Charitable Activities in support of people who are less fortunate. Through various charitable initiatives over the course of the year, we seek to foster in our students an understanding of the importance of following the example of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of the wider CBC community, the following causes were supported this year:

- Down Syndrome Ireland
- Marymount Hospice
- Penny Dinners
- SHARE
- St Vincent de Paul
- Lions Club
- Irish Cancer Society
- Trocaire
- GOAL
- UNICEF



to experience such a vastly different environment. The impact of this immersion will extend beyond the immediate community in Zambia. Not only did students develop resilience, adaptability, and a profound sense of gratitude, they learned to navigate challenges, work collaboratively, and communicate across cultural barriers. The students' journey to Zambia serves as a powerful reminder of the impact young people can have when they are empowered to serve and learn from the world around them. This amazing experience would not have been possible and as fulfilling without the steadfast support from the wider school community.

WELLBEING

On Saturday 11 May, an estimated 200 people assembled in the College at 4.00 a.m. for the inaugural CBC Darkness into Light Walk in support of Pieta House. Participants walked a 5km route through the streets of Cork City and returned to the school, where light refreshments were served. This was a wonderful opportunity for all members of the Preparatory and Secondary including pupils, parents, past pupils, extended family and staff to raise awareness of the work of Pieta and also promote the wellbeing of our own school community. Thanks to their generosity, this initiative raised in excess of €9,000.



WELLBEING WEEK 2024

The second Annual Wellbeing Week took place in October and featured a number of excellent presentations to individual year groups on wellbeing-related topics. From the world of sport and fitness, Jonny Holland, Eoin Downey, Ciaran Joyce, Conor O'Keeffe and Ritchie Power spoke on nutrition, stress management and gambling. From politics, EU Commissioner Michael McGrath and Senator Jerry Buttimer addressed students on politics, social media and diversity & inclusion. Inspirational speakers such as Dr Adrian Murphy and Dr Maureen Griffin also made presentations on health and wellness and shared expertise from their perspectives as A&E Medicine and Forensic Psychology professionals.



SCHOOL TOURS

CBC students enjoyed a wide variety of international tours over the course of this past year. During the Easter holidays, First Year pupils travelled to Spain on their annual Rugby tour and to Paris for the cultural tour.



Two Fourth Year Ski Tour groups travelled to Austria and Italy, while Fourth and Fifth Years learned about US history, politics and culture in Washington DC. Finally, in June, Fifth Year students took on the Camino de Santiago challenge for a week in Spain, following the conclusion of their summer exams.

IMEACHTAÍ GAEILGE NA BLIANA 2024

Reáchtáladh Seachtain na Gaeilge sa scoil i mí an Mhárta agus ba mhór an taitneamh agus an tairbhe a bhain idir dhaltai agus mhúinteoirí na scoile as. Eagraíodh cluichí boird agus comórtais as Gaeilge, Tráth na gCeist agus céili idirscoile. Bhí ceol gaelach le cloisteáil sa scoil gach lá ag am lóin. Bhain pobal na scoile uilig sult as an deis a bhí againn ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr a cheiliúradh lena chéile.

Bhí atmaisféar spráil agus taitneamhach le brath sa scoil le linn Ghaeilge 24. Ba é aidhm an tionscadail ná líofacht sa teanga a chur chun cinn agus a spreagadh i gcomhthéacs taitneamhach.

Bhuaigh ceathrar daltaí scoláireachtaí chun tréimhse a chaitheamh i nGaeltacht Chorca Dhuibhne le linn an tsamhraidh. Comhghairdeas le Corey Meehan, Eoin McCarthy, Charlie Kaar agus Alex Burgess a chaith coicis ag fanacht le teaghlaigh áitiúla in Iarthar Chiarraí agus a ghlac páirt sna ranganna Gaeilge gach maidin ann. Beatha teanga í a labhairt.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – UN GENEVA AND ERI VISIT

This year, a select group of Fifth Year ambassadors, Kevin Cotter, Fionn Lane Kelly and Alex Healy Horgan, together with their teacher Mr. Edmond Hussey, had the remarkable opportunity to delve into the workings of the United Nations (UN) and its human rights mechanisms, thanks to the gracious hosting by Edmund Rice International (ERI), a distinguished non-governmental organisation dedicated to promoting the rights of marginalised children and youth worldwide.

Students participated in the 55th session of the Human Rights Council at UN Headquarters, gaining experience of the multifaceted issues encompassing human rights. Witnessing countries articulating their recommendations during reviews underscored the diverse challenges and approaches to addressing issues such as gender-based violence, LGBTQ discrimination, and the death penalty. The participants also visited the International Red Cross Museum, where the interactive displays served as poignant reminders of the realities underpinning our advocacy efforts.



TY PLAY – THE FIELD

An outstanding production from start to finish, this year's TY play, *The Field*, was a credit to all involved and testament to the unique opportunities provided for pupils through the Transition Year programme. In all, 130 Fourth Year students and 12 members of staff committed themselves to the project, and the result was a privilege for everyone who was fortunate to attend. The show's student producers, Tom Hannon, Luke Byrne, Aaron Sidhu and Emerson Mutch worked tirelessly

over many months to ensure its success. The cast worked so hard throughout this production, and there is no doubt the tenacity and determination they showed throughout this process will stand to them in their own individual life journeys ahead. Patrick Heery's standout performance as The Bull McCabe will long be remembered for all the right reasons. The Production and Set Design teams and our technical managers, Mr. Peter Martin and Mr. Alex Denby gave tirelessly of their time painting and building the sets with the students. Students on the PR Team, supported by Ms. Anna O'Brien and Mr. David Dowling ensured that there were no spare seats left for any performance.



FIRST YEAR DAY 2024

Tuesday 27 August was a special day in CBC as our new First Year students began their secondary school life. 150 new pupils, accompanied by their parents and family members, were welcomed to the College by Principal Mr Lordon. We began the day with a special Mass celebrated by the Bishop of Cork and Ross, Most Rev. Fintan Gavin who spoke about the exciting opportunities that lay ahead. Bishop Gavin encouraged pupils to support each other through forging new friendships. Mr Lordon reminded students that they were now part of a community of learners, “united by bonds of loyalty and fraternity, committed to excellence in all things, and inspired by the Catholic values and ethos of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice”, and expressed his hope that they would develop a sense of pride in the CBC heritage and pride in their own achievements.

