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## NINE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE Class of 2014

**1** Nationally, a total of 13 pupils attained 8A1 higher level grades in Leaving Cert 2014; CBC was the one school in Ireland with two such pupils: Jack Hartnett and Tim Fannon (pictured below, front row).

**2** The Class of 2014 produced two students who achieved a first place in Ireland in a Leaving Cert subject: Keegan O'Mahoney with First Place in higher Maths, and Cormac O'Mahony with First Place in higher Physics. Interestingly, the Class of 2013 can boast of the same achievement, with Conor Moloney taking first place in Ireland in Maths and Gleb Dzhus with first place in Physics.

**3** Sixty-three students attained 500 or more points in the Class of 2014.

**4** The average points, out of a total Cohort of 139 pupils, was 462.

**5** Five Trinity College Scholarships were awarded to members of this year's Leaving Cert class:

Tim Fannon  
Jack Hartnett  
Sean O'Brien  
Conor O'Driscoll  
Max Waterstone

**6** A total of 215 higher A grades were attained by the class of 2014.

**7** There were seven pupils on 625 points each.

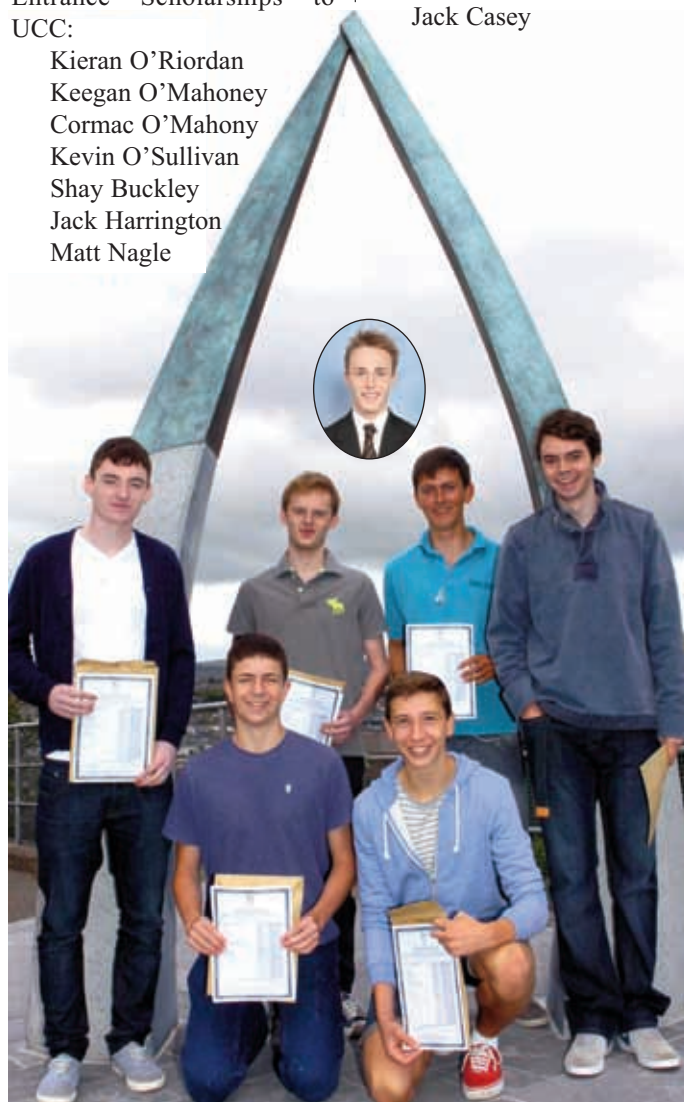
**8** Eight students were awarded University Entrance Scholarships to UCC:

Kieran O'Riordan  
Keegan O'Mahoney  
Cormac O'Mahony  
Kevin O'Sullivan  
Shay Buckley  
Jack Harrington  
Matt Nagle

John Wallace.

**9** Two Quercus scholarships to UCC were awarded. The recipients were:

Lorcan Hickey  
Jack Casey



### THE BEST OF THE BEST

SEVEN CBC STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVED 625 POINTS EACH  
FRONT (L-R): JACK HARTNETT, TIM FANNON; BACK (L-R): CORMAC O'MAHONY, JOHN WALLACE, KIERAN O'RIORDAN, MATT NAGLE;  
INSET: MAX WATERSTONE

# CBC's New Board Has Plans for the Future

**CBC's new Board of Management took office in October of this year. Mr Michael Walsh continues as Chairperson for a third term.**

The focus of this Board's attention is the refurbishment and further development of the College campus, including the sports facilities at Lansdowne.

The present College building was completed in 1988, more than 25 years ago. The past quarter of a century has witnessed an increase in pupil numbers and unprecedented technological developments. Over that period, Christians has expanded and modernised, always keeping abreast of new developments, especially in ICT.

The Board has determined that now is the time for a comprehensive examination of what CBC needs to do to enable it to continue providing top

class education into the future.

To this end, the Board has set up a Strategic Development Committee to plan and implement a programme of development and modernisation. This committee will involve teachers, parents and pupils in the planning process.

Some areas for improvement have already been identified and some plans are at an advanced stage. An extension to the current Hall, which will incorporate new dressing rooms and showers downstairs, and a fully equipped gym upstairs is about to commence.

A new block of classrooms, a new pavilion in Lansdowne, and more social areas for pupils are among the improvements being discussed, as well as the upgrading and refurbishment of the existing facilities.

## Board of Management 2014-17



**Back Row (L-R):** Mr Edmond Hussey (Teacher Nominee), Mr John McSweeney (Trustee Nominee), Dr Larrie Martin (Parent Nominee), Mr David Lordon (teacher Nominee); **Front Row (L-R):** Mrs Anne Collins (Trustee Nominee), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal CBC), Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson), Mrs Nodlaig Nathan (Trustee Nominee), Mrs Myriam O'Connor (Parent Nominee); **Inset (L-R):** Mrs Dearbhla Bradley (Prep Teacher); Mrs Johanna Radley (Prep Parent).

