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Handing over the Reins



Mr David Lordon, pictured above (right) with outgoing Principal Dr Larry Jordan (left) and Dr Larrie Martin (centre), Chairperson CBC Board of Management, formally accepts the role of Principal of Christian Brothers College

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In 1994, Dr Larry Jordan was appointed Principal of Christian Brothers College, taking over from Brother L.P. Reynolds, who was the last Christian Brother Principal of CBC.

At the beginning of his 24 year tenure, Dr Jordan was asked in the course of an interview for the *Irish Times* about his vision for CBC. He said:

“...a traditional, Catholic, no-nonsense education. The all-round pursuit of excellence in science, the arts, and in sport as well. Work hard, get a good Leaving Cert, go to university. It’s not in keeping with modern psychologists, but it’s what parents want.”

With the passage of almost a quarter of a century, it is clear that Dr Jordan has done what he undertook to do, and a lot more besides. CBC’s Leaving Cert. results have regularly made front page news. The College maintains its position as a top rugby school, competes at the highest level in hurling, while also engaging in a long list of other sports, including soccer, basketball and rowing which are particularly well resourced. The campus is about to be developed with

the addition of a new building to be constructed on a half acre site on Patrick’s Hill.

After his appointment, incoming Principal, Mr David Lordon was asked about his priorities for CBC. His response suggests that the course set by Dr Jordan is to be maintained:

“These are exciting times to be associated with CBC. Over the past number of years, the College has built an enviable reputation as an institution where excellence in teaching and learning and in extra-curricular areas is both expected and delivered on. It is a central priority for me as Principal to work with all in the College to commit ourselves to the continued delivery of this quality service.”

Mr Lordon has taught English and History in CBC for over 20 years. He is best known in the wider CBC community for his very successful stewardship of the College Debating Society. He was appointed to the position of Deputy Principal in the 2017-18 school year.

Dr Larry Jordan continues in CBC as Preparatory School Principal.

Exam Results

CBC students have long enjoyed an unparalleled record in the Junior Certificate and Leaving Certificate examinations, and this year has proven to be no exception. By any standards, the achievements of our students in state examinations is second to none.

We were immensely proud of all in the Leaving Certificate class of 2018, particularly the achievements of Matthew Gibson, William Jones and Alex Burke who all attained the maximum 625 points. Further excitement lay ahead when the College learned that, of the 57,000 pupils who sat the Leaving Cert. in June, Alex Burke was one of just seven students in the country to attain 8 H1 grades. This is the third time in ten years that CBC boys achieved the highest results in Ireland, following on from successes in 2009 and 2012.

One third of our pupils (or forty six pupils) attained over 500 points compared to 13% nationally. The average number of points per pupil was 450, compared to 300 nationally. These results open up access to a range of highly sought-after courses in a range of disciplines. It is not surprising therefore that over 90% gained access to university degree programmes.

The achievements of our students were recognised in part through the awarding of no less than twelve university scholarships, with five Quercus awards from UCC (Cillian Desmond,

Matthew Gibson, William Jones, Ciaran Galligan, Lughaidh Wiseman), four from University College Dublin (Cormac McCarthy Hann, Paddy Kelleher, Luke Filan, Alex Burke) and one from Trinity College Dublin (Luke Guerin). Alex Burke was also the recipient of the UCD Astra scholarship. In addition, Matthew Gibson was awarded the prestigious Naughton Foundation scholarship which is awarded to exceptional students involved in the study of engineering, science and technology at third level.

Andrew Nestor has also been accepted to study at Oxford where he will read Physics.

Success at the highest level was also evident when Eoghan Barrett and Ben Roche were afforded the opportunity to study in France while playing with Pau Rugby club in their academy programme.

CBC is traditionally the largest feeder school of students to UCC each year. In recent years, CBC boys have attained the highest marks in Ireland for Maths, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Maths, Economics and German. CBC teams have won the All Ireland Maths competition five times in the last nine years, includ-



A NEW MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR CBC

THE RETIREMENT OF DR LARY JORDAN, TOGETHER WITH RECENT DES CHANGES IN STAFFING REGULATIONS, HAVE RESULTED IN A NEW SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM FOR CBC, PICTURED ABOVE.

(LEFT TO RIGHT): MR SEAMUS BRUTON (DEPUTY PRINCIPAL), MR DAVID LORDON (NEWLY APPOINTED PRINCIPAL), MR DONAL O'MAHONY (DEPUTY PRINCIPAL) AND MR FRANK COTTER (NEWLY APPOINTED DEPUTY PRINCIPAL).

New Staff Secondary School 2018-19



Back Row (L-R): Ms Fiona Murphy (Science, CSI, Resource), Mr Éanna McGrath (Chemistry, Physics, Maths), Mr Ken O'Halloran (Business, SPHE, Resource), Mr Traolach Martin (Business, Geography, Economics), Ms Claire Cotter (English, History, CSPE); **Front Row (L-R)** Ms Amy McAvoy (SNA), Mr Tom Carroll (Science, Biology), Mr David Lordon (Principal), Ms Rachael Mooney (French, CSPE).



