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LEAVING CERTS ARE A CLASS ACT

In a year when so many aspects of our lives were impacted by the challenges of Covid-19, the achievements of the Leaving Certificate Class of 2021 served as a fitting reward for the hard work and dedication of our final year students.

CBC students have long enjoyed an unparalleled record in State examinations and this year has proven to be no exception. Eight students were awarded the maximum 625 points, including Alex Lynch who attained 8 H1 grades. Two students, Stephen Hayden and Hugh O'Sullivan were awarded 7 H1s. Twenty pupils attained over 600 points. 48% of pupils were awarded over 500 points, with pupils attaining an average of 478 points. Individual H1 rates across all subjects told their own story of dogged determination and a refusal to let the challenges of the pandemic have an adverse impact on their goals.

Friday 3 September was a day to celebrate our pupils' outstanding achievements but also to pay tribute to our teaching staff for their commitment and professionalism throughout.



The results achieved this year are testament to the resilience and strength of character exhibited by the Class of 2021. We hope that, as honoured graduates of the College, our motto '*Certa Bonum*

Certanum' will remain with them as they move on to the next stage of their journey and will continue to inspire them to fight the good fight in all that they do in life.

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Alex Lynch achieved eight H1 grades.

DR JOHN CONNEALLY

In June 2021, Dr John Conneally resigned his position in CBC to take up a teaching post in his native Co Clare.

John has been part of CBC since 1997 when he began his student teacher training in the College. Over his 24 years as a teacher of History and Geography and as Assistant Principal, he made an enormous contribution to school life. His impact inside and outside the classroom has been immense, and the relationships he developed with students, parents and staff were characterised by respect, positivity and good humour. John will be greatly missed and Christians' loss is Ennistymon's gain. On behalf of the Board of Management, staff, parents and students, we wish to thank John sincerely for all that he has contributed to the College and wish him the very best for the future.



NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL STAFF 2020-2023



Back Row (L-R): Mr David Lordon (*Principal*), Mr Donal O'Mahony (*Deputy Principal*), Mr Seamus Bruton (*Deputy Principal*), Mrs Anne Long (*Deputy Principal*).

Front Row (L-R): Mr Martin Boyle (*History and CSPE*), Ms Catherine Whelan (*Guidance Counsellor*), Dr David Roy (*English & History*), Mr Ronan O'Donovan (*History and PE*).

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2020-2023

Dr Larrie Martin, *Chairperson*,
Mr David Lordon, *Principal / Secretary of BOM*,
Dr Owen Crotty, *Trustee Nominee*,
Mrs Una Feeney, *Trustee Nominee*,
Ms Colette Synnott, *Trustee Nominee*,
Mr Russell Foley, *Teacher Representative*,
Ms Clodagh Bergin, *Teacher Representative*,
Ms Janet Frawley, *Parent Representative*,
Ms Joan Byrne, *Parent Representative*,
Ms Sharon McAadoo, *Preparatory Teacher Representative*,
Mr Colin Murphy, *Preparatory School Parent Representative*.

PARENTS' COUNCIL 2021-2022

1st Year: Ms. Elenor Turnbull & Ms. Cliona Conway

2nd Year: Ms. Ita Gubbins & Ms. Elmarie Kilbride

3rd Year: Ms. Kate McCann & Ms. Lynda O'Donnell

4th Year: Ms. Rosario Kietly, Ms. Jennie Kelleher & Ms. Idé Ní Riain

5th Year: Ms. Sarah Lynch & Ms. Jennifer Dennehy

6th Year: Ms. Jennifer Linehan & Ms. Patricia Shalloo

College Liaison: Mr. Tom Casey

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Stephen Ahern

SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN

Louis Healy



STUDENT COUNCIL 2021-2022



Back Row (L-R): Darragh Hannigan (*6th Yr*), Mr Donal O'Mahony (*Deputy Principal*), Jacob O'Keeffe (*5th Yr*), Stephen Ahern (*6th Yr, School Captain*), Louis Healy (*6th Yr, Vice Captain*).

Front Row (L-R): David Morley (*3rd Yr*), Sai Gulati (*2nd Yr*), Ciarán Gould (*4th Yr*).

MISNEACH TEAM

Harry Walsh, Nathan Power, Daniel Kennedy, Max Tolan, Oisín Dolan, Ben Buckley, John Leddy, Eoghan Dunne, Rory Lester, Fionn Kimber O'Shea, Eoghan O'Brien, Harrison O'Keeffe.



MEITHEAL TEAM

Robert Butler, Jim Hoare, Sean Carmody, Christian Kilbride, Kevin Walsh, David Murphy, Henry O'Riordan, Ben Warren Flynn, Rohan McCarthy, Jonathan O'Shaughnessy, Jacob O'Keeffe



SCHOOL LIFE & ACTIVITIES

2020-2021

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

During the year, we endeavoured to carry out a number of fundraisers to support a diverse range of worthwhile causes. As per other years, non-uniform days were organised by the committee. The Edith Wilkins Foundation, Good Shepherd Homeless charity and Down Syndrome Ireland were three recent beneficiaries. In preparation for Christmas, fourteen TY pupils volunteered with St Vincent de Paul, packing hampers for worthy families. The annual Tree of Intentions was erected again this year and families were invited to remember a loved one or made a special intention while supporting a number of local charities. The annual Christmas Food Appeal in support of St Vincent de Paul was also run and was very well supported by all in the school community. Great credit is due to all in CBC for working on behalf of so many worthy causes and thus keeping alive a true spirit of giving, especially during this difficult period.



Edith Wilkins Street Children Foundation.



Good Shepherd Cork Homeless Charity.

GAISCE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Transition Year students were awarded Silver and Bronze Gaisce President's Awards medals this year. Participants were supported in their work by TY Coordinator Mr Stephen Hogan.



DEBATING



Henry O'Riordan, All Ireland Junior Mace Champion and European Youth Parliament International Delegate.



Fearghal Desmond and Senan Skalkos, UCC Model UN Best Delegation.

In spite of the challenges, the Debating Society can look back on the activities and achievements of this year with pride. Ably led by Society President Oliver McKenna and his committee, society members took the changing format of competitions due to public health restrictions in their stride. We were extremely proud of Fifth Year student Henry O'Riordan who was named National Champion in the Matheson National Junior Debating Mace Final. This is Ireland's largest debating competition with approximately 600 speakers from all over the country involved. In September, Henry was also selected to represent Ireland at an international session of the European Youth Parliament in Kiev. Further success followed with Senan Skalkos, Fifth Year, and Fearghal Desmond, Sixth Year, awarded the Best Delegation at the UCC

Model United Nations (NATMUN) competition. A special word of thanks to Mr Daniel Boland for all his support for debating throughout the year.



WORLD SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP - IRISH TEAM

Congratulations to Fearghal Desmond (6th Year) who has been selected as a member of the Irish Schools Debating Team and will represent Ireland at the World Schools Debating Championship next year.

NATIONAL SHORT STORY COMPETITION SUCCESS

Congratulations to Jonathan Walsh who was chosen as the overall winner of the Five Lamps National Short Story Competition 2021, and to Daniel Quinn who was commended by the judges for his work. Well done also to their teacher, Mr Edward Newman. The competition is supported by the Arts Council.



INTERNATIONAL MATHS OLYMPIAD

Fionn Kimber O'Shea, 4th Year, represented Ireland at the Baltic Way Maths Olympiad in Iceland and the Iranian Geometry Olympiad in November.



