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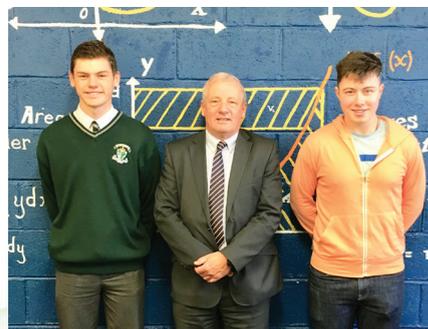


Winning All-Ireland Science

Athletics Triumph



Scoláireachtaí go leor!



Focal ó Bhínse an Phríomhoide

The last twelve months have been particularly busy as we researched, discussed, listened and introduced major educational changes in our Junior Cycle programme. At the very beginning we placed our school's Mission Statement at the centre of the process.

'Coláiste Chríost Rí is an evolving, inclusive Christian community committed to Catholic education in the Presentation Brother's tradition; we pursue academic and sporting excellence within a unique Gaelic culture and tradition. Our Curriculum maintains a creative balance between preparation for the workplace and the development of the person'

A person's worth cannot be judged merely by the contribution he/she can make to an economy. Our education system should not be focused solely on providing workers with certain vocational skills for blue or white collared employment. Such an education system fails to recognise the dignity and uniqueness of each human being. In Coláiste Chríost Rí we strive to build a 'community where every person is valued equally and given a sense of belonging'. A community that prepares young men to take their place and make a contribution to the society they live in.

The Department of Education and Skills has placed eight key skills and twenty four learning statements at the core of the new Junior Cycle programme. The emphasis is on the learning process itself as much as the content of any specific subject. It envisages the student taking ownership of his own learning through self reflection, peer work, and ongoing assessment for learning by his teachers. The content or specifications in each subject is also changing. It is an exciting and innovative time in Irish Education. Teachers have already reported on the enthusiastic engagement of their students with the new Classroom Based Assessments in second year.

It is seen as an integral part of the learning and assessment process today. The school has prepared a Digital Strategy that will guide us in providing the best IT solutions to suit the needs of our students. Already, Wifi is available throughout the school for both students and staff. It is planned to have a dedicated computer room for thirty students in place when the school reopens in August. This is seen as essential and not just with the increased amount of project work in the new Junior Cycle.

A new required, mandatory, subject called Wellbeing is included in the Junior Cycle programme. 'Student wellbeing is present when students realise their abilities, take care of their physical wellbeing, can cope with the normal stresses of life and have a sense of purpose and belonging to a wider community.' This is giving formal timetable status to an area that has formed a central role in the education provided in Coláiste Chríost Rí since our establishment. The key ingredient is dedicated teachers who, through their work within and outside the classroom, are student focused. The achievements of our students in the past twelve months are testimony to this dedication. Our senior cross-country athletes regained the Munster title, last won in 1982. Our senior science team regained the All-Ireland title last won in 2011 and our senior footballers retained the Simcox cup, Cork County title. These are some examples of what is being achieved by your sons, our students, with the support of their teachers.

Let us pray and hope that we can all be enthused by the possibilities of the new Junior Cycle programme so that we all may be enriched. Adveniat Regnum Tuum, Thy Kingdom Come.

M Uas Ó Ciardha



Fáilte roimh múinteoirí nua: (ó chlé) C Ní hEadhra, J Ní Callanáin, A Ní Mhurchú, K Ní Dhúnaigh, S Ó hAodha, D Ó Hourihane. As Láthair: D Ó Laoire (SNA), S Ó Flaitheartaigh (Caretaker)



First and Second Year students of the Professional Masters in Education (PME) programme; who joined the CCRí team this year.

Ar chúil (ó chlé): A Ó Grainne, B Ó Laoire, R Parle. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): S Ó Condún, E Ní Riain, D Ó Riain. As Láthair: R de Brún, A Ní Potts, P Ó Maidín.

Retirements

On April 11th 2017 I left Dublin airport for Rome to attend the General Chapter of the Presentation Brothers; An assembly of the Order.

I did not think that this Chapter would have any bearing on my own future in Coláiste Chríost Rí. I have been chaplain since 2011 and settled into life in Coláiste. I set out every morning from Glasheen, looking forward to what the day might bring. There is always happiness in Críost Rí; Management, teachers, staff and students were great to work with. The management had a hand in this as encouragement is its motto.

