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CBC STUDENTS TOP THE HONOURS LIST

There was much celebration on Sidney Hill on Tuesday 13 August as the Class of 2019 arrived to collect their Leaving Certificate results. By now, CBC students have established an unparalleled reputation throughout Cork and further afield for the achievement of top results in State examinations. The consistency of their success over many years is illustrated most strikingly by CBC students attaining the highest marks in Ireland in the Leaving Cert on three occasions in the past ten years.

On Results Day, three became four with the news that Michael O' Grady was one of just five students in Ireland to attain 8 H1 grades. This extraordinary achievement came as a fitting reward for Michael's consistent work and effort over his six years in CBC. Michael's success follows that of Alex Burke last year who also attained the highest results in the country.

While there is always much to be proud of each August, this year's achievements were beyond our expectations. In all, eight pupils attained the maximum 625 points. Eighteen pupils achieved over 600 points. Over 41% of our pupils attained over 500 points compared to 13% nationally.

Fourteen students from the Class of 2019 were awarded University entrance scholarships. Bursaries were awarded by the Irish Applied Mathematics Teachers



(L-R): Mr David Lordon *Principal*, Joe Hourihane, John Sweeney, Peadar Hennessy, Michael O'Grady (*First in Ireland*), Fergal Riordan, Sean Creagh, Darragh Murphy, James Scally (*inset*).

EXAMINATION RESULTS

While there was much to be proud of in terms of individual achievement in State examinations, the college is mindful of the importance of each student reaching their full potential in order to place them in the strongest position possible for the future. Everyone in the CBC community was therefore delighted with the outstanding overall results in the Leaving Certificate and Junior Cycle examinations.

The average number of points for the Class of 2019 was 457, compared to just over 300 nationally. H1 grades were four to five times the national average in many subjects, including French, Chemistry, History, Irish, Maths and Biology. Applied Maths students Daniel Andrews and Peadar Hennessy added to the record of CBC students who attained the highest marks in Ireland in Leaving Cert examinations, and Eoin Gaffney was placed First in Ireland in Leaving Cert Biology.

CBC continued its tradition as the largest feeder school to University College Cork. In all, eight entrance scholarships to UCC were awarded (Michael O'Grady, James Scally, Darragh Murphy, Scott Buckley, Peadar Hennessy, Robbie Dwyer, John Sweeney, Sean Creagh). Further acknowledgement of excellence was given to our students through scholarships to UCD (Asad Khan, Tony Donlon, Odhran Murphy, Joe Hourihane), Trinity College Dublin (Fergal Riordan) and Princeton University (Eoin Gaffney). Cillian Sheehan has also been accepted to study at Oxford University where he will read Economics and History.

The many achievements of the Class of 2019 are proof positive that hard work and effort always pay off. We are proud of them and look forward to following their progress in the years to come.

Association to two students for achieving the highest marks in Ireland in Leaving Cert Applied Maths, the first time two prizes have been awarded to students from the same school. Another student attained First Place in Ireland in Leaving Cert Biology.

The shared purpose between students, parents and the school in a spirit of partnership is key to our pupils' success. We congratulate them on all they have achieved and wish them the very best of luck as they begin their Third Level journey.



NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF 2019-2020

Back Row (L-R): Mr Darragh O'Callaghan *Irish & PE*, Mr Shane Mahony *Business & Geography*, Mr Seamus Harnedy *Business & Accounting*, Mr John Lynch *Biology*, Mr Aaron Kelly *English & RE*, Mr Peter Martin *History & Art* (inset).

Front Row (L-R): Ms Laurie O'Donnell *English & History*, Mr David Dowling *Geography & Computers*, Ms Mary Quill *Business*, Ms Katie Long *Music & English*, Mr Ross Murphy *PE & French*, Ms Jennifer Murphy *Maths*.



STUDENT COUNCIL 2019-2020

Back Row (L-R): Mr Donal O'Mahony, John O'Sullivan (3rd Year), Eoghan Heaney, School Captain (6th Year), Matt Mallen, School Vice Captain (6th Year), Oran O'Reilly (6th Year), Mr Pol O'Seanachain.

Front Row (L-R): Robert Twomey (5th Year), Alex Curtin (4th Year), Jack Galvin (5th Year), Joseph Barrett (2nd Year).



PARENTS' COUNCIL 2019-2020

Back Row (L-R): Mr. Tom Coughlan (1st Year), Ms. Jennifer Linehan (4th Year), Ms. Kate MacCann (1st Year), Ms. Eimear Walsh Supplisson (6th Year), Mr. Gerard O'Riordan (6th Year).

Front Row (L-R): Ms. Janet Woods (3rd Year), Ms. Rosario Kielty (2nd Year), Dr. Geraldine McMahon (5th Year, Chairperson), Ms. Lynda O'Donnell (5th Year, Secretary), Ms. Bernadette Walshe (6th Year).

Absent from Photo: Ms. Jennie Kelleher (2nd Year), Ms. Idé Ni Riain (3rd Year), Ms. Jennifer Dennehy (3rd Year), Mr. Don Cullinane (4th Year).

CBC REMEMBERS

Mrs Sheila Curley



In July, the college mourned the loss of Mrs Sheila Curley who worked as Senior Infants teacher in CBC from 2001 to her retirement in August 2017.

Sheila will always be remembered for her love of CBC and for the dedication and care she showed to her pupils over the years. She was firm and fair in her approach, devoted to the needs of each individual, and set the highest of standards always. Pupils in Mrs Curley's class learned the importance of good manners, respect and hard work from early on, and it is true to say that they would benefit greatly from these life lessons in the years to come. Sheila will also be remembered as a great colleague, generous with her time and support, and possessed with a refreshing honesty. On behalf of all in the CBC community, we extend our sincere sympathy to Sheila's husband Jackie, sons Jonathan and Ross and her extended family.

Br Alfie McGrath



The passing of Br Alfie McGrath on November 10 this year was met with great sadness by all in the college community.

Br McGrath served CBC as teacher, rugby coach and Principal for nearly thirty years. Br McGrath was a native of Monivea, Co Galway where he was born in 1933. Having joined the Christian Brothers, he was first assigned to CBC where he taught in the Preparatory School from 1952 to 1963. Following periods in CBC Monkstown and Waterpark in Waterford, Br McGrath returned to CBC in 1975 where he served as teacher and Preparatory School Principal until his retirement in 1996. Under his guidance the school achieved the highest standards in academic and sporting fields. Br McGrath left an indelible mark on the rich traditions of the school he served so faithfully and he will be sadly missed.

Mr Ted O'Brien



In June, CBC said farewell to former Vice-Principal Mr Ted O'Brien who passed away in his 89th year.