F1 IN SCHOOLS

F1 in Schools is an international competition for Secondary School students in which teams have to design and manufacture a miniature car out of the official F1 model block using CAD/CAM design tools. The cars are powered by CO2 cartridges and are attached to a track by a nylon wire. Teams have to create a team brand and advertise themselves through various media including social media. They raise money to fund all aspects of the competition through sponsorship from local companies. Two teams, Sting Racing and CSLR Racing, competed in the National Finals which were broadcast on TG4 in May. The current school year sees this activity going from strength to strength with seven teams going forward to this year's competition. Sincere thanks to Mr David Dowling and Mr Dean Ryan for their work in guiding the teams.



FINANCE SOCIETY

The CBC Finance Society aims to promote an ethos of financial literacy within the school community. The society meets weekly and participates in various activities. These include discussing current affairs and how they affect the financial world, learning about the world of investments, entering finance competitions and monitoring stock market activity.



Back Row (L-R): Hugo Guenebaut, Shea HIII, Kevin Lin, Daniel Creedon, Oscar Gray, James Walsh.

Front Row (L-R): Brian Woods, Senan Skalkos, Conor Brophy, Fionn Kimber O'Shea, Ronan Harrington, Adam Murphy.

CLUB GAEILGE

Reáchtáiltear An Club Gaeilge uair sa tseachtain ag am lóin. Is é aidhm an chlub ná deis a thabhairt do dhaltai an teanga a fheabhsú agus a chleachtadh trí chluichí agus imeachtaí a imirt. Comhghairdeas leis na daltaí thuasluaite a bhuaiigh Duais an Chlub. Mar a deir an seanfhocal *"Beatha teanga í a labhairt!"*



(L-R): Ms C. Welch *An Múinteoir*, Tom Carmody, David Morley, Richard Buckley, David O'Connor, James Fairtlough, Mr David Lordon *Principal*.

GARDENING CLUB

The Garden Club consisted of a group of First Year students supported by Transition Year students and teacher Ms Marie Delaney. The students had some wonderful opportunities to take part in a number of projects and developed useful skills and knowledge. An important environmental project recently undertaken involved planting native trees in Lansdowne, kindly donated by 'Trees on Land', a cross-border initiative working to establish young native trees across the country. The Club planted Oak, Hawthorn, Alder, Birch and Hazel trees. We hope to see the efforts of the Gardening Club come to fruition in the years to come.



LEARNING AND TEACHING

CBC is committed to ongoing innovation in Learning and Teaching. As January 2021 began with a national lockdown, CBC moved online with a full virtual timetable of live classes. The focus until the return to school in March for Leaving Certificate pupils and April for all other year groups, was on providing structure and routine for students and ensuring that important academic work could continue. Through the assistance of Year Heads and the Student Support and Wellbeing teams, a number of initiatives were introduced to support student wellbeing during these difficult times.

In support of Leaving Certificate students, last year saw the roll out of the Master Class programme, delivered online each weekend until the end of May with a full schedule of live sessions provided for each examination subject. Given the feedback from

students and parents last year, it was decided to embed this programme into the College's traditional offering for Leaving Certs going forward.

This year, a further innovation has been introduced in focused academic tracking, with every Leaving Cert student individually supported through the year with one-to-one meetings which assist pupils in taking stock of where they are, working with them to identify targets and strategies to achieve these targets. It is hoped that the programme, led by Year Heads Mr Tony Wall and Mr Tom Crowe with the support of the Guidance and Counselling Department, Learning and Teaching Committee and Senior Management, will provide important direction to assist pupils in taking stock of where they are and working with them to identify.

COMÓRTAS GEARRSCÉIL

Comhghairdeas le Conal Gillard a bhuaiigh an chéad áit sa chomórtas gearrscéil agus le Michael Scott agus William Hegarty a fuair ardmholadh ann.



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

As work continues on the exciting College Development plan, it is hoped that the project will go to tender early in the new year.

The development will include a new five-storey schoolhouse running parallel to St Patrick's Hill consisting of a new library and digital suite as well as an auditorium, classrooms, Guidance Suite and canteen with viewing area overlooking the city. New indoor and outdoor social spaces will enhance the student experience. An extensive upgrade of the grounds will also take place. The development will provide significant additional improvements in the Preparatory School.

The 2500 square metre building has been developed in conjunction with award winning architects O'Donnell and Tuomey who were responsible for such projects as the UCC Glucksman Gallery, St Angela's College, the London School of Economics and the Central European University in Budapest. The development was made possible on foot of the purchase of lands adjoining the school by CBC in recent years.

The development represents a huge investment in CBC for the future and ensures that the quality of learning and teaching in the College continues to be matched by facilities of the highest calibre.



FIRST YEAR DAY 2021

On Tuesday 31 August, 150 First Year pupils were welcomed to CBC as they began their secondary school journey. Members of College management and staff welcomed the boys who were accompanied by their parents and each new pupil was personally welcomed by Principal Mr Lordon, Deputy Principal Ms Anne Long and First Year Head Ms Anna O'Brien. A special ceremony was led by Fr Stephen Cummins and CBC staff, followed by an induction morning led by Mrs O'Brien together with student leaders from our Fifth Year Meitheal team. In his introduction, Mr Lordon reminded new pupils of the bonds of friendship and common purpose that would unite them and help them as they settled in to their new school community.

Later that week, First Year pupils were visited by Very Rev. Fintan Gavin, Bishop of Cork and Ross. Bishop Gavin visited each classroom to speak with pupils and give his blessing for the year ahead.



CLASS 1A27

Back Row (L-R): Phelim Hanley, Keith Flood, Olan McCarthy, Billy Kelleher, Robert O'Callagan, Fionn William Cronin, Joseph Neville, Cathal Lyons, Thomas Nixon, Ben O'Mahony.

Middle Row (L-R): Ben Coleman O'Flynn, Sean Cashman, Brian Desmond Murphy, Shane Flood, James Casey, Cathal Walsh, Shay Looney, Hugh Johnson, Ben Herlihy, Daniel Fox, Cian McDonnell.

Front Row (L-R): James Harrington, Conor O'Loughlin, Liam Cregan, Isaac Scallan-Cotter, Bréanainn Ó Dálaigh, Conor Murray.

Inset: Darragh Twomey, Ian Buckley.

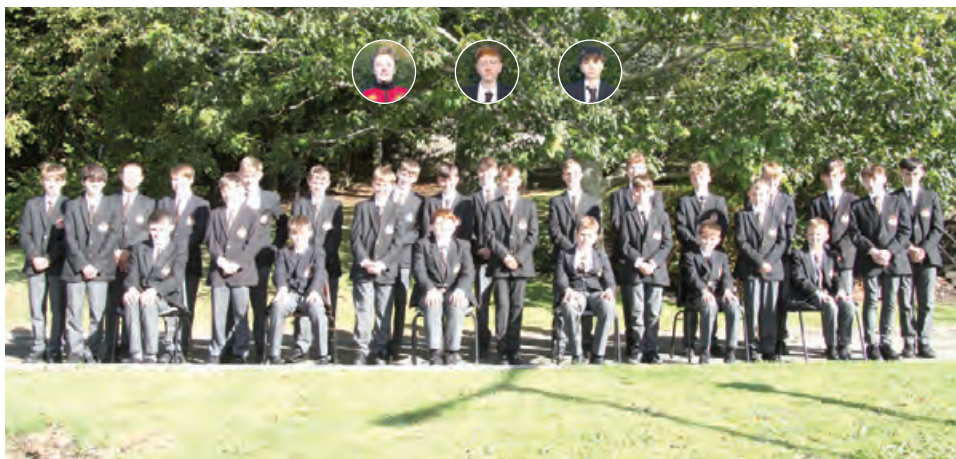
CLASS 1A28

Back Row (L-R): Donal Barry, Shang Wang, Elliot Murtagh, Darragh Forbes, Ronan Kelleher, Larry Butler, Conor Downey, Michael Quill, Rory Lane, Riain O'Farrell.