## The Secret of Attaining Great Results?

**I**n February of this year, the Department of Education and Skills (DES) carried out a Whole School Evaluation in Christian Brothers College. A report on this very thorough examination was posted on the DES website afterwards. Under 'Key Findings', the following paragraphs appear:

- The board of management fulfils a very important leadership role in the school.
- Senior management provides effective management and leadership of the school and of student learning.
- The principal and deputy principal work together as a very effective team and complement each other in their sharing of core tasks and responsibilities.
- Parental and student satisfaction with the school is very high.
- Year heads and class teachers play important roles in organising the context for student learning.
- Students' transition from primary to post-primary is very well managed by the school.
- Appropriate guidance, counselling and care strategies are in place and are regularly monitored and reviewed.
- School facilities are generally very good and are maintained to a very high standard.
- The quality of teaching and learning was very good in the lessons observed, with some examples of excellent practice.
- Classroom atmosphere was positive and conducive to learning.
- The learning support department informs teaching and learning across the school in a very effective manner.
- All school partners are committed to the school self-evaluation process.

The full report may be found on the Department of Education and Skills Website: [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie)

## Junior Certificate A Team 2014



**Back Row (L-R):** Conor Sheehan, John Bourke, Mark Mortin, Alan Manning, Conor Cudden, Daniel FitzPatrick; **Front Row (L-R):** Conor McCarthy, Colm Barrett, Neil Kirk, Ronan Hennessy, Brendan O'Callaghan, Matthew Murnane.

## CBC Student Council School Year 2014-2015

**Back Row (L-R):** Joshua Nyagaya, Ronan Gallagher, Charlie Murray, Ian Casey, Rory McCarthy, Rory O'Sullivan, Barry O'Brien (Secretary), Eamon Doyle, Matt Hanrahan; **Middle Row (L-R):** Hugh Sutton, Mark Madden, Gavin

Martin, Jack Delaney, Tim Lehane, Colm Fitzgerald, Charlie O'Neill, Paul Long, Alex Mulligan, Brien Freeman, Tommy O'Connell, Colm Sisk; **Front Row (L-R):** Colin Marring, Gavin Foley, Eoghan Dinan, Neasan Guilfoyle (Captain), Mr Pól Ó Seanacháin, Conor Moloney, Michael O'Reilly, Ronan Lawlor, Billy Scully.



# School Activities 2013-2014

## CBC Debating Society

The CBC Debating Society must be one of the oldest in the country. In fact, it is older than the country! having been established in 1911 when all of Ireland was still part of the United Kingdom. At the end of its 103rd year, it is still as strong as ever, with enthusiastic members from First Year to Sixth Year taking part in weekly debates and engaged in local, national and international debating competitions.

The annual Gold Medal Debate was held on Friday 9 May. The motion was: 'That this House would support a one child policy in the developing world.' Cian Luddy was the winner with Morgan Walsh placed second and Jack Cronin in third place.

The Prize Debate (the motion was: 'That this House would make voting in elections compulsory') and Declamation Prize were also competed for on the same evening. Jim Hourihan won the Prize Debate, with Conor McCarthy in second place, while Conal Williamson was the winner of the Declamation Prize.

Two international successes were recorded this year: Lorenzo Niemitz travelled to Riga, Latvia in February as part of the Irish team that took part in the European Youth Parliament. This is the tenth occasion that members

of the Society have been selected to represent their country in this competition. Robert O'Driscoll travelled to Brussels after winning the Europe Direct Public Speaking Competition.

Cian Luddy won the Individual Prize in the UCC Munster Schools Debating Competition. Locally, First Years Asaad Khan and Kennedy Roche won the PBC Junior Mace.

Many other debating successes are recorded in *CBC Year Book 2013-14*.

## Iscariot

On the 8th and 10th of April last, CBC presented a fully staged presentation of *Iscariot*, a passion play which examined the inner mind of Judas Iscariot and his betrayal of Jesus Christ.

The Transition Year production saw over seventy Fourth Year pupils and several teachers undertake a mammoth task to ensure that the show was a success. The project began the previous November when the various tasks were allocated. Apart from the cast, other roles that had to be filled included production, public

relations, management and programme design.

After 73 rehearsals, lots of meetings, sound and lighting rig installation, stage production, scenery design, extensive costume research, and learning a lot of dialogue, *Iscariot* emerged as a production described by one pupil as 'something I will never forget all of my life.'

The project mobilised a great deal of untapped talent and good will, as well as making use of existing resources, such as the Choir and Orchestra. The whole operation was initiated and guided to completion by Mr Trevor Hussey.



## New Staff Secondary School 2014



**Back Row (L-R):** Mr Joe Wallace (PME student), Mr Sean Driscoll (French and English teacher), Miss Ciara Grant (PME student), Mr Ryan Gallagher (Science teacher), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal); **Front Row (L-R):** Mr Emmet Blanchfield (PME student), Miss Michelle Clifford (PME student), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Miss Michelle Martin (Irish and German teacher), Mr Robert Bevan (Sports Science teacher).

## Charitable Activities

This year, many fundraising events took place for a diverse range of worthwhile causes. Three non-uniform days were arranged by the Committee, one in each term.

The CSPE classes organised fundraising events as part of the action project for Junior Cert. A tuck shop was organised during Sports Day. A tuck shop was also set up in Lansdowne by the present Transition Year Business Group, the proceeds from which went to charity. As part of CBC's annual Christmas appeal, a tree of intentions was erected outside

the school and a Christmas concert was held.

