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## Mr Frank Cotter Wins International Physics Award

CBC's annual newsletter has lauded many outstanding exam successes by our pupils over the years. These achievements have included first place in Ireland and joint first place in Ireland in the Leaving Cert, and first place in several individual subjects. Last year, CBC pupils were awarded a record fifteen university scholarships.

The calibre of the teaching staff in the College is an essential ingredient in these accomplishments. While teachers enjoy the reflected glory of their high achieving pupils, they rarely receive recognition commensurate with their input.

That is why it is worth dwelling on Mr Frank Cotter's recent accolade from the Institute of Physics: a leading scientific society with a worldwide membership of more than 50,000. The Society presents annual awards to a handful of teachers from Great Britain and Ireland in

"FRANK COTTER IS A TRULY INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER, WHO HAS A PARTICULAR TALENT FOR BLENDING THE PRACTICAL WITH THE THEORETICAL. HE EMBRACES INNOVATIVE TEACHING METHODOLOGIES AND IS A KEEN SUPPORTER AND MENTOR OF FELLOW STAFF. AS A RESULT OF HIS TIRELESS ENTHUSIASM AND SKILL, THERE IS AN EXCEPTIONAL UPTAKE OF THE SUBJECT AT ADVANCED LEVEL..."

*Extract from citation on the website of the Institute of Physics*

recognition of their teaching skills. The award has been described as "the physics teacher's answer to the Oscars". Mr Cotter received his award at a special ceremony in London in November.

Principal Larry Jordan said that both staff and students are extremely proud of Mr Cotter. "During his time here Mr Cotter has overseen the construction of four science labs and has consistently delivered a line of A1s in the subjects he teaches: Physics, Chemistry and Applied Maths."



Mr Frank Cotter receives the Institute of Physics (UK & Ireland) Teaching Award from Prof. Roy Sambles at the IOP Awards 2015, Lancaster London Hotel, 5 November 2015.

# Consistently High

During the last decade, high achievers from CBC seem to be camped on the front page of the *Examiner* after the release of the Leaving Cert results. Many superlatives have been used to describe CBC's phenomenal success in this most important area of school activity. However, a simple word "consistent" best captures both the nature of the results and the regime that produces them.

This year, 119 pupils sat for the Leaving Cert. Of course, the College is very proud of the four pupils who achieved full points and the seven scholarships attained by this cohort, but what is more gratifying for the teachers is that the bulk of the pupils were not too far behind the high flyers. The average number of points per pupil this year was 461. Between 2011 and 2015, this average did not vary very much, with a low of 434 and a high of 462.

The teaching and management team in CBC pays close attention to attendance, punctuality, uniform and behaviour of pupils on a daily basis so that pupils always know exactly what is expected of them. Pupils and parents "buy in" to this orderly ethos which allows effective teaching to go on, day after day, right up to the Leaving Cert Exam.

This consistency goes a long way towards explaining why 20% of CBC's Class of 2015 attained 550 points or more, while nationally it was less than 3%; why more than 40% of CBC pupils attained 500 points or more, while nationally it was less than 10%; why 78% of CBC pupils attained 400 or more points while nationally it was 20%.

## New Staff Secondary School 2015-16



**Back Row (L-R):** Mr James Harrington (Maths & Resource Teacher), Mr Alan O'Regan (PME Student), Mr James Mulcahy (PME Student), Mr Mark Sugrue (Science Teacher), Mr Ryan Murphy (PME Student), Mrs Margaret Cunningham (Laboratory Assistant); **Front Row (L-R):** Ms Maria Maguire (Science Teacher), Miss Aideen O'Connor (PME Student), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Miss Ashleigh Keane (PME Student).

## RECIPIENTS OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2015

RORY MCCARTHY	UCC
DAVID SYNNOTT	UCC
JACK CRONIN	UCC
ULTAN O'CALLAGHAN	UCC
SAM SEYMOUR	TCD
CHARLES MURRAY	TCD
KYNAN ROCKS	USA (COLUMBIA)



## CBC Student Council School Year 2014-15

**Back Row (L-R):** Conor McCarthy, Darragh McCarthy, Gavin Casey, Josh Nyagaga, Joe Harrington, Hugh Sutton, Luke Otter, John Martin, Max White, Matthew O'Riordan, Marcus Corcoran; **Middle Row (L-R):** Colm Creedon, Niall McWhinney, Jack Murphy, Harvey O'Callaghan, Michael O'Reilly, Darragh Wallace, Adam Jevens, Ben Roberts, Tommy O'Connell, Colin Sisk, Karl Waterman, Alex Mulligan, Tadhg Quill-Manley; **Front Row (L-R):** Killian O'Sullivan, Niall McCarthy, Grattan d'Esterre Roberts, Cian Horgan, David Fox (Deputy Chair), Mr Pól Ó Seanacháin, Harvey Murphy (Chairperson), Tim Lehane, Barry O'Brien (Secretary), Ronan Burne, Julian Dalton.

