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Edmund Rice Schools Trust

The ownership and overall management of Christian Brothers College is now the responsibility of the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST). This body was set up by the Christian Brothers on 1 September 2008, to ensure that the schools they had established and managed up to that point in time, would continue to provide a Catholic education for the people of Ireland, in the spirit and tradition of Blessed Edmund Rice.

The withdrawal of the Christian Brothers from Irish education came about as a result of the severe reduction in numbers joining the Order. It became impossible for so few personnel to manage such a large network of schools.

Before departing the Irish educational scene, the Brothers consulted widely, in an effort to define the essence of an Edmund Rice school. Based on those discussions, they produced the ERST Charter (downloadable from www.erst.ie).

The charter sets out a framework designed to enable Catholic education in the Edmund Rice tradition to thrive and grow into the future.

Central to the Charter philosophy is the recognition of the individuality and diversity of the 97 schools currently in the Trust.

This change in trusteeship is at least the fourth such change in the history of CBC. The school was founded by the Vincentian Order in the 1850s, and housed at that time in Cork's Mansion House (now part of the Mercy Hospital complex). Later, the school moved to St Patrick's Place and became the seminary of the Diocese of Cork under the management of the Bishop. In 1888, when a new seminary was built in Farranferris, the Bishop invited the Christian Brothers, to take over the school, at which point it became Christian Brothers College.

ERST is an essential element in the the CBC Community partnership, which also includes the pupils, parents, teachers, school management, the Board of Management and the Past Pupils Union.



DIRECTORS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE EDMUND RICE SCHOOLS TRUST
BACK ROW (L-R): BR MARK McDONNELL, MR GERRY ROWLEY, MR GERRY BENNETT (CHIEF EXECUTIVE), MR WILLIE PAT HALLIHAN, MR GEOFF MEAGHER; FRONT ROW (L-R): MS CATHERINE McDONAGH, MR PAT DIGGINS (CHAIRPERSON), AND MS HELEN Ó MURCHÚ (VICE-CHAIRPERSON).

Academic Honours

Both inside and outside of the Classroom

The recent *Irish Times* educational supplement *Feeder Schools 2010* analysed this year's Leaving Cert results in relation to the performance of second level schools. It lists the top twenty-five fee-paying schools in Ireland. Christian Brothers College is the only school outside of Dublin to make the top five.

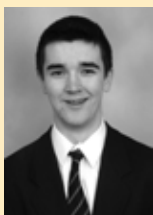
That did not come as a great surprise to either the Class of 2010 or the teaching staff of CBC. The Leaving Cert results of 2010 were a dream come true for so many of our boys who got their course of first choice.

Two students, Daniel Ahern and Cillian Power (pictured above) got six A1 higher course grades each, attaining the maximum 600 points. Daniel is now studying Medicine (with five of his classmates: Barry Harnedy, Dálach O'Deasmhunaigh, Jack O'Driscoll, Andrew O'Regan and Craig Wakefield), while Cillian took up the offer of a scholarship from University College, Dublin, where he is now studying Mathematics.

Another one of their classmates, Daniel Purcell, accepted a place in Oxford University where he is studying history.



Daniel Ahern



Cillian Power

The average number of points attained by the Class of 2010 was 394. Fifty-two percent of the pupils got 400 points or more, which presented them with a very wide range of third level courses.

CBC has continued to buck the downward national trend in Science and Maths, with remarkable achievements in Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Applied Maths and Mathematics.

The Junior Cert results were also exceptionally good. Outside of the classroom, Junior Cert teams won the Junior Business Quiz, the Junior Science Quiz, The Junior Geography Quiz and the Junior Maths Quiz.

Some of the Leaving Cert pupils also took time off from their studies to participate in academic competitions, notably the All-Ireland Team Maths competition, which they won.

Junior Certificate A Team 2010



Back Row (L-R): Jack Whooley, Devin Fitzgerald, Sean Gill, James Curran, Gleb Dzhus; **Front Row (L-R):** Evin Doyle, John Coleman, Rory Kelleher, Chris Cocking, Conor Moloney.

New Staff Secondary School 2010



Back Row (L-R): Mr Ibe Aghedo (PGDE student: Science), Mr James Deane (PGDE student: Business Studies), Mr Michael McSweeney (B. Ed Sports Studies student), Mr Brian Meagher (PGDE student: History & Geography), Mr Michael Selby Bennetts (Teacher: English & History); **Front Row (L-R):** Mr Adam Clarke (Teacher: Resource), Miss Anna D'Arcy (Teacher: Resource), Miss Elva McGowan (Teacher: Resource), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal).

New Deputy Principal

Mr Seamus Bruton took up the position of Deputy Principal in CBC 1 September 2010. Mr Bruton has been an English and Geography teacher in the College since 1990. Recently, in his role as Assistant Principal Mr Bruton was Year Head to 2nd and 3rd Year.