The following are some of the charities supported this year: Marymount Hospice, the Simon Community, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Jack & Jill Foundation, Cork Down Syndrome, Zambia Immersion Project, Shine Ireland, Hope Foundation, Live Life Foundation, Edith Wilkins Foundation, Cork Association of Autism, and the Guide Dogs.

**BELOW: THE 'SHINE IRELAND' SANTA HATS INITIATIVE WENT DOWN**



## Transition Year Ski Trip



**T**he flight from Cork to Geneva was swift and painless, but it was getting late when we started loading our bags into a trailer at the

back of our bus. Foolishly resisting the natural urge to sleep, we admired the majestic mountain ranges.

Our voices raised the bus' roof when we entered the whirlwind

of snow near the foot of the mountain, and exclaimed in fear as our bus came close to the cliff edges on every turn.

Upon reaching the hotel, we were absolutely wrecked after a seemingly endless bus trip, but the sight of snow quickly perked up our spirits. After having a Swiss style midnight feast put on by the hotel, we were put in our rooms and left to have meagre rest before an early 7am start.

So at 7am we arose like zombies and had our first Swiss breakfast buffet experience – fascinated by the exotic cured meats and by having hot chocolate as your first daily beverage!

At 10am the beginners were put together in the hotel's car park to learn how to properly put on ski boots, and check we knew how to use our new gear. The intermediate-advanced group went for

assessment and were also put in their groups.

In our beginner groups, we flailed around the baby slopes like beginners – lethal beginners at times. Hearing stories of the advanced groups kamikazing down the black slopes backwards in gravity-defying manners, all us beginners felt that push to just go mad and reach this level straight away!

Our final ski day was a delightful finish for all the groups. Every single group was out on fast slopes and the atmosphere was really positive.

It truly was a memorable tour and an experience we are all glad we can share with each other.

**Niall McCarthy**

[NIALL MCCARTHY'S FULL REPORT IS ON PAGES 56-58 IN CBC YEAR BOOK 2013-14.]

## School Tours

**T**here was an interesting encounter in Dublin Airport on Saturday 12 April 2013. CBC Fourth Years briefly met CBC Second and Third years. Both groups, with their teachers, had travelled separately from Cork – setting out at 2.30am – to catch flights to their respective tour destinations: the former to New York the latter to Bergamo, Italy.

Both groups had memorable and educational experiences. The younger pupils visited Verona, Milan and Venice, as well as taking in a soccer match in the San Siro stadium, home of AC Milan.

The Fourth Years visited the Empire State building, Wall Street, St Patrick's Cathedral, Maceys, the Rockefeller Centre, and the One World Trade Centre. They also attended a baseball match at Yankee Stadium and a basketball match at the Barclays

Centre.

A group of pilgrims, also set out from CBC during that Easter break of 2014 (pictured below). They were bound for Spain to walk the Camino route to the city of Santiago. The representative group consisted of eleven senior pupils of the College, Mr Trevor Hussey (Secondary School teacher), Mr Steven Lynch (Preparatory School teacher) and Principal Dr Larry Jordan.



### FIRST YEAR RUGBY TOUR TO MANCHESTER:

Sixty-six First Year pupils went on a rugby tour to Manchester, setting out on 12 April at 4.30am!

## Quizzes

**M**ax Waterstone, John Wallace and Saad Azher were the winners of the ISTA Senior Science Quiz. This earned them a place in the National Quiz which took place in Trinity College. They came a very creditable fourth out of more than 40 contesting teams.

Keeping up the tradition, a CBC team consisting of Aniruddh Bhatnagar, Conor Sheehan, Ronan Hennessy and Desmond Doran won the Eli Lilly Junior Science Quiz. How? By defeating the 41 other teams who entered the competition!

A team comprising Jack

Hartnett, Keegan O'Mahoney, Tim Fannon and Kieran O'Riordan won the Munster Maths competition and achieved 2nd place in the All-Ireland.

Conor Sheehan, Conor Cudden, Conor McCarthy and Brendan O'Callaghan won the Junior Cert PI Maths Competition.

The winning team in the Geography Teachers Association Table Quiz was a CBC team consisting of Conor Sheehan, Tommy Cornelly, Alex Burke and Ciarán Galligan. Interestingly, the runner-up team was also from CBC. The Canadian Maths Quiz, the Applied Maths Quiz, the Junior Business Quiz and the UCC Electrical Engineering Quiz were all contested by CBC teams.



**Magazine**

Congratulations are due to Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann, Editor-in-Chief CBC Magazine, and his team for maintaining the very high standard of the school magazine. Three very fine issues were produced this year. For the third successive year, CBC's magazine was nominated for the 'Small College Publication of the Year' award. This was a huge endorsement, not only because it was nominated ahead of third level publications, but also because it was the only second level publication nominated.

**Chess**

It was another busy year for the Chess Club with a great turn out every Thursday in the Art Room. Eight pupils travelled to Limerick in April for the final of the Checkmate competition. The CBC A-Team, consisting of Keegan O'Mahoney, Kieran O'Riordan, Hugh Doyle and Desmond Doran, won the competition for the fifth year in a row. A First Year competition took place in the last term with 33 pupils taking part. Adam Moynihan emerged as the winner, defeating Daniel Andrews.

**Silverware for Under-16 Tennis Team**

Four tennis teams battled for honours for CBC in 2013-14. Under-14 teams were entered in both the Munster Cup and the Munster Shield. The Under-16 team entered for the cup and the Under-19 team, who have won the shield for the past two years, decided to enter for the cup this year.

Remarkably, all four teams reached the semi-finals of their competitions and all but the Under-19s managed to progress to the final. The luck of the Under-14s ran out at the final, but the Under-16s prevailed and brought the Under-16 cup back to CBC!

