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It Could be You!

It appears that in mid-August every year, a CBC boy is destined to become an overnight celebrity. In 2009, it was Rory Crotty. The front page headline on the *Evening Echo* dubbed, Rory, the country's top student as: 'The Brainiest Boy in Ireland'.

Last year, the *Irish Examiner* featured a photograph of seven CBC students who had been awarded top marks in their Leaving Cert. The front page banner headline immortalised them as 'The Magnificent Seven'.

This year, it was Conor Durkan's turn. With nine A1 grades, the journalists were queuing up to talk to him on results day. He was interviewed on Morning Ireland, he made the front page of the *Evening Echo*, *Irish Examiner*, *Irish Independent* and *Irish Times*. He also featured on the main TV newscasts of the day. Even the tabloids took an interest. According to *The Sun*: 'Young brainiac Conor Durkan would fancy a job at the Cern physics ...'

Many more of the Class of 2012 achieved remarkable results. Six pupils attained 6A1 grades each. Oddly, three of them were awarded 625 points and the other three between 600 and 625 points. The discrepancy was due to the 25 bonus points now awarded in Maths.

Seven pupils were awarded university entrance scholarships: Conor Durkan, Alan Courtney, Conor O'Brien, and Cian O'Mahony to UCC; Kevin Coughlan, Richard Roberts and Rónán O'Connor to Trinity College.

With one third of CBC pupils attaining 500 points or more and a whopping 64% on 400 points or more, everyone had something to boast about. The number achieving higher grade A results was particularly gratifying to the teachers. Maths had more than three times the national average; while the number of A grades in Irish, French and German was more than twice than national average.

The current Sixth Years have a hard act to follow. Who are the front page men of the Class of 2013?



CONOR DURKAN AND CLASSMATES ON RESULTS DAY 2012

CONOR DURKAN IS RAISED SHOULDER HIGH BY HIS CLASSMATES OF 2012 IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT OF NINE A1 GRADES IN HIS LEAVING CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, UNSURPASSED IN IRELAND IN 2012

Junior Cert Business Awards

A Junior Certificate Business Studies Parchment Ceremony is organised by UCC annually to honour pupils who achieved an A Grade in their Junior Certificate Business Studies examination.

Pupils from the feeder schools to UCC from Cork City and County are invited, together with their parents and teachers. The aim of the event is to encourage pupils to continue their study of business to third level.

This year, sixteen CBC Junior Cert pupils received the call to UCC. It was one of the biggest contingents from any school in the city and county. congratulations to the boys and their business teachers.

Retirement



MR VINCENT MURPHY RETIRED FROM HIS POSITION AS TEACHER IN AUGUST OF THIS YEAR, AFTER A REMARKABLY LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE COLLEGE: HE SPENT HIS PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YEARS, AND HIS ENTIRE TEACHING CAREER IN CBC; MOST RECENTLY AS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND YEAR HEAD.

PAST PUPILS WILL REMEMBER MR MURPHY FOR HIS MAIN TEACHING SUBJECTS OF ENGLISH AND LATIN, BUT PERHAPS EVEN MORE SO FOR HIS PIONEERING OF SCHOOL TOURS. THE EARLY YEARS INVOLVED DESTINATIONS LIKE STRATFORD AND LONDON, BUT IN LATER YEARS MORE AMBITIOUS TRIPS WERE ORGANISED TO PLACES LIKE NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO.

IN THE COURSE OF HIS LONG CAREER, MR MURPHY INVOLVED HIMSELF IN OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. HE COACHED RUGBY TEAMS, STAGED MUSICALS, ENCOURAGED CREATIVE WRITING AND PENMANSHIP.

ALL AT CBC WISH MR MURPHY A LONG AND HAPPY RETIREMENT.

New Staff Secondary School 2012



Back Row (L-R): Mr Paul McCarthy (Latin), Mr Elliot Rainy (Art), Mr Ian Burke (SNA), Mr Barry O'Shea (B. Ed Sports Studies Student), Mr Niall Cooper (French), Mr Kevin Kelleher (PGDE student), Mr Davoren Leung (PGDE student), Mr David Lorigan (Resource);

Front Row (L-R): Dr Niall Keogh (PGDE student), Miss Sheena Mulcahy (German), Mr Conor Quaid (Resource), Miss Aileen Hennessy (Irish), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Miss Jena Graetschel (German), Mr Kieran Burke (PGDE student)

Junior Certificate A Team 2012



Back Row (L-R): Jack Cronin, Robert Hughes, Rory McCarthy, Kevin Twomey, Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann; **Front Row (L-R):** David Synnott, Lorenzo Niemitz, Morgan Walsh, Neil O'Brien.

Parents Council 2012-2013



Back Row (L-R): Ms Finola O'Connell (PRO), Mr Peter Doyle (Vice-Chairperson), Mrs Grainne McSweeney, Mrs Clare O'Connor, Mr Pat Bradley, Ms Marnie Lane; **Front Row (L-R):** Ms Debbie Brennan (PRO), Ms Anne McCarthy (Treasurer), Mr David Lordon (School Liaison), Mrs Gillian O'Kelly (Chairperson), Ms Mary Coleman, Mrs Geraldine McMahon (Secretary); Absent: Mrs Angela Ahern, Mrs Margaret Ryan-O'Connell, Mr Peter Hayles.