As the first week progressed in Rome last April, my name was cropping up as one for the new leadership team! I kept brushing it off; my heart was in Críost Rí. During the second and third week there was more pressure to move on. I was still holding out my hopes of returning to my second home, Coláiste Chríost Rí. In the final week it really became serious as voting for the new leadership team began. I, again, was taking things slowly and wondering what the Lord would have in store for me. On the first morning of voting my name was near the top of the list. Br. Francis Agoah was elected Congregation Leader. Following the election of the Congregation Leader, voting began for Deputy Leader of the Congregation; lo and behold I was chosen - I couldn't believe it! I had to compose myself for a while and I began to accept that a big change was to come about for me. Three others were elected as assistants: Barry Noel from Grenada, West

Indies, Kevin Mascerenhas, Pakistan and Joe Mukasa, Ghana. Francis is the first non-Irishman to be elected Leader of the Presentation Brothers.

I went for a walk around the grounds of Villa Pallazola and began to ponder the implications of this for me. I would now have to leave Coláiste Chríost Rí, something that I didn't want to do. I spent a long time reflecting on the implication of leaving my second home and I quarreled with the Lord and wondered if He was right in having me in this position. "I do not know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have learned how to serve". (Albert Schweitzer) As a member of the Presentation Brothers I know that there will always be a need to move on and to accept the change that will be required from time to time. This was such a time and I left Críost Rí in June 2107.

I now had to move residence from Glasheen to Mount St. Joseph Blarney Street; a red brick building which is also the headquarters of the Presentation Brothers. I now had to work from an office and mainly with adults instead of students. I now carry out the mandate of the General Chapter(Assembly) with the theme of: "Pilgrim Brothers with the compassionate Christ in an evolving world", while supporting the Congregation Leader and other team members. This will need much time in meetings and administration as we endeavour to carry out this mandate throughout the Congregation. My new role also entails much air travel, to various areas of the Congregation



Pictured here is Br. Pádraig with our new school caretaker Mr. John O'Flaherty. We welcomed John to our school community during the 2016 school year and wish him many years of happiness as part of the CCRí family.

throughout the world. In November 2107 three other members of the team and I spent ten days in Rome at an inter-congregational meeting of the Christian Brothers, the Presentation Sisters and ourselves. in early December Br. Kevin and I went to San Antonio, Texas, USA to launch our Chapter Document; which was already done in Ireland and Ghana by other members of the team. Christmas was spent in Ireland and in January the entire team went to Ghana to meet the various leaders of the provinces of the Congregation; Ghana, Ireland and North America. The member of each team was appointed last summer, now was a time to have a think and to encourage them in their ministry of leadership. This went very well and though we had high temperatures of 35+ degrees every day and much dust, everyone left with enthusiasm for the future.

Our Brothers in Ghana are celebrating the golden jubilee of the Presentation Brothers coming to the northern region of the country. This has been a great success for the Congregation as there are now 8 communities of Brothers in Ghana and two in Nigeria. The Brothers who went there in 1968 could never imagine such success, to see almost 40 Brothers, Ghanaian and Nigerian now carrying out the ministry they began.

Coláiste Chríost Rí has a special place in the hearts and minds of the Brothers and Staff of the schools in Northern Ghana. It was a first to send students on immersion; one of the students of that time was Mr. James Lenihan who is now a teacher in Críost Rí. Again in 2014 another group from our school went. The people there don't forget the contribution made by you; the

school in Logre has named its school food programme Christ King Food programme. This is as a result of the contribution made by the students of the first immersion which was led by Mr. Carey and James Lenihan from the students.

It is a challenge being a member of the Congregation Leadership, with all the various tasks and travel involved. Every day I pray the Lord to give me the health to continue. There is not a day that I don't look back and think of Críost Rí and the wonderful people, staff and students. I wish you all well. Críost Rí will be with me always in my prayers and thoughts.

Rí Abú.

Br. Pádraig



Pictured here with Henry Shefflin is our former caretaker and retiree Bernie Meade who retired from Coláiste Chríost Rí at the end of 2016 after many years of service. We wish him every success in his retirement.

Past Pupil Profile - Dr John Crowley



Susan Daly, Editor, TheJournal.ie presenting the Best Irish-published book of the year 2017 to the editors (l-r) Donal Ó Drisceoil, Mike Murphy, John Crowley and John Borgonovo. The Atlas was named the overall winner of the Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book of the Year 2017.



A formal presentation of the Atlas of the Great Irish Famine to President Michael D. Higgins at Áras an Uachtaráin in November 2012. (l-r) William J. Smyth, John Crowley and Mike Murphy.

