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BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

The exciting news that An Bord Pleanála had given the green light for CBC's Strategic Development Plan was widely welcomed by all in the College community as an opportunity to develop state-of-the-art facilities for future generations of students and provide a new face of the school to the city.

The development will include a new five-storey schoolhouse running parallel to St Patrick's Hill, consisting of a new library and digital suite as well as an auditorium, classrooms, Guidance Suite and canteen with viewing area overlooking the city. New indoor and outdoor social spaces will enhance the student experience. An extensive upgrade to the grounds will include additional work to the all-weather pitch, incorporating a covered viewing area and enhanced landscaping. The development will also provide a new library and other improvements in the Preparatory School.

The 2500 square metre building has been developed in conjunction with award-winning architects, O'Donnell and

Tuomey, responsible for such projects as the UCC Glucksman Gallery, St Angela's College, the London School of Economics and the Central European University in Budapest. The development was made possible on foot of the purchase of lands adjoining the school by CBC in recent years.

Welcoming the news, College Principal, Mr David Lordon said, "We are committed to ensuring that the changing needs of each generation of learners will be met through innovation in learning and teaching and through high quality facilities. This is an opportunity to plan ahead, to look at where second-level education is going and to future-proof our campus in terms of services.

"The announcement by An Bord Pleanála represents a significant investment both in the school and in the city and, in tandem with significant planned upgrade of roads and services by Cork City Council, is an endorsement of this part of the city as an important educational hub into the future."



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In Memory of our dear friend and colleague BARRY RUSSELL

On April 23, the CBC community lost their friend and colleague Barry Russell, following a long illness, bravely borne. His passing has left us with a great sense of sadness and loss. While the Covid-19 restrictions denied us the opportunity to come together in the usual way to remember him, we were glad to have the opportunity to celebrate his life through a special online Mass, celebrated by former CBC teacher Fr Eamon Roche.



Barry was CBC through and through, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather as a First Year student in 1992. He developed a wide circle of friends through involvement in music and sports, most notably rugby. A keen hurler also, Barry enjoyed championship success with his native Blarney as a student. His career in CBC, where he taught French and English for many years, was characterised by empathy, good humour and immense ability. Barry understood his students and devoted his energies to providing the highest standards of academic and pastoral support. He contributed greatly to school life outside the classroom also through involvement in school tours, the College's annual awards ceremony and, most notably, in coaching rugby where he played a central role in helping CBC lift the Munster Junior Cup in 2004. Barry was a true friend to colleagues and students alike, always willing to offer support and advice with his trademark easy style. It is no exaggeration to say that, over his many years as part of the CBC family, Barry brought kindness, decency and talent to everything he did.

Our sadness as a school community has sprung from an awareness of the person we have lost, but we are thankful for the privilege of knowing him and of being able to call him one of our own.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



CBC REMEMBERS

Mr Brian Austin, RIP, 18 January 2020.

Br Al. O'Connor, RIP, 28 January 2020.

Mr Barry Russell, RIP, 23 April 2020.

Br Gary O'Shea, RIP, 10 August 2020.

Mrs Maureen Long, RIP, 17 October 2020.

ACADEMIC HONOURS

State examination students and their teachers faced an unprecedented situation this year as a result of Covid-19 restrictions. For the first time in the history of the State, the Junior Cycle examination was cancelled and was fully replaced with school-based assessment. Leaving Certificate students found themselves facing the cancellation of Oral and Practical examinations and the replacement of written examinations with a school-based Calculated Grades process. There is no doubt that this was a time of great stress and uncertainty for our students and their families. The changes in the system were far-reaching, impacting in particular on CAO college offers, with significant increases in points for many courses. The experience of schools throughout the country on results day and in the weeks that followed told their own story about an assessment process that did not fully recognise and reward the hard work and ability of all candidates as it should have.

We were very proud of all our CBC students who exhibited great resilience and impressive dedication to their work, despite the significant challenges they faced. Jack O'Sullivan and Alex

Sheehan both attained 8H1 grades. Five other students also attained the maximum 625 points this year; Tim Wang, Ciaran O'Driscoll, Finn MacFhlannchadha, Ben Terhorst and Luke Galligan. Thirteen students scored over 600 points, 22% over 550 points, 45% attained over 500 points, and 90% achieved in excess of 350 points.

The College is very proud of the graduates from the Class of 2020 for all that they have achieved in their time in CBC, and we have no doubt that a very bright future awaits each of them in the years ahead.



Michael Mac Sweeney/Provision

STUDENT COUNCIL 2020-2021



Back Row (L-R): Michael O'Keeffe, *Transition Year*, Colm O'Sullivan, *Sixth Year*, Owen Chandler, *Sixth Year*, David Morley, *Second Year*, Darragh Hannigan, *Fifth Year* (Inset).

Front Row (L-R): Robert Twomey, *School Captain and Sixth Year Representative*, Eoin O'Donnell, *School Vice Captain and Sixth Year Representative*, Jonathan Walsh, *Third Year*.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2020-2023

In October, the new Board of Management commenced its three year term.

Dr Larrie Martin, *Chairperson*,
Mr David Lordon, *Principal / Secretary of BOM*,
Dr Owen Crotty, *Trustee Nominee*,
Mrs Una Feeney, *Trustee Nominee*,
Ms Colette Synnott, *Trustee Nominee*,
Mr Russell Foley, *Teacher Representative*,
Ms Clodagh Bergin, *Teacher Representative*,
Ms Janet Frawley, *Parent Representative*,
Mr Brian Cremin, *Parent Representative*,
Ms Sharon McAdoo, *Preparatory Teacher Representative*,
Mr Colin Murphy, *Parent Representative*.

PARENTS' COUNCIL 2020-2021

The new Secondary Parents Council was elected at its Annual General Meeting in November.

Dr. Ger McMahon (Chairperson) (*6th Year*),
Ms. Lynda O'Donnell (Secretary) (*6th Year*),
Ms. Ita Gubbins (*1st Yr*),
Ms. Kate MacCann (*2nd Year*),
Mr. Tom Coughlan (*2nd Year*),
Ms. Jennie Kelleher (*3rd Year*),
Ms. Rosario Kietly (*3rd Year*),
Ms. Idé Ní Riain (*TY*),
Ms. Jennifer Dennehy (*TY*),
Ms. Sarah Lynch (*TY*),
Ms. Jennifer Linehan (*5th Year*),
Ms. Patricia Shalloe (*5th Year*),
Mr. Tom Casey (*College Liaison*).

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT MRS ANNE LONG

The College was delighted to welcome the appointment of Mrs Anne Long as Deputy Principal. Mrs Long will join Mr Seamus Bruton and Mr Donal O'Mahony in the Senior management team. Mrs Long is well known to all in CBC, having served as First Year Head for over ten years. In that time she was known for the superb care she showed the students in First Year and for the many innovations she led that supported students in making the important transition from Primary to Secondary. Mrs Long officially commenced her role on 16 November.



SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM



(L-R): Mr Donal O'Mahony, Deputy Principal, Mr Seamus Bruton, Deputy Principal, Mrs Anne Long, Deputy Principal, Mr David Lordon, Principal.

RETIREMENTS

In November, we paid tribute to two much valued and respected members of staff.