An induction morning followed under direction of Ms Anna O’Brien (*First Year Head*) and assisted by Ms Cathriona Power (*Assistant Year Head*), Mentor and Guidance teachers as well as the Meitheal Youth Leadership team.



CLASS 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Ruairi Golden, Tommy McGee, Tommy Kiely, Billy Hogan, Alex Mills, Ronan Kingston, Senan O’Connell, Daniel Hall, Harry Browne.

Middle Row (L-R): Aaron Korthaus, Ross Forde, Luke O’Donovan, Ben Cashman, Alec O’Brien, Luke O’Connell, Matthew Duffy, Alex O’Sullivan, Tom Slattery.

Front Row (L-R): Sean Calnan, Oliver Cogan, Harry O’Connor, Bill Troy, Sean Bickerdike, Sean Carberry, Luke Millea, Charlie Rowe-Ham, Tom Kelleher.

Absent: Cuán Allen, Mohammad Gul, Harry Law

CLASS 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Noah Harrington, Eoin Banim, Ernest Xue, Evan Kingston, Harry Browne, Oisin Quigley, Olan Kelleher, Harry O’Keeffe, Ben Santry.

Middle Row (L-R): Ward Hamam, Rian Scannell, Adam O’Sullivan, Connor Buckley, Keelan Geaney, Advik Anand, Cameron Creedon, Thomas Kelly, Sam O’Reilly, Vihann Nayak.

Front Row (L-R): Bodhi Yelverton, Andrew Barrett, Brendan Vas, Ryan Kerrigan, Cian Coomey, James Nolan, Calum Carroll, Theo Farkas, Owen Delany, Jack Crowley.

Absent: Harry Horgan.





CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): James Farrell, Conor Horgan, Jack Mullane, Charlie Spillane, Dean O'Leary, Oliver O'Brien, Louie Nagle, Chris Li, Michael Harrison Crudge.

Middle Row (L-R): Ruairi Mulvihill, Ossama Fawzy Moustafa, Cian Corcoran, Fionn McLaughlin, Harry Stuart, Darragh Lane, Alex Hogan, Matthew Barry, Brian McDaid, Niall Horan.

Front Row (L-R): Rian Kelly, Kai McCarthy, Eivintas Prakapas, Harry Fitzpatrick, Hugo Bailey, Oscar O'Connor, Finn McDaid, Paddy Crowley, Jack Lyons, Jamie Keary.

Absent: Cillian Cotter.

CLASS 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Jacob Healy, Zach Creamer, Noah O'Sullivan, John O'Mahony, Fergal McKenna, Odhran O'Connell, Odhran Crowley, Seamus O'Shea, Cillian Kidney.

Middle Row (L-R): Jamie Gray, Will Egar, Ibrahim Naseer, Cormac McDonnell, Michael Finnegan, Seamus Mountjoy, James Erics, Cian Fitzgerald, Austen Fahey, Brian Terry.

Front Row (L-R): Luke McCarthy, Julian Freeman, Patrick McLoughlin, Max O'Reilly, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Mike Dolan, Daniel Crean, Isaac Kennedy, Hugh Byrne, Ethan O'Brien.

Absent: Harry Trench.



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Daniel Curtin, Killian O'Loughlin, Mark Cronin, Billy O'Brien, Henry Hussey, Eoin Dillon, Joe Gould, Joseph Costello, Luke Walsh, Culainn Ryan.

Middle Row (L-R): Max Conway, Issac Halley, James Looney, Patrick O'Leary, Johnny Healy, Seb O'Neill, Joey Lyons, Matheo Cardoso, Jay Reilly, Patrick Hammond.

Front Row (L-R): Sam Moloney, Rory Buckley, Andrew Welch, Jake Anglim, Liam Geary, Shane Ahern, Adam McCarthy, Andrew Walsh, Will Twomey.

Absent: Ewan Daly.

ANNUAL AWARDS & PRIZE-GIVING

2023-2024

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 1A27

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Cillian O’Riordain

Darragh O Suilleabhain,

John O’Brien
- 1A28

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Michael O’Connor

Liam Punch, James Burke
- 1A29

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Andru Capitaneanu

Oran Buckley, Donal Hegarty
- 1A30

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Oliver Harrington

Barry Cronin, Kyle Regan
- 1A31

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Garvan Gillard

Patrick MacSweeney,

Pawel Baraniecki
- 2A6

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Matias O Conaill

Luke Flanagan, Matthew London
- 2A7

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Harry Spratt

Ronan Doherty, Hugh Cassidy
- 2A8

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Charles Kaar

Dessie Carroll, Billy Sheehan
- 2A9

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Oscar de Roiste, Alex Burgess

David O’Connor, Michael Keane
- 2A50

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Darragh Ryan

John Toomey, Conrad Daly

- JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Muhammad Raed Naseer

Jack Cantillon, Charlie Liang,

Phelim Hanley, James Harrington,

Cian Lawton, Cathal Walsh,

Harry Walsh.

- FOURTH YEAR

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Peter Creagh

Daniel Beare Murphy,

Oisin MacCarthy, Stephen Walsh,

Conor Ward, Henry Ireland.

- FIFTH YEAR

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Jiayang Zhang

Aaron O’Leary, Harry Walsh,

Ronan Healy, Liam O’Connor,

Rowan O’Mullane.

- LEAVING CERTIFICATE

First Place:

Special Merit:
- Luca Bonnet

Rory Cogan, Ben Cullinane,

Jagat Gogineni, James Harrington,

Joe Hartnett, Sean Kelleher,

Fionn Kimber O’Shea, Tadhg O’Brien,

Nathan Power, Daniel Quinn,

Paul Scanlan, Jonathan Walsh.

EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR

- Gradam na Gaeilge

Junior Debating Award

Senior Debating Award

U14 Rugby Award

McCarthy Cup Award

Bob Casey Award

Bowen Shield Award

Senior Rugby Award

Peter Wilson Award for Rugby

Ski Award

Science & Innovation Award

Chemistry Award

Athletics Award

Basketball Award

Senior Golf Award

Junior Golf Award

Maths Award

U14 Hurling Award

U15 Hurling Award

U16.5 Hurling Award

Senior Hurling Award

U15 Soccer Award

U16 Soccer

U 17 Soccer Award

Soccer Academy Award

Senior Art Award

Hockey

InLine Hockey

Rowing Award

Swimming Award

Junior Science Award

Science Award

History Award

Environment Award

Tennis Award

Choir Award

Orchestra Award

Wellbeing Award

Ed Kenny Award

Gretchen Crosbie Award for the Arts

Drama Award

TY Ambassadors Award

Breifne O’Callahan Award for Leadership

Michael Sheedy Award for Drama

Shayan Nasser Award for Social Justice

Alan Cahill Award for Sailing

Hugh O’Kelly Award for German

Barry Russell Award for French

Edmund Rice Award for Charitable Activities

Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award
- Joseph Barrett, Joe Hartnett

Matthew Hiras

Guan Hui Lin, Sean McSweeney

Caleb Dockray Arundel

Max O’Riordan

Tom Nixon

Michael Trant

Danny Rock

Mark Skelly

Daniel Guiney

Finn Harnedy, Nikhil Sundaram

Luca Bonnet

Liam Cassidy

James Dineen

Cian McDonnell

Harry Loftus

Aaron Sidhu, Max Dietze,

John Murphy

Michael O’Connor & Finn Brady

James Healy, Ger Kingston

Keith Flood

Peter O’Shea

Sam Barry

Harry Walsh

Donal O’Connor, David Callanan,

Darragh Lawless

Finn Dalton

Ben Buckley

Matthew Keane, Isaac Banks,

Hugo McCarthy

Matthew O’Shea

David O’Connor

Phelim Hanley, Vincent Leahy

Ivan Fox, Cathal Walsh,

Muhammad Raed Naseer

Nikhil Sundaram, Max Power,

Matthew Herbert

Paul Scanlan

Sean McSweeney

William Haugh

Hamilton Gray, Matthew Carroll,

Michael Dwyer,

George O’Mahony

Ruairi Walsh, Jiayang Zhang,

Guan Hui Lin

Noah O’Regan

Guan Hui Lin

Ronan O’Keeffe

Frederic Dietze

Ruben Coady, Tom Kelly,

Sam Healy, Niall Gavin,

Lochlan Stewart,

Nathaneal O’Driscoll,

Jerry O’Donovan, Cathal Nolan

Sam O’Driscoll

Patrick Heery

Kevin Cotter, Fionn Lane Kelly,

Alex Healy Horgan

Ben O’Shaughnessy

Luca Bonnet

Mark Scally

Jack Huggins

Jonathan Walsh



BR REYNOLDS STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2023-2024 JONATHAN WALSH

The Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is presented each year to the pupil who best embodies the spirit and philosophy of Christians. The award does not depend on academic ability, sporting success or pre-eminence in any particular area. It is not presented to a high achiever, in the narrow sense of the term.

The Student of the Year is a young man who serves as a role model for others in the school; who met the challenges of secondary school with courage, resilience and dignity; who took advantage of the opportunities afforded to him by CBC; and who possesses the traits that we seek to foster in all our pupils.

This year's recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is Jonathan Walsh.

Jonathan's time in CBC was marked by participation, service and achievement. From his earliest days in Christians he enjoyed the cut and thrust of the Debating Society and developed his skills year on year.

He was an European Youth Parliament delegate and a representative on the Rotary Youth Leadership Development Competition. Last May he won the prestigious Gold Medal debate here in the college, a fitting final accomplishment at the end of his journey in CBC. He did put his



eloquence to good use on one further occasion: on the day of the Leaving Cert results he was interviewed by RTE and impressed listeners with his articulacy, humour and maturity.

Jonathan is also a talented writer. In 2022 he was named Best Speaker and Speechwriter at the Action Aid National Speech Writing Final in Dublin and was twice runner-up in the Education Essay-Writing Competition Oxford. He also won the Five Lamps National Short Story competition. Commenting on his story 'Words' the adjudicators commented on his empathy, characterisation and engaging plot.

He represented CBC on the rugby pitch for six years and was an excellent role model for all players, striving to improve in every training session. Playing at outhalf he was tenacious in

defence and inventive in attack and always gave 100%. He was clearly proud to wear the jersey and, win or lose, he walked off the pitch with his head held high.

However, this award is not presented to simply acknowledge Jonathan's achievements. This award is about character. Jonathan was always keen to give back to the college. As a Debating coach he passed on his skills, enthusiasm and dedication to those who now carry the torch. He was elected to the Student Council in 2020 and represented his year group in discussions with the management of the college. In 2022 he was selected as a member of our Meitheal Youth Leadership Team. In this role he worked to support First Year students as they sought to adapt to life in secondary school. As important as organising events such as soccer tournaments was, it was Jonathan's amiable and gentle manner that was appreciated by the younger boys.

In such ways, he is a great role model for all the pupils of the college.

Jonathan is a credit to his family, his college and himself. The qualities he displayed while in CBC will stand to him throughout his life, whatever path he chooses. He is a worthy recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year award and someone we will always be proud to call 'a Christians boy'.

CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL PARENTS' COUNCIL 2024-2025

Junior Infants Parents' Representative: Mrs Finnuala O'Hanlon
Senior Infants Parents' Representative: Mrs Tracey Murray
1st Class Parents' Representative: Mrs. Margaret Pearce
2nd Class Parents' Representative: Ms. Raechel Ducharme
3rd Class Representative: Mrs. Lorraine O'Brien & Mrs. Amanda Banim (Treasurer)
4th Class Representative: Mrs. Lucy Fouhy
5th Class Representative (Secretary): Mrs. Christine Sutton
6th Class Representative (Chairperson): Mrs. Olwyn Post

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2024

The Parents' Council arranged another hugely successful International Day on the 18th January 2024. The purpose of this event is to recognise and celebrate the cultural diversity within CBC Preparatory School. The parents aim to give the boys an insight into different countries and faiths and have a fun, educational and immersive experience. Boys were issued with a "passport" that needed to be stamped at each table they visited on the day. Visual props (e.g. maps, pictures, flags etc.) made the experience more interactive for the boys. Some parents dressed up in their national costume which was visually appealing. The highlight for many of the boys was sampling food and drink from different parts of the world. Some tables also had country specific games for the boys to try out. The parents also organised a quiz to complete as the boys circulated around the room. Completed quizzes were included in a raffle for a prize at the end of the day which greatly added to engagement levels on the day. There were some superb demonstrations and dances on the day and it was greatly enjoyed by staff and students alike.



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF 2024-2025



Back Row (L-R): Mr. Dylan O'Connor (4th Class), Mrs. Jane Scannell (1st Class), Mr. Cathal McNamara (6th Class), Mrs. Caroline FitzPatrick (SET), Mr. Steven Lynch (3rd Class, Deputy Principal), Ms. Laura Bourke (Senior Infants).