The victorious Under-16s are pictured right: (L-R): Aniruddh Bhatnagar, Matthew Scallan-Cotter, Hugh Wolfe and Shane O'Donovan



**The Sidwell Cup**



**'The what?'** is no longer the response to mention of the Sidwell Cup. This end of year event seems to be very well established now, with three pages allocated to it in *CBC Year Book 2013-14*. For those still mystified, it is a hockey match played between the senior pupils of CBC and their counterparts in Scoil Mhuire.

'Sidwell', apparently, is a combination of *Sid*-ney Hill and *Well*-ington Road. As for the cup

itself, that appears to be a purely imaginary object.

CBC are claiming victory in this year's competition, reporting a scoreline of five points to Scoil Mhuire's one. However, as no independent match report has materialised – only team and action photos – this cannot be verified.

It is high time someone took it upon him/herself to write the annals of this event for posterity!

**Swimming**

The Munster Senior Schools Championship took place in University of Limerick on 15 December 2012. CBC boys scored very highly in the individual rankings. Eamonn Doyle took the silver medal in both the freestyle 100m and backstroke 100m events. Ronan Fahy put in a tremendous performance in the the 100m butterfly and was

awarded 4th place. There were equally strong swimmers from the team in the relay events with Calum McCarthy, Ronan Fahy, Eamon Doyle and Fiachra O'Connell winning both the medley and free style events. Eamon Doyle was selected to represent Munster on the inter-provincial schools team and performed very well at the National Aquatics Centre in Dublin in May.

**Music in CBC**

The academic year 2013-14 was a particularly busy and rewarding one for the CBC Choir and Orchestra. During the month of September they performed at four different ceremonies: Mass for incoming First Year pupils, the official opening of the ERST Principals' Conference in Fota Island Hotel, the College Open Evening and, sadly, a Memorial Service.

The Choir and Orchestra entertained the visiting Lord Mayor in October – a great school occasion attended by the whole school population. The entire school community gathered in the Hall

again on 15 November to greet President Michael D. Higgins and his wife Sabina who had been invited to the school to help celebrate CBC 125.

On that occasion, the Choir and Orchestra presented a thrilling

rendition of Shaun Davey's *Ripples in the Rockpools*, an evocative performance of Sean Clarach MacDonhnaill's *Mo Ghile Mear* and concluded with the haunting strains of Liam Lawton's *Ave Maria*.

Other performances during the academic year included the Christmas carol service, a requiem Mass and, finally, the Leaving Cert graduation Mass to conclude the year.



# First Year Day

**I**n CBC, the First Years have their own special area. Their classrooms, yard and lunch room are situated a short distance from the main school building. Unlike the older pupils who move for each subject to the teacher-based classrooms, the First Years remain in their own classrooms for the whole day and the teachers come to them. The Year Head, Mrs Long, is based in the First Year area and keeps an eye on all the pupils, ensuring that they all settle in, make friends and get on with the work of a secondary school pupil. First Year in CBC provides the perfect transition from primary to secondary school.

The First Years also have their own special day. When each new group starts off at the beginning of the school year, on their first day, they have the school to themselves. They come along with their parents for the morning. They meet their teachers, Year Head and Principal, they are taken on a guided tour of the College in small groups and get to know some of the boys in their class.

There was a little bit of extra ceremony attached to the First Year Day this year.

Each pupil had his photograph taken with one or both of his parents under the 125 Commemorative Arch, symbolising the beginning of his journey in CBC. It is proposed to take a similar photo in six years time when the pupil graduates from CBC. The pupils were also given candles which they carried to the Hall for a Mass celebrated by Bishop John Buckley. Each boy placed his candle near the altar before Mass commenced.



## Class 1A27

**Back Row (L-R):** David Cronin (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Riordan (Rockboro), Adam Forde (Ballinlough BNS), Ciarán Kelleher (Glounthaune NS), Patrick McBarron, (Carrigaline Gaelscoil), Luke O'Donovan (Ballinora NS), Alex McCarthy (Rushbrooke NS), Bobby Kahn (Rushbrooke NS), Ciarán O'Driscoll (Scartleigh NS, Saleen); **Middle Row (L-R):** Billy Scully (Carrigtwohill NS), Harry Giltinan (Ballinlough BNS), Peter MacIlwraith (Ballinlough BNS), Sam Ahern (CBC), David O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), David Law (Ballinlough BNS), James Gillespie (Midleton Gaelscoil), Mark O'Connor (Glounthaune NS), Luke Murphy (Upper Glanmire NS), Wanfred Waterman (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** James O'Shaughnessy (CBC), James Daly (Glounthaune NS), Robbie O'Sullivan (CBC), Cian Walshe (Carrigaline Gaelscoil), Ryan O'Connell (Upper Glanmire NS), Jack O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Jack McGrath (Carrigaline Gaelscoil), Louis Healy (CBC), Gavin Cronin (Upper Glanmire NS);

**Absent from Photo:** Harry O'Callaghan (Glasheen BNS).

## Class 1A28

**Back Row (L-R):** Robert Dillon (Glounthaune NS), Niall Hannigan (CBC), David Walsh (Ballinlough BNS), Patrick Keyes (Glounthaune NS), Darragh Wallace (Ballinlough BNS), Andrew Treacy (CBC), James Murray (CBC), Robert Kelleher (Ballinlough BNS), Alex O'Regan (Ballinlough BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Luke Galligan (Scartleigh NS), Cathal O'Floinn (Riverstown NS), Adam O'Keeffe (CBC), Paul McAuliffe (Monkstown NS), Jack O'Shea (Glounthaune NS), Ronan Lawlor (Crosshaven BNS), Jack Ryan (Ballinlough BNS), Finbarr Williams (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Doody (Whitechurch NS), Robbie Shalloe (Ballinlough BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Adam Nolan (Frankfield NS), Jason O'Connor (Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig), Charlie Quirk (Monkstown NS), Peter Kilcommons (Monkstown NS), Tadhg O'Connell (St Patrick's), Jack Kenefick (Crosshaven BNS), Patrick Whyte (International School, Switzerland), Alex Lane (Frankfield NS), David O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS);