As a former student of Coláiste Chríost Rí it is always nice to be asked back to reflect briefly on your time in the school and how it has shaped your subsequent career. I always had a deep interest in history and geography and the school and its teachers played a key role in nurturing that interest. I lecture now in geography in University College Cork and am very proud of the school which helped me on that career path. Academic achievement and excellence is important but Chríost Rí promoted other values such as integrity and respect which have been no burden to carry through life. I played hurling and

football with the school and enjoyed the experience but Chríost Rí also had its film club, art classes and music. When I trained to be a teacher we learned about a holistic approach to education and I experienced such a rounded and grounded approach in my time in Chríost Rí. Its teachers provided a window on the world which challenged its students in a myriad of ways and I am truly thankful for the opportunities the school gave me.

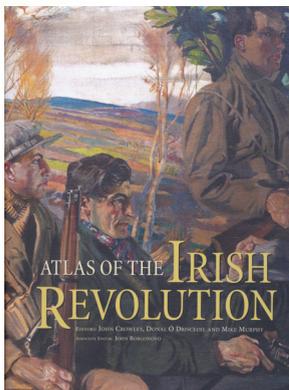
Over the last fifteen years I have been working on a series of atlas projects which have been highly successful and resonated with the Irish public especially

the Atlas of the Great Irish Famine (2012) and the more recent Atlas of the Irish Revolution (2017). It is true to say that the foundation blocks for such projects were laid during my time in Chríost Rí. The Famine atlas was the winner of numerous awards including the Bord Gáis Best Irish-published book of 2012, the Best Irish book of 2012 as voted for by RTÉ Liveline listeners (Listenership 420,000) and the Geographical Society of Ireland book of the year in 2013. A leather-bound copy was presented to President Barack Obama by the then Taoiseach Enda Kenny during the St Patrick's Day celebrations in 2013.

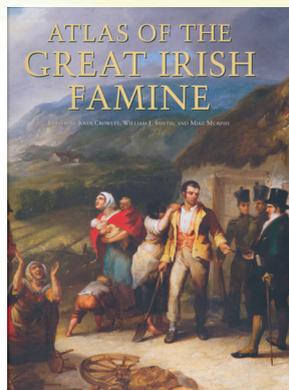
The National Famine Commemoration is being hosted by University College Cork in 2018 and I am particularly proud that students from Coláiste Chríost Rí have been chosen to exhibit a project on the history of the Cork Union Workhouse during this important national commemoration. This is particularly appropriate given the schools playing field's (New Field) proximity to the site of the former workhouse.

The Revolution atlas was the overall winner of the prestigious Bord Gáis Energy Irish Book of the Year for 2017 and repeating the success of the Famine atlas was named the Best Irish book of 2017 as voted for by RTÉ Liveline listeners. The 1916 centenary clearly revealed not only Irish people's appetite for understanding their history but more importantly their place in that history. The Atlas of the Irish Revolution built on that sense of connection and public engagement by providing new ways of seeing the revolutionary period. The 300+ maps in the atlas along with the hundreds of other images create a unique portal through which local communities can engage with pivotal events in their own history. The atlas in the end speaks to a deep interest amongst Irish people in learning about their past and as one of the editors I am indeed grateful that they have supported this project in such large numbers.

There are other projects on the horizon including a three-part RTÉ documentary series on the Irish Revolution in addition



Atlas of the Irish Revolution cover



Atlas of the Great Irish Famine cover

to a book on the Skelligs and an Atlas of the History of Irish Sport. The inspiration for the latter can also be found in Chríost Rí whose sporting heritage is second to none. That is what schools do, they leave their mark and I have been fortunate that my experience in Chríost Rí has been so influential in marking out my own life and career.

Past Pupil Profile Ronan McCarthy



Ronan McCarthy is a busy father of five who balances family life, work and a dynamic sporting career on a daily basis. He is the current Principal of Glanmire Community College as well as being the manager of the Cork Senior Football team.

Ronan has a strong connection with Críost Rí. Not only did he and his brother attend our school but his father, Noel, was our school caretaker from 1991 to 1998. Upon completing his Leaving Certificate in 1991 Ronan went on to UCC to study Economics and French before coming back to Coláiste Chríost Rí

in 1994, as so many past pupils do, to complete teacher training.

As a fully-fledged teacher Ronan moved to France to experience the language first hand and when he returned to Ireland the following year, he took a part-time job (later becoming full time) in Nagle Community College. There he taught for the following 20 years with his final two years as principal. In October 2016 Ronan moved as principal to Glanmire Community College, a transition which was made a little easier by both schools being under the same patronage.