MR FRANK COTTER

Mr Cotter's contribution to the College over the past twenty six years has been immense, as a teacher and as a member of the College's management team. There are so many highlights to his long career, first among them his students' extraordinary State Examination results each year. Mr Cotter was instrumental in developing Health and Safety best practice in CBC and as a teacher nominee on the Board of Management. His many years as Head of Science were characterised by innovation and energy, most evident in the redevelopment of the Science labs in recent years. In 2016, Mr Cotter was named Teacher of the Year for the UK and Ireland by the Institute of Physics, a fitting tribute to the significant impact he made in his chosen field. More recently, as Deputy Principal, Mr Cotter showed consummate professionalism, making important contributions to policy development and providing practical support to students, parents and staff. We wish Mr Cotter the very best in his retirement, and hope it brings new opportunities and every happiness for the future.



MS ANN BARRY MURPHY

Over the course of almost thirty years in CBC, Ms Barry Murphy developed an outstanding reputation, particularly in the teaching of Mathematics. Her extraordinary commitment was evident in the highest standards which she set in her classroom and in the outstanding results enjoyed by her students in State examinations. Under her guidance, CBC Maths teams achieved unprecedented success in the Junior Pi Maths Competition, the CMTA Senior Maths Quiz, Canadian Maths Competition and most notably in several All Ireland Team Maths titles.

Ms Barry Murphy was also a committed teacher of Gaelige and made a significant contribution to school life as a member of the College's management team. Ms Barry Murphy will be greatly missed, and we wish her health and happiness in her retirement.



NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF 2020-2023

Back Row (L-R): Mr Ross Browne (History, Geography, Resource), Mr Colm Barrett (PE & French), Mr Tomás O'Leary (English, Geography), Mr Dean Ryan (Maths), Mr David Roy (English, History).

Front Row (L-R): Mr Conor McCafferty (PE, History), Ms Aoife Conneely (English, Resource), Ms Ciara Power (German, Geography), Ms Ciara Doonan (Geography, English), Ms Elizabeth Kelleher (Business, French).

SCHOOL LIFE & ACTIVITIES

2019-2020

LEGO ROBOTICS

Earlier this year, First and Second Year pupils represented the school in the All Ireland First Lego League final in Dublin. 24 teams from all over Ireland



qualified to take part in the Final. Darragh Kielty, Liam Cassidy, Tomás Spelman, Ronan O'Keeffe, Aryan Nasser, Jagat Gogineni, Oran Kielty, Euan Harrison, Darren Sexton and Ruairí Walsh, qualified for this event as Regional Champions in the tournament final in Cork before Christmas. Well done to all for their fantastic achievement, to mentor teacher Ms Tanya Clifford for her support and guidance, and to Head of Science Ms Martina Carroll who also accompanied the team to the Final.



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

CBC charitable activities committee had a busy year, despite the restrictions of Covid, organising a number of fundraising events for a diverse range of worthwhile causes. As part of CBC annual Christmas appeal a tree of intentions was again erected in the atrium of the school and separately our food appeal generated a huge amount of food that was then distributed throughout Cork by St Vincent De Paul. A joint initiative between the Preparatory and Secondary school raised funds towards the CUH Oncology Unit fundraising drive.

Great credit goes to all in the CBC community for working on behalf of so many worthy causes and thus keeping alive the true spirit of giving as taught by our founder Blessed Edmund Rice. We believe that it is important for the boys to develop a concern for those who are less fortunate and to be aware of the impact they can have in society. We would like to thank all the students and parents who have been so generous and supportive throughout the year.



Cork Lions Club Presentation

Back Row (L-R): Dylan Styles, Daniel Harney, Ms Clodagh Bergin.

Front Row (L-R): Zac Casey, Mr Pat Desmond.

SKI TOUR: AUSTRIA 2020

This year marked another great ski tour for the Transition Year class of 2020. As always there was a lot of excitement amongst the 80 students travelling.

The group set out on Saturday, February 15, flying from Dublin to Munich. There was a real sense of excitement and anticipation the evening ahead of the first day on the slopes. As there was a variety

of skiing experience amongst the group, the boys were divided into groups by their ski instructors, ranging from beginners to advanced skiers.

The group was very fortunate with the conditions all week. In all, it was a great experience with many pupils enjoying their first ski trip with their friends and making a few more throughout the week!



CBC ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUPS

The CBC Advocacy and Social Justice Group aims to promote a real positive change that we as a school community can make on a daily basis and through various appeals and campaigns throughout the school year. In keeping with the beliefs of Blessed Edmund Rice, the CBC Advocacy Group are closely linked with the 5 key elements an Edmund Rice School.



The Advocacy Group has been involved in a number of campaigns and events to promote positive change within the school community. 5th Year Pupils Seán O'Connell, Stephen Hayden and Adam Gray have been at the forefront of much of the work of the CBC Advocacy group. Students from other year groups have also been invited to help develop and continue the good work of the group.

Student voice and working as a team is a key aspect of the school's advocacy group. A number of areas were identified as immediate and long term priorities for the College: the reduction of waste going in to landfill, the reduction of electricity usage within the school and the elimination of single use plastics.

As a result of their efforts to promote real positive change in the community, in January members of the group were invited to attend the Edmund Rice International (ERI) Conference in Geneva as International Youth Ambassadors for CBC. At the conference, Brian Bond spoke about the work of ERI and the provided some illuminating facts regarding the concerning state of climate change. From there, the Advocacy team travelled to the Broken Chair Monument and the Red Cross Museum. The trip to the Red Cross Museum followed and it proved most informative regarding the good work done by this organisation around the world. Lastly, the team were brought on a tour of the UN where they learned of its history and its practices today.



DEBATING SOCIETY 2019/2020

By any standards this has been another very successful year. We were extremely proud of senior student Matt Mallen who was chosen to Captain Ireland at the World School's Debating Championship for a second year. Matt was placed Fourth in the World and Ireland was named the top team in Europe in the competition. CBC was named Best Delegation at the UCC National Model UN Competition for the third year running. Fearghal Desmond, Eoin Palmer, Joshua Fitzgerald and Oliver McKenna qualified for the Cambridge International Mace competition. This year was a very successful year for junior debaters with the formidable team of Senan Skalkos and Henry O'Riordan winning Best Team at the St Aloysius Junior Mace and again at the St Aloysius Carrigtwohill Junior Mace.

This year CBC played host to the Munster Session of the European Youth Parliament. The session brought together 160 Senior Cycle students from each county in Munster to work with other individuals through discussions and debates, in order to provide solutions to some of the biggest challenges facing Europe at the moment. Through this event, students had the opportunity to develop skills in teamwork, communication, public speaking and current affairs while making new friends in the process. Fearghal Desmond, Darragh Walsh, James Barry and Craig O'Mahony qualified for the National Session of European Youth Parliament after a very competitive Munster Session in CBC.

ERASMUS+

The College was delighted to be awarded significant funding under the Leargas Erasmus+ programme to support Learning and Teaching in the College. This competitive programme supports teacher professional development, allowing them to observe and share best practice in learning and teaching in top educational institutions throughout Europe. Many thanks to our Learning and Teaching committee for all their work in this most important area of school life.

LEARNING & TEACHING



CBC representatives Mr. Edmond Hussey and Mrs. Catherine Costello were invited guests of Lord Mayor of Cork, Cllr. John Sheehan for the launch of the new exhibition "One Century out of Seven: Lithuania, Lite, Lita." CBC attended the event in the City Hall exhibition centre as part of their Erasmus+ project. The reception was also joined by the Lithuanian Ambassador to Ireland, Egidijus Meilunas.

