



Fáilte ó Ms. Prendergast

Where does the time go? Here we are with the 14th Edition of the school yearbook, one that is filled with an abundance of memories of a very busy, creative and successful year in Ratoath College. We never cease to be amazed by the wealth and richness of talent in Ratoath College and as ever we are extremely proud of all the achievements of our students both inside and outside school.

As the end of another academic year approaches, we can look back with pride on all that we have achieved this past year and this yearbook is a wonderful record of the huge variety of exciting and interesting activities that take place in Ratoath College. It's been a year full of learning, fun and friendship, a year in which our students have had the best possible opportunities to demonstrate and excel in their wide array of talents. We have had so many activities and student led initiatives throughout the year. Not a week went by when we weren't busy taking part in a wide variety of sporting, cultural or academic endeavours. We are immensely proud of all of your efforts.

It has also been a year tinged with much sadness as we experienced the loss of our dear teacher and colleague Ms. Aoife O' Sullivan and while we very much miss her she is ever present in our thoughts. The whole school's collaboration in producing *Anhrán Aoife* was a worthy tribute to a wonderful teacher and friend.

We are extremely fortunate in Ratoath College to have so many very committed people working to ensure our students have the best possible opportunities for success and we want to say a particular word of thanks to our Parents' Association and the Board of Management who give so willingly of their time for our school. Our teachers and our SNAs are amazing. We also thank them for their commitment and for the care and time that they give to their students, both academically and extra-curricularly.

In a school as big and as busy as ours, our secretarial team and our auxiliary staff play a pivotal role in keeping us on track and we want to acknowledge them and thank them for super job they do.

A very big thank you to Mr. Toner, Ava Mulreany, Lara Walsh-Fagherazzi, Ella Hussey, Abby Hesse-Masson, Ruth King, Sarah Jones, the rest of the Yearbook team and our Transition Year students, who have done an excellent job to produce a yearbook of the highest of standards. We are sure you will agree they have done a wonderful job. This publication is a wonderful endorsement of the school and all we achieve.....well done everyone!

Finally, we would like to wish all those sitting exams in June the very best of luck and every success for the future.

Have a wonderful summer.

Oonagh Prendergast Aoife O'Dwyer John McCarthy Seamus Meehan

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Editor's Note:

This thing is a monster. When I first took this one I thought, "Ah, be gran. I'll just copy and paste a few articles, take a few pictures, make a few jokes and that'll be that". I wish someone would have turned to me and said, "You know nothing, Mr. Toner". As massive of an endeavour as this turned out to be it's actually been a lot of craic. From filtering graduate profiles to reading heartfelt articles and comments I've really enjoyed this. This wouldn't have been possible without the hard work of every single person who wrote an article (special mention to Ms S O'Neil, Ms Flynn & Ms Kilrane for writing half of this book), sent in pictures and dank memes, or the amazing groups of girlos who took all the pictures and really did a lot of the heavy lifting on this, I am eternally grateful! I hope you all enjoy reading this, but at the end of the day, in the immortal words of Father Fintan Stack, "I've had my fun, and that's all that matters".

The Graduating Class of 2019

*"It is our choices, that show what we truly are, far more than
our abilities."*

Albus Dumbledore

Beannachtaí ó Ms. Kelly

Dear Class of 2019,

As we reach the final stages of your time here in Ratoath College it is with great pride that I write this message to you. As a year group you have shown commendable commitment to your studies and I am confident that the class of 2019 will be remembered fondly.

I was fortunate enough to become your Moltóir in 2017 and I enjoyed getting to know and watch you develop into exceptional young men and women. Your spirit as a year group is tangible and you have been very positive role models here in the school.

I have every confidence that you will continue to thrive and I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Best of luck,

Donna Kelly
Moltóir, Class of 2019.



Focal ó na hArd-Chinnirí

Thinking back to when we first walked through those doors five and six years ago, it's crazy to think about how far we've come. As our time in secondary school comes to an end we can't help but think back to the time we've spent here, the memories and friends we've made that will last a life time. It's such a bittersweet feeling leaving Ratoath College, we as a year group have bonded so well together over these last two years, and now we have to go our separate ways.

We'd love to thank all of our teachers who taught us throughout the years, not just the curriculum, but also valuable life lessons. Thank you to our wonderful caomhnoirí, you've been there for us as not just our teachers but as our friends too. To our amazing moltóirí that we've had these past two years, Ms.Kelly and Ms.Conlon. Thank you so much for your support, drive and motivation to succeed. The most stressful year of our lives so far has been made so much easier because of this support we've gotten from everyone in the school. Final thank you is to the deputies and Ms.Prendergast herself. You've been with us from start to finish the whole way through our time here in Ratoath college and you all embody all things Mol an Óige.

To all those who will still be walking the halls of Ratoath College next year. Enjoy every moment, make new friends, create amazing memories but most importantly remember that the staff and your peers are here to help you and guide you to do and be your best.

Finally, to the class of 2019, our fellow classmates. As cliché as it may seem, there aren't enough words to describe how amazing you all are. Thank you being such an incredible year group. No matter where we are or how old we get, we hope that we will always be friends when we meet again. You are all filled with such potential. We can't wait to start this next chapter together, wherever it may take us!!!

Thanks for everything, here's to the future!

-Ali Keenan & Cillian Byrne.

Ard Chinnirí 2018-2019.

Na Cinnirí - Class of 2019



Ard-Cinnirí

Cillian Byrne
Ali Keenan
Aishling Lynch
Ben Wyer

Introducing Na Cinnirí - Class of 2020



Aideen Lanigan

"Dá fhada an lá tagann an tráth-nóna"



Aoibh O'Shea

"A cinnire is someone who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way"



Ben Moran

"My wishes? To work hard, stay positive... oh and 600 points would be nice"



Charlie McSweeney

"One voice can change a room"



Clara Feeney

"Tough times never last but strong people do"



Cody Woods

"Strive for progress not perfection"



Ella Hussey

"The only time I'll be setting the bar low is for limbo"



Emer Brady

"Is leor ó mhór a dícheall"



Eoghan Mangan

"Leaders don't create followers, they create leaders"



Jack Lanigan

"If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress"



Karen Hayes

"Its a marathon not a sprint"



Kate Corcoran

"Hoping I don't lose my mind or my cinnire badge next year"



Kotryna Sweeney

"Be the reason someone smiles today"



Lauren Kelly

"Ní neart go cur le chéile"



Mark Lehane

"Think positive and positive things will happen"



Mark Webster

"I'll make it happen and shock everyone"



Niamh Larkin

"If you can dream it you can do it"



Niamh Madden

"Hope to make as good an impression as Cinnire will on my CV"



Orla Hayes

"Making a small difference, just like me"



Tara Kellett

"Believe in yourself because no one else is going to do it for you"



Tom Fleming

"I hope I make the most of the year and not miss a chance"



Tom Roddy

"Do well academically and in extra-curricular activities"

Rang Canny



It has been a pleasure getting to know Rang Canny over the last two years. You have been a super group to work with and I have no doubt you will all succeed in whatever you choose to do. Wishing you happiness and success in life.

Caroline Canny

Rang Conlon



It has be an absolute pleasure being a caoimhnoir to Rang Conlon this year. I had very little to do as your caoimhnoir as you were such a fantastic class who always followed instructions and advice. I thank each and every one of you sincerely for your co-operation and positive attitude throughout this year. I wish you all the very best of luck in your exams. I hope that whatever path you choose to follow in the future will lead you on an exciting and happy journey through life.

Edel Conlon

Rang Lyttle



It seems like yesterday when Miss Leavey called me down to her office to tell me the great news that I'd be taking over from Miss Casey as your new caomhnoir. Taking over from such an amazing caomhnoir was not an easy job but one I was very excited and a little nervous about. I soon realised that there was no reason to be nervous. You welcomed me in and made me feel part of the rang instantly. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all as a group and individually. Working with you over the last year and a half has been an absolute pleasure (even when I had to hunt you down for notes!!). You were the first ever Rang Lyttle, and boy did you set the standards high! Congratulations on getting this far and may your futures be extremely bright.

Jordan Lyttle

Rang McAuley



And now the end is near. . . . It's with a heavy heart that I say 'farewell' to my Rang McAuley. It'll be very different for me next year without all of you guys adding your individual charm and colour to my days. We had a few clashes over the years but these were definitely outweighed by the laughter and good times. Hopefully I've played some small role in your formation as the talented young adults with all your potential for greatness. Now the time has come to face the big bad world without school walls limiting your horizons. So good luck and enjoy the flight.

Mr P McAuley

Rang Monerawela



Rang 'Donnerawela'!! You've been an absolutely fabulous group and have brightened many dull mornings with all your lovely smiles and I will miss our tea and chats on a Wednesday morning. I hope that you will all leave with fond memories of Ratoath College and will continue to spread the kindness and positivity you've shown me. I wish you all the very best of luck and if times get tough there's nothing a nice cup of tea can't fix!

Love, Megan Monerawela

Rang O'Reilly



Well folks, we're down to the final moments of the match and you lot have played a blinder. Your dedication, hard work and perseverance are about to pay off. It has been a pleasure to get to know you as students and young people over the past year and I wish each and every one of you nothing but the best as you set out and achieve your goals in life.

Vinny O'Reilly

Rang Quinn



It has been a real pleasure to get to know Rang Quinn over the past two years. You have been a really lovely group to work with and I know you are destined for great things. Each of you has made a real contribution to this class and this is only a fraction of the contribution you will make to the world in the future. I wish you every success and happiness in your lives ahead. No matter what you do or where you go always dream big and aim to be the best you can be. Thank you for being you!"

Amy Quinn

Graduate Profiles

Rang Canny



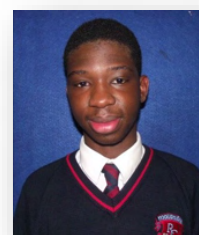
Craig Abdul-Kareem
"Craig, The Big Man"

Likes: Maths because it always made me concentrate and very happy.

Dislikes: I do not like History because it has lots of projects.

Will miss: I will miss everybody from Ratoath College so much.

Quote: "Unbelievable Jeff!" - Chris Kamara on Soccer Saturday.



Timothy Dimka
"Timo"

Likes: Going outside at lunch time

Dislikes: Walking back to class

Quote: "Oh wow"



Jason Emefiele
"MosesCool56"

Likes: Doing P.E. every Friday

Favourite moment:

Cannot wait for the upcoming Fun Day!

Will miss: The teachers

Quote: "Hey guys, I'm Moses!"



Cain Fagan

Likes: Travelling, Maths with Ms Conaty and Kahoot quizzes

Dislikes: Homework and long Assemblies

Will miss: The craic with Rang Canny and "The Rang Canny Slang"

Quote: "I should have been Cinnire"



Luke-Huynh Hurley
"Luke"

Likes: Food

Dislikes: Getting up before 7:30am

Will miss: I will miss all the craic & "The Rang Canny Slang"

Quote: "Cool, calm and collected"



Sean Kerin

Likes: Finding my way home

Dislikes: Not finding my way home

Will miss: Ms Quigley

Quote: "Don't mess with Ms Kelly"



Caitlin Maughan



Catherine McCann
"Cat"

Likes: Music, Geography, PE and Maths

Dislikes: English

Will miss: P.E. and the fun

Quote: "Vas Happenin potatoes"



Reece Phelan



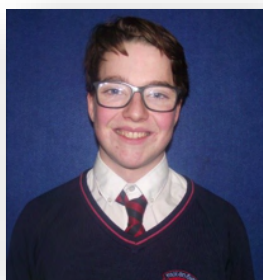
Ross Pickard

Likes: Long drives on the highway with my lawnmower

Dislikes: Teachers telling me that my lawnmower's slow

Quote: "My lawnmower goes faster than your moped"

Rang Conlon



Tomas Broe-Brady
"Mossy"

Likes: Chicken & rice every day
Dislikes: Assembly
Will miss: Sleep
Quote: "For all of my life I have always been young"



Jonathon Brown
"Jonny"

Likes: Food
Dislikes: Being hungry
Will miss: Friday mornings with Debbie Dalton
Quote: "They say nothing is perfect, but yet, here I am"



Aoife Conheady



Aine Cooney
"Positive Polly"

Likes: Staying inside at lunch
Dislikes: Scaldy tan
Will miss: Lunch with the auld ones
Quote: "Will you hold this for a sec?"



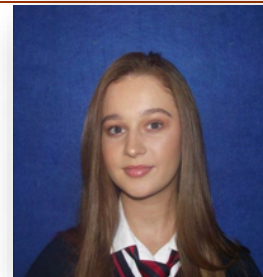
Trudi Cromwell
"Tru"

Likes: Tan Thursday
Dislikes: Everyone's reaction on a Friday morning
Will miss: Getting absolutely belted with apples at lunch
Quote: "I'm so confused"



Shane Duggan
"Duggie"

Likes: Having a locker door
Dislikes: Not having a locker door
Will miss: Sitting outside Ms Kelly's office at lunch



Sophie Dunne
"Soph"

Likes: Ranting
Dislikes: Being told to stop ranting
Will miss: Buying pan au chocolates on the way to school
Quote: "D'ya know what I mean?"



Josh Farrell
"Megamind"

Likes: The holidays
Dislikes: Chocolate
Will Miss: Slow dancing with Mr. Jordan
Quote: "Don't even worry about it."

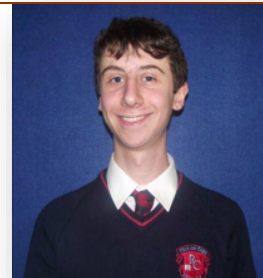


Nicole Gallagher-Breslin



Joshua Harnett
"Michael Dempsey"

Likes: Slagging Mr. Horan about how bad Mayo are & sitting in the canteen at lunch
Dislikes: Not being allowed sit in the canteen at lunch
Will Miss: The smell of blueberry
Quote: "Will someone go to the canteen to get me a bottle of water? I'm not allowed in."



Harry Haskins
"Young Cauliflower"

Likes: Ocean's Eleven, dogs, United Nations, History
Dislikes: The Queen, Americans, People who can't take a joke
Will miss: Tutorial chess with the boiz
Quote: "Veni, Vidi, Carta"



Christopher Joyce



Freya Kavanagh
"Frizz"

Likes: Having Caesar wraps for lunch
Dislikes: Not having Caesar wraps for lunch
Will miss: Walking home with ConCon & Yaydo
Quote: "Goodbye everyone, I'll remember you all in therapy"



Naoise Keane

Likes: Not the food on the French trip
Dislikes: Going outside at lunch
Will miss: Food fights in the canteen
Quote: "Don't follow your dreams, follow my Instagram — Naoise Keane"



Samuel Keane
"Bighead"

Likes: XL Hats
Dislikes: Having my locker under Naoise's
Will miss: Watching movie trailers in History with Mr. Toner
Quote: "We are so disappointed in you, you have ruined our trip" - Mr Gibson, French trip 2018



Cian Kelly
"Kelly"

Likes: Food
Dislikes: Shane
Will miss: Slagging Mr. Horan
Quote: "Well"



Mollie Kennedy
"Molls"

Likes: Margarita Monday in Katy's Pizza
Dislikes: Getting milled by apples at lunch
Will miss: Ms. Gilna's chats
Quote: "I only have 5 chocolate bars for lunch today"



Ruth King
"Kinger"

Likes: 2 portions of twisty, 2 sugar doughnuts & a tea
Dislikes: Spelling
Will miss: The fields, the cows & the culchies
Quote: "I'm a feminist, I don't need logic" - Callum Fahy



Avril Lennon
"Av"

Likes: Sunsets & Cakee
Dislikes: Getting up early
Will miss: The toastie machine, trying to do melodies with Ms Dalton
Quote: "If I see subjunctive written in my copy one more time I'll go mad"



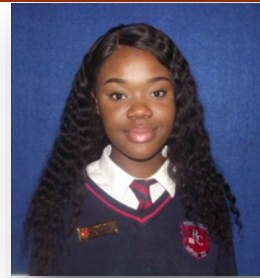
Laura Maloney

Likes: Sunday mornings
Dislikes: The cold
Will miss: Everything & nothing
Quote: "Invisible, I am!"



Riona Murphy
"RionaBlogs"

Likes: Cinamon buns, RuPaul's Drag Race
Dislikes: When Mr. Gibson left the school without telling us
Will miss: The chats at lunch
Quote: "I'm hungry"



Siloe Musoke
"SiSi"

Likes: Wearing the tie
Dislikes: Being constantly cold at school
Quote: "I feel like Beyonce in a school full of Michelles"



Sinéad Naughton
"Winéad"

Likes: Red apples
Dislikes: Green apples
Will miss: Annoying Emma
Quote: "Um, that's not gluten free"

Rang Lyttle



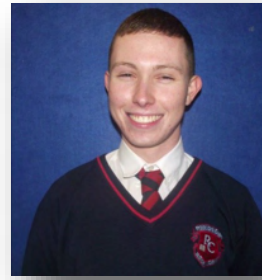
Cameron Nolan
"Camo"

Likes: A good book
Dislikes: Being interrupted when I'm in a marathon study session
Will miss: Slagging Mr. Horan
Quote: "I will ya scoobyaa"



Brian O'Carroll
"Bryan, Brion, Brick, String Breen"

Likes: Cheating off Tomás
Dislikes: Cheating on Tomás
Will miss: John Redmond talking about his love life every Tuesday
Quote: "Brian, you're honestly a walking disaster" - Ms. O'Dwyer



Aaron O'Flaherty
"Flats"

Dislikes: The Fear
Will miss: Going into the toilets
Quote: "What am I going to do after school? I don't know. Stephen Hawking had a better chance of getting trials at Real Madrid than I do at getting work."



Cillian Byrne

Likes: Tangents in Mr Toner's class
Dislikes: Globalists
Will miss: The blazer
Quote: ""



Killian Cahill

Likes: Gerry Adams, United Ireland, Loop the Loops
Dislikes: The unstoppable marching of time leading us to inevitable death, purple Starbursts
Quote: "Lookin' for anymore, you're only ween greedy like God often said don't be too greedy"



Mark Comerford
"Black Mamba"



Gary Conlan
"Garbar"

Likes: The Gym
Dislikes: Not being in the Gym
Will miss: Ordinary Level French with the boys
Quote: "I said to my trainer to put on more weights, he said, there are no more"



Sam Coughlan
"Sammy C"

Dislikes: All the Pre-debs
Will miss: Biology with Garbar
Quote: "Any Nutella?"



Isla David
"Brown Sugar"

Likes: Diarmuid
Dislikes: Sharing my gum
Will miss: Seeing Diarmuid
Quote: "It's Isla, not Isla"



Gavin Dwyer
"Gav"

Likes: Music, bees
Dislikes: Small people, Sarah
Will miss: TY
Quote: "Big money, big woman, big fun"



Mark Eade
"Springy"

Likes: Kahoot, Our Ard Cinnire Cillian Byrne, winning in Kahoot
Dislikes: Being called Springy, school, losing in Kahoot
Will miss: Doing P.E.
Quote: "Croc"



Luke Edwards
"That One Trump Kid"

Likes: The dank political debates in Mr Toner's class

Dislikes: Wormie memes

Will miss: Economics with Mr Connolly, the King of Sass

Quote: "Build that Wall #MAGA2020"



Bradley Egan



Callum Fahy
"Mistake"

Likes: The feel of my silk robe in the morning

Dislikes: When the butler forgets my supper

Will miss: The greater comforts in life

Quote: "Be better than the GAP"



Aidan Hanratty
"Aido"

Likes: Springy's old hair, Kahoot, Our Ard Cinnire, Cillian Byrne

Dislikes: Springy's new hair, Freya, Andicola

Will miss: Floating around in P.E.

Quote: "Meh"



Devano Jose
"DJ"

Likes: Tea

Dislikes: Monday mornings

Quote: "Whether you think you can't or think you can, you're right"



Alex Keenan
"Keeno"

Likes: Big Time Rush

Dislikes: People who think that the Earth is a sphere

Will miss: When James & Logan were committed

Quote: "Soup"



Tracy Kimbondo
"Trace"

Likes: Living life to the fullest, being with friends & family

Dislikes: Bleep test, Assembly every morning

Will miss: Seeing my friends every day



Matthew McDermott

Likes: Spoons, eggs, bell peppers and balancing my Dialann on my head

Dislikes: Children

Will miss: Balancing my Dialann on my head before Assembly

Quote: "Every time I try to poach an egg in a microwave it explodes. Why does this keep happening to me?"



Eoghan McGee

Likes: Gerry Fahy, Swans, Bob Ross, Callum's silk robe

Dislikes: Ruth King, Vegetarianism, Callum's wealth

Will miss: Holding hands & watching the sun set with Mr Jordan

Quote: "How's it going buddy?" - Gerry Fahy



Lauren Mooney
"laurenmoneyxoxo"

Likes: New B O'D

Dislikes: Every subject but Biology

Will miss: Religion with the HF & Mr McKenna and the lunch bunch

Quote: "Doesn't matter, I'm gonna be famous x"



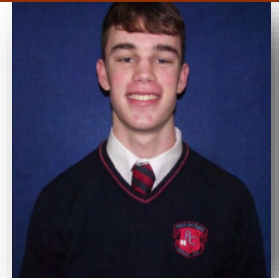
Rachael Moore
"Rach"

Likes: MC Camo

Dislikes: Barry's attitude

Will miss: Lunch bunch with the auld ones

Quote: "Let's go dancing"



Fionn Murphy
"Fi"

Likes: Respecting women

Dislikes: Sharing urinals

Will miss: Studying every day

Quote: "Bro"



Aoife O'Brien

Likes: Naps
Dislikes: Assembly
Will miss: Being told to take off my jacket
Quote: "I'm dropping out!!!"



Grace O'Dowd
"Gracey"

Likes: When Jessica shares her food with me!
Dislikes: Biomes :(
Will miss: Playing musical chairs with Ruth on a Thursday
Quote: "Sure it's only the Leaving Cert"



Zoe Rooney
"Zoezozo"

Likes: Hanging out with my friends
Dislikes: Homework and staying behind after school
Will miss: Spending lunch with my friends and getting the gossip
Quote: "Life is too short so live as there is no tomorrow"



Jonathan Ryan
"Jonny"

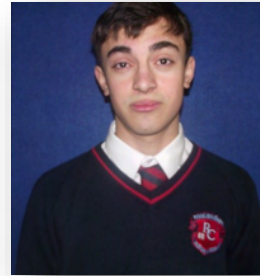
Likes: Coming to school every day and doing my best
Dislikes: The Pope
Will miss: Making sure I always do my homework
Quote: "If I can't do it, it can't be done"



Jessica Wong

Likes: Late night studies with Lofi hip hop playing in the background, cheese ramen, Resident Evil, Leon S. Kennedy, Rukia Kuchiki
Quote: "In the end, we reached the mirage and it became our reality. The scary desert became the ocean with our blood, sweat and tears"

Rang McAuley



Dalibor Bachin
"Dali"

Likes: Drip-curry
Dislikes: Rudolph, farmers
Will miss: Calling Shane skinny
Quote: "In the winter buy a chinchilla"



Jessica Brennan
"Brennan's Bread"

Likes: Twirl Bites
Dislikes: Not having chocolate
Will miss: Forcing Ava to do P.E.
Quote: "I don't share my chocolate, sorry"



Leah Caffrey



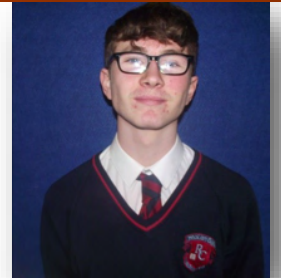
Conor Daly

Likes: "Gimme that Nutt" - Eazy-E, Springy's old hair
Dislikes: Springy's new hair
Will miss: Wednesday mornings with McAuley
Quote: "Esskeetit" - Lil Pump



Sean Dillon
"Seanie"

Likes: King sambos with no butter
Dislikes: Getting kicked out of the canteen
Will miss: Throwing food
Quote: "Anyone have an apple?"