A native of Dunmanway, Ted taught Latin, Mathematics, English and Religion in CBC, having taught previously in Co. Kilkenny. He was instrumental in introducing Computer Studies in the college. As a teacher, he showed a deep concern for the welfare and success of his pupils. As Vice Principal from 1992 to 1996, he presided over a time of significant change in the management structures of CBC, with the retirement of Brother L.P. Reynolds and the appointment of Dr Larry Jordan as the first lay principal in the college's history. Throughout those years, Ted's wisdom and integrity and his willingness to expand his role in management played no small part in attaining a smooth transition. When Ted retired in 1996 he was held in the highest esteem by the teachers and pupils of CBC and by the wider Christians community. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

CBC TOURS AND EXCHANGES 2018-2019

ZAMBIA IMMERSION PROJECT

On Tuesday June 4 2019, ten students along with three teachers departed Cork Airport and headed for Zambia. Their destination was Mazabuka where they joined the charity Serve to witness first-hand just how far the money they had fundraised over the previous eight months could go. The team was given the opportunity to witness the extraordinary work being carried out by Serve in education, healthcare, agriculture, training, sanitation and service provision. They visited St Edmund's, a Christian Brothers secondary school, as well as the wonderful Flamboyant Special Needs School. They assisted with repairs and maintenance, helped out on community farms, visited a local orphanage and learned about the daily challenges of living in this part of the world. The



experience will doubtless stay with the team wherever they will go in the future and many have already expressed a wish to work with Serve again on a volunteer programme after they finish school.

TY TRIP TO SHANGHAI

In April, five TY students, accompanied by Mrs Anna O'Brien, set off on the long haul flight to Shanghai. The trip, where students would spend two weeks at the University of Shanghai, was organised in cooperation with the Confucius Institute in UCC. The students enjoyed an exciting and varied schedule of events. They attended language and culture classes in the university every day and visited many renowned attractions, including the Pearl Tower, a night time cruise on the Huangpu River and a visit to the city of Hangzhou to visit the West Lake and Buddhist Temple. It was an extraordinary trip that no one will ever forget. China is a country that leaves an indelible mark on the way you think. It allows you to see that anything is possible. We would like to sincerely thank the UCC Confucius Institute and Ms Catherine Xu for their continued support for this initiative.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

This year the school offered a German Exchange to Brühl, Germany. Students from our partner school came to Cork first in January where they had a hugely enjoyable week with trips to Blarney Castle and Cork City Gaol as well as hurling demonstrations. The following week, Fifth Years travelled to Germany to be reacquainted with what seemed like old friends at this stage. The cities

of Cologne and Bonn proved to be wonderful places to visit, with Cologne Cathedral considered a highlight. The students climbed the steep steps up to the top to enjoy the breathtaking views of Cologne, proudly waved the Irish flag and sang the national anthem. The exchange proved to be a memorable and worthwhile experience.

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE A TEAM 2019



Back Row (L-R): Padraig Buckley, Oscar Walsh, James Ryan, Peter Layton, Callum Holohan.

Front Row (L-R): David Cahill, Sean Dunlea, Conor Callanan, Luke Andrews, Oliver Leahy, Fearghal Desmond.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TRIP TO GENEVA

In January, David Walsh, Luke Galligan and Niall Hannigan together with teacher Ms Lorna Mulvaney were invited by Edmund Rice International to attend a Social Justice and Advocacy event in Geneva, Switzerland.

The purpose of this trip was to increase knowledge of ERI's work which focuses on global issues such as social injustice and climate change. It also afforded the opportunity to meet with other Edmund Rice Schools students from Ireland and the UK, share ideas and identify common goals.



The group visited the Edmund Rice International Head Quarters, where Br. Brian Bond gave an overview of the organisation's work, and visited the United Nations to observe the 32nd Session of the Universal Periodic Review where each country reports on the Human Rights issues and progress in their country.

CAMINO WALK

Twenty-two fifth year students accompanied by Ms Catherine Costello and Ms Cathriona Power ventured on the Camino in June. The trip took the group from Sarria to Santiago, a distance of 112km. Students enjoyed the spirit of generosity and solidarity which accompanies the Camino walk as they engaged in conversations with people from all across the globe.

This experience gave students the opportunity to abandon their daily routine of school, work and social media and engage in meaningful conversations with people willing to share their own stories and journeys. The Camino is widely known as a spiritual journey which invites each person to take time to reflect on their own personal life journey and be present in the moment.



SCHOOL TOURS

Students from First and Fourth Year enjoyed a number of tours this year which will live long in their memories. First Years travelled to Austria/Germany and on the Rugby tour to Portugal. Transition Years went on a ski tour to Austria and a trip to New York.



Other educational trips included the Politics tour to the European Parliament in Strasbourg and the International Economics Olympiad in Russia. The annual tours were an



opportunity to develop and consolidate friendships and gain new experiences. Little wonder, then, that they serve as highlights for so many students of their years in CBC.



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES 2018-2019

DEBATING

By any standards this has been another very successful year. Matt Mallen was chosen as a member of the Irish delegation for the European Youth Parliament International Sessions. Matt and Alex Sheehan won Best Team in the UCC Philosophical Society Munster Schools' Final while also coming second in the National Debating Championship. Matt was also chosen to represent Ireland at the World Schools Debating Championship. CBC was named Best Delegation at the UCC National Model UN Competition for a second year running. 2018/2019 proved an outstanding year for the Debating Society with particular appreciation going to all the members who participated in a wide range of competitions over the course of the year. It does not take much guesswork to see why the school community is so proud of all the Debating Society has achieved this year.



Matt Mallen and Cillian Sheehan Debating in the Gold Medal Debate.

The highlight of the Society's year was the Gold Medal Debate in May. Guest speaker was past pupil Ross Frenett, the Founder and CEO of Moonshot CVE, an organisation that partners with governments and technology firms to confront challenges as diverse as ISIS recruitment in Libya, neo-Nazi radicalisation in Australia and Buddhist extremism in Myanmar. Cillian Sheehan was named the winner of the Gold Medal Debate, on the motion *'That This House Would Hold Social Media Companies Legally Liable for Content on their Platform'*. Paul Scanlan took home the honours in the Prize Debate on the motion *'That This House Believes Reality Television Does More Harm than Good'*.

LEARNING AND TEACHING

The CBC Learning and Teaching committee has had a busy year through its involvement in a number of professional learning programmes, and their hard work was recognised in a number of significant ways this year. Ms Rachael Mooney and Mr Eamonn Moynihan, members of the committee, were presented with an award in May in recognition of their work as part of the Learning Schools Project 10 on Student Voice.

During October mid term, committee members, with the support of Leargas under the Erasmus+ programme, travelled to Finland to observe and share best practice in relation to learning and teaching and curriculum innovation. The trip was organised by Mr Edmond Hussey.

Also in October Deputy Principal Mr Donal O'Mahony and teachers Mr Tom Casey and Mr Tony Wall attended a special event in Carlow to mark their graduation from the Instructional Leadership programme. A third cohort of teachers will shortly begin with the Learning Powered School programme, following successful involvement by CBC staff members over the previous two years.

CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

The success of the College Choir and Orchestra, depends on the willingness of students to participate. First to Leaving Cert students have always demonstrated that willingness and continue to do so admirably.