Junior Certificate A Team 2018

Back Row (L-R): Peter Callanan, James MacCarthy, Ben Cudmore, Rory Rochford, Luke Fitzpatrick; **Front Row (L-R):** Sean O'Connell, Hugh O'Sullivan, Alex Lynch, James Gibson, Stephen Hayden.

ing three in a row in 2016, 2017 and 2018. It is clear that success of this kind does not happen by accident. It happens because of the culture that exists in the College, the supports, the talented teachers, the shared

purpose between parents, students and the school in a spirit of partnership.

We are proud to applaud the achievements of our students and look forward to following their progress in the years ahead.

School Activities 2017-2018

Zambia Immersion Project



In June 2019, ten Fifth Year pupils (pictured above), along with their teachers (Mr David O’Connell, Ms Ciara McCormack and Mr Robert Bevan) will travel to Mazabuka as part of the Zambia Immersion Project. This year, the group is fundraising to support our partner charity SERVE, which is a development and volunteering organi-

sation committed to tackling poverty in the majority world. The boys have begun their fundraising efforts and so far have organised a non-uniform day, a ball run and a soccer marathon. We wish the boys the very best of luck in their upcoming fundraising campaigns and thank all those who have supported them thus far.

Maths Competition Wins



Back Row (L- R) Team Maths winners: Andrew Nestor, Alex Burke, Miss Ann Barry-Murphy, Matthew Gibson, Ciarán Galligan; **Front Row (L- R) Pi Maths winners:** James Gibson, James Barry, Luke Fitzpatrick, Rory Rochford; **Trophies:** Team Maths Munster Trophy, All Ireland Team Maths Trophy, Pi Maths Trophy.

CBC’s outstanding success in Maths continued unabated in 2018 with wins at both Senior and Junior levels.

In the Junior Certificate Higher Level Pi Maths Competition, CBC took first place. The inaugural Pi Maths Competition was held in 2009, and since then, CBC has won it a total of six times: 2010, 2012, 2014, 2015,

2017 and 2018. For the third year in a row, CBC took first place in the All Ireland Team Maths quiz. The run of victories in this prestigious Leaving Cert. level competition began in 2006 with a runner up position. CBC went on to win it outright in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

School Tours

Forty-two First and Second Year pupils flew to Paris during the first week of the Easter holidays for a five day tour of the city and its environs. They were accompanied by Tour Leader Mr Pól O’Seanacháin, First Year Head Mrs Anne Long and four other teachers. An interesting innovation this year was a bike tour of the city centre (pictured below). This was a great way to

see the city and, with the assistance of knowledgeable and friendly local guides, it was also very safe. During a six day ski tour in Austria, the Transition Year boys developed new skills. They started from a low level: “We got up to the beginner slope, which was basically flat, and started to



learn the basics. All of us were shocking and spent more time on the ground than on our skis!” However, by the end of the tour: “We had become used to these slopes and we were picking up speed on the way down. We were half expecting a man in a suit to come up and offer one of

us a sponsorship deal!”
A Transition Year group also went to New York City. The verdict: “New York is one of the most interesting and exciting cities I have ever visited, and already, not even a month after seeing the bustling metropolis, I can’t wait to go back again”



Matthew Mallen

Debating Society

The school year 2017-18 was a very successful one for the Debating Society. Andrew Kelleher was chosen as a member of the Irish delegation for the European Youth Parliament Sessions. Matt Mallen and Assad Khan won the National Debating Championship with both students representing Ireland in the English-Speaking Union Competition held in Edinburgh. The pair also won Best Team in the UCC Philosophical Society Munster Schools Final. Alex Sheehan and Matt Mallen were chosen to represent Ireland at the Cambridge Schools Debating Competition. Matt was also chosen to represent Ireland at the

World Schools Debating Championship. CBC was named Best delegation at the UCC National Model UN Competition 2017-18. The Gold Medal Debate was held on 25 May 2018. The motion was "That this house believes that Western governments should support the home culture of refugees over assimilation into the home culture." Top prize went to Matt Mallen with Oliver Luddy coming second. Senan Skalkos won the Prize Debate and Caleb Cotter won the Declamation Prize.

Chess

The Chess Club is very popular with up to 50 pupils playing chess at lunchtime every day under the supervision of Ms Iris Quinn. Many pupils who arrive early each morning, play chess before classes commence. A First Year chess competition took place in May and was a great success with over forty pupils taking part. The overall winner was Oscar Andrews, with Ben Moynihan finishing second and Tadhg Cronin third.

