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Student of the Year

The term *Christians boy* brings two images to mind: the student in the smart black blazer; the sportsman in the black, yellow and red jersey. Declan Barry, who joined CBC in 2002 at four years of age, has worn both with distinction.

With the help of his teachers and coaches, Declan achieved what CBC boys dream of, the pinnacle of sporting and academic success: a Munster Rugby Senior Cup medal and 625 points in his Leaving Cert.

When the results of the Leaving Cert were announced in late August, word of Declan's success spread quickly. The teachers in the Preparatory School, where Declan spent the eight years of his primary school education, were delighted with the outcome. They remembered him as a friendly, hard working

Leaving Cert 2016 Highlights

The 2016 Leaving Cert results are extraordinary: the statistics below speak for themselves.

Individual Achievement

2 pupils on 7A1 Grades

3 pupils on 625 points

10 University Scholarships

14 pupils on 600 or more points

66 pupils on 500 or more points

Group Achievement

Average points per pupil: 474

Subjects/Classes

Maths: 51 A Grades Higher

Physics: 32 A Grades Higher

Biology: 21 A Grades Higher

Chemistry: 20 A Grades Higher

French: 21 A Grades Higher

pupil who was a credit to his family and to himself.

At last month's Awards Evening, Declan was presented with the Brother Reynolds Student of the Year Award. This award is presented each year to a young man who serves as a role model for others in the school; who met the challenges of school life with courage, resilience and dignity, who took advantage of the opportunities afforded to him by CBC and who possesses the traits that the College seeks to foster in all its pupils.

Declan was also awarded joint First Place in Leaving Cert, sharing the honour with Rory Doyle and Colm Power, both on 7A1 grades.

He was also awarded a prestigious Naughton Scholarship valued at €20,000 (see picture below) for excellence in Maths and Science, in addition to an entrance scholarship to UCC.



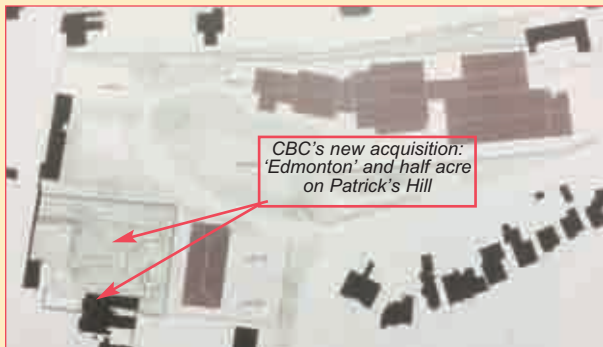
THE NAUGHTON FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2016

WINNING SCHOLAR DECLAN BARRY RECEIVES THE AWARD FROM AN TAOISEACH MR ENDA KENNY TD.

Pictured above (L-R) teacher Mr David O'Connell, Declan Barry, Mr Martin Naughton, An Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny TD and Mrs Carmel Naughton

Strategic Development Plan Progress Report

Immediately on taking office in October 2014, the new Board of Management determined that its main focus would be on a major refurbishment and redevelopment of the entire CBC campus, including the Preparatory School, the Secondary School, the grounds at Sidney Hill and the sports pavilion and grounds at Lansdowne.



The Board's objective is to bring all College facilities up to a level which will provide the best educational environment for CBC pupils for the next 25 years. To this end, the Board set up a Strategic Development Committee to plan and implement a programme of development and modernisation.

The Committee met for the first time in January 2015 and set about drawing up a Strategic Development Plan. All the CBC stakeholders were invited to make contri-

butions to the planning process, including teachers, pupils, parents, and members of the Past Pupils Union. Professional help was provided by consulting engineers Arup, and architects O'Donnell and Tuomey.

During the early months of 2015, fortuitously, a large property on Patrick's Hill, adjoining CBC, came on the market. It consisted of a large house called 'Edmonton' with a half acre site attached. CBC purchased the property and it



New Staff Secondary School 2016
Back Row (L-R): Mr Mark O'Driscoll (English and Resource), Mr David Lorigan (Geography), Mr Joseph Wallace (Geography and Resource), Mr Robert Fitzgerald (PME1), Miss Margaret Joyce (SEN); **Middle Row (L-R):** Miss Cairtriona Power (PME2), Miss Ann-Marie Murray (SNA), Miss Cassie McElligott (PME1), Miss Tanya Clifford (Science), Mr Eoin O'Sullivan (Business and Resource), Miss Rachael Mooney (PME2); **Front Row (L-R):** Mr Robert Bevan (French and Resource), Miss Ciara McCormack (Irish and German), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Miss Sarah Hanner, (German Assistant); **Inset:** Ms Jiang Luman (Chinese Language).

became, literally, the cornerstone of the proposed new developments.

The Strategic Development Plan was presented to the Board on 5 May 2015. The Trustees and Board accepted it and agreed to move it on to the next stage. This involved seeking advice from O'Donnell and Tuomey

on how the plan could be turned into bricks and mortar.

Significant progress has been made and detailed planning will follow as soon as the Department of Education and Skills clarify the amount in funding they are prepared to make available for the project.