School Activities 2011-2012

CBC Debating Society

More than any previous year, the success of CBC debaters in competitions should be acknowledged, as it has surpassed any earlier achievements. This year, Evin Doyle and Cian Luddy were chosen as part of the Irish delegation for the European Youth Parliament. Rónán O'Connor took a place on the Irish team in the World Schools Debating Championship for the second year running; this time as captain. The Irish team were quarter finalists in the competition which took place in Durban, South Africa.

Jack Corbett and Zack Frenett won the UCC Philosoph Munster Schools title, and were All-Ireland Schools runners-up, and Trinity College Phil Speaks runners-up. Jack also went on to win the individual title in the Trinity College Historical Society Mace.

Robert O'Driscoll, Kevin Creedon, Brad Morgan, Brian O'Connor and Jack Corbett won Best Delegation at the UCC National Model UN Convention. Zack Frenett was also runner up in the Daisy Corrigan Memorial Debate final. Cian Horgan was chosen as the winning individual in the Regina Mundi 50th Anniversary Debating Competition. Conal O'Gadhra, Jack Cronin, Cian Horgan and Morgan Walsh won the Cork Schools Junior Mace Competition. The boys

were also All-Ireland Junior Mace finalists. In addition, Morgan Walsh won Best Individual in the Cork City Schools Debating competition.

Finally, three Sixth Year debaters, Enda Kerr, Josh O'Mahony and Conor O'Brien travelled to Brown University in Rhode Island to take part in the College's United Nations convention, one of only two delegations from outside of the United States to do so. Their achievements are a source of great pride.



JACK CORBETT:
TRINITY COLLEGE
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MACE
WINNER.

This year's Gold Medal Debate was held on 11 May last, and was won by Josh O'Mahony. The guest speaker was Minister for Agriculture, food and the Marine, Mr Simon Coveney TD.

The choir and orchestra were involved in two very sad events this year. On 9 December 2011, they participated in a special Mass for recently deceased past pupil Caolán Mulrooney. The Mass, in St Patrick's Church, was attended by the whole school and was particularly moving.

In April 2012, the choir and orchestra were asked to take part in a memorial service in Crosshaven Church for past pupil Alan Cahill, who had died in a boating accident in the United States. Many past pupils who had been members of the choir, took up their old places for the occasion.



School Magazine Editing Team 2011-12

Back Row (L-R): Douglas Lordon (Entertainment Editor), Fintan Óg Guilfoyle (Features Editor), Edward Roche (Sports Editor), Evin Doyle (Editor-at-Large), Padraic Noonan (News Editor), Keegan O'Mahoney (Copy Editor); **Front Row (L-R):** Philip Hayden (Managing Editor), Ronan Burke (Deputy Entertainment Editor), Edmund Heaphy (Editor-in-Chief), Ross Cudmore (Deputy News Editor), Conal O'Gadhra (Deputy Copy Editor); **Absent:** Gleb Dzhus (Chief Staff Writer), Alex Mulcahy (Deputy Sports Editor).

A remarkable endorsement of the professional standard of CBC's school magazine, is the fact that it was nominated alongside university publications from such places as Trinity College and UCD, at the 2012 National Student Media Awards, which were held in Dublin in April. It was the only secondary school publication to be nominated in any category.

The accolade was well deserved by Editor-in-Chief Edmund Heaphy and his hard working Editing Team.

Three issues of *CBC Magazine* are published annually. For each issue, over 120 pupils are polled

on some topical issue. These polls are the most accurate and comprehensive collections of opinions of those who walk the halls of Christian College. The topics range from what's in the news, to the traditional controversial questions that raise their heads every once in a while.

In the March issue, there was an in-depth analysis of CBC's Senior Cup campaign and a feature length article on the top rugby players in the school. It also featured analysis of Ireland's emigration crisis.

Edmund Heaphy has created a product that requires much creativity and hard work to survive.

Quizzes

Quizzes and competitions of all sorts involving both general knowledge and knowledge of the school curriculum are very popular with CBC pupils.

Maths, Applied Maths, Chemistry, Science, Geography, Business: these are only some of the areas in which CBC quiz teams have participated in the year 2011-12.

Pictured on the right are James Keaveney-Jimenez and James Heffernan who were both award-

ed prizes in the Sci-Fest Project competition. James Heffernan looked into the impact of ionic solutions on the behaviour of bees. James Keaveney-Jimenez's project was on Baroque music.



Charitable Activities



CBC Rugby Super Sevens teams pictured in Lansdowne before a sponsored event in aid of the Jack & Jill Foundation.

This is the first full academic year since the new Charitable Activities Committee was formed. During this year, a number of fundraising events took place for different charities.

Three non-uniform days were organised by the committee. The

CSPE classes organised fundraising events as part of the Action Project for Junior Cert. The First Years held a bake sale. Fourth Years ran a 24-hour soccer marathon. A tuck shop was organised during sports day.

As part of CBC's annual Christmas appeal, a tree of inten-

tions was erected outside the school and a Christmas concert was held.