Marc Donnelly
"Donno"

Likes: Prayer room at break, half days, lunch
Dislikes: Assembly, award ceremonies, Irish
Will miss: My "bench" outside Ms Flynn's office
Quote: "If I had one hour to live I would spend it in Maths class... It never ends"



Tiernan Fairbairn
"T-Bomb"

Likes: The table
Dislikes: The little kids that take the table
Will miss: Big Mr. Mooney
Quote: "It's hayfe-ver"



Hannah Farrell-Wilson
"HF"

Likes: Buying boxes of Smarties with Sean
Dislikes: French, being told to take off my hoodie
Will miss: Religion with Stephen & Lauren
Quote: "No I'm not opening the window, you don't sit here"



Orla Foley
"Fo-diggity"

Likes: Food, hand sanitiser
Dislikes: Loud eaters
Will miss: Lunch with my friends
Quote: "Cool, cool, cool, cool, cool, cool, cool, cool, no doubt, no doubt, no doubt"
 - Jake Peralta



Adam Gibson-McKenna
"Gibbo"

Likes: Friday night
Dislikes: Eimhin, Saturday mornings
Will miss: Slagging each other about football
Quote: "He's Kupa you know"



Emily Gilbert
"M"

Likes: Nutella bagels
Dislikes: Not enough Nutella
Will miss: Nutella bagels
Quote: "I only come to school so my mam makes my bagel"

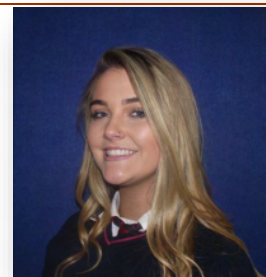


Colm Halpin
"Halpo/Dessie"

Likes: History class and Amici Market
Dislikes: Morning after Amici Market
Will miss: Maths class with the lads, 'S.Toner', Patrick & Mooney
Quote: "I'm not wearing trousers in this"



Karl Jackson



Sarah Jones
"Jonesy"

Likes: Apple
Dislikes: Apples getting milled at the girls
Will miss: Mr McAuley
Quote: "No seriously girls, I'm fumin"



Orna Kelly
"Orny"

Likes: LoveUDom 50% off code
Dislikes: Vegetarians
Will miss: Giuseppe
Quote: "My Mam better bring food in"



Lee Lynch
"Mad Dog Lee"

Likes: Break, free class
Dislikes: Double classes, Assembly
Will miss: Irish
Quote: "I don't do Irish"



Emma McCamley
"Ooma & Dilemma"

Likes: Food
Dislikes: Sand and slow walkers
Will miss: Seeing the infinity gals every day
Quote: "Why call it holi-day when you can call it holi-life?"



Eimhin McGann
"Eeven"

Likes: Disrupting class & shouting
Dislikes: Paying for tickets
Will miss: Giving the teachers PTSD
Quote: *barking noises*



Sarah McLoughlin
"Saz"

Likes: Getting a table at lunch

Dislikes: Not getting a table at lunch

Will miss: Aoife Dardis

Quote: "The school will miss me, but I won't miss the school"



Charlotte McManus
"Char"

Likes: Leaving school early

Dislikes: CRSSHH

Will miss: Sitting beside Orna in English

Quote: "No one:

Me: Fine I'll go home early"



Ava Mulreany
"Avs"

Likes: Mr O'Reilly

Dislikes: English classes with Mr Mooney & Alex

Will miss: Jessica forcing me to do P.E.

Quote: "Hannah Montana said nobody's perfect but here I am"



Andrei Muntean
"Foreigner"

Likes: Springy's old hair

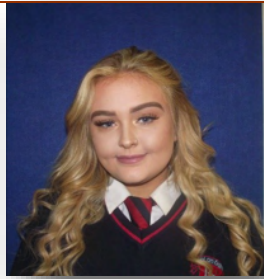
Dislikes: Springy's new hair, clearing branches off the car

Will miss: Having my visa

Quote: "What's that spot in your hair?" - Everyone



Ewan Murray



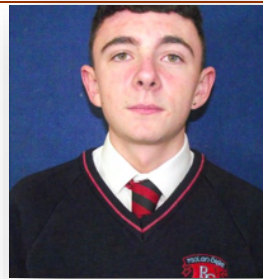
Jessica Payne
"JP"

Likes: Being orange & stenos

Dislikes: Barbers

Will miss: Me & HF having a go at Mooney

Quote: "I'm leaving early today to get my nails done"



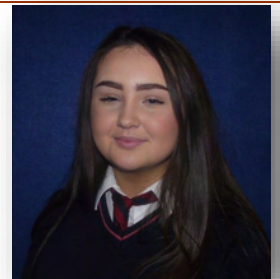
Alex O'Driscoll
"Boggo"

Likes: Prayer room at break, days off

Dislikes: Assembly, award ceremonies

Will miss: The Canteen, "The Bench"

Quote: "People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing every day"



Aislinn Reddy



Ben Wyer
"Benzo"

Likes: Sprints, a nice champo fade

Dislikes: Matthew Kelly #GAA

Will miss: Mooney, Kev & Patrick

Quote: "I guess you lose some and win some, as long as the outcome is income"

Rang Monerawel
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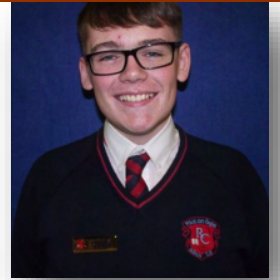
Tiarnan Ahearne
"Stearsy Fades"

Likes: Dancing

Dislikes: People

Will miss: Football

Quote: "Only way to go backwards is to turn around"



Luke Archbold
"Archy"

Likes: Villa

Dislikes: The Blues

Will miss: Telling the boys about Villa's weekend game on a Monday

Quote: "Villa Till I Die. UTV"



Hannah Berns
"Stubs"

Likes: Chemistry with Diarmuid
Dislikes: No gum
Will miss: Asking people for gum
Quote: "Anyone have any gum?"



Padraic Byrne
"White Chocolate"

Likes: Chicken wings
Dislikes: Pogba, Salah, the Splash Bros, Dylan Stears' Snapchat story
Will miss: Ms Canny
Quote: "6am wedges with the bro"



Niamh Carey



Ruth Chukwuezi
"IDK"

Likes: Nothing
Dislikes: Ali Keenan, because
Will miss: Playing musical chairs with Grace on Thursday
Quote: "Jesus didn't die for us to do Higher Level Maths" - Colm Sevestre



Bronagh Conlon
"Brolo xo"

Dislikes: Jenny the Demon
Will miss: My 4 course meal at lunch



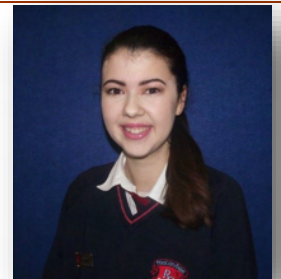
Leah Donnelly
"leahdawn"

Likes: Chicken nuggets
Dislikes: coming to school
Will miss: Nothing x
Quote: "Great turn out today boys"



Ciara Doyle

Likes: Reunion tours, tea and trios
Dislikes: The cold & rain
Will miss: Trying to get out of P.E. on Thursdays
Quote: "May the rest of our lives be the best of our lives"



Zara Doyle

Likes: Going on holidays
Dislikes: P.E. & skipping
Will miss: My friends
Quote: "Let's go on an adventure"



Chloé Faherty

Likes: Not wearing a jumper
Dislikes: Wearing a jumper
Will miss: Being told to wear a jumper
Quote: "Do you even own a jumper?" - Everyone



Nadine Fogarty
"Nay-deen"

Likes: Jem (how fab)
Dislikes: The fact that JLS broke up (hear 11 year old me crying)
Will miss: Mr Toher kicking us outside every Wednesday
Quote: "Be Be Be My BFF #tityl xox (see HJMMM)"



Alex Gibbons
"Hot Tamale"

Likes: Fifth Years
Dislikes: Texting the lads
Will miss: Sitting at Ms Kelly's office and being respectful to all my fellow students
Quote: "Clever move trying to get chemical symbols to spell out a dirty word for your Yearbook quote Alex, but unfortunately, I too have Google" - Mr Toner



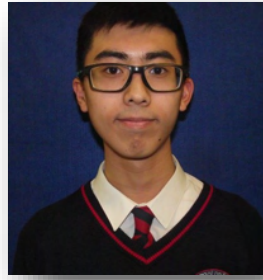
Cori Gormley
"Corrie"

Likes: Sing-songs with the girls
Dislikes: Gerald Barry
Will miss: Hazel & Varsha's fight to be taller #Hazelwins
Quote: *insert sarcastic comment*



Aaron Kelly
"Thicc Daddy"

Likes: Overseas trips
Dislikes: Losing money on stateside life
Quote: "He's a stallion. My uncle's cousin put the balance on him"



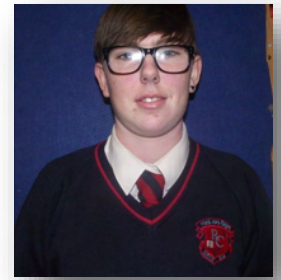
Edison Lau
"Eddie"

Likes: Staying at home
Dislikes: When people can't hear me
Will miss: Chess Club
Quote: "What we've got here is a failure to communicate"



Thomas Lewis
"Tommy"

Likes: Room to Improve
Dislikes: People who wear white socks to school
Will miss: Tea in tutorial
Quote: "Do people with airpods not get discounts here?"



Caoilfhionn Lynam
"Cameron"

Likes: Listening to and playing music
Dislikes: When you're talking and the class goes really quiet
Will miss: The random conversations in Chess Club
Quote: "I really don't care"



Aisling Lynch

Likes: Dad jokes
Dislikes: The inevitable marching of time
Will miss: Hearing about the conspiracy theories of Mr de Tuberville
Quote: "What did the Irish mam say to the person who complimented her jumper? Thank you, Next"



Niamh McTiernan
"Nini"

Likes: A big Chinese
Dislikes: Getting out of bed
Will miss: The pizza slices
Quote: "You're right, I think I will go home early"



Alex Mee
"Ali G"

Likes: Sleeping
Dislikes: First Years trying to steal our lunch table
Will miss: Ali teaching me Chemistry
Quote: "Laura, are we getting a lift off Andrei?"



Hazel-Jane Meehan
"HJMMM"

Likes: Carlos Pena
Dislikes: Having mortuousequophobia (eww) and JLS breaking up, still not over it
Will miss: Daily JLS & BTR discussions
Quote: "Cus IDK what's comin' next #t tyl.xox (see NMHFF)"



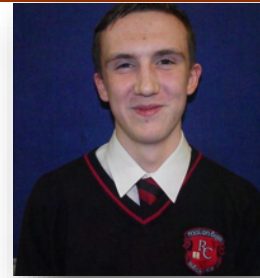
Alex O'Kane
"Brick"

Likes: Salah cutting in on the left
Dislikes: Playing full back
Will miss: School hurling training
Quote: "Better safe than sorry, unless sorry is better than safe"



Brenda Santos

Likes: Knowledge
Dislikes: When you miss a great opportunity
Will miss: The incredible people I met along the way
Quote: "It's fascinating how God puts incredible people in your life when you need them most."



Colm Sevestre

Likes: "I dunno, to whoever types this, you decide what I like. Surprise me".
Mr Toner's memes and sense of humour, that's what you like Colm — Mr. Toner



Darragh Vallenge
"White Mamba"

Likes: United Ireland
Dislikes: The Viper
Will miss: FIFA mobile with the lads
Quote: "Never back the early kick-off Mahatma Gandhi"

Rang O'Reilly



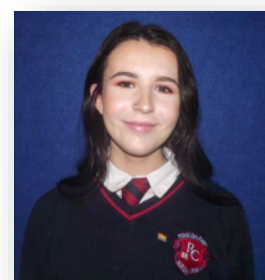
Cian Buckley
"Bucko"

Likes: Hurling
Dislikes: Bubble wrap
Will miss: The craic on the bus on the way to hurling matches
Quote: "Don't count the days, make the days count"



Andrei Coman
"Dre"

Likes: Motorbikes
Dislikes: Romance comedies
Will miss: Watching Netflix in class
Quote: "The world is yours!" - Tony Montana, 'Scarface'



Margaret Courtney
"Maggie"

Likes: Some Seniors
Dislikes: Juniors
Will miss: Gossiping in careers
Quote: "No tea, no shade"



Max Davenport
"Big Jumbo"

Likes: The bench
Dislikes: Being asked, "How's the weather up there?"
Will miss: Assembly
Quote: "Winning"



Kim Dietrich
"Kim"

Likes: Tea with no milk
Dislikes: Getting called a psycho for drinking tea with no milk
Will miss: Chats with Adele & Vicky every morning signing me in
Greatest Achievement: Not dropping out
Quote: *bleeding to death* "Ye, be grand like"



Adam Elliot
"Smelliot"

Likes: Myself
Dislikes: Myself
Will miss: Candlelit dinners with Mr. Jordan
Quote: "Once again, Adam's grades are not an accurate reflection of his ability"



Dallan Fagan
"Stefan Curry"

Likes: Kavos
Dislikes: Magaluf & the Annex
Will miss: Outkast
Quote: "Nah, it's strawberry blonde"



James Hennessy
"Specs"

Likes: Overseas trip, the loons
Dislikes: GSW, BOD
Greatest Achievement: Winning €150 on stateside live



Adam Howley
"Howley"

Likes: Sleeping, doing nothing
Dislikes: Most people
Will miss: The teachers, I really appreciate all the help you've given me!
Quote: "Smell me"



Darragh Hynes
"Daz"

Likes: Movies, hanging out with friends & family
Dislikes: Assembly
Will miss: My friends
Quote: "Manners maketh man"



Varsha Joseph
"Lil Josey"

Likes: Cleaning, grooving, horror movies, pasty
Dislikes: Spiders, avocados, being too sensitive, the word 'moist'
Will miss: Bants with Quigs, Sister suss in careers, rants with my mains
Greatest Achievement: First brown person (Indian) to win a place in the Talent Show
Quote: "Are you saying that cause I'm brown?"



Andrew Larkin



Eoghan McDonnell



Conor McNally
"CMac"

Likes: Travelling
Dislikes: Getting out of bed in the morning
Will miss: The whole place & the people
Quote: "People you love, they made you who you are. They're still part of you. If you stop being you, that last bit of them that's still around inside, who you are, it's gone" Glenn-The Walking Dead



Fiona McNerney
"All Ireland Champion"

Likes: Road frontage
Dislikes: Less than 100 acres
Will miss: Bio with Ciara
Quote: "Guys, remember that time I won an All Ireland?" - Fiona McNerney, All Ireland Champion



Kieran McPartlan
"Gekyume"

Likes: Lauren
Dislikes: Nebraska
Will miss: Bin Weevils Day
Quote: "I don't know how many years on this Earth I got left. I'm gonna get real weird with it"



Olivia O'Driscoll
"Olive-a" @HF

Likes: Lots of sleep
Dislikes: Barry's attitude
Will miss: Chats with Adele at the office in the morning
Quote: "Yeah, but like, come on"
Greatest Achievement: Making it to Assembly most of the week



Gavin O'Neill



Ciarán O'Suilleabhain
"Orangutan"

Likes: Heavy metal, a good laugh, Orangina
Dislikes: Religios loons, being told what to do, snowflakes
Will miss: Throwing paper in the bin (but my aim is getting better)
Quote: "To be normal is the ultimate aim of the unsuccessful"



Peter Power
"Cyborg, Petrol"

Likes: Travelling to new countries, Scouts, rugby, hanging out with friends, sleep
Dislikes: School, Leaving Cert, bullies, people who are deliberately mean
Will miss: Not much
Quote: "Adventure may hurt but monotony will kill you"



John Redmond
"Elijah"

Likes: Aidan Roantree
Dislikes: Grapes
Will miss: Rang Toner & Mr Toner's Batman belt
Quote: "We growled at her to establish dominance"



Jack Reid



Leah Reidy



Jamie Reynolds
"Jenny"

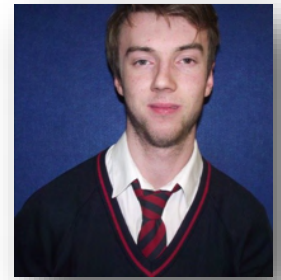
Greatest Achievement: Never being nominated for Student of the Month for 6 consecutive years
Dislikes: Any form of loud chewer
Will miss: Isolation Club, getting to see the Eiffel Tower from the bus window
Quote: "It wasn't me, that was Jenny"



Leah Rooney
"Lelo"

Likes: Friends, onions, fluffy cows
Dislikes: School, spiders, cauliflower
Will miss: Varsha's constant annoyance
Quote: "Accept hugs, the don't come cheap"

Rang Quinn



Gavin Chapman
"Spud"

Quote: "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough"



Ruan Classan
"Roo"

Likes: Complaining
Dislikes: DCG for obvious reasons
Will miss: I'll miss nothing & no-one



Megan Clancy
"Klancy"

Likes: Drawing, cocoa pops, comics, video games
Dislikes: My brown pencil >:(also angry pugs
Will miss: Fainting at Assembly
Quote: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQw4w9WgXcQ&feature=youtu.be>
 "Never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down"



Ciara Eiffe
"Curds"

Dislikes: Being slagged
Will miss: The lads getting blamed for everything the girls do. Mob mentality.
Quote: "... OK fine, you've convinced me"



Evan Eiffe O'Toole



James Farrell
"Jamez Ferell"

Likes: Friday nights
Dislikes: Doing nothing on Fridays
Will miss: Slagging Gibbo about how bad Chelsea are
Quote: "I promise my forehead's not that big"



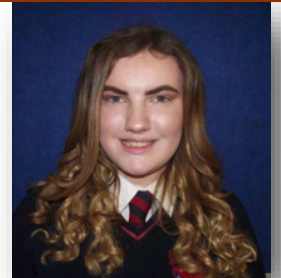
Nicola Gibson
"Nikki"

Likes: Walking around the school with Emma to avoid going outside at lunch
Dislikes: People stealing our lunch table
Will miss: That 1 week that I wasn't concussed
Quote: "Guess who's concussed again!"



Cal Henderson
"CK"

Likes: Calin Klein socks
Dislikes: Normal socks
Will miss: Killian Cahill
Quote: "No Calvin Klein"



Zara Kane

Likes: Chicken tikka, hanging out with friends, gossip, GAA and baking
Dislikes: Assembly
Will miss: Lunchtime chats with my friends and getting a half day on a Friday
Quote: "The one who falls and gets up is much stronger than the one who never fell"



Nicole Kavanagh
"Co"

Likes: Dominos
Dislikes: Assembly
Will miss: The tea & biscuits
Quote: "Better late than never x"



Marina Kelly
"Mariana Trench"

Likes: Taking everyone's food
Dislikes: Running out of food
Will miss: People offering me food, rather than me asking for it #saints #wegotneeds
Quote: "I can eat a whole Toblerone in 15 minutes. It's a skill, not an addiction"



Matthew Kelly
"Bandy Knee"

Likes: Chicken rolls
Dislikes: Anything healthy
Quote: "Waking up is the hardest thing in the morning"



Sophie McLoughlin
"Young McLoughlin"

Likes: Being right
Dislikes: Sinéad's apple propaganda
Will miss: The many Oscar worthy performances of Classics
Quote: "I always thought Sophie was Turkish" - Brian O'Carroll '19



Órlaith McDonnell
"Orlando"

Likes: Late night trips to Boojum
Dislikes: Jonathan poking my side
Will miss: Chloe sticking her fingers in my lunch
Quote: ***wheezing***



Ryan O'Doherty
"R'O D, Wreck it Ryano"

Likes: Getting distracted
Dislikes: My ADHD
What I'll miss: All my teachers, thanks for everything!
Quote: "Education is important, but leg day is importanter"



Emma O'Sullivan

Likes: Walking around the school to avoid going outside with Nicola
Dislikes: Slow walkers in busy halls
Will miss: Ms Quinn asking for my absence notes
Quote: "Oh sorry, I didn't know that was due today"



Radu-Constantin Olaru
"Roody"

Likes: Tayto crisp sandwiches
Dislikes: Wreck it Ryano
Will miss: Ms Doonan's chats in class
Quote: "It was easier to jump the border than to pass the Leaving Cert"



Jordan Peppard
"Peplard"

Likes: Guitar playing
Dislikes: N/A
Will miss: Chainsaw®, Spud/ Gavin Chapman
Quote: "If you want to be a Rockstar or just be famous, run down the street naked. You'll make the news or somethin' "



Lara Power
"Larzapan"

Likes: Napping
Dislikes: Being woken from a nap
Will miss: The excitement of remembering I have a day off
Quote: "If life is soup, I'm a fork"



Lara Walsh Fagherazzi
"Fags"

Likes: Cowboy hats & spaghetti
Dislikes: Everyone, except Italians
Will miss: Horseback riding through country fields with Mr. Jordan
Quote: "Whens'a your Dolmio Day?"



Aoife Ward
"Efa"

Likes: Sneaking food into exams
Dislikes: Getting caught eating food in exams
Will miss: Gossiping with Ms Gilna
Quote: "OMG girls" *tummy rumbles*



Adam Weir
"Steve Mandana"

Likes: Sugar

Dislikes: People with full functional pancreases

Will miss: Lunch outside Ms Kelly's office

Quote: "This mob mentality won't be tolerated"



Annia White



Hannah White
"Bianca"

Likes: P.E.

Dislikes: Fake tan

Will miss: Tutorial with the gurls

Quote: "I haven't done P.E. once this year"



Jade Wray
"Jad(e)"

Likes: Living next to Spar

Dislikes: Living next to Spar

Will miss: Tutorial with the gurls

Quote: "Sorry gal it's on my depop xx"



RC Awards

Fearless

Ali Keenan
Chloe Faherty

Life of the Party

Adam Gibson-
McKenna
Conor Daly

Pack Leader

Hannah Berns
Cillian Byrne

Comedian

Jonathon Browne
Cameron Nolan

Teacher's

Pet



John Redmond
Ben Wyr

Memelord

Riona Murphy
Varsha Joseph



Chatterbox

Nadine Fogarty
Isla David

Class Clown



Eimhin McGann
Colm Halpin

Head Chef

Orlaith McDonnell
Luke Hurley



RC Awards

Gentle Giant

Craig Abdul-
Kareem
Max Davenport

Best excuse for being late or no homework

"I was in the lift with Josh Hartnett" - Cian Kelly and Colm Halpin
"I got stuck"
"I wasn't in for that"
"I brought the wrong copy" -
Thomas Lewis

Drama Queen

Aoife O'Brien
Lauren Mooney
Emma
O'Sullivan



Smartest

Orla Foley
(Is that even a
question?)
(G.O.A.T)

Best Dressed

Callum Fahy
Eimhin McGann
(Socks only)

Fortnite King/ Queen

Luke Archbold



FIFA POTY

Josh Hartnett
Dallan Fagan (In his
words he's a sicko)



Best Hair

John Redmond
Ruth Chukwuezi

Kindest

Darragh Hynes
Orla Foley
Zara Doyle

Most likely to...

**Be the first couple
to get married**

Orna & Sam



**Become a priest/
nun**

Cillian Byrne



**Die first in a zom-
bie apocalypse**

Zara Doyle



**Survive a zombie
apocalypse**

Colm Sevestre

Sinead

Naughton



**Win the Lotto, but
lose the ticket**

Ruth King



Get superpowers

Gavin Chapman



Become a film star

Freya Kavanagh

Lauren Mooney

**Return here to
work as a teacher**

Hazel-Jane Meehan

Jessica Wong

Nicola Gibson

**Become a mad sci-
entist**

Matthew McDer-
mott



Most likely to...

Travel the world

Lara Walsh
Fagherazzi



Become a supervillain

Cillian Byrne
Matthew
McDermot

Get a 'Yes' from Simon Cowell

Adam Elliott &
Eoghan McGee
Sarah Jones

Still get ID'd when they're 30

Thomas Lewis

Grow the longest beard

Ciarán
O'Suilleabhán



Go to space

Tomás Broe Brady



Go to prison

Alex Gibbons



Do a bungee jump

Cian Kelly
Aisling Lynch

Become Taoiseach

Cillian Byrne
Ruth King

Most likely to...