**Absent from Photo:** Joe O'Keeffe (Glounthaune NS).





**CLASS 1A30**

**Back Row (L-R):** Fionn O'Brien (Glounthaune NS), Niall Fitzgerald (Ballinlough BNS), Brian O'Donnell (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Heaney (Ballinlough BNS), Robert O'Driscoll (Upper Glanmire), Eoin O'Donnell (CBC), Max White (Beaumont BNS), Peter Twomey (Upper Glanmire NS), Alan McDonald (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Louis Murphy (Rennies NS), Darragh Pratt (Analeentha NS, Mallow), Odhrán Williamson (CBC), Sean Kennedy (Blarney St CBS), Tommy Connolly (Beaumont BNS), Alex Sheehan (Shanbally NS), Zack Williamson (Beaumont BNS), Raymond Hinds (Ballinlough BNS), David Hyde (Upper Glanmire NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Neil Collins (Scoil Eoin NS, Innishannon), Max Phillips (Rahan NS, Mallow), Peter Cotter (Ballinlough BNS), Max Duggan O'Riordan (Ballinlough BNS), David Hoare (Vicarstown NS), Paul Morey Stout (CBC), Michael Funchion (Mayfield Gaelscoil), Gavin Foley (Scoil na nÓg), Ronan Blackton (Glounthaune NS); **Absent from Photo:** Reuben Connolly (Ballintemple), Ronán O'Sullivan (CBC).

**Class 1A31**

**Back Row (L-R):** Oran O'Reilly (Riverstown NS), Matt Mallen (CBC), Gavin Kennelly (CBC), Thomas Supplissen (Frankfield NS), Ronan O'Gorman (Ballinlough BNS), Conor McGinn (Frankfield NS), Colm Kelly (Ballinlough BNS), Simon Jones (Ballintemple NS), Finn MacFhlannchadha (Douglas Gaelscoil), Niall Hartnett (St Columba's, Douglas); **Middle Row (L-R):** Niklas Leahy (CBC), Jack Hughes (Rushbrooke NS), David Shannahan (Riverstown NS), Rory Fitzgerald (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Deasy (Glounthaune NS), James Leahy (Scoil Olibhear), Oisín Hedderman (Upper Glanmire NS), Michael O'Reilly (Ballinlough BNS), Jack Young (Crosshaven NS), Michael Cronin (Rahan NS, Mallow), Daniel O'Riordan (Ballintemple NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Josh Lenehan (CBC), Harry McHenry (CBC), Joshua Fitzgerald-Roberts (CBC), Cian O'Brien (Upper Glanmire NS), Kevin O'Sullivan (Riverstown NS), Sean Coombes (St Luke's NS, Douglas), PJ O'Regan (Rushbrooke NS), James Daly (Scoil Olibhear), Eoin O'Sullivan, (Ballinlough BNS).



**CLASS 1A29**

**Back Row (L-R):** Killian Barry (Glounthaune NS), Conor FitzPatrick (CBC), Cillian Bracken (CBC), James Hall (Rahan NS) NS, Mallow), Dermot Cremin (Donoughmore NS), Callum Healy-O'Connell (Beaumont BNS), Andrew Cremin (CBC), Edward Ó Mathuna (Rushbrooke NS), Mark McCarthy (Ballinlough BNS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Kieran Mills (St Patrick's), Andrew Dupuis (Ballinlough BNS), Cian Whooley (Ballinlough BNS), Johnny Murphy (Ballintemple NS), Ben O'Brien (Glounthaune NS), Patrick O'Leary (Summercove NS), Ben Terhorst (Upper Glanmire NS), Colm Creedon (Ballintemple NS), Cormac Fallon (Scoil Eoin, Innishannon); **Front Row (L-R):** Peter Brady (Beaumont BNS), John McKeone (St Patrick's), Harrison Luke (Ballinlough BNS), David Keily (CBC), Robert Mannix (Rushbrooke NS), Jack Morehead (Ballinlough BNS), Robbie Cotter (Ballinlough BNS), Darragh Lee (Midleton CBS); **Absent from Photo:** Charlie Cremen (Beaumont BNS), Sean Hannon (CBC), Robert Horgan (Ballintemple NS), Mark McGuire (Ballinlough BNS).



# The Past Pupils Union

The 84th AGM of the Past Pupils Union was held in the College on Thursday 20 November 2014. The President, Mr John O'Donnell, briefly outlined the activities in which the organisation was engaged during the past year, including the many school items the Union was involved in.

Dr Larry Jordan thanked the Union for their continuing support of many co-curricular events in the life of the College, and reported in detail on matters in both the Secondary and Preparatory Schools.

He also expressed the gratitude of the College for the PPU's very generous sponsorship of the Commemorative CBC-125 Arch, which was unveiled by President Michael D. Higgins during his visit to CBC on 15 November 2013.



Mr Der O'Riordan was elected President for 2014-15. The outgoing President, Mr John O'Donnell (right in photograph) then handed over the chain of office. The other officers for the forthcoming year are as follows:

- VICE-PRESIDENTS:** DR L. JORDAN  
MR M. RUSSELL, MR C. COTTER,  
MR J.O'SULLIVAN
- HON. SECRETARY:** MR E. QUINLAN
- HON. TREASURERS:** MR P.A. CASHMAN, MR E. KENNY
- COMMITTEE:** MR L. MURPHY, MR S. PARFREY.