The academic year 2018–2019 was a busy and rewarding one for the CBC Choir and Orchestra. During the school year, they performed at various school ceremonies: - Mass for incoming First Year students, the College Open Night, our Christmas Ceremony of Light and Carol Service, Leaving Cert Graduation Mass and a special performance in Cork City Hall, at the invitation of the Lady Mayoress.



We wish to acknowledge and pay tribute to all members and in particular, to Leaving Cert students Michael O'Grady (*Piano*), Mark McCarthy (*Trombone and Choir*), Callum Owens (*Cello*) and John Sweeney (*Flute*). They always performed in a cheerful, assured and confident manner, displaying sensitivity and maturity beyond their years.



CBC CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

During the school academic year a number of fundraising events took place for a diverse range of worthwhile causes.



- ◊ Zambia Immersion Project
- ◊ Meningitis Research
- ◊ Marymount
- ◊ Cork Arc Cancer Support
- ◊ Society of St Vincent de Paul
- ◊ UCC Surgeon Noonan
- ◊ Motor Neuron Disease Society
- ◊ Cope Foundation
- ◊ L'Arche
- ◊ Cork Penny Dinners
- ◊ John Kennedy Fundraiser
- ◊ Jack & Jill Foundation
- ◊ Irish Guide Dogs
- ◊ CUMH Baby Ward
- ◊ Trocaire
- ◊ Giving for Living Radiothon

Great credit is due to all in the CBC Community for working on behalf of so many worthy causes and thus keeping alive in the College the true spirit of giving as taught by our founder Blessed Edmund Rice.

DISCOVER CORK HISTORY PROJECT

This year, CBC pupils were awarded the top prize in both the Junior and Senior categories of the Discover Cork History Project. Barra O'Mahony won the Senior category for a project was about his cousin Padraig O'Mathúna who fought in the War of Independence and gave his life in the struggle for independence. John Lonergan won First Prize in the Junior category for his project which explored the history of Cork's military Cemetery. John and Barra are enthusiastic young historians with very bright futures.



A WEEK IN POLITICS

In October, the college was privileged to welcome a number of public representatives from the local, national and European stages to CBC. The annual visit by Cork's Lord Mayor Cllr John Sheehan was a much anticipated event, particularly given that Cllr Sheehan is a past pupil of the college.



The following day, we were delighted to welcome an Tanaiste Minister Simon Coveney T.D. who met with a focus group from First to Sixth Year to discuss issues such as Brexit, climate change, homelessness and mental health. The visit was especially timely in light of the fact that agreement on a Brexit withdrawal agreement had been reached in principle between the EU and the UK the previous evening.



The following week, CBC was proud to welcome MEPs Mr Sean Kelly, Mrs Deirdre Clune and Mr Billy Kelleher for a special flag raising ceremony and assembly in celebration of our European Union citizenship. The event was also attended by representatives from Leargas, the Defence Forces and the Cork Education Support Centre. Special presentations were made on the day to our guests and to the winners of a First Year poster competition on the theme of European unity.



ISTA Senior Science Quiz Winning Team 2018/2019
Back Row (L-R):
 Conor MacCarthy,
 Mark McCarthy.
Front Row (L-R):
 Michael O'Grady,
 John Sweeney.



Scifest 2019

(Right): Jonathan Walsh from First Year, winner of the ISTA Award for his project "Nutritional Intake and Demand of an Active Teenager - a Self Study".

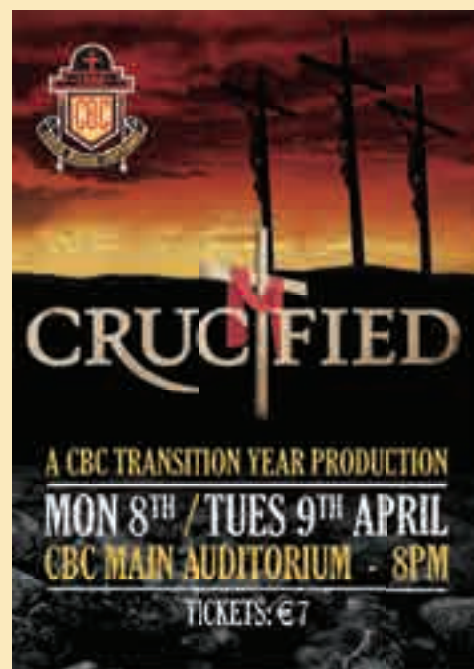


TY PLAY: 'CRUCIFIED'

This year's Transition Year play was a passion play, 'Crucified', the story of Christ and his last few days on earth. The play, which was written by Mr Trevor Hussey has so much to tell us about the value of life, suffering, betrayal and forgiveness. The cast, technical team and PR team committed themselves to a heavy schedule but the results spoke for themselves. Everyone who was fortunate to attend a performance of the play could not help but be impressed by the overall quality from start to finish and the commitment of each and every student to the production.

Ultimately, this production provided all those involved with an opportunity for personal growth, individual challenge and a realisation of what hard work and commitment can achieve.

'Crucified' can be regarded as a production which has shown the intrinsic good and unique giftedness of young people and is an experience which will leave a positive and profound mark on so many young people throughout their lives.



PAST PUPILS UNION 2018-2019

The 89th Annual General Meeting was held in the College on Thursday 21 November 2019. The President, Mr Brian Twomey briefly outlined the activities in which he and members of the Committee were engaged during the year. Mr Twomey told the meeting that the Annual Dinner, held in January, was well attended. The vast majority of attendees were past pupils, who enjoyed a pleasant function.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mr Pat Cashman, reported that the Committee was pleased to sponsor many projects during the year including the Under 14 Rugby Tour, the International Schools Rugby Caps Awards and the Debating Society. The usual annual sponsorship was provided for the Sunday's Well Cork Life Centre in Blarney Street. In recognition of the work of the Well Read Committee, a generous donation was presented to the Literacy Committee for the purpose of resourcing the First Year Library.

Mr Lordon 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. He presented a copy of the Christian Brothers' College Year book 2018/'19 to Mr Brian Twomey and to Mr Pat Cashman.

Officers for the forthcoming year are as follows:

Vice-Presidents: Mr David Lordon, Mr Liam Murphy, Mr Gary O'Flynn, Mr Micheál Russell.

Hon. Secretary: Mr Brian Twomey.

Hon. Treasurers: Mr Pat A Cashman, Mr Ed Kenny.

Committee: Mr Pat Bradley, Mr Mike Duggan, Mr Ed Crosbie.



PPU President Mr Brian Twomey (front, centre) with Lord Mayor Cllr Mick Finn, Mr Michael Martin TD, Mr Michael McGrath TD and guests at the 88th Annual PPU Dinner, 26 January 2019.



Above: To mark their selection to represent Ireland Rugby Schoolboys (left to right) Eoin Monahan, Scott Buckley, Tommy Downes and Mark Donnelly receive their International Caps from Dr Larrie Martin (Chairman BOM), Mr David Lordon (Principal CBC) and Mr Brian Twomey (President CBC PPU).



Left: Outgoing PPU President for 2018/'19, Mr Brian Twomey, hands on the chain-of-office to incoming President for 2019/'20 Mr Paul Murphy.