Middle Row (L-R): Eoin O'Beirne, Fintan Murphy, Oisín Lenehan, Shane Forbes, Darragh Morley, Dave O'Connell, Harry Walsh, Finn Ryan, Cian Power, Emmet Fairtlough, Liam Lynch.

Front Row (L-R): Archie Jones, Shane Kavanagh, Cillian Sheridan, Louis Kiely, Dara Stapleton, Charlie O'Brien.

Inset: Adam Carroll, Dean Mangan Williams, Finlay Turnbull.



CLASS 1A29

Back Row (L-R): Séacha Forrest, Ciaran Newcombe, Ronan McGrath, Louis Carroll, Malachy O'Leary, Cian Lawton, Timmy Healy, Ronan Hayes, David Lynch, Jamie Murphy, Ivan Fox, Peter Rigney, Christian McGonnell, Hugh Flanagan, Christopher Randles.

Middle Row (L-R): Muhammad Raed Naseer, Ben Hayes, Alex Martin, Danny Ryan, Owen McCarthy, James Costello, Evan O'Brien.

Front Row (L-R): Michael Scott, Seán Ahern, Páraic Reid, Shay Christie, Michael Murphy, Ben Cahill.

Inset: Elliot Quin, Jack Dineen.

CLASS 1A30

Back Row (L-R): Darren O'Connell, William Hegarty, Oran Barrett, Teddy Campion, Michael Laffan, Alex Twomey, Jack Cantillon, Oisín Crowley.

Middle Row (L-R): Gerard O'Connell, Jack Punch, Charles McCarthy, Cian O'Brien, Liam O'Herlihy, Patrick Spelman, Ryan Manley, Rian Casey, Josiu Skrzyszowski, Lorcan Nolan, Tim Roedig, Donnacha Bennett.

Front Row (L-R): David O'Leary, Edward Linehan, Oliver Bailey, Leon O'Connell, Oisín McCarthy, Conor McLoughlin.

Inset: Sam Barry, Richard Cronin, Adam Murphy, Jack O'Donoghue.



CLASS 1A31

Back Row (L-R): Alex McDonald, Rory Cullinane, Khaled Abdelrazik, Senan Browne, Charlie Coakley, Evan Cullen, Robert Fitzpatrick, Eoghan O'Brien, Ruairí Punch, Mohammad Aahil Gul, Oisín Hurley.

Middle Row (L-R): Finn Corkery, Meghant Srivastava, Ruairí McSweeney, Max Murphy, Ben Philips, Cody Dillon, Jaye Coughlan, Conal Gillard, Sean Ó Sé, Fionn Conway, Odhran O'Sullivan, Darragh Cronin.

Front Row (L-R): Dáire Murphy, Finn McCarthy, Jack Long, Corrado Mottareale, Ultan McCarthy, Koushik Gude.

Inset: Charlie Liang.

ANNUAL AWARDS & PRIZE-GIVING 2020-2021

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Finance	Senan Skalkos, Hugo Guenebaut, Daniel Creedon	Tennis	Hugh O'Sullivan
Soccer Academy	Conor Hanley	Choir	Michael O'Keeffe
Biology	Matthew Kiely	Orchestra	Fearghal Desmond
Debating	Senan Skalkos, Henry O'Riordan	Music	Ben Warren Flynn
Ed Kenny Award	Jonathan Walsh, Daniel Quinn	Breifne O'Callahan Award	Ben Lynch, Fionn Heffernan, Odhran Prenter, Evan Cahill Murphy, Adam Wrona, Luke Forde, James Dwyer, Eoin Downey, Seán O'Riordan, Eoin O'Leary
Peter Wilson Award	Peter Thompson	Shayan Nasser Award	Robert Twomey
Senior Rugby	Ronan O'Sullivan	Alan Cahill Award	Jonathan O'Shaughnessy
Golf	Morgan Cain	Hugh O'Kelly Award	David Cahill, Luke Andrews
Hurling	Jack Cahalane	Gretchen Crosbie Award	Eoghan Sheehan
Garden Club	Patrick Heery, Sean O'Reilly	Edmund Rice Award	Jacob O'Keeffe
Pitch and Putt	Cian O'Callaghan	Fr Whelan Award	James Walsh
Engineering & Innovation	Hugo Guenebaut, Christian Kilbride	Student of the Year	Eoin Palmer
Rowing	James Young		
Swimming	Charlie Cassidy		
History	Senan Skalkos, Rohan Ranga		

EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR

1A27

First Place: Charlie Cantillon
Special Merit: Michael Murray
Thomas Hiras

1A28

First Place: Ethan Wyse
Special Merit: Nathanael O'Driscoll
Daniel Beare Murphy

1A29

First Place: Jack Trench
Special Merit: Darragh Sheahan
Charlie Crosbie

1A30

First Place: Sean O'Connell
Special Merit: Darragh Sheahan
Jack Healy

1A31

First Place: Frederic Dietze
Special Merit: Sean McSweeney
Tobey Reynolds

2A1

First Place: James Ryan
Special Merit: Sulaiman Sharif
Zach Coughlan

2A2

First Place: Zak Gilley
Special Merit: David Morley
Matthew Daly

2A3

First Place: David O'Connor
Special Merit: James Fairtlough
Samuel Haberin

2A4

First Place: Jason Zhang
Special Merit: Conor Bennett
Jamie McCarthy

2A5

First Place: Cillian Monahan
Special Merit: Ross McElhinney
Tomás Spelman

3A35

First Place: Luca Bonnet
Special Merit: Conor Geoghegan
John McGarry

3A36

First Place: Donncha Collins
Special Merit: Darragh Coughlan
Alistair Barclay

3A37

First Place: Eoghan Dunne
Special Merit: Peter O'Shea
Lucas Kennedy

3A38

First Place: Sean Kelleher
Special Merit: Calum Cserni
William Haugh

3A39

First Place: Rory Cogan
Special Merit: Robert Walsh
Charles Cassidy

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First Place: Eddie O'Flynn
Merit Awards: David O'Brien
Shea Hill,
David Murphy
Joseph Kiely
Andrew O'Sullivan
Brian Woods

5TH YEAR

First Place: Fearghal Desmond
Merit Awards: Evan Keohane
Michael Crosbie
Darragh Hannigan
Jack O'Mahony
Simon Cronin
Rory Burke

LEAVING CERT

First Place: Alexander Lynch
Merit Awards: Ben Cudmore
James Gibson
Stephen Hayden
Aaron McMahon
Seán O'Connell
Hugh O'Sullivan
Rory Rochford



BR REYNOLDS STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2020-2021 EOIN PALMER

The Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is presented each year to the pupil who best embodies the spirit and philosophy of Christians. The award does not depend on academic ability, sporting success or pre-eminence in any particular area. It is not presented to a high achiever, in the narrow sense of the term.