Front Row (L-R): Ms. Tara Murphy (5th Class), Ms. Kelly Williams (2nd Class), Ms. Sharon McAdoo (Principal), Mrs. Denise Lowry (Junior Infants), Mrs. Elizabeth O'Donovan (SET, Maternity Leave), Mrs. Dearbhla Bradley (SET).

CORK PENNY DINNERS

As well as our annual Christmas food collection for Cork Penny Dinners, funds raised from our pre-loved uniform sale were also donated to this worthwhile cause. Thank you to our Parents' Council for coordinating both initiatives.



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL 2024-2025

Our Student Council is a representative structure for students where boys elected by their peers liaise with teachers and management on matters that are important to the student body. The elected students worked in partnership with other stakeholders in the school for the benefit of the whole community. During the last school year our Student Council were delighted to negotiate the provision of goals in the school yard and the Parents' Council stepped in with funding to make this happen.

Our newly elected 2024-2025 Student Council is pictured right:



Back Row (L-R): Cathal McNamara (6th Class), Stanislaw Forrest (6th Class), Michael Erics (5th Class), Oscar O'Brien (5th Class), Kimi Weng (6th Class), Olan Kenny (5th Class).

Front Row (L-R): Sam O'Connell (4th Class), Rowan O'Brien (4th Class), Isaac Farnan (4th Class), Paddy Murphy Cullinane (6th Class), Caolann Glaysheer O'Connor (3rd Class), Rian Flynn (3rd Class), Morris Kelleher (3rd Class).

PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Our strong partnership with the secondary school continued this year, with teachers from the “big school” teaching French, German and Science to our senior students. Our hugely



successful TY Coaching programme gives our students the chance to interact and learn from older boys from the secondary school. It is an extremely positive and enriching experience for both parties and it was wonderful to watch the relationships grow throughout the year. We enjoyed gathering with the secondary school for a number of whole school events and we welcomed back our former students to visit when they finished up their CBC journey in May.



PEER MENTORING

We used “buddy reading” and “yard buddy” systems this year to allow students from the senior end of the Prep School mentor and build relationships with the younger students. This hugely contributes to our school community and has a positive impact throughout the school.

SCHOOL LIFE & ACTIVITIES

At the Preparatory School, we believe that creating engaging and interactive classroom activities is key to fostering a love of learning while also ensuring that students meet the educational objectives outlined in the national curriculum. The Irish primary school curriculum is designed to be flexible, emphasizing child-centred learning through hands-on activities that encourage curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking. Whether it's through outdoor maths trails, creative storytelling, historical role-play, or hands-on science experiments, these activities encourage active participation, critical thinking, and collaboration, all of which are essential skills for success in the 21st century. Students are also

encouraged to explore their interests and talents through a variety of extra-curricular activities that complement their academic pursuits. These activities play a vital role in shaping well-rounded individuals, helping students develop skills that go beyond the classroom. From sports and arts to school trips and leadership opportunities, the Preparatory School offers something for everyone.

A typical day in the Preparatory School is filled with a blend of learning, play, and community spirit. From the first bell in the morning to the final bell in the afternoon, children are encouraged to explore a wide range of subjects, develop their

social skills, and engage in physical activity. The day starts with a warm welcome from teachers at morning assembly and prayers. Classroom activities are delivered in an interactive and hands-on manner, fostering a love of learning. In addition to academics, pupils also enjoy break times where they can play outside, develop friendships, and take part in school traditions like singing songs or reciting poems. Overall, life in the Preparatory School is characterised by a friendly, supportive atmosphere where every child's individual talents and interests are nurtured, ensuring that their school experience is both enjoyable and enriching.

CBS SEXTON STREET VISIT

Staff and students from 6th Class in our partner school CBS Sexton Street visited for their annual Christmas trip to Cork. Our students from 5th and 6th hosted the boys and they all took part in a range of activities including STEM, Lego, and Coding. Unfortunately, the weather didn't allow for outdoor sporting activities but great fun was had all the same. The visit concluded with Christmas lunch in the secondary school canteen along with the presentation of gifts of books and selection box to each of the visiting students.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK 2024

Anti Bullying Week took place from Monday 11th – Friday 15th November 2024, with the theme **Choose Respect**. An Odd Socks Day took place on Tuesday 12th November with students and teachers wearing odd socks to school for the day to celebrate what makes us all unique. A Poster Competition was held with boys designing posters that reflected the message “Be a Buddy, Not a Bully” and classes creating class pledges committing to standing up to bullying and supporting each other.



PREP SCHOOL AWARDS 2024

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2023/2024 Preparatory School Awards.

6th CLASS AWARD WINNERS

Jacinta Tyrrell Award: Rory Buckley
Student of the Year: Harry Trench
Principal's Merit Award: Eoin Banim
Rugby Player of the Year: Billy Hogan
Rugby Back of the Year: Luke Millea
Rugby Forward of the Year: Fergal McKenna
Bath Tour Player: Henry Hussey
Hurler of the Year: Keelan Geaney
Gaelic Footballer of the Year: James Erics
Soccer: Isaac Kennedy
Chess Winner: Ethan Bambury
Chess Runner-Up: Matthew Barry
Draughts Winner: Julien Freeman
Draughts Runner Up: Patrick McLoughlin
Best on Tour: Ernest Xue, Luke Walsh
Novelty Race, Best Dressed: Sean Bickerdike
Novelty Race, Winner: Thomas Kelly
Spelling Bee: Matthew Barry

5th CLASS AWARD WINNERS

Rugby Player of the Year: Peter Sheehan
Rugby Back of the Year: Paddy Murphy
Rugby Forward of the Year: Jack Lynch
Hurler of the Year: Michael O'Sullivan
Gaelic Footballer of the Year: Kimi Weng
Chess Winner: Chris Jiang
Chess Runner-Up: Justin Chen
Draughts Winner: Yuyang Chen
Draughts Runner Up: Kimi Weng
3D Printing: Jayden Theunissen

4th CLASS AWARD WINNERS

Rugby Player of the Year: Cathal Hayes
Rugby Most Improved: Milo Murray
Chess Winner: Marcus Shi
Chess Runner-Up: Maurice Murphy
Draughts Winner: Freddie Collins
Draughts Runner Up: Oscar O'Riordan
3D Printing: Reuben Power

3rd CLASS AWARD WINNERS

Rugby Player of the Year: Luke O'Connell
Rugby Most Improved: Alexander Loyola
Chess Winner: Jianing Zhang
Chess Runner-Up: Auden Bambury
Draughts Winner: Mughil Sundaram
Draughts Runner Up: Denis McCarthy
3D Printing: Yiwen Xu, Qijia Zhou
Spelling Bee: Mughil Sundaram

MATHS WEEK 2024

Maths Week took place from 12th – 20th October 2024. We celebrated with plenty of classroom activities focused on numbers, logic, and problem-solving. Taking part in Maths Trails, quizzes and riddle solving activities, boys in the Prep School were encouraged to discover the joy and importance of mathematics in our everyday lives.