Student Council 2016-2017



Back Row (L-R): Conor MacCarthy (Secretary), Jamie Barry, Louis Buckey, Conor Cronin, Jack Healy, Anthony Ryan, Patrick Coakley, Harry O'Shea, Billy Wallace, Shaun Philpott, Matt Mallen **Middle Row (L-R):** Wanfred Waterman, Sean O'Leary, Charlie Walsh (Assistant Secretary), Colm Moynihan, Donagh Rice, Matt Hanrahan, Tommy O'Connell, Jude Russell McEnaney, Donagh O'Callaghan, Colin Sisk, Hugh Sutton Fionn O'Brien; **Front Row (L-R):** Brian O'Dwyer, Darragh O'Flynn, Sean Murphy, Eoin Rodahan, John Bourke (Vice Chair), Mr Pól Ó Seanachain (Liaison Teacher), Luke Otter, Fergal Desmond, Sean Crowe, Darragh Lee, Dan O'Connor.

Junior Certificate A Team 2016



Back Row (L-R): Shane Barry Murphy, Fergal Riordan, David Murphy, David Cosgrave, Cillian Sheehan, Sean Creagh, Andrew Kelleher; **Middle Row (L-R):** James Scally, David Browne, John Sweeney, Eoin Gaffney, Odhrán Murphy, Conor Bradley, Mark McCarthy; **Front Row (L-R):** Michael O'Grady, Denis Buckley, Daniel Rochford, Darragh Murphy, Sam McGreal, Sean Morrissey, Cillian Walsh.

School Activities 2015-2016

School Tours

The First and Second Year tour to Paris, held during the first week of the Easter holidays, was breath-taking, because of the wonderful sights and the frenetic pace. The six teachers who accompanied the group of 44 boys made sure that every moment of the tour was filled with activity. This made for a trouble free trip, but also required the second week of the Easter holidays to recover!

After landing at de Gaulle Airport, the group was whisked off by bus to central Paris and deposited on a *bateau mouche* for a cruise on the Seine. Dinner that evening was at Pizza Hut and the fare was 'all-you-can eat'. After being fully refuelled, the group was off again, this time to Montparnasse Tower to enjoy a panoramic view of the 'city of light'.

Next morning, it was off to Mass to Notre Dame Cathedral, a thorough exploration of the medieval building, followed by a guided tour of the surrounding

area. Next up was a visit to the Louvre with a commentary provided by the teachers. After lunch there was a visit to the Chateau Vincennes and after dinner, the evening was spent at the Aquaboulevard, an enormous aqua park.

The following day, Monday, was entirely spent at Disneyland Paris. There, the group met with Mr Christophe Murphy, Senior Vice-President of Disneyland Paris who is a past pupil of CBC!

After two more hectic days, the group returned to Cork, tired but happy!



Transition Year Lillehammer Ski Tour

The Transition Year ski trip has been an annual event for many years. The numbers taking part have been steadily rising. The 2015-16 tour involved 90 pupils.

The departure from Wellington Road on day one was at 6.30am. The destination, Lillehammer, Norway, home to the 1994 Winter Olympics, was not reached until that evening.

The week of ski school that followed was, for many of the participants, the most memorable time of their lives to date. Evenings were almost as exciting with activities such as tobogganing and swimming early in the week and museums and cinema later as tiredness took its toll.

The 12 hour return trip to Wellington Road was endured as a small price for the experience.

Transition Year Play: The Plough and the Stars

Mr Trevor Hussey is noted in CBC and beyond for his ambitious dramatic productions. Transition Year in CBC endeavours to give all pupils an opportunity to explore educational experiences outside of what is made available by the normal curriculum. A process of symbiosis between Mr Hussey and Transition year has resulted in a remarkable series of professional quality dramas being staged in the College year after year.

What is more remarkable is that, for Mr Hussey, the play is a secondary matter. It is a vehicle for getting every Transition Year pupil involved in an area that develops both his talents and his character. There are many roles apart from acting involved in these projects: directing, stage managing, lighting, scenery, publicity, box office, pub-

lic relations and so on.

This year's play was Sean O'Casey's *The Plough and the Stars*. It was a very appropriate choice for the year of celebration of the 1916 Rising, and it fitted in very well with other commemorative events organised in the College.

The characters of *The Plough* are so clearly defined by O'Casey that actors trying out for the first time have a sporting chance of getting it right, of being recognisable in roles, such as Captain Brennan, the Young Covey, Clitheroe, Nora, Bessie Burgess and Mrs Grogan.

It is clear also that O'Casey does not romanticise war, or gloss over complications such as the differences between the Citizen Army and the Irish Volunteers, the rich and the poor.

CBC are All-Ireland Maths Champions

In the classroom or on the sporting field, the lads of Christian Brothers College on Sidney Hill have proved themselves among the elite in Ireland in recent weeks.

Teacher Donal O'Mahony led the troops into battle at the National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG) last weekend for the All-Ireland mathematics competition, and pupils Barry Galvin, Robert Daly, Tao Yu and Conall Williamson came up trumps, beating 13 other teams to take the George Boole Trophy and become All-Ireland champions.