## Parents Council 2015-16

Mr David Lordon (TEACHER/SCHOOL LIAISON)  
Mr Peter Doyle (CHAIRPERSON)  
Mrs Ger McMahon (SECRETARY)  
Ms Anne McCarthy (TREASURER)  
Ms Marnie Lane (PRO)  
Mrs Linda O'Donnell (PRO)  
Mrs Angela Ahern  
Mr John Donlon  
Mrs Claire Gibson  
Ms Finola O'Connell  
Ms Orla O'Neill  
Mr Ger O'Riordan  
Mrs Bernadette Walsh



## Junior Cert A Team 2015

**Back Row (L-R):** Ciarán Galligan, Andrew Nestor, Rory Craig, William Jones, Alex Burke; **Front Row (L-R):** Brian Hartnett, David Kiely, Cillian Desmond, Matthew Gibson; **Absent from Picture:** Fiachna Nolan.

# School Activities 2014-2015

## CBC Debating Society

The school year 2014-15 was a very successful year for the Debating Society. On the international level, we were very proud of David Fox, Cian Horgan and James Keaveney Jimenez, all Fifth Year pupils who were selected to represent Ireland in the International Sessions of the European Youth Parliament in Germany. The Involvement of our pupils in competitions closer to home is also a source of great pride.

Third Year Donagh O’Callaghan and Oliver Luddy from Second Year were the proud winners of the Cork City Schools Debating Competition. First Year Matt Mallen showed his talent with a fourth place, out of almost a hundred speakers in the Matheson National Junior Mace Debating Competition.

This year the Society once again organised the Cork City Schools Debating Competition which was aimed at junior debaters. We were once again delighted to see how well it was received. Twenty-four teams from nine schools took part with the grand final held in March in the Ambassador Hotel. The success of this competition is a tribute to the commitment shown by this student committee.

As always, the highlight of the Society’s year was the Gold Medal Debate, held on Friday 15 May. Conal Ó Gadhra was the winner of the Gold Medal with Douglas Lordan second and Jack Cronin third.

David Cronin was the winner of the Prize Debate with Alex Sheehan taking runner up position. The winner of the Declamation prize was Cathal O’Donovan.

At the final meeting of the year, the new committee was elected. Cathal O’Donovan was elected President, assisted this year by Vice-President Donagh O’Callaghan. The Recording Secretary is Oliver Luddy, with the following on the Committee: Daire Horgan, Sean Buckley, Robert Dinan and Jack Riordan.

## Alone It Stands



On March 23 to 25 last, Christian Brothers College staged a presentation of *Alone It Stands*, a play which captures the historic win of the Munster rugby team over the All Blacks in October 1978.

This Transition Year production saw over eighty Fourth Year pupils and several teachers undertake a mammoth task to ensure that the show would be a success.

Rehearsals began in October 2014 and saw all the participants being involved in many and varied roles, such as cast, production, technical, public relations, programme design, management and other aspects of production development.

*Alone It Stands* was a unique opportunity for the Transition Year pupils to grow and be chal-

lenged in a dynamic of teamwork, personal development, management skills and essentially realising a goal.

The members of the cast were thrilled that on the evening of the final performance, many of the Munster team round which the play was built, turned up. CBC past pupils Christy Cantillon, Greg Barrett and Anthony O’Leary were joined by team mates Tony Ward, Jim Bowen, Larry Moloney and team coach Tom Kiernan.

The entire play project was managed by Mr Trevor Hussey who has established a formidable reputation for himself in CBC as a producer. His productions for CBC in previous years include a Passion Play, *Twelve Angry Men* and *Iscariot*.

## Music in CBC

The College Open Evening was an early opportunity for the Orchestra to perform, with new and existing members providing entertainment in the atrium for prospective pupils and parents.

The annual Christmas Carol Service and Ceremony of Light was beautiful and moving. The Choir and Orchestra provided evocative support for selected liturgical readings.

The Leaving Cert Graduation Mass, held on 21 May, was the final highlight of the 2014-15 school year. The singers and musicians, yet again, contributed impressively to this important celebration.

Orchestral and Choral duties recommenced in early August, the very start of the current school year, with a Mass for incoming First Years in late August. It was an opportunity to showcase CBC’s musical talent to a new generation of pupils, and to pitch for new members.



## Annual Sports

The Mardyke hosted the annual sports again this year. The weather was cold and windy, but rain held off.

Record numbers of pupils entered the track and field events, while the usual novelty events of tug o’ war and long puck proved hugely enjoyable. The pupils v teachers soccer match attracted the usual level of attention.

Prizes were again sponsored by the PPU and presented by Mr Der O’Riordan, PPU President.

## Certa Bonum Certamen

Rowing in CBC took a major step forward this year with the purchase of a new eight man rowing boat.

A CBC crew also competed in the London Schools Head of the

River race, held at Putney Bridge on 16 March 2015. The CBC oarsmen came 16th out of 25, finishing in 19 minutes 48 seconds. The winners were only 1 minute and eleven seconds ahead.



CBC’s new boat, aptly named: *Certa Bonum Certamen*

## School Tours 2014-15

New York Tour



the year of US independence. We visited Times Square in the evening and then had the pleasure of watching the Anaheim Ducks play against the New Jersey Devils at the Prudential Centre in New Jersey.

In subsequent days we visited most of New York's iconic sights: the National History Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Rockefeller Centre, to mention but a few. Taking pleasant stroll through Central Park, it almost seemed as if we'd been through it before, we'd seen it so often in movies.

### New York Tour

It felt a little surreal to be in New York. After all the build up and all the planning we were greeted by cold air and a little bit of hunger, leading some of the lads to hastily find themselves a Dunkin' Donuts.

We all knew that the city was massive, but our first glimpse as we left the airport made it seem infinite, spreading out in all directions. We finished our first evening standing atop the Empire State Building: our first impressions of an infinite city were confirmed. It was to be a long week with not much time for resting.