SCIENCE WEEK 2024

Science Week took place from 10th – 17th November 2024 and there were lots of mini scientists to be found in the Prep School all week. Once again, we celebrated with a number of classroom activities that align with the Science Curriculum. Boys completed various experiments throughout the week, that led them to some thought-provoking conclusions. Class teachers also arranged various activities for their individual classes aimed at promoting STEM in the Prep School. All classes

greatly enjoyed the demonstrations from 3rd Class as they carried out a series of interesting experiments.



UNICEF IRELAND – WATER FOR LIFE GAZA

Following a meeting between our Student Council and Blarney Street CBS, it was decided that our schools would collaborate and fundraise for UNICEF Ireland. Money raised during our Christmas collections were donated to this cause.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Staff and students from the Prep joined the wider CBC Community in taking part in a Darkness into Light Walk for PIETA. It was a moving and inspirational occasion.

WELLBEING

In addition to our SPHE programme, the Preparatory School implemented a Wellbeing programme into our classroom activities this year. During this programme we completed the following daily activities:

Mindfulness Monday: to cultivate a calming classroom environment through engaging children in mindfulness activities and to provide children with techniques to regulate their emotions.

Terrific Tuesday: to foster children’s development of a strong sense of self and self-esteem through encouraging positive self-talk and promoting positive thoughts and feelings of self-worth.

Wellness Wednesday: to encourage children’s enjoyable participation in physical activity and foster an appreciation of the positive effects of exercise on one’s physical, mental and overall wellbeing.

Thankful Thursday: to develop children’s self-awareness by providing opportunity for children to reflect on experiences, people and/or things they are thankful for an enabling children to discover the things that make them happy.

Feelgood Friday: to encourage children’s playful participation in mood-boosting activities to elevate children’s endorphin levels and foster a cheerful classroom climate.

JUNIOR INFANT CLASS

Mrs. Denise Lowry (*Junior Infant teacher*), Ms. Sharon McAdoo (*Principal*) and Mr. Steven Lynch (*Deputy Principal*) welcomed the new Junior Infants and their parents to the Preparatory School on Friday 25th August for their first day at school. The day went by in a flash and the boys were soon settled into life at the Prep School.



SACRAMENTS

We partnered with three other schools in our community Scoil Mhuire, St Lukes and Scoil Éanna to receive the sacraments of Confession, Communion and Confirmation. We worked together to prepare the music and readings for each ceremony which made for memorable events for all three special days.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2024



Back Row (L-R): Morris Kelleher, George Martin, Adam White, Conn Loughnane, Caolann Glaysheer O’Conner.

Middle Row (L-R): Ruadhán Banim, Cian Stanley, Rian Flynn, Alex Linehan, Adam Dolan.

Front Row (L-R): Flynn Tarr, Orion O’Connell, Michael Kenneally, Matthew Murphy-Cullinane, Ger Keane.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2024



Back Row (L-R): Mr Cathal McNamara, Eoin Banim, Fergal McKenna, Zhi Xue, Harry Trench, Billy Hogan, Alex Mills, Ethan Bambury, Henry Hussey.

Third Row (L-R): Fr Kevin O’Regan, Noah Harrington, Brian Terry, Msgr Gearoid Dullea, Keelan Geaney, Rory Buckley, Luke Walsh, Fr Marius O’Reilly.

Second Row (L-R): Isaac Kennedy, James Erics, Rían Scannell, Cillian Cotter.

Front Row (L-R): Matthew Barry, Patrick McLoughlin, Patrick O’Leary, Luke Millea, Hugo Bailey, Kai McCarthy, Daniel Curtin, Harry Law-Boland, Julien Freeman, Thomas Kelly, Oscar Watson.

TOURS & EXCURSIONS

Tours and excursions are an exciting and educational way for students to explore the world beyond the classroom. These trips offer a hands-on learning experience and help to foster a sense of curiosity and adventure.

RUGBY INTERNATIONALS

Boys in the senior end of the school enjoyed some fantastic rugby in the Aviva Stadium, boarding the buses decked out in green and ready to cheer on their rugby heroes. Arriving at the busy stadium, the boys and their teachers soaked in the atmosphere. There was lots of enthusiastic cheering and chanting and lots of very hoarse boys as they arrived back to Cork, tired but happy after some fantastic sporting occasions.



6TH CLASS BATH TOUR

A rite of passage for students in the Preparatory School, the annual 6th Class Rugby Tour to Bath is a highlight of the year for our boys. The boys along with their teachers and the parents that accompanied them had a wonderful time on tour, playing some great rugby as well as enjoying the sites of the historical city of Bath.



3RD & 4TH CLASS DÁIL ÉIREANN TOUR

In November, 3rd & 4th Class students and their teachers visited Dáil Éireann. This was an exciting opportunity for the boys to learn about Ireland's political system and history first-hand, particularly as we head into election season. The boys enjoyed a tour through the historic halls of Leinster House where they were introduced to the roles of the Taoiseach, TDs, and Seanad members. They explored the Dáil chamber, where lively debates take place, and marvelled at the elegant architecture and rich heritage of the building.



On this trip, the boys also visited Dublin Zoo to take part in a highly interactive and immersive session in Zoorasic World. The highlight of this was when they became "Dinosaur Detectives" and carried out their very own palaeontological dig with specialist equipment.



SCHOOL TOURS

Students in the junior end of the school enjoyed a fantastic day of sport and teamwork activities at the Let's Go School Tour whilst the older boys hit the water at Ballyhass Adventure Centre. These trips are key to creating lasting memories for the boys as they finish out the academic year whilst also fostering social development with students collaborating, sharing discoveries, and learning to navigate new situations under the guidance of teachers and chaperones.



LIBRARY VISITS

Library visits are an exciting and enriching experience for our students, offering a wonderful opportunity to explore new worlds through books. These visits not only foster a love for reading but also help children develop essential skills such as critical thinking, imagination, and independent learning. During our regular visits to Cork City Library, students can discover a wide range of topics that spark their curiosity, from adventure stories to fascinating facts about the natural world.