Become a million- aire

Callum Fahy



Start a fashion trend

Ava Mulreany
Rachael Moore

Become a 'social influencer'

Ríona Blogs



Win gold at the Olympics

Riona
Murphy



Write a bestselling novel

Cori Gormley
Avril Lennon

Win an Oscar

Darragh Hynes



Win a Nobel Peace Prize

Sophie McLoughlin
Jessica Wong

Paint a master- piece

Emma
McCamley
Lara Power



Become the world's strongest man/woman

Gary Conlan
Aisling Lynch

Most likely to...

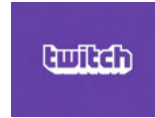
Catch all 807 Poké- mon

Andrei Muntean



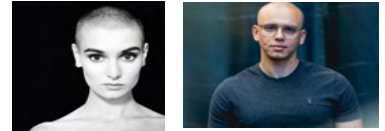
Become the world's biggest Twitch streamer

Marc Donnelly



Looks like a celeb- rity

Adam Elliot—Sinead
O'Connor & Logic



Become a farmer

Aaron Kelly
Aidan Hanratty
Leah Donnelly

Get sorted into Gryffindor

Zoe Rooney—Watched the
movies more
times than I can
count and has too
many wands



Get sorted into Hufflepuff

Cillian Byrne—
he is secretly a
trap



Get sorted into Slytherin

Emma McCamley—
She's a
snake



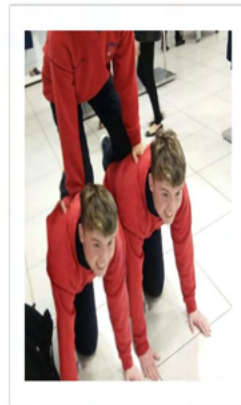
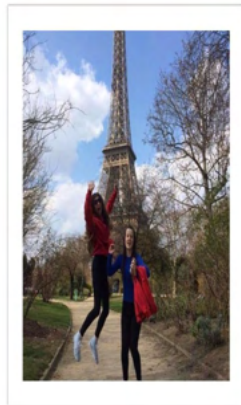
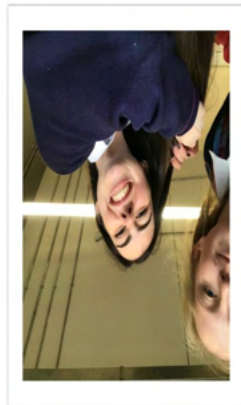
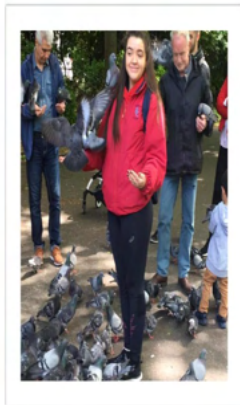
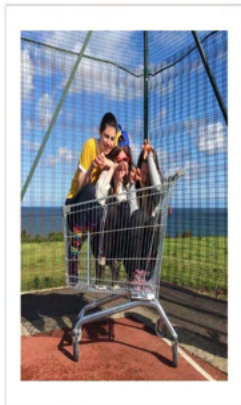
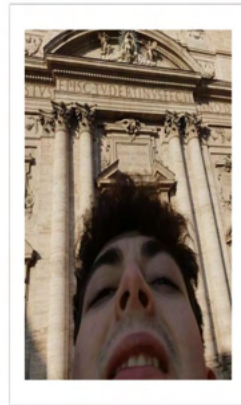
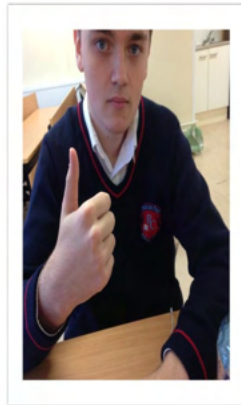
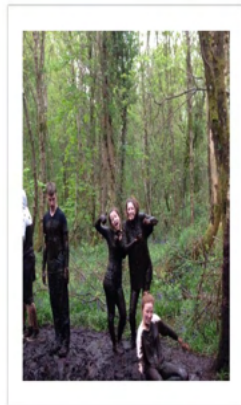
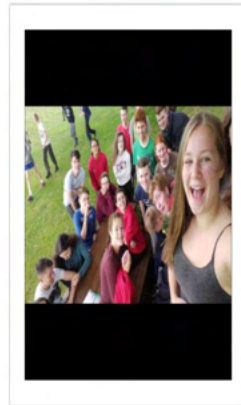
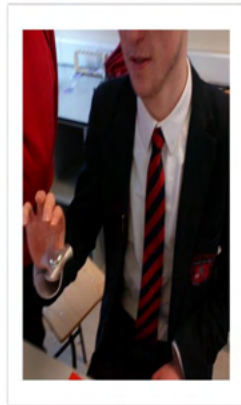
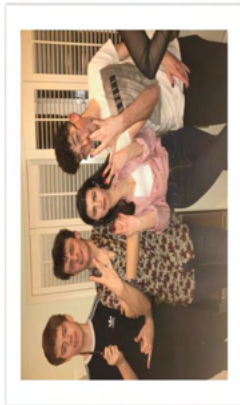
Get sorted into Ravenclaw

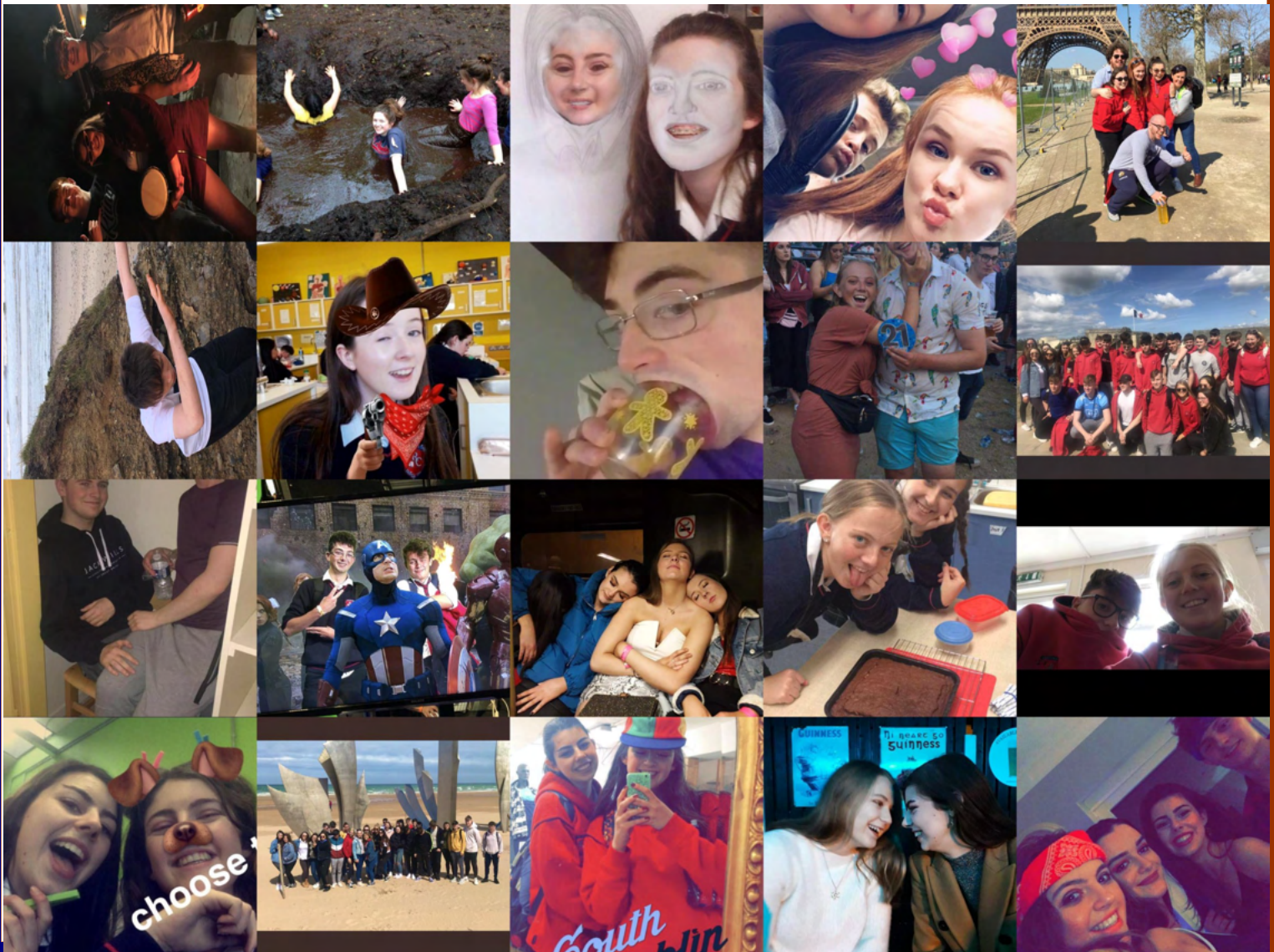
Aidan Hanratty



More Harry Potter

Conor Daly—Gryffindor as he's so obsessed
with himself
Hazel-Jane Meehan—Slytherin because
she's a sly snake
Leah Rooney—Gryffindor because she does
too much for her friends
Sophie McLaughlin—Gryffindor for her
unwavering moral compass
Darragh Hynes— Gryffindor because he's a
good person





RC SUPERHEROES

The Hulk

Gary Conlan—Creatine, pure huge, chesty, swol, stocky, thicc



Wolverine

John Redmond—He's very hairy, hairy af, short & hairy



Captain America

Emma McCamley—She's a gym lad, because she wants to



Iron Man

Adam Weir—He's half-machine



RC SUPERHEROES

Batman

Jason Emefiele—Mr. O'Reilly called him Batman in class before & he talks like him



Captain Marvel

Leah Rooney— Came out of cinema & her life flashed before her eyes, went on about it for days



Superman

Josh Farrell



Cyborg

Peter Power— Because... ya know...



RC SUPERHEROES

The Flash

Colm Sevestre—If he was struck by lightning while next to his red bull he'd probably become The Flash



Doctor Strange

Cian Buckley— Cause he was once injured and now he's all gucci homie



Black Panther

Ruth Chukwuezi—She's strong & fierce af



Ant-Man & the Wasp

Hanna Berns — Same size



RC SUPERHEROES

Black Widow

Chloe Faherty—She's always prepared for anything



Rocket Raccoon

Eimhinn McGann— Because he can never be serious at the right time



Wonder Woman

Aisling Lynch— She's fearless and willing to stand up for herself



Professor X

Cian Kelly—The baldy



Teacher Awards

Looks like a celebrity

Mr de Tuberville—
Andrew Garfield
Mr Horan—A shark
Mr J McCarthy—Jonah Hill

Best Dressed

Ms Doonan
Ms Monerawela
Mr Toner (Batman
belt only)

Best Hair

Mr J McCarthy
Mr Jordan

Nicest

Ms Dalton
Ms English
Ms Jackson

Baby Faced

Mr Toner
Mr O'Dwyer

Best Beard

Mr Leonard



Teacher Awards

Scariest

Mr Connolly
Ms Prendergast
Ms D Kelly

Best uses "I'm not angry, I'm just disappointed"

Ms Conaty
Ms Quinn



Best Footballer

Mr McAuley
Mr Toher
Ms J Conlon

Biggest Softie

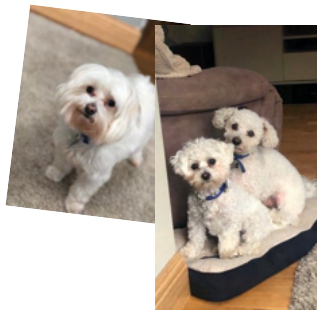
Mr Mooney
Fr PJ
Mr Ball

Acts tough but has a heart of gold

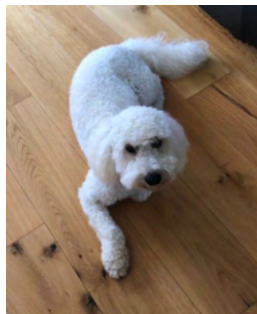
"Vinny"
Mr Connolly
Ms Casey
Ms D Kelly



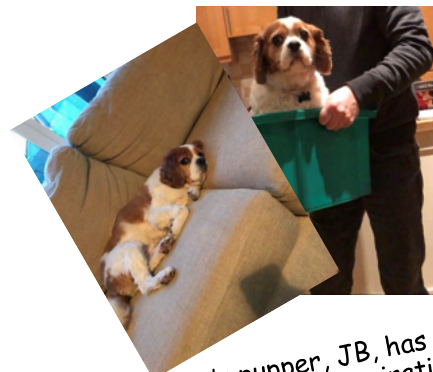
Pets of Ratoath College



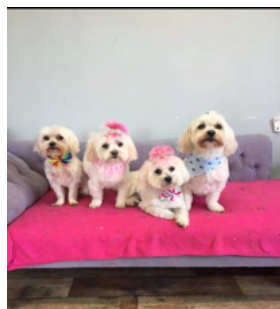
This troublesome trio are Broadie, Theo & Bailey from Aoife Ward. Triple threat, triple doggo points 45/10



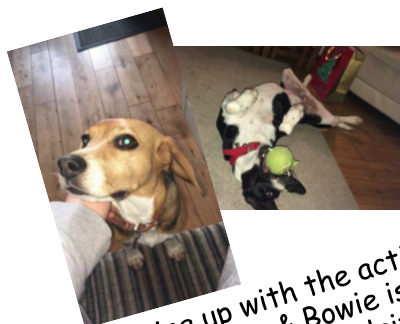
Darragh Hynes wants us to met Ted. Clearly, Ted is a good boy, 13/10



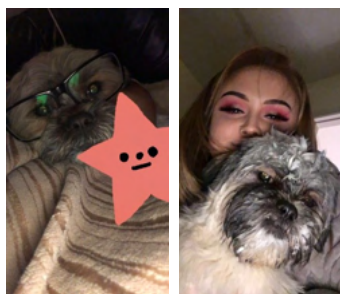
Orla Foley's pupper, JB, has his priorities in order. Inspiration, 15/10



This Fantastic Four all have one superpower in common—the ability to overpower with cuteness. Expect to see them fighting Thanos in 'Avengers: End-game' this summer, according to Zara Doyle. Superpuppers, 44/10



Keeping up with the active lives of Jess & Bowie is a full time job for Orlaith McDonnell. #blessed 25/10



Now we have a super-star in the making, Parker, with her human Jessica. Absolute Rockstar, 15/10



No one is more of a chameleon in front of the camera than Freya Kavanagh's Poppy here. Master of disguise, 19/10

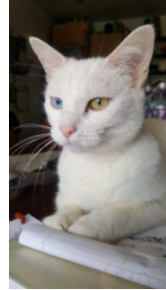


Here are Sitich (Cat) & Daisy (Doggo) snuggled up or begging for attention. Maggie Courtney has her hands full with this dynamic duo! 23/10

Pets of Ratoath College



Here we have Andrei Muntean's little pupper, Minnie. Much like her human, Minnie loves naps 14/10



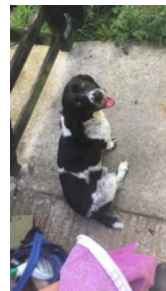
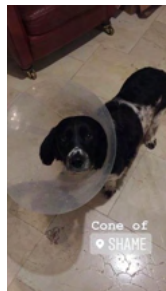
This is Luna, she has two different coloured eyes and rocks a cowboy hat, Lara Walsh-Fagherazzi is very proud, #yeehaw 12/10



Hannah Farrell-Wilson sent in a fab pic of her fab cat, Fabio (Fab). Fab kitty, 16/10

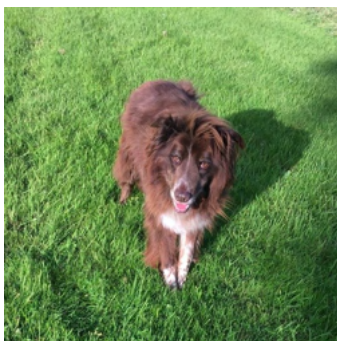


Luna is a very talented pupper, here we have her practicing Beethoven's 5th Symphony on the windowsill. Her human, Riona Murphy, taught her how to play at 6 weeks old. Prodigy, 17/10



No-one rocks a cone of shame like our Cylde here. Sophie McLoughlin is lucky to have such a stylish doggo. Icon, 19/10

Freddie is a bundle of energy who also appreciates a good nap, much like his owner, Nicola Gibson. Dog life goals, 16/10



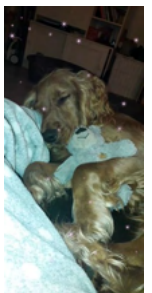
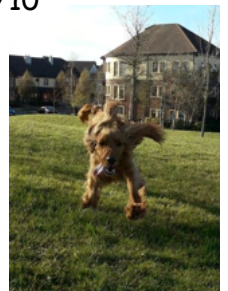
Time to meet Casey, a good doggo and friend to Leah Rooney. Both enjoy long walks in the park on sunny days, 18/10



This maniacal menagerie currently allow Megan Clancy to pretend to be their owner.



We have the guinea pig, Yuri, the bird, Christian, the dog Arthur and the rabbit, Gizmo! Too cute to rate, we'll try anyway. 56/10





Resolutions for the Future

Be happy

Become a nurse and work with children

Do some work

Get into college and travel the world

Get more sleep

Go see more of the world

Hopefully to become a solicitor

I'll try to have fun and give other people fun, even though I have the personality of a stale slice of dry toast

Keep in touch with everyone but make loads of new friends

Learn conversational Irish properly. Learn Spanish and sign language as well

Live

Meet daddy Donald



Resolutions for the Future

Start working

Stop being a bad person

Take a day off

To actually go to Amsterdam

To have a social life

To not leave everything till the last minute

To try new things and travel

Travel the world

When I am finish school, I will definitely be ready for next level in college, I could get a full time job and maybe the sports presenter and commentator very soon

Not be a waster

Not starve



RC in 10 Years...

All 1200 students of Ratoath College praying to the Blue Head while Ms Prendergast sits top of the head

Extension may possibly be half done

Extension still not finished, prefabs have taken over the school

I think it will bring new classes, new gym, activities, new canteen and shop near our school

Mr Connolly will be principal and rob all the P.E. jumpers and no one will have any left

Mr. Jordan will be principal

Will the building be built?? Will the original building be finally clean??

The extension might be nearly finished, and the new entrance might be halfway.

We'll think of RC as the pits when we're living it. But we'll look back on it fondly later in life

The extension still won't be built but at least we have new floors and a nice road to drive into school on!!



Favourite Moments from Teachers

Any class ever with Mr Connolly

Getting a picture with Mr Giblin

Getting my art project done

Getting sent out of maths for eating a lollipop and having Ms. O'Dwyer lean on the door to keep me out.



Going out to football matches was always fun

In TY when we told Diarmuid McCarthy he could fit between the sign and pole in front of the school and he got stuck while trying to squeeze through.

Italian Exchange, Ms Hayes & Mr Winters " you've f*****d up " speech, running to Sephora before it closed in Madrid with Ms.O'Neill, Ms.Morris.

JJ being a right auld sneaky breeky

Ms Kelly sowing Josh Hartnett's trousers in the middle of English class when they ripped in 5th year

Singing a duet with Mr Mc Auley at third year grad

TY, Mr. D McCarthy trying to squeeze between a lamppost and a sign and when we were meant to all be cleaning.



Favourite Moments from Teachers

Just Rang Donnellan all through junior cycle

McAuley in general

Mo Nissar crying at award ceremony

Mr Ball and Darragh Keavy trying to one up each other

Mr Mooney and the clock

Mr. Toner being in general a hero

Mrs. Dalton fallin on her ass in 1st year

Ms Donoghue "existence is suffering"

Ms Flatley giving up on her Italian class

Ms Donoghue slipping on pizza boxes in Lilliput

Ms. Doonan talkin bout her amazing life during maths lol

Ms.Canny telling us about her life

My favourite moment from a teacher is when Ms.Conlon told my LCA Class-mates that we are best LCA Group that she ever had and I found inspirational.



Favourite Moments from Teachers

That time Nicola came into maths with a lollipop and Ms ó Dwyer kicked her out



When Ms Donoghue said "existence is suffering" in class.

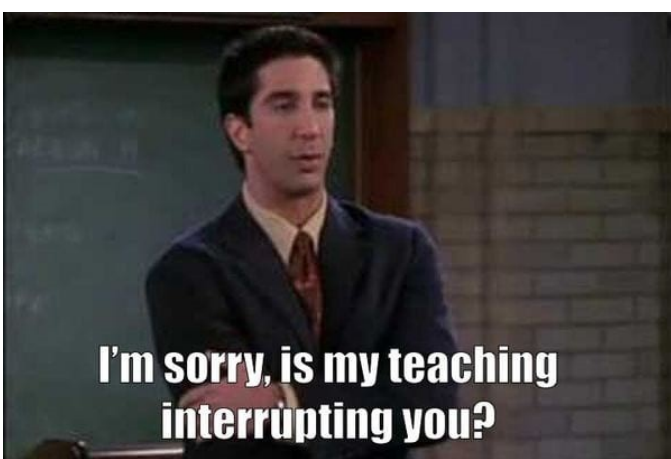
When Ms. Savage handed me back my English assignment and her dog had eaten it

When the school closed for 3 days cause of the snow, big shock to the system, will we ever go to school again?

When we're in maths with Ms Doonan and we talk about random stuff barely get a word in when she's talking about her life story

Mr Mooney bouncing up and down in English class

Mr Munnely's patience. Just the never ending DCG project and his endless patience for me and the rest of the class. Also the banter after school.



Mr Toher telling all the girls upstairs to get out on a Wednesday at lunch

Mr. Mooney breaking his own clock with his pen then blaming a student for doing it

Ms Conlon falling over in the obstacle course

RC Memes

Mr Mc Kenna trying to play a YouTube video starter pack



"How do I full-screen it?"

"Wait! This isn't the video!"

Prendo being shocked when no one wears orange after being forced to wear their uniform



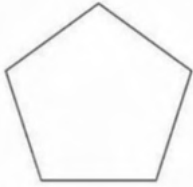
Shoving your phone in your pocket when Mr Meehan comes around telling people to go to assembly



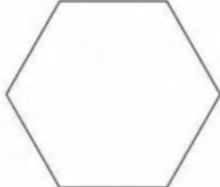
Actually doing the exam papers instead of going straight to the marking scheme



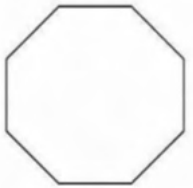
RC Memes



Pentagon



Hexagon



Octagon



Hoodie gone



5th and 6th years: *get banned from the pitch*
1st and 2nd years:



A massive thank you to Ms Prendergast and all the teachers who were good sports and actually gave their permission for these memes to be used in the Yearbook!



Highs & Lows of RC

1st to 3rd year was just embarrassing.

2nd TY Lilliput trip, mad craic

5th year trip to France, ty, being called thugs by Ms. Kelly (thuggish mob mentality)

Being an MC at the school talent show

Best- France trip in 5th year

Dropped my phone in the toilet on a French trip.

Fainting in front of a 6th year are class

Falling up the stairs, falling up the stairs while slipping on an orange, the bleep test, some of the lads punching the wall in Halla an Phiarsaigh at lunch meaning we were never allowed back in there.

Food fights

French Trip 2018, TY, The Blue Head Statue, Not seeing the new extension

Highest moment - Niamh falling off the table in first year. Lowest moment - 10 weeks I spent in fifth year the first time around

Highs - TY, religion with Mr. Mooney, tutorial, when Varsha Joseph got her hand stuck in a chair in religion, Lows- guys from our year putting their head through the wall of Halla an Phiarsigh and now none of us can go in there at lunch :(

That time I won the Ard Cinnire blazer in a bet

Water fight on sports day



Highs & Lows of RC

Lows- dabbing, falling up the stairs a lot

Maths with Darragh and Cian

Mr. Mooney messing up in class

Ms Leavy's maths class



My best memory was having fun with my friends, there is nothing worst my memory in Ratoath College, my funniest memory is doing dabbing and finally there were no embarrassing memories during my time in school.