Over the past two decades he has coached rugby, soccer and table tennis teams, and been heavily involved in Awards Evening, Supervised Study and the Health and Safety Committee. Mr Bruton also took a leading role in many school tours. He has worked for the State Examinations Commission as an examiner in Leaving Cert Higher English.



Obituaries

Brother Laurence P. Reynolds

Brother Reynolds, who retired as Principal of CBC 16 years ago, died last February. He remained a steadfast friend of the College and kept up an intense interest in it to the end. He was a regular attendee at school functions and, even while he was living in Rome for a number of years, he never failed to phone Dr Jordan to get the results of important school rugby matches.

Br Reynolds was appointed Principal in 1984. At that time, CBC was housed in an old building in the city centre. He was determined to revitalise the old institution, and took the leading role in building the new school. He timed its completion to perfection. The new CBC was opened by the Minister for Education in 1988, the centenary year.

Since Br Reynolds retirement, a school award has been named after him: 'The Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award'. It is the highest award CBC can confer on one of its pupils. It is presented annually to a Sixth Year pupil for all-round excellence. It is fitting that that award also commemorates Br Reynolds and keeps his name alive in CBC.

Miss Rita Field

In August 2010, the death occurred of Miss Rita Field, long time College Secretary.

Miss Field joined CBC in August 1981, taking over the position of College Secretary from Mrs Maureen Barry.

The pupils, teachers, management, Past Pupils Union, parents and wider CBC community had a universal and respect for Miss Field and for her intense interest and loyalty to the College.

School Activities 2009-2010



Marathon Men

Four CBC teachers finished the Cork City Marathon on 7 June 2010 in support of various charities:
(L-R): Mr Roger O'Mahony, Mr Frank Cotter, Mr Vincent Murray and Mr Dennis Lyons.

The Student Council

Three years ago, a Student Council was formally established in CBC, and a new Council is now elected annually. It is composed of representatives from each class.

The School Council was a natural development of age old democratic traditions in the school. There was a long standing practice in CBC of electing a Class Captain in each class. Sixth Years have been electing a School Captain from among their ranks for generations.

This year, the Council has been involved in many events. They met with Dr Jordan on a few occasions to put forward suggestions for improvements that would benefit pupils. The Council has also taken part in Charitable activities, notably in the organisation of a non-uniform day for the benefit of Shine Ireland, a body concerned with supporting autistic children. Mr Pól O'Seanachain liaises with the Council.

Council Photo

Back Row (L-R): Edmond Heaphy, Kevin Creedon, Kevin O'Sullivan, Shane McAuliffe, James Treacy, Paul Ryan, Conor Carlson, Brian Kelleher, Joseph Gallagher, Glen Stokes,

David Purcell, Conor O'Callaghan, Jack Walsh;
Second Row (l-r): Eoin O'Callaghan, Eoin Roche, James Bryant, Daniel Boland, Ryan Levis, Robert O'Driscoll, Jack Hogan, Bradley Morgan, Jack Sheehan, Michael Killian, Isaac O'Kelly, Michael Moloney, Jeffrey Safar Hamidi, Cian O'Connor;
Front Row (L-R): Cian Murphy, Morgan Walsh, Fionnan McSwiney, Conor Barry, David O'Donovan, Mr Pól Ó Seanacháin, Shane Browne, Charles Slowey, Ultan O'Callaghan, Robert McGuire, Rory McCarthy.



All-Ireland Champs

Team Math is a national Mathematical competition for Sixth Year pupils run annually throughout schools in Ireland.

A good two months before the competition, Miss Ann Barry-Murphy had the CBC team in training. Following the preliminary round in 13 centres throughout the country, fifteen teams qualified for the national final.

According to Dr Donal Hurley of UCC's School of Mathematical Sciences, 'Participants in the final represent the very best cohort of Mathematics students nationally.'

This year the final was held on 6 March; the venue for the competition was UCC, which made CBC's victory all the sweeter!



Back Row (L-R): Mr Kieran Manning (Society of Actuaries of Ireland), Dr Stephen Willis (School of Mathematical Science, UCC), Miss Ann Barry-Murphy (Maths Teacher CBC), Prof. Pat Fitzpatrick (College of Science, Engineering & Food Science, UCC), Mr Dominic Giunan (President of IMTA), Mr Donal Coughlan (IMTA); **Front Row (L-R):** Daniel Purcell, Cillian Power (Capt.), Jack O'Driscoll, Dmitri Tuchapskiy.



CBC Orchestra

Back Row (L-R): Mr Michael Selby-Bennetts, Kevin Devey, Stephen Downey, John O’Dowd, Evan O’Keeffe, Daniel O’Sullivan, Timothy Lehane, Darragh Clifford, James Cunningham, Cian Fitzgerald, Matthew Kelleher, Ms Catherine Costello; **Front Row (L-R):** Conor Pigott, Donnchadh O’Sullivan, Aodhagán O’Deasmhúnaigh, Aidan O’Dowling, Sam Keogh, Edmund Heaphy, Colm O’Riain, Rory McCarthy, Oisín O’Callaghan.