LEAVING CERT MASTER CLASS PROGRAMME

This year, the College introduced a Master Class programme for all subjects to support 6th Year students in their preparations for the Leaving Certificate. The programme is delivered online each weekend until the end of May, with a number

of sessions provided for each examination subject over the course of the year. It is hoped that this facility will assist our final year students in maximising their potential in this most important year.

TRANSITION YEAR PLAY 2020: 'THE FIELD' BY JOHN B KEANE

The TY play, *'The Field'* has been a remarkable journey for all those who have participated.

From an amazing cast, led by Max Healy, to the exceptional producers of Louis Healy and Eoin Kelly, this was a production that will long be remembered for all the right reasons. From Alex O'Leary, Jack O'Mahony and Sean Murphy (who managed the props for the production), to Joe Kennedy as Stage Manager and the entire stage team, this TY group has been phenomenal in every respect.



To the great disappointment of all involved, the second show did not take place as scheduled, owing to the government's Covid lockdown announcement. Nevertheless, every member of the cast and crew is to be commended for their commitment to this remarkable production and for the resilience they showed in responding to a situation beyond their control.

The production this year would not have been possible but for the continued guidance and support of so many in the school community. When we consider why we undertake such projects as part of Transition Year in the college, the answer is simple: we want our students to be the best that they can be! A project such as the TY Play can enable all those involved to become empowered, to grow and to think outside the box. Our hope is that this production has impacted on all involved in a positive way.



WELLBEING

CBC has been especially conscious of the importance of promoting and supporting wellbeing in the College community in this challenging year. Last year, we were proud of our Student Council which spearheaded efforts to attain an Amber Flag for positive mental health for CBC. This year, a number of additional programmes have been developed to support students across the school.



A timetabled Mentor class has been introduced for all First and Second Year pupils, with a teacher assigned in a support role for each class. The Mentor initiative will provide students with additional support and a forum for discussing issues of importance to them in their daily school lives assisting them as they respond to the challenges and opportunities they encounter.

A workshop programme, led by the College's Student Support Team, has been run for all Third Year pupils with a focus on resilience, relationships and managing change.

The important issue of consent is the focus for Transition Year students, with a comprehensive

series of workshops being facilitated by Ms Margo Noonan from the Sexual Violence Unit of South Infirmary/Victoria Hospital. The consent programme in CBC has been developed in cooperation with the Parents Council which recently held a presentation by Ms Noonan for parents as part of its Annual General Meeting.

Fifth Years have been supported through planned walks that offer students a chance to connect with each other and grow relationships while maintaining public health guidelines.

A Meditation and Mindfulness class is being held weekly before school for Sixth Year students. The class is being facilitated by Ms Catherine Costello.

MISNEACH EVENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 2020

Our Transition Year Misneach team has been working exceptionally hard this year on the development of the annual Crib, an online Advent Ceremony to be broadcast to the full school community, the Tree of Intentions initiative in support of local charities this Christmas and the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Appeal. Misneach, as CBC's event management team, is coordinated by Mr Trevor Hussey.

Back Row (L-R): Rohan McCarthy, Brian Woods, Oscar Andrews, David Murphy, Alex Horkan, Ben O'Donovan.

Middle Row (L-R): Ronan Harrington, Fionn Heffernan, Stephen Daly.

Front Row (L-R): Ben Warren Flynn, Hugo Guenebaut, Michael Hoare, PJ O'Donovan, John O'Leary.

Inset: Jacob O'Keeffe, Josh Radley.



PAST PUPILS UNION 2019-2020

The 90th Annual General Meeting was held for the first time online on Thursday 26 November 2020. President Mr Paul Murphy acknowledged the strength of the union and paid tribute to the committee for their work on a number of initiatives this year, among them the development of a mission statement and tag line for the Union. The Annual Dinner and the two webinars with Ian Stewart from Deloitte and World Rugby referee Nigel Owens were also very successful events. Mr Murphy stated he was confident that the PPU would host more engaging webinars into the future.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Pat Cashman, reported on the impact of Covid-19 on a number of activities traditionally sponsored by the PPU that were not able to go ahead. Nevertheless, the Union was in a position to sponsor a number of projects, including the Cork Life Centre in Blarney Street, literacy promotion in CBC, the College's Covid preparations and its strategic development plan as well as a number of charities.

The Principal Mr David Lordon thanked the Union for its continuing support and for the active part it continued to play in school life. Membership continues to grow, a sign of the strength of the

union as an important part of the College community going forward.

Mr Murphy was selected as incoming President for a second term. He expressed his delight at being asked to serve again and stated his optimism that 2021 will bring further growth and development for the PPU. Mr Murphy said he looked forward to the Union celebrating the 90th Anniversary of its foundation in 2021.

The meeting concluded with past pupils being encouraged to 'get involved, be active and reap the benefits'.

Officers for the forthcoming year are as follows:

President: Mr Paul Murphy.

Vice-Presidents: Mr David Lordon, Mr Liam Murphy, Mr Gary O'Flynn, Mr Micheál Russell.

Hon. Secretaries:

Mr Brian Twomey, Mr Mike Duggan.

Hon. Treasurers:

Mr Pat A Cashman, Mr Ed Kenny.

Committee: Mr Pat Bradley, Mr Ed Crosbie, Mr Marc Cullen, Mr Shane Kelly.



Above: Ivan Dineen receives his cap from Dr Larrie Martin.



Above: PPU President, Mr Paul Murphy (seated, third from left) with guests at the 89th PPU Annual Dinner 2020.



Above: Members of the Class of 2003.



Above: President Mr Paul Murphy, centre, with Mr Ger Mulcahy (PBC PPU) and Mr Paul Moynihan (North Mon PPU).



Above: Above: Past President, Dr. Larrie Martin, presents caps to Aaron Leahy, Harry O'Riordan and Cian Whooley.

FIRST YEAR DAY 2020



On Thursday 3 September, 150 First Year pupils began their CBC secondary journey. Many of the boys were continuing a family connection to the college that stretches back a number of generations. Others were starting as the first member of their family to join the CBC ranks. On this important day, they joined 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.

We were delighted on the day to welcome to CBC the Very Rev Bishop Fintan Gavin, newly appointed Bishop of Cork and Ross, who led a special prayer

service with Fr Ben Hegarty from Ennismore. Though special arrangements were put in place to meet public health requirements, this year's First Year Day was a very special occasion for the boys and their families who were all individually welcomed to the CBC community by College Principal, Mr Lordon, Deputy Principal Mrs Anne Long and First Year Head Mrs Anna O'Brien.

The new First Years were assisted throughout the morning by our Fifth Year Meitheal team leaders. The Meitheal team are familiar faces in First Year, organising a range of activities and supports over the course of the year.

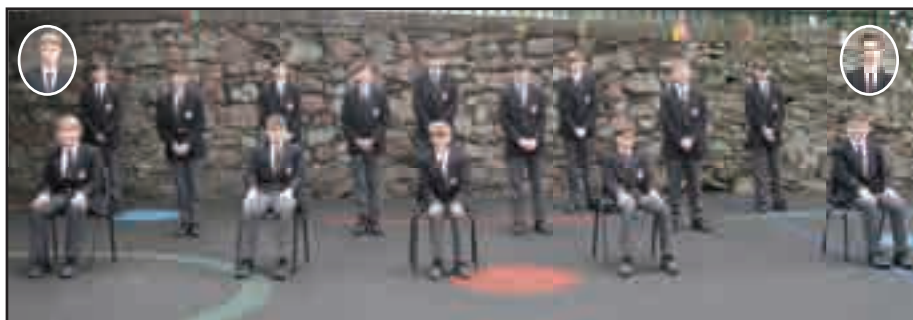


CLASS 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Benjamin Roberts, Laith Domiati, Henry Ireland, Sean Fitzpatrick, Andrew Bradley.