Choir and Orchestra



Once again, the CBC Choir and Orchestra had a very busy school year. During 2017-18, they performed at many school ceremonies, including Mass for incoming First Year pupils, the College Open Evening, the Christmas Ceremony of Light, the Carol Service and the Leaving Cert Graduation Mass. The College Choir at all times endeavours to enrich school ceremonies, and the exception-

ally talented members of the Orchestra, support these performances. We are indeed fortunate in CBC to have access to such gifted musicians. The round of events has already begun this year with the performance at the Open Evening.

Shanghai Trip

In March 2018, four Transition Year pupils flew to Shanghai to spend two weeks learning about Chinese culture. The boys were accommodated at Shanghai University and attended lessons there every morning on Chinese language and other aspects of the culture, such as tai chi, calligraphy, family customs and meditation. The boys also visited some of the main tourist attractions such as the Pearl Tower, and the Bund. They took a night time cruise on the Hangzhou river, and also visited the smaller Chinese city of Hangzhou (population: 12 million!). As they were in Shanghai during Easter, they attended Mass at the Cathedral of St Ignatius on Easter Sunday. They were surprised that the church was full to capacity and the congregation participated fully in the liturgy and celebration of the resurrection. They found the food a little challenging and were careful to heed the advice of their leaders not to buy street food. They enjoyed one very special meal with Ms Catherine Xu and her family, including her son Tin Tin who is a current pupil of CBC. Mrs Xu is Director of the Confucius Institute, UCC, and was the principal director of the trip to Shanghai. The verdict of the boys: "We all went to China with preconceived ideas of what to expect. We can honestly say that none of our Western preconceptions were verified."

School Sports Mardyke

On Thursday 10 May, the entire school headed to the Mardyke for Sports Day. The



weather was beautiful but not to last.

The Prep School kicked off at 10am and the Senior School at 1pm. A huge attendance ensured that all events had long queues. Despite the waiting, all enjoyed the day.

The boys participated in long jump and high jump, shot putt, 100m, 400m and 1,500m track events and various novelty events such as tug-o-war, soccer, touch rugby and long puck.

The Jack and Jill charity shop provided the refreshments when needed.

A large staff presence ensured



that all events ran smoothly. The pupils v staff soccer match ended in a 2-all draw and rounded off a very very enjoyable sports day.

The sports day is by far the best CBC community event every year. We should continue the long tradition where the entire school enjoys one day of fun and laughs, and participate where everyone's involvement is the best gratuity on show.

MR T. CROWE
HEAD OF PE



ROWING

The main event in the rowing calendar was the schools regatta that took place on Sunday 29 April in O'Briensbridge, Co. Limerick. It was a huge event this year with almost 500 crews representing over 70 schools taking part. Twenty-four crews were entered from CBC. The CBC eight, appropriately named *Certa Bonum Certamen*, was raced in two events. CBC had two wins: the Under-23 coxed four and the Junior 15 single scull (Thomas Cosgrave). All crews put in a huge effort with many making it to their final. The Under-23 eight came second in their final in a very close finish.

GAELIC FOOTBALL

The Lord Mayor's Cup is a competition which gives Fourth and Fifth Year pupils a chance to play Gaelic football for their school. This year, CBC had a panel of 30 which was coached by Mr Moynihan and Mr De Brun. In the group stage of the competition, CBC had to play PBC and CBS Midleton. CBC won both matches. The final of the competition was played on Paire Ui Chaoimh's outstanding astroturf pitch. It was a hard fought battle. Rochestown scored three goals in the first half. With ten minutes to go in the second half, CBC was ten points down. CBC substitute Declan Hanlon scored a brilliant hat trick. Some additional scoring secured the trophy for CBC.

Transition Year Play: Zigger Zaggar

Zigger Zaggar is a play which depicts the choices in life that can be taken by individuals who find themselves in tough situations. The theme is developed through various working class characters living in a soccer mad environment.

It was performed in CBC on 20 and 21 of March last. It involved over seventy Transition Year pupils in all aspects of acting, production and promotion. The process of mounting this dramatic production was very good for the personal development of the pupils involved.



EU COUNCIL MODEL DEBATE

CBC pupils Sean Buckley, Matthew Mallen and Axis Aboladora pictured with judges at the EU Council Model Debate in Dublin Castle on Friday 9 March 2018; the CBC pupils represented Italy.

SWIMMING

The Munster Senior Schools Championship took place in October 2017 at the Douglas pool. The CBC team, of Niklas Leahy, Ben Cudmore, James Ryan, Evan MacCarthy, Aaron McMahon, Conor Foley, Conor Dennehy, Andrew Byrne and Ronan Crowley, was an absolute credit to the school. In the individual rankings, CBC did very well. In the 100 Metre Junior Breaststroke event, Conor Foley won the silver medal. In the 100 Metre Senior Breaststroke, event, Niklas Leahy also won the silver medal. There were equally strong swimmers from the boys in the team events. Both Conor Foley and Aaron McMahon were selected to represent CBC and Munster on the inter-provincial schools team.