DEBATING IN 5TH CLASS 2024

5th Class worked very hard on their persuasive writing and language skills this term so they were put to the test in a whole class debate. These skills are essential as they empower students to express their opinions effectively and develop critical thinking. These activities encouraged the boys in 5th Class to structure arguments logically, use evidence to support their ideas, and consider different perspectives, fostering empathy and understanding. Engaging in persuasive writing and debates enhances communication skills and confidence, preparing students for future academic and social challenges. The boys did a fantastic job and no doubt we have some future barristers in our midst!



SPORT AT THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Sport plays a vital role in the Preparatory School, offering children an opportunity to develop both physically and socially. It promotes teamwork, discipline, and a sense of achievement, while also fostering a healthy lifestyle from an early age. As part of our PE programme, students regularly engage in a variety of sports, from traditional Gaelic games like football and hurling to rugby and athletics, helping to create a well-rounded educational experience. Sport in the Preparatory School is not just about competition; it is about encouraging participation, building confidence, and instilling the values of fairness, respect, and resilience that extend beyond the playing field.

Sports Day is always a highlight on the school calendar and this year was no different. The Junior students enjoyed glorious sunshine (and an impromptu shower from the Lansdowne sprinkler system!) whilst the Senior students had to reschedule due to bad weather – this made the day all the sweeter when it finally came around!



Gaelic Football.



GAA with Liz.



Hurling.



Rugby Coaching.



Rugby.



Sports Day.



Rugby Internationals.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Our After-School programme, launched last year, continues to be a popular feature of life at the Prep School. Boys can choose from a constantly evolving list of After-School clubs, facilitated by members of the teaching team in the school. Based on student body demand, the following clubs took place during the 2023-'24 school year:

- Art
- Book & Film
- Cookery
- Coding
- Chess & Draughts
- Club Gaelige
- Dance
- Drama
- Greenfingers Gardening
- German
- Lego
- Minecraft
- 3D Printing
- Public Speaking
- Puzzles & Games
- STEM
- Story (Early Literacy)
- Table Tennis

Our After-School Study sessions are also available daily where students complete their homework in a classroom environment, following which they can read or play games quietly. On sunny days, they have been known to venture outside with the teacher on duty to play sport when every boy has completed their homework!

Our 5th and 6th Class boys took to the Sports Fields in Lansdowne once again this year, training for GAA and Rugby with their coaches on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school.



Greenfingers Gardening



Art Club



Story Club



Cookery



Drama



Chess & Draughts

PAST PUPILS UNION 2023-2024

The success of the PPU as a part of the CBC community is dependent on the strength of its members and their involvement in the union. CBC Boys can be found in every walk of life and in every corner of the world and it is this diversity of members that keeps the PPU relevant.

Mindful of the importance of growing membership, the PPU Committee this year spearheaded a new initiative to make it easier for alumni to join and stay connected with their alma mater. The Committee embraced social media and electronic communication like never

before. Past pupils can now join the PPU by scanning a QR Code and can stay connected through accessing any of several social media platforms.

Thanks to the efforts of the committee, the union has witnessed significant growth in membership, including from as far afield as Canada, Australia and Dubai.



ANNUAL PPU DINNER

The Annual PPU Dinner was held on Saturday 27 January 2024. This year saw a change of venue to the larger Clayton Hotel, Lapps Quay, which was better able to meet the demand from alumni. Invited guests on the night included Tánaiste and Minister for Defence Micheál Martin TD, Minister for Finance Michael McGrath TD, Deputy Lord Mayor Dr John Sheehan, Christian Brothers Provincial Leader Br David Gibson and PPU Presidents from

North Mon, PBC, Midleton CBS and Midleton College.

Groups in attendance on the night included the Classes of 1967, 1971, 1973, 1980, 1983, 1984, 1988, 1989, 2004 and 2006. Mr Ed Kenny was also acknowledged for his outstanding work in organising the PPU dinner over the past 36 years.



PPU AGM

The 94th Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 28 November 2024. At the meeting, Mr Keith Green was appointed President. On behalf of all in the College, we wish to thank outgoing president, Mr Owen Hurley, for his support and extend our best wishes to Keith for the year ahead.

Officers for the forthcoming year are as follows:

President: Mr Keith Green.

Vice-Presidents: Mr Shane Kelly, Mr Alan Scanlan, Mr Mike Duggan, Mr David Lordon (*Ex Officio*).

Joint Secretary: Mr Tadhg Quill Manley, Mr Darren O'Keeffe.

Treasurers: Mr Dave O'Mahony, Mr Ed Kenny.

Membership Secretary: Mr Brian Twomey.

Committee: Mr Keith Bracken, Mr Pat Bradley, Mr Ed Crosbie, Mr Anthony Gaffney, Mr David Glavin, Mr Gearoid Murphy, Mr Peter O'Hanlon.



Outgoing President, Mr Owen Hurley, hands on the chain-of-office to incoming President for 2024/2025 Mr Keith Green.



(L-R): Michael Foy receives his Cap from Dr Larrie Martin, Chairperson of the Board of Management, and Mr Owen Hurley, CBC PPU President.



(L-R): Mr Michael McGrath, TD, Minister for Finance, Mr Micheál Martin, TD, Tánaiste, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Defence, Mr Owen Hurley, CBC PPU President, Mr. David Lordon, CBC Principal, Ms Sharon McAdoo, CBC Prep School Principal.

SPORTS 2023-2024

HURLING

Once again the hurlers of CBC set out on the trail of a maiden Harty Cup success. The draw saw us pitted against some strong traditional Harty Cup schools.

We opened our campaign against the North Mon AG in early October, running out nine point winners on a score line of 2-19 to 0-16. Our opponent for our second group game was Nenagh CBS, a renowned Harty school from North Tipperary. CBC emerged victorious on a score line of 2-19 to 0-14.

Our final group game versus De La Salle Waterford was played in Ardmore. This highly

competitive game ended in a draw, 2-14 to 1-17. CBC topped the group and once more had made it to the quarter finals.

The quarter final pitted us against Cashel Community, dangerous opponents with a strong inter county representation. It was a challenging game with some outstanding performances but unfortunately, our opponents held on to win on a scoreline of 1-13 to 0-13. Cashel went on to win the Harty Cup itself. This was the fifth consecutive year that our final game of the season was played against the eventual competition winner.