Orchestra & Choir

The year 2009-10 was another hectic and musically exciting period for the Orchestra and Choir. Over the years, the Orchestra has developed into an essential component in all major school events.

This year, performances were given at all of the following occasions:

- The First Year Mass at the beginning of the year
- The CBC Open Evening when hundreds of primary school pupils and their parents came to the College
- The Christmas Concert
- The Passion Play which was performed just before Easter
- The Blessed Edmund Rice Feast Day Mass
- The Awards Evening
- The Sixth Year Graduation Mass

The number of pupils in the Choir this year was a record: a total of 45; the Orchestra had a membership of 25.

Transition Year Ski Trip

“The most exhilarating week of our lives...”

The Transition Year Ski Tour is now firmly established as an annual Fourth Year event. The tour gives the boys the opportunity to try out a sport which is not available at home. Many boys become ‘hooked’ after the week long introduction.

This year’s group flew from Cork Airport to Munich and travelled by coach through the German and Austrian countryside to Kitzbuhel, Austria where the 2010 tour was based.

The boys, and the teachers who accompanied them, spent most of

their days on the slopes learning the basics of skiing, or in the case of many who had been before, on more advanced lessons.

The evenings were spent on various other activities, including trips to the local swimming pool and to the ice rink. The tour group also had the opportunity to try tobogganing in a nearby town.

On the last day, the more advanced members of the party took part in a race on a professional course, which rounded off ‘a week we would all remember as one of our best at CBC.’



Charitable Activities

In September, a cheque was presented to the Lady Moyress at a coffee morning organised for the benefit of St Mary’s Hospice. Cork flood victims were among those who benefitted from our Christmas Charity Appeal. The money was donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for distribution. In March, former CBC teacher, Ms Janet Twomey received a cheque on behalf of Trocaire, an

organisation for whom she currently works. A seven-a-side rugby tournament was organised as a fund raising initiative for the Jack & Jill Foundation. Many other organisations benefitted from CBC collections during the school year 2009/10, including the Irish Cancer Foundation, Child Aid, Temple Street Children’s Hospital and Cork Autism. Fund raising methods included the old reliable non-uniform day.

Christmas Concert 2009

The CBC Christmas Star has become something of a landmark on the cork Skyline over the Christmas period. As always, this year the star was lit at the annual Christmas concert and carol-singing service. Beginning the night’s entertainment outside, Mr Neil Jeffries, President of the Past Pupils Union, lit the star.

A nativity performance was one of the highlights of this year’s show, put on by the Preparatory School. The Class of 2010 were also involved in the night, in particular in bringing Santa Claus to CBC for his annual visit.



Debating Society

As always, the highlight of the Society's year was the Gold Medal Debate, held on Friday 14 May. This night also saw the Prize Debate final and the Brother Elliot Declamation Prize.

The PPU was represented on the night by Mr Killian O'Sullivan, who chaired the event. Our guest speaker was Ms Mary Fitzgerald, Foreign Affairs Correspondent with the *Irish Times*. In a fascinating address, followed by a question and answer session, Ms Fitzgerald took us on an extraordinary trip around the world through her eyes as a journalist.

Jack Corbett was a worthy winner of the Gold Medal Debate. Morgan Walsh took home the honours in the Prize Debate and Owen Murphy was the winner of the Declamation Prize.

At the first meeting of the year, the new committee was elected. With new President, Conor O'Brien, at the helm, assisted by his Vice-president Enda Kerr and Committee members, the future of debating in the College is in safe hands.



Gold Medal Debate

Back Row (L-R): Mr D. Lordon, Morgan Walsh, Cian O'Regan, Jack Murray, Rónán O'Connor, Jack Corbett, Daniel Purcell, Owen Murphy, Lorenzo Niemite, Alan O'Regan, Zach Frenett, Mr T. Hussey, Matthew Kelleher; **Front Row (L-R):** Mr Mark Collins, Mr Pól Ó Seanacháin, Dr L. Jordan, Ms Mary Fitzgerald, *Irish Times* (Guest Speaker), Mr Killian O'Sullivan, Mr Cian Cotter, Mr David Carroll, Ms Maire Ní Chiarbha.

Chess

CBC chess has made remarkable strides in recent years, culminating in a national title this year when the team pictured below won the Checkmate National Schools final in April 2010.



TEAM: Back Row (L-R): Keegan O'Mahoney, Michael Purcell, John O'Dowd; **Front Row (L-R):** Kieran O'Riordan, Eoin Barrett.

The Transition Year Passion Play

The Transition Year Passion Play, performed last March in the College Hall, involved over seventy pupils in the areas of cast, production, public relations, choir, orchestra, lighting, sound and stage management.

The project required over one hundred rehearsals, endless meetings and many challenges.

The effort was worthwhile because in a society in which the

place of Christ is being challenged by lifestyle and media, it is even more important to stand up for who we are as Christians.