Student Council 2018-19



Back Row (L-R): Diarmuid Cremin, Brendan Crowley, Ben O'Hare, Jack O'Kelly, Louis Buckley, Darragh Keohane; **Front Row (L-R):** Jack Galvin, Mr Donal O'Mahony, Mr Pól O'Seanacháin, Eoin O'Sullivan.

Parents Council 2018-19



Back Row (L-R): Mr G. O'Riordan, Ms J. Woods, Mr D. Cullinane, Ms J. Dennehy, Ms E. Walsh Supplisson, Mr J. Donlon, Ms I. Ní Riain; **Front Row (L-R):** Ms J. Linehan, Ms J. Kelleher, Ms L. O'Donnell, Dr G. McMahon, Ms R. Kielty, Ms B. Walshe.

The CBC Open Evening is held annually to allow parents and prospective pupils to find out more about the College. Visitors may freely explore the two school buildings and the spacious grounds, and stay on afterwards for a presentation in the Hall. As may be seen from the photo on the right, many take advantage of the opportunity.

The classrooms, oratory, laboratories, fitness suite and canteen are all open. The labs are particularly popular with visiting sixth class boys, as science teachers and senior pupils are always on hand to wow them with scientific demonstrations. The fitness suite is usually in use as well and is a great hit with prospective pupils.

However, the First Year area is the main focus of those hoping to enrol in 'Christians'. Moving from primary to secondary school is a major change in the life of a twelve or thirteen year old boy. The CBC First Year programme provides a transition that deals effectively with all anticipated difficulties.

First Year classrooms are not in the main building, but are in the upper storey of the smaller building just inside the College entrance. Unlike the rest of the school, First Years have pupil-based classrooms, so they do not have to change room every time the bell rings. Operating in this simpler environment in First Year greatly helps the settling in process.

Assistant Principal Mrs Anne Long is present in the First Year area throughout the day, either in her office or in a classroom. This further replicates the primary school style environment.

At the end of First Year, the boys move on confidently to the building higher up on the hill.



Class 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Eoin O'Halloran (Crosshaven BNS), Jamie O'Callaghan Maher (Ballinora NS), Ryan Murphy (Crosshaven BNS), Ali Haroun (CBC), David Pierce (Glounthaune NS), Sean McDonald (CBC), David Philpott (CBC), Ben Buckley (Ballinora NS), Calum Cserni (Glounthaune NS), Kevin Lin (St Patrick's BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Cian Gill (Monkstown NS), William Haugh (Beaumont BNS), Joe O'Connor (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Alainn), Ian Kenny (Ballinlough BNS), Sean Kelleher (Glounthaune NS), Joseph Barrett (Ballinlough BNS), Saul Mulcahy (Glounthaune NS), Robert Kelly (Ovens NS), Darragh O'Donovan (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Alainn), Aryan Nassar (St Columba's BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Charlie Lenahan (CBC), Jack O'Callaghan (Ballinlough BNS), Micheál O'Sé (Gaelscoil na Duglaise), Enrique Dias (North London Grammar), James Kearney (Scoil an Spioraid Naoimh), Liam Cassidy (Gaelscoil Uí Ríada), John Lonergan (Gael Scoil de Híde), Jack O'Farrell (Ballintemple NS), Oran Dennehy (CBC), Ben Horgan (Ballinlough BNS).



Class 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Peter O'Shea (Glounthaune NS), Paul Scanlan (Ballinlough BNS), Darragh Browne (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Dunne (Rushbrooke NS), James Young (Crosshaven BNS), Conor Kennelly (CBC), Daniel Quinn (Ballinlough BNS), Daniel Butler (Scoil Spioraid Naoimh), Aiden Brady (Shanbally NS), Cathal McCarthy (Monkstown NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Cillian Punch (CBC), Ronan O'Keeffe (CBC), Jagat Gogineni (Glounthaune NS), Jake Hanafin (St Luke's NS, Douglas), Darragh O'Connor (Glounthaune NS), Lucas Kennedy (CBC), Charlie McGovern (CBC), Harry Dilloughery (Ballinlough BNS), Sam FitzPatrick (CBC), Johathan Walsh (Summercove NS), Liam Healy (Ballinlough BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Sean Hogan (Ballinlough BNS), Luke Lenahan (Carrignavar NS), Ben O'Shaughnessy (Ballinlough BNS), Max Tolan (St Mary's, Carrigaline), Darragh Kietly (Bartlemy NS), Nicholas Bertocchi (Saleen NS), Mark McGrath (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Alainn), Joe O'Driscoll (Cloghroe NS), James Harrington (Glounthaune NS).