The Student of the Year is a young man who serves as a role model for others in the school; who met the challenges of secondary school with courage, resilience and dignity; who took advantage of the opportunities afforded to him by CBC; and who possesses the traits that we seek to foster in all our pupils.

This year's recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year Award is Eoin Palmer.

As a member of the college's Misneach Team Eoin made a massive contribution to the organisation and smooth running of school events. His energetic and unflappable approach made light of obstacles as they arose and he showed significant leadership skills, particularly during challenging moments. His instinctive understanding of how to get the best out of a team was remarkable to see in such a young man and resulted in a level of synergy that ensured the success of numerous events across the school year.



His memorable portrayal of Judas in the Transition Year play, Iscariot, was subtle, powerful and thought-provoking. The director acknowledged Eoin as inspirational, someone who drew the best out of others and set an example for others to seek to emulate.

In Fifth Year Eoin applied for and was selected to be part of the Meitheal Team, a programme to develop leadership skills in students. Eoin's commitment to the role was exemplary. His gentle, friendly manner when dealing with First Years soon put them at ease and he was very generous with his time.

As a debater, Eoin demonstrated a lively, well-informed mind as he

analysed a range of issues with wit and good humour. That he did so in German as well as in English shows that his self-confidence is matched by a great work ethic. His success in many competitions came as no surprise to those who had seen him develop his skills over the years.

Since the beginning of First Year Eoin stood out as a beacon on positivity and inspiration. He always seemed to be in good form and his mood was infectious. The memory of Eoin entertaining and confounding classmates and teachers with his magic tricks will live long in the memory. This was just one of the many ways Eoin brightened people's days.

Eoin capped his time in Christians with an outstanding Leaving Cert and is now studying Commerce in UCC. We wish him well in his studies and thank him for his contribution to the college.

In short, Eoin is a young man of great character. His integrity, his dedication and unassuming manner make him an excellent role model for all our students. He is a credit to his family, his college and himself. The qualities he displayed while in CBC will stand to him throughout his life, whatever path he chooses. He is a worthy recipient of the Br Reynolds Student of the Year award and someone we will always be proud to call 'a Christians boy'.



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL



A SCHOOL YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

2020/2021 was a school year like none other on record. All had to adjust and all had to make sacrifices and by so doing we were safe in the knowledge that we were helping each other in school and our families at home. Our school motto is the Latin - *Certa Bonum Certamen* - fight the good fight! This continued to be our focus for the year as the world battled the COVID-19 pandemic.

SCHOOL CLOSURE JANUARY 2021

Following the Level 5 government directive during the Christmas break for all schools nationally to remain closed until 1st February due to the COVID 19 pandemic, CBC Preparatory School commenced its remote learning programme for all students. All class teachers engaged with students via Google Classroom and we were delighted to see the boys eager to get back to their schoolwork following the extended Christmas holidays. This year, classes were offered regular Live ZOOM session with their class teachers and classmates – these sessions proved to be very successful with students as teachers came up with innovative ways to sustain engagement with classwork. Weekly themed bingo games, art demonstrations, construction creations, dress up sessions, STEM challenges, dance offs and scavenger hunts were just some of the activities that accompanied more traditional teaching of the core subjects online. Teachers also made use of the thumbs up/thumbs down method of communication as well as using mini whiteboards to ensure all students remained involved and engaged in lessons.

Throughout the school closure, teachers also attended regular CPD sessions via ZOOM to ensure that they were up to date on ways in which they could engage students and bring the curriculum to life while students remained at home.

Mr Lynch arranged a superb programme to encourage the boys to stay active at home. Making use of the wealth of sporting talent at CBC, members of the Senior rugby and hurling teams as well as some of our 4th year coaches prepared videos for the Prep School boys to help them work on their own sporting skills at home. This was a fantastic initiative and was very well received by all members of the Preparatory School community.

PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS MARCH 2021

Junior Classes Return to School

The upstairs corridor of the Prep School was full of activity as our students from Junior Infants to 2nd Class returned to school on 1st March 2021 following the Jan/Feb school closures due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The teachers were greeted

with smiles and laughter as the boys ran into the yard on Monday morning. The boys and their teachers got straight to work readjusting to being back at school with lots of social activities and fun. An added bonus of being back first is that there were extra slots on the Astro and we made full use of that whilst enjoying the dry weather!

Senior Classes Return to School

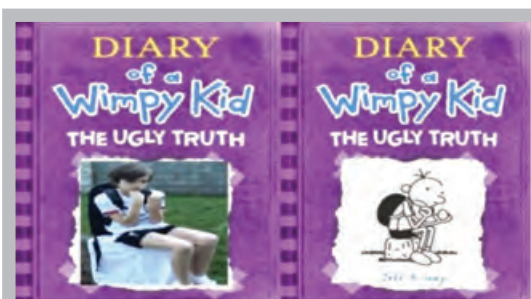
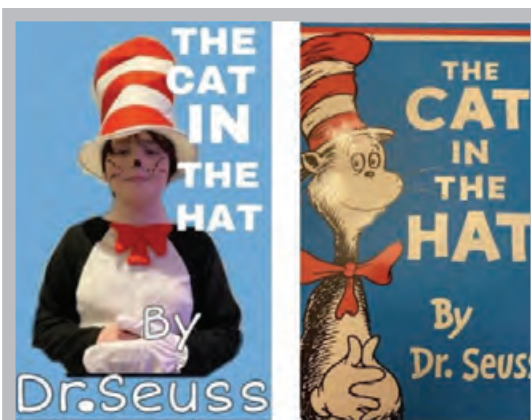
Two weeks later on 15th March 2021, the Senior Classes made their return to school, marking the first time since December that all boys were in class for face to face teaching. It was wonderful to see all of the boys settling back into school life. Once again, parents and guardians were key to the successful reopening of the Preparatory School – they continued cooperation with drop off and collection procedures which were aimed at maintaining social distancing at all times. We finished off the term with a virtual mass followed by a fantastic virtual family bingo event on Thursday evening, run by Mr. Steven Lynch, which raised funds for Diabetes Ireland. The final term began in earnest following the Easter break.

SPRING 2021 IN THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

WORLD BOOK DAY CHALLENGES

Students at CBC Prep enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this year. Boys in Junior Infants – 2nd Class listened to stories in class and took part in a live World Book Day event where they drew their own bookmark characters. The boys still working from home also enjoyed the occasion with students in 3rd Class recreating their favourite book covers while boys in 5th Class dressed up as their favourite characters for their ZOOM lesson with Ms. Cummins.

Take a look at some of the fabulous book covers created by boys in 3rd Class.



HISTORY PROJECT 2021

To mark the centenary commemoration which took place nationwide during 2021 of the Irish War of Independence our history classes in Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class concentrated on this revolutionary period in Irish history and on the foundation of the Irish Free State in 1921. In addition, the boys in the four classes were tasked with producing a personal project on 'Cork City and County during War of Independence Years 1919-1921'. The pupils were asked to research details of events which took place in the Cork area during this critical time in Irish history. In particular, the boys were asked to do some primary research within their own family and to seek out any connections within their own family with the period. The boys in the four classes produced some outstanding projects where many family connections were indeed established. For example, Oliver Bailey in Sixth Class, actually recorded an interview with his family relative Ms Fidelma Collins, a grand-niece of Michael Collins. The boys presented their projects in class.