Mr O'Mahony said the entire school had contributed to the success, hailing all the teachers involved in maths, including one of their all-time great academic students, Alan O'Regan, who had the highest marks in Ireland in honours maths the year he did the Leaving Certificate exams. Mr O'Regan is back in CBC teaching maths for his PME.

Mr O'Mahony said 'They are very good lads with great character.'

'They worked very hard, coming early to school to prepare for the competition.'

'We try to get it across to the lads that the more they work at different things, the more successful they will be.'

'The win is recognition for pupils and staff who put the work in.'

When Mr O'Mahony is not coaching maths, he can be found coaching CBC's Harty Cup hurling team.

[Evening Echo; 9 March 2016]



CBC JUNIOR TOUR TO WASHINGTON

Debating Society

By any standards this has been another very successful year. The Society's impressive record in the European Youth Parliament continued, with Cian Horgan and James Keaveney Jiminez, Sixth Year, on international duty as Irish delegation members at EYP International Sessions.

The involvement of our pupils in competitions closer to home is also a source of great pride. Second Year pupils Matt Mallen and David Cronin were recently crowned winners of the Cork Schools Junior Mace competition, while Matt was placed second in the Cork City Schools debating final, with his team mate Oliver Luddy. Oliver also took second place in the- All Ireland Matheson Junior Mace final in Dublin this year, a competition which involved over 600 young people. Tomas Lane and Conor Sheehan took third place in the UCC Munster Mace.

CBC pupils took part in a wide variety of other competitions at junior and senior level, including the UCC Philosoph Munster Schools, in which Cathal O'Donovan and Conor McCarthy were finalists.

The highlight of the year, as usual, was the Gold Medal Debate held in May. Robert Dinan was the winner of the Gold Medal with Matt Mallen and Oliver Luddy second and third respectively.

Sidwell Cup

No match report was available on this year's Sidwell Cup contest between CBC and their close neighbours.

The post match photograph which appeared in the 2015-16 Year Book (page 347) shows the cup in the possession of the CBC team. Not surprising as there appears to have been 29 Sixth Years on the team.

TRANSITION YEAR GROUP WITH PRINCIPAL DR LARRY JORDAN AND TEACHERS VISIT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS INVITEES OF MRS DEIRDRE CLUNE MEP



CBC Rowing Crew in Boston

CBC Rowing Team which took part in the International Schools Rowing Regatta in Boston, **Back Row (L-R):** Aidan O'Sullivan, Conor Cudden, Conor McCarthy, Feargal O'Sullivan; **Middle Row (L-R):** Ross Cudmore, Evan Curtin, Ray Fitzgerald; **Front Row (L-R):** David Collins, Hugh Sutton, Conor Twohig.

Swimming

The Munster Schools Swimming Championships took place on 22 November 2015 at the University of Limerick 50M Sports Arena. The CBC boys' team of Gavin Kennelly, Aaron McMahon, Ben Cudmore, Evan McCarthy, Nicklas Leahy, Cian O'Connor, Ronan O'Connor, Adam Forde and Shane O'Leary were a credit to the school, competing against the cream of Munster swimming talent.

CBC Prep School has also been making waves recently: Conor Foley (Sixth Class) won a Bronze Medal in U-14 100m breaststroke and two silver medals in the U-14 50m freestyle and medley relays in UL in November 2016.

Teachers v Sixth Year Soccer Match



THE MIGHTY TEACHERS' TEAM WHICH TOOK ON THE SIXTH YEARS' TEAM AT THE MAY 2016 SPORTS. THE MATCH ENDED IN A TWO ALL DRAW.

Choir and Orchestra

The academic year 2015-16 was a busy and rewarding one for the Choir and Orchestra. During the year, they performed at various school ceremonies: 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 pinnacle of the school year.

Special thanks is due to Leaving Cert pupils Conall Williamson, Cian Horgan, David Cronin and James Keaveney Jimenez for their dedicated membership of the Choir. Conall also provided accompaniment to the Orchestra. His flawless performances contributed to many

school ceremonies. They have been an inspiration to all.

Thanks also due to Sean Desmond for providing expert and seemingly effortless performances on violin, and for his many memorable solo performances during his six years in CBC.



CBC: NATIONAL WINNER OF CHARLEMAGNE YOUTH PRIZE

Mr David O'Connell accepted the award for National Winner of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize earlier this year, from European President Mr Martin Schulz (pictured below), on behalf of CBC, at Aachen, Germany. One project was nominated by each of the 28 national national juries, representing each of the countries in the European Union. Projects run by 16 to 30 year olds, which provided models for young people living in Europe, qualified for entry in the competition.

The project had its roots in a Transition Year politics module, introduced for the first time this year. Christians has always had a great tradition of past pupils who have served in public office, both locally and nationally and now on the European stage. Consequently, it was not difficult to engage their interest in the topic of government.

The module afforded the students the opportunity to visit the

European Parliament in Brussels and to meet Mrs Deirdre Clune MEP. This trip gave them an opportunity to see the workings of the Parliament at close quarters.

Of course



the project was not all work. Eighteen Transition Year pupils, accompanied by Principal Dr Larry Jordan and three teachers, set off on a fact finding (and fun) mission to Europe in late February, visiting three great cities: Paris, Brussels and London. This experience was a big help to the project.