The following charities were among those which benefitted from the fundraising efforts of the pupils: Share, St Vincent de Paul, Marymount Hospice, the Jack and Jill Foundation, Our

Lady's Hospital for Sick Children, Chernobyl Children International, and the Irish Cancer Society.

Great credit is due to the CBC community for their work in this area in the course of 2011-12. It is keeping the spirit of Edmund Rice alive within the College.

School Tours 1911-2012

The most popular school tour again this year was the annual February Transition Year ski trip. Numbers were well up to the normal fifty to sixty pupils, when the group set off for Axamer Lizum in Austria. However, the most adventurous tour was this year's world beating climb of Kilimanjaro, which involved 12 Transition Year boys.

The twelve CBC boys were part of a group of 117 boys and girls who set out with group leader Mr Ian McKeever to attempt to become the biggest group ever to stand at the top of Africa's tallest mountain, Kilimanjaro. They not only succeeded in this objective, but in the

process raised €12,000 in aid of the Chernobyl Children's Project and Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children: the two charities which benefitted from CBC's fundraising efforts. After the event, the boys were unanimous in their belief that the climb was the hardest thing they had ever done.



Africa-bound Transition Year pupils meet Taoiseach Mr Enda Kenny TD and Mr Dara Murphy TD (CBC Past Pupil) outside the Dáil.

Thirty First and Second Year pupils were taken on a tour of Italy during the Easter break. They visited many of the country's top attractions.

They flew to Naples and visited both the ancient city of Pompeii and Mount Vesuvius, the volcano that buried it in lava in 79AD.

Then they headed north to Rome and took a tour of the Roman forum and the Coliseum. They also met with CBC past pupil, Fr Terence Crotty, who showed them round the Basilica of San Clemente, the church to which he is attached.

The group had a very enriching experience, engaging with Italian culture on several levels.

A group of thirty-two Transition Year pupils, accompanied by three teachers, visited Washington in April for a six day tour. In that time, they managed to take in the most of the great monuments for which the city is famous, and also to enjoy some sporting events, such as professional basketball and baseball.



Transition Year Tour group pictured in front of the White House.

Student Council 2012-13

Back Row (L-R): Nesson Guilfoyle (4th Year), Eddie Beechinor (6th Year), Max Anthon (6th Year), Sam Butler (6th Year), David Dempsey (5th Year), Eoin Feeney (6th Year), Cory Cashman (5th Year), Robert Twomey (3ALab), Luke Brosnan (3A14), Chris Walley (5th Year), Kevin Creedon (5th Year), Oisín McSweeney (5th Year); **Middle Row (L-R):** Evan Barrett (4th Year), Joe McSweeney (4th Year), Luke Otter (2A34A), Conor Cudden (2A8), Barry O'Brien (3AY), Shane O'Donovan (4th Year), Luke O'Kelly (3ALabIT), Odhran O'Callaghan (4th Year), Zach Frenett (6th Year), Ed Kenny (6A11), Edmund Heaphy (6A11), Tim Hulshoff (4th Year), Paul Martin (6th Year); **Front Row Row (L-R):** Vince Giltinan (2ALab2), Colm O'Gadhra (1A28), Brendan Gallagher (1A29), Matt Hanrahan (2A9), Rory McCarthy (2ALab3), Mr Pol O Seanachain (Liaison Teacher), Patrick Coakley (1A27), Hugh Wolfe (3ALab1), Sam Williamson (1A31), Edward Barrett (1A30); **Absent:** James Treacy (5th Year).



Chess Successes in 2011-12



coaching the First Years.

A First Year team was entered in the 'Checkmate League', and First Year chess teams travelled to other Cork schools to compete with their chess enthusiasts.

Both the CBC A and B teams qualified for the national finals this year, following successful games in the regional rounds. Eight students travelled to Limerick in March for the national Checkmate final with the CBC A Team (pictured above) winning for the third year in a row.

CBC also hosted the All-Ireland Colleges Chess Championship.

Back Row (L-R): Keegan O'Mahoney and Kieran O'Riordan; **Front Row, (L-R):** Tom Cronin and Eoin Doyle.

It was a busy year for the Chess Club with a large number of First Years taking part. The involvement of Kieran O'Riordan, Keegan O'Mahoney and Hugh Doyle was vital in the running of the lunchtime sessions, in organising games and in

Kevin is the Youngest Ever L2P Cyclist

The 520 kilometre London to Paris cycle race (L2P) is the most exciting amateur cycle race in the world. It involves motorcycle outriders, rolling road closures and routes through two of the greatest European capitals. CBC pupil Kevin Coughlan was the youngest cyclist ever to compete in the event.

Kevin trained over one full year, during which he was helped and encouraged by many friends from CBC.

Kevin completed the cycle with his two brothers, Owen and Alan, and his father Oliver. Together they raised almost five thousand euro for the Children's Medical and Research Foundation, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children.

Other participants included



Irish Tour de France winner Stephen Roche, and winner of the Paris-Roubaix, Magnus Beckstedt.

Kevin Coughlan is pictured above with Ross Glavin who, with many other schoolmates, helped him to keep up his arduous training schedule.