Our first full day in the city began with Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral which was an awe inspiring structure. This was followed by a trip to Grand Central Station, followed by a walk to Brooklyn Bridge. We then visited Ground Zero and the new Freedom Tower, a structure 1,776 feet high cleverly marking

A boat trip past the Statue of Liberty allowed us to see the city from a different perspective, as did a tour of the city by tram car later in the same afternoon.

On the last day, some of us made another trip to Dunkin' Donuts to stock up for the long flight home.



London Science Tour

I am certain that all the pupils who landed back in Shannon Airport had nothing in their heads but happy thoughts of New York.

[from Ross Cudmore's Year Book 2014-2015 account]

### Ski Tour

The popularity of the Transition Year ski tour shows no sign of diminishing from year to year. No sooner is it announced than all the places are snapped up.

The 2015 destination was Leysin, Switzerland, for five days of skiing and five evenings of movies, swimming pool, ice-skating and tobogganing. There's nothing out there quite like skiing. From relaxing flat slopes overlooking Leysin's most stunning sights, to racing down steep drops surrounded by trees: plenty of tumbles, skids, jumps and grinds. From disappointment at crashing, to victory at remaining upright, skiing covers every emotion. One minute it's electrifying, the next calming: the ultimate experience, as many of us described it.

Friday morning came all too soon, and the flight from Geneva. As we passed the Galtees on our bus journey to Cork, many a gaze turned towards the mountains wishing that they were covered in snow.

First and Second Year pupils, accompanied by six teachers, travelled to Italy. The first part of the tour was centred in Sorrento before moving on to Rome for the second part of the trip.

The teachers employed a novel method to ensure the pupils absorbed the cultural experiences the tour was designed to give them. Before departure, the boys had to research and prepare presentations on the sights they planned to visit. When they arrived at the various destinations, the boys took turns in acting as tour guides.

The boys are now able to tick the boxes on many of the 'must see' sights including Mount Vesuvius, the ruined city of Pompeii, the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, the Pantheon and the Sistine Chapel.

However, the tour leaders did not forget that while on tour, boys "just wanna have fun". They spent a morning at the Rainbow Magic Land theme park and also had one trip to McDonalds (the staple diet on tour was nutritious Italian cuisine!).

The final verdict was that pupils and teachers alike thoroughly enjoyed the tour and all were grateful to tour leader Mr Ó Seanacháin for putting such thought and effort into ensuring a fabulous blend of culture and fun.

### Other Tours

Two other significant tours were undertaken in the 2014-15 School year. In February, eleven CBC pupils accompanied by two teachers did a tour of London with a focus on science museums. During Easter 2015, thirteen Fifth Year pupils, accompanied by Dr Larry Jordan, Mr Trevor Hussey and Mr Steven Lynch undertook a Camino walk of 200 kilometres from the town of Bolsena in northern Italy to Rome in a period of six days.

[Summary of Jack Wall's Year Book account of the Ski Trip]

### Italian Tour

During the first week of the Easter break, forty-three

1st & 2nd Year Tour of Italy



## CBC Year Book 2014-15

IT IS NEVER POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ACCOUNTS OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS TAKING PLACE IN CBC IN THE ANNUAL NEWSLETTER. A MORE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE MAY BE FOUND IN THE YEAR BOOK.

### Charitable Activities

A number of fundraising events took place for a diverse range of worthwhile causes during the year. Three non-uniform days were organised by the Committee, one in each term. The CSPE classes organised fund-raising events as part of the action project for Junior Certificate. A tuck shop was arranged during sports day. As part of CBC's annual Christmas appeal, a 'tree of intentions' was erected again on the school grounds and a Christmas concert was held. Thanks to all for the assistance during 2014-15.

### Gaeilge

Is cúis onóra dúinn go léir so scoil seo gur bronnadh an tarna háit i gcomórtas scéalaíochta Chomhar na Múinteoirí Gaeilge ar Sheosamh Ó Rathaille. Cuireadh in iúl ag an mbronnadh go raibh caighdeán na scéalta i mbliana an ard ar fad.

Ghnóthaigh dán le Alex Pope as an Cheathrú Bliain gradam so chomórtas 'File le Fuil'.

Is leiriú iad na duaiseanna thuas go bhfuil an Ghaeilge i gColáiste na mBráithre Críostaí ag dul ó neart go neart. Go n-éirí leis an nGaeilge as seo amach!

### Zambia Immersion 2015



On Friday 28 May, 2015, ten pupils and four teachers departed Cork airport; destination: Mufulira, Northern Zambia.

The trip had been eagerly anticipated since September 2014 when the selected pupils and accompanying teachers had their first meeting to plan their fund raising for the Zambia Immersion Project.

The longest and most detailed article in the *CBC Year Book 2014-15* is a journal by David Cronin, one of the group who travelled, describing his three week experience (page 147-157).

David's encounter with the Developing World, in the company of fellow pupils, written as the experience was unfolding, makes fascinating reading.

Pictured above: The Zambia Immersion Team photographed in Kabwe, Zambia with Dr Larry Jordan and Br Mick O'Donoghue  
**Back Row (L-R):** Rory Doyle, Daire Feeney, Alex McHenry, Evan O'Connell, Kevin McCarthy, Grattan d'Esterre Roberts, James Keaveney Jimenez; **Middle Row (L-R):** Miss Fiona Buckley, Mr Rúadhán Ó Deasmhúnaigh, Br Mick O'Donoghue, Dr Larry Jordan, Mr Steven Lynch, Miss Laura Manning; **Front Row (L-R):** David Cronin, Jerry Buckley, Roy O'Mahony.