Winning the Irish section of the Charlemagne Youth Prize was an honour for CBC and the presentation of the award by the President of the European Union certainly added great prestige to the prize.

Charitable Activities

During the year, a number of fund-raising events took place for a diverse range of worthwhile causes.

Three non-uniform days were organised by the Charitable Activities Committee. CSPE classes organised fund-raising as part of the action project for the Junior Cert. A tuck shop also raised money.

The following charities were main beneficiaries of CBC's fund-raising efforts:

IRISH CANCER SOCIETY
HOPE FOUNDATION
EDITH WILKINS FOUNDATION
CHILDREN'S WARD, CUH
MARYMOUNT HOSPICE
COMFORT'S CAUSE
VINCENT DE PAUL
UNICEF
CORK PENNY DINNERS
ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY
EMER CASEY FOUNDATION
L'ARCHE
JACK & JILL FOUNDATION
ISPCA
SURGEON NOONAN SOCIETY
TROCAIRE
MALLOW YOUTH CENTRE.

Science Olympiad

The European Union Science Olympiad (EUSO) is a practical team competition for EU second level science students. Estonia was selected as the host country for the 2016 event.

Tommy Cornally of Fifth Year was invited to try out for a place in the Irish Olympiad team because he had achieved excellent results in his Junior Cert maths and science exams.

For the first stage of the selection process, Tommy had to sit an exam in Dublin City University. The results enabled the judges to whittle down the number of can-

didates to a group of twelve, which included Tommy. This group had to undertake a practical exam in the DCU laboratories over a two day period. Half were selected and Tommy was delighted to be included among the successful ones. The group of six was divided into two teams each made up of a biologist, a chemist and a physicist. The competition would require them to pool their resources by cooperating on a number of projects.

The Olympiad itself was held during the second week in May. Two practical tasks were given to the teams: cheese manufacturing on the Monday and, on Wednesday, the manufacture of batteries including work on a microbial cell battery. The biologist, physicist and the chemist

had to use their specific skill sets to complete the tasks.

During the other days of the week, the teams were brought on various excursions throughout Estonia. These outings included a hike through an Estonian bog, fishing on one of Estonia's largest lakes and a guided tour of old Tallinn town.

At the closing ceremony at the end of the week, gold, silver and bronze medals were given out. Both Irish teams were awarded silver medals, which was Ireland's best performance in recent years.

Tommy was the fifth pupil to be selected from CBC for the European Union Science Olympiad. The greatest number of any school in the country.

Regrettably, there is no room in this issue for many of the extraordinary range of activities currently available in CBC. Quiz, Computer Club, Magazine, School Bank, Chess, Tennis, Cricket, Gaelic Football, Sailing, Orienteering, Table Tennis, Sports Day, Irish Debating, German Debating, Camino walk, Tree of Intentions.....

Smoothing the Way

A Unique Style of First Year Management

For First Year Head Mrs Anne Long, the school year 2016-17 is significant. It is her sixth year in the role, therefore, every boy in the school has experienced her benevolent brand of discipline/pastoral care. Under her management, First Year pupils, housed in their own separate building, adjust and adapt and, in the course of a year, are assimilated into CBC.

First Year pupils, straight out of primary school, and used to having only one teacher, can find secondary school a rather daunting experience. However, in CBC, Mrs Long is in the First Year building all day. She arrives before the pupils in the morning and is there until after they go home in the evening; and she supervises the breaks! It is very reassuring for pupils to have a point of contact, to know that someone knows their name.

Many minor matters can ruin a child's day: misplaced blazers, forgotten ties, lost bus money, knees in need of plasters, lunches left at home. Mrs Long sorts these on a daily basis.

For parents too, Mrs Long is a 'one stop shop'. By mid-term, she knows all the boys in her charge. Parents are able to phone her or meet her informally in her office to discuss any

worries they might have regarding their son settling in the school.

One of her most important jobs is to monitor the academic performance of all First Year pupils. Because of her daily presence in the First Year area, she is in constant communication with all the First Year teachers. Difficulties can often be resolved by a chat with the teacher, encouragement to the pupil and, perhaps, a phone call home to the parents.

Spiritual development is an important focus in CBC, as in all ERST schools. Every year Mrs Long accompanies the whole First Year cohort on a trip to the Edmund Rice Centre, Mount Sion, Waterford: the resting place of Blessed Edmund Rice. This visit is always a source of inspiration and encouragement and impacts on the daily life of the boys.