As the curtain parted on opening night and the sight of a highly gifted John the Baptist (played by Henry Donnelly) emerged on stage, it was clear that all the hard work undertaken was now literally in the hands of the pupils.

As Michael Lordan carried his

cross to Calvary at each performance, the figure of Christ covered in blood, beaten, bruised and fragile, began to emerge as even more human than before.

The production had a strong impact. One pupil stated that he had never regarded Christ as being 'one of us', but as something 'abstract'. After participating in the play he said that Jesus was now very real in his life.



Another September

First Year day is a holiday for all pupils, except the new boys, who have the school all to themselves on that day. Accompanied by their parents and sometimes by other members of their families, the new First Years attend Mass in the School Hall, celebrated by Bishop John Buckley (assisted by Fr A. Morris OP). The parents then depart and the boys enjoy an orientation morning with a varied programme. They are addressed by the Principal, organised into small groups and taken on a tour of the school. They meet their Year Head. Finally, they are divided into classes and have the opportunity to get to know some of the other boys who will be their companions for the six years that follow.

As they make their way round the 'Halls of Christian College', in their new and roomy uniforms, the new First Years begin to get a feeling of what CBC is all about.

The Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratories, fully equipped with the most up-to-date educational aids demonstrate the importance of Science to the school. The Computer Room, the Library and other specialist rooms indicate that other subjects are very adequately resourced too.

The quiet space provided by the Oratory symbolises the Catholic ethos and the important place of spiritual development in the College curriculum.

In the course of the tour, the dining facilities pro-

vided by Campbells are always noted with interest: growing boys appreciate easy access to hot food!

The photographs on the walls also attract attention. The old sepia pictures of pupils long departed remind the boys that they are now part of a great old institution. The numerous rugby teams pictured with the cups they won for the school prompt the boys to hunt for brothers, uncles, cousins and dads.

On First Year day, the boys begin to realise what it is to be a CBC boy. During the six years that follow, they are encouraged to develop their full human potential; to work hard, get a good Leaving Cert and move on to third level education.



Some of the new boys on First Year (extreme left), Deputy Principal M. (second from right) and family member.



Class 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Niall McMahon (Middleton), David Leonard (Ballinlough), Thomas McKenzie (CBC), Conor Leahy, (CBC), Dara O'Donovan (Ballinlough), Brian Barry (Glounthaune), Robert Daly (Ballinlough), Killian O'Sullivan (Scoil na nÓg), Peter Healy (Summercove)

Middle Row (L-R): Jack McCabe (Kanturk), Eoin Pigott (St Luke's), Patrick Cronin (St Luke's), Oran O'Connor (CBC), Ian Casey (Crab Lane), Luke O'Kelly, (Gaelscoil Ui Riada), Rory Fitzharris (Glounthaune), Andrew Duggan (Glanmire), Marc Griffin (CBC), Sean Ahern (Glanmire);

Front Row (L-R): David Fox (Douglas), John Marnell (Glanmire), Richard Cassidy (Ballinlough), Gordon Good (Glounthaune), Colin Browne (CBC), James O'Riordan (Crab Lane), Max Kahn (Rushbrook), Daragh O'Reilly (Glanmire);

Absent: Robert O'Flynn (CBC).



Class 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Cormac O'Connor (CBC), Fionn O'Connor (Crosshaven), Colin Barry-Murphy (Ballinlough), Robert Twomey (St Patrick's), Daire Feeney (Dunderrow), Shane Murphy (Monkstown), Fionn Roche (Glanmire), Alex McHenry (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Conal O'Gadhra (Ballinlough), Luc O'Hanlon (Rushbrook), Timothy Lehane (CBC), Adam Loughnane (CBC), Stephen O'Driscoll (CBC), Neil O'Brien (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Cian Horgan (Rushbrook), Donnchadh Durkan (Scoil Chríost Rí), Samuel Abbott (Ballinlough); **Front Row (L-R):** Billy O'Hara (CBC), Barry Galvin (Dripsey), Kieran Mulligan (Rushbrook), Roy O'Mahony (CBC), Ian Kelleher (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Timothy O'Sullivan (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Alex Kelleher (Rushbrook), David Cronin (Mallow);

Absent: Jonathan Barry (CBC), Sean Treacy (Ballinlough), Conal Williamson (CBC).



Dear Day stand for a photograph with Principal Dr Larry Jordan (second from left), Mr Seamus Bruton (extreme right), Bishop John Buckley (second from right) and the boys who accompanied their boys to school on their first day.