My highs of Ratoath College easily has to be Rang Martin. I loved everything about that rang and everyone in it. My biggest blooper is probably when I puked in 2nd year and just completely drenched Ms. Martins role book and like all of the lines around me but sure look no one remembers so that's the best part. Pro's of being unpopular

Our year singing Conor Knowles' name in the tune of the Jurassic Park theme

Poor Ms Quigley surviving her Irish class

Screaming Yee in TY

Spilling my tea all over myself and the bus after the camogie final

When Halla an Phiarsaigh was still open / 6th year water fight on sports day / France trip and Ms Conlon winning the whole match for her team / making amazing friends for life / when I actually fell up the stairs in front of people / speaking too loudly and everyone hearing my embarrassing stories

When Niamh farted in religion

Winning Leinster with hurling team

Messages to Teachers

Always loved Mr. McCauley - Jordan Anthony Joseph Brennan Peppard

Dear Art teachers, don't make students cry.

Dear Ms Dalton, I hope you know that your my favorite teacher that I've had in the school and are the kindest and friendliest teacher going, really going to miss you, you always made me feel welcome☺



Dear my beloved JJ, stay beautiful

Happy Father's Day, Dad (Mr.McAuley) anon.

I hate you (Mr Jordan) - Lara

Hi Mr Gibson, thanks for suddenly leaving our rang

I like teachers and enjoy my journey in last five years because I have a wonderful memories such as birthday, etc.

I love you

Miss. Dalton ~ you always made myself and the other students so comfortable going into class, you understood us. You are one of the easiest people to talk to, and always welcome us with a smile

Mooney's a G



Messages to Teachers

Mr. Meehan still has my jacket. Its probably burnt by now since he kept it nice and toasty for so long

Ms Dalton - thank you for pushing me outside of my comfort zone and giving me confidence that I will carry with me throughout my life and for putting up with me for 5 years.



Ms Doonan - have her for maths and she's the nicest teacher ever it's my favourite class to go to even tho I don't like the topics I just love the environment , even though we don't do our hw and ya give out a bit still love the class ☺

Ms.Conlon has been with me from day one and I owe so much to her. Best teacher going.

Ms.McGarron- thanks for encouraging me to go outside of the box with my RSR and allowing me to go my own way with it and to take control of it. Your encouragement helped has helped me become more confident and independent with the work i do! Thanks for making me love history!



Messages to Teachers

Mr Farrell I know you probably expect me to not speak Irish again. I really do like Irish and I hope to learn conversational Irish after school. You were the best Irish teacher I ever had and thank you for your patience.
Peter

Mr Mooney- release your inner sap

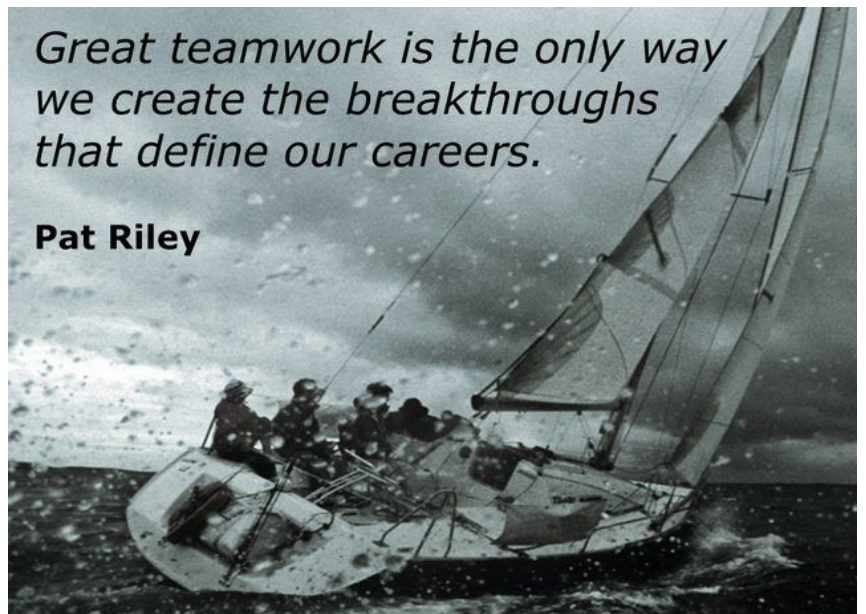
Mr O'Reilly you are without a doubt bipolar I swear

Mr. Toner, thanks for giving me a love for history. YOU ARE A LEGEND!

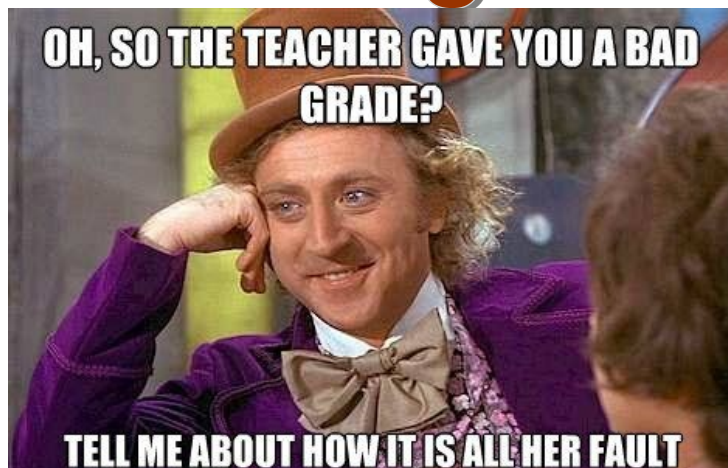
Mr.Connolly, even tho you were the scariest teacher I've ever had there's one thing that set you apart from all other teachers, you showed the most compassion and cared the most about how your students did and most importantly pushed everyone and anyone to do there best, you have a pure heart of gold and it's gonna be mad thinking i can't come In to hearing some sassy comment, even though you make it seem like your the one teacher you don't wanna have, I'm glad to say I kept on your good side and got to saw the Mr. Connolly swears doesn't exist, easily the best teacher I've ever had. I'll always have the upmost respect for you and I'll always thank you for pushing me to do the best I can ~Luke.E

Great teamwork is the only way we create the breakthroughs that define our careers.

Pat Riley



Messages to Teachers



Sorry Mr O'Neil for leaving cert ordinary maths class - You know who this is

Sure I'll probably see them all next year so see you soon- Alex Gibbons

Thanks for all the memories and good luck in the future

Thanks to Ms Edel Conlon for being so lovely

To any teacher that tries to take my hoodie or jacket. Why?

To Mr. McAuley thank you for being the nicest and sweetest person all the way through school from Orna

To Mr McKenna We will join a cult - from your two favs Lauren and Hannah

To Ms. Flynn. I notice all the extra work you always put in to help us get our best results and I really appreciate it. Thank you, Orla Foley

Why did you hate me so much Vinny O'Reilly?

Mr Hannon- probably best teacher I've had and the reason I've done so well in engineering and probably in other subjects too



Teacher's Memories of the Class of 2018/19

Highlight = Jonathan slipping on a strawberry and trying to act cool. Ciaran performing in his socks for LC Music. Finally getting Laura Maloney to sing. Low = missing her singing as I was sick.

Former low, now a high, would be Colm Halpin pretending he had Tourette's on my first day teaching in the school. I also enjoyed the two page essay on the symptoms of Tourette's he had to hand up as punishment.

Any time Conor Daly or Eimhin McGann open their mouths in History always causes some concern as they could be gearing up to say something wildly inappropriate.

Cillian Byrne trying to fit the world's biggest suitcase into a Ryanair baggage crate. I think it had his charge port in it.

Cillian Byrne carrying around Mein Kampf in his jacket for a year



Teacher's Memories of the Class of 2018/19

Eoghan McGee trying out Sarah's dress (over his uniform) in LC Music - our eyes will never recover.

Callum's rendition of 'Time of my Life' from Dirty Dancing and disclosure of his love for Patrick Swayze's dance moves was a special moment in our Irish class this year.

"The Big Sad"

"Sir, your voice sounds like you've swallowed a chew toy" - Eimhin McGann to Mr Toner

"Boys will be boys" - 6th Year History

Hearing that John Redmond played the tambourine in his primary school choir and myself and Mr McCarthy in stitches laughing watching this during PE.

Chloe Faherty thinking it would be hilarious to trip me up.

**WHAT IF
I TOLD YOU**



**LINING UP AT THE
DOOR DOES NOT
MAKE THE BELL
RING FASTER?**



Sean Dillon commenting on my new runners or clothes in PE and how I can not wear Nike and Adidas together.

James Hennessy gracing us with his presence in PE the odd time.

Jessica Wong for inventing WongBall

Teacher Messages to the Class of 2018/19

Sixth Years - Remember that all your hard work will pay off. Why fit in when you were born to stand out! You have to be odd to be number one—Ms Dalton



To my sixth year Irish class, I feel privileged and honoured to have taught you over the past year. Your work rate and level of maturity, particularly approaching the oral exam was impressive. Remain kind to yourselves and to each other. Wishing you all the very best of luck in June.—Ms. English

Lads & ladies it has been an absolute pleasure to have gotten to know you, from those I had in Rang Donnellan & Gibson or Classics in 3rd Year, to the shower of weirdos in my 6th Year History class. You have made my job so easy and saying goodbye so incredibly hard. I wish you all the best for the future! - Mr. Toner

Whatever you want to do after RC go and do it, just make sure to enjoy it.—Ms Doonan



Teacher Messages to the Class of 2018/19

Thank you 6th Years for the fun, good spirit and the craic in PE class. My Tuesday group, I only got landed with you this year (and yes you got landed with me too), I will 'miss' the moans about what warm up we will be doing just to pass the time and your general good will and fun. My Thursday group, I know we're not supposed to have



favourites but..... I'm delighted that we will be your very very very last class of 6th Year. Your positive attitude, good fun and just all round soundness has made the last 2 years of my job very enjoyable and I am going to miss my Thursday afternoons with you lot and playing our dodgy music in the background just to see what reactions you come up with. I wish each and every one of you the very best of luck in the future with wherever the road takes you.. Remember, anything is possible if you want it enough.— Ms Casey



How's she cuttin'. Wishing you all a new journey of fun and adventure. But to Rang Canny - I am particularly going to miss the amazing time we spent together. I am so going to miss the craic and the banter. Thank you for all the good times and great moments. Farewell.— Ms Clare.

Grand Masters of RC

By Natalie Sturzel, Luke-Huynh Hurley, Anna Tcacenco, and Cain Fagan.



As the name implies we are the Chess Club. If you want to try something different, something new, or even if you just want to miss out on going out into the cold, then why not join the chess club? We are in room 34 on Mondays and Thursdays! (Shoutout to Mr. Toner for trusting us with your classroom. Luckily, we haven't broken anything yet!).

But anyway, the chess club is not as boring as you think it is. It's about bringing people together, meeting new friends, socializing, having a bit of craic, and overall just enjoying the club. Sometimes, we even have parties! Ms. Montenegro is like a best friend to the members of the chess club, not only does she know all about chess, but she has also been a great help with the newcomers, and she's really sound!

Did you know that people over 75 who play chess are less likely to develop dementia? We may not be 75 but we can still enjoy it now. Playing chess also helps develop creativity by using the right side of your brain. One of the best parts of the chess club is developing new skills and testing them by competing with your peers. Just recently, we held the 'Winter Blitz Chess Tournament' in order to prepare for the Leinster Chess Competition that's happening next year, so come and join the club. We accept anyone and everyone. We meet at big lunch on Mondays and Thursdays in room 34!



LABCOATS & EXPLOSIONS

By Aine Purcell

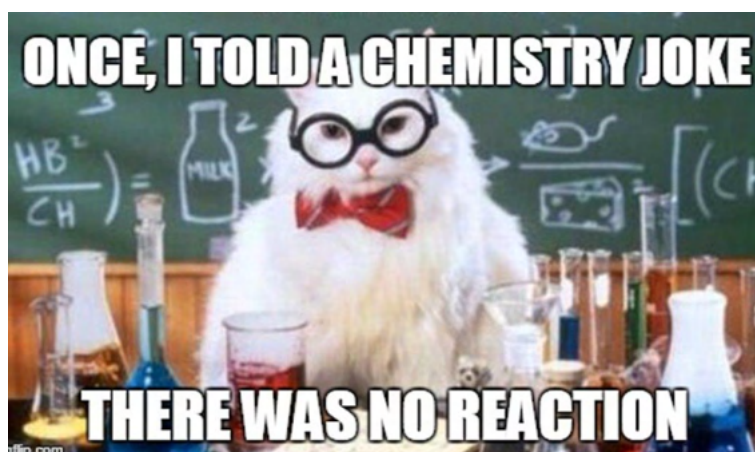
Transition Year science has been one of the most interesting subjects this year. We have gotten the chance to look at different areas of science that we would never have gotten to see if we didn't do Transition Year as it is not on the Junior or Leaving Certificate curriculum. We also got an insight into areas we might never have saw if we didn't choose that particular area as a career.

The first turnover my rang had was about looking at the periodic table, we got to choose an element off the table and look into it in more detail. Then we got to create presentations and use QR codes to bring our projects to life.

In the next turnover we looked at psychology, which we found particularly interesting as we haven't even gotten to look at this subject at all. It was definitely a really interesting part of the module.

In another part of biology we looked at animal rights and got to debate over many arguments that people thought effected the rights on animals. Again I thought this was very interesting because we have never looked at anything like this before.

Finally for the last turnover we got to compose experiments and look at drugs in more detail. All in all, we thought this was a fun year in science and enjoyed getting a look at the subject in a less serious environment.



Teacher Interviews

Mr de Tuberville

What is your full name?

Samuel Robert Mulhall DeTuberville.

What was one of your most embarrassing moments?

I was 16 and we all got called up individually to the front of the class to get a test back and to my surprise, I got 86%, so I was too busy looking at the test and I fell backwards into the bin in front of the whole class. I was mortified.



Who do you think is the best looking teacher?

Mr.DeTurberville.

What is your opinion on nepotism?

Nepotism is a stock word of a small local community, I think it's entirely necessary to facilitate the growth of jobs and the economy.



How many times did you do your driving test?

My driving test was a three-peat.

What is the story behind you and a key?

My brother claims to have a key to the backdoor of Buckingham Palace. It looks suspiciously like a normal key.. But that's what they would want you to think.

Have you met anyone famous?

Yes, Tony Hawk, which was a big moment. Eva Longoria, Lily Cole.

What's your pet hates?

The word 'Hardly'.

What's Prendo like at Christmas Dinner?

A hoot.

What hair products do you use?

When I am here, a bit of Grafton Barber, and when I'm not in school, I use some nice stuff on the weekends. You are absolutely not worth the good stuff, not a chance.



Did you go on a sixth year holiday?

I did, I went to Marbella for a week with the lads, lads, lads.

What is your favourite movie?

Blood Diamond or The Departed.

What celebrities have you been told you look like?

All the One Directioners, Colin Farrell, Ted from How I Met Your Mother, Andrew Garfield, Eddie Redmayne, but I think that's more because of the fresh coat I wore opposed to actually looking like him, it's a lovely coat. When I was younger, John Mayer.

What was your favourite subject at school?

History.

What do you think after death?

You become bones and gloup, once the electrical currents stop going to your brain you are dead, dead, dead.

Any advice for life?

Do what makes you happy, if it doesn't harm anyone else.

Favourite Jonas Brother?

Nick, hands-down.

Go-to Happy song?

Hayday by Mick Christopher.

Go-to Sad Song?

Probably something by Enya.

Happy place?

Wicklow Mountains, my bed and the beach at Biarritz.

Where is your next travel destination?

I am going to Corfu and Marbella over the Summer.



An Aspie's Perspective

By Darragh Hynes

Just like most of you reading this, I was very nervous (borderline terrified) entering secondary school. I was diagnosed with Asperger's when I was five and I wasn't the smartest lad or the most socially active, in fact I always felt very isolated whenever I was involved in social activities. I was never good at coping with change and I had no idea how I was possibly going to survive being around even more people than in



primary school for six years. This is until I learned about Ratoath College's autism unit, Aonad Arkle. This unit is named after the famous racehorse Arkle and is dedicated to including students with autism and Asperger's. I have been going down there throughout my school life and it has provided great educational and emotional support for myself and the other students.

The thing that I was most worried about in secondary school was would I be able to successfully make a lot of friends with people who like me for who I am? Fortunately, this question was answered by the Senior students I met down there, some of which became some of my lifelong friends that I am still in touch with. We had a lot in common and, as a result, got along very well. One of the things we all bonded over was that everyone, including myself, had that one special interest, whether it would be movies, Japanese culture, Harry Potter or JLS and seeing them so passionate about these things really inspired me to express myself more. We went on a lot of fun trips as well, such as Rathbeggan Lakes or As You Like It. I felt that I was not ready to spend my lunchtime down in the GP area yet, so I had lunch with my friends in Aonad Arkle.

However, it wasn't just my mates in Aonad Arkle that helped me develop myself. The teachers down there also provided helpful educational and emotional support when I needed it. This was particularly helpful when things got personally tough for me in Senior cycle. Whenever a class got too much for me or if something was racing in my mind, I always came down to AA to calm myself down, have a cup of tea and talk to either



Ms Heneghan or Ms McMenemy about how I was feeling. I always feel like something in my head is fighting to get out of it whenever I get that isolated feeling and the teachers always provide emotional support which helped me pull through and calm down a lot.

After my friends left the school, I decided to finally talk to people and get involved in all the activities at the end of third year and throughout Transition Year. This turned out to be one of the best decisions I've ever made in my life as I made loads of new mates who like me for who I am. One night that especially showed me that I have changed a lot since my first day was when I was a presenter at the school talent show with my friend, Lara Walsh Fagherazzi, in TY which, to put it lightly, boosted my confidence heavily. I'm proud of the lad that I have become today since my first day in Ratoath College and Aonad Arkle. I don't feel disabled nor do I feel the need to be changed. Despite being a very awkward lad, I like being an Aspie and it would be like changing the colour of my eyes.



Jack Kavanagh

By David O Malley

Jack Kavanagh visited our school on 20th March and gave an inspiration speech to the entire school.



It all started when myself, Karlin David, Daniel Gallagher and Brian Donnelly sold Christmas cards for the Jack Kavanagh Trust as part of our TY mini company initiative. Jack had been injured in a surfing accident and had battled back to regain his life after the accident left him with life changing injuries.

We managed to raise €250 and we were delighted! I heard that Jack did motivational speaking and I sent him a message on Instagram, asking if he could potentially come and do a talk in our school, not expecting much to come from it. To my surprise, he got back to me really fast and said yes .

Over the following few months we exchanged messages and emails and managed to organise the event. I couldn't wait for 20th March! Soon after, the big day came around and Jack was set to come into the school.



Ms Flynn and the lads welcomed Jack at the front door and brought him down to the P.E hall. My dad set up the projector screen and Aodhán Fagan in 3rd Year did the sound and it really helped us out.

After the announcements for assembly were finished, we got all the students to sit down and I introduced Jack giving a brief description of who he is and why he was here. I handed the show over to Jack and he blew the school away and the amount of people telling me that they got something out of it which made me realise how special Jack is.

When Jack did finish his talk, we surprised him with his cheque of €500, as Four Star Pizza kindly matched our donation. We stayed



and chatted for a good while and got to know Jack even more and he's a gent and I know this is a day I'll never forget and I'm proud to have been involved with this project.

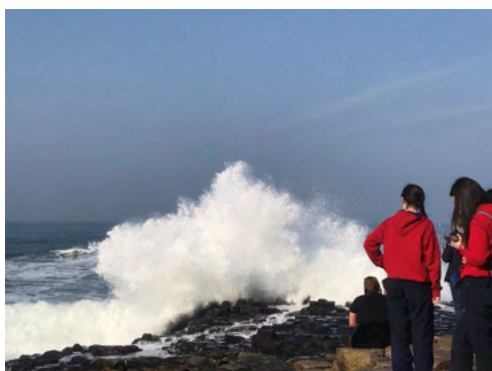
TY BELFAST TRIP



By Matthew Dunne

The TY trip to Belfast was truly an adventure of a lifetime. It all began on 27th February on a sunny morning, we had left school on our way to visit the Giant Causeway on the ex-National Express bus, Caetano Levante, with Celtic Journey Tours. The trip took about 4 hours to the Giant Causeway but was great craic, especially listening to this one big speaker which was banging out tunes to either end of the bus.

Once we arrived it was one of the most beautiful views you could imagine in Ireland. It was a wonderfully warm, bright day at the Giants Causeway. On the coast we got to see the basalt columns, adding a special memory into an already amazing TY year so far! We also ventured onto a rope bridge between the main land and the island which added a sense of excitement, danger and fear when crossing the rope bridge. This really made us get out of our comfort zone. The Causeway was so beautiful it added sense of true exploration.



After we finished our adventure at the Causeway we travelled down to Belfast city, where we went to the shopping center in a to get our dinner before we go to Boulder World. Some crafty teachers decided to distract a group of students in order to skip them in the queue at Five Guys, which did not go down too well.

Boulder World was a fantastic experience as we all got to try our hand at rock climbing. Everyone enjoyed it and we all had great craic, especially the teachers who enjoyed the chance to show off. There were many different and difficult climbing obstacles which were a great challenge. There were soft floors and no harnesses which added to the tension when climbing the walls, as one wrong move could land you on your backside. When we got back to the hotel we had great craic before going to bed, at which point some of us got carried away and stayed awake talking quietly in our rooms much later than we should have. We definitely paid for the lack of sleep the next day...



In the morning we got our breakfast at the hotel and we headed off to the shopping centre, where we were given a limited time to explore and buy some last minute bargains. Some of us went up to tower and the views were breath-taking. After that we started to make our way to Crumlin Road Jail, where we given a guided tour of the jail. They showed us the Warden's office, the main cell block and we were all quite shocked when we got to see the execution room, including the hangman's

noose, which was very creepy. They also showed us the prison yard and the graveyard where the executed prisoners were thought to be buried. The jail also had a couple of RAF vehicles like an old army truck and a retired RAF helicopter. After that we began to make our journey home, all of us absolutely wrecked from the experience. Overall the Belfast trip was my favourite during TY and I'll remember it for years to come.

On a side note, I got to do some bus spotting while I was in Belfast. I saw many buses, mostly Translink Wrightbuses, such as the Gemini 2, Gemini 3 and the Streetdecks which were powered by Volvo engines and some Translink Goldlines Caetano coaches. Did you know that the Wrightbus factory is in Ballymena, which we went by on the trip. Most of Dublin buses and Bus Eireann double-deckers were made in Ballymena, Northern Ireland.



A TRIP TO REMEMBER

Danny Colgan reports on a fantastic 1st Year trip to Lilliput Adventure Centre...

The Ratoath College 1st Years went on a trip to Lilliput Adventure Centre which is a mind boggling 5 acres of land, housing 8 bogs, 2 forests and 1 lake. Each year all the 1st Year students not going to Italy go to Lilliput Adventure Centre. This is an all day adventure, packed with planned activities and fun. I had a great time and would like to tell you about it in more detail...



We started the day with a 90 minute drive to Lilliput from Ratoath College. The bus was great craic and we were all pumped for a great day ahead. Upon our arrival we were met with an orientational scavenger hunt where every team was given a map and a marked piece of paper that read the numbers from 1-14. At each stop, clearly marked on map, the team had to use the staple supplied to make a hole under each number, each staple was different. The first team to return the sheet fully completed won a prize.



Later, in our assigned groups, we went canoeing on the lake. Each canoe could hold 3 people. Jumping in was optional but also great fun. The lake was very big and shallow so you could easily walk in it. Then we went to one of the 8 bogs where we were invited to jump in and swim around, after which we were all absolutely filthy. Luckily, the Adventure Centre had showers.

A quick lunch behind us and we proceeded to the forest to play some games, the first being capture the flag. which was really just one team hid a flag in the forest and the other team had to get it. but it was still lots of fun. Then we played a game called sniper where one of the instructors stood in a circle and made us touch a tree within a certain perimeter and gave us 7 seconds to hide, after which he would try find us without leaving the circle.



Upon our arrival back to the main camp we went rock climbing on the enormous climbing wall. My favorite memory from this was when I climbed up blindfolded and made it to the top. We then played aero ball which were two trampolines beside each other with a net in the middle and the point of the game was to score in the other persons goal first to three won. When the day of activities was over we played a big football match, even some of the teachers joined in. I remember Ms Conaty setting up Mr Toner for a superb overhead kick but that could be because he paid me €20 to add this into my article...