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CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Matthew Shalloe (Ballinlough BNS), Harry Murray (CBC), Johathan Fitzgerald (CBC), John Leddy (Riverstown NS), Patrick Brick (Glounthaune NS), Ben Cullinane (Glounthaune NS), Harry Walsh (CBC), Zach McGarry (Ballinlough BNS), Conor Geoghegan (Cloghroe NS), Joe Hartnett (St Columba's BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Robert Higgins (Ballinlough BNS), Luke Mulcahy (Ballinlough BNS), Cian Boylan (Dripsey NS), Eoghan O'Brien (Ballinlough BNS), Dylan Keating (Summercove NS), George Good (Glounthaune NS), Charlie O'Sullivan (Summercove NS); James Walsh (CBC), Noah Seacy (Ballinora NS), Alex O'Brien (Frankfield NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Mark Scally (Scoil an Spioraid Naomh), Colm Kennelly (Frankfield NS), Liam Kavanagh (Crab Lane NS), Luca Bennet (Ballinlough BNS), Aaron Sheehan (Knockraha NS), Jack Butler (CBC), Olan Falvey (Rathduff NS), Daniel Fulton (Ballinlough BNS), Brendan Quinn (Glasheen BNS), Odhran Burke (Rushbrooke NS).

CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Killian O'Connell (CBC), Brian O'Sullivan (Ballinora NS), Tadhg O'Brien (Monkstown NS), Mark Skelly (Ballinlough BNS), Nathan Power (Glounthaune NS), Joseph Cronin (Scoil na nOg, Glanmire), Charlie Cassidy (Rathpeacon NS), Ben O'Callaghan (CBC), Diarmuid Cotter (Glounthaune NS), Rory Cogan (Ballygarvan NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Jack Giltinan (Ballinlough BNS), Conor Brophy (Ballinlough BNS), Stephen Kearney (Riverstown NS), Robert Walsh (CBC), Peter Wills (Cloghroe NS), Harry Cudmore (Ballinlough BNS), Patrick Cosgrave (CBC), Tomás Cooney (Upper Glanmire), Jamie Kelleher (Ballinlough BNS), Eric Meaney (Whitechurch NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Alex Cronin (Ballintemple NS), Ben Field (Riverstown NS), Danny Kennedy (CBC), John Walsh (Rathpeacon NS), Cian Lawless (Blarney NS), Daire Carroll (Scoil na nOg, Glanmire), Dara Sidhu (Glounthaune NS), Jude O'Regan (CBC), Jamie Murphy Ruiz de Costaneda (Upper Glanmire), Jack Delacey (Glounthaune NS).



Class 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Ciaran Gould (Cloghroe NS), Gavin O'Riordan (Beaumont BNS), Clinton Moore (Crosshaven BNS), Darren Sexton (Ballinlough BNS), Cathal Barry (Summercove NS), Jacob Lane (Frankfield NS), Charlie Ludgate (Ballinlough BNS), Rodolfo Velasco Nunez (Glounthaune NS), JP Kelleher (Glounthaune NS), Rory Lester (Gaelscoil Mainistir na Corann); **Middle Row (L-R):** William Whyte (CBC), Jake Brosnan (Ballyvolane NS), Alistair Barclay (CBC), Robert Lisson (Ballinlough BNS), Shane Ryan (St Patrick's BNS), Darragh Coughlan (Riverstown NS), Luke Forde (CBC), Ben O'Donoghue (CBC), Donnacha Collins (Glounthaune NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Jack Hoare (Vicarstown NS), Patrick Kiely (Ballinlough BNS), Michael Russell (Ballintemple NS), Harrison O'Keeffe (CBC), George Beardsworth (Ballinlough BNS), Fionn Mansfield (Crosshaven BNS), Mark Sutton (Ballinlough BNS), Brian Nolan (Glounthaune NS), Diarmuid Wall (Rathpeacon NS), Oisín Dolan (Riverstown NS).



Past Pupils Union 2017-18

In the course of 2017-18, the Past Pupils Union was very active in the life of the College. The Union has been involved in the sponsorship of the Edmund Rice Development Fund, the Annual Gold Medal Debate, the Golfing Society, the Sports Day, the underage rugby squad and the Christian Brothers Immersion Project in Zambia. The PPU has also sponsored the CBC125 Commemorative Arch

The Union continues to be involved in the Br Edmund Rice Awards for Charitable Activities at the Annual Prize giving, the Christmas Carol Service, Rugby presentations, the Graduation Mass, Transition Year Open Evening, and the First Year Orientation Day, amongst others.

The photo below was taken immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 22



87th Annual PPU Dinner, 27 January 2018
 PPU President Mr Shane O'Sullivan (front row, third from left) with Deputy Lord Mayor and past pupil Dr John Sheehan (front centre) and other guests .

November 2018: outgoing President Mr Shane Sullivan (left) handing over the chain of office to incoming President for 2018-2019 Mr Brian Twomey (right). The officers and committee for the forthcoming year are:

- Vice Presidents:** Mr David Lordon, Mr Liam Murphy, Mr Gary O'Flynn and Mr Michael Russell
- Hon. Secretary:** Mr Ed Crosbie
- Hon. Treasurers:** Mr Pat Cashman, Mr Ed Kenny
- Committee:** Mr Paul Murphy, Mr Pat Bradley



CBC was delighted to welcome past pupils, Fr Michael Waters SMA and Fr Lee Cahill SMA from the class of 1959. Fr Michael holds the unique distinction of having played Junior and Senior Cup Rugby for CBC and winning an All Ireland Senior Hurling medal for Cork in 1966.