SWIMMING

CBC has always been very well represented in Schools' Swimming and this year has been no exception. At the Munster Senior Schools swimming event held in UL, Garvan Gillard claimed Gold in the Junior 100 Fly and Silver in the 200 Individual Medley. The Junior Relay team claimed Silver in the Individual Medley relay and Gold in the Freestyle relay. The Intermediate relay claimed Individual Medley Gold and Silver in the Freestyle relay.

Sean Bugler claimed Silver in the 400m Freestyle and Silver in the 200m Individual Medley, with Charlie Cassidy claiming Gold in the same event. Phelim Hanley finished a respectable Third in the boys Intermediate 100m Backstroke before his

CBC teammates Charlie Cassidy and Sean Bugler claimed First and Second respectively in the Senior category.

Pierce Hanley achieved Bronze in the Intermediate Individual Medley before going on to claim Gold in the 100m Breaststroke, followed closely by his CBC teammate Thomas Bugler.

The final events of the day were the boys Senior Individual Medley relay and Senior Freestyle relay with the team of Charlie Cassidy, Joshua O'Neill, Vincent Leahy, and Sean Bugler claiming Gold in both events. This victory meant that CBC retained the Munster Swimming Shield for the third year in a row.

ROWING

CBC was proud to compete in the London Schools Head of the River Race on the Thames, rowing a course of 4 miles from Chiswick Bridge down to Putney Bridge and finishing in a very competitive time of 18:12.1. The Schools' Head of the River Race (SHORR) is the UK's largest school-age processional race and is organised by Westminster School for crews aged between 14 and 18 years old.



Our crew rowed in the College Eight *Certa Bonum Certamen*. The following students made up the crew: David O'Connor, Aaron O'Leary, Cillian Monahan, Tim Healy, Peter O'Connor, Tobey Reynolds, Ben Roberts, Matthew Russell, Hugh Johnson, Conal Gillard and Archie Jones. CBC was supported as always by Donal Cronin of Cork Boat Club and was hosted by London School King's College School, Wimbledon. The crew also received a coaching session from Olympic Rowing coach Pat Duggan ex. Cork Boat Club.

SOCCER

Soccer in the College continues to grow from strength to strength. CBC is well represented across the age groups with U14, U15, U16 and U17 squads. Participation in the Munster Cup and Cork Cup ensures plenty of action for our players. This year, CBC contested two Cork Cup Finals at U15 and U16 level, a testament to the talent and commitment of players and coaches alike throughout the year.

SPORTING SCHOLARSHIPS



BEN O'SHAUGHNESSY
UCD Ad Astra Scholarship,
Sailing



CHARLIE CASSIDY
UL Entrance Scholarship,
Swimming



MICHAEL FOY
UCC Quercus Scholarship,
Rugby



TOM McGRATH
first ever full
Ireland International



EVAN LYNCH
receives his
International Schools
Cap

RUGBY ROUND-UP 2023-2024

APPOINTMENT OF MR JONNY HOLLAND, RUGBY ELITE PERFORMANCE DIRECTOR

Earlier this year, CBC announced the appointment of Mr Jonny Holland as the school's Rugby Elite Performance Director. Jonny joins the school's Rugby management team with overall responsibility for the College's Rugby development and coaching programme, aligning with its overall mission and values. A key area of responsibility for Jonny is the nurturing of talent within the coaching group, designing and implementing programs that allow our players to reach their full potential as well as ensuring that our programme engages all pupils in the Christians Rugby experience. A former Munster fly-half, Jonny moved into coaching in recent years and led Cork Constitution RFC to AIL Division 1A title success. He brings considerable experience to his role through involvement in elite sport as a performance nutritionist.



INAUGURAL CBC COMMUNITY RUGBY LUNCH

The inaugural CBC Rugby Lunch, held in October, brought the College community together in a very meaningful way in support of our Rugby initiatives. Compered by Jonathan Healy, guests on the day enjoyed lively and entertaining panel discussions with Donal Lenihan, Billy Holland, Michael Foy, Donnacha O'Callaghan and Jonny Holland. A wonderful occasion was enjoyed by guests, and we look forward to embedding this event as a firm part of the CBC social calendar going forward. A special word of thanks to Hilary O'Shea, Karen Prenter and Ruth O'Leary for their superb work in organising this occasion.



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS: CRUSADERS VISITS CBC



In February, CBC had the privilege of welcoming the Crusaders Rugby squad from New Zealand to the College for a special training day ahead of their match against Munster in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. This was a unique opportunity for Christians players across all age grades to watch one of the most storied and successful Rugby teams in the world conduct a full training programme.



The occasion was also a great opportunity to welcome back Crusaders Head Coach Rob Penney. Rob is no stranger to CBC from his time as Munster Head Coach, and his two sons are past pupils of the school. Among the Crusaders squad members were a host of international players, including Leigh Halfpenny (Wales), Willi Heinze (England) as well as All Blacks Ryan Crotty, Owen Franks and George Bower.

The day began with a Strength and Conditioning session in the Fitness Suite. In Lansdowne, players from the Prep and Secondary were afforded the opportunity to watch the

VISIT BY IRFU PRESIDENT MR GREG BARRETT

In January CBC Preparatory and Secondary School came together for the annual Jersey Presentation ceremony ahead of the start of the Rugby Cup campaigns. The College was delighted to welcome past pupil and President of the IRFU Mr Greg Barrett as guest of honour on the day. We were also joined by Mr John Dineen, Founder and CEO of IT services company Pubble which generously sponsored of our Junior and Senior teams this season.



proceedings, giving them a first-hand experience of an elite performance group training at the highest level. The genuine interactions between the players and young fans left a lasting impression, one that will be remembered for years to come.



JUNIOR CUP

The Junior squad had a competitive season in the Munster Schools Junior and Kidney Cup, highlighted by their resilience and strong performances.

The first XV secured a semi-final place after a hard-fought 14-12 victory over Bandon Grammar School. In the semi-final against Ardscoil Rís, CBC came from behind to win 8-7. The team displayed great maturity and belief to secure the victory. However, in the final, despite a strong second half comeback, CBC fell just short against PBC with a scoreline of 19-14.

The Kidney Cup squad illustrated belief and determination, culminating in a victorious Final 17-12 win over Pres in their Final at Musgrave Park. They were superbly led by Alex McDonald and Darren O'Connell, with 37 players contributing



throughout the Kidney Cup campaign. They played a fantastic, attacking style of rugby and many will go on to represent at Senior level.