Sports Day

This year, Sports Day was held at the CIT campus on Thursday 17 May. An overcast day did little to dampen the spirits of the boys.

Huge numbers queued for the track and field events, while soccer and rugby tournaments were held on the field. Novelty events such as the tug-o-war and the long puck proved very successful.

A new prize this year for the best class in all of First, Second and Third Year was a great success, with 3A34 the winners, 1A28 in second place and 2ALab in third.

The Preparatory School sports started at 9.30am at the same venue so, all in all, it was a huge day out for the whole of CBC.



The annual soccer match between the 6th Years and the Teachers' team (pictured above) provided even more controversy than usual this year. The teachers

recruited a professional soccer player to increase their chances of winning: Sunderland premier-ship player David Meyler (pictured above: back row, seventh

space from left) who is a past pupil of the College. Needless to say, the teachers won, beating the pupils by three goals to two.

Blessed Edmund Rice

and Christian Brothers College

JUNE 1st was the 250th anniversary of the birth of Blessed Edmund Rice. On that day his followers celebrated globally to commemorate his achievements and legacy. A celebration took place at Mount Sion, his final resting place in Waterford, and commemorative events were reported in America, North and West Africa, and most parts of the world in which the Christian Brothers have worked.



ABOVE: A group of First Year pupils Mount Sion, Waterford. Every First Edmund Rice during their first year and the very worthwhile experience

While the Christian Brothers were not the founders of CBC — the school was set up by the Vincentian Order in the 1850s — they took over its management from the Bishop of Cork in 1888, and the College has enjoyed great success ever since.

The College is always mindful to acknowledge its indebtedness to Blessed Edmund Rice, to the Christian Brothers, and to their current manifestation, the Edmund Rice Schools Trust (ERST), which now manages the schools formerly run by the Brothers.

To this end, all First Year classes are taken to the Edmund Rice Heritage Centre in Mount Sion,

Waterford, the site of his first school. There, they are taken on a tour of the facility and introduced to the exemplary life of Brother Rice.

First Year pupils also encounter the ERST Charter as soon as they enrol in CBC. The Charter was launched in 2007. It is a document which captures the key elements of an Edmund Rice School. Like all the schools in the Trust, CBC has signed up to the Charter and the College is dedicated to its implementation.

CBC is encouraged by the Charter to pursue excellence in all areas, including the academic. First Years are expected to buy in to this tradition.



Class 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Kevin Fitzharris (Glounthaune NS), Shayen Nasser (Douglas NS), Conor Shalloe (Ballinlough NS), Cormac McCarthy Hann (CBC), Eamon O'Mahony (Kerrypike NS), Leon Cahill (Midleton CBS), Nicholas Mulcahy (Ballinlough NS), Patrick Coakley (Gaelscoil Uí Riada), Oran McNamara (Summercove NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Jack Dennehy (Crosshaven NS), Adam Patterson (St Joseph's, Mardyke), Thomas Barry (Ballinlough NS), Nathan Manson-Browne (Riverstown NS), Paddy Kelleher (CBC), Brian Hartnett (Douglas NS), Sean Wallace (CBC), Ray Murphy (Ballintemple NS), Matthew Hurley (Ballintemple NS), Mark Madden (Ballintemple NS), Daniel Olden (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Robert Egar (Ballinlough NS), Andrew Nestor (Midleton Gaelscoil), Adam O'Connor (Glounthaune NS), Tomás Lane (Rathpeacon NS), Patrick Dunlea (CBC), William O'Kennedy (Scoil na nÓg), Tommy O'Connell (Midleton Gaelscoil), Peter Kenna (Kerry Pike NS), Peter Humphries (Douglas NS).



Class 1A28

Back Row (L-R): David Roche (CBC), Sean Guilfoyle (Glounthaune NS), James O'Leary (Ballinlough NS), Mark Palmer (Riverstown NS), Eoin Monahan (Glounthaune NS), Eoin Horgan (Glounthaune NS), Olan Dineen (Ballinlough NS), Liam Chandler (Ballincurrig NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Rory Craig (Togher NS), Tom McManus (CBC), Colm O'Gadhra (Ballinlough NS), Patrick O'Callaghan (Togher NS), Jordan Murray Whelan (St Finbarr's NS), Ciarán Adams (Ballinlough NS), Morgan O'Hara (CBC), Jude Russell-McEnaney (Cloghroe NS), Peter Kingston (Upper Glanmire NS); **Front Row (L-R):** Victor Callinan (St Mary's Carrigaline), Adam Jevens (Ballinlough NS), Eoin O'Leary (Scoil Ghobnatan, Mallow), Robert O'Connor (Little Island NS), Ben O'Connor Hayes (Douglas Gaelscoil), Cillian Desmond (Douglas Gaelscoil), Darragh O'Halloran (CBC), Jack O'Riordan (Ballinlough NS); **Absent:** Daniel O'Hara (Upper Glanmire NS), Adam Kilcommons (Ballinlough NS), Finn Burke (Douglas Gaelscoil).