I really enjoyed Lilliput I would highly recommend it to anyone between the ages of 5-17. I would rate the trip 10/10

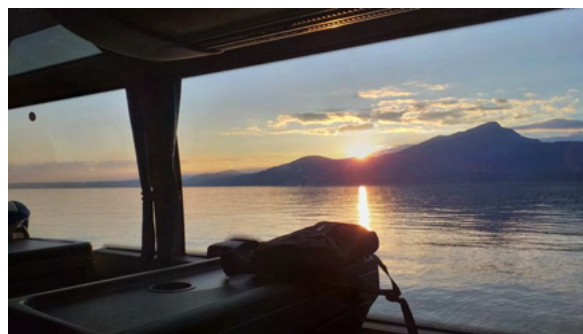


ITALIA '19

By Caoimhe White & Josh Connolly

Day 1:

On our first day we all got out of bed at around 3 o'clock which is just way too early. We couldn't sleep the night before with excitement! When we got on the bus at SuperValu to go to the airport we had to go back to school because one of the teachers forgot something...



Finally we got to the airport and most of us got Burger King after security even though it was like half 5 in the morning. We arrived in Milan airport in 21 degrees it was roasting I think we all loved leaving in rain and arriving in heat. The 2 hour bus journey wasn't as bad as you would think though it was actually great fun and some sights were fab.

We went straight to Sirmione and had an amazing lunch and unreal gelato before getting on the lake Garda cruise. After the cruise we drove to Malcesine and went up to the mountains on the cable carts. A few of us were nervous going up on the carts but when we got to the top we had such good craic and amazing views?

Day 2:

When we woke up, got ready and went down to breakfast the excitement was building up for going into Venice. The 2 and a half bus drive was a bit tiring because it was early and really warm but we finally arrived in Venice and got on a boat to go into Venice city centre. In Venice we went on a tour with lovely tour guides and after the tour we had 3 hours to go around Venice ourselves. The best part of going around was getting lost and finding our way back. We were all really tired after walking around Venice all day when we got back on the bus for 2 hours. We got back to the hotel and went to dinner and then we went back to our rooms to get into our Pjs and some of us went down to the lounge until bed time.



Day 3:

On the 3rd day we got up out of bed at 8 in the morning which was later than most days so we had a bit more sleep. We left the hotel at around 9am to go to Gardaland everyone was so excited! Gardaland was so fun we managed to get a few teachers to go on the rollercoasters. A few of us went on the Raptor 3 times in a row with a few teachers and they were so funny when they screamed.



When we went on Oblivion Mr Horan, Mr Cullen, Mr Jordan, Mr Toner and Ms Conaty told us we were gonna die and that a few of the 3rd years when they went to Italy died on the rollercoaster on a previous trip.

After Gardaland Mr Horan generously bought us all ice cream. When we got back to the hotel everyone ran up to their room to get ready for the pool, a few of us didn't go swimming though. After dinner there was an award ceremony and then Josh made a speech. In the middle of the awards Ben's mam rang him and everyone started laughing.

Day 4:

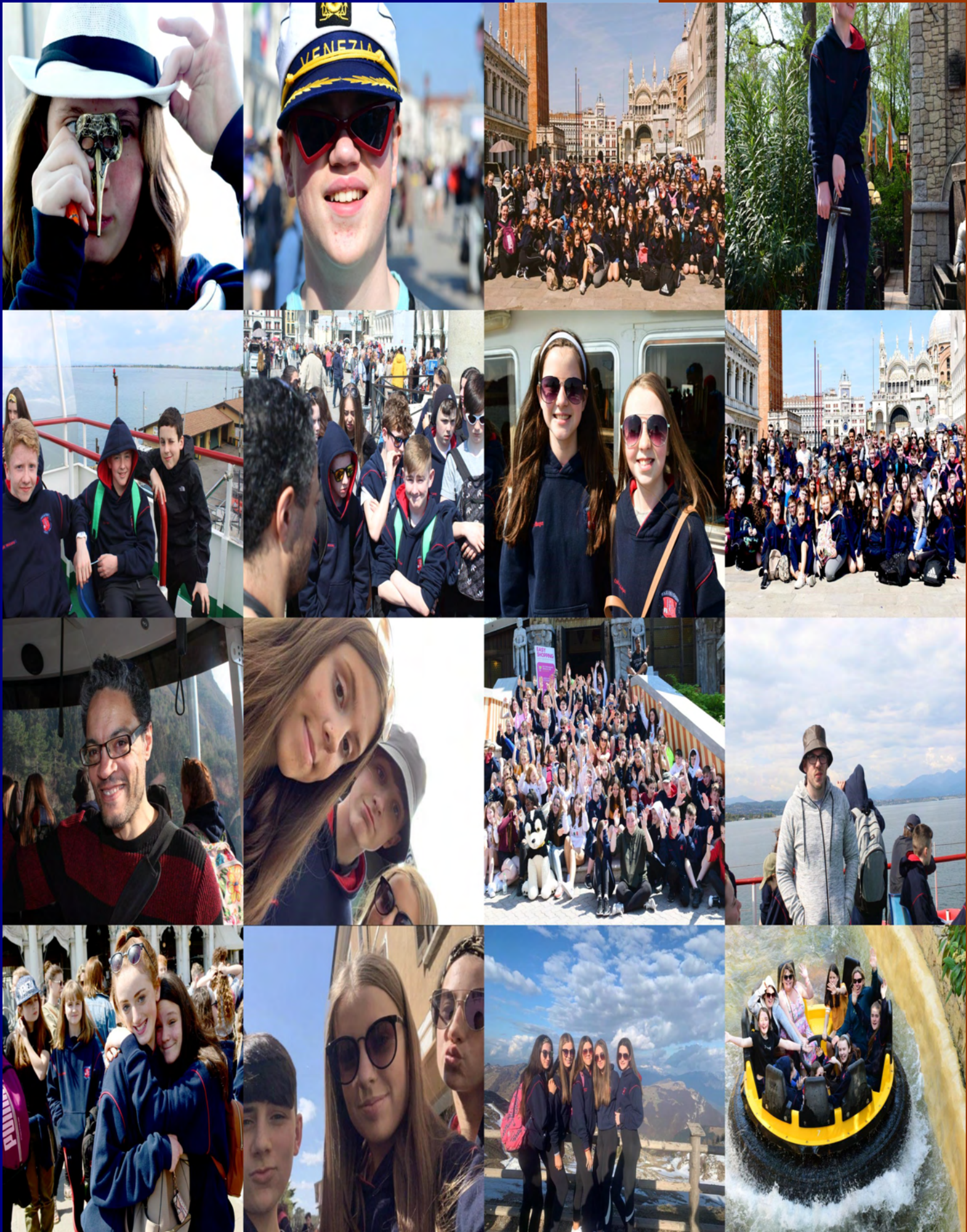
We woke up at half 5 in the morning to go to the airport. People were sad to leave Italy but happy to go home to their families. In the airport the computer at the check in broke so it was a small bit of a rush after security. Only a few of us had a little bit of time to shop before our flight. We landed in Dublin and got the bus back to the school where our parents collected us.

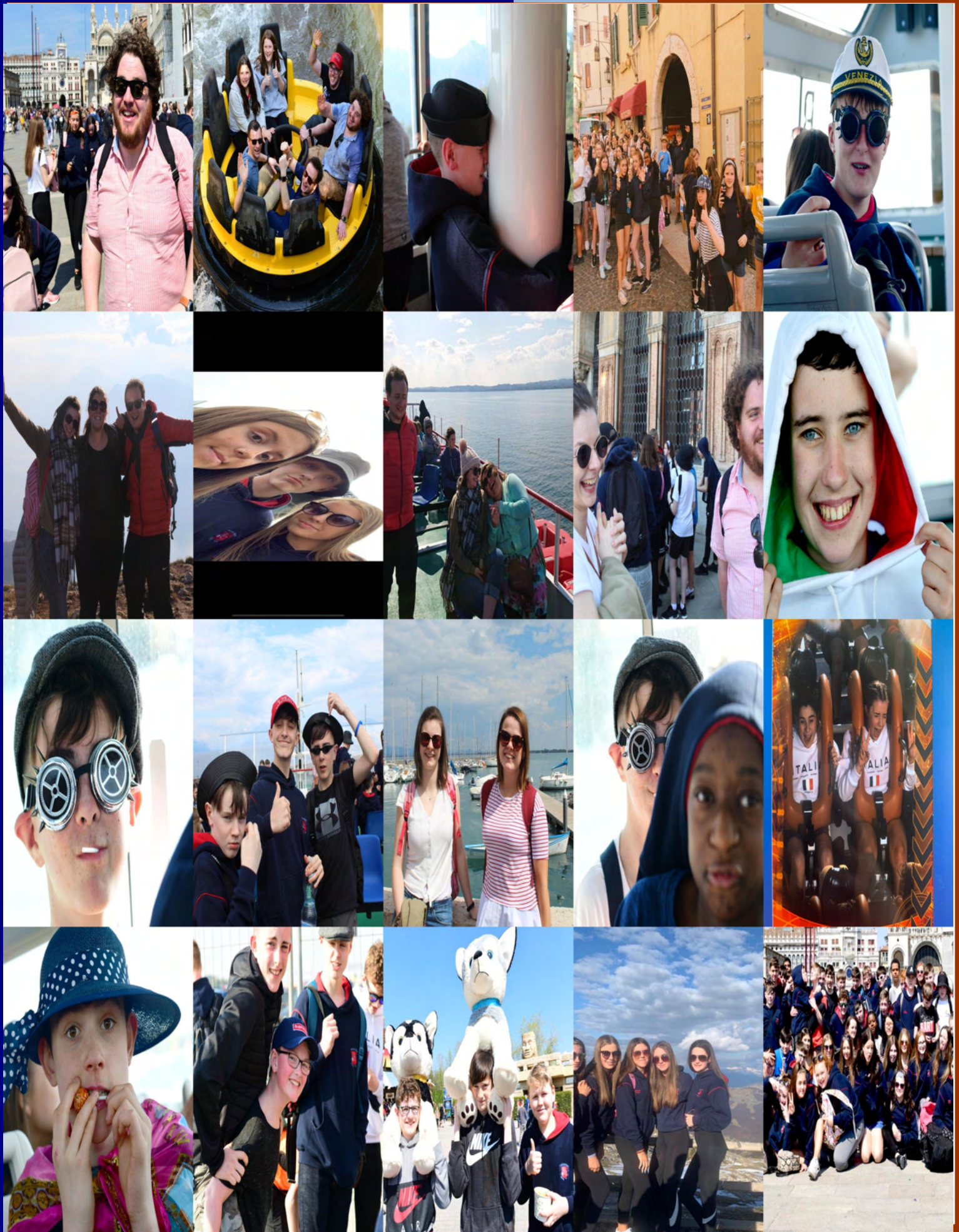


I just want to say a massive thank you to all the teachers that went on the trip with us we all had an amazing time and we are all extremely grateful for you coming with us instead of staying at home with your families.

A massive, massive thank you to Mr Horan and Mr Mc Carthy for all the hours of work behind the scenes for the trip and a huge thank you to Mr Cullen because if he wasn't there we would probably still be in Italy lost somewhere. And a big thanks to Ms Lyttle, Ms Delany, Ms Conaty, Ms Quiggly, Mr Toner, Ms Dalton and Mr Jordan for making the trip, helping out and being amazing group leaders.







DRUMROLL PLEASE!

By Nathan Kinlan.

This event took place on the 11th October 2018. Neil Dowling from Drum Nature came over to visit our school to discuss what he does with his day to day life.

He introduced his Workshop to us and demonstrated how each drum was played and mentioned every different type of drum there on the day was imported from the Africa.

He highlighted a lot of history behind these drums and how they were made, some were made out of goat skin. He introduced himself to the entire class and explained how he is educating a lot of schools and teaching them how to play the drums.

I learned lot about the drums, there are some drums out there I have never heard of before. I did not know that each drum has a different delivery of sound or that each drum has a different pitch or sound, for example some are low whilst others are high in pitch.

I helped carry in the drums from his van, being very careful with them, before the workshop commenced. I enjoyed learning about the drums and enjoying being taught how to play the drums because I have never played the drums before and this was a new experience for me.



Student Council



By Cian Agar-Finlay

Student Councils all across Ireland play a vital part in ensuring that the voices of student bodies and young people are heard. The Student Council is made of representatives from every year group in the school who all come together weekly to discuss what is brought to us by those we represent. The Student

Council is the bridge between students and school management, making part of our job bringing all of your views to the leaders of the school.

As always, we tend to have to bring problems regarding the toilets, Wi-Fi, etc. to the attention of Ms Prendergast, but this year we have also worked with Ms Prendergast and the Parents Association to change the school PE Track-suit bottoms. We have worked to better the conditions in the prefabs, we have put Push/Pull signs on doors in the corridors and we will be getting more permanent ones put up.

We have also been promoting the theme of giving respect and being an all-round nice person by having a Student Council award at the Christmas and Summer prizegiving ceremonies. Our Public Relations Committee have been working hard by announcing quotes revolving around being respectful at Assembly each week, to keep our noticeboard up to date and to decorate the school with posters of fun, short, snappy slogans promoting strong mental health.



Apart from all the work we've done, each and every one of us have made 22 new friends that we would never have gotten the chance to meet without our school's Student Council so a huge well done and thank you to:

Darragh Larkin
 Daniel Colgan
 Hannah Murphy
 Jessica Farrell
 Emma Lynam
 Kaitlin Moore
 Jack Tormey
 Mia Sherry
 Stephan Kiernan
 Margarita Baturova
 Sorcha Broe-Bradley
 Tom Murnan
 Cian Agar – Attendance Secretary
 Craig Mee
 Kevin Conway
 Matthew Hayes – Public Relations Officer
 Sorcha Rose McGroarty – Irish Officer
 Tomas Sarapas
 Niamh Larkin – Secretary
 Katelyn Dunne
 Nicola Gibson
 Andrei Muntean
 Zara Doyle – Chairperson



Try, try and try again

By Garrett Coey, Tadgh Duggan & Ross Coatsworth

This year was a great year for rugby in Ratoath College. With many great achievements for some of the students. The junior boys had a great season, winning many matches in the shield. There were some super performances from the boys as they got to the fifth round of the shield, narrowly losing out to St. Mel's of Longford in a hard fought match. Cian Smyth was one of the standout players during the season scoring a huge number of tries as well as keeping them out at the other end playing as the fullback. Luke Fitzpatrick was also a key member of the squad with his work in the forwards as the number 8. He made some important tackles and some great runs. Danny Colgan in first year was also involved in the team this year and played in the shield and in all of the first and second year blitzes. He is quickly becoming one of the key players and is one to watch in the future.



It was also an extremely successful season for ladies rugby in Ratoath College. They trained well every Tuesday at lunchtime and Friday after school in preparation for their games, with many of the girls having never played before. They won lots of matches but were unlucky not to win any silverware. However, it was a great season for Nicola Gibson and Orla Hayes as they reached the final 15 in the Future Stars award. This wasn't their only achievement with Orla making the Leinster Under 18's ladies 7's squad. This is an incredible achievement and we should expect more to come.

It was a great year for the junior boys team with some great wins throughout the season. These include a tough win against Moyne C.S and several matches during large Meath and Leinster wide blitz's. To say they did the school proud is an understatement. Missing the 3rd years, due to exams and studying needs, put the 1st and 2nd years to the challenge with many players moving into positions previously never played but nevertheless they rose to the challenge. In a blitz they narrowly were defeated by Oldcastle but morale was still high as they continued throughout the day, this just shows how good the players are as they put the loss behind them and learned from it.



The senior girls also had an outstanding season, starting with very few players they recruited more players to have a very capable and strong team at the end of the season. The effort and commitment from all of the players was amazing. The team played Navan in a blitz and unfortunately lost the match, but they used this to improve to put up a much better performance against Navan later that day.

Unfortunately the senior boys never had a match as for most scheduled matches were cancelled due to the other team not being able to field a team.

Training for the boys was after school on Thursday and the girls was after school on Friday. Throughout the year both teams worked tirelessly all season round to improve and it certainly paid off. The improvements were obvious in the entire junior boys team with some great rugby being played by all. Some clever set pieces led to some good tries. The forwards and backs developed an excellent cooperation and it showed during matches.



The girls who had never played rugby before improved by leaps and bounds and fit in seamlessly to create a great team. Even though they didn't have a full 15 on they stayed committed and developed a great 7s team. During some of the blitz's they lost, as all teams do, but they kept hopes high and learned from the few mistakes made.





GAISCE THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD

By Caoimhe Masterson

Gaisce kicked off a few weeks into Transition Year. We were told all the information we needed to know about it before we made our choices towards what activities each person would do. Gaisce was a great opportunity to be able to develop or enhance a skill we could of already been familiar without not familiar with. The activities we had to do were taken on for thirteen weeks, getting them signed off each week by our instructors/person of authority in certain area. They were one physical skill, one community skill, one personal skill and one of those three you were doing you continued it on for an extra thirteen weeks.



At the end of the year we had to complete our adventure journey which was to undertake a journey over a number of days and nights together as part of an expedition exploration journey. For our trip we were to complete a 25 kilometre hike over the course of two days. We did so by starting off at Russborough house and started out our journey from there. For the next six hours we hiked and canoed about 20km. When we reached the summit we hiked back to the camp and



had dinner. Afterwards we put up our tents and had a couple of hours of free time. In the morning we packed up had breakfast and had another 5km hike back to Russborough House. Then we had lunch, played in the playground (some amazing sandcastles were made) and got the bus back from there.

Overall, Gaisce was a great experience and many students achieved a bronze award, which is a great achievement, not just for themselves as well but also for their CVs for future employers and everybody should feel very proud of what they accomplished.



Jumping from TY to 5th Year

By Aoibh O'Shea

The transition from 4th Year to 5th year is a difficult one. It can be a shock to many students the contrast between Transition year and 5th Year. Transition Year is filled to the brim with learning new skills and gaining both life and work experience. Although



5th year also offers many beneficial experiences, it is a year with a huge focus on academics and studies. Each person deals with change differently yet there are few things to keep in mind to help you settle into 5th year.

The workload in 5th year is a lot compared to Transition Year, prepare yourself because you will be expected to complete homework and deal with deadlines on a regular basis. The first few months of 5th year are the most challenging as it is completely new territory. The new Senior Cycle course can be a lot to wrap your head around and expectations of teachers can be intimidating. Remember all the students in your year are navigating their way through this new academic year just like yourself and it is common to struggle at the beginning. You have to allow yourself time to adjust to the change in routine then things become easier. Making an effort to keep on top of notes and homework will only benefit you in the future when exam time begins.

A huge perk in 5th year is that you get the opportunity to choose the majority of the subjects you will be studying.

With being able to do fewer subjects in Senior Cycle, you can truly engage and study in depth subjects you have interest in and even drop any you weren't fond of. Setting goals in 5th year can help motivate students to put effort into their studies and bring back some routine into school life after the sporadic nature of Transition Year.



Make sure to keep getting involved as you did in Transition Year. Many opportunities are offered to 5th-year students to make their presence known in the school. Taking part in these projects can make your time in 5th year more



enjoyable and help the year feel more lively. You're not doing yourself any favours if you spend every second dwelling on the fact the Leaving Cert is coming. Allocate some time to research colleges but take everything one step at a time and don't get too overwhelmed as everyone is going through the same transition.

Remember to maintain involvement in hobbies or school activities to distract yourself from time to time so you don't burn out in terms of academics. 5th-year alike Transition Year is a year of receiving the benefits that you earn by putting in hard and making an effort. In the end, if you enter 5th year with a positive and patient mindset the transition will be easier than you would have imagined.

Teacher Interviews

Mr Toher

What was your first impression of the school ?

Everyone was very welcoming and students were very happy , first thing he noticed was the shape of the school and Ms Prendergast told me it was a question mark. Which I thought was good for educational and student's curiosity. Staff was young so it was easy to get along with everyone



Did you make county and what's it like ?

I have played for Meath since I was 12 but I've been playing Senior for Meath since I was 17. It's good but takes up a lot of your time with training and gym sessions 6 Days a week and recovery sessions in between. It's very rewarding but time consuming

What subjects did you teach and why did you study them?

Geography and CSPE. I love geography as it's easy to teach and it's very visual so students can understand diagrams easily. CSPE as it's more relaxed it's a chance for the students to be curious about the world around them and talk about politics but you don't study laws so gives them opportunity to talk about it.

What do you do on a typical Saturday night?

So I usually train Sunday morning so I wouldn't go out too often. I could be doing rehab Saturday afternoon and in the gym. All that kinda stuff and I might meet up with a group of friends and do something quiet mellow

How do you feel about loosing the obstacle course?

shrugs I don't feel anything to be honest, it's all a bit of fun really and nothing to get too competitive about it's all about students laughing and having a bit of craic. Sure we're all winners In the end!!



What's your most embarrassing moment as a teacher ?

For a full year a student thought my name was Mr. Thor, like the Viking god (Avenger) THOR. He used to write it on top of all his tests, it's not embarrassing but it's probably more the most awkward thing that's happened to me

If you didn't play GAA what sport would you play?

Probably Rugby. I regret not playing it when I was younger. I played golf, badminton, anything that would get me out of class really! I didn't play it when I was younger because I never got the opportunity. It's similar to Gaelic so probably rugby.



Tick, tock...

By Aideen Lanigan.

When asked what the biggest problem in today's society is you might find yourself thinking about homelessness, substance abuse, social media, this list goes on. Yet there is one thing that all of these issues have in common, they would fail to exist without our planet. This is why the state of our climate and the damage we have caused is without a doubt at crisis point.

Ireland is set to miss both its 2020 and 2030 climate change deadlines, leaving us ranked one of the lowest in Europe for tackling climate change. Our planet is warmer than it has been in 800,000 years and at the rate we are going Climate Change will be completely irreversible by 2030. More than 1 million species

face extinction. Typically, the expected rate of species extinction is usually around 5 species a year, we're currently losing up to 10,000 times the normal rate – this means that dozens of species go extinct every single day.

Aside from the obvious, Climate Change is also effecting human life. As global temperatures increase, millions of people are fleeing their homes to avoid the impacts of droughts and extreme storms. And these numbers are set to rise. The International Organisation on Migration estimates that up to 200 million people could be displaced by climate change by 2050.

On top of this, our oceans are dying. Our planet is only as healthy as its oceans. The UN has warned that marine life faces irreparable damage from the millions of tonnes of plastic waste that ends up in the oceans every year. Half of the world's coral reefs have died in the last 30 years, and two thirds of the Great Barrier Reef have been damaged by coral bleaching – this happens when the sea temperature is too high.



The list goes on.....

Yet lately, there has been a positive shift in the atmosphere. Student led strikes have taken the world by storm in over 51 countries across the globe. Students are rising and striking, demanding action from governments to set regulations and give this crisis the attention it deserves. And our efforts are not going unnoticed! As of May



10th 2019 the Irish government has officially declared a "Climate Crisis". This is a monumental step in the right direction as it will pile pressure on to our ministers to enforce plans of action like The Paris Agreement. Although this is incredible, we now need our politicians to follow through. Until then, watch this space.

For anyone looking to start doing their bit here's just a short list of small things you can do to make a difference!

- * Reduce your carbon footprint MASSIVELY by walking to school!
- * Buy a reusable bottle. Even everyone buying one single bottle a day means 7 billion plastic bottles thrown out every single day that will never break down.
- * Eat less/ cut out meat/ dairy products. This is the single biggest way to reduce your environmental impact on the planet, without meat and dairy global farmland could be reduced by more than 75%! Give that land back to the native animals it belongs to (not to mention methane emissions from cattle)
- * Stop using pointless plastic straws!!!! Do I even have to elaborate?
- * Unplug electronics when not in use
- * Minimise/ cut out single use plastic. It literally never breaks down
- * Don't just recycle, REUSE! Try find new uses for old items/ clothes! Don't add to landfills by throwing them out
- * Cut down on fast fashion. I know we all love Pennys, Boohoo, Topshop, basically ALL highstreet shops, but the waste used to produce and transport so many cheaply made clothes is horrific! Depop when you can! Thrift, charity shops, vintage kilo sales, the list is endless! If you do buy something fast fashion resell it or donate it to a new home.