### Tennis

Four tennis teams from CBC participated enthusiastically in the annual Munster Branch Schools Championships. The teams progressed in their competitions at all the levels. The Under-14 team, however, took the glory by bringing back the Under-14 Cup to the College for the first time in nine years.

### A brief look at some other activities...

On 2 October 2014, a CBC Golf team consisting of David Hanley, Cillian Desmond and Jack Egan competed in the South Munster Schools Section qualifier in Muskerry golf club.

David had one birdie on his way to an excellent round of 77. Cillian fired an excellent round of 84, level with his handicap. The combined scores amounted to 140, one stroke clear of our nearest competitors, Presentation College. We came away as winners of the competition.

In September 2015, John Boylan, Sixth Year, was a member of the Douglas golf team which reached the All-Ireland Junior Golf semi-final.

In December 2014, CBC was invited to enter teams into a **Bond Trading** competition. Teams were challenged to analyse specific hypothetical economic scenarios and determine the best way to profit from them. The teams of five could choose to invest in a combination of government bonds, shares or cash, depending on how they read each situation. The event, held in Rochestown

Park Hotel, attracted teams from all over Munster.

After the two hour competition, one of the CBC teams emerged as winners with a very impressive score. The team consisted of Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann, Conor Wiley, Raffi Baldessini, Rory Burke and Chris O'Brien. They were presented with a cup, Munster jerseys and bags, as well VIP tickets to a Munster game.

The Munster Schools **Track and Field** finals were held in CIT track on 16 May. A very strong team from CBC participated, with all the athletes coming home with medals. In the minor boys 100m, Robert Dillon finished in 2nd place. In the junior boys 1,500m, Killian Nolan finished in 3rd place. In the inter boys 100m, Sean Lynch finished in 2nd place and also 3rd place in the 200m. In the inter boys 400m, JD O'Hea finished in 3rd place. In the senior boys 800m, Mathew Murnane finished in 3rd place. David Fox had an outstanding race to win the senior boys 5,000m.

### CBC Swimming Talent



At the Munster Senior Schools championships in December 2014, Eamon Doyle won individual gold and silver medals. CBC boys were also successful in team events, achieving third place in the 200 M Medley and fourth place in the 200M Free Style events.

# CBC's Strategic Development Plan

**F**irst Years who started their school career in CBC this August will witness, and benefit from, a programme of refurbishment and reconstruction which the present Board of Management plans to implement. During the current calendar year, teachers, pupils, parents, trustees, past pupils and others were all canvassed for their views on how the College infrastructure could be improved.

An online survey form was the main conduit through which views were passed on to the Strategic Development Committee (SD Committee). Other initiatives were also taken to encourage engagement with the plan. Class discussions, organised by the Class Teachers, elicited and recorded the suggestions of pupils. Secondary teachers were allocated some class time to make submissions. Preparatory School teachers had meetings to agree a common submission. The Parents Councils of the Secondary and

Preparatory School were encouraged to make their own submissions, and did so.

The SD Committee prepared an Outline Plan based on the submissions, which was published on 18 March. The response to this document led to further development and refinement of the plan and the completed Strategic Development Plan was published on 5 May 2015 and was downloadable as a pdf document from the CBC website.

The Committee is currently working on the implementation of the plan.



## Class 1A27

**Back Row (L-R):** Emmet Brosnan (Glounthaune NS), Niall McWhinney (Carrignavar NS), Colm Casey (St Columba's BNS), Paul Beechinor (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Sheehan (Blarney NS), Luke Fitzpatrick (Glounthaune NS), Owen Chandler (Ballincollig NS), Eoin O'Donnell (Ballinlough BNS), Ben McGarry (Ballinlough BNS), Cian Martin (Upper Glanmire NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Andrew Cremin (CBC), Killian Hennessy (Upper Glanmire NS), Luke Buckley (Ballinlough BNS), Tom McCarthy (CBC), Jack Foley (Scartleigh NS), Sean Dressler (Monkstown NS), Billy Ireland (Ballinlough BNS), Timothy Waterman (CBC), Daire Sweeney (Douglas Gael Scoil), Adam Furlong (Ballinlough BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Philip Elwood (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Galvin (Dripsey BNS), Evan McCarthy (St Patrick's NS), Denis McSweeney (Blarney NS), Ewen Phillips (Scoil na nÓg), Charlie Dwyer (Ballinlough BNS), Peter Mulhall (CBC), James Gibson (Riverstown NS), Euan Gallagher (Watergrassgill NS);