...s and their teachers at the Edmund Rice Heritage Centre in Year boy is taken on a visit to the birth place of Blessed in Christian Brothers College. They boys enjoy the day out of the Heritage Centre. **LEFT:** A portrait of Edmund Rice



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Robert Loftus (CBC), Ben Cronin (Glounthaune NS), Donagh O'Callaghan (Ballinlough NS), Daniel Buckley (Ballinlough NS), Alan Moynihan (Scoil na nÓg), George Dwyer (Glounthaune NS), Eoin Power (Ballinlough NS), Harry Hayles (St Patrick's NS), Ronan Barry (CBC); **Middle Row (L-R):** Ciarán Galligan (Scartleigh NS), Colin O'Sullivan (St Oliver's NS), Ruari Casey (CBC), Kevin Dullea (Scoil Mhuire Lourdes NS), Sam Martin (Ballinlough NS), Mark Keane (Ballinlough NS), Sam Williamson (Beaumont NS), Louis Kahn (Rushbrooke NS), William Jones (Upper Glanmire); **Front Row (L-R):** Caleb Cotter (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Daniel Galvin (Dripsey NS), Robert Hedderman (CBC), Ciarán Flynn (Upper Glanmire NS), Lughaidh Wiseman (Cork Educate Together), Gavin O'Dwyer (Glounthaune NS), Jack Scully (Carrigtohill NS), Matthew Gibson (Riverstown NS), Cian O'Sullivan (Beaumont NS).

CLASS 1A29 Back Row (L-R): Ben Roche (Ballinlough NS), Robert Van Damme (Rushbrooke NS), Tom O'Connor (CBC), David Dillane (CBC), David McElligot (Ballinlough NS), Sean Dolan (Riverstown NS), Billy Cronin (Upper Glanmire NS), Ewan O'Donoghue (CBC), Luke Masters (Ballinlough NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Ronan Geary (CBC), Fergal McCollam (Watergrasshill NS), Tommy O'Regan (Rushbrook NS), Axis Gabriel Alboladora (Ballinlough NS), Cormac O'Flynn (Riverstown NS), James Hackett (Riverstown NS), Donncha Wiley (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Alex Burke (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Daniel O'Connor (Baltydaniel NS), Fran Murray (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Stephen O'Sullivan (Gaelscoil an Ghoirt Álainn), Michael Sheehan (Star of the Sea NS), Cian O'Brien (Ballinlough NS), Diarmuid Nolan (Glounthaune NS), Charlie O'Neill (Glounthaune NS), Brendan Gallagher (Watergrasshill NS), Eamer Coughlan (Upper Glanmire NS), Robert Horgan (CBC), Alan O'Donovan (Ballinlough NS).



Class 1A30 Back Row (L-R): Luke O'Leary (Riverstown NS), Sean Lynch (CBC), Ross Kiernan (Ballinlough NS), Luke Guerin (Ballinlough NS), Robert Downey (CBC), Luke Hogan (Beaumont NS), Harry Fitzgerald (upper Glanmire NS), Quin McCoy (Glounthaune NS), Ryan Aherne (Ballinlough NS); **Middle Row (L-R):** Fiachna Nolan (Ballinlough NS), Thomas Downes (Scoil Ghobnatan, Mallow), Ben Roberts (Shanbally NS), Mark Crowley (Riverstown NS), Eoghan Barrett (Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin), Joe Cremin (Douglas NS), David Good (Glounthaune NS), Denis McBarron (Gaelscoil Carrigaline), Edward Barrett (Ballinlough NS), David Cunneen (CBC); **Front Row (L-R):** Adam Baldwin (Blarney St NS), Mohammed Shlash (Ballyroan NS Rathfarnham), Eoghan O'Connell (Ballinlough NS), David McCarthy (Riverstown NS), Rory Murphy (CBC), Daithí Heffernan (CBC), Peadar Creedon (Ballinlough NS), Ross Murphy (Upper Glanmire NS), Luke Filan (Ballinlough NS); **Absent:** Brian Freeman (Douglas NS).



PPU: The Gathering and CBC 125

Next Year, 2013, is a significant date for CBC: It Marks the 125th anniversary of the Christian Brothers' arrival in St Patrick's place and, coincidentally, it is also a year designated in Ireland as the year of 'the Gathering'.

The Union is anxious to mark both events in a significant way. The annual dinner in January 2013 will kick off the celebrations.

The Committee is in the

Rugby In the Genes



Jamie Murphy scored two tries in the Junior Cup campaign of 2012, to the delight of his Grandad Noel Murphy – former Irish Captain, former President of the IRFU and British & Irish Lion. Noel captained the CBC Junior team to victory in 1953, and scored three tries in that match!

process of collecting as many names and addresses of past pupils as possible, so the maximum number can be apprised of any special events that may be held.

The main event being planned for the Gathering at present is a mid-Summer barbeque which will be held in the College grounds around the third week of July.

If you know of any past pupil living abroad who may be interested, please pass on his contact details to a member of the committee, or send them in to the office from where they will be passed on to the committee.

Unfortunately, due to lack of space, many news items relating to the College have to be omitted again this year. A fuller account of the year 2011-12 is available in:

Christian Brothers College Year Book 2011-2012.