RETIREMENT OF DR LARRY JORDAN AS PRINCIPAL OF CBC: PAST PRESIDENTS ATTEND FUNCTION TO MARK THE EVENT



Back Row (L-R): Mr John Boylan, Mr Peter Madden, Dr Larrie Martin, Mr Viv Nathan, Mr Ger FitzGerald, Mr Eamonn Muldoon, Mr Neil Jeffries, Mr Ed Kenny Mr Conor Clune, Mr Wally Morrissey, Mr John O'Donnell, Dr Aidan Monahan;
Front Row (L-R): Mr Jerome O'Donovan, Mr Declan Daly, Mr John Hassett, Mr Pat Cashman, Dr Larry Jordan, Mr Shane Sullivan (PPU President), Mr Ted Crosbie, Dr Noel O'Mahony, Mr Tim Healy, Mr Michael Walsh.

Preparatory School

Dr Larry Jordan, newly retired as Secondary School Principal, moved to the Prep School as Principal, following the retirement of Mr Tony McCarthy from his roles as Prep School Head and College Administrator (Mr McCarthy is pictured right receiving a presentation on behalf of the Prep School staff from Deputy Principal Ms Sharon McAdoo). Mr Christopher Enright also joined the staff this year. He is taking the place of Mrs Susan Egan who is on a career break.



The beginning of the school year in September saw further enhancement of the Prep School curriculum. Pupils in Fifth and Sixth Class are now receiving weekly tuition in French, German, Science and Classical Studies, while Third and Fourth Class are receiving lessons in Chinese. In addition, an increasing range of extra- and co-curricular activities continue to be available to pupils: rugby, GAA, drama, robotics, computers, swimming, guitar lessons, music/concert performance, charitable activities, among other things.

School Year 2017-18

As usual, the Bath Tour was the highlight of the school year for the Sixth Class boys. It is always a fitting conclusion to the pupils' time in primary school. Their first time travelling abroad without their parents is quite a rite of passage for them. This year's Bath Tour was the twentieth such tour. The first group to travel was the Class of 1999.

The publication of *We are Writers*, a 172 page book to which every pupil submitted an article (a picture in the case of Junior and Senior Infants), was a great success. Special thanks goes to Mr Lynch, chief organiser.

In November, the Prep School defeated Ballincollig in Pairc Uí Rinn in the final of the Allianz Urban Football competition, achieving a three in a row. This victory was built on the success of the previous two years. In October of 2016, the gallant Prep footballers defeated the North Mon in.

The links between the Prep and the Secondary are stronger than ever. The two schools join together on Lord Mayor's Day, on the Annual Sports Day in the Mardyke and on the day the Senior Cup campaign is launched. The Prep also has the use of the school Hall, the Astro Pitch and the pitches in Lansdowne for their sports and PE requirements. This year, 5th and 6th Class go to the Science Laboratories where they are introduced to Physics and Chemistry.

JUNIOR INFANTS CLASS 2018-19



Back Row (L-R): Kristian Sun Jakobsen, Killian Twohig, David Coughlan, Reuben Power, Richard Linehan; **Front Row (L-R):** Dara Russell, Oscar O'Riordan, Finn Dennedy, Liam Martinoli, Faolán O'Neill, Cathal Hayes.



PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF 2018-19

Back Row (L-R): Mr Christopher Enright (1st Class), Mrs Caroline FitzPatrick (6th Class), Mrs Jane Scannell (4th Class), Mrs Dearbhla Bradley (Resource), Mr Steven Lynch (3rd Class); **Front Row (L-R):** Mrs Denise Lowry (Junior Infants), Miss Fiona Buckley (2nd Class), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Miss Sharon McAdoo (Deputy Principal and Senior Infants), Miss Elizabeth O'Donovan (Fifth Class).

Annual Awards 2017-2018

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR		
Class	First Place	Special Merit
1A27	Michael Hoare	Michael Delargey Robert Butler
1A28	Jack O'Regan	Shea Hill
1A29	Noah Murphy	Ben Moynihan Sean Carmody
1A30	Rory Brennan	Sam Whyte O'Callaghan Daniel O'Keeffe Daniel Woods
1A31	Karl Riedewald	Tristan Corkery Ronan Harrington
2A3	Peter Layton	Sam Breen Daniel Lucey
2A21	David Cahill	Peter Coomey Leonardo Mottareale
2A22	Charlie Cullinane	Brian Waugh
	Eoin Kelly	Liam McNamara
2A23	Fearghal Desmond	Cian O'Mahoney Conor Dennehy
2A24	Callum Holohan James Ryan	Aaron O'Brien Eoghan Rodahan



Student of the Year Alex Burke with Brother Reynolds Trophy: Also in picture, from left, Mr David Lordon (Principal), Mrs Marjorie Burke and Mr Eamonn Burke (parents), Dr Larrie Martin (Chairperson Board of Management), and Mr Ger O'Mahoney (Guest of Speaker).