SPORT AT THE PREP SCHOOL

NO SPORT DUE TO COVID 19

CBC Preparatory School has a very strong sporting history, most recently with a 4-in-a-row string of wins in the Sciath na Scol football competition. This year, with no after school sporting activity permitted and all competitions, tournaments and blitzes cancelled due to COVID-19, things were a little different with boys heading home straight after school rather than up to Lansdowne or the Astro for training sessions. The boys remained active during their regular PE slots each week and the Senior Classes took regular airing and activity breaks from the classrooms each day. The Junior Classes also spent more time outdoors during learning activities.



The Junior Infants enjoyed a Spring stroll in the sunshine with their Easter Bunnies that they created in Art class. They were delighted to spot the daffodils in full bloom.



Outdoor Maths Lesson in Senior Infants as they learn about the Story of 10.

VIRTUAL CHESS

In the absence of group training for GAA and Rugby, this year Mr Lynch launched a very popular online Chess Club. Beginning with his own class, word soon spread and boys from all of the senior classes were eager to join in. A tournament was held online every Thursday for an hour.

ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK

Classes combined maths with PE this year as they took part in the Run Around Ireland Challenge for Active Schools Week. They calculated the distance from the Prep School to famous Irish landmarks and then attempted to "reach" these landmarks by running laps around the yard (one lap = 1km).

An added bonus to this, as noted in the **Returning to School - Curriculum Guidance for Primary School Leaders and Teachers** document, was that more frequent use of the outdoor space across the curriculum helped "...children to adhere to social distancing, engage in physical activity and build their sense of wellness and content."

A SOCIALLY DISTANT SPORTS DAY

This year's Sports Day was a little different to others in years past, taking place in Lansdowne over two days to allow for social distancing. The junior classes completed their sports day on Wednesday 12th May followed by the senior classes on Thursday 13th May.



The boys in 6th Class took part in the traditional "fancy dress" race and there were some fabulous costumes to be seen in Lansdowne on the day! All classes were then treated to an ice cream from the ice cream van that visited on Thursday afternoon. It's safe to say that all of the boys went home tired and happy after all of the exertions of both days!

PREP SCHOOL AWARDS 2020-2021

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2020/2021 Preparatory School Awards. Please see below for a full list of recipients.

6th Class

Jacinta Tyrrell Award - Alex Martin
Student of the Year - Eoin Brennan
Principal's Merit Award - David O'Leary
Rugby Player of the Year - Tom Nixon
Rugby Back of the Year - Gerard O'Connell
Rugby Forward of the Year - Conor Downey
Hurler of the Year - William Hegarty
Gaelic Footballer of the Year - Elliot Quin
Soccer Player of the Year - Corrado Mottareale
Chess Winner - Conor Downey
Chess Runner-Up - Oliver Bailey
Draughts Winner - Adam Carroll
Draughts Runner Up - Eoin Brennan
History Project - Oliver Bailey
History Project - William Hegarty
History Project - Bréanainn Ó Dálaigh
History Project - Fionn Cronin
History Project - Eoin Brennan

5th Class

Rugby Player of the Year - Oisín Scannell
Rugby Back of the Year - Johnny Chen
Rugby Forward of the Year - Dalton Caren
Hurler of the Year - Jack Norton
Gaelic Footballer of the Year - Seán Fleming Byrne
Chess Winner - Nikhil Sundaram
Chess Runner-Up - Arnav Dhama
Draughts Winner - Oscar De Róiste
Draughts Runner Up - Nikhil Sundaram
History Project - Max Power
History Project - Dalton Caren
History Project - Matthew Lordon
History Project - Luke & Adam Farah
History Project - Seán McLoughlin

4th Class

Rugby Player of the Year - Luke O'Connell
Rugby Most Improved - Donal Hegarty
Chess Winner - Edmund White
Chess Runner-Up - Matthew Keane
Draughts Winner - Harry Howell
Draughts Runner Up - Rasmus Jakobsen
History Project - Leo Dennehy
History Project - Killian McCarthy
History Project - Patrick Kiely Tarda
History Project - Rory O'Brien
History Project - Liam Crotty

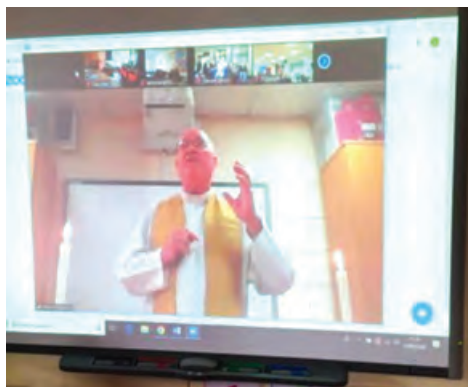
3rd Class

Rugby Player of the Year - Faolán Bambury
Rugby Most Improved - Cillian Cotter
Chess Winner - Ethan Bambury
Chess Runner-Up - Matthew Barry
Draughts Winner - Julien Freeman
Draughts Runner Up - Luke Walsh
History Project - Luke Walsh
History Project - Fergal McKenna
History Project - Ethan Bambury
History Project - Daniel Curtin
History Project - Harry Law Boland
Spelling Bee - Ethan Bambury

CONTINUING THE ERST TRADITION

NURTURING FAITH

Monthly mass, celebrated by Fr. Tom, is a special event on the Prep School calendar. This year our masses once again took on a slightly different format due to social distancing requirements. The masses were hosted live from a specific classroom with all other classes attending virtually from their own classrooms. This allowed us to continue to celebrate mass in the Preparatory School in a meaningful way.



Fr. Tom Walsh celebrates mass, streamed live to each classroom, to ensure classes remain socially distant whilst continuing the tradition of gathering together to celebrate mass.

EXCELLING IN TEACHING & LEARNING

The importance of an enriched curriculum was evident more than ever this year, with a strong emphasis placed on student well-being as the boys settled back into school life once again in March 2021 after another difficult school closure in January and February. Teachers were mindful of allowing plenty of opportunities for well-being activities throughout the school year (both in the classroom and virtually). We also continued with our programme of additional subjects in the various classes.

French/German Two wonderful teachers from the secondary school came on board this year to teach French and German in 5th and 6th Class. These classes continued whilst the boys worked from home and no doubt their benefit will be felt as the students progress on to 1st year.

Coding Mr. Dowling joined 3rd and 4th Class for weekly coding classes again this year – these were hugely popular sessions with the boys hanging on his every word! During lockdown, Mr. Dowling also provided CPD for the Prep School teachers, offering tips and tricks to get the most out of the online classroom.

Chinese Our connection with UCC's Confucius Institute continued again this year, with boys in 3rd and 4th Class enjoying weekly Chinese lessons.

Music Mr Andrew Moran joined us for music classes this year, going virtual during the school closures. Andrew helped prepare the boys for the Christmas concert. A strong emphasis was placed on music theory this year, with the boys from Junior Infants to 6th gaining lots of knowledge in this area. A few "jamming" sessions took place in 3rd Class as boys brought in their instruments from home and shared their talents with their classmates.