Chairperson of the CBC Board of Management and former President of CBC PPU Mr Michael Walsh, with Mr Tony O'Keeffe and Brother Dermot Ambrose at the Edmund Rice 250 celebration at the National Convention Centre in October.

Honour Conferred on CBC Old Boy

In March 2012, CBC past pupil Monsignor Canon Richard Twomey was granted the freedom of the Borough of Swindon. Monsignor Twomey, who has been a Catholic priest in Swindon for 42 years was conferred with the honorary title of 'Freeman' by Swindon Council ahead of his forthcoming retirement in September.

In his speech of acceptance at a special ceremony in the

Council Offices in Swindon, Monsignor Twomey made reference to his schooldays in CBC: 'I went to school at Christian Brothers College in Cork. Coming near the end of my years in the school, it began to dawn on me that I would like to become a priest...'

The PPU sent its congratulations to Monsignor Twomey on being selected to receive this great civic honour.



Eighty-First Annual Dinner of the CBC Past Pupils Union

Pictured above: PPU President Mr Peter Madden and guests at the annual dinner, which was held at the Metropole Hotel on 28 January.



Passing the Torch

Incoming President of the PPU for 2012-13, Mr Ger Fitzgerald, receives the congratulations of outgoing President, Mr Peter Madden.

The Committee for 2012-13 is as follows:

Vice-Presidents: Mr C. Cotter, Dr L. Jordan, Mr S. Parfrey, Dr B. Wiseman; **Hon. Secretary:** Mr J. O'Donnell; **Hon. Treasurers:** Mr P.A. Cashman, Mr E. Kenny; **Committee:** Mr E. Heaphy, Mr G. Higgins, Mr M. Russell, Mr J. O'Sullivan.

CBC Preparatory School

The annual round of events continues to unfold, much the same as in previous years. Nevertheless, the highlights such as First Communion, Confirmation, Bath Tour, Assessment Test, are experienced with the same excitement and intensity by each new generation of Prep School boys.

The school year 2011-12 was particularly notable for sporting achievements. The Sixth Class tour to Bath was very successful in that the team beat all comers at the Avonvale Bathford Tournament, and brought home the trophy to CBC. Our hurling team was equally successful in providing silverware for the trophy cabinet. The entire Prep



Bath Tour: This year, the Prep School won the Avonvale Bathford Tournament.

School went to Pairc Uí Rinn on 30 May last to see our hurlers overcome a very determined Dungourney team.

Outings to the Everyman pantomime and the Mayfield Activity Centre also provided the pupils with a welcome break from the routine of the normal school day.

Prep School Staff 2012-13



Back Row (L-R): Mr Steven Lynch, Mrs Susan Egan, Mr Tony McCarthy, Mrs Jane Scannell, Mr Dennis Linehan; **Front Row:(L-R):** Mrs Denise Lowry, Mrs Sheila Curley, Miss Fiona Buckley, Miss Sharon McAdoo.

Junior Infants Class 2012-2013



Back Row (L-R): Harry McCarthy, Fionn Scannell, Michael Murray, James Martin, Alexander Coakley; **Front Row:(L-R):** David Bradley, David Radley, Jamie Csapo, Seán Fitzpatrick, Cillian Haugh, Conor Quirke.

Further Information/Contact Us

Further information about the Preparatory School may be located at: www.cbccprep.ie; enquiries may be made by phone: (021 4559209; e-mail: prepschool@cbccork.ie, or by mail: Preparatory School, Sidney Hill, Cork. The Prep School annual newsletter is also available on request.



Nostalgic Sixth Years

It has now become something of a tradition for the Sixth Year pupils who attended the Preparatory School to drop in to Junior and Senior Infants Class on their last day in Secondary School.

The Prep School teachers are pleased to chat with their former students, six years after leaving the Prep School.

ABOVE: The small boys enjoy the visit to their classroom of the Class of 2012 as they prepare to depart CBC.



Mrs Kathleen O'Shea retired in August 2012, having spent her entire teaching career in the Preparatory School. She was a very important member of the Preparatory School teaching team and will be missed by her colleagues, her pupils and their parents. All in CBC extend to Mrs Kathleen O'Shea and her family every good wish for a long, happy and well deserved retirement.



Oh Happy Day!
Hurling Captain Daithi Heffernan raises up the cup.

Annual Awards 2011-2012

—ACADEMIC AWARDS—

FIRST AND SECOND YEAR

CLASS	FIRST PLACE	SPECIAL MERIT
1A27	Alan Manning	David Love Conor Pratt
1A28	Brendan O'Callaghan	Cian O'Shea Matthew Murnane
1A29	Conor Cudden	Brian Leahy Aaron Higgins
1A30	Ronan Hennessy	Paul Harrington Colin Sisk
1A31	Jack Wall	Sam Casey Tim Pierce
2A14	Colm Power	Thomas McGrath Stephen Scanlan
2ALab	Conal O'Gahdra	Daire Feeney Sam Abbott
2AY	William Hennessy	Colm Bermingham Rory Doyle
2ALab1	Conor Kiernan	Neil McKeone Kevin O'Sullivan-Greene
2ALabIT	Conor Leahy	Jack Delaney Patrick Cronin