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): David O'Connell (Ballinlough), James Hughes (Scoil Oilibhéir), Barry O'Brien (Douglas), Eoghan Cahill (Ballinlough), Declan Barry (CBC), Robert Hyde (Ballinlough), Fergus Hennessy (Glasheen), Rory Doyle (Ballintemple); **Middle Row (L-R):** Brendan Hackett (Scoil Oilibhéir), Robert Finn (St Luke's), James Cunningham (CBC), Adam McCarthy (CBC), Colin O'Brien (Ballinlough), Billy Hennessy (Glasheen), Darragh Nagle (CBC), James O'Rourke Donoughmore), Colm Bermingham (Ballinlough), Ronan Gallagher (Watergrasshill); **Front Row (L-R):** Joseph Mangan (St Luke's), Kevin Cremin (Douglas), Peter Owens (CBC), Ross Murphy (Scoil Iosagáin), Ryan McCarthy (Togher), Liam Murphy (CBC), Thomas Kelly (CBC), Eoghan Redmond (Ballintemple); **Absent:** Nathan Naqvi (CBC), Shane O'Donovan (Ballinlough).

CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Evan Judge (St Luke's), Thomas McGrath (Crosshaven), John Keane (St Anthony's), Richard Thompson (Crosshaven), Grattan Roberts (Carrigaline), Rory Cremin (Ballinlough), Luke Brosnan (Glounthaune), Ian Dorney (Ballinlough), Sean Drinan (Scoil Oilibhéir); **Middle Row (L-R):** Niall McCarthy (Glounthaune), Colm Power (Douglas), James Keaveney (CBC), Stephen Galvin (Glounthaune), Harry Murphy (Glounthaune), James Humphries (Ballintemple), Evan O'Connell (Scoil Oilibhéir), Diarmuid Mulcahy (Scoil Oilibhéir), Jack Murphy (Ballinlough), Mark McAuliffe (Monkstown);

Front Row (L-R): Darragh O'Callaghan (Ballinlough), Alex O'Brien (Mardyke), Jeremiah Buckley (Ballinlough), Daniel McKenna (Ballinlough), Ewan Mullane (Scoil Oilibhéir), Ronan Cooper (Ballinlough), David Cahill (CBC), Steven Scanlan (Ballinlough);

Absent: Matthew Scanlan (Ballinlough).



Class 1A30 Back Row (L-R): Conor Kiernan (Ballinlough), Kevin McCarthy (CBC), Michael Hyde (Whitechurch), Killian Dineen (St Patrick's), Timothy Buckley (Whitechurch), Peter Blake (Whitechurch), James Canning (Ballinlough), Cal Desmond (Little Island);

Middle Row (L-R): David Horgan (Crab Lane), Matthew Carey (Ballinlough), Ciaran McHugh (CBC), Alex O'Mara (Frankfield), Stephen O'Sullivan (Ballinlough), Fahd Baig Mirza (CBC), Tristan Gifford (CBC), John Boylan (Ballinlough), Sean Lotty (Kilworth), Kevin O'Sullivan Green (Beaumont);

Front Row (L-R): Martin Haugh (Ballinlough), Jack Waterman (Beaumont), Ben Shanahan (Beaumont), Neil McKeane (St Patrick's), Mark McSweeney (CBC), Sean Desmond (Gaelscoil na Dúglaise), Peter O'Riordan (Beaumont), Hugh Woulfe (Scoil an Athar Tadhg);

Absent: Donagh Buckley (Whitechurch).



Past Pupils Union 2009-10

The 79th Annual General Meeting was held in the Imperial Hotel on Tuesday 1 December 2009. The President, Mr Reg Geary, briefly outlined the activities in which he and the members of the Committee were engaged during the year.

Mr Geary told the meeting that the annual dinner, held in January, was attended by 190 diners, the vast majority of whom were past pupils.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Pat Cashman, reported that the Committee was pleased to sponsor many projects during the year, including the refurbishing of the College Library



79th Annual Dinner of the CBC Past Pupils Union
PPU President Mr Neil Jeffries and Principal Dr L. Jordan with guests including Lord Mayor Cllr Dara Murphy

and the scanning of archival material. Also recipients of support from the Union were the Debating Society and the Golf Society in the College; the Christian Brothers Immersion Project in Zambia, the Sundays Well Life Centre in Blarney Street. and the Stuart Mangan Appeal.

It was announced that the annual subscription would be €25, and that current membership was close to 700 past pupils. It was hoped that membership would rise to 800 during the course of the year.

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

It Happened in 2010

Paediatric Surgeon Edward Kiely, who led the team that separated the conjoined Benhaffaf twins earlier this year, was a member of the class of 1962.

Past pupil Donncha O'Callaghan, best know as an Ireland and Munster rugby player, was appointed as a UNICEF Ambassador this year, in which capacity he visited earthquake stricken Haiti.

Former Government Minister Peter Barry became the 3rd CBC past pupil to receive the freedom of the City of Cork.



Past pupil Cllr Dara Murphy, Lord Mayor of Cork, received PPU President Mr Neil Jeffries and Committee members at City Hall on 25 November 2010



The Class of 1951

Photographed at their annual lunch in Waters Edge, Cobh on 25 May 2010, the class of 1951 look forward to celebrating their sixtieth year out in 2011



Handover of Chain

Outgoing President Mr Neil Jeffries (left) hands over the chain of office to incoming President for the 2010/11 school year, Mr Killian O'Sullivan.