## Brian Wain RIP (1933-2013)



In 1939, Brian Wain was enrolled in Junior Infants in CBC and spent the next 13 years as a happy pupil in St Patrick's Place.

Popular with his classmates, he excelled at rugby and was captain of the Junior XV in 1948/49, the Under-17 team in 1949/50, and the Seniors in 1951/52. In his last year in CBC, Brian was skipper of the Senior team which made the first visit to Methodist College, Belfast – an annual match which is still a high point in the rugby calendar of both schools.

Brian has the special distinction of having earned seven caps (a record then) for Munster. While a student studying architecture in UCD he enjoyed plenty of rugby, including playing with Leinster Juniors when that team defeated their Munster counterparts at Musgrave Park in the late fifties.

For a number of years Brian worked as a member of the PPU committee, serving as President in 1980-81. However, his greatest contribution to his *alma mater* was probably made in his role as architect for the new College which was opened in 1988, the centenary year of CBC. The new edifice, high up on Sidney Hill, shines like a beacon on its lofty plateau overlooking the city. It has been and continues to be admired by pupils past and present, and indeed by many who have no connection with the 'Christians' family.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.*

see: **CBC Year Book 2013/14**  
page 96 for full obituary.

## Reunion of the Class of 1954 at PPU Dinner 2014



Class reunions are functions which the PPU actively supports. Pictured left are some representatives of the Class of 1954, who incorporated their reunion celebrations into the 2014 PPU Annual Dinner. Anyone interested in organising a class reunion, whether formal or informal, should contact the Past Pupils Union or the College, where help in locating the members of a class and arranging the event is always available.



## 83rd Annual PPU Dinner 25 January 2014

PPU President Mr John O'Donnell (front row, fifth from left), with guests including Lord Mayor Cllr Catherine Clancy (on his right).

# Preparatory School



**T**hursday 29 May 2014 was a special day in the history of CBC: the first green flag to be presented to the College for environmental awareness was raised. This event was the culmination of a year long campaign started by Miss Sharon McAdoo and Miss Fiona Buckley.

We were delighted that Mr Michael Flatley, parent of First Communion Class pupil Michael St James Flatley, agreed to do the honour of raising the Green Flag. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the Hall, with lots of opportunities to have a photo taken with Mr &

Mrs Flatley! Above, left: Bro. A. McGrath, former principal of the Preparatory School with Mr & Mrs Flatley and Michael St James.

THE PUPILS AND STAFF of the Preparatory School enjoyed a very successful school year in 2013-14. As usual, the main business of following the National School Curriculum continued in each class from day to day, ensuring that every pupil developed the knowledge and skills appropriate to his age. Teachers also kept a close eye on the pupils, ensuring that all the boys were happy, working well and making friends.

A major innovation during the 2013-14 school year was the introduction of after school care for Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class. These boys may now stay in CBC from 8am to 4pm and up to 5pm if there is sufficient demand for such a service.

The Preparatory School has its own newsletter in which the highlights of the year, such as the annual Sixth Class tour to Bath (touring group pictured



above), are covered in more detail.

The close relationship between the Prep and the Secondary continues with both schools coming together for whole school events like presen-

tation of jerseys to the Senior and Junior teams, the visit of the Lord Mayor, the school sports and, in the year gone by, for the visit of President Michael D. Higgins to the College to mark 125 years of CBC.

## Prep School Staff 2014-15



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

## Junior Infants 2014-15



**Back Row (L-R):** Johnny Chen, Harry Machie, Luke Daly, Ryan Comer; **Front Row (L-R):** Finbarr Murphy Gulati, Matthew Lordon, Max Power, Oisín Scannell, Solomon Salameh.

# Annual Awards 2013-2014

## —ACADEMIC AWARDS—

Class	FIRST AND SECOND YEAR	
	First Place	Special Merit
1A27	Fergal Riordan	Oliver Luddy
1A28	Michael O'Grady	Kennedy Roche
1A29	Darragh Murphy	Joseph Corry
1A30	Sam McGreal, James Scally	Ross Madden
1A31	Odhran Murphy Daniel Quill Cillian Sheehan	Liam Foley
2ALab1	Patrick O'Callaghan	Ciaran Adams
2ALabIT	Alex Burke	Axis Alboladora
2A9	Matthew Gibson	George Dwyer
2ADemo1	Andrew Nestor	Sean Wallace
2AR	Fiachna Nolan	Joseph Cremin

### Junior Cert 2014

**First Place:** Conor Sheehan  
**Merit Awards:** John Bourke, Conor Cudden, Ronan Hennessy, Alan Manning, Conor McCarthy, Mark Morton, Matthew Murnane, Brendan O'Callaghan

### Transition Year

**First Place:** William Hennessy, Colm Power  
**Special Merit:** David Fogarty, Kieran Mulligan, Liam Murphy, Joseph Mangan, Luke O'Kelly, Richard Thompson, Robert Twomey

### Fifth Year

**First Place:** Rory McCarthy  
**Special Merit:** Leigh Doyle, Ben O'Callaghan, Odhran O'Callaghan, Jack O'Riordan, Jack Simpson

### Leaving Cert 2014

**Joint First Place:** Tim Fannon, Jack Hartnett  
**Merit Awards:** Matt Nagle, Cormac O'Mahony, Kieran O'Riordan, John Wallace, Max Waterstone

## —EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS—

<b>Economics</b>	Kevin O'Sullivan
<b>Business</b>	Eoin Scully
<b>Accounting</b>	Darragh McPolin
<b>First Year Soccer</b>	Jack Lucey
<b>Soccer</b>	Colm Bermingham, Jerry Buckley
<b>U15 Soccer</b>	Ronan Hennessy
<b>U17 Soccer</b>	Colin O'Brien, Brian Barry, Peter Blake, Ultan o'Callaghan
<b>Soccer Academy</b>	Alex O'Brien
<b>Gaelic football</b>	Billy Hennessy
<b>Debating</b>	Cian Luddy, Lorenzo Niemitz, Robert O'Driscoll
<b>Athletics</b>	Matthew Murnane, Jack Murphy