**Absent from Photo:** Dan O'Connor (CBC)

## Class 1A28

**Back Row (L-R):** Tadhg Quill-Manley (CBC), Shane Williams (Ballinlough BNS), Charlie Cronin (Rathpeacon NS), Ryan Smith (CBC), Rory Rochford (CBC), Jason Aherne (Ballinlough BNS), Patrick O'Hara (Upper Glanmire NS), Ben Cudmore (Ballinlough BNS), Peter Fitzgerald (Gaelscoil Glanmire); **Middle Row (L-R):** Tom Maher (CBC), Conor Kelleher (Glounthaune NS), Robert Twomey (Ballinlough BNS), Ben O'Donnell (Ballinlough BNS), James Flavin (St Patrick's NS), Conor Horgan (Ballinlough BNS), Oliver Shanahan (Upper Glanmire NS), Tom Casey (Scoil na nÓg), David Jones (Frankfield NS), Sean Fitzgerald (CBC), David Lynch (Frankfield NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Tom Hourihane (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Nolan (Glounthaune NS), Darragh O'Flynn (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Hayes (St Joseph's NS), Sean Lane (Rathpeacon NS), Harry Desmond (Little Island NS), Sean Fulton (Ballinlough BNS), James Barry (CBC), Conor Carroll (Cork Educate Together);

**Absent from Photo:** Mathieu Stapleton (Cork Educate Together).





**CLASS 1A29**

**Back Row (L-R):** Ronan McCarthy (Ballinlough BNS), David O'Connell (Upper Glanmire NS), Nathan McAuliffe (Buttevant NS), Denis Sisk (CBC), Mark Callinan (CBC), Tom Downey (CBC), Kieran Collins (Glounthaune NS), Sean O'Leary (Scoil Gbnait NS), Alex O'Driscoll (Carrigtohill NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Adam Gray (Carrigtohill NS), Rory Walsh (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Hastings (Ballinlough BNS), Julian Dalton (Berrings NS), Sean O'Connell (Ballinlough BNS), Andrew Dwyer (Glounthaune NS), Brian Drinan (Berrings NS), Craig O'Mahony (CBC), Billy Cremen (Beaumont BNS), Ryan Patrick (Ballinlough BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Barra O'Mahony (CBC), Sean Sinclair (Nohoval NS), Zac Casey (CBC), Eoin Palmer (Riverstown NS), Jack Field (Riverstown NS), Jack Ellis (Riverstown NS), David McPollin (Ballinlough BNS), Andrew O'Mahony (Ballinlough BNS), Stephen Hayden (Ballinlough BNS); **Absent from Photo:** Matthew Duggan (Riverstown NS).

**CLASS 1A30**

**Back Row (L-R):** Shane O'Leary (Carrigtohill BNS) Fionn McAuliffe (CBC), Conor Casey (Ballinlough BNS), Cian O'Callaghan (Togher BNS), James McCarthy (Nohoval NS), David Varma (CBC), Luke Downey (Scoil Oilibhear, Ballyvolane), John Downey (Summercove NS), Marcus Corcoran (CBC), Jack Kiely (Ballinlough BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Sam Reardon (Carrigtohill BNS), Tom Dwyer (Glounthaune NS), Ben Smith (Glounthaune NS), Ben Bradley (Glounthaune NS), John O'Connor (CBC), Conor Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Sean Buckley (Summercove NS), Robert Hayden (Ballinlough BNS), Jordan O'Flynn (St Patrick's BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Daniel Hennessy (Ballinlough BNS), Diarmuid Desmond (Douglas Gaelscoil), Daire Burke (Douglas Gaelscoil), Brian Boylan (Ballinlough BNS), Alex Lynch (Rushbrooke NS), Rian Doyle (Douglas Gaelscoil), Aidan Twomey (St Columba's BNS), Brook Davis (CBC), Colm Moynihan (Glounthaune NS), Olan Griffin (Summercove NS).



**Class 1A31**

**Back Row (L-R):** Rian Notley (Ballinlough NS), Ronan O'Connor (Rathduff NS), Matthew Carroll (St Patrick's BNS), Shane Newcombe (Midleton Gaelscoil), Hugh Scannell (Rushbrooke NS), David Hughes (Rushbrooke NS), Peter Callanan (Ballinlough BNS), Luke McAuliffe (Summercove NS), Alex Pranger (Ballinlough BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Eric Healy (CBC), Jack Higgins (Ballinlough BNS), Peter Thompson (St Mary's NS, Carrigaline), Jack Murphy (CBC), Aaron McMahon (Midleton CBS), Dylan Styles (Ballinlough BNS), Colm O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Arthur Gray (CBC), Hugh O'Hara (CBC), Charlie Walsh (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Fionn Corkery (Scoil na nÓg), Brian O'Dwyer (Rushbrooke NS), Gavin Reddy (Midleton CBS), Diarmuid O'Sullivan (Bishopstown BNS), Hugh O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), David Muller Neff (Glounthaune NS), Micheál Ó Suilleabháin (Summercove NS), Nathan O'Brien (St Patrick's BNS), Ronan Forde (Ballinlough BNS);



**Absent from Photo:** Alan Kavanagh (St Patrick's BNS)

# The Past Pupils Union

**T**he Past Pupils Union of Christian Brothers College has close on 700 members. Its main activities are centred on supporting the College. In the last year the Union has provided financial support for the Zambia Project, the Blarney Street Life Centre, and the Prep School Rugby Tour. The PPU also sponsors annual events such as the Gold Medal Debate, and one off projects such as the arch which was erected to mark the visit of President Higgins to CBC on the occasion of CBC125.

## Hand Over of PPU Chain of Office



The AGM of the PPU was held in the College on 19 November 2015. A full report was made of activities in 2014-15 and new officers were elected for the coming year.

**PHOTOGRAPH:**  
OUTGOING PRESIDENT MR DER O'RIORDAN 2014/2015 HANDS OVER THE CHAIN OF OFFICE TO INCOMING PRESIDENT FOR 2015/2016 MR JAMES O'SULLIVAN.