CBC Preparatory School

The first Parents Council of the Preparatory School was elected in September 2009. They did an excellent job in the school year 2009-2010, setting a very high standard for those who will follow in future years. Among their achievements are:

School Yard Refurbishment: the Council investigated the possibility of improving the playtime facilities and came up with the idea of having patterns painted on the yard to facilitate games. A further development of this idea was to provide for the installation of a rubberised surface on about one third of the upper yard to make it safer for playtime activities. To help finance this project, the Council organised a **fundraising dinner**. The event took place in January and was a great success.

The new surface was in place for the reopening after the summer holidays. The two inches of rubber now provides a cushion and a soft landing for any boy who takes a tumble in the yard.

Tracksuit Design: The Council had several meetings with Mr Michael Cronin who is the retailer of CBC uniforms. The purpose of the meetings was to design a tracksuit for Prep School pupils which Mr Cronin would be prepared to make available in the range of sizes

required. Every detail of the tracksuit was looked at including the washing and drying instructions. At the end of the process a very nice garment emerged which is available for purchase all year round.

Swimming Lessons:

The Council researched the possibility of arranging swimming lessons for Prep School pupils from Third to Sixth Class and made arrangements with the Metropole Leisure Centre to accommodate the school. The lessons commenced in March 2010 and were a great success.

Building on that experience, this year's

Staff 2010-2011



Back Row (L-R): Ms Jane Scannell, Mr Dennis Lenihan, Mrs Ann Long, Mr Steven Lynch, Mrs Susan Egan; **Front Row:(L-R):** Mrs Kathleen O'Shea, Mrs Sheila Curley, Mr Tony McCarthy, Ms Sharon McAdoo, Mrs Denise Lowry.

Council put together a very attractive swimming package for Prep School boys from Second Class to Sixth. The course started in Mayfield swimming pool immediately after the halloween mid-term break and is now in full swing. It runs for eight consecutive Wednesday afternoons from 2.00pm to 2.50pm. Swimming and life-saving are taught, appropriate to the level of experience of each individual. The course costs €25 per pupil, and will be repeated in January and March if there is sufficient interest.

School Library: The Council is supporting the establishment of a school library and has encouraged parents to donate books which their children have outgrown. The school has purchased many new books and the Library should be functioning by Christmas.

Uniform Sale: A sale of unclaimed items of uniform was held in October of this year and the proceeds of almost €400 was donated to the Zambia project. More sales are planned by the Council, including a sale of school books.

Junior Infants Class 2010-2011



Back Row (L-R): Charlie Linehan, Luke Forde, Conor Kennelly, Sean McDonald, Ali Haroun, Ben O'Callaghan, Harry Walsh, Robert Walsh, David Philpott; **Front Row:(L-R):** Ben O'Donoghue, Sam FitzPatrick, Oran Dennehy, Cillian Clarke, Daniel Kennedy, Jude O'Regan, Conor McManus, Alec O'Mahony.

Parents Council 2010-2011

JUNIOR INFANTS	THIRD CLASS
MR SHANE FITZPATRICK	MR RICHARD KEILY
087 6501259	086 8330357
SENIOR INFANTS	FOURTH CLASS
MRS DENISE HEALY	MRS JOHANNA RADLEY
086 3895277	086 2626026
FIRST CLASS	FIFTH CLASS
MR JOE JOYCE	MR DECLAN BARRY
085 6814925	086 2459604
SECOND CLASS	SIXTH CLASS
MRS VICKI CASEY	MRS PETRONELLA LOVE
087 6492873	087 6890229

Annual Awards 2009-2010

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	SPECIAL MERIT
1A27	David Synnott	Paul Buckley Johnathan Murray
1A28	Morgan James Walsh	Nick Moore Robert O'Donovan
1A29	Rory McCarthy	Colin Forde Joseph Ryan
1A30	I. McCarthy-Hann	Raymond Murphy Andrew Neville
1A31	Lorenzo Niemitz	Rory Burke Joe McSweeney
2A8	Kevin O'Sullivan	Tadhg McAuliffe Ross O'Sullivan
2A9	Timothy Fannon	Jack Kelleher Niall Galvin
2A10	Cian Luddy	Ruben O'Callaghan Kevin Creedon
2A11	Saad Azher	William Allcott Cúchulainn Morrissey
2A12	Eoin Barrett Shay Buckley Keegan O'Mahony	David O'Sullivan Tristan Kelleher Kieran O'Riordan
2A14	James Greene Max Waterstone	Jack McHenry Luke Garvin

Junior Cert 2010

Joint First Place:	Devin Fitzgerald Conor Moloney	Jack Whooley Gleb Dzhus
Special Merit:	Evin Doyle,	John Coleman

Transition Year

First Place:	Conor Durkan
Special Merit:	Jack Lehane Jack Corbett, Fintan Sheehan, Darren Quill, Eoin Hennessy, Brian Kelleher