Junior Cert 2011

First Place: Morgan Walsh
Special Merit: Jack Cronin, Neil O'Brien, David Synnott, Iarlaith McCarthy-Hann

Transition Year

First Place: Max Waterstone
Special Merit: Alan Reidy, Peter Townsend
 David Grufferty, Jason Higgins, David Murphy
 Tim Thermann, Scott McKenzie, Niall Keane, Darragh Muldoon, Mark Kavanagh

Fifth Year

First Place: Gleb Dzhus
Special Merit: Daniel Buckley, James Heffernan
 Iain Wool, John Galvin, John Coleman
 Rory Burke, Luke Baldwin, Raymond Watkins

Leaving Cert 2012

First Place: Conor Durkan, Conor O'Brien
 Cian O'Mahony
Leaving Cert Awards: Philip McIlwraith
 Ronán O'Connor, Brian O'Mahony
 Richard Roberts, Ryan O'Dowling

— EXTRA-CURRICULAR AWARDS —

Golf Chris Cocking
U-14 Rugby James Taylor
U-15 Rugby Eoghan Cahill
Junior Rugby David Lynch
Bowen Shield Liam O'Connor
Senior Rugby David O'Riordan
Peter Wilson Award for Rugby Charlie Slowey

Swimming Eamonn Doyle
First Year Soccer Conor Kelly
U-17 Soccer James O'Flynn
Soccer Academy Award Kynan Rocks
Pitch and Putt: John Boylan, Darragh Lonergan,
 Cian O'Regan

Debating Ronán O'Connor Gaeilge
 Brian O'Mahony, Fintan Sheehan

Orchestra William Lehane
Drama Luke Garvan, David O'Sullivan
 John Wallace

Biology Cian O'Mahony
Chemistry John McCarthy

Physics Josh O'Mahony
Hurling Conor Martin

Art Andrew Neville, Paul Burke
 Luke O'Brien

Athletics David Fox, Jack Murphy
Basketball Dylan Lenihan Alan Cahill

Alan Cahill Sailing Award Sam Kennedy, Thomas Treacy
 Patrick Crosbie

Sailing Award Jack Casey, David Collins

Rowing Louis Connolly
Agricultural Science Hugh Woulfe Kevin O'Sullivan

Tennis Jack Corbett
Creative Writing Conor Cudden Senior Maths

First Year Maths Kevin Synnott
 James Heffernan

Young Scientist James Keaveny-Jimenez
 Brian Burke

History Edmund Heaphy
Media Hugh Doyle, Keegan O'Mahony

Chess Kieran O'Riordan, Eoin Doyle
Enterprise Award Jack Leonard

Hugh O'Kelly Award Ryan O'Dowling

Andrew Quinlan Award: David Synnott
 Morgan Walsh, Kevin Daly, Daniel Burker

Gretchen Crosbie Award Tim Lehane

Fr Mike Whelan Award for Faith Development Sam Goulding-Bradley

Br Edmund Rice Award for Charitable Activities Karl Hurley, Kevin Sheehan
 Ruben O'Callaghan, Liam Coates, Conor Horgan
 Aaron Singleton, Declan McCarthy David
 Madden, James Bryant, Corey Cashman
 Jack Stoot, Max Waterstone

Br Reynolds Student of the Year 2011-12 Ronán O'Connor



The recipient of the Brother Reynolds Student of the Year Award for 2012 was Ronán O'Connor, pictured above with Mum, Dad and Mr Declan Daly (left) guest speaker at the Awards Evening.

Ronan is a champion debater, twice winning the CBC Gold Medal. He captained Ireland in the World Schools Debating Competition. He still found time to coach and encourage younger members of the College Debating Society. When he was in Transition Year, Ronán spent many hours as a Maths tutor to younger pupils having difficulty with the subject.



The parents of CBC past pupil Alan Cahill, who was tragically drowned in a boating accident this year, have provided the College with a Sailing Trophy in his honour, to be awarded annually for achievement in sailing. The winners in its inaugural year were Sam Kennedy and Thomas Treacy. They are pictured above holding the stunning artistic representation of the Fastnet Rock and lighthouse, having been presented with it by Alan's parents, Mr & Mrs Cahill.



Awards recipients 2012, photographed with Mr Michael Walsh (Chairperson CBC Board of Management), Dr Larry Jordan (Principal), Mr Seamus Bruton (Deputy Principal), Mr Declan Daly (Guest Speaker) and Mr Peter Madden (President PPU).

2011-12 Sports Roundup

Rowing

A great year was enjoyed by CBC oarsmen under the guidance of coach Mr Martin Kilbane and assistant coach James Moroney (a past pupil of CBC). The culmination of the rigorous training took place at the Schools National Regatta, held in Farran (the National Rowing Centre) on 14 April this year. CBC had crews in many events, but it was the men's junior 8+cox that experienced the greatest success, taking first place on the day.

Sailing

The sailing team this year underwent major changes. With key members of last year's successful team absent, the younger, less experienced members had to step up to take their places. The team began training in February with past pupil Andrew O'Donoghue, for the Munster Championships in March. For the first time in many years, Christians entered a second team in the competition. The first team qualified for the National Championships, with the second team putting in some excellent performances, but missing out on a place. In the National Championships, CBC came close to repeating last year's win. However, the two Schull teams were too strong and CBC came a creditable third.