It is never possible to include all accounts of the activities and sports taking place in CBC in the annual newsletter. A more comprehensive coverage of 2018-2019 may be found in Christian Brothers College Cork Year Book 2018-2019.

FIRST YEAR DAY 2019



Oran Kiely 1A30 with his family.



Charlie Ahern, 1A27 with his family.



On Tuesday 27 August 2019, 150 First Year pupils began their CBC secondary journey in the company of their parents, family members and teachers. Many of the boys were continuing a family connection to the college that stretches back a number of generations. Others were starting as the first member of their family to join the CBC ranks. On this important day, they joined a community of learners, united by bonds of loyalty and fraternity, committed to excellence in all things, and inspired by the Catholic values and ethos of our founder Blessed Edmund Rice.

We were delighted on the day to welcome to CBC the Very Rev Bishop Fintan Gavin, newly appointed Bishop of Cork and Ross, who concelebrated Mass with Fr Stephen Cummins from Ennismore. The CBC community wished Bishop Gavin every blessing as he began his important ministry in the diocese, guiding almost a quarter of a million parishioners across 68 parishes through an ever changing and often challenging landscape.



CLASS 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Ronan O'Donovan, James Buckley, Paddy Quill, Sean McDermott, Charlie Ahern, David McSweeney, Zach Coughlan, Robert O'Sullivan, Ibrahim Ahsan, Sulaiman Sharif.

Middle Row (L-R): Oisín Drew, James Healy, Harry Clarke, Evan Collins, Harry Walsh, Ross Buckley, Rory O'Callaghan Whyte, Charlie McSweeney, Noah Morris, Ronan O'Keefe.

Front Row (L-R): Ben O'Sullivan, Alex Healy Horkan, Charlie J O'Shea, Charlie P O'Shea, Leo Ferro, Vincent Leahy, Rory O'Connor, James Ryan, Aaron Clifford, Leo Glendon.



CLASS 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Odhran Ryan, Archie O'Dowling, Luke Philpott, Evan Lynch, Reuben Coughlan, James Cuttriss, John Buckley, David Morley, Tadhg Quill, David Buckley.

Middle Row (L-R): Patrick O'Rourke, Tom Bardsley, Conor Mulvihill, Fionn Lane Kelly, Calvin Kilbride, Darragh Keary, Luke Murphy, Samuel O'Driscoll, Lorcan De Burca, Fionn Fives.

Front Row (L-R): Cian Corkery, Niall O'Connell, Shea Glackin, Zachary Whelan, Zak Gilley, Tom McLoughlin, Sean Riordan, Matthew O'Shea, Matthew Daly, Ruairi Walsh.



CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Jack Hegarty, Kevin Cotter, Peter Mullane, Bill McCarthy, Ryan Woods, Rory Higgins, Tom Carmody, David O'Connor, Richard Buckley, Aaron Olden.

Middle Row (L-R): William Wang, Euan Harrison, Conor Cullinane, Alex O'Connell, Oran McCarthy, Luke Kiely, Ronan Healy, James Fairtlaugh, Hamilton Gray, Leo Dalton.

Front Row (L-R): Ryan O'Brien, Tom Mills, TJ Enright, Alan Kelly, Oscar Kelleher, Ashwin Ranga, Christopher Barrett, Aidan O'Brien, Samuel Haberlin, Sean Bugler.



CLASS 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Jason Zhang, Liam Higgins, Darragh O'Connell, Ronan O'Callaghan, Leo O'Leary, David O'Donnell, James Dineen, Jack Huggins, Conor Bennett, Mark McCarthy.

Middle Row (L-R): Rory Griffin, Finn O'Connor, Thomas Mannix, Oran Kiely, Jamie McCarthy, Andrew Murray, Rowan O'Kelly, Ben Mayer, Gearoid Cashman, Ryan Renders, Michael Manning.

Front Row (L-R): Danny O'Gorman, Conor Mc Namara, Oisín Smith, Louis Murphy, Conor Manson, Joey O'Neill, Zach Seymour, Marcus Lambe, Aaron O'Leary.



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Harry Kingston, Ross McElhinney, Craig Hughes, Ian Morton, Conor Allen, Conor Coleman, Alec Loane, Liam O'Connor, Ben McCarthy, Steven Cotter.

Middle Row (L-R): Tomás Spelman, Oisín O'Connell, Callum Holohan, Mark O'Keefe, Mark Barry, Luka Prod'Homme Murphy, Ciaran Myers, Evan Sheehan, Darragh Prenter, Joey Woodward, Fionn Kelly.

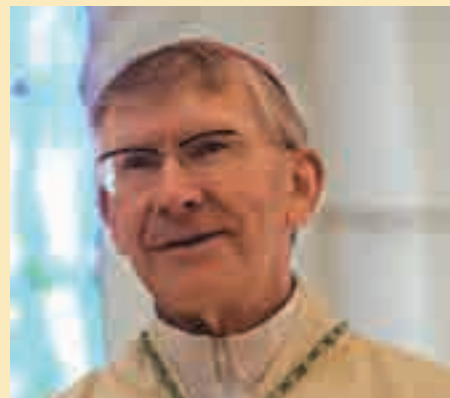
Front Row (L-R): Matthew Keenan, Rowan O'Mullane, Rory O'Connor, Shane O'Herlihy, Peter O'Connor, Robert Linehan, Cillian Monahan, Cillian Murray, Calum Fitzgerald.

RETIREMENT OF BISHOP JOHN BUCKLEY

The College was proud to pay tribute to Bishop John Buckley at the Leaving Certificate Graduation Evening on 25 May on the occasion of his retirement as Bishop of Cork and Ross. All of us present on the evening were reminded that Bishop Buckley joined the Class of 1919 at the start of their journey when he concelebrated mass with Fr Ben Hegarty on the First Year introductory day in August 2013, and continued his association over the six years through regular visits to CBC.

Since his ordination as Auxiliary Bishop on 29 April 1984 and as Bishop on 6 February 1998,

Bishop Buckley worked tirelessly for all in the diocese. His personal approach to his ministry ensured that he was always held in the highest regard. His regular visits to Cork hospitals and schools, participation in liturgies throughout the diocese, his love of Gaelic games and the Irish language, and of course his attendance at meetings of his beloved road bowling always ensured that Bishop Buckley was always one of us, sharing and supporting us in our joys and hardships, and for that we are very grateful. We wish him every blessing in his retirement and look forward to his continued association with CBC in the years to come.