Ronan has a clear philosophy when moving jobs. He suggests it is always best to move when you are happy in your existing job so that the change is not motivated in order to escape dissatisfaction. Moving from Nagle to Glanmire meant meeting a much larger staff and much greater student numbers.

Ronan enjoys being a principal; a position which he believes requires a certain temperament. He regrets that fewer people now apply for principalship due to the ever-increasing volume of work required. It is a job that requires a lot of focus and can be quite demanding, unless you are able to compartmentalise your responsibilities and detach from work at the end of the day. As a manager of people, he feels, you can't make unilateral decisions. It has to be in consultation with the team. A successful principal knows he is absolutely dependent upon the senior management team, teachers and ancillary staff. Ronan feels he has been blessed in this regard in both Nagle and Glanmire Colleges.

As a dedicated Douglas and Cork man, Ronan loves coaching and managing the Cork senior team. Appointed last August for a three-year term Ronan believes that although football and teaching are independent of one another, there is a huge overlap in relation to leadership skills. In football, as with being a principal, you must look at what will be of benefit to those you work with. This means meeting with players and teachers alike periodically and discussing issues that arise in order to see if newly arising needs can be met with existing resources. Being a manager means being able to make the tough calls and this requires a certain professional distance. It is essential to have good judgement and indeed the ability to say "No", with good reason.

Ronan describes finishing as a senior player in 2006 and going straight into team management in 2007 as extremely challenging. In hindsight, it has been to date his most difficult year in football management. In both club and county football there are many challenges not least the huge media influence on players of all ages; a lot of the time it's about managing expectations as much as anything else. Overall though, a reasonable level of engagement with the media is welcome. Ronan sees his role as acting on behalf of and for the benefit of the team. There is a need to always look at factors that will improve performance but it's the training three nights a week and the dedication of players that matters more than even the newest or best of facilities.

Hurling

If this year of hurling in Chríost Rí has shown us anything, it is that there is a bright future with it in the school. This year has seen some great matches at both u16 and senior level, with both showing an impressive year of good wins and great spirit. It has also proven to us that the spirit and the talent of the lads playing has just continued to improve and excel over the years, and will continue to do so. Our hurling culture is safe with the lads who put their heart and soul into every training session, and every match.

Although disappointed to not proceed from a difficult group in the Munster Senior Hurling campaign, the lads had an impressive run in the Cork Championship, excelling in their matches to make it to the semi-final.

The future of Chríost Rí hurling is in safe hands with many talented young hurlers excelling at u14 and u15 level. So far this year, the u14 hurlers have won all their matches, made their way to the top of the group and progressed to the semi-final of the County Championship. Led by their Captain Seán Ó Cinnéide, a commanding figure at centre back, the lads have racked up impressive scores of 5-15 and 6-9 in two of their games with Ross Ó Corcora, Rhys Ó Duinn and Liam Fhannchaidh Ó Broin proving difficult to handle in attack. We wish them well in their upcoming semi-final of the county.

Our U15 hurlers have battled through a tough winter of training and are holding firm in the Munster Championship. Captain Seán Ó Donnabháin and his talented team mates David Goode, Dónal Ó Cinnéide and Ciarán Dúlainn are driving this team forward and are hoping to emulate the success of their u14 team mates.

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The Presentation School: A message from the Congregation Leader.

In April last year twenty-four Presentation Brothers gathered in Rome as delegates from every unit of the Congregation to evaluate the previous six years and to plan for the next 6 years. New directions and priorities were identified, and a new Congregation leadership team which reflects the multicultural reality of the Presentation Brothers today was elected; a multicultural reality already evident in our schools, including Coláiste Chríost Rí where there is a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural composition.