Middle Row (L-R): Ciarán Lenehan, Gavin Cassidy, Thomas Hiras, Hugh McGrath.

Front Row (L-R): Shay Murphy, Darragh Foley, Daniel Fitzsimons, Noah Lynch, Coleton Corkery.



Back Row (L-R): Barra O'Brien, James McGarry, Michael Trant, Scott Thomas, Charlie Cantillon.

Middle Row (L-R): Fionn Scannell, Andrew Quinlan, Daniel Bambury, Luke Kelleher.

Front Row (L-R): Daniel Curtin, Michael Murray, Adam O'Brien, Peter Horan, Sean Hurley.

Inset: Caleb McKinnie, Cathal Ronayne.

CLASS 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Luke Byrne, Ian Sexton, Patrick Heery, Sam Healy, Patrick McCarthy.

Middle Row (L-R): Tom Cronin, Daniel Murphy, Harry McCarthy, Aaron Sidhu, Leo Goulding.

Front Row (L-R): Johnny Murray, Dylan Morgan, Matthew Carroll, Conor Kelly, David Radley.



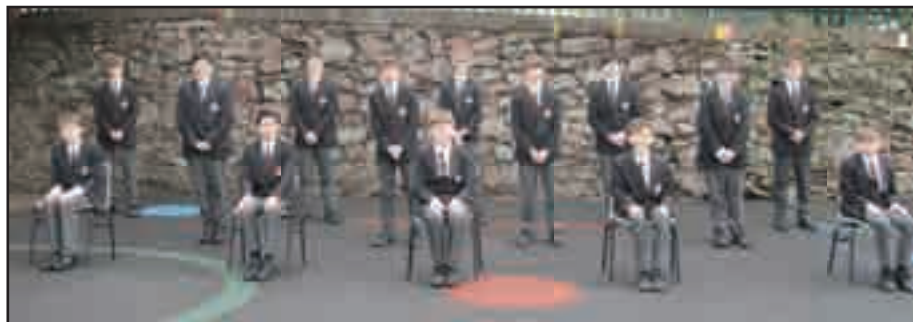
Back Row (L-R): Charlie O'Callaghan, Tom Hannon, Hugo O'Hara, Cillian Connolly, Conor Ward.

Middle Row (L-R): Jerry O'Donovan, Nathanael O'Driscoll, Ronan Power, Darragh Lawless, Seanie O'Donovan.

Front Row (L-R): Jack O'Brien, Oisín McCarthy, Darragh Rowley, Ethan Wyse, Michael O'Mahony.

Inset: James Martin.





CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Senan Brislane, Ciarán Wallace, David MacCoitir, Luke O'Donoghue, Andrew Kelly.

Middle Row (L-R): Darragh Sheehan, Jack Hegarty, Finn Dalton, Darragh Houston.

Front Row (L-R): Jack Cremin, Jason Murray, Charles Crosbie, Oisín MacCarthy, Ethan Archer Good.



Back Row (L-R): Sam Murphy, William MacCarthy, Jack Trench, Matthew Herbert, Pierce Hanley.

Middle Row (L-R): Peter Creagh, Stephen Walsh, Alexander Coakley, Saadman Dawla, Calum Carroll.

Front Row (L-R): Cathal Nolan, David Kingston, Cillian Haugh, Edward Nathan, Evan Kilbride.

Inset: Odhran O'Sullivan.

CLASS 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Louis Horgan, Rian O'Driscoll, Sean Lavin, James Dooher, Michael Brosnan,

Middle Row (L-R): Tom Kelly, Daniel Guiney, George O'Mahony, Sai Murphy Gulati, Harry Walshe.

Front Row (L-R): Jack Healy, David Kelly, Tom Hickey, Alex Twomey, Michael Sheehan.



Back Row (L-R): Conor Doherty, Sean O'Connell, David McCarthy, Ferdia De Roiste, David Callanan.

Middle Row (L-R): Garry Buckley, Luke Breen, Jamie Csapo, Jack O'Callaghan, Jack Fitzgerald.

Front Row (L-R): Mikey Dwyer, Jack Mansfield, JP Murphy, Michael Gibson.

Inset: Fred Kehelly.



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Lochlann Stewart, David McGrath, Jamie Twomey, Frederic Dietze, Donal O'Connor.

Middle Row (L-R): Daniel Nagle Small, Oran Slattery, Gerard Holahan, Conor Tobin.

Front Row (L-R): Aidan O'Shea, Sean O'Reilly, Luke O'Keeffe, Oscar O'Connell.

Inset: Brian Kilbride.



Back Row (L-R): Emmet Coughlan, Jerry McNamara, Rory Ryan, Diarmuid Lester, Conor Quirke.

Middle Row (L-R): Alessandro Siynardi, James O'Brien, David Bradley, Matthew Russell.

Front Row (L-R): Sean McSweeney, Alejandro Murphy Ruiz de Casteneda, Ruben Santiago Coady, Tobey Reynolds, Evan Coughlan.

Inset: Sean Reddy, James Harney.

ANNUAL AWARDS & PRIZE-GIVING

2019-2020

ACADEMIC AWARDS

1A27

First Place: Evan Collins
Special Merit: Ross Buckley, Alex Horgan

1A28

First Place: Zak Gilley
Special Merit: Ruairí Walsh, Sam O'Driscoll

1A29

First Place: David O'Connor
Special Merit: Ronan Healy, Christopher Barrett

1A30

First Place: Aaron O'Leary
Special Merit: Liam Higgins, Jack Huggins

1A31

First Place: Cillian Monahan
Special Merit: Craig Hughes, Shane O'Herlihy

2A11

First Place: Joe Hartnett
Special Merit: Brendan Quin, Harry Walsh

2A16

First Place: James Harrington
Special Merit: Sam Fitzpatrick, Cathal McCarthy

2A17

First Place: John Lonergan
Special Merit: Sean Kelleher, Joseph Barrett

2A35

First Place: Fionn Mansfield
Special Merit: JP Kelleher, Donncha Collins

2A41

First Place: Rory Cogan
Special Merit: Ben O'Callaghan, Jamie Kelleher

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

First Place: Shea Hill, David Murphy, Jonathan O'Shaughnessy, Andrew O'Sullivan, Brian Woods

FOURTH YEAR

Merit Awards: Eoin O'Neill, Eoghan Doyle, Saul Kahn, Peter Coomey, Oscar Walsh, Eoin O'Callaghan.