LCA Yearbook Article Report by Craig Abdul-Kareem

Dreamwork makes Hardwork

Ahead of promising to be a very busy and long nine months in Ratoath College, as Rang Canny prepared the second year as the Leaving Certificate Applied 6th Year students and the first year for Rang Munnelly of 5th Year. Rang Canny students had a busy nine months with Practical Achievement Task, Mini-Mocks Exams, Personal Reflection Task, Key Assignments, Important Oral Exams and Leaving Cert, as we are super proud of the wonderful efforts and work in inside and outside school this year and last five years and to end the Ratoath College journey on a real high.

Rang Canny and Rang Munnelly received a fabulous LCA Results, we spend a day out on trips such as Higher Options in RDS, School Summit in Swords and we saw Dublin All Star and DCU's Jonny Cooper. The all Sixth Year students entered the Careers Event, we also prepared to get College done for 2019/2020 and it is going to be a biggest challenge.

Ms. Conlon said to Rang Canny Students : "We are the best LCA Group that she ever had!"



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Two Perfect P.E. Trips

Leisure Plex

Rang Canny and Rang Munnelly had a two P.E. Trips in space of four weeks after we worked so hard with key assignments, tasks, exercises and playing different types of sports in PE in the hall every Friday with Mr. McCarthy and Ms. Casey and that was why we deserved going on two trips.

On Friday 12th of April, Rang Canny and Rang Munnelly went to the Leisure Plex, Blanchardstown for first P.E. Trip of the year before Easter Holidays. We played the bowling first and there were four different group of students played bowling together. Rang Munnelly's Eric Grant played phenomenal with a couple of wonderful strikes same as Timothy Dimka, Jason Emefiele, Catherine McCann, myself and of course Mr. McCarthy. They had a great fun played the bowling. After bowling, we played Quasar and it was most exciting game in Blanchardstown, we had a fabulous day out in Blanchardstown!

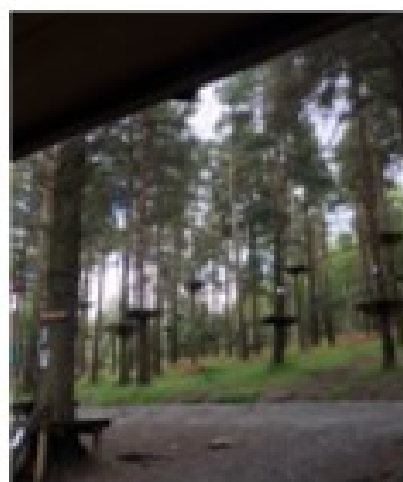
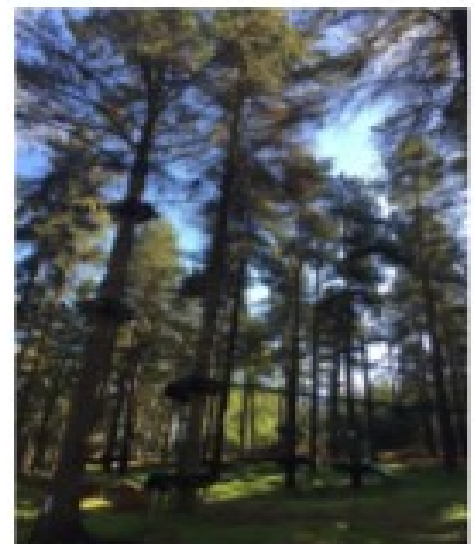


Zipit Forest Adventure Centre

On Friday 10th of May, Rang Canny and Rang Munnelly went to the Zipit Forest Adventure Centre in Tibbradden Wood, Co.Dublin as part of second P.E. Trip and Key Assignment. It is best adventure challenge in Ireland with zip line so it is unique experience.

We did do the different activities with climbing, walking the bridges and zip line, and we did the different circuits at the same time, but it was very tricky and challenging, although it is great learn to use for the outdoor skills.

We had a wonderful time doing activities in Zipit Adventure, and it was very successful!



HIGH CULTURE DEPTS ON TOUR

By Lauren Kelly

Day 1:

The trip began early in the morning on the 20th of February this year. A group of transition years, fifth years and sixth years along with Mr. McCauley, Ms. Dinsmore, Ms.S O'Neil and Mr. Toner left for Italy all ready to experience the Art and Classical Studies that Italy had to offer.



We arrived into Florence early in the morning and got straight into the action. Florence is a city well known for its Renaissance art and architecture, in its prime it was known as the “Athens of the medieval age”. It was ruled by the Medici’s, a rich family of bankers who funded many of the projects and art pieces we can see today. We visited the Galleria dell'Accademia in Florence, which featured the famous sculpture of Michelangelo’s “David” and multiple other pieces from the late renaissance. We set off for lunch and treated ourselves to some famous Italian gelato and pizza along the breathtaking streets of Florence.

Next was Brunelleschi’s dome (Duomo di Firenze) and a bell tower by Giotto. This monumental cathedral took over 100 years to built and is the tallest building in Florence to date. It is the largest brick dome in the world at 45m wide. It was a tremendous feat for the architects at the time and is still one of the worlds most famous buildings today. We also briefly looked at the Florence baptistery doors which feature incredibly detailed sculptures on each of the doors with over 18 panels on some doors depicting both the old and New Testament and some of these doors took over 21 years to complete!



Day 2:

Day two began in Florence again, today we would travel to Piazza Della Signoria, the main square of Florence full of medieval history, architecture and art. We first travelled to Santa Maria del Carmine to visit the Brancacci Chapel. This is known as the Sistine Chapel of the early renaissance as frescos and sculpture decorate the inside of the chapel. It is famous for the fresco cycle of Scenes from life of St. Peter, one of Ms. O'Neills favorites.



We walked through the beautiful streets of Florence back to the Piazza Della Signoria where we visited the Uffizi Gallery. The Uffizi gallery is the most famous art museum in the world with artworks such as 'The birth of Venus', "Laocoön and his Sons" a treat for both the Art and Classics students. We also visited Orsanmichelle, a church that features fourteen sculptures of stone and bronze done by famous Renaissance artists, like Donatello.



Day 3:

We set off early with our sights on Rome and it truly lived up to our expectations. It was filled with monumental classical structures built during the Roman Empire and intricate works of art like the ones inside St. Peter's Basilica. One of the main attractions we saw was the famous Colosseum. The largest amphitheatre ever built and the stone work was truly unimaginable to have been



built when it was. Mr McAuley led us to the Pantheon, a former Roman temple which featured a dome that had a central opening allow a beam of light to enter into the dented of the temple. Last stop was The Vatican City which held St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world and one of the most renowned Renaissance structures. It's size was gigantic and inside every inch was covered with intricate paintings and sculptures. Inside one of the sculptures was the famous Pietà by Michelangelo.



Day 4:

On our last day in Italy we travelled to Pompeii. Even though it was windy and began to snow we managed to get in. A tour guide took over for Mr McAuley today as we walked through the ancient ruins of Pompeii. It was amaz-

ing to see the actual buildings that had been preserved this long. Last stop before home was the National Archaeological Museum. This featured many classical studies exam pieces and other mosaics and sculptures for everyone to see. The Alexander mosaic was a famous one that we had seen in Pompeii previously but that was only a replica. The museum held many interesting artifacts from Pompeii. After this we headed back home to Ireland, all very happy with everything we had seen and done on the trip. Aside from the attractions it was a fun trip that everyone enjoyed.



GOTTA GO FAST!

By Matthew Hayes



Following on from our success of last year and winning RC Team of the year, this year has been an excellent year for the RC Athletic Team. We've been training hard all year and have seen serious improvement in all age groups. Ms Delany and Mr Mulvey have been giving up their time every Monday after school to train a growing number of talented athletes. You just have to look at some of the results to see the massive improvement over last years.

Combined Events:

Our athletes took to the competitive field right back at the start of the year where they competed in the Combined Events in Santry. Two of our 1st year athletes put RC Athletic Club onto a winning start with Laura Kelly finishing 2nd and Caoimhe Fitzsimmons 11th qualifying them both to the All Irelands. Both girls competed with great determination on the day. Laura won the 800m and finished 5th overall. Well done both involved and their great start for representing the school.



GOTTA GO FAST!



Cross Country:

In the Drogheda and district Cross Country we had great wins from Laura Kelly in the Minor girls, Kyle Witter in the Junior boys and Matthew Hayes in the Intermediate boys. Other notable placings were Jessica Conroy who placed 5th in the minor girls and

Stephan Kiernan, Harry Coakley Sheehan and Sean Donnelly who placed 5th, 8th and 12th in the inter boys. The inter boys went on to win the team event for their age group.



We continued our success in the Meath Championships where we finished 3rd overall out of 15 schools. There were great individual performances from a number of athletes: Kyle Witter 1st, Amelia Campbell 2nd, Matthew Hayes 2nd and Tom Kilgannon 3rd in their respective ages. This was a day where all athletes worked really hard for each other and this proved fruitful with all receiving team medals. Minor girls came 3rd (Amelia Campbell, Laura Smith, Lilly Nannery, Jessica Conroy), Minor boys also finished 3rd (Kyle Witter, Eoin Kane, Cian Phelan, Sam Carey). The junior boys continued this winning medal streak finishing 2nd (Tom Kilgannon, Stephen Kiernan, Rohan Warwick, Matthew Fleming).

This brought us onto the big race of the season, the North Leinster Schools Cross Country which is the start of the stepping stones to get to the All Ireland's. Once again we had a very successful day with 8 of our athletes qualifying to the Leinsters. All performed exceptionally well on the day with Amelia Campbell and Kyle Witter bringing home the silver medal and Karen Hayes and Matthew Hayes coming home with bronze. The Junior girls team also qualified with great runs from Amelia, Laura Smith, Lily Nannery and Kate Fadden.

The competition was very tough at the Leinsters. Everyone put their all into their performance. Karen Hayes ran a tactical race and pushed herself to qualify to the All Irelands which was held in Co Kildare. This race had a number of athletes who compete internationally so pace was very fast. Karen herself ran a flawless race and held her own.

Huge congratulations to all on a very successful cross country season. Competition was very tough but everyone ran with great effort and determination and we got the results we deserved.

We also had excellent team spirit shown by all members of Ratoath College as our students have been known to be among the loudest supporters in all of Leinster. Through the excellent leadership of their teachers and the fitness and dedication shown by our athletes we have become a force to be reckoned with.



GOTTA GO FAST!

Track & Field

Track season was off with an explosive start with many medals at the Meath track and field at Claremont Stadium in Navan. We did excellently in all our track events as we usually do due to our pool of talented athletes but this year saw a huge increase in field event athletes, through our amazing new comers to our athletics team. We brought home 18 individual medals (8 gold/4 silver and 6 bronze) and 4 team relay medals (1 gold/2 silver and 1 bronze).



This success was carried through to the North leinsters in Santry Stadium with wins from Caoimhe Fitzsimmons in the minor long jump, Kyle Witter in the Junior 1500 m, Jed Walsh in the inter 400m & 800m, Matthew Hayes in the inter 1500m and Rafa McCaffrey in the Senior boys Long Jump. Another impressive medal tally was had bringing home 17 individual medals (6 gold / 8 silver and 3 bronze) and our minor girls relay finished 2nd, junior girls gave their all to finish 1st and inter bys finished 3rd. We had excellent results from all our athletes who travelled on the day and we are extremely proud of all our athletes have achieved throughout the year.

The athletes are an inspiration to each other with their commitment to training, competition and pushing each to do their very best which has brought about the success RC Athletic Club are experiencing this year but the season is not over. They now look forward to the Leinster schools Championships where we have 10 athletes heading back to Santry to represent our school in 18 events including 2 relay teams. We wish them

the very best of luck though we know they will do us and themselves proud.



GOTTA GO FAST!

North Leinster Results 2019

Meath Cross Country November 2018 – Oldcastle

Overall – 3rd (out of 15 schools)

Minor Girls

- 2nd Amelia Campbell
- 6th Laura Smith
- 10th Lilly Nannery

Team: 3rd (Amelia Campbell, Laura Smith, Lilly Nannery, Jessica Conroy)

Minor Boys

- 1st Kyle Witter
- 5th Eoin Kane

Team: 3rd (Kyle Witter, Eoin Kane, Cian Phelan, Sam Carey)

Junior Boys

- 3rd Tom Kilgannon
- 5th Stephen Kiernan

Team: 2nd (Tom Kilgannon, Stephen Kiernan, Rohan Warwick, Matthew Fleming)

Inter Boys

- 2nd Matthew Hayes
- 11th Harry Coakley Sheehan



all



Huge congratulations to who competed today. Competition was very tough and everyone ran with great effort and determination. Well done.

Roll of Honour

Meath Track & Field Championships

Minor Girls

- 1st 1100 Laura Kelly
 2nd Shot putt Caoimhe Fitzsimmons
 3rd 500m Aobh Forde

Winners minor relay: Laura Kelly, Caoimhe Fitzsimmons, Aobh Forde and Amy Kinsella.

Minor Boys

- 2nd 500m Cian Phelan
 3rd long jump Cian Phelan

Junior Girls

- 1st 1500m Amelia Campbell
 2nd long jump Kate Fadden
 3rd 100m Sara Sheehan
 3rd Relay: Amelia Campbell, Lily Nannery, Laura Smith, Laura Kelly

Junior Boys

- 1st 800m Eoin Kane
 1st 1500m Kyle Witter

Inter Girls

- 1st 800m Amy Doherty

Inter Boys

- 1st 800m Jed Walsh's
 1st 1500m Matthew Hayes
 2nd 100m Cian Agar Finlay
 3rd 1500m Stephen Kiernan
 2nd Relay: Jed Walsh, Cian Agar Finlay, Stephen Kiernan, Matthew Hayes

Senior Boys

- 1st long jump Rafael McCaffrey
 3rd long Jump Matthew Buckley
 3rd 100m Matthew Buckley
 2nd Relay: Rafael McCaffrey, Dara Casey, Kevin dat Conway, James Mc Cann

North Leinsters Cross Country

- Minor girls:
 6th Laura Kelly

Junior Girls; (Team qualified to Leinster's)

- 2nd Ameila Campbell
 11th Laura Smith
 13th Lilly Nannery
 Kate Fadden

Inter Girls;

- 10th Amy Doherty

Senior Girls;

- 3rd Karen Hayes

Junior Boys;

- Kyle Witter 2

Inter Boys;

- Matt Hayes 3

All the above qualified to the Leinster Cross Country

Karen Hayes qualified to the All Irelands

Drogheda & District Cross Country January 2019

Minor Girls

- 1st Laura Kelly
 4th Jessica Conroy

Junior Girls

- 5th Lilly Nannery

Junior Boys

- 1st Kyle Witter

Inter Boys (2nd Team Event)

- 1st Matthew Hayes
 5th Stephen Kiernan
 8th Harry Coakley
 Sheehan
 12th Sean Donnelly

North Leinster Track & Field Championships

Inter boys:

- 1st Jed Walshe – 400m
 Matthew Hayes – 1500m
 Jed walshe – 800m
 2nd Matthew Hayes – 3000m
 3rd Cian Agar Finlay – 200m
 3rd Relay (Cian Agar Finlay, Jed Walshe, Stephen Kiernan, Matthew Hayes)

Inter girls:

- 2nd Aimee Doherty – 300m
 3rd Aimee Doherty – 800m

Junior boys:

- 1st Kyle Witter – 1500m
 3rd Eoin Kane – 800m

Junior girls:

- 1st Relay (Amelia Campbell, Laura Smith, Lily Nannery, Sara Sheehan)

- 2nd Amelia Campbell – 1500m

Senior girls:

- 2nd Karen Hayes – 800m

Senior boys:

- 1st Rafa McCaffrey – Long Jump
 2nd Rafa McCaffrey – 110m Hurdles

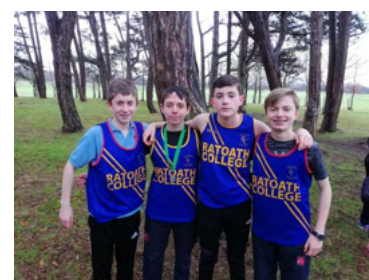
Minor girls:

- 1st Caoimhe Fitzsimmons – Long jump
 2nd Aobh Forde – 500m

- 2nd Minor Relay (Aobh Forde / Caoimhe Fitzsimmons / Laura Kelly / Jessica Conroy)

- 2nd Laura Kelly – High Jump

- 2nd Laura Kelly – 800m



sliotars and shoulders

Boys U14 Hurling. Written by the two joint captains Ronan Conheady (center forward) and Liam Corbett (full back).

After a few training sessions with Mr. O' Neill (Podge) we were going to Dungany for our hurling blitz. In our first match we were playing Longwood and we hammered them, beating them by over 20 points. In our second match we played Dunboyne and at half time it was a close game but we ended up winning by 6 points. These wins brought us to a semi final against Kells. We started strong with a few early goals. We finished off strong and won by 8 in the end. We were through to a final against St. Pats from Navan. In the first half St. Pats were up by a few points. In the second half we switched some things around and it worked better but St. Pats were too strong and we lost 3-9 to 2-3. Thank you to everyone involved in the coaching this year Mr. Toher, Mr. McCarthy and last, but not least, our manager Mr. O'Neill.

Also a special mention to all the bus drivers who brought us to all the matches and dropped us into the petrol stations when times were tough.

Team members:

Ronan Byrne, Kristian Grace, Liam Corbett, Cathal Hayes, Sean Corbett, John Fitzharris, Fionn Nolan, Tomas Corbett, Eoin Drysdale, Jacques Mooney, Ronan Conheady, Oisín Cunningham, Liam Fraser, Duggie, Oisín Cashman, Jack Brennan, Scott Feldman, Joe Kennedy, Mark Wallace.



The View from 2nd Year

By Adam Leeson

Second Year was a great year for Rang McKenna. Towards the start of the year we participated in sports day. We won first place in the girls and boys relay races and the girls obstacle course. After a long day of hard work and determination, we came out as the champions of Second Year and maintained our title from last year.

In late November, we began our mock trial in CSPE. It was really interesting and fun, a nice change from work. Everyone was involved and had a role to play. It lasted 3 weeks and in the end the defence emerged victorious.

The last day before Christmas holidays was a blast. We hosted a Kris Kindle in our class and everyone exchanged gifts anonymously. We blared Christmas music on speakers, ate sweets and had fun. During the Christmas prize giving, we won an attendance award.

Over the course of the whole year by far our favourite thing we did was making short films in SPHE class. They were loads of fun to make, act in and film. Some topics we covered were mental health, peer pressure, body positivity and good and bad influences. They were really insightful and gave some of us an opportunity to display skills we wouldn't have been able to otherwise, such as film direction, screenwriting, camerawork and video editing. Our favourite short film to make was the 'Bad Influence' video.

Some other eventful occurrences include: Watching Father Ted with Mr. McKenna, Under 14s hurling final, girls Under 14s camogie semi-final, a visit to the Sixth Class students in St Paul's, tea and chats and two history videos, a rap music video we made about the Cromwellian plantation and a recreation of the storming of the Bastille during the French Revolution.



The Wild Rover

By Anya
Browne



The Trad Group in Ratoath College consists of a group of students who share a love for music. Between tin whistles, guitar, piano and more, the trad group is a unique music group.

Our Trad group enjoy playing traditional music but also love to experiment with the style of some traditional Irish music and try to find different ways of playing. The trad group get together on Thursday's in the music room to play some music and share some ideas for performances. The group are known to play at award ceremonies, school functions, graduations, and more.

With students ranging from different year groups throughout the school and the range of various different instruments, the group work well together and enjoy playing music together, whether it is performing in front of the school or just simply playing away in the music room.

We are very thankful to have access too the music room but also for Ms. Kilrane, who brings the group together and without her dedication to us and music, some of us mightn't even be playing music. Her dedication to the group makes being a part of the trad group even better.

This year some of the trad group were asked to help with *Amhrán Aoife*, the song was a tribute to one of the most beloved staff of our school, Ms. O'Sullivan. I speak on behalf of the musicians involved when I say that we were honored to get the privilege to be a part of such an amazing tribute to Ms. O'Sullivan.

SHOOTIN' SOME B-BALL OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL...



By Mr Farrell

Ratoath College boys' basketball teams had a mixed run this year. Under 16's and U19's played their games before Christmas. The boys trained hard and put in a gallant effort every time they were on the court. The Under 16 team had some success against Coláiste na hinse and Castleblaney College. Well done to all the boys who took

part. The future is bright for next year.

Our first and second year teams competed very well this year. Our first year team were successful against Colaiste De Lacey, Beaufort College, Colaiste na Hinse and Brefni College. They reached the regional final but unfortunately they were unsuccessful. We are really looking forward to next year.



The second year boys also competed very well and were very unlucky not to win against Brefni College in the regional semi final. They had successful wins against Coláiste na Hinse and Beaufort College.

Well done to all the boys who took part.

A LEGEND MOVES ON...

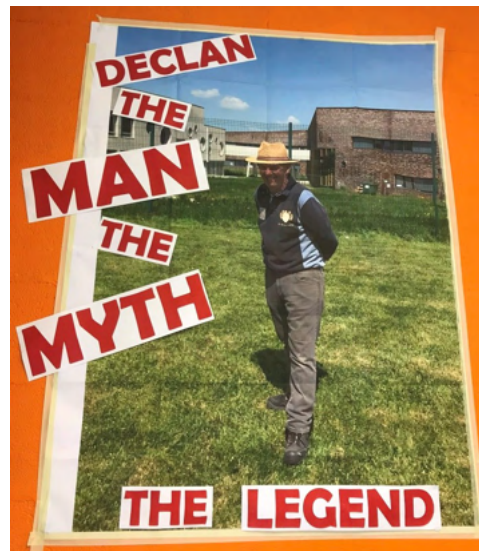
By Mr McAuley

With very heavy hearts, but many smiles and uncountable good memories, 2018 saw us bid farewell to the most popular member of the Ratoath College Family, our beloved caretaker Mr. Declan O'Toole. A well earned retirement if ever there was one. A key member of the staff since the Fairyhouse Days Mr. O'Toole was more than the skin and bones of Ratoath College he was our resident meteorologist and the soul of the school

Mr O'Toole was behind every successful Sports Day or Musical, doing the groundwork for Award Ceremonies and getting the school ready for the return of the pupils at the end of August not to mention the day to day maintenance of the campus. The person who made sure the job got done and that we were all safe and warm was our smiling philosopher Declan.

Many of us were touched by Mr O'Toole's kindness and good humour regularly brightening our days and the days of hundreds of people over his many years in RC.

Loved by students and staff alike Declan got the send off he deserved when the whole school community managed to catch the unassuming Mr O'Toole with a guard of honour, lining the corridors of the school to clap and cheer him through the building on his last day—a fitting tribute to a living legend. Mr O'Toole enjoy your retirement we love you and we miss you.



RC FUT TOTY

By Mr McAuley

It wasn't a vintage year for Senior Boys Soccer the season 2018/19 was too stop start to build any real momentum. With injuries , suspensions, discipline problems and difficulties fulfilling fixtures hampering the squad from reaching its potential.

The U 19's had a decent run in the Leinster Senior Cup destroying Larkin College, a traditional power house of school soccer 7-0 on the beautiful surface of City Jet Park. Stars on the day were the Aaron Brothers, Davis and Kelly as thick as thieves as ever, linking up well to rip apart the Larkin defence on many occasions. The solid Dylan Stears was a safe pair of hands in goal allowing the team to build from the back.

Unfortunately that fine day in November was the highlight of the season as Colaiste Choilm of Swords managed to knock both the 17's and the 19's out of all competitions in the space of a week. The 17's losing a thrilling encounter 4-3 in Ratoath and the 19's losing 3-2 a couple of weeks later in Swords. We have a promising squad for next season holding onto most of our key players so with better discipline and increased efforts we know next year can be a more successful and memorable season.



SUPERSTAR SOCCER

By Mr Toner

The 1st Year Boys Soccer team have been immense this year. From controlled, mature performances to rampaging scorelines and everything in between they have had an outstanding season.