First Year Head Mrs Anne Long (extreme left) and Bishop John (extreme right)



Class 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Finn Whooley (Ballinlough BNS), Sean O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Jeremy Kingston (Upper Glanmire NS), Joseph Gaffney (CBC), Victor Ugwah (Whitechurch NS), Daniel Lucey (Crab Lane NS), Cai Desmond (Scoil na nÓg), Eoin de Burca (Crab Lane NS), Freddie Frogatt (CBC), Callum Murphy (Frankfield NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Jack Dunphy (Glounthaune NS), Peter Layton (Glounthaune NS), Jack Scally (Ballinlough BNS), John Cussen (Cloghroe NS), Padraig Buckley (Cloghroe NS), Evan Clarke (Monkstown NS), Owen Shanahan (St Joseph's NS Glanmire), Louis Casey (Scoil na nÓg), Sean Crowe (CBC), Saul Kahn (Rushbrooke NS), Olan Skillington (Upper Glanmire NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Eoin O'Sullivan (Ballinlough BNS), Stephen Aherne (Beaumont NS), Hugo McDermott (Crab Lane NS), Ben Weldon (Frankfield NS), Oliver McKenna (Ballinlough BNS), Sam Breen (CBC), Eoin Kennelly (CBC), Evan Queally (CBC), Joshua Billingham (Ballinlough BNS).



Class 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Sean Coughlan (Gaelscoil, Kinsale), Ben Bowler (Ballinlough BNS), Eoin Downey (CBC), Ben O'Hare (Crab Lane NS), Max Healy (Rochestown NS), Andrew Egar (Ballinlough BNS), Alex O'Leary (Ballinlough BNS), Darragh Keohane (Scoil Eoin, Ballincollig), Richard McSweeney (Monkstown NS), Evan Kelly (Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire); **Middle Row (L-R):** David Cahill (Beaumont NS), Robert Fitzgerald (Gaelscoil Glanmire), Jack O'Mahony (CBC), Ryan Fleming (Glounthaune NS), Joe O'Neill (Rushbrook NS), Louis Healy (Ballinlough BNS), Darragh Walsh (Summercove NS), Cillian MacCoitir (Rushbrook NS), Milo Howard (CBC), Jacob Duggan O'Riordan (Ballinlough BNS), Charlie Beare Murphy (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Peter Coomey (Knockraha NS), Leonardo Mottareale (CBC), Mark Cronin (Crab Lane NS), Morgan Cain (Crab Lane NS), Sean Murphy (Watergrasshill NS), Sean O'Connell (Knockraha NS), Daniel Murray (Glounthaune NS), Tom Dilloughery (Ballinlough BNS).



... (far right) with Deputy Principal Mr Seamus Bruton
John Buckley at First Year Day, August 2016

CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Daithi Nolan (Ballinlough BNS), Matthew O'Callaghan (St Joseph's NS, Glanmire), Peter Mayer (Ballinora NS), Scott McCarthy (CBC), Daniel Kelleher (Upper Glanmire NS), Conor Hughes (Glounthaune NS), James Ryan (Ballinlough BNS), Tom Healy (CBC), Henry Keyes (Glounthaune NS), Harry Buckley (Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire); **Middle Row (L-R):** Aidan Fleming (Ballygarvan NS), Callom Holohan (Ballinlough BNS), Oscar Walsh (Ballinlough BNS), Jamse Burne (Ballinlough BNS), Conor Hanley (Beaumont NS), Sam Galvin (Dripsey NS), Thomas Cosgrave (CBC), Emmet Downes (Ballinlough BNS), Eoghan Rodahan (CBC), Aaron O'Brien (CBC), Evan Keoghane (Beaumont NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Rory Burke (Ballinlough BNS), John Coleman (Shanbally NS), Stephen Casey (St Joseph's NS), Harry Twomey (Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire), Tim Sheehan, (Shanbally NS), Ronan Blake (Whitechurch NS), Alex Hetherington (St Patrick's BNS), Senan Ryan (Upper Glanmire NS), Dylan Haugh (CBC).

Class 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Jack Fitzpatrick (Ballinlough BNS), Cian O'Keeffe (CBC), Brian Waugh (CBC), Conor O'Donovan (Ballinlough BNS), Robert Cremin (CBC), George Rasmussen (Rushbrook NS), Liam McNamara (Summercove NS), Harry McHugh (Monkstown NS), Kyle Furney Kelly (Watergrasshill NS), Robert Wiseman (Beaumont NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Simon Martin (Scoil na nÓg), Fionnan Sheehan (Ballinlough BNS), Robert Morehead (Glounthaune NS), Charlie Cullinane (Monkstown NS), Cillian O'Brien (Kerry Pike NS), Conor Callanan (Ballinlough BNS), Eamon O'Riordan (CBC), Donagh Griffin (Summercove NS), Eoin Kelly (Ballinlough BNS), Simon Cronin (Rathpeacon NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Alex Curtin (Saleen NS), Tom Kelly (Ballinlough BNS), Cian Barrett (Rathpeacon NS), Peter Linehan (Ballinlough BNS), Michael Crosbie (Ballinora NS), Cian Crowley (Rathpeacon NS), Darragh Murphy (Rathpeacon NS), Sean O'Donoghue (Scoil na nÓg), Eoin O'Callaghan (Gaelscoil Mayfield).