CBC's FIRST ALL-IRELAND BASKETBALL TITLE

The school year 2011-12 was CBC's most successful basketball season ever. The school won two Cork titles at Under-16 and First Year level, and achieved All-Ireland cup success at Under-16 level; while narrowly missing out on a momentous double, losing the all-Ireland league final by a single point!

The season belonged to the Under-16 team, firstly capturing the Cork League title unbeaten and following up with their fantastic Cup and League run. The team was led by Captain Dylan Lenihan who played outstandingly all season and was a credit to the school. He was ably assisted by sharpshooter Jamie Beadle, Jack Hartnett, Eoin Barrett and big men Paul Burke and David Lynch. They played great basketball with a fantastic team spirit.

used willingness to facilitate CBC with these trials. Over 50 pupils from First to Fifth Year tried out for the squad, and the best 15 were selected for the Cork Colleges Competition which was held in Ballineen on Wednesday 5 October 2011. The boys did very well on the day. This competition was also used as a qualifying event for the Munster Schools Competition. Three players qualified to represent CBC in the Munster Competition.

Golf

The first competition this year was the Irish Schools Championship, which was played in East Cork Golf Club on 4 October 2011. The competition is played in match play format. The CBC team was comprised of Chris Cocking, Patrick Foley and David Hickey. While performing well, they did not qualify. The Sean O'Leary trophy, which is the school championship, was won by Patrick Foley in Cork Golf Club during the October mid-term.

Pitch & Putt

The trials for this year's pitch and putt squad took place over three weeks in September. The College would like to thank the staff of Collins' Pitch and Putt Club for their contin-

Tennis

Both the Under-14s and Under 19s reached the final stages of their respective Munster competitions, with the latter winning the Munster Shield.

Hurling



Cork Senior Hurling Coach, Mr Jimmy Barry-Murphy, presents the Cork Under-16 B Hurling Cup to CBC Captain Cian O'Connor.

The School Year 2011-12 was another great year for hurling in the College, with the Under-16 team retaining their trophy and the senior team getting to the final of their competition. CBC also won the Lord Mayor's Cup hurling competition. The under-14 team played against Glanmire, St Coleman's and Middleton CBS. While not winning any game, they did provide a stiff test for their opponents.

Soccer



CBC Under-17 Soccer Team, winners of the Cork Schools Cup. They defeated PBC decisively in the final of the competition.

Soccer has become a very popular participatory sport in CBC over the last number of years, and pupils at all levels are facilitated to take up the sport. Competitions to suit all age groups and levels are run off over the school year. In the school year 2011-12, CBC competed in First Year, Under-15 and Under-17 competitions. The victorious Under-17 team are pictured above.

Juniors Sweep the Board in 2011-12



It had been six years since Christian Brothers College won the Junior Cup, on the day the team of 2011-12 lined out against Ard Scoil Ris. The big strong boys from Limerick were determined to take the cup back home with them. CBC Captain Greg Roche and his teammates had other ideas.

The CBC forward pack gained control early on in the game and such was the extent of the pressure they exerted that scores were almost inevitable. Jamie Murphy and Evan Mintern both crossed

the line in the first half. Michael O'Halloran converted one and added two penalties for good measure. The second half witnessed a powerful and relentless attack

from Ard Scoil. CBC concentrated on holding out against the fierce onslaught. It is a great tribute to their determination that the second half was scoreless. Cian Barry, David Lynch and man of the match Shane O'Hanlon showed great leadership and determination and there was no player who was not willing to put his body on the line. The final whistle was heard with relief and Christians

emerged victorious with a score of 18 points to Ard Scoil's six. A remarkable fact about this team's cup campaign is that in its entire course, they did not concede a single try. The Junior B's, captained by Eoin Scully, won the Kidney cup in Limerick against Crescent College delivering the double. Congratulations to coaches Mr Russell Foley, Mr Conor Quaid and Mr Robert McGrath.

Lansdowne Development

Work on the upgrading of the facilities at CBC's sports ground in Lansdowne are continuing. The main pitch is now in such excellent condition that many visiting teams have remarked on its quality. Reference was made in last year's Newsletter to a proposal to build an eighty seat stand. Further consideration was given to the idea, the outcome of which was to expand the stand to accommodate seating for 250.

The new stand was completed in the last few weeks and will be formally opened on 20 2012 December when the Munster Rugby team come along to train on the main pitch.

Lighting in Lansdowne has also been upgraded. The main pitch and several training areas are now useable in the dark evenings of autumn and winter,

Much of the cost of the extensive developments at Lansdowne was financed by companies which paid for advertising hoardings round the perimeter of the main pitch.



Munster & Ireland Players



Munster Under 18
(Above L-R)
Darragh Moloney,
Rory Burke,
Charlie Slowey and
Ryan Foley



Ireland Schools
Right (L-R): Charlie Slowey and Darragh Moloney: they represented Ireland Schools Under-18s in the Six Nations Championships played in Madrid over Easter 2012.



Munster Under-19
(Right) Charlie O'Grath