ANNUAL AWARDS & PRIZE-GIVING 2018-2019

1A27

First Place: John Lonergan
Special Merit: Liam Cassidy
Joseph O'Connor

1A28

First Place: Eoghan Dunne
Special Merit: James Harrington
James Young

1A29

First Place: Rory Cogan
Special Merit: Nathan Power
Stephen Kearney

1A30

First Place: Patrick Kiely
Special Merit: Mark Sutton
Ben O'Donoghue

1A31

First Place: Joe Hartnett
Special Merit: Luca Bonnet
Alex O'Brien

2A3

First Place: Karl Riedewald
Special Merit: Michael Finn
Liam O'Shea

2A21

First Place: Jonathan O'Shaughnessy
Special Merit: Daniel Linehan
Max Meagher

2A22

First Place: Rory Brennan
Special Merit: Rohan McCarthy
David O'Brien

2A23

First Place: Andrew O'Sullivan
Special Merit: James Hoare
Eddie O'Flynn

2A24

Joint First Place: Shea Hill
Jack O'Regan
Adam Wrona
Special Merit: Daniel Creedon
Eoin O'Sullivan

JUNIOR CERTIFICATE

First Place: Fearghal Desmond
Special Merit: Pdraig Buckley, David Cahill,
Peter Layton, Sean Dunlea,
Conor Callanan, James Ryan.

FOURTH YEAR

First Place: Alexander Lynch
Special Merit: Denis Sisk, Barra O'Mahony,
Zachary Casey, David Lynch,
Shane O'Leary, Jack Foley,
David O'Connell.

FIFTH YEAR

First Place: Yunjie Wang
Special Merit: Ciarán Kelleher,
Darragh Wallace,
Calum O'Connell, Ben O'Brien,
Edward Ó Mathúna,
Peter Macllwraith.

LEAVING CERTIFICATE

First Place: Michael O'Grady
Leaving Certificate: Seán Creagh,
Peadar Hennessy,
Joseph Hourihane,
Darragh Murphy,
Fergal Riordan, John Sweeney,
James Scally, Robbie Dwyer.



Awards Recipients 2019

with Dr Larrie Martin (*Chairperson Board of Management*), Scott Buckley (*Student of the Year*), Mr David Lordon (*Principal*),
Dr Stephen O'Brien (*Guest of Honour*) and Mr Brian Twomey (*President PPU*).

1ST YEAR SOCCER	Darragh O'Connor
U15 SOCCER	Rory Barron
U17 SOCCER	Jack McGrath, James Daly
SOCCER ACADEMY	Charlie Cremen
CHOIR	Odhrán Williamson, David Cronin, Ben O'Brien
ORCHESTRA	Ciarán O'Driscoll, Ben Terhorst
ATHLETICS	Sean Carmody
U14 RUGBY	Harry Walsh
U15 RUGBY	Adam Wrona
BOB CASEY AWARD	Conor McNamara
BOWEN SHIELD	Thomas McCarthy
SENIOR RUGBY	Billy Cain
PETER WILSON AWARD	Scott Buckley
ART SENIOR	David Brown
ART JUNIOR	Kyle Furney Kelly
U16 BASKETBALL	Sean O'Brien
U19 BASKETBALL	Conor Carroll
JUNIOR HURLING	Eoin Downey
SENIOR HURLING	Shane Barrett
ROWING	Eoin Gaffney
GOLF	Ronan Feerick
ANDREW QUINLAN AWARD	Daniel Rochford, Daniel Andrews, James Scally, Robbie Dwyer, Tony Donlon
GAEILGE	Fearghal Desmond, Ciarán O'Driscoll
PITCH & PUTT	Brian Boylan
TENNIS	Hugh O'Sullivan, George Rasmussen, Andrew O'Mahony, Ethan O'Brien
SWIMMING	Conor Foley
DEBATING	Oliver McKenna
SCIENCE QUIZ TEAM	John Sweeney, Mark McCarthy, Michael O'Grady, Conor MacCarthy
APPLIED MATHS	Daniel Andrews, Peadar Hennessy, Tony Donlon, Ben Terhorst
SCIFEST	Jonathan Walsh
BIOLOGY	Darragh Murphy
CHEMISTRY	John Sweeney
PHYSICS	Colin Manning
SCIENCE	Tommy Connolly, Eoin O'Donnell, Peter Callanan
ECONOMICS	Michael O'Grady
KENNY AWARD FOR LITERACY	Oscar Gray
ALAN CAHILL AWARD	Harry Twomey
MICHAEL SHEEDY AWARD	Eoin Palmer
HUGH O'KELLY AWARD	Ben Terhorst, Niall Hannigan, Odhrán Williamson, Patrick Whyte
SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD	Senan Skalkos
GRETCHEN CROSBIE AWARD	Sam McGreal



Scott Buckley is presented with the **Br Reynolds Student of the Year 2019** by Guest of Honour Dr Stephen O'Brien.



First Year Special Merit
Dr Stephen O'Brien with James Young.



Social Justice Award
Ms Clodagh Nasser with Senan Skalkos.



Fifth Year First Place
Dr Stephen O'Brien with Yunjie Wang.



Kenny Award for Literacy
Oscar Gray with Dr Stephen O'Brien.



Recipients of the Hugh O'Kelly Award
(L-R): Patrick Whyte, Niall Hannigan, Guest of Honour Dr Stephen O'Brien, Ben Terhorst, Odhrán Williamson.

FR WHELAN AWARD

Gavin Kennelly, Peter Macilwraith, Ciarán O'Driscoll, Jack Morehead, Conor Lavin, Darragh Wallace, Harry McHenry, Luke Murphy, Finn Mac Fhlannchadha.

EDMUND RICE AWARD

James Coleman

BREIFNE O'CALLAHAN AWARD

David Cronin



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2018-2019



AN ENRICHED CURRICULUM

This year the staff at CBC Prep have strived to provide an even more enriched curriculum for the students:

Forging Close Connections with UCC

The 2018/19 school year saw some new connections being made with University College Cork. Our 3rd Class boys enjoyed a fantastic day out in September and had a great tour of the historic university. Led by their teacher, Mr Steven Lynch, and Tour Guide, Rory, the class visited the Quad, Honan Chapel and Crawford Observatory, as well as learning more about the College and its famous history. Thanks to the Visitor's Centre at UCC for accommodating the group.



Students in 3rd and 4th Class took part in a Chinese Studies module facilitated by UCC's Confucius Institute where they learned about the Chinese language and culture. Each week's lesson had a theme such as food, animals, Christmas and New Year. The boys also took part in a Chinese Martial Arts session.



A team of scientists from UCC's School of Biochemistry and Cell Biology visited the school during Science Week and delivered a fantastic workshop to our 3rd and 4th Class students. The boys participated in the Fantastic DNA school visit as part of the Cell EXPLORERS Roadshow, which runs nationally to promote science discovery and hands on learning. Students learned about cells and DNA, completed experiments, and model building exercises with a team of scientists. They really enjoyed the hands-on workshop which was a fantastic addition to the school's Science Week programme.

In January the boys in Junior Infants to Second Class were visited by past pupil of the Prep School, David Synnott, and his classmates at the UCC Surgeon Noonan Society for a Teddy Bear's Hospital. The boys all enjoyed learning more about health and wellness as well as getting their teddy's thoroughly checked out by the doctors!

We look forward to continuing this connection with UCC going forward.

Languages

This year saw the introduction of weekly French, German and Classical Studies in 5th and 6th Class. These lessons are aimed at giving the boys a solid foundation before they begin the next chapter in their educational journey in the secondary school. The lessons have been a great success and will be of great benefit to the boys as they join 1st Year next year. 3rd and 4th Class boys have been taking Chinese Studies and have also greatly benefitted from these lessons.