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Samuel Doyle (St Patrick's BNS), Robbie Madden (Ballinlough BNS), Ethan Jones (Crab Lane NS), George Loftus (CBC), Jack Buckley (Scoil na nÓg, Glanmire), Alex Joyce (CBC), Darragh Murray (Riverstown NS), Cian O'Mahony (CBC), Cormac McDonnell (Glounthaune NS), Eoghan Doyle (Rushbrook NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** David Kelleher (Ballinora NS), Eoin McCarthy (Ballinlough BNS), Luke Andrews (Ballinlough BNS), Luke Murphy (Ballinlough BNS), Joe Kennedy (CBC), Daniel Murray (Ballinlough BNS), Cian Barry (Belgooley NS), Tom Creagh (Crab Lane NS), Christian Murphy (St Patrick's NS), Darragh Hannigan (Carrigtohill BNS), Evan Rea (Ballinlough BNS); **Front Row (L-R):** Eoin Horgan (Ballinlough BNS), Kyle Browne (Riverstown NS), Darragh O'Farrell (Ballinlough BNS), Sean Dunlea (Glasheen BNS), Tadhg Kennedy (Blarney St BNS), Sean Forbes (CBC), Conor Dennehy (Rathpeacon NS), Fearghal Desmond (Gaelscoil Douglas), Oliver Leahy (St Patrick's BNS).



The Past Pupils Union 2015-16

In the course of 2015-16 the Past Pupils Union was very active in the life of the College. As usual, some of the most important events that recur annually were financially supported by the Union, in particular the gold medal debate and the annual sports day.

The Union continues to be involved in the Brother Edmund Rice Award for Charitable Activities, and the annual prize-giving evening. Other important dates in the CBC calendar in which the PPU plays a part are the Christmas carol service, rugby presentations, the graduation evening, Transition Year open evening and First Year orientation day. In this way, the PPU is actively involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

The Union very much appreciates the encouragement which it receives from Dr Larry Jordan and the Board of Management to maintain an active role in the development of the College.

The Class of 2016 were all enrolled in the Union on graduation Evening in May 2016 by past President, Mr Der O'Riordan. Past pupils may now register as members and keep in touch with the union activities through the College's website at:

www.cbccork.ie/ppu



Members of the Class of 1965



PAST PUPILS UNION/CRONINS: INTERNATIONAL CAPS INITIATIVE

Christian Brothers College has had 61 boys capped at Under-18 level and another 11 capped at Under-19 level. As the honour of being capped does not include the handover of an actual cap, the PPU decided to make good this deficit. The Union teamed up with Cronins Menswear and jointly sponsored caps have been present-

ed at the annual dinner for several years past. Despite this initiative, there is still a backlog. However, the Union is determined to keep going with the initiative.



LIAM COOMBES (ABOVE) RECEIVES HIS INTERNATIONAL CAP FROM DR LARRIE MARTIN; **PETER KELLEHER** (LEFT) RECEIVES HIS INTERNATIONAL CAP FROM PPU PRESIDENT MR JAMES O'SULLIVAN



PPU Officers for 2016-17

The President of the PPU for the year 2016-17 is Mr Aidan Monahan. He is photographed above (left) receiving the chain of office from outgoing President Mr James O'Sullivan.

The other office holders for the forthcoming year are: **Vice-Presidents:** Dr Larry Jordan, Mr Liam Murphy, Mr Michael Russell and Mr Eoin Quinlan; **Hon. Secretary:** Mr Michael Russell; **Hon. Treasurers:** Mr Pat Cashman and Mr Ed Kenny; **Committee Members:** Mr Gary O'Flynn, Mr Ed Crosbie and Mr Brian Cudmore.



85th Annual PPU Dinner, 31 January 2016

PPU President Mr James O'Sullivan (front row, fourth from right), with guests at the annual PPU dinner.

The Preparatory School joined with every school in the Republic of Ireland in commemorating the event that, one hundred years ago, led to the establishment of Irish independence: the 1916 Rising. The focus on this event stimulated an interest in history in general. Many of the pupils were surprised to learn that Christian Brothers College is older than the state, founded as it was in the 1840s.

Every pupil from Third to Sixth Class was involved in researching either an individual or group project.

Favourite themes for individual projects were biographies of a chosen 1916 leader, while creating replicas of the GPO was the popular choice for group projects. Models of the famous portico were manufactured in wood, plaster, cardboard, lego, plasticine and paper.

The highlight of the celebrations in CBC was a visit from the Army. Third Class took the opportunity to show some of their work to the visitors. During a special ceremony in the Hall, a tricolour was presented to the school. The boys were also given a talk on the significance of the national flag.

Later, the tricolour was raised on the Prep flagpole and the national anthem was sung.

CBC Prep School



Junior Infants 2016-17



Back Row (L-R): Daniel Curtin, Rian Scannell, Eoin Banim; **Front Row (L-R):** Julien Freeman, Ewan Twohig, Rory Buckley, Harry Law Boland.