FIFTH YEAR

Merit Awards: Colm O'Sullivan, Andrew Cremin, Conor Sullivan, Ronan McCarthy, Eoghan Hastings

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

Joint First Place: Alex Sheehan, Ben Terhorst, Ciarán O'Driscoll, Finn Mac Fhlannchadha, Jack O'Sullivan, Luke Galligan, Yunjie Wang

EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR

1st Year Soccer

Evan Lynch

U15 Soccer

Zachary Philpott

U17 Soccer

Cillian Egan, Conor Hanley

Soccer Academy

Alex Lynch

Choir

Ronan O'Connor, Arthur Gray

Orchestra

Daire Sweeney, Diarmaid Desmond, James Gibson, Hugh O'Sullivan

Athletics

Adam Kiely

U14 Rugby

Christopher Barrett

U15 Rugby

Cathal Barry

Bob Casey Award

Ben Lynch

Bowen Shield

Evan Clarke

Senior Rugby

Finn Mac Fhlannchadha

Peter Wilson Award

Cian Whooley

Art Senior

Michael O'Reilly

Art Junior

Adam Murphy

U16 Basketball

Steven Carroll

U19 Basketball

Paul Morey Stout

Junior Hurling

David Cremin

Senior Hurley

Niall Hartnett

Rowing

Michael Cronin

Golf

James Gillespie

Andrew Quinlan Award

Jack Sullivan, Tommy Connolly, Yunjie Wang, Ben Terhorst

Gaeilge

Neil Collins

Garden Club

Liam Higgins

Skiing

Morgan Cain, Victor Ugwah

Swimming

James Ryan

Debating

David Cronin

Science Quiz Team

Ben O'Brien, Thomas Supplisson, Ciaran Kelleher

Applied Maths

Tommy Connolly

Ag Science

Peter Macilwraith

Biology

Cathal Ó Floinn

Chemistry

Peter Brady

Physics

Eoghan Heaney

Science

Darragh Kieley, Liam Cassidy, Tomás Spelman, Oran Kieley, Ronan O'Keeffe, Ruairí Walsh, Aryan Nasser, Jagat Gogineni, Euan Harrison, Darren Sexton

Economics

Luke Galligan

Kenny Award for Literacy

Fearghal Desmond

Alan Cahill Award

Ben O'Shaughnessy, Jonathan O'Shaughnessy

Michael Sheedy Award

Max Healy

Hugh O'Kelly Award

Eoin Palmer, James Gibson, Barra O'Mahony, Adam Gray

Social Justice Award

Adam Gray, Stephen Hayden, Sean O'Connell

Gretchen Crosbie Award

Ciarán O'Driscoll

Fr Whelan Award

Freddie Froggatt

Edmund Rice Award

Luke Murphy

Breifne O'Callaghan

Eoghan Heaney

Student of the Year

Ciarán O'Driscoll



BR REYNOLDS STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2019-2020 CIARÁN O'DRISCOLL



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 Ciarán O'Driscoll. Throughout his six years in Christians Ciarán was an excellent student and few eyebrows were raised when he achieved maximum points in the Leaving Cert. He has been a regular recipient of awards at our annual ceremony, for example receiving the award for Gaeilge in 2019.

It is for his musical ability that Ciarán will probably be best remembered. On the piano, the organ and on the clarinet Ciarán is supremely talented and has been showered with awards and

scholarships in recent years. He has performed with the National Youth Orchestra as well as with the Irish Youth Wind Ensemble, Midleton Concert Band, Cork Philharmonic Winds and Aghada Church choir. Ciarán has always been very generous in sharing his gift, nowhere more so than in this college where Ciarán's music embellished many a school occasion. His sensitive playing has always been subtle and self-effacing, rather than an ostentatious demonstration of his talent. Ciarán played to make other musicians and singers look good.

Ciarán also has a strong social conscience and is always keen to give back to the community. In 2018 he organised a charity concert in Saleen Church in aid of units for children with autism in local primary schools, was a Youth volunteer with the Cloyne

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and last year travelled to Zambia with the college's Immersion Project. This spirit of volunteerism echoes the life of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice and is a source of great pride for us in CBC.

It almost seems excessive to mention Ciarán's sporting prowess. While enjoying cycling, running and swimming, Ciarán's passion is rowing and last year he was a member of the Whitegate Rowing Club gold medal winning U18 team at the Irish Coastal Rowing Championships.

However, this award is not simply about achievements or prodigious academic ability. Ciarán is a young man of great character. His gentle demeanour and warm smile belie a steely determination and a remarkable work ethic. In addition, his selflessness, his sincerity and his humility make him an excellent role model for all our students. He is an inspiration to all of us in the CBC community.

Ciarán 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

AN ENRICHED CURRICULUM



This year the staff at CBC Prep have continued to provide an even more enriched curriculum for the students:

Coding

Mr. Lynch's 3rd Class students enjoyed a module on computer coding. They devised and programmed their own games on Scratch which they then demonstrated to the other classes in the school.



In January, the boys and their teachers attended the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. They enjoyed an educational day out during which they met some very talented students who were exhibiting fantastic Science projects at the competition.

Our 5th Class boys were delighted to attend a Forensic Science workshop organised by the Secondary School Science Department. They learned about how forensic scientists solve crimes and had a great day.

Languages

Last year saw the introduction of weekly French, German and Classical Studies in 5th and 6th Class. These lessons are aimed at giving the boys a solid foundation before they begin the next chapter in their educational journey in the secondary school. The lessons have been a great success and will be of great benefit to the boys as they join 1st Year next year. Students in 3rd and 4th Class once again took part in a Chinese Studies module facilitated by UCC's Confucius Institute where they learned about the Chinese language and culture.



Science

Last year a new initiative began, whereby boys from 5th and 6th Class attended Science lessons in the Secondary School Labs with Mr. David O'Connell. This allowed them to get hands on experience and they really enjoyed these sessions. Dissections, experiments, chemical reactions are all regular features of these lessons and provide great excitement for the classes involved!



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF

2020-2021



Back Row (L-R): Mr. Ger Buckley (2nd), Mrs. Jane Scannell (1st), Mrs. Dearbhla Bradley (Learning Support), Mrs. Caroline FitzPatrick (Senior Infants), Mr. Steven Lynch (3rd).

Front Row (L-R): Ms. Hannah Cummins (5th), Ms. Elizabeth O'Donovan (4th), Dr. Larry Jordan (Principal), Ms. Sharon McAdoo (Deputy Principal, 6th Class), Mrs. Denise Lowry (Junior Infants).

DR TEDDY, UCC

UCC's Surgeon Noonan society joined us again this year for the "Dr. Teddy" event. The boys brought their "sick" or "injured" teddies or furry toys, along with a donation, to the team of Medical Students who examined the teddy much like a GP or hospital doctor. The doctors prescribed some tender loving care with a side of 5-a-day fruit and vegetables, and

offered some bandages for good measure! This activity aimed to demystify the healthcare experience for children and remove any stigma/fears they may have about hospitals and doctors, while raising funds for those less fortunate than us in the third world.



HARRY POTTER CLUB

Launched in 2020, Hogwarts School of Wizarding & Witchcraft at CBC Preparatory School is a brand new after school educational club for 1st – 6th Class students that aims to promote creativity, teamwork and communication skills in a positive and enjoyable club-like atmosphere. Students enjoyed the time and space to exercise their imagination and explore the world of Harry Potter whilst engaging in a range of curricular linked activities, designed to inspire creativity and foster self-expression.



NURTURING FAITH

Fr. Tomás Walsh is welcomed to the Prep School each month as a whole school Mass is celebrated together in the lunchroom. Since our return to school in September 2020, the monthly Mass has been celebrated in an individual classroom and streamed live to the rest of the classrooms in accordance with COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings. With guidance from the class teachers, a different class is responsible for planning and leading the liturgy of each monthly Mass. This is a wonderful occasion to come together in our faith each month.

During Catholic Schools Week, our morning assemblies centered around the theme of 'Living in Harmony With God's Creation' with teachers and students from 3rd – 6th Class leading reflections relating to the daily themes. Classroom teachers led mindful moments throughout the day and encouraging the students to discuss and reflect on these daily themes during activities.