SENIOR RUGBY



Senior Rugby this season had so many highs and fantastic rugby from the very start. We had a talented Squad with over 75 training in September and October. Early wins versus Kilkenny, St Mary's and a draw against St Michaels started this year very well.

The Senior league started with a great win against Ard Scoil (38-14) in Lansdowne. We then played Crescent away in a difficult game winning 34-12. We played to a high standard in these games where backs and forwards combined for some super scores. A three day trip to Bath followed to train and bond the squad.

We returned to winning ways against Bandon and Cork Con

U20. In the next game against Glenstal, we gave returning injured players and many players a senior run. By winning our league group we had a home quarter final against St Munchins.

After the league, we were back to preparing for the cup with matches against Terenure, Clongowes and Blackrock. We lost to 'Rock but won our other games playing some great Rugby along the way. We travelled to Clongowes in our last game before the cup. Our quarter final in difficult conditions against St Munchins in Musgrave Park showed great leadership and maturity by players, with CBC winning out by 17 points to 5. We won the Barry Cup versus PBC on 7 Feb where we had some very good performances from the wider squad. Our semi-final v Crescent was again a different game but our second half was clinical winning 14 to 3 in the end. The Final against old rival PBC was a tough one, eventually emerging the wrong side of a 33-31 scoreline. The season gave us so much and we just fell short in the end. The entire squad should be commended for their effort and energy over the season.

MCCARTHY CUP

CBC faced St Munchins College in the Final played at the University of Limerick. Munchins started strong but this did not phase the CBC team as they lifted their performance to fight their way back into the game. All the hard work and commitment from players throughout the campaign was worth it when the referee blew the final whistle with CBC 32-17 winners.

The McCarthy Cup B squad had a very successful season as they enjoyed an unbeaten McCarthy Cup round robin campaign before stumbling in the semi-



final against a very tough Clonmel High School team who would go on to win the trophy.

The McCarthy Cup C squad played some brilliant rugby and qualified for the Finals at the home of Shannon RFC. The players deserve great commendation for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

The Munster Rugby Spring League also began in February. CBC beat Bandon Grammar on a scoreline of 67-20 to open the campaign, followed up with a 29-29 draw against Castletroy in Limerick and a 36-0 win over Ard Scoil in Limerick. This set up an all- Cork final against Pres which CBC won on a scoreline of 26-20. This is the third time in a row that CBC have won this competition.

A fantastic addition to the post-Christmas calendar this season was the squad's trip to Terenure College to compete in the Terenure Tournament. CBC finished as the best placed Irish team as they drew with Gonzaga College, beat CBC Monkstown and beat Blackrock College to qualify for the semi-finals of the top tier Cup competition where they beat St Munchins to progress to the final against Millfield College from England.

U14 RUGBY

This season has been a great example of what First Year Rugby is all about: player development and enjoyment in participation. It has been fantastic to see the boys take great pride "fighting the good fight" and forming great friendships and memories. All year, the squad effort has been impressive. As well as the boys' diligent approach to their rugby, there has been great fun at training and on match days. Competition has been ever present, but so too has a sense of togetherness.

The First Year squad has fielded up to four teams accommodating a variety of experience levels. The fixture schedule has seen CBC play regularly against opposition from Dublin, Limerick, Tipperary as well as Cork.

The season opened with a challenging fixture at away to St. Mary's College, Dublin. Some good lessons were learned as the boys were still getting to know their teammates. Highlights this season included home successes against Rockwell and Castletroy and an away win against St. Munchins. A trilogy of matches versus Pres also made for great fun this year. Our final game in Wilton in March really showed how much the boys have progressed over the year. On the day, the boys executed the fundamentals really well. Fast rucks enabled the boys to work well to our high tempo game plan. CBC were victorious, winning our final game against Pres on a score of 5-17.

BOWEN SHIELD

The Bowen Shield campaign kicked off with a home fixture to Rockwell. With a strong performance, CBC took the first win of the campaign 62-0. Our next match was away in Thomond RFC to Ard Scoil Ris. The scoreline finished 32-22 against us with some lessons learned on the day. The third game saw a return to winning ways, at home to Pres. We started well and maintained that momentum ending 36-12, a positive result after the disappointment of the previous outing. Bandon Grammar, in our next fixture, offered stern resistance. The game finished 32-14 to CBC.

The campaign continued with another trip to Limerick, this time to St Munchins. Some great performances helped the squad to a final scoreline of 19-36 to CBC. One week later we were in Limerick again to face Crescent College Comprehensive. Crescent trailed initially then went ahead. A Calum Fitzgerald try and a Noah Morris conversion ensured a CBC win of 34-26. Wendu Oji was outstanding, scoring 4 tries.

Our season came to an end in the semi-final against Ard Scoil Ris. The game ended 15-12 to Ard Scoil.

CBC LAUNCHES RUGBY UNITY WALL IN LANSDOWNE

Since its unveiling in November 2023, the CBC Rugby Unity Wall, located in Lansdowne Sports Complex, has become a cherished symbol of support and solidarity within the school community. This fundraising project emerged as a means of bringing together students, parents, alumni, coaches and supporters, each of whom has contributed to the rich rugby heritage at CBC. Through this initiative, each donor can leave a lasting mark on the school, as their name or a dedication is engraved on the Wall. It serves

as both a tribute to the history of the CBC rugby program and a forward-looking investment in its future.

Speaking at the Unity Wall launch, Principal Mr David Lordon said “Some of the country’s finest players have honed their skills here in Lansdowne, and we are immensely proud of the outstanding success they have gone on to achieve for their province and country. We are equally proud, however, of the many CBC boys who have lined out to represent their school in

various competitions and leagues over so many years, and who continue to enhance the proud rugby tradition in the College.”

Funds raised through the Unity Wall go directly to supporting CBC rugby, helping to provide the resources necessary for coaching, equipment and maintenance of our superb Lansdowne facility. Anyone who wishes to purchase a tile on the wall can do so by emailing unitywall@cbccork.ie.



(L-R): Mr. David Lordon, *CBC Principal*, Caleb McKinnie, *Senior Thirds Captain*, Danny Rock, *Senior Captain*, Mr John Dineen, *Jersey Sponsor*, Dr Larrie Martin, *Chairperson of the Board of Management*, Michael Foy, *Senior Cup Vice Captain*, Mark Skelly, *Senior Cup Vice Captain*, Mr Donal O'Mahony, *Deputy Principal*.

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Robert O'Sullivan.

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