Junior Cert 2018	
First Place	James Gibson
Special Merit	Hugh O'Sullivan, Alex Lynch, Stephen Hayden, Sean O'Connell, Rory Rochford

Transition Year	
First Place:	Ben O'Brien
Special Merit:	Peter Kilcommons, Robert Shalloe, Robert Mannix, Patrick O'Leary, Ray Hinds, Charlie Cremen

Fifth Year	
First Place:	Darragh Murphy
Special Merit:	Samuel Greene, Mark Smith, Conor Butler, Trevor Doyle, Cian Murray

Leaving Cert 2018	
First Place:	Alex Burke
Leaving Cert Awards:	Matthew Gibson, William Jones, Cillian Desmond, Ciaran Galligan, Andrew Nestor, Thomas O'Regan

— EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS —

Maths	Luke Fitzpatrick, James Gibson, Rory Rochford, James Barry
Culture	Thomas Supplisson, Alex Sheehan, Eoghan Heaney, Sean Coombes
1st Year Soccer	David Cremin
Under-15 Soccer	Gavin O'Shea

Under-17 Soccer	Charlie Cremen
Soccer Academy	Rory Murphy
Economics	Gavin Foley, Luke Galligan, Alex Sheehan

Choir	Odhran Williamson
Orchestra	John Sweeney
Athletics	Eoghan Heaney
Under-14 Rugby	Odhran Prenter
Under-15 Rugby	Max Healy

Bob Casey Award	Luke McAuliffe
Bowen Shield	Conor Lavin
Senior Rugby	Eoghan Barrett
Peter Wilson Award	Ronan Barry
Art Senior	Joe O'Keeffe, David Brown
Art Junior	Brian Boylan

Under-16 Basketball	Sean Fitzgerald
Under-18 Basketball	Andrew Hurley
Junior Science	Ben Warren Flynn
Science Quiz	James MacCarthy, Rory Rochford, Sean O'Connell, Stephen Hayden

Sci Fest	Andrew Byrne, Conor Kilbride
Chemistry	Tommy O'Regan
Biology	Cormac McCarthy Hann, Robbie Mulhall

Applied Maths	Fergal Riordan, Andrew Nestor, Michael Sheehan
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Politics	Axis Alboladora, Donagh O'Callaghan
Junior Hurling	Denis McSweeney
Senior Hurling	Robert Downey
Rowing	Eoin Gaffney, Thomas Murphy, Sean Creagh, David Cosgrave

Golf	Ronan Feerick, Jack Egan
Andrew Quinlan Award	Alex Burke,
Andrew Nestor, Matthew Gibson, Ciaran Galligan	
Gaeilge	Fearghal Desmond

Pitch & Putt	Philip Elwood
Tennis	Denis Buckley
Swimming	Niklas Leahy
Debating	Matt Mallen
Alan Cahill Award	Micheal O Suilleabhain
Michael Sheedy Award	Ben O'Brien, Jack Morehead

Hugh O'Kelly Award	Conor Bradley, Joe Hourihane, Conor MacCarthy, Andrew Kelleher
Gretchen Crosbie Award	Callum Owens
Edmund Rice Award	James Coleman, George Radley

Breifne O'Callaghan Award	Andrew Kelleher, David Walsh
Brother Reynolds Student of the Year	Alex Burke



Awards recipients 2018, with Mr Shane Sullivan (President PPU), Dr Larrie Martin (Chairperson Board of Management), Mr Alex Burke (Student of the Year), Mr Ger O'Mahoney (Guest Speaker) and Mr David Lordon (Principal).

2017-18 Sports Roundup

Tennis

This year, CBC entered teams in all three levels: U-14, U-16 and U-18. Great credit is due to all those associated with tennis in CBC as all three teams won their respective competitions. The first cup win was achieved in January by the U-19 team, which was comprised of Rory Craig, Charlie Rasmussen, Denis Buckley and Bobby Kahn. The finals involving the two other levels took place in May. The U-14 team of Ethan O'Brien, Kyle Patrick, James Kelleher and Andrew O'Sullivan returned the U-14 cup to CBC for the third year in a row. The U-16 team must have felt under severe pressure to finish the hat trick for the school. Ryan Patrick, George Rasmussen, Andrew O'Mahony and Hugh O'Sullivan did not disappoint. All three Munster tennis cups now reside in the CBC trophy cabinet!

Golf

The Munster series was delayed by Storm Ophelia and the original date in October was rescheduled for Monday 12 March. Our team on the day was Jack Egan, Cillian Desmond, Ronan Feerick, Philip Elwood, James Gillespie and Shane Williams.