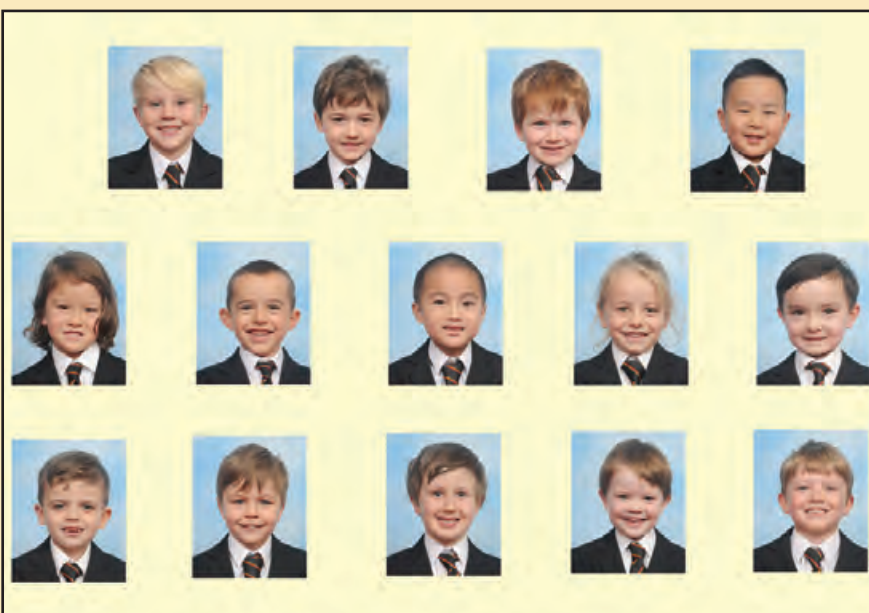


JUNIOR INFANT CLASS 2021-2020

Back Row (L-R): Max Galvin, Jack O' Rourke, Rudy Crow, Jason Li.

Middle Row (L-R): Iain Yang, Kelvin Power, Conor Deng, Aidan Papadopol, Benedikt O'Herlihy.

Front Row (L-R): Joseph Morgan, Henry Russell, Aedan Crepin-Leblond, Ruairi Hennessy, Orin Ducharme.



CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL PARENTS' COUNCIL 2021-2022

Junior Infants Parents' Rep: Mrs. Niamh Power

Senior Infants Parents' Rep: Mrs. Hazel Dolan

1st Class Parent's Rep: Mr. Sergio Las Heras

2nd Class Parents' Rep: Ms. He Sun

3rd Class Parents' Rep (Secretary): Ms. Joelle Coade

4th Class Parents' Rep (Chairperson): Mrs. Amanda Banim

5th Class Parents' Rep: Mrs. Kate Watson

6th Class Parents' Rep: Mrs. Bláithín McDonnell



Fifth Class experienced the sudden loss of their dear friend Rowan O'Connell in April 2021. The boys organised and celebrated a mass in his memory and selected readings and gifts that best reflected the fun, loving spirit of their friend and classmate. Their teacher Ms Cummins could not be prouder of the support and friendship the boys showed to each other during this difficult time. Rowan was a valued and important member of 5th class and we remember him and our times together often. Together the class recollected stories of Rowan through Art and Music, subjects he enjoyed and excelled at. The boys selected and rehearsed a compilation of Wonderwall by Oasis, as a tribute to their friend Rowan.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS 2021

Back Row (L-R): Andrew Post, Jack Dolan, Harry O'Mahony, Joshua Bickerstaffe, Stanny Forrest.

Middle Row (L-R): Christopher Kelly, Catalin Bolun, Ben Linehan-Egan, Daniel Manning, Peter Sheehan.

Front Row (L-R): Kealan Geaney, Justin Chen, Patrick Murphy-Cullinane, Ewan Twohig, Josh Lyons.



CONFIRMATION CLASS 2021

Back Row (L-R): William Hegarty, Tom Nixon, Malachy O'Leary, Adam Carroll, Ronan Hayes, Conor Downey, Adam Murphy FitzGibbon, Fionn Cronin.

Middle Row (L-R): Cian McDonnell, Ben O'Mahony, Cillian Sheridan, Louis Kiely, Ódhran O'Sullivan, Gerard O'Connell, Alex Twomey, Elliot Quin, Bréanainn Ó'Dálaigh, Fr Eoin Whooley.

Front Row (L-R): Mike Murphy, Alex Martin, Oliver Bailey, Corrado Mottareale, David O'Leary, Edward Linehan.



SEPTEMBER 2021

The new school year saw some return to normality in the Prep School. While society continues the fight against COVID 19, the boys at the Prep were delighted to be able to return to team training for GAA and Rugby. Social distancing is now a way of life, however, with many students at the junior end of the school unable to remember a time without these measures in place.

PÁIRC UÍ CHAOIMH BLITZ

The boys from the Preparatory School attended a Gaelic Football Blitz at Pairc Uí Chaoimh 4G on Wednesday, November 3. The boys also had a tour of Pairc Uí Chaoimh stadium. It was a great whole school day out!





CBC PREPARATORY SCHOOL STAFF 2020-2021

Back Row (L-R): Mr. Steven Lynch (3rd Class),
Mrs. Caroline FitzPatrick (Senior Infants),
Mrs. Denise Lowry (Junior Infants),
Mr. Ger Buckley 2nd Class),
Ms. Hannah Cummins (5th Class),
Ms. Dearbhla Bradley (Learning Support),
Mr. Cathal McNamara (Teacher Training).

Front Row (L-R): Ms. Elena Dineen (4th Class),
Ms. Fiona Buckley (Senior Infants),
Dr. Larry Jordan (Principal),
Ms. Sharon McAdoo (Deputy Principal & 6th Class),
Ms. Elizabeth O'Donovan (4th Class),
Mrs. Jane Scannell (1st Class).

CBC PREP SCHOOL ANGLO-IRISH TREATY DEBATE 2021!



Throughout the last year classes Third to Sixth in CBC Prep have engaged in the spirit of the decade of centenaries which recalls the events in Ireland between the years 1912 to 1923. In special history classes the boys have studied the events of 1916, the war of independence, the negotiating of the Anglo-Irish Treaty and the subsequent civil war in Ireland. In many cases the

boys researched connections in their own families with the events surrounding this important period of Irish history - the centenary of which we now commemorate. Finally, each class studied the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921 and debated the merits of same. Each class held a debate – with some pupils arguing in favour of the treaty and some pupils arguing against the treaty.

BOOKFLIX



As part of the MS Readathon initiative, the boys from each class have been sharing their book recommendations on our new "Bookflix" display.

MINDFULNESS



Teachers in all classes have been making an effort to include mindfulness practices into their classroom activities, aiming to promote positive mental health and resilience. Here, the boys in our Senior Classes are seen spending time outdoors whilst engaging with our mindfulness programme.

DIABETES IRELAND

On Wednesday 17th November a Non Uniform Day was held in aid of Diabetes Ireland. Students were asked to wear an item of blue clothing and bring a donation to raise money for this cause.



WHEN AN TAOISEACH CAME TO VISIT THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL AS LORD MAYOR OF CORK: OCTOBER 1992



This photograph - from the archives of the then Cork Examiner – proudly hangs next to the principal's office in Christian Brothers College Preparatory School.

An eager observer might notice 55 well-dressed and excited boys, the more observant, might recognise a fresh faced Micheál Martin and his wife Mary on the annual visit of the Lord Mayor of Cork to CBC. A visit which was accompanied by the customary Lord Mayor's announcement of a half day, a long standing tradition in Cork and perhaps the reason some of the smiles in the photo are so broad.

The boys are stewarded by Brother McGrath and Brother Davis, both of whom served as the last of the Christian Brothers at the helm of the Preparatory School and instilled the CBC ethos and mentality in

the boys who passed through the school's doors.