Our season began with a manic 4-2 victory over Chanel College where we went 2-0 before halftime, before shipping two easy goals to go in level at the break. After a fiery and inspirational teamtalk from Mr. Toner the team didn't look back and battled on to win the game 4-2. Highlights of the game included dodgy tackles from anyone named 'Ben' and a delightful peashooter into the corner of the net.

The next game was an incredible match as Ratoath College came up against the best team in the league, St. Paul's. The lads were unlucky to lose 2-0 but players such as Josh "Captain Fantastic" Lyons, Emmett "Hunter" Harley, Callum "Maestro" Mooney and Adam "Bingo" Brady were really hitting their stride in the team.

The final group game was a tense affair against St Declan's but the lads never gave up and eventually game out as 2-1 winners, thanks to a flawless performance from Cian "The Machine" Crawford.

Unfortunately, an injury hit squad could not compete with Colaiste Choilm in the semi-final. After some glaring defensive errors the team rallied back and really fought until the final minute of the match, but alas, it wasn't to be on the day. The team picked themselves up marvelously and could leave with their heads held high on the day.



Ms O'Sullivan

By Ms Conaty & Ms Lyttle

This year we lost an amazing person, Ms. Aoife O'Sullivan, who was a fantastic teacher, colleague and friend to so many of us. It's very hard to put into words how much we miss her.

Ms. O'Sullivan started out in Ratoath College in August 2016, with a smile and a witty remark, it wasn't long until we all knew of her Kerry charm. She always had something positive to say, no matter the situation or who she was dealing with, she was always smiling. Ms. O'Sullivan loved teaching, she had found her niche in life and no challenge was ever too much for her.

She was very excited for students to take on her name as she became a caomhnoir. She was so proud of her rang and all their achievements, but most importantly how they treated each other with kindness and always took care of one another. Ms. O'Sullivan was a wonderful teacher, whether it was as simple as answering questions or as important as being a shoulder to cry on through the tough times.

Ms. Aoife O'Sullivan will always be in our hearts.



Amhrán Aoife



By Ms Kilranne

One of the biggest cross-curricular projects that took place in the school this year was *Amhrán Aoife*. After losing our beloved friend and colleague, Ms. Aoife O'Sullivan, in December this year, Foireann na Gaeilge wanted to do something creative and positive together to commemorate Aoife's life and her contribution to Ratoath College. Ms Kilrane worked on the lyrics and when she brought them to the rest of the Múinteoirí Gaeilge, they decided to get everyone on board and do something really special in memory of Aoife. The Music, Technology and Art Departments were also ready and willing to be involved in any way they could and so on Feb 14th, the Amhrán Aoife group had its first meeting.

Lucky as we are to have so many willing and talented musicians and singers, both on staff and amongst the student body, it did not take long to get lots of volunteers. We are also delighted to have Dr. Matteo Cullen on staff, whose expertise in sound engineering was invaluable throughout the project. Over following weeks, staff and students worked together on the lyrics

and music. Ms. Monerawela, Ms. Quigley, Ms. Flynn, Ms. Dalton and Ms. Kilrane worked with individuals and groups, writing arrangements for instruments and harmonies for singers. Some of the main musicians and singers were Daniel Gallagher, Evan Murphy, Laoise Murphy, Anya Browne, Marc Checkley, Matthew Duff, Matthew Somerville, Leah Barniville, Eva Beedall, Lauren Kelly, Aideen Lanigan, Clodagh Thomas and Niamh Madden. Ms. Sarah O'Neill and Mr. Munnelly captured many of their meetings and rehearsals on camera, which would form the basis of the music video.



Amhrán Aoife



Staff came together in Halla an Phiarsaigh to sing the chorus, led by Ms. Monerawela, while another group of staff and students gathered in the hall to sing.



Rang O'Sullivan/O'Neill, who were Aoife's Caomhnóir group, designed posters with messages and words that remind them of Ms. O'Sullivan, also to feature in the video. On March 20th, the sun was shining on us as Mr. Munnelly's drone skills were in full flight. The entire school came out onto the pitch, and under the direction of Mr. Munnelly and Ms. Kilrane, formed the letters of Aoife's name.



By March 27th, after huge work on the editing of the audio by Mr. Cullen and the video by Ms. O'Neill, Amhrán Aoife was complete. The main students involved in the music came

together with staff after school to watch their creation for the first time before we launched it publicly, to a great reception.



We also entered the song into the Comórtas Gaelfhíseáin, which was run by Conradh na Gaeilge in conjunction with Meath County Council, and on Easter Monday Ms. Kilrane received the news that Amhrán Aoife had won! The prizemoney of €1,000 will be presented to the school and we have decided that it would be most fitting to donate the prizemoney to the fund that has been started in Aoife's memory in the CUH research department.



We are very proud of what we have created in Amhrán Aoife and we hope it is a fitting tribute to such a wonderful teacher, colleague and friend as Aoife O'Sullivan.



SEACHTAIN NA GAILGE

By Ms Kilrane

Seachtain na Gaeilge took place in the school the week of 11ú-15ú Márta and bhí go leor spóirt agus spraoi againn.

A competition took place for 2nd years for designing the best posters to decorate the school for the week.

There were many excellent entries to Ms. English and Ms. Carolan which were commended but the overall winners were Katie O'Neill, Naoise Tyrrell, Jonathan Coman agus Paige Kelly.



Students made announcements at assembly as Gaeilge, with the help of Ms Smyth and the comórtas began for all students for Cainteoir na Seachtaine (speaker of the week) with students who made a big effort to speak Gaeilge around the school being given special slips. Those students most successful students at the end of the week were junior students Eoin Read agus TJ Kelly and senior students Anya Browne agus Sorcha McGroarty who received their chocolatey duaiseanna the following week. The winning múinteoirí were Fr. PJ, Mr. Cullen and Ms. Brennan. Maith sibh!!

Tráthnóna Dé Máirt, bhí ceolchoirm i Halla an Phiarsaigh, organised by Ms. Quigley and Ms. Monerawela. Lots of different groups and individuals gave fantastic performances as Gaeilge, including the first public performance of Amhrán Aoife.



Coláiste Lurgan came to Coláiste Ráth Tó on Wednesday to speak to the TYs about their engaging new digital platform OIDE. Later that afternoon High Rock Productions came to take the 6th years in Halla an Phiarsaigh for their Caith Amach É workshop, a hugely entertaining and interactive way to help with preparations for the Scrúdú Béil.

SEACHTAIN NA GAILGE

Thursday morning saw the arrival of tae agus briosaí for the whole school, organised by Ms. Kilrane, who enjoyed cupán tae agus comhrá Gaeilge together and wrote 'An focal is fearr liom' on the TY wall.



Dé hAoine saw the Tráth na gCeist for an 5ú bliain, organised by Ms Lyons. In a close few rounds, great fun was had by all and the prizes went to two teams that were super-cliste on the day.

Throughout the week, and 3ú bliain were fiercely competitive in the Comórtas Ranga organised by Mr. Farrell, where classes got points for performing various tasks as Gaeilge, sending tweets, translating songs and making posters. Na buaiteoirí a bhí againn sa deireadh ná Rang Treacy!

After several practice classes in Céilí dancing Dé hAoine arrived, bringing with it the Céilí Mór, the highlight of Seachtain na Gaeilge for our first year students. Their scileanna rince were on display sa Halla Spóirt, under the guidance of Ms. Monerawela.



Míle buíochas from Foireann na Gaeilge to all of the staff and students who helped make the week a success and comhghairdeas to all the prize-winners! Beatha teanga í a labhairt!

Turning the Tables

By Sophie Devine



My friends and I organised a DJ Workshop for our music task in Ratoath College or our schoolmates as we thought it would be something the pupils in Ratoath College would be interested in as it was something different. The team included Kotryna Sweeney, Nathan Kinlan, Justine Salimonova, Nathalie Sturzel and I.

Kotryna taught us how to use the volume, how to speed and slow down the music and what all the different buttons on the mixer were. For example, the Treble/Bass/Gain. I also learned that the amplifier controls the volume which you can turn up and down.

On the day we had a lot of interest in our workshop, students and teachers attended and we thought that our schoolmates were interested in all the information we delivered. We gave some students the opportunity to try out the equipment and they really enjoyed this. Afterwards we were interviewed by the RC News team for the school video.

Our task was a great success and we all received great results following our task interview.



Schools Go Orange

By Emer Brady

Cycle Against Suicide is a student led committee in the school that promotes the discussion surrounding mental health and the idea that it is not something taboo or something that shouldn't be talked about. Together with the help of Miss Grogan, we organised different activities and fundraisers to raise awareness and highlight the importance of such important topics.

Cycle Against Suicide meets every Wednesday at lunch in room 4. There we discuss and collaborate to come up with ideas to spread the message of "It's okay not to be okay and it's absolutely okay to ask for help". Originally the committee was open to senior cycle students, but this year it was opened up to third year students also. Naturally, this brought new ideas and opinions. These students had an insight into the thoughts of the junior cycle and helped us make our projects more inclusive. Our schoology group helped us post ideas we would see on social media or out and about.

Of course, the biggest event we organised this year was the "Schools Go Orange Day". Ratoath College was painted orange, not literally. Orange is the colour associated with Cycle Against Suicide so we did everything we could to bring as much orange to the corridors as possible. This included the gears, where each rang was given gears for each student. On this they were asked to write why they were "going orange". These were collected and grouped by year onto posters which are displayed in the corridor. They embody the sense that no one is ever alone, and you can really feel the school's sense of community from this. In terms of fundraising, the school was not afraid to donate and raise money for the cause. Students came together to donate to the bake sale, where many of the sweet treats were orange flavoured and coloured. Many of our meetings included the intricate folding of orange ribbons to sell on the day, which were extremely popular with students. We also painted many students' faces with orange face paint to brighten up the halls and this instantly put a smile on students' faces. In total from these three fundraisers we raised an amazing €305.42 towards our donation fund!

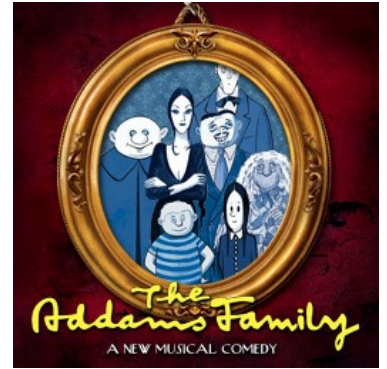
The most memorable part of our "Schools Go Orange Day", was the teacher obstacle course. This is an event I'm sure will go down in Ratoath College history. The amazing teachers that got involved had to endure strenuous tasks and overcome complex obstacles in order to win and for their team to be champions. These included bin bag races, hurdles, army crawling under some seriously heavy gym mats, all with an audience of the entire school! This day was a huge success, and we raised over €1000 in total for the cause. A big thank you to everyone involved, and let's all look forward to next year's events.



Ratoath Family Values

By Ms Monerawela & Ms Quigley

Before Easter break Ratoath College saw some amazing talent at auditions for the new school musical 'The Addams Family'. The musical tells the story of Wednesday Addams, a grumpy lovesick teen who invites her boyfriend and parents around for dinner. Chaos ensues as the 'normal' Beineke family get to know the Addams family.



Filled with lively songs and dances you're not going to want to miss this! We hope to see you back in October (23rd - 25th) to support your former school mates in the spooktacular comedy of The Addams Family!

Congratulations to the following students who were cast as our leading roles:

Morticia: Lauren Kelly

Gomez: Aidan Fabian

Wednesday: Aideen Lanigan

Lucas: Daniel Gallagher

Pugsley: Abi Colgan

Grandma: Meg Johnson

Alice: Ella McCabe

Mal: Eoin McCormack

Fester: Matthew Somerville



Why You Should Choose LCA

By Natalie Sturzel

If you are finding it difficult to choose between TY and 5th year, maybe the hidden option of LCA is the most appropriate for you! Throughout junior cycle I had never heard about LCA and I thought that TY and 5th year were the only options for me and I didn't want to do either. Through some research I discovered that LCA is my best option.



Why is the best choice the least popular? I want to raise the profile of LCA so that more people will know of its existence.

Here are some of the positive aspects of LCA:

- ◇ It's basically TY except you don't have to do an extra year of school, and it lasts 2 years!
- ◇ A smaller class (about 15 people) can be less overwhelming
- ◇ Continuous assessments (you are doing your Leaving Cert throughout 5th and 6th year by doing fun tasks)
- ◇ Learning a new language (you will get the opportunity to learn German and will do it as an exam for your leaving cert)
- ◇ Fun subjects! You will be doing Hotel Catering Tourism, Drama, Woodwork and German throughout 5th and 6th year!
- ◇ It's a bonding experience, being in a small class means connecting to everyone in your class despite your differences which is truly magical.

Lets stop the rhetoric that LCA isn't a lot of work! LCA is not for people who don't want to go to school, it's for people who might want to follow a particular career path or who find the regular Leaving Certificate route difficult or if you just love what LCA involves. LCA also has an attendance policy, you must be in for at least 90% of the school year to be able to get your credits, unless you show a note to explain.

LCA applicants are carefully considered into the class, messers will not be accepted!

In LCA you will develop so many skills. LCA has given me so much confidence and while doing tasks it has allowed me to expand my vocabulary and work more professionally. Having the opportunity to do work experience is preparing me magnificently for the world of work. I decided to do LCA because I didn't want to step into the world of work not knowing what I was getting myself into, and not having the correct skills, knowledge or practice needed to pursue a career.

I'm looking forward to the future as I feel as though I have learned a lot being an LCA student, and I've developed important skills that will help me in the future. Because of LCA, I feel confident going into sixth year.

I hope you consider LCA as an option coming out of 3rd year.

Best of luck in whatever path you choose to follow!



A Night of Unrivalled Talent

By Ms. Flynn

Our annual Talent show on October 25th was a wonderful success as always. Our Music teachers and TY team worked behind the scenes selling tickets, organising auditions, writing the programme, taking photographs and running backstage. We were delighted with the range of pupils who auditioned and found it difficult to select our acts. Each act was mentored by a member of staff to help prepare for the upcoming show.

Our talent show ticket design competition was a success as always with Emma Mc Camley and Jessica Wong winning the ticket design while Anya Clarke-Carr designed the cover of the programme.

TY students Robert Foley, Anya Browne, Sarah Cullen and Christian Cahill presented the show on the night and entertained the audience while announcing the acts.

Last year's winner Joshua Mulcahy took to the stage first before joining the judging panel alongside Ms O'Neill, Ms Hayes, Mr Cullen, Mr Mc Carthy and Mr Leonard. Seventeen acts from first to sixth year sang, played, danced and performed to entertain the delighted audience.



The raffle was held by the TY students and presenters and hugely supported by our parents association and local businesses who generously donated prizes.

While the judges deliberated Leah Barniville treated us to some amazing singing including songs from the hit movie, "The Greatest Showman".

Finally, the winners were announced. Best newcomer prize was awarded to Niamh Mangan for her fantastic saxophone performance. Joint third place was awarded to Evan Murphy, Emma Scattergood and Rebecca Doyle who sang and played guitar, with second place was awarded to dance act Varsha Joseph. Then finally, the moment we were all waiting for came when third year music student Lon Aiden Fabien took the trophy and first prize for his fantastic rendition of 'Prayin' be Kesha. His confident performance and amazing falsetto blew the crowd away.

The Music team thanks the parents, students and staff of Ratoath College for supporting this wonderful event every year.



BONJOUR LA FRANCE!

By Orla Hayes



As part of our French course in school 34 students took the option to travel to France alongside 4 teachers Mr Jordan, Mr Nissar, Ms Lytle and Ms O'Hanlon to Normandy in France. The trip started off with an early start on Friday morning with everyone meeting at 3:30am at Supervalu in Ratoath, where we got on a coach to Dublin airport. Once we had arrived we checked in our bags and got some well needed breakfast before boarding our flight. The short journey to

Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris went smoothly until it came to collecting our luggage where one bag had been left back in Dublin and never made it on the flight, leaving one student without any clothes. Soon after we met our bus driver and coach for the week where we spent the next 3 hours making our way to a French town called Caen where we took a short tour around the town and then finished off visiting the Castle. We made our way home at around 6pm that evening finishing off our day with some rugby on the beach before settling in for our first night in the Gold Beach Hotel in Normandy .

The Second day started off with 3 hours of French classes alongside our two lovely teachers that we had for the trip. Later that day we got on our bus and travelled to Bayeux tapestry and then to Mr Jordan's favourite, the World War Two Memorial Museum where we learned about all the aspects of the war and saw an underground bunker. Once finished we made our way home for dinner and then a few of the students went swimming in the Gold Beach water. Then we finished off our night with a table quiz.





On the third day we had classes again to start and then after we headed back to the memorial to collect our tour guide, where we took a 3 and a half hour tour around France. We visited the American Cemetery of Memorial where 9000 American soldiers were buried from the D-Day landings, following on to bunkers and then to Omaha beach where some of the D-Day landings took place. We got home

had dinner and changed before we went to Bayeux to go to a bowling alley and arcade. The third day was definitely the defining day for many of the students on the tour.



On the final day of our trip we checked out of our hotel and made our way to Paris where we visited the Eiffel Tower and some sights around France. On the way the teachers handed out the second annual Normies awards which were given to different students on the trip including selfie king and queen and most likely to punch Mr Jordan. We then went shopping in the Aeroville shopping centre before making our back to Charles de Gaulle air-

port where we encountered a delay before departing back to Dublin.



Teacher Soccer Tournament

By Mr Toner



Once again the superstars of the Ratoath College Teacher soccer team took to the field to compete in the annual teacher soccer tournament. This year saw an injury ravaged team face formidable opposition and coming close to tasting glory.

Several key players shone throughout the tournament, such as Mr O'Neill who be-

gan a magnificent mazy run and industrious display in midfield as soon as any camera started recording. He was matched in midfield by Mr Toner who spent more time face down on the ground than on his feet.

Ms Monerawela was a rock at the back, at times holding off players three times her size, as was Ms Conaty, who on more than one occasion risked life and limb to ensure we kept a watertight backline organized and even has a huge bump on the side of her head to prove it as she bravely leapt in front of a goalbound shot. Behind them sat Mr Farrell in goals who staked his claim to be remembered as the best keeper to tog out for the teacher team with a series of jaw dropping saves.

Mr Cullen & Mr McCarthy were dominant throughout the tournament with Mr Cullen in particular in inspired form as he won every ball in the air, often screaming "MATTEO's!!!" as he rose to clear another header. Mr Mulvey was an anchor at the base of midfield as he stifled opposition play with some crunching tackles and blocks.



Teacher Soccer Tournament



Ms Quigley & Mr Munnely showcased some exceptional wingplay as they racked up the assists whilst also helping out with their defensive duties as Mr Walsh sprang forward with a series of gutbusting runs which were often accompanied by his exquisite finishing. Mr

O'Dwyer finished as the tournament's top scorer as he exhibited some intricate touches, combining them with unstoppable finishes.

The team worked tirelessly and topped their group setting up a tense semi-final with Riversdale but they emerged as worthy victors. A spirited teamtalk, reminiscent of Jurgen Klopp during Liverpool's recent 4-0 win over Barcelona, spurred the team on in the final and were unlucky to lose 1-0 in an extremely tight affair. This was an exceptional performance from the teacher's team and they more than upheld the good name of Ratoath College in the process, next year will be our year!



Inside the Engine Room



By Mr Hannon & Mr Munnelly

It has been a very busy year for the Engineering department with our first year students undertaking a new set of projects including a jet fighter project and an angry birds clock. They are also helping out in our new group task, our petrol powered gokart!

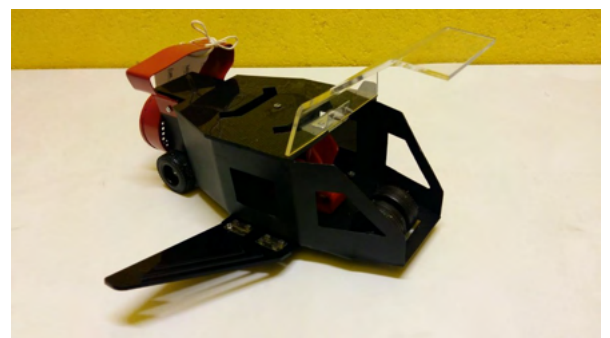
Our second year metalwork students have been very busy honing their practical skills and are finishing a trike project. This has been the culmination of all the new skills and knowledge they have gained using new machines such as the lathe and getting to work with new materials.

TY Engineering has really taken group work and collaboration to a new level. Each TY student has created and sculpted their own unique stars out of aluminum. They are also creating a magnificent 100% silver ring and a flower basket hanger wall bracket.

Leaving Certificate Engineering students have just finished their four wheeled Model Aeromobile project.



We have a new engineering cabinet installed inside the front door of the school!





This projects awards students with 40% of



their leaving cert grade and they can sit their leaving cert exam in confidence that they have a high number of mark achieved already. Well Done Guys!

This year 17 students from Ratoath College attended the annual robot games in the black-box theatre Galway. After all the headaches and problem solving to get the robots completed, students headed off early on the May 1st! After progressing through the initial rounds one of robot suffered a catastrophic circuit board failure... after a gallant effort we got the robot back up and running for the quarter final and were unlucky to be beaten at this stage. Stay tuned for next year's competition, its guaranteed to be a riveting (metalwork pun) experience. No robots were harmed in the making of this article.



Follow #RCMetalwork for more fun updates on the Metalwork Department!



ROBOT WARS

By Laurie Johnson

On the 1st of May the robot games team (sporting the bright colours of Ratoath College) headed down to Galway to partake in the annual Robot Games championship. Showcasing the hard work from students and teachers alike, this is a great event for all to partake in. The event was sponsored by EA and Colmac Robotics.



A sizeable collection of students started work earlier this year in our school. Huge efforts were put into design and material choice, as well as research from other events fantastic robots. Work commenced after each team had chosen an idea. Some made use of the metalwork rooms materials while others chose for a lightweight 3D printed design (of which was created from scratch) with both materials being equally as competitive. Great skills and craftsmanship were showcased throughout the creation process which included paper thin robot wedges and different wheel and track line-ups, showing outside the box thinking and creativity.

There's something for everyone in Robot Games as it is not just making a physical piece but includes coding to programme the robot to operate through its genie motherboard. Coding is simple and easy to learn but can also be as creative as the physical design of the piece.

Within Robot Games there are two categories. The more popular event Mini Sumo pits two robots who battle to remove each other from the ring and the Line Follower category which is designed for robots programmed to follow a line quickly and accurately.



Within a sumo match every robot is limited to certain specifications for fairness. Motors output power are regulated and the same in every robot. The robot must be 100 by 100 mm but has no height restriction. Robots cannot have physical weapons which means no flamethrowers for all you lunatic engineers out there!



Sumo Robots are not allowed to leave the ring and wins when the other robot does so or gets pushed out. Matches are a best of three and matches go through loser brackets and winner brackets to get to finals. Those who win receive trophies and a selection of prizes from EA whom sponsor the event.

The Robot Games team had a very enjoyable experience over to Galway and back with a lovely fine spell of weather. Chaperoned by the great Mr.Nissar and accompanied by some music we made it up in one piece. Enjoying success in the "Supporters Award" (practically who can make the most noise and dance the best) early on we pushed into the actual Sumo competition. Success was found throughout the competition yet unfortunately all robots were defeated by some spectacular creations. In a close competition for the Supporters Award we were seconded by our current rivals Breifne College who brought some excellent Fortnite dances to the table.



Overall the Robot Games was a great day out for the group and a great lesson in working through a time constraint and the importance of teamwork.

A big thank you to Mr.Munnelly and Mr.Nissar for taking care of us and helping us build our robots, it was a tremendously enjoyable experience.

GAA Mad!

By Mr Mooney

U16 girls

The u16 girls had a super campaign this year registering two impressive victories against O'Carolan College Nobber and Gormanston College before missing out narrowly on progressing to the knockout stages on score difference. Throughout the season the girls worked hard and played excellently as a team with impressive performances throughout the year from Saoirse O'Kane, Orla Byrne and Emma Byrne.

U14

Our u14 team was made up mainly on a group of enthusiastic first years who trained very hard this. Unfortunately our u14 girls were defeated in the first round of the championship against Oldcastle. There was some excellent performances from Niamh Murray, Ciara Freeman and Robyn Duice give us a lot of hope for the future.