Fifth Year

First Place:	Conor Barry
Special Merit:	Dónal Lynch Samuel Grogan, Patrick O'Dwyer, John Cashell, Owen Mulcahy

Leaving Cert 2010

First Place:	Daniel Ahern Cillian Power
Special Merit:	Jack O'Driscoll Daniel Purcell, Andrew O'Regan, Barry Harnedy, Tom Moloney

— EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS —

Art:	Neil O'Brien, Kevin O'Sullivan,
Drama:	Brian O'Connor, Billy O'Connor,
Soccer:	Greg Murphy, Kynan Rocks, Dylan McNamara, Kevin Galvin, Brian Cooney
Languages:	Craig Wakefield
Hugh O'Kelly German Prize:	Philip MacIwraith
Sailing:	Iarlaith Kennedy, Patrick Crosbie
Golf:	Brodie Gallagher
Hurling:	Eoin O'Connor
Cricket:	Brad Morgan
Library:	Colm Feehely
Pitch & Putt:	Aaron Singleton
U-14 Rugby:	Joe McSweeney
U-15 Rugby:	P.J. O'Sullivan-Green
Junior Rugby:	Charlie Slowey
U-16 Rugby:	Rory Daly
Senior Rugby:	Cathal Quinn
Debating:	Rónán O'Connor, Jack Corbett
Chemistry:	Simon Henly-Willis
Physics:	Dan Ahern
Biology:	Simon Henly-Willis
Junior Science:	Scott Dennehy
Junior Maths:	Darren O'Dowling, Gleb Dzhus
Senior Maths:	Cillian Power, Daniel Purcell, Jack O'Driscoll, Dmitri Tuchapsky
Chess:	Hugh Doyle, Kieran O'Riordan, Eoin Barrett, John O'Dowd, Keegan O'Mahony
Business:	Oisín O'Callaghan, Conor Martin
Journalism:	Eoin Roche, Edmond Heaphy
Rowing:	David Collins
History:	Henry Donnelly, Philip MacIwraith, Jack Lehane
Orchestra:	Oisín O'Callaghan, James Cunningham
Choir:	Daragh Clifford
Irish:	James Ó Nuanáin
Basketball:	Alan McCarthy
Tennis:	Mathew Terzic
Swimming:	Simon Treacy, Thomas Treacy, Paul Laffan
Peter Wilson Award:	Kieran Stokes
Br Rice Award:	Jeff Safar-Hamidi, Michael Moloney
Gretchen Crosbie Award:	Cillian Williamson
Andrew Quinlan Award:	Daniel Purcell
Fr Whelan Award:	Jeff Safar-Hamidi, Michael Moloney, Sean O'Leary, Dáire Leahy, Mark Barrett, Killian Cremin, Daragh Clifford, Oisín O'Callaghan, Liam Wainwright



Chairperson of the Secondary School Parents Council, Mr Thomas Hunter-McGowan (left), makes a presentation to CBC past pupil Mr Gerard O'Mahoney, recently appointed as President of the Cork Chamber of Commerce. Gerard is Regional Partner in charge of Deloitte with responsibility for the firm's Cork and Limerick offices which employ 200 people. He is also a member of the IDA Ireland.

Mr Brian Austin, who took up the position of Caretaker of Christian Brothers College Prep & Secondary Schools, and Lansdowne in July 2010.



Awards recipients 2010, photographed with Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson CBC Board of Management), Mr Neil Jeffries (President CBC Past Pupils Union), Cllr. Dara Murphy (Guest Speaker) and Dr Larry Jordan (Principal)

2009-10 Sports Roundup

Tennis

This year's Under-19 tennis team, consisting of Matthew Terzic, Eoin Geary, Barry Harnedy, Barry Coleman and Kevin Devey fought their way through the rounds to make it to the final of the Munster Shield competition. The team was anxious to retain the Shield they won the previous year. Beating teams from Mallow, Enis and Glenstal along the way, the chances looked good. However, luck was not with CBC in the final and it must all be done again next year!

Pitch & Putt

The squad for the Cork Schools Competition consisted of three teams of five. Over forty teams from fifteen schools participated in the event. CBC was unlucky to finish outside the medals, coming home in fourth place overall. Notable performers on the day included Aaron Singleton and Patrick Hayes.

Golf

The Irish Schools Stroke Play was held in Muskerry on 16 October 2009. CBC was represented by Michael Abernethy, Andrew O'Regan and Thomas Roche. The team struggled with difficult conditions bringing in scores of 89, 86 and 92 respectively.

Soccer

CBC competed at three levels in soccer this year: Under-16 Munster Soccer, Under-16 Cork Cup Soccer and Under-14 Cork Cup Soccer. In all competitions there was a great deal of hope and excitement. In the end, it was the youngest boy who brought home the silverware, when the Under-14 team beat Mayfield Community School 2-1 at Turners Cross on 25 May 2010.