As we momentarily stood still in 1992 to have our photo taken with the Lord Mayor, a very different world to today, was moving around us. The Maastricht Treaty was signed, founding the European Union; A newcomer, Bill Clinton was at the forefront of the American Presidential race; 58 Irish Athletes set sail for Barcelona to compete in the Summer Olympics and perhaps more interestingly to us at the time of the photograph, Turner Broadcasting System had just launched Cartoon Network.

Now, these young boys are young men, some of whom have children the age we were in 1992. They have diverse careers, leaving their mark on innumerable industries and some live further from

Cork than junior infants geography led us to believe was possible. Our then Lord Mayor is now our Taoiseach, Brothers are no longer a common sight in the corridors and the Primary School is steered by Dr. Jordan and the teachers, some of whom I remember from my days in the old school tie.

Even after 29 years, it would not be uncommon to find me standing next to some of these classmates. Though, we've graduated from uniform to suits, what subsists, is that being a Christians boy has always served us well.

Kenny Hyland,

Leaving Certificate Class 2006 &
Junior Infants Class 1992

Barrister-at-law, Law Library, Four Courts, Dublin.

SCIENCE WEEK 2021



Science lessons with Ms. Clifford from the secondary school continues to be a popular activity in the 5th & 6th Class calendar. Boys across the school also took part in a host of activities and challenges for Science Week 2021.



PAST PUPILS UNION 2020-2021

Celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year, the Past Pupils Union can look back at an active and varied year with many highlights, and can be justly proud of the important role it continues to play in school life.

A number of exciting online Talk Back webinars were organised. Speakers included Rugby Union referee Mr Nigel Owens as well as past pupils drawn from the worlds of law and business. In the fifth and final webinar, a past pupil panel debated the forthcoming British and Irish Lions tour to South Africa.

A specially commissioned Stained Glass piece, designed by past pupil and Art teacher Mr Peter Martin, commemorated the strong connection between the PPU and the school. Titled 'Aontacht' meaning 'unity', the piece recognises the support and solidarity



that the PPU has shown to the school over the past 90 years and celebrates the unbreakable bond between Christian Brothers College and its graduates. A very successful Golf Classic was held in Douglas Golf Club in to raise funds for this project.

A very special event in November paid tribute to the Senior Cup 4 in a row winning teams of 1997 to 2000. The commemoration was attended by members from the famed teams and coaches. The Union was delighted to welcome Ms Aine O'Donnell and Ms Megan Fitzgerald, wife and daughter of Senior Head Coach Garrett Fitzgerald, who passed away in February 2020.

The Union made generous donations to a number of causes and school activities, including Chernobyl international and the Cork Life Centre. A generous contribution was also made to the Senior Rugby Squad ahead of the commencement of their campaign.



At the 91st Annual General Meeting, held online on Thursday 25 November 2021, Mr James O'Riordan was appointed incoming President of the Union. We wish James well as he begins his term in office and thank outgoing president, Mr Paul Murphy, who served two terms with energy and commitment.

Officers for the forthcoming year are as follows:

President: Mr James O'Riordan.

Vice-Presidents: Mr Colum Kelly, Mr Shane Kelly, Mr Gary O'Flynn, Mr David Lordon.

Hon. Secretaries: Mr Brian Twomey, Mr Mike Duggan.

Hon. Treasurers: Mr David O'Mahony, Mr Ed Kenny.

Committee: Mr Paul Murphy, Mr Pat Bradley, Mr Pat Cashman, Mr Cian Cotter, Mr Ed Crosbie, Mr Mark Cullen, Mr Dermot Houston, Mr Owen Hurley, Mr John O'Donnell, Mr Thomas Roche, Mr Alan Scannell, Mr Barry Taylor.



SPORTS 2020-2021

HURLING



L-R: Eoin Downey, Rob Downey, Mr James Loughrey MC2 Accountants (*Harty Cup Sponsor*), James Dwyer.

Like all schools in all the different sporting codes this year would prove to be one of frustration. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic all hurling activities were seriously curtailed during the past school year. Despite the best efforts of everybody concerned the school managed to only play one challenge-game, across all its teams, during the whole school year. That game was a Harty challenge game against St. Colmans, which resulted in a two point win for CBC.

Shortly after that game all schools games were suspended and eventually the season was cancelled. This was particularly difficult for our 6th Year students who lost their final opportunity to put on the famed CBC jersey and indeed represent the college with the pride and distinction we always associate with our sports teams. I would like to refer specifically to those lads who know depart the college as they move on to the next phase of their lives and hope that the memories they have of their time hurling with us will stay with them forever.

They say that every cloud has a silver lining and while frustration and disappointment are the overriding emotions, we must also take enormous pride and hope from how all our hurling teams continued to train and prepare throughout the year. Though games were lost completely all the hurling teams in CBC continued to train diligently, both in the hope that games would resume and with a view to next year. In a time where the mental health of our young people is to the forefront of our thoughts, sport is becoming more and more central to their wellbeing and personal development.

U15 Cork Colleges Hurling Champions

On 30 November 2021, our U15 Hurlers were crowned Cork Colleges Champions after defeating Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. Great credit must go to the full squad and coaches Mr Edmond Hussey and Mr Ken O'Halloran.



CBC can be proud of how all our sporting coaches continued to develop our students during the most difficult of years in recent times and the hurling department was to the fore in this.

It is with this in mind that I wish to personally acknowledge and thank the hurling coaches for their work and commitment every year, but particularly this past year, in looking after our students at all times. We are extremely fortunate to have people of this calibre on our staff and I know that they will continue this great work next year and beyond.

Like many school experiences, the second half of 2021 offered a much improved sporting environment. Our Harty Cup Hurlers enjoyed strong run outs against St Flannan's of Ennis and St Kieran's Kilkenny ahead of their first round match in Middleton against Middleton CBS. Putting in an

impressive performance, CBC ran out winners on a scoreline of 1:20 to 1:14, booking themselves a quarter final place after Christmas. An O'Callaghan Cup Semi Final place in the new year was also the reward for our Seniors following their defeat of Rochestown College by a single point. As we put behind us the disappointment of 2020/21, we look forward to what lies ahead with increased vigour and optimism.

Harty Cup Captain

Congratulations to Eoin Downey on his appointment as Harty Cup Captain for this year's campaign and to Peter Linehan and James Dwyer who have been selected as Vice Captains.



Intercounty Players Visit – September 2021

It was an exciting summer of Hurling for Cork, made all the more enjoyable given the involvement of CBC pupils and staff at Minor, U20 and Senior level. Current and past pupils came together for a courtesy meet in September as the College took the opportunity to congratulate the Minors and U20s on their outstanding All Ireland wins and the Seniors on reaching the final. The impressive CBC contingent who numbered 16 players and 2 coaches, included Mikey Finn, selected for the Hurling team of the Year, Minor Vice Captain James Dwyer and Young Hurler of the Year nominee Shane Barrett.



SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

CBC students have achieved much across a wide range of sporting activities over the course of this past year. Their hard work and success in their chosen fields is a source of great pride to all in the school:

Cian O'Callaghan

All Ireland Pitch and Putt Champion



Hugh O'Sullivan

All Ireland Mens U18 Tennis Champion



Morgan Cain

Munster U18 Amateur Open Golf Winner



Freddie Froggatt

Munster U17 Cricket Coach



Sean Carmody

Irish U17 Athletics Silver Medalist



Gearoid Cashman

Munster U16 Hockey Team member



Sean Reddy

Connacht Boys U14 Golf title/
Ireland U14 & U16 team



Mikey Finn

All Ireland Minor Team
of the Year selection



James Young

Irish Rowing team, Irish Indoor
Rowing record holder



David Cremin

Munster Soccer Interregionals



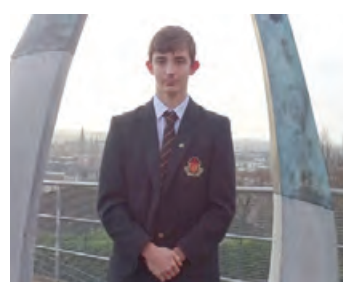
Shay Looney

All Ireland Trampoline Champion



Jonathan O'Shaughnessy

Irish team, Youth Sailing World
Championships



Swimming

Well done to CBC students who have achieved great success recently in the pool for their school and clubs. In the University of Limerick, Conor Foley, Richard McSweeney, Charlie Cassidy and James Ryan broke the Munster 4 x 50m Freestyle record which had stood for 15 years. Conor won Gold in the 50m Breast Stroke, Charlie won Silver in the 200m Backstroke, Richard won Silver in the 100m Breaststroke and Bronze in the 50m Breaststroke, while James won Silver in the Mixed Medley relay and Bronze in the 50m Backstroke. All four will represent their clubs at the Irish National Short Course Championships.



Soccer

Soccer returned to the College in September 2021 after an absence of 17 months. Trials took place for First Years, U15s and U17s during September and October with over 200 students involved over the 3 age groups. Our U15s and U17s played friendlies in early November against Midleton CBS to prepare us for the Munster cups. Our U15s had a very tough draw and were unlucky in their game vs St. Colman's Fermoy, losing 2-0. Our U17s also have a difficult draw as they prepare to take on Carrigaline CS. The First Year Competition will begin in the new year with a home tie against Carrigtwohill CC.



RUGBY ROUND-UP 2020-2021

It was a season to look back on in years to come for different reasons.

The world was in the middle of a pandemic and life as we knew it was totally changed.

Schools were closed and students were educated online over Zoom classes. All sporting activity was stopped, all non-essential services were closed, and the country locked itself down to bring the disease under control again.

This was the first sign that no rugby would take place for the remainder of the season.

McCARTHY CUP

McCarthy Cup squads enjoyed good campaigns under the leadership of Captains Michael Manning, Harry McCarthy and Johnny Murray. Comprehensive wins were recorded by A and B teams over Castletroy and Rockwell with two excellent on-the-road wins against tough opposition in St Munchin's and Crescent. A record 73 players presented against Rockwell, boding well for the future. A and B squads both finished Second in their leagues and no doubt will be looking forward to the coming year as they move into the Junior ranks. As always, we would like to commend our coaching team under Head Coach Mr Eanna McGrath for their ongoing work with McCarthy Cup players.



BOWEN SHIELD

The Bowen Shield campaign was characterised by an impressive squad effort and a number of notable results. The numbers involved in each training session showed a commitment that translated to energetic and talented performances on the pitch this season. Finalists once again, the title eluded them. There is much potential going forward for this young side, however, with quality evident through the squad. Well done to all our players, led by Captain Danny Rock and Vice Captain Ronan O'Keeffe. A special word of thanks also to our coaches under the direction of Mr Mark O'Driscoll and Mr Tom Carroll.



Where did we go from here on the Rugby front? Zoom, strength and condition classes were set up for after school for Seniors, Bowen Shield Juniors and McCarthy Cup. These classes went on until School resumed and huge credit must go to Donnacha Mulcahy, Head of Strength and Conditioning in the school.

As the school reopened all activities after school were put on hold, to prevent the disease from spreading inside the school and in the community.

The curtains came down on the season by seeing the Senior Team of 2021/'22 off with a presentation of jerseys and saying our goodbyes and thanks for the effort to this group.

We hope to see the class of 2021 in Lansdowne in the coming years, supporting their School as we strive to keep the famous red, yellow and black colours of Christian Brothers College Cork flying.

The return of sporting activities at the start of the current academic year was universally welcomed. Though still subject to public health guidance, it was a welcome sight to see our teams returning to competitive games in Lansdowne and further afield. George Rasmussen was announced as Senior Cup Captain, supported in his role by Tom Land and Daire Burke as Vice Captains. John Cussen was selected as Barry Cup Captain and Cian O'Mahoney was named Vice-Captain. Danny Rock and Ronan O'Keeffe were named Bowen Shield Captain and Vice Captain. Junior Cup Captain and Vice Captain were named as Leo O'Leary and Craig Hughes. Huge credit is due to our coaches and parent volunteers who put enormous effort into supporting our players.

The first half of 2021 was a season of regrets where, having trained so hard, our players never got to play and carry on the tradition of CBC Rugby. However, they can rest assured knowing that they gave their all and that everyone in CBC is proud of their Rugby achievements throughout their years in the College. As we look forward to this year's campaigns, we send our best to all our players and wish them every success in the months ahead.

U14 RUGBY

U14 Rugby has afforded First Years three valuable benefits: participation, physical activity and skills development. Involvement in Rugby has offered players the opportunity to get to know each other and develop a good sense of team spirit and camaraderie. Activity is key to supporting wellbeing and physical development. Finally, the opportunity

to learn or improve Rugby skills lays the foundation for future involvement and success as they progress through the ranks. Good results this year so far against Bandon, Castletroy, St Munchin's and PBC show players settling in well and we are looking forward to further growth in the second half of the year.



LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2021-2022 RUGBY SEASON..

SENIOR CUP CAPTAINS 2021-2022

Congratulations to George Rasmussen on his appointment as Senior Cup Rugby Captain and to Thomas Land and Daire Burke and their appointment as Vice Captains.



(L-R): Thomas Land, George Rasmussen, Daire Burke.

JUNIOR CUP CAPTAINS 2021-2022

Congratulations to Leo O'Leary on his appointment as Junior Cup Rugby Captain and to Vice Captain Craig Hughes.



(L-R): Mr Russell Foley (*Head Coach*), Leo O'Leary, Craig Hughes, Mr David Lordon (*Principal*).

BARRY CUP CAPTAINS 2021-2022

Congratulations to John Cussen on his appointment as Barry Cup Captain and to Cian O'Mahoney on his appointment as Vice Captain.



(L-R): Mr Tommy Crowe (*Head Coach*), Cian O'Mahoney, John Cussen, Mr David Lordon (*Principal*).

KIDNEY CUP CAPTAINS 2021-2022

Well done to David O'Donnell and Darragh Cole on their appointments as Kidney Cup Captain and Vice-Captain.



(L-R): David O'Donnell, Darragh Cole.

U18 IRISH SCHOOLS RUGBY

Well done to David and Kamil Nowak who were selected to take part in the Irish Schools U18 Rugby Training Camp in Dublin over the Mid-Term break.



(L-R): Mr David Lordon (*Principal*), David Nowak, Kamil Kowak, Mr Tommy Crowe (*Head Coach*).

CANADA JERSEY PRESENTATION

Jason Higgins, Class of 2014, plays professional rugby with Toronto Arrows and has been capped by Canada as part of the 2023 RWC Qualifiers.



Jason Higgins presents Canada jersey to CBC Senior players.