Monkstown Golf Course was the venue and the format was as follows. There were two semi-finals in the morning, CBC v Patrician Academy followed by Crescent College v St Augustine's (Dungarvan).

CBC and St Augustine's got through to the final. The teams were very well matched. With the score tied at two all, the result depended on the last game, on the last hole and the last shot. Their last student putted from 20 feet to win the hole with a birdie and therefore secure victory for St Augustine's.

Soccer

The First Year soccer team had a great run this year, reaching the final of the First Year Munster Cup. This was a significant achievement as over 70 Munster schools took



Cork Cup Semi-Final Squad who defeated Carrigaline



Harty Cup Hurling

CBC reached the semi-final in the Munster Harty Cup competition two years running in the period immediately after returning to Munster's top hurling competition. The school year 2017-18 kicked off the third campaign with a great determination to progress even further.

The opening match was against Our Lady's Templemore, the current All Ireland schools Champions. Despite a strong performance, CBC was down a point at half-time. A strong fight back in the second half put CBC four points ahead. With ten minutes remaining, Templemore scored a goal and followed that up with two points. CBC lost by a point on a scoreline of 1-15 to 2-11.

In the second group game, CBC was pitted against St Flannan's. In need of a win, CBC played explosive hurling. CBC won comprehensively by 2-17 to eleven points.

The third group game was against Castletroy and CBC won comfortably on a

scoreline of 2-20 to nine points.

The quarter-final game was against St Coleman's of Fermoy for the third year in a row. After a very tough game, CBC finally defeated St Coleman's to set up a semi-final date against Ard Scoil Ris of Limerick.

Once again, the CBC hurling team headed for Mallow hoping for another win. Despite having played against a strong breeze, CBC was only one point behind at half time. The two teams battled it out in the second half and the standard of hurling from both sides was exceptional. CBC was in the lead by two points with ten minutes of play left, after a brilliant Robert Downey goal. However, Ard Scoil did not panic and managed to win on a scoreline of seventeen points to CBC's two goals and eight points. The players were consoled by the additional progress this year.

Already in the 2018/19 season CBC have topped their group, while defeating Thurles CBS and Castletroy and now look forward to the quarter-final early in 2019.

part. The team had to compete in a league section of the competition before getting to the knockout stages. CBC was faced with Rochestown in the final. There was great disappointment when Rochestown came out on top. However, the boys deserve great credit

for getting so far in such a big competition.

The Cork Cup campaign was very similar to the Munster Cup campaign. CBC got all the way to the final but were defeated by Rochestown.

The Under-15 team reached the semi-final of their competition

CBC Year Book 2017-18

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SEASON OF FINALS



Ireland U-19 Sevens



Eoghan Barrett & Eoin Monahan

Ireland U-18



Cian Hurley, Mark Donnelly, Scott Buckley, Tommy Downes.

Munster U-19



Cian Hurley and Luke Masters

Munster U-18



Back Row (L-R): Mark Donnelly, Cian Hurley (who also played for Munster U-19s), Tommy Downes; **Front Row (L-R):** Jack O’Riordan, Cian Whooley

Season 2017-18 was a very busy time, with CBC reaching six of the Munster Schools rugby finals organised throughout the province.

For the Senior squad, the season started off in September with a training session conducted by Mr Joe Schmidt. The squad continued preparations by going to France for a week, where they trained, set their goals for the coming months and played three games against local opposition.

The highlight of their season was their meeting with PBC in the semi-final in Irish Independent Park. The game was one of the most intense games seen between these great rivals with CBC coming out on top. Ten days after their great victory over Pres, the team was beaten by Glenstal in the Senior Cup Final.

Barry Cup Champions

The Barry Cup team won their competition, playing a great brand of rugby throughout their campaign. They showed impressive skill in the final, beating Pres to win the cup.

The focus this year of the Bowen Shield team was to help the players to improve their skills while in this age group. The Bowen Shield is an under-18 competition, but CBC plays an under-17 team to allow the players to develop and to be able to slot in more easily to the Senior Team. The team was narrowly defeated by PBC in the semi-final.

The Junior squads again reached both the Kidney Cup and the Junior Cup finals. What an achievement for the Kidney Cup teams, winning the competition for a fourth year in a row, this year against PBC in Wilton.

The Junior Cup team was

unlucky in the final in Limerick to lose against St Munchin’s. They showed great endeavour throughout the season.

The McCarthy Cup campaign ended with a double header final in Irish Independent Park against PBC. In the ‘A’ final, great maturity was shown by the team in very difficult conditions. Christians came out on the right side of a very tight score line. In the ‘B’ game, a great effort was also made, but the match ended in disappointment for CBC.

The First Years had a very successful season. They travelled the length and breadth of Ireland in the course of the year, putting four teams on the pitch each weekend. They suffered only one defeat all year! They finished off the season by travelling to Portugal where they played several games against rugby clubs in the locality.



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