Rowing

The highlight of the year was the Irish Schools Championships, held in Inniscarra. The school won the Men's Junior -16 Schull and the Men's Junior-16 double Schull.



Lord Mayor's Hurling Cup Win

CBC now competes at Under-14A, Under-16A and Senior Cork Colleges level in hurling. Competitive games were played against Midleton, St Colman's, the North Mon and Coláiste Christ Ri, but the teams did not manage to progress to the final stages of the competitions. However, we had a great win in the the Lord Mayor's Cup this year. After a hard fought victory over a fancied Carrig na Bhfear team in the semi-final, we beat our near neighbour Pres in the final. Danny Wallace, Dylan Stokes and Sean Glynn were the top performers in the competition. It was nice to end the year with a bit of silverware!

Unfortunately, due to lack of space, many sporting endeavours had to be omitted again this year. A fuller account of the year 2009-10 is available in the *Christian Brothers College Year Book 2009-2010*.

Sports Day



CBC Sports Day was held in the UCC sports complex at the Mardyke again this year. A full programme of track and field events was run off in the course of the day.

The annual fun soccer match between the teachers' team and Sixth Years' team (pictured left) was also played.

The winners of the various competitions were presented with medals and other prizes by PPU President Mr Neil Jeffries. They also got the opportunity to stand on the podium. Pictured above are the winners of the Championship of the College: Cathal Quinn (First), Kieran Moynihan (Second) and Cameron Waugh (Third).



CBC Rugby 2009-10

Teams from Christian Brothers College competed enthusiastically for rugby glory at all levels this year. They reached several finals, notably the Junior Cup final after a very gruelling campaign. Unfortunately, the teams brought no silverware back to CBC.



Junior Cup campaign action against Pres at Temple Hill, a game which CBC won with a score of 31 points to 10.



Yasin Browne
Ireland U-18 Schools

However, defeat and disappointment are unavoidable aspects of sport. Painful as they may be, they undoubtedly strengthen the ability to shrug off setbacks and help to develop a more realistic attitude to life.

The Junior Cup campaign produced some of the most exhilarating rugby seen at this age level for a long time. The campaign took off with a resounding victory over PBC: 31 points to 10, at Temple Hill. A nail biting semi-final against Árd Scoil in Garryowen saw CBC victorious, 12 points to 8. In one of the most thrilling finals seen at this level, CBC came out just four points short of Crescent College, losing 13 to 17.



Kieran Stokes
Ireland U-19 Schools

The Under-14s are developing into one of the best teams in the College. They possess great pace and imagination in the back line, which is supplied by a tenacious pack of forwards. They had some notable victories during the season which included Willow Park, Belvedere, Terenure and PBC. The highpoint of the season was a very successful tour to Paris at the end of March of this year.



Simon Hanbidge
Ireland U-19

CBC had very impressive representation at Provincial and International levels. The College was represented at various Munster levels by: Brian Slater, Cathal Gallagher, Richard Martin, Mark O'Mahony, Kieran Stokes, Yasin Browne, Darragh McNamara, Cathal Quinn and Simon Hanbidge; and at international level by Simon Hanbidge, Kieran Stokes and Yasin Browne (pictured left).

The History of Rugby in CBC

CBC is, arguably, Munster's most successful rugby college, and its rich history and storied tradition is famous all over this province and island. I was honoured to be asked to write the history of rugby in Christian Brothers College, Cork, and the hope and expectation is to have *A History* published before Christmas 2011.

Interviews are already being conducted with former players and past pupils, teachers and coaches, all of whom have helped keep the flame of rugby burning brightly in this school for over one hundred years. However, I would also be delighted with some assistance that would help in knitting together the vast history of rugby football in this College.

I would be grateful if you – a current or past pupil or anyone who has had contact with rugby in the school down through the years

– could get in touch with me to relate stories, anecdotes or any interesting facts about rugby in the school, or of your time playing rugby here. You might also have old match programmes, trinkets, photographs or newspaper match reports in your possession and might like to have them reproduced in the book.

I will leave my contact details at the end of this piece, so please feel free to ring or email – you might, after all, be in possession of some of the souvenir items stated in paragraph three above. I look forward to hearing from you, and please feel reassured that any items handed over 'on loan' for the purpose of the book will be returned to the owner.

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Under-14 French Tour

Forty-two members of the under-14 squad spent five days in Paris in March, accompanied by five of their teachers.

On Monday 29th, CBC played two matches against the renowned Parisian club, Massy Essonne. In the first game, CBC faced a physically imposing side and lost by three tries. In the second game, a smaller, faster French team won by a single try after a strongly contested game.

Two days later, CBC played at the Stade Yves Du Manoir. CBC lost a free flowing first match, but, to the delight of the Irish contingent, won a second encounter 18-12.

The boys were also taken to some shopping areas and to many of the sights of Paris, including Notre Dame Cathedral where they had their group picture taken.