Prep School Staff 2016-17



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



On their last day in school, the Leaving Cert students who started in the Preparatory School fourteen years earlier, made the traditional visit to the classrooms in which they had started their CBC career in September 2002 and met up with the present Junior Infants Class

Annual Awards 2015-2016

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR		
Class	First Place	Special Merit
1A27	James Gibson	Evan MacCarthy Daire Sweeney
1A28	Rory Rochford	James Flavin Sean Lane
1A29	Sean O'Connell	Craig O'Mahony Jack Field
1A30	James MacCarthy	Alex Lynch Brook Davis
1A31	Hugh O'Sullivan	Peter Callanan Hugh Scannell
2A17	Jack Sullivan	David Cronin Sam Ahern
2A21	Ben Terhorst	Sean Hannon Peter Brady
2A22	Sean Coombes	Harry McHenry Niall Hartnett
2A33	Cathal Ó Floinn	Adam Nolan David Walsh
2A34A	Neil Collins Thomas Connolly	Robert O'Driscoll Alan McDonald

Junior Cert 2016

Sam McGreal, Michael O'Grady, Fergal Riordan,
Eoin Gaffney, Joseph Hourihane

Transition Year

First Place: Alex Burke
Special Merit: Daniel Olden, Ben Roberts,
Kevin Dullea, Cormac O'Flynn, Axis Alboladora

Fifth Year

First Place: Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Ciaran Jordan,
Eamonn Doyle, Matthew Aneiros

Leaving Cert 2016

Joint First Place: Declan Barry,
Rory Doyle, Colm Power
Leaving Cert Awards: William Hennessy, Oran
O'Connor, Conal O Gadhra, Tim O'Sullivan,
Matthew Scallan-Cotter, Tao Yu

—EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS—

Maths	Tao Yu, Conall Williamson, Barry Galvin, Robert Daly
Economics	Ronan Cooper
Enterprise	Gavin Foley
Skiing	Fergal McCollam
Orienteering	Rory Rochford, Daniel O'Sullivan, Hugh Sutton
First Year Soccer	Patrick O'Hara
U-15 Soccer	Charlie Cremen
Soccer Academy	Ronan Hennessy

U-17 Soccer	Adam Patterson
Gaelic Football	Denis McBarron
ICT	Desmond Doran
Choir	Rory McCarthy, Cian O'Connor, Tommy Cornally, Adam Coughlan, Daire Horgan
Orchestra	Cillian Desmond
Athletics	Matthew Murnane
Martial Arts	Jordan Dalton
U14 Rugby	Eoin D. O'Donnell
U15 Rugby	Mark Donnelly
Bob Casey Award Junior Rugby	Conor Walsh
Bowen Shield	Ronan Barry
Senior Rugby	Alex McHenry
Peter Wilson Award	Daire Feeney
Junior Art	David Browne
U-16 Basketball	James Daly
Under-19 Basketball	Liam Chandler
Junior Hurling	Conor Murphy
Senior Hurling	Billy Hennessy
Rowing	Stephen O'Sullivan, Feargal O'Sullivan, Hugh Sutton
Junior Golf	Jack Egan
Senior Golf	Sean Desmond
Physics	Alex Kelleher
Biology	David Horgan, Matthew Carey, Alex McHenry

Chemistry

Applied Maths Conor Sheehan, Tao Yu,
Euan O Mathuna

Andrew Quinlan Award Niall McCarthy, Colm
Power, Rory Doyle

Science Tommy Cornally

Young Scientist Cian Walshe, Michael O'Reilly,
Peter Brady, Ben Terhorst

Junior Science Michael O'Grady, Eoin Gaffney,
Conor Bradley, Darragh Murphy

Gaeilge Alex Burke

Pitch & Putt Kieran Mills

Tennis Andrew O'Mahony, Ryan Patrick, Hugh
O'Sullivan, David O'Sullivan, Conor Moloney

Table Tennis Favin Foley, Bobby Kahn, David
O'Sullivan, Andrew O'Mahony, Hugh O'Sullivan,
Robbie Shalloo

Swimming Aaron McMahon

Media Ross Cudmore, Jack Leonard

Debating David Fox, Cian Horgan,
James Keaveney Jiminez

Alan Cahill Award Grattan d'Esterre Roberts

Michael Sheedy Award Patrick Dunlea

Hugh O'Kelly Award John Bourke

Gretchen Crosbie Award Sean Drinan

Fr Whelan Award Colin Sisk

Edmund Rice Award Jack O'Riordan

Breifne O'Callaghan Award Colm Bermingham

Brother Reynolds Student of the Year:
Declan Barry



Awards recipients 2016, with Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Cllr Des Cahill (Lord Mayor), Mr Aidan Monahan (President PPU), Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson CBC Board of Management).

2015-16 Sports Roundup

Pitch and Putt

The trials for this year's pitch and putt squad took place over five sessions in September. Over 80 pupils from First to Fifth Year tried out for the Squad. The best 15 were selected for the Cork Colleges Competition which was held in Raffeen Creek pitch and putt course, Ringaskiddy on Wednesday 30 September. CBC was allowed to enter five teams, each comprising three pupils. All five teams did remarkably well in glorious weather conditions. The College number one team did best by coming third in the competition.

Soccer

Soccer is now well established in CBC and pupils interested in the game have opportunities to get involved in teams in various age categories. First Years competed in both the First Year Cork Cup and the First Year Futsal Competition. CBC also competed in Munster Under-15 and Under-17 soccer competitions. No silverware was brought back to the College by the soccer teams, but it was not for want of trying.