Irish continues to be promoted throughout the school and all students enjoyed the celebrations for Seachtain na Gaeilge which included a Tráth na gCeist as well as daily performances as Gaeilge from classes at morning assembly.

Science

This year a new initiative began, whereby boys from 5th and 6th Class attended Science lessons in the Secondary School Labs with Mr. David O'Connell. This allowed them to get hands on experience and they really enjoyed these sessions. Dissections, experiments, chemical reactions are all regular features of these lessons and provide great excitement for the classes involved!



In January, the boys and their teachers attended the BT Young Scientist Exhibition. They enjoyed an educational day out during which they met some very talented students who were exhibiting fantastic Science projects at the competition. They also found lots of inspiration for their own projects which were presented at the inaugural CBC Prep Science Fair in May.

CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF 2019-2020



Back Row (L-R): Mr. Ger Buckley (2nd), Mrs. Jane Scannell (1st), Mrs. Dearbhla Bradley (Learning Support), Mr. Steven Lynch (3rd), Ms. Elizabeth O'Donovan (4th), inset, Mrs. Caroline FitzPatrick (Senior Infants).

Front Row (L-R): Ms. Hannah Cummins (5th), Ms. Simone Bruton (Senior Infants, Substitute Maternity), Dr. Larry Jordan (Principal), Ms. Sharon McAdoo (Deputy Principal, 6th Class), Mrs. Denise Lowry (Junior Infants).

CORK PENNY DINNERS

We are incredibly proud of four of our 4th Class students who recently raised €1,000 for Cork Penny Dinners. Donál McDonnell, Theo Nolan, Jack Norton and Max Power had a joint 10th birthday party in November and instead of presents, they asked their classmates to donate to Cork Penny Dinners, a homeless charity.



Senior Infants working on their Maths skills in class.

RELIGION

Mass is celebrated in the Preparatory School every month by Fr. Tomás Walsh SMA, with a specific class planning and leading the liturgy under the guidance of their class teacher. This is always a wonderful occasion to come together in our faith each month. The students of 2nd Class and 6th Class received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation respectively – wonderful occasions for the boys and their families.

The boys in 6th Class celebrated the end of their time in the Preparatory School with a Graduation Mass, attended by the whole school as well as members of the boys' families.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

This year's Parents' Council coordinated a highly enjoyable International Day in the Prep School in November, highlighting the many cultures that make up our student body. The day was a great success and hugely enjoyed by the students and staff.



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL PARENTS' COUNCIL 2019-2020



Back Row (L-R): Mrs. Edel Sheridan (5th Class), Mr. Sergio Las Heras (Junior Infants), Mrs. Amanda Banim, (Secretary, 2nd Class), Ms. He Sun (Senior Infants).

Front Row (L-R): Mrs. Bláithín McDonnell (4th Class), Mrs. Hilary O'Shea, (Chairperson, 3rd Class), Mrs. Johanna Radley (Parents Representative, Board of Management), Mrs. Joelle Coadé (1st Class), Mrs. Jane Beare (6th Class).

JUNIOR INFANT CLASS 2019-2020



Back Row (L-R): Ethan Clarke, Eoin Martin, Jack Linehan Egan, Henry Sheehan, Denis McCarthy, Sam O'Connell.

Middle Row (L-R): Kayann O'Malley, Jamie Thenissen, Tristan Las Heras, Cillian Fouhy, Yiwen Xu, Luke O'Connell, Adam Hennessy.

Front Row (L-R): Max Clarke, Hugo Las Heras, Jianing Zhiang, Ruadhán Banim, Luke Nyhan, Nicholas Kotovenko-Monaher.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2019



Back Row (L-R): Dylan Perry, James Burke, Rory O'Brien, Matthew Keane, Harry Howell.

Middle Row (L-R): Ronan Sisk, Rasmus Sun Jakobsen, Finn Murphy, Florence Gray, Cillian Quirke, Jack O'Shea.

Front Row (L-R): Paul McCarthy, Ben Dolan, Luke O'Connell, Federico Mottareale, Sam O'Donoghue.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2019



Back Row (L-R): Sulaiman Sharif, Conor Allen, Charlie McSweeney, James Cuttriss, Ross McElhinney, Luke Philpott, Michael Manning, Robert O'Sullivan.

Middle Row (L-R): Joseph O'Neill, Hamilton Gray, Ryan O'Brien, Alec Loane O'Mahony, Jamie McCarthy, Tadgh Quill, Tom Bardsley, Matthew Daly, Evan Collins, Danny O'Gorman.

Front Row (L-R): Niall O'Connell, Charlie P. O'Shea, Louis Murphy, Charlie J. O'Shea, Cillian Monahan, Alan Kelly, Robert Linehan, Noah Martinoli.

Absent from Photo: Oscar Kelleher.

VISIT FROM CBS, SEXTON STREET, LIMERICK

Staff and students at CBC Prep were delighted to make a new connection with another ERST School when they welcomed the boys from 6th Class in CBS Sexton Street, Limerick along with their teachers, Principal and Deputy Principal to our school in December. Following some refreshments after their bus journey to Cork, the boys and their teachers were welcomed to CBC by Principal Dr. Larry Jordan and the boys from 5th and 6th Class in the Prep School. They then headed to the school gym and Astro-Turf for a GAA training session with coaches from a local club, Brian Dillon's, before Mr. David O'Connell presented a very enjoyable and interactive Science Show. The day ended with Christmas lunch for all in the school canteen where the boys had time to chat and get to know one another a bit more. It was a fantastic occasion for CBC Preparatory School and we look forward to strengthening our relationship with CBS Sexton Street in years to come.



SPORT IN CBC PREP SCHOOL

SUPPORTING THE SENIOR TEAMS



The Prep School took advantage of a recent trip to Limerick to support the Senior Rugby Team by playing their own match against Scoil Ide earlier in the day.

Students at the Prep School are encouraged to support the Secondary School teams in all of their sporting endeavours. The Jersey Presentation for the Junior and Senior Cup Rugby Teams is a much anticipated event every year and a fantastic opportunity for all boys in the school from Junior Infants to Leaving Cert to come together and celebrate the proud sporting tradition at CBC. Travelling to the games to lend support to the teams is an important part of fostering school spirit.

The Prep School students really enjoyed the celebrations when the team brought the Senior Cup back to CBC this year. They lined the avenue to cheer the team as they walked up to a whole school

assembly. The fact that many of the players on the team are familiar faces, having coached Prep School rugby in Lansdowne on Fridays, makes such occasions all the more enjoyable for the younger

boys. The players are fantastic role models for our students. The team then visited the Prep School and gave the whole school homework off, much to the delight of the boys!

4 IN A ROW FOR CBC



In G.A.A., the Preparatory School had another great victory in November's Sciath na Scol Football Final, with a 3-03 to 1-01 victory over Gael Scoil Uí Choráin. The whole school got behind the team on the day and there was a great atmosphere in Pairc Uí Rinn as the cup was presented to team captain, Conor Quirke. This win marked four in a row for CBC – a great achievement for all involved.

AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS NATIONAL RUGBY TEAM VISIT TO CBC

CBC was delighted to welcome the Australian Schools National Rugby Team. The boys in 5th and 6th class were lucky enough to attend a training session with the team where they got to ask some questions, practice some passing and even attend a team meeting!



LORD MAYOR VISITS THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

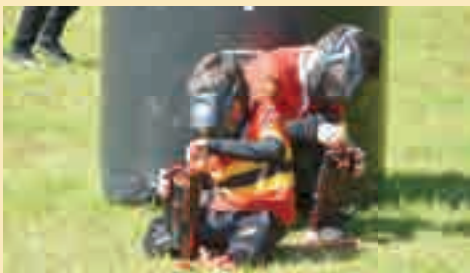


Representatives from Junior Infants to Sixth Class welcomed Lord Mayor, Cllr. John Sheehan and Lady Mayoress, Aedamar Sheehan to CBC.

Also pictured are Mr. David Lordon, College Principal and Ms. Sharon McAdoo, Prep School Deputy Principal.

SCHOOL TOUR 2019

The sun was shining for a fantastic day out at Fota Adventure Centre for this year's school tour. The boys and teachers had a great day and returned home tired but happy after all the activities!



BATH TOUR 2019

I woke up on the 11th of April at 4am (I felt like I had had a full night's sleep). I was so excited, I had been waiting for the Bath tour since the start of April. We arrived at Rosslare and had to wait on the bus for about two hours, but it was still fun when we boarded the ferry. We had loads of places to go and lots of room on the ship, people were spread out all along the boat in the different areas. We docked at Fishguard and then we took our bus to Bath. It was about a two hour journey to Bath but it was amazing to see all the cool places. When we got to Bath we got to see our rooms in the hostel. Everybody was hungry so we set off to find food at the nearest McDonalds! Then we went on a walking tour of the city.

Next morning we all awoke, looking forward to our first rugby training session. Mr Lynch organised everything from our gear to the itinerary for the day. We trained next door to a stadium, then went shopping for a few hours around Bath, and then back for our first match against Kidwelly. CBC played expertly and easily beat our opponents. After much celebration, we finally settled down for the night. The hostel was very comfortable, and there were 2-4 boys in a room.

Saturday came, and another early start as we had a lot to do. We had another game which we won, followed by a bus to Bristol, where we watched Bristol against Saracens at a huge stadium. Bristol won!! Afterwards we returned to Bath, where we went to see "Shazam" at the cinema, it was such fun.

On Sunday, our last day, we said goodbye to Bath after breakfast and got on our bus to Thorpe Park where we splashed, ran, rollercoasted and generally exhausted ourselves laughing. We then continued straight to Fishguard to find out that the Ferry was delayed for 12 hours!!! We didn't care as we were having so much fun and didn't want to come home. We finally limped into Cork at 6-p.m that Monday evening, after singing at the top of our voices.

It was the best trip I have ever been on, and I will never forget it. Mr Lynch and Ms McAadoo, along with their helpers Philip, Eoin, Owen, and Mathew from CBC 4th year, were so good to us all, and minded us and kept us safe. I am very grateful for the opportunity to have represented CBC Prep school with my class. Thank you very much.

Tadhg Quill 6th Class



6TH CLASS GRADUATION 2019



Our 6th Class boys had their Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday 29th May on what is always a very special occasion for the students, their families and the staff of the Prep School. The ceremony opened with Mass, celebrated by Fr. Tomás Walsh SMA, and was followed by a performance by the 6th class boys. The boys were then presented with certificates by Dr. Larry Jordan with ceremony ending with the highlight of every year, a slideshow of pictures of their time at CBC, prepared by Mr. Steven Lynch. Wishing all the boys the very best as they continue on to the secondary school.

SPORTS ROUND-UP 2018-2019

ROWING

2018-2019 was another successful year for C.B.C. rowing. At the beginning of the rowing season 21 rowers from First Year took part in the 'Get Going, Get Rowing' schools indoor rowing event in The University of Limerick in February. The main event on the rowing calendar was the schools regatta that was due to take place Saturday 13th April in Lough Rynn Co. Leitrim. Rowers were led on the day by school rowing Captain Eoin Gaffney. Eoin has already represented Ireland at the Junior World Championships in the Czech Republic.

C.B.C and Cork Boat Club maintain an excellent ongoing relationship whereby C.B.C. students are encouraged to join and train with Cork Boat Club. The C.B.C. eight (Certa Bonum Certamen), the Filippi 42 is a competition class rowing shell acquired by C.B.C. in 2015 and is racked in Cork Boat Club in Blackrock. Cork Boat Club rack the Certa Bonum Certamen and provides for the schools needs in the run up and during the always very busy day of the annual Schools Regatta.



SWIMMING 2019

This year was a very busy one for CBC Swimmers. CBC was represented by a big team at the Munster Senior Schools Gala held in UL. It was very successful on the day with both the Junior and Senior Relay teams winning two silver medals each in the 4 x 100 free medals events. Conor Foley was later selected to represent Munster at the Interpro Gala at the National Aquatic Centre in March and the Scottish Open in June.

Our swimmers train with the two big Cork Swimming Clubs, Dolphin SC and Sunday's Well SC and they enjoyed a number of other notable achievements during the year. In April, James Ryan, Aaron McMahon, Evan McCarthy, Richard McSweeney, Conor Foley and Charlie Cassidy qualified to swim in the Irish Open, an Olympic qualifier. Earlier in the



year CBC swimmers enjoyed tremendous success at the Division 1 Gala bringing home a gold and two bronze medals.

UCC HONOURS HARRY TWOMEY

Congratulations to Harry Twomey, 4th Year, who has been selected to join the UCC Emerging Talent Program.

This is a huge honour for Harry to have his sporting potential as a top class sailor recognised by UCC. Harry was selected following an interview and review process of his sailing results over the summer months. He was placed 9th in the World in the 29er class at the World Championships in the Czech Republic in July.



SOCCER 2019

U17 starting 11 vs North Monastery, 20 March 2019.



SPORTS DAY 2019

Thursday 9 May 2019, Mardyke.



THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

As part of the Zambia Immersion Project fundraising efforts this year, a very special event was held in the college in February. 'The Road to Success' brought inter-county hurling managers John Kiely, Derek McGrath and John Meyler together for a night where they shared lively and

entertaining stories on the highs and lows of hurling life. The panel examined the importance of grassroots and schools hurling in laying the foundations for success. €5,000 was raised from the night which was donated to the college's Zambia Immersion Project.



GAELIC FOOTBALL

CBC enjoyed another comprehensive victory in the Lord Mayors Cup. The Lord Mayors Cup team comprised of 4th and 5th years and provides an opportunity for students to compete against other schools in a blitz with the top two teams qualifying for the final.