<b>Enterprise</b>	James Scally
<b>Gaeilge</b>	Mikey Fielding, Brian Burke
<b>Pitch &amp; Putt</b>	Nick Moore
<b>Skiing</b>	Matthew Scallan-Cotter
<b>Orchestra</b>	Philip Hayden, Rory McCarthy
<b>Maths</b>	Fahd Baig, Keegan O'Mahoney
<b>Tennis</b>	Hugh Woulfe, Shane O'Donovan, Matthew Scallan-Cotter
<b>ICT</b>	Jack Leonard
<b>Media</b>	Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann
<b>Orienteering</b>	James O'Riordan, Tim O'Sullivan, David Fox, Jack Delaney
<b>U14 Rugby</b>	Scott Buckley
<b>U15 Rugby</b>	Ronan Barry
<b>The Bob Casey award for Junior Rugby</b>	Ciarán McHugh Declan Barry
<b>U17 Rugby</b>	Shane McAuliffe
<b>Senior Rugby</b>	Liam O'Connor
<b>Peter Wilson Award</b>	Eamonn Doyle
<b>Swimming</b>	Tadhg Adams
<b>Junior Art</b>	Liam Chandler
<b>U16 Basketball</b>	Paul Burke
<b>Senior Basketball</b>	Desmond Doran, Eoin Power, Brendan Gallagher
<b>Chess</b>	Eoin Monahan, Tommy O'Connell, Michael O'Halloran
<b>Hurling</b>	James McCarthy, Jack Casey
<b>Rowing</b>	Sean Desmond
<b>Golf</b>	Neil McKeown
<b>Library</b>	Neil McKeown
<b>Drama</b>	Evan O'Connell, Diarmuid Mulcahy
<b>Tennis</b>	Hugh Woulfe, Shane O'Donovan, Matther Scallan-Cotter
<b>Science</b>	Saad Azher, John Wallace, Max Waterstone
<b>Chemistry</b>	Jack Hartnett
<b>Physics</b>	John Wallace, Cormac O'Mahony
<b>Applied Maths</b>	Kieran O'Riordan
<b>Citizenship</b>	Lorcan Hickey
<b>Youth Leadership</b>	Jack Kirby, Billy Cronin
<b>Alan Cahill Sailing Award</b>	Grattan Roberts, Thomas McGrath
<b>The Michael Sheedy Award</b>	Conal O Gadhra
<b>Hugh O'Kelly Award</b>	Rory McCarthy, Kevin Daly, Douglas Lordon, Jack Cronin
<b>Andrew Quinlan Award</b>	Saad Azher
<b>Gretchen Crosbie Award</b>	William Lehane
<b>Fr Whelan Award</b>	Rory McCarthy, Neil O'Brien
<b>Edmund Rice Award</b>	Jack O'Riordan, Owen Murphy
<b>Student of the Year</b>	Liam O'Connor

## Mr Michael Sheedy Award



Mr Cormac Sheedy, son of the late Mr Michael Sheedy, presents the inaugural Michael Sheedy Award for Drama to Conal Ó Gadhra, who was the winner of last year's poetry competition held to mark the visit of President Higgins to CBC.

## Br Reynolds Student of the Year

Liam O'Connor was the recipient of this year's Brother Reynolds Student of the Year Award. An accomplished sportsman excelling at Soccer, Hurling and Rugby, he never neglected his studies. The award, however, is about character. Over his six years in CBC, Liam has always shown himself to be a superb role model for every boy in the school.



Awards recipients 2014, with Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mr Kevin Healy (Guest Speaker), Mr John O'Donnell (President PPU), Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson CBC Board of Management).

# 2013-14 Sports Roundup



**THE VICTORIOUS LORD MAYOR'S CUP HURLING TEAM**

## Hurling

The year 2013-14 proved to be another very successful year for hurling in the College. CBC made its first foray into Munster Colleges with the Under-14, Under-15 and Senior teams all qualifying for the semi-finals of their respective competitions.

Our Senior team made an appearance in the Dr O'Callaghan Cup against a very strong Glanmire Community College team. CBC emerged victors on a scoreline of 3-15 to 2-13, thus qualifying for a semi-final against Hamilton High School, Bandon. This contest

proved to be a very exciting affair with CBC scoring four great goals. Unfortunately, this was not enough to progress to the next level of the competition.

The hurling year culminated with the Lord Mayor's Cup competition. CBC were matched against Pres in the first game. CBC won after a very tough competition, and went on to beat Patrician Academy, Mallow in the final.

It was nice to finish the year with a trophy, but also in the knowledge that CBC can now compete at the top level in hurling.



**SENIOR BASKETBALL TEAM 2013-14**

## Basketball

The past season was a great success again for CBC, with the biggest achievement being the increase in numbers participating

in the sport: enough to enter two teams in some of the leagues this year for the first time. Upwards of 35 First Year pupils participated, most of whom had not played before on a basketball court.

## Rowing

The highlight of the year was the Schools Regatta which took place this year at O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Limerick on Sunday 27 April.



All of the students had rowed the day before with their clubs at the

Limerick Regatta, but set off again at the crack of dawn from Wellington Road for a second day of competitive rowing. Four CBC crews came in first place in various events. A further indication of how well CBC rowing is progressing is that at the Irish Schools Regatta 2014, at which 47 schools from all four provinces participated, CBC was placed fourth overall.