Basketball

More than 60 players competed in the various age groups: the senior Under-19 and Under-16 teams in the pre-Christmas period and the First and Second Years later. Our First Year

A squad narrowly lost out on all Ireland qualification, coming 2nd in a round robin competition held in Malahide. Our Under-19 team (above) competed in national competition, but didn't make it to the later stages.

Golf

The Cork Senior Schools Golf Competition was held in Fermoy Golf Club this year during November. Four CBC pupils competed: Sean Desmond from Monkstown Golf Club, playing off scratch; John Boylan from Douglas Golf Club playing off 3; Hugh Woulfe from Blarney Golf Club, playing off 6; and Jack Egan from Muskerry, playing off 5. The boys battled hard in wintery conditions. John adapted well to shoot 75; Sean shot 80, with Hugh and Jack two shots behind at 82. Christians just lost out in a top class field to Colaiste an Spiorad Naomh. Unfortunately, only one team qualified to go on to compete in the Munster competition.

CBC Year Book 2015-26

A MORE COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN THIS NEWSLETTER MAY BE FOUND IN THE 2015-16 YEAR BOOK. MANY ITEMS OMITTED IN THE NEWSLETTER ARE ALSO COVERED IN THE YEAR BOOK.

A Return to Harty Cup Hurling



The Year 2016 was an historic one for hurling in CBC: Christians re-entered the Dr Harty Cup, the top hurling competition in Munster, after a break of 97 years!

CBC were drawn in a group with Clonmel High School, St Flannan's College and Castletroy College. The top two would qualify for the semi-final of the competition.

In the run-up to the competitive matches, CBC defeated Youghal, North Mon AG and Blackwater College, raising team confidence.

Clonmel was dispatched with difficulty in the first Harty Cup match. In the second match, CBC managed to defeat the famed hurling school, St Flannan's, knocking them out of the competition. Christians were now a force to be reckoned with. The final match in the league section was against Castletroy and CBC made it three wins out of three and topped the group.

In the knockout stage of the competition, CBC's journey came to an end with a defeat by St Coleman's College, Fermoy. However, the campaign has shown that hurl-

ing is alive and well in CBC.

CBC also fielded teams at U-15, U-16 and U-16½ levels. Robert Downey, Ben Keohane and Eoin Moloney were selected for the Cork Minor Hurling Team.

Once again, this year, 2016-17, CBC has already qualified for the quarter finals of the Harty Cup which takes place in January 2017. CBC Senior Hurling team defeated Rochestown College in the last 16 playoff. CBC U-16½ hurlers are also through to a Munster final.

CBC Tops Senior Cup Table after 29th Win

This year's Senior Cup final was played on Sunday 13 March in Musgrave Park: CBC v Crescent College. The game was impossible to call, right up to the final whistle. It ended with a score of nine points to eight, with Christians taking the cup for the 29th time.

The win provided a much coveted Senior Cup medal for each member of the squad, a trophy for the school and more. It was a reassurance that belief and unrelenting effort, sustained to the end, brings success. It confirmed that we are still *Mighty, Mighty Christians*.

This team is an important link in the chain of victories that stretches back to the first cup match in 1909 and to a rugby tradition that stretches back even farther. The team has a special place in CBC history because it restored the school to the top of the table of Senior Cup wins; a position that involved over a century of endeavour, and twenty-nine cup day wins.



Ireland U-19 2015-16
Alex McHenry

Other Successes

The 2015-16 school year was a great one for CBC rugby. The College reached all but one of the major provincial finals.

The Under-14 panels showed great talent, with over 100 First Year boys involved. The season got off to a great start when four teams travelled to St Michael's in Dublin and won all four matches. The highlight was the 'A' game which was won with the last kick of the match with a score of 12-10.

The Under-15 panel reached the McCarthy Cup 'A' final,

which they lost by 5 points; and the final of the 'B' cup, which they won.

The Junior Cup team had a tremendous season. They won the Kidney Cup, and came within a drop goal of retaining the Junior Cup, which was residing in the CBC trophy cabinet from the previous year. The final against Crescent was tied at 16-all with minutes to go. An attempted drop goal by Billy Caine scraped the outside of the upright and the match ended in a draw. Crescent won on the replay. A win would have been the first time CBC retained the Junior Cup.

The Bowen Shield season started well with an unbeaten run in the league prior to the knockout stages.

The pick of the games was against

Crescent in a sunny Lansdowne at the beginning of October. The perfect conditions suited CBC. The team played expansive rugby, racking up over 50 points by the time the final whistle was blown.

The Bowen Shield final was a different affair, with wind and rain and the more physical Bandon side. However, clever tactics and a couple of breakaway tries tilted the game in CBC's favour and the final score was an impressive 23 points to CBC over Bandon's 10 points.

The Senior Team also won the Bro O'Reilly Cup in a very competitive game against PBC, played in Lansdowne as a charity fund raiser before Christmas 2015.



Munster U-19 2015-16 (L-R): Liam Coombes, Alex McHenry, Shane Bushe, Ross O'Neill



Munster U-18 2015-16 (L-R): James Taylor, Fergus Hennessy, Oisín Conway, Ciaran McHugh, Luke Masters

The Victorious Bowen Shield Squad Pictured with their hard won trophy