Leaving Cert: Round II

By Padraic Byrne

As a repeating student in Ratoath College I can honestly say there's no other school quite like ours, from the relationship between teachers & students to the relationship between fellow students. There is no other school I could imagine going to. When a school can somehow make you not mind coming back to do the Leaving Cert for a second time you know it must be something special.



2017/18



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My repeat year has been exactly like every other year I've had, which is why I've enjoyed it so much. I can't even explain how nervous I was when I came back on my first day. I was so worried about all the judging looks I thought I'd receive and what people would think of me. Once I had finished my first day back I remembered exactly when I love this school so much. I was greeted with the same friendly smiles I'd always been greeted with since I was 13 years old starting school. It all came back to me about how much of a no-judgement zone Ratoath is and how everyone is treated the same.

Although it was tough coming back and seeing some of my mates go on to college I still had mates left in the school and those lads have made my year ten times easier and I don't know where I'd be without them. They made me feel so much more comfortable as they crushed the fear I'd originally had about how I could be an outsider to everyone else in the year.

One thing I was delighted to realise when I came back is that I'd have another year of playing school football. The new that I'd have the chance to come back and play with my closest friends who I'd been playing with since we were young was some of the best news I'd gotten all year.

One thing that's really changed about me this year is my attitude towards study. I can't stress enough how important it is to stay on top of your workload instead of cramming your study in at the end. This is the approach I undertook this year and it has worked out so much better for me.

This isn't the only thing that's helped me out this year as my teacher's commitment to helping me get the result I wanted has been unbelievable and they'll never understand how appreciative I am of every one of them and I can't thank them enough.

Some of the simpler things are what I'll miss most, like meeting teachers in the corridor, going on trips, doing group work and, most of all, having the craic at break. I will always remember my time in Ratoath College and, although, I feel like I'm ready for the next chapter of my life, I'm devastated this one has come to an end.

Peace out, Padraic

Artistic Endeavours

The Art Department 2019

The Art Department at Ratoath College aims to develop and promote a sense of personal identity and self-esteem, achieving the expressive, communicative and functional modes of Art, Craft and Design. Students' pursuit of creativity and cultural enrichment, for the development of the total individual is encouraged.



This is pursued in a fun and active way through structured practical work, building the students qualities of imagination, originality, creativity and problem solving.

Our vision is that every student will not just be encouraged but actively and individually helped to explore, express,

and communicate their ideas and develop their skills and understanding of art, craft and design. We support our students to actively engage in the artistic process in order to develop as effective and independent learners, and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds.



Our ambition to achieve national standards of excellence in the education of students in the creative, visual arts. We do this through the quality of our teaching and by introducing students to contemporary and traditional art practice. We endeavor to raise students' creative competence as well as their creative confidence.



Art, broadly defined, is a fundamental human enterprise: the making of meaning, individual and collective, through representation. In making art we make ourselves. In understanding art we understand ourselves'.

- Council of National Cultural Institutions, National Development Plan (2007-2013).

New Face Welcomed by the Art Department this year

A new face greeted staff and students of RC after the Christmas break this year. This amazing work of art by Kevin Kilen was commissioned to be placed outside Ratoath College.



Before the piece was created Kilen met with the art students of Ratoath College. Asking students what school means to them, getting their thoughts and opinions about the school community Kilen created this piece to represent the student body.



The face itself is constructed and built on positive quotes, words and expressions by the students of Ratoath College. Words weaved together symbolized through a youthful face, Kilen created a sculpture that is symbolic of student life and learning in Ratoath College.

“You cannot use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have.”

- Maya Angelou

1st Year Visual Art

This year we welcomed two class groups of young artists to the Ratoath College art department. These young artists excelled over the course of this academic year. Students learnt the basic skills necessary to understanding the foundations of Art. These include the art elements, drawing, painting, 3D construction and the management of materials and safety practices in the art room.



“Every artist was first an amateur”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Pop Art

Our 1st year students worked on a Pop Art project looking at the work of artist Roy Lichtenstein. Students explored the art elements shape, colour and pattern. They then made their posters

using collage technique with different types of coloured paper.



Pop art is an art movement that emerged in the United Kingdom and the United States during the mid- to late-1950s. The movement presented a challenge to traditions of fine art by including imagery from popular and mass culture, such as advertising, comic books and mundane cultural objects.

Artist Research

1st year art students were introduced to a range of traditional and contemporary artists this year. Looking at the work of Edward Hopper, Chuck Close, Vincent Van Gogh, to name a few. Students researched and discovered a range of information and visual aids in their understanding of each particular artist.



Through their research students found a new appreciation and understanding of individual artists. They began to understand and value the role an artist plays in society and in history. Students became more aware of the artists role and status. Taking influence from artists that have come before them students began to reflect and question the world around them.



Artist Wassily Kandinsky

Each student created their own abstract painting in the style of the artist

Kandinsky. Students practiced color, shape and balance. Wassily Kandinsky is considered to be one of the very first Western proponents of abstract painting, known for his colorful fields of spidery lines and shapes. Kandinsky compared colors to the keys of a piano and the human soul to the piano itself.



2nd Year Visual Art



CBA 1 Visual Art

2nd year students also took part in their CBA 1 which has just finished recently. Working from their chosen

theme each student completed the Craft stand in the visual art course.



Students worked on a clay project which saw them research, develop and design a clay piece. They produced fantastic work and all did so well they should be so proud of all their hard work.

Graphic Design

Graphic Design, is a problem-solving practice which uses image and text to communicate an array of messages that can be personal, cultural or commercial. Our 2nd years did a fantastic job on a stamp design brief which helped them discover the world of graphic design. They practiced typography and researched graphic design artists such as Saul Bass.

"Creativity takes courage."

- Henri Matisse



3rd Year Art Project

Junior Cert art is planned as a development of the curriculum content of First Year and Second Year. This is executed through the Junior Certificate Art, Craft, and Design project.



This is a busy yet rewarding year for Art students.

The Junior Certificate project requires the student to complete three sections at Higher Level and three sections at Ordinary Level. These sections are based on painting, graphic design, 3D studies and an option (usually a craft-based study).



Each section must be accompanied with preparation sheets and support studies. The wide-ranging aspects of the Junior Certificate projects aim to broaden the student's concept of Art as a subject.

Student reflection on the year....By Ruby Hussey

This year in art we all really flourished and indulged ourselves into our junior cert project. We all got to express ourselves within the themes of the junior cert project, some of the themes included 'everything has beauty but not everyone sees it' and "what's over the hill'.

Throughout the year we have all worked tirelessly to create our finished pieces, and speaking on behalf of everyone in the 3rd year art classes I can

say we have all thoroughly enjoyed our year working alongside Ms O'Neill.



Ms O'Neill has worked day and night to ensure our projects are produced to the best of our ability, and for that we would like to say a massive thank you for that.

Credit Union Art Competition

Students in the art department had great success this year in the Credit Union Art Competition.



Two students who were recognized and awarded in Croke Park were sisters Anya and Naoise Clarke-Carr.

Naoise was awarded the winner in the 11-13 age category and Anya was

awarded merit in the 14-17 age category.



Huge congratulations to both artists. We are so delighted for you both on your amazing success.

TY Art

This year TY students took part in a number of art projects. Each rotation in TY seen students take part in painting projects, printmaking projects, origami, textiles, pop art, etc.



Some iconic pop art created in Room 8 by TY art students. Taking influence from Andy Warhol, students constructed some amazing pop art portraits.

TY students helped spread creativity into other areas of the school. Creating

a self-directed mural of the famous scientist Marie Curie to be displayed in the Science labs.



LCA Rang Munnelly

Rang Munnelly worked so well this year and made fantastic art. They worked on a clay task which saw each student make a clay tile based on the theme of the forest floor. Students researched the theme and designed their own individual tile practicing the art elements line, shape, texture and colour.



Then with the help of Mr Munnelly they were able to make a beautiful display of all the clay tiles for the wall.

LCA Rang Canny

Rang Canny in 6th year created some amazing self-portraits this year. These self-portraits created through mixed media and collage are a representation of each individual in Rang Canny. They not only display a likeness to the individual students, but also express the student's personality and even their mood.



Senior Cycle 5th Year Art

by Ella Hussey

Fifth Year Art this year has been so enjoyable for each and every one of us. In Practical, our year has been primarily focused on following the criteria along with the sixth years in preparation for our leaving cert project next year.

This consisted of doing mind maps, development sheets, and final piece ideas and then our final pieces which

was a completely new layout compared to what we were used to in Junior Cert art.



Getting used to this was a change but nothing we couldn't handle and it really allowed us to create an unique style by using different mediums. We had a lot more freedom and room to experiment with a range of new materials and find what worked well for us as it was a trial and error for next year which really is the beauty in fifth year art.



It was such a supportive and positive work space. Fifth Year Art has been such creative and fabulous year and

we are most certainly ready and prepared for the tough year we have in store next year.

“Those who do not think outside the box are easily contained.”

- Nicolas Manetta

Senior Cycle 6th Year Art Project by Emma Camley

The leaving cert art course is divided into 3 sections: the project, life drawing and art history. The project itself lasts 10 weeks and is divided into 2 sections which are craft and imaginative composition or still life. For the first half of the project I chose imaginative composition which allowed me to showcase my own artistic technique and imagination by drawing ordinary objects in an inventive and almost fantasized way.



For the craft portion of the project students play to their artistic strengths. For my craft I chose calligraphy, however others chose lino printing or clay modelling. For each half of the project we drew and wrote down our ideas in workbooks that went towards our

overall grade. They include developments of your ideas and the overall designs for your pieces.

Your whole project is based on one overall theme. The theme I chose was familiar, others included indentation and balance.



Leaving Cert art is quite time consuming, however it's a great and worthwhile course and going into the exams you have already completed 62.5% of the course.



It's a subject that allows you to push boundaries and use both logic and creativity. The hours for the project were long but it gave the class a chance to connect and help each other creatively. Leaving cert art gives you the freedom to explore your own artistic style and to develop your skills as an artist. It's a great course for anyone with an artistic mind.

Senior Cycle 6th Year Art History by Riona Murphy

Art History: The section of art that most people forget about when they choose art for leaving cert. Don't worry it's just a little bit of first year history plus European Art. Oh, and Art Appreciation. Why study art history though? Art is all around us. It takes the form of paintings, artefacts, or the massive blue head that welcomes you to our school.



We study a broad variety of topics, from the Loughnashade trumpet made during the Iron Age to Leonardo Da Vinci's Mona Lisa from the European section. Hold on. It gets better. We

show our appreciation for art galleries and plan what we would do if we were the curator of our own exhibition. We visited Newgrange (in the pouring rain) - a beautiful passage tomb just down the road situated in the Boyne Valley. I am unsure of the exact location. I am an artist, not a geography expert.

We also visited The National Gallery of Ireland and saw the Zurich Portrait Prize. Photo proof on the RC Art twitter page follow that!!



Let's get real here. Art History is actually a very important aspect of art. Art has shaped our culture and the world we live in.

**Don't delay,
Choose art today!**

Yearbook Cover 2019 & Texaco Art Competition by Anya Clarke-Carr



Appearance on Ireland AM

This is my entry that won 3rd prize in the Texaco art competition, it is titled '*Gannet on Clogherhead beach with ping pong bat*'. I got the inspiration from a dead bird I found on Clogherhead beach.

My family has a mobile home there where we like to go for daily walks during the summer. Last year while I was walking I noticed a dead bird washed up on the beach and beside it was a ping pong bat. I thought this was very interesting, so I decided to put the bat under the bird's head because I thought the bird with its wings spread out looked like an angel that needed a halo.

The bat which is used in a game made me think about the game of life and death because it was so oddly placed beside this dead bird, which, for me represented the issues of global warming and the effect that humans are having on nature.



I photographed the scene and used this as reference for my painting. Through research I later discovered that bird was a Gannet, an Irish Sea bird.

Ratoath College Art on Twitter

For more information on the Art department and to see all the amazing things we get up to throughout the year follow us on Twitter at:



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It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

An Chéad Bhliain

Message from 1st Year Moltóir, Mr Horan

A massive well done to you all for getting this far in what was a very testing year. New school, new teachers, new friends and new subjects are just some of the challenges you got through over this year. The first couple of steps in any new journey are difficult but you got through them with flying colours.

I want to take this opportunity to thank your wonderful Caomhnoirí who have put in tireless work on your behalf behind the scenes. They have supported and guided you through the year so a massive thank you to Ms. Delany, Ms. Flatley, Ms. Quigley, Ms. Dalton, Ms. Conaty, Mr. Toner and Mr. Jordan.

There has been many highlights through the year. Some moments brought laughter, others brought tears. I hope we have learned from these moments and became stronger because of them. Life will always be filled with highs and lows, how we take them in our stride will determine the person we become.

I have enjoyed getting to know each of your different personalities, traits, and potentials. I am so proud of how well each of you have settled in to life in Ratoath College and the support you lend to each other. Each and every one of you have enormous potential that I hope you are will to strive to full fill over the coming years.

In August you will be called upon to be the example-setters. The new first years will take your place and look to you for guidance and help. I am certain you will be exceptional role models and give the support and guidance you received when you joined Ratoath college.

I wish you and your families a wonderful sun-filled, relaxing summer.

Until August,

M Horan

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting! So... get on your way!"

-Dr. Seuss



Rang Conaty



Rang Dalton



Rang Delaney



Rang Flately



Rang Jordan



Rang Quigley



Rang Toner

An Dara Bliain

Message from 2nd Year Moltóir, Ms Savage

Chapter 2....

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of our second chapter and stretched out ahead of us is 3rd year! We have had many highs and lows this year, achievements lost and won. We have battled in house exams and assessments, crossed the threshold of the challenge of the CBA and hopefully basked in the satisfaction of getting the CBA job done. We have achieved so much and the road ahead looks just as promising.

As ever, the caomhnoiri and I have loved working with you and we are very very proud of all of the obstacles you have overcome, as well as, your collective and individual achievements. You are a very talented bunch across many disciplines both in and outside of school and we look forward to celebrating many more.

In December we were reminded of the care and support you have for each other when we sadly lost Ms. O'Sullivan. I know she would be very proud and humbled by the warm way you honoured her in your contribution to Amhran Aoife.

As we look towards the summer months and indeed our return in August, can we wish you all a wonderful summer break, be kind to one another, get plenty of fresh air, come back well rested and ready to hit the ground running for 3rd year.

Ms. Savage, Lorna Clerkin, Rachel Doonan, Meabh Hayes, Grainne Lyons, Steven McKenna, Paul O'Neill, Aisling O'Toole & James Toher



Rang Clerkin



Rang Doonan



Rang Hayes



Rang Lyons



Rang McKenna



Rang O'Sullivan/ O'Neill



Rang O'Toole/ Toher

An Tríú Bliain

Message from 3rd Year Moltoir, Mr Ball

Dear Students & Parents,

Where has the time gone? It only seems like yesterday that you were all sitting in the school assembly hall for the 1st year mass, as you embarked on your post-primary education. Alas, here you are three years later, graduating from 3rd year, preparing for your Junior Certificate and progressing to either Transition Year or 5th Year. What a three years they have been, you have all grown into fine young ladies and gentlemen, all matured in attitude and have developed strong, positive personalities. You enter Senior Cycle as well rounded persons who have grown holistically. You have all excelled in your own individual areas whether that be academic, extra-curricular or both. There have been many notable achievements over the years, too many to mention here.

Most importantly, you have developed a great sense of comradery amongst yourselves as a year group. We have noted on many an occasion a deep sense of care for each other, always looking out for one another and standing up for your colleagues. There is an evident air of mutual respect amongst you for both your peers and towards staff.

With regards to your upcoming Junior Certificate exams, all we can do is wish you the very best of luck. You have worked hard to date, there has been positive feedback on all your orals, projects, practicals and CBAs. Just stay focused for the few remaining weeks and all will go well. We encourage you to support and to be there for one another.

A word of thanks is also due to your Parent(s)/Guardians who have helped and encouraged you along the way. The Third Year team would also like to express our gratitude to the Parent(s)/Guardians for their support over the years. As a team we would like to thank you for the last three years, for all the good times and memories that you have given us.

Most importantly, enjoy the summer recess and mind yourselves. We look forward to seeing you in late August as senior students!



Rang Farrell



Rang Grogan



Rang Jackson



Rang Mooney



Rang O'Dwyer



Rang Smith



Rang Treacy

An Idirbhliain

Message from TY Moltóir, Ms O'Toole

As I sit and write this, I can't believe our time together draws to a close - and my god how quick it has gone! I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to be your Moltoir and want to thank each one of you for making my experience such a pleasant one. It was great to get to know you all so much better throughout the year and to see all the smiling faces in the lines each morning! The thoughtfulness and kind-heartedness you have shown each other this year (and towards me with my fab wedding gift!) was so warming to see each day and I know there has been so many new friendships formed, and existing ones strengthened.

Each of you has made me so proud this year with the positive impact you have had on the school community and our local community. You have done super work with St. Vincent DePaul, our local primary schools and with the many fundraisers throughout the year, which each of you should be immensely proud of.

Where would we all be without our three fabulous caomhnoiri? The work that Ms Dinsmore, Mr D McCarthy and Ms S O'Neill put in to look after you all and the support they show you on an educational level and personal level has been amazing. I want to thank them personally and on behalf of the TY group.

Ms Flynn - TY Superhero!! Words are not enough to express my own personal thanks to Ms Flynn for everything she does for TY and the support that she has offered me this year. I would also like to thank Ms Flynn on behalf of the staff and the TY students for the unbelievable time and effort she gives to ensure that TY is a fun-filled and rewarding year for all pupils.

You have built friendships, shared experiences and made memories that will last a lifetime and I am so fortunate to have been a part of that with you. You are an exceptional group of young people and it has been my pleasure to be your Moltoir.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and the very best of luck when you return in August to continue your Ratoath College journey.

Aisling O'Toole



Rang Dinsmore



Rang McCarthy



Rang O'Neill

An Cúigiú Bliain

Message from 5th Year Moltóir, Mr Connolly

Congratulations to you all on your completion of the first year of your Leaving Certificate programme. It has been a busy year and you have settled in very well. It seems no length since last August when we started Fifth Year. Time certainly flies when you are having fun! Fifth Year is a huge challenge and you have all worked hard and stepped up to the mark.

You are an excellent group of talented young people, you have demonstrated exemplary behaviour and you have been supportive to each other and have remained positive as we have faced the challenges together.

I would like to thank our Fifth Year team for all their hard work. They really do make my life easy as your Moltóir. Ms. Daly, Ms. Donohoe, Ms. Kelly, Ms. Martin, Ms. McGarron, Mr. Munnely, Mr. Nissar and Ms. Witter, thank you for your commitment and dedication to your rang.

I would like to wish you and your families a lovely summer and to thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Have a fabulous summer and get plenty of rest!

Kind regards,
Colm Connolly

If you believe it will work out, you'll see opportunities. If you believe it won't, you will see obstacles – Wayne Dyer



Rang Witter



Rang Daly



Rang Donoghue



Rang Kelly



Rang Martin



Rang Munnelly



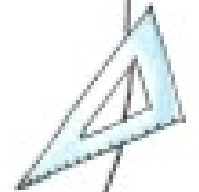
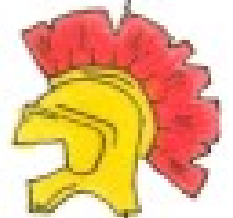
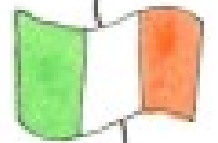
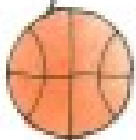
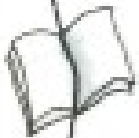
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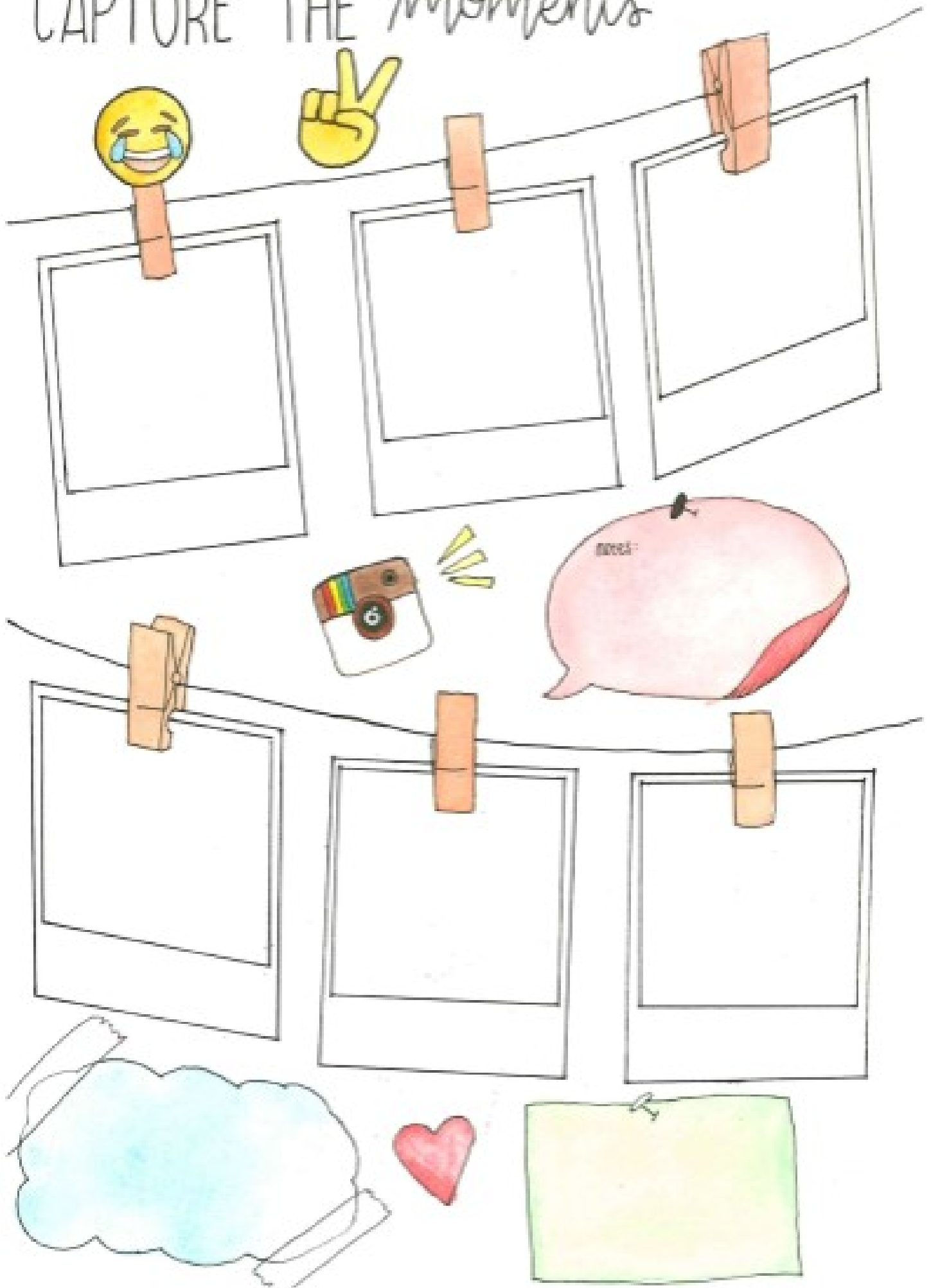


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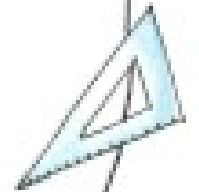
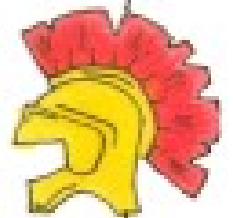
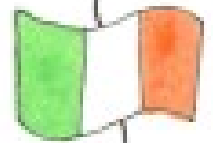
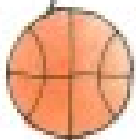
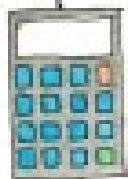
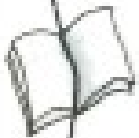
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