The students of 6th Class received their Confirmation – a wonderful occasion for the boys and their families. This year's Second Class celebrated their First Confession in February 2020, with the First Holy Communion being postponed until October due to COVID-19.

CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL PARENTS' COUNCIL 2020-2021

Mrs. Hazel Dolan (*Junior Infants*), Mr. Sergio Las Heras (*Senior Infants*), Ms. He Sun (*1st Class*), Mrs. Joelle Coade (*Secretary, 2nd Class*), Mrs. Amanda Banim (*Chairperson, 3rd Class*), Mrs. Hilary O'Shea (*4th Class*), Mrs. Bláithín McDonnell (*5th Class*), Mrs. Edel Sheridan (*6th Class*), Mr. Colin Murphy (*Parents' Representative Board of Management*)

JUNIOR INFANT CLASS 2020-2021



Back Row (L-R): Adam Rownicki, Xianze Lu, Ruadhán Banim, Adam Dolan, Orion O'Connell.

Middle Row (L-R): Cian Stanley, George Martin, Morris Kelleher, Sam Nestor, Flynn Tarr.

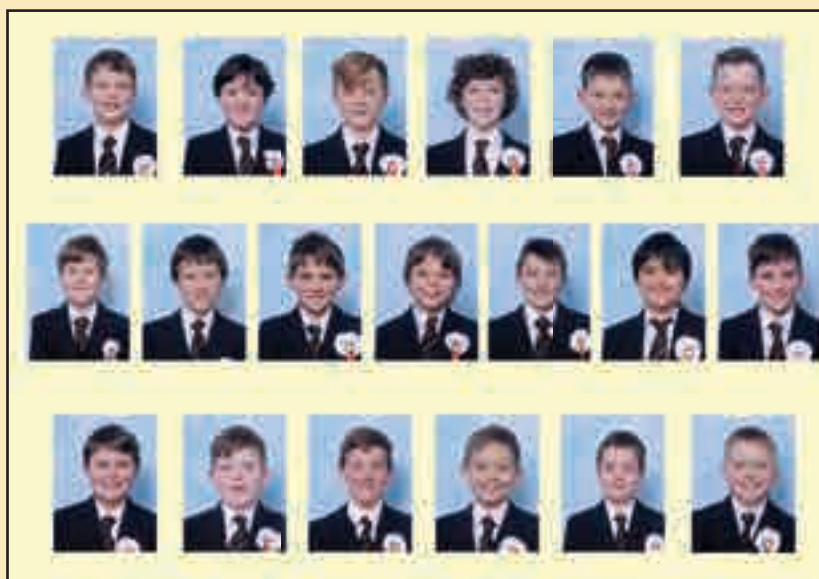
Front Row (L-R): Rian Flynn, Matthew Murphy Cullinane, Adam White, Michael Kenneally, Alexander Linehan, Ger Keane.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2020

Back Row (L-R): Eoin Banim, Fergal McKenna, Theo Nolan, Rory Buckley, Rían Scannell, Kai McCarthy McGaley.

Middle Row (L-R): Harry Law Boland, Matthew Yue Barry, Hugo Bailey, Faolán Bambury, Fionn Scannell, Noah Harrington, Isaac Kennedy.

Front Row (L-R): Daniel Curtin, Cillian Cotter, Cathal Nolan, Julien Freeman, Luke Walsh, Patrick McLoughlin.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2020

Back Row (L-R): Ms. Sharon McAdoo, Seán FitzPatrick, Cillian Haugh, Harry McCarthy, Fionn Scannell, Tom Hannon, Sai Murphy-Gulati.

Middle Row (L-R): James Martin, Michael Murray, Harry Walshe, Alexander Coakley, Aidan O'Shea, Jamie Csapo, Odhrán O'Sullivan, Brian Kilbride, Conor Quirke.

Front Row (L-R): Oscar O'Connell, Luke Breen, Daniel Murphy, David Bradley, David Radley, JP Murphy, Andrew Quinlan. Bishop Fintan Gavin.

Absent from Photo: Eddie Nathan, Scott Thomas, Cathal Nolan.



VISIT FROM CBS, SEXTON STREET, LIMERICK

Staff and students at the Prep School were delighted to welcome back our friends from CBS Sexton Street, another ERST school, for a day packed full of activities in December. Once again students from 5th and 6th Class hosted the visiting school. The boys were split into smaller groups as they attended GAA training, card making and computer coding sessions throughout the morning. Mr. David O'Connell put on his very enjoyable Science Show before staff and students from both schools descended on the secondary school canteen for

lunch. A big thank you to students throughout the school who donated Selection Boxes for the 6th Class boys to bring back to the rest of their school as well as our 5th and 6th Class boys who also donated a book each to the boys who travelled to Cork for this special occasion. It was fantastic to see more connections being made throughout the day and the smiles on the faces of hosts and visitors alike at the end of the day spoke volumes.



Science Show, Sexton Street Visit.



Visit from CBS, Sexton Street.

SPORT IN CBC PREP SCHOOL

GAA IN THE JUNIOR CLASSES

The boys in our Junior Classes enjoyed weekly GAA training sessions on the Astro with coaches from local club, Brian Dillons. They learned football and hurling skills as well as plenty of movement skills

and games. There are sure to be some Sciath na Scol stars of the future that learned the basics on Wednesday mornings on the Astro!



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic the Sciath na Scol Football competition, traditionally an important part of the Prep School's sporting calendar will not take place.

RUGBY AT LANSDOWNE

Each Friday the boys at the Prep School take a walk up the hill to Lansdowne for rugby training with our coaches from 4th year who received training from Munster Rugby in order to facilitate the sessions with the younger boys. The coaches are fantastic role models for our boys who love Fridays at Lansdowne!



PREPARATORY SCHOOL AWARDS 2019-2020

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2019/2020 Preparatory School Awards.

Please see below for a full list of recipients

Jacinta Tyrrell Student of the Year - Michael Murray

6th Class Student of the Year - Harry Walshe

Principal's Merit Award - Tom Hannon

6th Class Rugby Player of the Year - James Martin

6th Class Rugby Forward of the Year - Alexander Coakley

6th Class Rugby Back of the Year - JP Murphy

5th Class Rugby Player of the Year - Ben O'Mahony

5th Class Rugby Forward of the Year - Adam Murphy

5th Class Rugby Back of the Year - Alex Martin

4th Class Rugby Player of the Year - Jack Norton

4th Class Rugby Most Improved Player - Ray McGauley

3rd Class Rugby Player of the Year - Ronan Sisk

3rd Class Rugby Most Improved Player - Paul McCarthy

6th Class Gaelic Football Player of the Year - Odhrán O'Sullivan

5th Class Gaelic Football Player of the Year - Cian McDonnell

London Virtual School Tour Project - Patrick Tarda-Kiely, Jack Crowley, Luke O'Connell

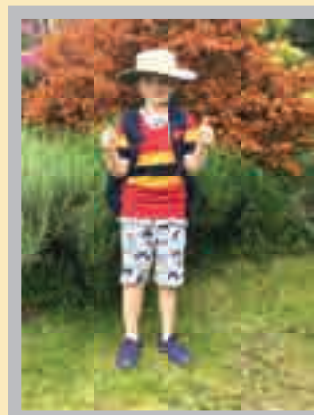
CLASSES CONTINUE DURING THE COVID-19 SCHOOL CLOSURES

In an unprecedented turn of events, schools nationwide were closed on Thursday 12th March due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Staff and students at the Prep School immediately commenced teaching and learning virtually through Google Classroom. Contact was made with students daily via this platform with students accessing tasks and activities set by their teachers along with videos to help with their learning.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL TOUR