## INTERNATIONAL RUGBY CAPS INITIATIVE



The first cap awarded to a CBC player was to Donal Lenihan in the 1976-77 season. Since then, CBC has had 61 boys capped at Schools Under-18 level and another ten at Under-19.

As the honour of being capped does not include the handover of an actual cap, the PPU decided to make good this deficit. The organisation teamed up with Cronins Menswear and jointly sponsored

caps have been presented at the annual dinner for several years past.

Currently, there is a backlog of eight caps with two more added in this current year: Peter Kelleher and Liam Coombes.

**PHOTOGRAPH:**  
PAST PRESIDENT DR LARRIE MARTIN PRESENTS PAST PUPILS LIAM O'CONNOR AND CIAN MAHONY WITH THEIR INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL RUGBY CAPS.



## 84th Annual PPU Dinner 31 January 2015

PPU President Mr Der O'Riordan (front row, sixth from left), with guests including Lord Mayor Cllr Mary Shields (on his right).

## OFFICERS OF THE PPU FOR 2015-16

**PRESIDENT**  
MR JAMES O'SULLIVAN

**VICE-PRESIDENTS**  
DR LARRY JORDAN  
MR CIAN COTTER  
MR AIDAN MONAHAN  
MR WILLIAM MURPHY  
MR MICHAEL RUSSELL

**HON. SECRETARY**  
MR EOIN QUINLAN

**HON. TREASURERS**  
MR PAT CASHMAN  
MR ED KENNY

## SOME PAST PRESIDENTS

- MR DER O'RIORDAN 2014-15
- MR JOHN O'DONNELL 2013-14
- MR GER FITZGERALD 2012-13
- MR PETER MADDEN 2011-12
- MR KILLIAN O'SULLIVAN 2010-11
- MR NEIL JEFFRIES 2009-10
- MR REG GEARY 2008-09
- MR VIV NATHAN 2007-08
- MR EAMONN MULDOON 2006-07
- MR MICHAEL WALSH 2005-06

# Preparatory School

**T**he Preparatory School made a little bit of history on 27 May 2015 by being the first CBC team ever to win a *hurling* trophy on the hallowed turf of Musgrave Park. A high demand for pitches during the final playoffs of *Sciath na Scol* competitions meant that Cork's premier rugby pitch became a hurling venue for a couple of days in May.

CBC's path to the final saw them overcome Gaelscoil Mahon, Morning Star and Saint Mary's on the Hill to set up a meeting with Blarney Street in the final.

The match was a tense, nail biting affair, with the outcome in doubt until close to the final whistle. The photograph above leaves no doubt as to who won!

Rugby, of course, continues as the main Preparatory School sport, with training sessions in Lansdowne every Friday morning, regular matches played locally, and several home and away games against Dublin schools.

The annual Sixth Class tour to Bath generated the same excitement for this year's boys as it did for all those who went on the trip over the previous sixteen years.

This year, the group attended a



rugby match at the Rec to watch an Aviva premiership fixture between London Irish and Bath. CBC past pupil Tomás O'Leary was playing for London Irish and very kindly met and talked with the CBC touring group afterwards.

The usual round of activities continued in the Prep: First Holy Communion, Confirmation, school tour, visit to

Dáil Éireann, swimming club on Wednesdays, charitable activities (mostly for Zambia as Mr Lynch and Miss Buckley were part of the CBC group who travelled to Zambia in June), occasional visits to the Secondary School (for Lord Mayor's Day and presentation of jerseys to the Senior and Junior Teams), and regular attendance at matches in support of CBC's cup campaigns.



**Prep School Staff 2015-16**



**Back Row (L-R):** Mr JP Carroll (3rd), Miss Caroline McAdoo (Substitution), Mr Tony McCarthy (College Administrator), Mrs Dearbhla Bradley (Resource), Mr Steven Lynch (5th); **Front Row (L-R):** Mrs Sheila Curley (Senior Infants), Miss Fiona Buckley (2nd), Miss Elizabeth O'Donovan (4th), Mrs Denise Lowry (Junior Infants), Miss Sharon McAdoo (6th); **Inset:** Mrs Jane Scannell (1st).



**Junior Infants 2015-16**

**Back Row (L-R):** James Burke, Cillian Quirke, Finn Murphy, Ben Dolan, Luke O'Connell, Jack O'Shea, Ronan Sisk; **Front Row (L-R):** Sam O'Donoghue, Florence Gray, Fionn Scannell, Federico Mottareale, Patrick Kiely, Zidney Sta Maria

# Annual Awards 2014-2015



## BROTHER REYNOLDS STUDENT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The recipient this year was Rory McCarthy, pictured above after the presentation with members of his family; CBC management and guest of honour on Awards Evening, Mr Donncha O'Callaghan. The citation on page 387 of *CBC Year Book 2014/15* details why Rory was selected from the 119 pupils of the Class of 2015.