There was obvious quality on show as we beat Presentation College, Midleton CBS and Rosscarbery in the group stage. The players followed this up with a comprehensive victory in the final over Presentation College in Pairc Ui Rinn on a scoreline of 7.16 to 3:10. Well done to all involved.

HARTY CUP HURLING: A YEAR TO REMEMBER

This proved to be the most successful season yet in the history of hurling in CBC. The senior hurlers would compete on three different fronts, play against the best schools in Ireland and win the first ever trophy at senior level in the school's history. Following quarter final win over Nenagh CBS and a semi final win over Thurles CBS, the stage was set for the first Harty Cup Final for CBC in 101 years.



The final v Midleton CBS was played in Pairc Ui Rinn in front of a crowd of over 7,000 people. Despite a difficult start, the sides were level by half time. The second half was a very tight affair. Still leading by a point with 7 minutes remaining, we conceded a crucial second goal. Ultimately it was not to be our day and Midleton finished very strongly, winning out on a scoreline of 2-12 to 0-14.

Despite the disappointment, our season was not over yet. We played Gort CBS in the All Ireland Colleges quarter final. Trailing by 3 points at half time, the CBC team thundered back into the game and dominated the second half to win on a scoreline of 1-13 to 1-7. Before the semi final the team had to play St. Colmans of Fermoy in the O'Callaghan Cup Final on the 4G pitch in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. A challenging first half saw CBC seven points in arrears at half time. Events took a welcome turn in the second half where we turned the game on its head and outscored our opponents 2-10 to 0-1 in the final quarter to win our first ever trophy in senior hurling on a scoreline of 2-22 to 2-16.



The final chapter of our season saw us play the famed St.Kierans College, Kilkenny. In our first ever All Ireland semi final we were pitted against the school that had won the competition on 22 previous occasions. This was another titanic battle from start to finish. Alas, it was not to be,

losing out by just 2 points. We could be not have been prouder of our boys. Their exploits on the hurling fields will live forever in our memories and they will always hold a special place in the history of hurling in CBC.



RUGBY ROUND-UP 2018-2019

It has been a very successful season winning 8 competitions in total including the Senior Cup, the Barry Cup, Bowen Shield, Kidney Cup, McCarthy B Cup and McCarthy Cup A and B development leagues. Little wonder then that CBC was named the Munster Rugby School of the Year for 2019.



There are no secrets to success. It is the result of hard work, preparation and learning from failure which has enabled CBC reap the rewards this season across all age grades, instilling in the boys discipline, work ethic, the value of being prepared, doing extra, being on time, showing respect, never giving up, all lifelong values that hopefully the boys will carry with them and remember for the rest of their careers, both on and off the pitch. First Year Rugby is where the boys meet their new team mates for the next few years. As the weeks progress you can see a bond begin to appear across the group. Travelling up and down the country playing for their school is a unique experience. This year we fielded up to five teams some weekends. The boys' skills and knowledge of the game has greatly improved, and they are now ready to take the next step in their rugby development in CBC.

The McCarthy Cup group had a very tough start to both the A and B campaigns. The A squad missed out narrowly on a semi-final place, while the B squad reached the final and defeated PBC in Irish Independent Park.

After Christmas, focus turned on preparing this group for next year which is their Junior Cup year. The group were introduced to gym work and a big emphasis was also put on each players skill set. The group set about both the A and B development leagues in a determined manner reaching the finals of both competitions, with the A squad beating Rockwell and the B squad beating St Munchins.

The way they approached both finals was very impressive, playing a very expansive game on the 4G pitch in Irish independent Park and clocking up some breath-taking scores.



There was a huge concentration of position specific and individual skills put into the Junior squad from a very early stage in the year. Every player was given a Gym and Nutrition programme. The group travelled the length and breadth of the country beating some of the best teams at this age group by playing a very expansive game.



The Juniors were drawn away to St Munchins and on a very wet day were beaten in a thriller of a game, played in horrendous conditions. To the players' credit they showed a huge amount of skill on such a wet day, but just came up short. These players will be in a very good position at the business end of the season over the coming years.



Being narrowly defeated in the Junior Cup the season before, the Bowen Shield squad had a determined approach to the season and the feeling from within was that they could build on all the good work that was done the previous year and put right the defeat to St Munchins in the cup final 12 months earlier.

The squad set about the group stages going unbeaten and setting up a home semi-final against Bandon Grammar, pulling away from the opposition in the final quarter.

The reward was a final against St Munchins in Thomond Park and you could tell it was a fixture the boys were looking forward to. The game itself was an excellent game of Rugby with two contrasting styles. The last 10 minutes were a titanic struggle but CBC held out, winning on a score line of 13 points to 12.



HISTORY MADE AS SENIORS WIN 30TH TITLE

An historic year for CBC saw the school win the Munster Senior Cup for a record 30th time.

What a year it turned out to be for the Seniors, winning both the Barry and Senior Cups. The year started with approximately 55 boys who trained constantly over the summer months in the gym. The friendly season saw us field two sides most weekends in Dublin, Belfast and Limerick. At mid-term 50 players toured Bath in England and won all their games, really putting the foundations in place for the remaining season. The Barry Cup team led by Captains Alex O'Brien and Sean Kelly started the Cup Campaign



against local rivals PBC in Irish Independent Park in early January. A convincing display winning by 23 points to 5 gave the squad huge confidence for the Senior Cup campaign later that month. At Senior level captain Scott Buckley and vice captains Harry

O'Riordan and Cian Hurley showed great leadership both on and off the field. Crescent was always a difficult task but having won the team knew that they had a chance to lift Senior Cup No 30! A polished performance in the game against Ard Scoil Set us

up for Patrick's Day against PBC. As well as being the first time the sides met in a final since 2007, the occasion was made all the more significant by the fact that both sides were tied on 29 titles each leading into this encounter. A close contest in front of almost 7000 spectators witnessed Scott Buckley hold high the Senior Cup for the thirtieth time. Final score on the day, CBC 5 PBC 3. A marvellous squad who dedicated their time to display their values of sportsmanship will never be forgotten.

The culmination of work from all the achievements on the Rugby pitch this year resulted in the awarding to CBC of the 2019 Munster Rugby School of the year title. Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this honour to the college once again.



MUNSTER SCHOOLS 2018-2019

Back Row (L-R): Mark O'Connor, Ronán O'Sullivan, Corey Hanlon, Mark Donnelly.
Front Row (L-R): Harry O'Riordan, Aaron Leahy, Cian Whooley.



IRISH INDEPENDENT TOP 15 2018-2019

(L-R): Aaron Leahy, Killian Coghlan, John Willis, Harry O'Riordan.



MUNSTER U16 RUGBY 2018-2019

Back Row (L-R): Victor Ugwah, Eoghan Sheehan, Evan O'Riordan.
Front Row (L-R): Conor McNamara, Kevin Roche, Finn Whooley.

Absent from Photo: Darragh Burke.



IRELAND U19 RUGBY 2018-2019

(L-R): Scott Buckley.

MUNSTER SCHOOLS 2018-2019

(L-R): Scott Buckley, Cian Hurley.