Junior Classes

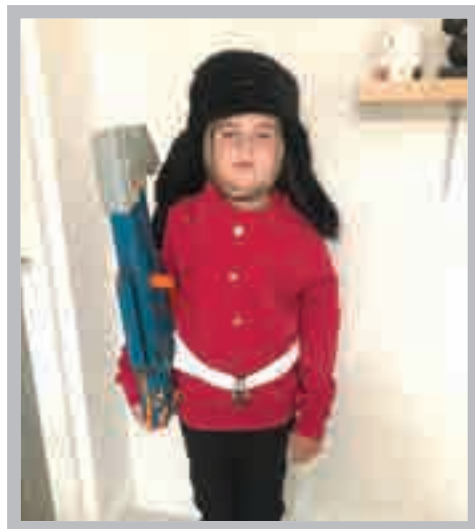
The boys went on a virtual trip to Chester Zoo where they joined the baby meercats for breakfast, the elephants for a pool party and the chimpanzees and cheetahs for a spot of lunch. Mrs. Lowry read *"The Ugly Five"* by Julia Donaldson and Alex Schaefer, a story all about animals that are found on the plains of Africa. Mrs. FitzPatrick gave away a top teacher secret by showing the boys what a teacher carries in



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their backpack on school tour before giving an art lesson on drawing giraffes. Mrs. Scannell gave the boys a safari inspired yoga challenge and Mr. Buckley's cows even made a surprise appearance! After a picnic lunch (we were on school tour after all!), the boys jetted off to South Africa where they joined a live streamed safari with Wild WATCH. Although the animals were a bit shy during the childrens' section of the game drive, we learned a



lot from the guides as they drove around looking for tracks and attempting to locate the animals. We did spot some lions and hyenas as well as some wildebeests which was fantastic! It was a very busy day in the wild!



Senior Classes

The Senior Classes stayed a bit closer to home, jetting off to London for the day. The boys received a boarding pass which they needed to access the Airplane. The first visit of the day was to the British museum. The boys received a challenge card telling them to visit three artefacts A) Sutton Hoo Helmet B) Rosetta Stone and C) Easter Island Heads. Then they made their way to the London Eye and got a bird's eye view of the city. They were given more activities and challenges to complete. They finished the trip with a visit to a show (The Midnight Gang by David Walliams). Their final activity was to send a Postcard. On the front they had to draw any Landmark they liked from London (or a collage of them) and write a note to granny or grandad. Additional activities included baking scones and serving them with jam and cream and dressing up as guards at Buckingham Palace. The boys were flown home in style by Daniel in second class!



VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY

Although we were not permitted to gather together at The Mardyke for our annual School Sports Day, a great effort was made by students, parents and students to make this year's event a resounding



success. CBC jerseys were donned and challenges accepted as the boys made the most of the occasion at home to complete challenges such as Toilet Roll Olympics, Teddy Bear Run, Slow Bike Race and Cereal Box Bounce! Shane Barrett, captain of the CBC Harty Cup team last year, even posted a skills challenge for the boys to enjoy. It was great to see both young and old enjoying the fun activities, and the teachers had a fantastic response from both parents and students.



VIRTUAL 6TH CLASS GRADUATION

Congratulations to our Sixth Class boys who graduated from the Prep School in 2020. A virtual ceremony was held via Zoom, attended by students, parents, teachers, Dr. Larry Jordan (Prep School Principal), Mr. David Lordon (Secondary School Principal), Mr. Larrie Martin (Chairperson, Board of Management) and Fr. Tomás Walsh. Class teacher, Ms. Sharon McAdoo and Mr. Steven Lynch coordinated the event which included addresses by two very successful past pupils, IFTA and BAFTA award winning actor Chris Walley and Munster and Ireland rugby star, Tomás O'Leary. A slideshow of pictures of the boys over the last eight years was also shown. We would like to wish all the boys the very best as they continue on to the secondary school. We will follow their journeys with great interest over the next six years and beyond.



SPORTS 2019-2020

Rowing

Several CBC students competed in the Irish Indoor Rowing Championships in the University of Limerick in January. James Young and Jack O'Regan placed Second and Third in the Mens Junior 15 and Mens Junior 16 categories for Cork Boat Club. This is a very competitive event with many Irish international athletes taking part.



Soccer

The interest in soccer within the school community continues to increase year on year. Over 100 First Year students attended trials early in the academic year.

Each year we enter competitions in Cork and also in the Munster Cup at three age levels, First Year, U15 and U17.

Having reached the Munster Final in First Year for

the previous 2 years, expectations were high this year. The squad had competed well up to lockdown and were due to play the Munster QF vs Glanmire CC the day after the lockdown was announced on the 12th March 2020. They had also progressed to the QF of the Cork Cup.

Our U15s competed at Munster league and U17s reached the last 16 of the Junior Munster Cup.



U14 Soccer Squad.

Basketball

Basketball proved very popular again this year, despite the season coming to an abrupt end in March. At First Year level, 35 players registered across two teams. Second Years had clearly grown from their experience of the previous year and showed signs of great improvement. Both First and Second Years competed in the All-Ireland qualifiers. For their efforts in the BIPPS South League, U16s progressed to the All Ireland qualifiers played in Dublin. Our U19s showed all the signs of having played together for the past five years and have made great strides as a team, winning some very close games against strong opposition.

U19 Basketball 2019-2020

Back Row (L-R): Steve Carroll, Sam Reardon, Daithí Nolan, David Varma, Eoghan Sheehan, Sean Fitzgerald.

Front Row (L-R): Cian O'Callaghan, Rory Kavanagh, Jack Field, Paul Morey Stout, Conor Carroll, James Flavin.



Hurling



U14 Hurling Squad 2019/2020.



Dean Ryan Squad 2019/2020.

Inter-County Players

Congratulations to CBC hurlers and footballers who were called up to inter-county level this year. Jack Cahalane is a member of the Cork U20 squad and Carthach Daly the Waterford U20 squad. A number of recent past pupils made their Senior debuts this year for Cork (Shane Barrett, *Hurling*, Niall Hartnett, *Football*) and Waterford (Iarlaith Daly, *Hurling*).

Cork Football Representatives 2020.

(L-R): Daire Murray (*Glanmire*), Shane Kingston (*Ballinora*).



Cork Minor Hurling Representatives 2020.

Back Row (L-R): Eoin O'Leary (*Glen Rovers*), James Dwyer (*Ballincollig*), Shane Kingston (*Ballinora*).

Front Row (L-R): Eoin O'Neill (*Blarney*), Eoin Downey (*Glen Rovers, Captain*), Daire Burke (*Douglas*).



HARTY CUP CAMPAIGN 2019/2020

The Harty campaign of 2018/19 had seen CBC qualify for the final for the first time in 100 years. That team had been a very experienced side and 11 of the starting team had moved on to the next phase of their lives. That left a lot of responsibility on the shoulders of the team of 2019/20. This group was probably the youngest to represent the college since our return to Harty Cup hurling. A lot of questions would be asked of these players and they proved to be more than capable of answering them.