### —ACADEMIC AWARDS—

Class	FIRST AND SECOND YEAR	
	First Place	Special Merit
1A27	Jack O'Sullivan	Billy Scully David O'Sullivan
1A28	Patrick Whyte	Joseph O'Keefe Paul McAuliffe
1A29	Ben Terhorst	Cillian Bracken Dermot Cremin
1A30	Alexander Sheehan	Louis Murphy Alan McDonald
1A31	James Daly	Oisin Heddeman Cian O'Brien
2A3	Conor Bradley	Andrew Hurley Anthony McGuckin
2A8	Darragh Murphy	Josh Clarke Adam Moynihan
2A14	Fergal Riordan	Peter Lucey Tadhg Griffin
2A16	Eoin Gaffney	Harry Holohan Matthew McCarthy
2ALab	Odhrán Murphy	Andrew Flint Joseph Agar

Junior Cert 2015	
<b>First Place:</b>	Alex Burke, Cillian Desmond, Matthew Gibson, William Jones
<b>Merit Awards:</b>	Rory Craig, Ciaran Galligan, David Kiely, Andrew Nestor, Fiachna Nolan

Transition Year	
<b>First Place:</b>	Connor Hughes
<b>Special Merit:</b>	Eoin Kavanagh, Jack Wall, Michael O'Doherty, Shane Dunlea

Fifth Year	
<b>First Place:</b>	Colm Power
<b>Special Merit:</b>	Darragh Nagle, Patrick Cronin, Brendan Hackett, Sam Punch, Ronan Cooper

Leaving Cert 2014	
<b>Joint First Place:</b>	Jack Cronin, Robert Hughes, Rory McCarthy, David Synnott
<b>Merit Awards:</b>	Morgan Walsh, Michael Clune, Sam Seymour

### —EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS—

<b>Economics</b>	Douglas Lordan, Joe McSweeney, Kieran Moloney
<b>Accounting</b>	Billy Hennessy

<b>Skiing</b>	Conor Forde
<b>First Year Soccer</b>	Cian Whooley
<b>U15 Soccer</b>	Jack Lucey
<b>Soccer Academy</b>	Colm Bermingham
<b>Gaelic football</b>	Eoin Moloney
<b>Debating</b>	Lorenzo Niemitz
<b>Choir</b>	Cian Horgan, Conall Williamson, David Cronin, James Keaveney
<b>Computer Club</b>	James O'Riordan
<b>Athletics</b>	Sean Lynch
<b>Enterprise</b>	Fionnan McSwiney
<b>Gaeilge</b>	Liam O'Callaghan
<b>Pitch + Putt</b>	Jack Egan
<b>Boxing</b>	Tommy Hyde
<b>Orchestra</b>	Sean Desmond
<b>Maths</b>	Conor Forde
<b>Maths</b>	Brendan Bracken
<b>Tennis</b>	Bobby Kahn, Ronan Lawlor, Robbie Shalloe, David O'Sullivan
<b>ICT</b>	Conor McCarthy
<b>Media</b>	Jack Leonard, Ross Cudmore
<b>Orienteering</b>	Edward O Mathuna, Neil Collins, Robert Mannix, Ciaran O'Driscoll, Alex Lane, Peter Twomey
<b>U14 Rugby</b>	Alex O'Regan
<b>U15 Rugby</b>	Conor O'Sullivan
<b>The Bob Casey Award for Junior Rugby</b>	Finn Burke
<b>U17 Rugby</b>	Joe Harrington
<b>Senior Rugby</b>	Michael Clune
<b>Peter Wilson Award</b>	Dan Walshe
<b>Swimming</b>	Conor King
<b>Junior Art</b>	Luke Hogan
<b>U16 Basketball</b>	Liam Chandler
<b>Senior Basketball</b>	Ross Murphy
<b>Hurling</b>	Shane Barrett, Billy Hennessy
<b>Rowing</b>	Sean Dennehy, David Synnott
<b>Golf</b>	Sean Desmond
<b>Science</b>	Robert Dinan
<b>Applied Maths</b>	Tim Hulshof
<b>Alan Cahill Sailing Award</b>	Luke McGrath, Richard McGinley
<b>The Michael Sheedy Award</b>	Andrew Burke
<b>Hugh O'Kelly Award</b>	Conal O Gadhra, Conall Williamson, Matt Murnane, Billy Wallace
<b>Gretchen Crosbie Award</b>	Rory Martin
<b>Fr Whelan Award</b>	David Cronin, Kevin McCarthy, Evan O'Connell, Grattan Roberts, Daire Feeney, Alex McHenry, James Keaveney Jimenez, Rory Doyle, Jerry Buckley, Roy O'Mahony
<b>Edmund Rice Award</b>	Jack Fielding
<b>Breifne O'Callaghan Award for Leadership</b>	Jack Walsh
<b>Student of the Year</b>	Rory McCarthy



Awards recipients 2015, with Mr Donncha O'Callaghan (Guest Speaker), Mr Der O'Riordan (PPU President), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson Board of Management), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal).

# 2014-15 Sports Roundup

## Hurling

CBC was honoured with the Rebel Óg monthly award for May 2015 as a result of the school winning the Cork Collages Under-14A title.

It capped the excellent year on the hurling field, with the senior side having reached the Munster Post-Primary Schools Senior B final, losing narrowly to St Joseph's College of Tulla.

With ten of that panel eligible for the under 18½ age-grade again this year, the decision has been taken to compete in the top tier in the province. Donal O'Mahony, part of the management of both the Under-14 and senior teams, believes that it will be a big boost for city hurling.

'We felt that with the work we've been doing and the demographics, it made sense to move up to the Harty,' said O'Mahony.

'We got to the semi-final of the Cork Collages Under-16 this year. Midleton CBS beat us by a point, so we've a good team coming through. From that point of view, we just feel that the ingredients are there. Even in the last couple of years, we've seen boys coming to the school just for hurling, which is a total shift for us.'