Presently, CBC has established a strong relationship with Cork boar club. CBC has recently purchased an eight crew rowing boat, named appropriately 'Certa Bonum Certamen' – *Fight the Good Fight* – the College motto. Henceforth the CBC boat, displaying the Christians' colours on the oars, will be a familiar sight on the River Lee and the National Schools Regatta

## PHOTO

**CBC Rowing Champions:** ABOVE (L-R) CIARÁN HIGGINS, THOMAS HIGGINS, STEVEN MURPHY AND DAVID SYNNOTT.

## Soccer

Soccer has gone from strength to strength in CBC over the last few years. This year, CBC soccer teams took part in four cup competitions, reaching the final in all but one of them.

The First Year soccer squad defeated Davis College, Mallow in the quarter-final of the First

Year Cork Cup, and Pres in the semi-final, only to be beaten narrowly by Rochestown College in the final.

In the Under-15 Cork Cup, CBC defeated Mayfield by five goals to three to face Carrigaline in the quarter-final. Colm Barrett sustained a nasty injury in this match requiring five stitches. The team was equally unlucky,

exiting the competition on a 2:1 defeat.

The Under-17s had a busy season reaching the final in both of their competitions. In the Cork Cup they beat Terence MacSwiney College, Patrician Academy, Ashton and Colaiste Mhuire, Cobh and met Pres in the final. They were disappointed to be beaten by PBC by a single goal. The game against Patrician Academy had an historical significance in that the game was the first official soccer match ever to be played in Lansdowne.

The run of successes in the Cork Cup was repeated in the Munster Junior Cup for the Under-17 soccer squad. Colaiste Choilm, Mitchelstown, Rochestown, Charleville and Comeragh College were all defeated without conceding a single goal. In the final, de la Salle, Waterford got the better of them, with the final score standing at 2 : nil.



**STARTING 11 IN THE FINAL AGAINST PBC**

# A Year of Frustration & Recalling Glory Days

**R**ugby in the year 2013-14 will probably be remembered with the utmost frustration. As in the previous season, CBC reached several finals, but this year, fate frowned, rather than smiled upon us. All four finals were lost, albeit only by one score.

The McCarthy Cup A-game was particularly frustrating as CBC had fought their way to an 11-10 lead, courtesy of an Eoin Monahan penalty, only to have victory dashed from their hands by a Crescent penalty deep in stoppage time.

In a thrilling game in Limerick, the Kidney cup was also lost very late on in the game, Christians again surrendering the lead late on in a match that exposed all the great qualities of schools rugby.

The Bowen Shield team had a difficult season and went out to Rockwell in the quarter-final which was played in Rockwell. Christians lost on a score of 19-30.

The Junior season, while ending in disappointment was punctuated by some outstanding performances.



Methody were beaten in Belfast 45-7, and Belvedere College were beaten 50-0.

Over the years, the Junior Cup has produced many surprises, often due to the young age of the players. Despite putting in a great effort in both matches, CBC were beaten in the quarter-final on a scoreline of 19-21. However, the Juniors have laid

great foundations for the future and undoubtedly have the ability to bring the Senior Cup back home. Outstanding players on the team included James Taylor, Dara O'Donovan (Captain), Jordan Roche and Killian O'Sullivan.

In a game of great energy and excitement at the Farm in UCC, Christians lost 5-10 to Crescent in the Barry Cup final. Tim O'Keeffe scored the Christians try after a great passage of play. Despite pounding the Crescent line for the last 15 minutes, we just could not find the vital ingredient to cross it.

The Senior Cup campaign was fraught with difficulty throughout the year. An injury ravaged season meant that 48 players played on the Senior A-Team. It was difficult to establish any type of

continuity of playing style or player combinations. In this light, great credit must go to Shane McAuliffe, Captain, who in difficult circumstances led the team with great dignity, assisted by Liam O'Connor and Jason Higgins. After a loss to Crescent in the opening game, our quarter-final game was against Ard Scoil Ris. Despite heroic efforts, victory went to Ard Scoil.

## REPRESENTATIVE RUGBY

### TOP PICTURE MUNSTER RUGBY U-18

**BACK ROW (L-R):** EVAN MINTERN, GREG ROCHE, SHANE O'HANLON, CIAN BARRY; **FRONT ROW (L-R):** VINCENT O'BRIEN, MICHAEL CLUNE, COLM FITZGERALD.

### BOTTOM PICTURE MUNSTER RUGBY U-19

LIAM O'CONNOR (ALSO SELECTED FOR IRELAND), SHANE MCAULIFFE

## Bro Philip O'Reilly

**I**t may look like a spacecraft, shaped like a rugby ball, about to whisk away generations of CBC rugby talent. It is, in fact, a fish-eye lens view of a recent gathering to celebrate and commemorate the life of the legendary Bro. Philip O'Reilly.

During his tenure as CBC Senior coach, which extended from 1969 to 1981, Bro O'Reilly's teams won eight Munster Senior Cups for Christians. In 1981, the Christian Brothers appointed him Director of Vocations and transferred him to Limerick, ending his coaching career for ever. He suffered from poor health for many years and passed away in 2013.

Dr Larrie Martin organised a fitting celebration for him on 26 September this year. He managed to gather together 119 members of Bro. O'Reilly's teams for the unveiling of a commemorative stone (by Mr Donal Lenihan) in Lansdowne, an open air Mass in the College afterwards, followed by a dinner in Collins' Barracks. Bro. 'Rugby' O'Reilly would have appreciated such a send off.



"SUCCESS MUST NOT BE MEASURED IN TERMS OF WINNING CUPS

SPIRIT OF TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP". BRO. PHILIP O'REILLY

BUT IN THE ABILITY OF A TEAM TO GIVE OF ITS BEST AND ACCEPT VICTORY OR DEFEAT IN A PROPER