The priority at the beginning of any campaign is to secure a place in the knockout stages of the competition by gaining a top two place in the group stages. The draw was probably the toughest we had received over the last five years. The group comprised of two Harty powerhouses Ard Scoil Ris and Templemore and Rochestown College which had won the Senior B competition the previous year.

Through talent, hard work and dedication, the team topped the group and qualified for the quarter finals for the fifth year in succession!

The quarter final saw us play St. Colman's in early January, a game that could not have been tighter, finishing in injury time with a win on a score line of 1-13 to 1-12. Our third consecutive semi final saw us renew our rivalry with Midleton CBS, our conquerors in last year's final. Though heavy underdogs, CBC came through to win by the tightest of margins again on a score line of 2-11 to 0-16. Against all the odds and predictions this team had done what seemed impossible and



qualified for a second consecutive Harty Cup final.

The final saw us pitted against the most successful school in the history of the Harty Cup, St. Flannans of Ennis. The game had to be deferred twice due to weather storms but eventually went ahead on Feb 29 in Mallow. Though CBC narrowed the margin to just one point on a couple of occasions, St. Flannans held on to win by 1-15 to 1-12 and end our hopes of Harty success.

When we look back on this campaign it fills us with a huge sense of pride and hope. There were 101 years between CBC's first and second Harty Cup final appearances, but only one year between the second and third. This team built on the foundations set by our teams in recent years and represented the College by displaying all that is great about CBC hurling. We may not have achieved our ultimate goal yet but we are continuing to grow and develop with each passing year.

RUGBY ROUND-UP 2020

The season 2019/20 will go down in the history books as having a strange and bizarre finish. On Tuesday 10 March both Juniors and Seniors were gearing up for their respective finals and the excitement around the school was beginning to grow. Talks of the possibility of doing both back to back Senior titles and winning both the Junior and Senior competitions were a very real possibility, something that was not achieved in a very long time.

On Thursday 12 March An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar addressed the nation, calling for a complete lockdown due to a virus which had reached pandemic proportions around the globe, bringing the season and all dreams that go with cup finals to a sudden end.

Up until this date a lot was achieved within rugby in the School.

The Kidney Cup was won by CBC, with the squad beating Crescent Comprehensive away in Limerick.



Kidney Cup Squad 2019/2020.

The Bowen Shield squad also had a successful season, winning the title for the second year running.



Bowen Shield Squad 2019/2020.

The Barry Cup was also won by CBC, defeating PBC 17 to 14 to retain the title.



Barry Cup Squad 2019/2020.

The McCarthy Cup teams reached the semi final in McCarthy A and were narrowly beaten in the Final of McCarthy B by St Munchin's in Irish Independent Park. After Christmas, both McCarthy Cup teams were top of their groups in the U-15 League Cup and had comprehensive victories against both St Munchin's and Crescent who both contested the McCarthy Cup A final.

The First Years had travelled the length of Ireland playing a very exciting brand of free-flowing rugby and picking up great results along the way.

The emphasis from the coaches over the season was to improve the boys' Rugby skills sets and ensure they enjoyed the experience of representing the school colours on the rugby pitches all over Ireland.

All successful sporting teams have unsung heroes. People who work tirelessly behind the scenes to assist in making things happen on the pitch. In CBC we are very lucky to have a group of such people.

Sincere thanks to all the coaches, to Dr Larrie Martin, Mr Dennis Lyons, Mr Steven Lynch and Mr Donal O'Mahony for their work and commitment throughout the season.

Munster Rugby School of the Year 2020

For the second year in a row, Christian Brothers College Cork were named Munster Rugby School of the Year for 2019/20, an Award which represents a fantastic endorsement of the culture and environment that now exists in CBC rugby. The current cohort of players can be very proud of their contribution to this culture. We wish to congratulate our coaches and support staff who have shown such commitment throughout what was a particularly challenging year. A special word of thanks must go to our Director of Sport, Mr Donal O'Mahony, Director of Rugby Mr Ian Dunne, Mr Brian Jordan and Mr Steven Lynch for their support throughout the year.



MUNSTER SENIOR AND JUNIOR CUP CAPTAINS PRESENTATIONS

Special presentations were made to Senior Cup Captain Finn MacFhlannchadha and Vice Captain Cian Whooley, to Junior Cup Captain Evan Cahill Murphy and Vice Captain Adam Wrona in acknowledgement of their outstanding leadership shown during the successful Munster Cup campaigns this year.



2020 - A YEAR TO REMEMBER

CAPTAINS OF THE SUCCESSFUL 2019/'20 RUGBY CUP CAMPAIGNS



Finn MacFhlannachadh, *Senior Cup*, Andrew Treacy, *Barry Cup*, Owen Chandler, *Bowen Shield*, Evan Cahill Murphy, *Junior Cup*, Rory Fitzpatrick, *Kidney Cup*.

The 2019/2020 Rugby season brought with it a mix of outstanding success on the pitch and great disappointment off it.

All in CBC were immensely proud that CBC could count five trophies in the honours list this year, namely the Senior Cup, Junior Cup, Bowen Shield, Barry Cup and Kidney Cup. The College was also delighted to once again be named the Munster Rugby School of the Year for the second year in a row.

The Munster Senior Cup and Junior Cup ultimately ended as shared trophies due to the worldwide pandemic. This was very disappointing for all involved in CBC Rugby but was a lesson for everyone on what really matters in life.

The Senior squad for 2019/2020 Season were of a very high calibre. Many played with Munster at U18 and U 19 level and some played with Ireland at schools level. Under the direction of Donnacha Mulcahy the strength and conditioning programme ran from June right through to March. The boys worked extremely hard making many sacrifices before and throughout the Cup campaign.

We were blessed with our leadership group where Andrew Treacy was made Captain of Barry Cup assisted by Vice Captain Jack Ryan. At senior level, Captain Finn MacFhlannachadh was assisted by Vice Captain Cian Whooley. We won the third Barry Cup in a row by beating

Presentation Brothers in the final in IIP on 15 January by a score line of 24 to 7, a great achievement by all involved.



Senior Cup Squad 2019/2020.



Junior Cup Squad 2019/2020.

The Senior Cup matches against Castletroy and the semi-final against Rockwell showed the attacking potential of the squad winning both games by big margins. Getting ourselves ready for the schools final was enjoyable up to the point where lockdown proved the obstacle that we could not overcome.

Our Junior squad was likewise characterised by immense talent and depth, and by an unwavering commitment to their cause. Ably led by captain Evan Cahill-Murphy and Vice Captain Adam Wrona, the group travelled the length and breadth of the country pre-lockdown beating some of the best teams at this age group, by playing a very expansive game.

We were very proud of further success in the Kidney Cup Final, led by Captain Rory Fitzpatrick and Vice Captain Daniel Woods, defeating Crescent on a scoreline of 31 to 12.

The Junior team can be rightly proud of their fantastic performance throughout the campaign and are deserving of being joint title holders for 2020, despite the great disappointment of being unable to travel to Thomond Park to face St Munchin's in the Final. We have no doubt that with all the good work done by both coaches and players, this group will be in a very good position at the business end of the season over the coming years .

Our Junior and Senior squads will be remembered not only for their ability but also for the hard work and honest contribution to CBC Rugby. A talented group of leaders showed everyone that the traditions of Christians Rugby are alive and well and we look forward to a very bright future.

Our thanks go the head coaches Mr Tommy Crowe and Mr Russell Foley and to their coaches for all their work pre-season and throughout the campaigns.