THE VICTORIOUS UNDER-14 HURLING SQUAD 2014-15

Captained by Shane Barrett of Blarney, Christians overcame St Francis College of Rochestown and Fermoy's St Colman's College before beating Midleton.

FROM: DENIS HURLEY *Irish Examiner*

Already this year, CBC has reached the quarter finals of the Harty Cup, having achieved wins over Clonmel CBS, St Flannan's, Ennis and Castletroy College, thus topping their group. In addition, CBC has recently won the Munster Colleges Under-16½B hurling championship, defeating Tipperary CBS in the final.

## Soccer

CBC SOCCER SUPREMO Mr Stephen Hogan continues to provide opportunities for pupils of all ages to participate in this sport, entering four major competitions, as well as playing in friendlies. Again this year he was ably assisted by coaches Ethan McCarthy and Tim Mawe, with Colm Bermingham joining as goalkeeping coach.

The First Year Cork Cup, the Under-15 Cork Cup, the Under-17 Cork Cup and the Munster Under-17 Cup competitions were all strongly contested.

The First Years provided the most excitement, with CBC conceding no goals in the preliminary games, the quarter-final and semi-final. The final was a hard fought battle in which CBC was beaten by the narrowest of margins by Rochestown College.

Rochestown again pipped CBC in the semi-final of the Under-15 Cork Cup. It was nil all after two periods of extra time and had to go to a penalty shoot out in which CBC came out second best. Hopefully, next year will reward the efforts with some silverware

Many of the games were played in Lansdowne where the excellent condition of the main pitch was universally admired.

## Basketball

The most heartening feature of CBC basketball during the 2014-15 school year was the level of participation of First and Second Year pupils. Both A and B squads competed and up to thirty boys came regularly to the weekly training sessions.

The Under-16 and Senior teams hardly had time to catch their breath when they returned after the summer holidays. Both teams had to play the first round of the National Cup in September and both had tough away draws to contend with. The Under-16 lost to the eventual finalists. The also made it to the quarter-finals of the All-Ireland League.

Congratulations to Liam Chandler [pictured right] who was selected for the Irish Under-16 team.



FIRST YEAR SOCCER SQUAD

# An Outstanding Year for CBC Juniors

**H**aving won both cups at this level, reviewing the year is made very easy by the fantastic squad we had, ably led by Captain Eoin Monahan and Vice-Captain Ben Roche.

Unbeaten in the friendly season, we were really looking forward to the cup campaign. To win the cup we had to beat Rockwell, Árd Scoil and PBC, and then Crescent in the final at Thomond Park.

The semi-final proved a very tight affair when it required a bit of captain's magic to unlock the teams on the day.

The final was played in Thomond Park in bright sunshine in late March. It was a fantastic day for the school. Fourteen buses travelled (a school record) to support the team. The atmosphere was electric and helped the boys secure victory in the home of Munster rugby.

Many thanks to all players who gave of their time to attend all matches and all training sessions.

Off field, excellent work was done by all coaches: Mr Edmond



Hussey, Mr Lenny Twomey, Mr David Lee, Mr Ian Dunne, and Mr Johnny O'Donoghue, with valuable medical assistance from Mr Conor Martin.

Overall, we can look back on the season with very fond memories (as well as a few trophies) but mainly on huge dedication from all involved in getting CBC

rugby back to the very top of Munster Schools rugby.

**Mr Tommy Crowe**  
Head Coach

## Other Rugby Successes

**CBC made it all the way to the final of the Bowen Shield competition and met arch rivals PBC in Lansdowne for the decider. CBC was leading by two points with two minutes to go when disaster struck: a try for Pres. Sport can be cruel!**

The senior team had a mixed season. Between September and

December the squad played ten games, winning eight of them. During this period, the team competed in the Clongowes Bi-Centenary competition, reaching the semi-final at which point they were knocked out of the competition by St Michael's.

The Seniors, led by captain Sam Kennedy, won the Barry Cup when they defeated Pres at

their grounds in Wilton, and were again victorious against Pres on Friday 12 December when they won the Brother O'Reilly Cup.

### Après Match

*"It was a typical Christians-Pres game, a thriller from start to finish and a roller coaster all the way. And yet, it was something that we were expecting. We knew it was going to be nothing different and as ever, it was going to come right down to the wire."*

Mr Tommy Crowe quoted in the **Evening Echo** of 12 March 2015 by Mark Woods after CBC's *Junior Cup* win.

Unfortunately, the Senior Cup eluded CBC again this year. Two unsuccessful trips to Limerick ended the campaign prematurely.

Finally, a special mention must be given regarding the 'B' component of the Junior squad. Apart from winning the Kidney Cup, their huge enthusiasm kept the A team on their toes. Nobody could be sure of selection with this

## REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY



**PETER KELLEHER**  
Munster Youth & Ireland Schools



**LIAM COOMBES**  
Munster & Ireland Youth



**ROSS O'NEILL**  
Munster Youth Rugby



**SHANE BUSHE**  
Munster Youth Rugby



**DANIEL WALSH**  
Munster Under-19



**ALEX MCHENRY**  
Munster Schools Under-18

group which became known as 'the Killer Bees' snapping at their heels.



**STARTING YOUNG:** CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOYS ENJOY RUGBY TRAINING AT LANSDOWNE EVERY FRIDAY MORNING.