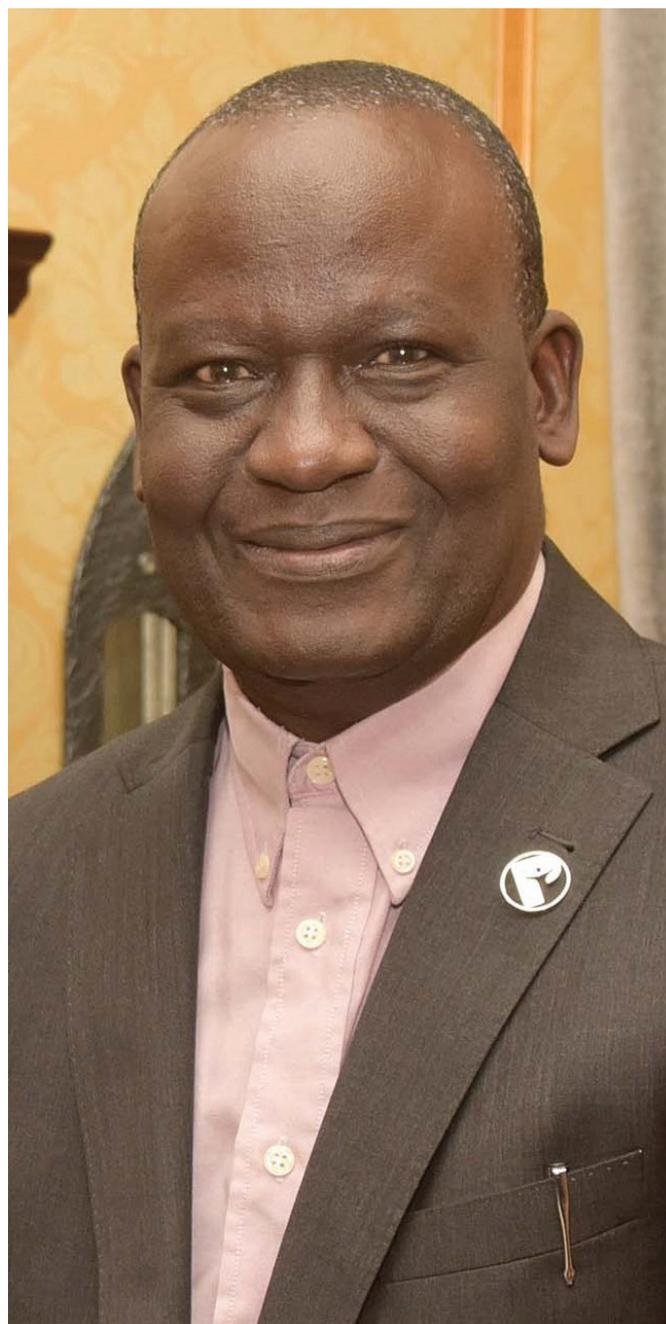
At the gathering in Rome the Chairman and the CEO of Presentation Brothers Schools Trust were present. This is because, even though we no longer have a presence of Brothers in our schools, we desire to continue to keep in touch with PBST and with our schools with various youth groups. We, the Congregation Leadership Team, will continue to liaise with the leadership of the Anglo/Irish Province of the Presentation Brothers and with the youth office on ways in which the charism, ethos and spirit of Presentation can continue to be evident in our schools and youth groups.

Inspired by the mission of Christ and in fidelity to the charism of our Founder Blessed Edmund Rice; Presentation Brothers' schools, as Catholic Institutions, commit themselves to educating the youth in a way that leads towards total human and spiritual development and social transformation. This means that the Brothers, together with the teachers and parents who collaborate with us, should endeavour to bring love and compassion, community and communion to the youth in our schools in a society where these virtues are in short supply.

Críost Rí and all the other Presentation schools are de facto primary Christian communities since the parish has become somewhat foreign to parents and students. However, because of the pressure of the new educational reforms with its national curriculum whose content aims primarily at serving the present and future economic interests of the nation, Catholic schools are becoming less capable of continuing the Church's mission of promoting the Christian faith. This underscores the importance of teachers in Presentation Schools endeavouring to find creative ways of engaging with the new syllabus without losing sight of the Catholic ethos. The presence of Religious Education in our schools' curricula ensures that the faith of both students and teachers is nurtured through faith formation and personal development programmes such as retreat days or days of recollection, liturgy, prayer services, rituals and symbols can all evoke a special communion with Christ and with one's brothers and sisters.

The Presentation school is a 'home' in the positive sense of the word, in which the teachers strive to create a caring

classroom climate where every student feels safe and loved. May we all, teachers and parents and Presentation Brothers, be challenged to continue to strive to turn the school house into the school home. In a Presentation School Christ is the centre and reason of all that happens. The 'quality of care' should thus be distinctive from that of a State school, exactly because of this. And by distinctive I do not necessarily mean better than, but different from.



Words from Br. Martin Kenneally

Br. Martin Kenneally was Congregation Leader of the Presentation Brothers from 2005 to 2017. He is at present on sabbatical study at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome.

Being Brothers In A New Way

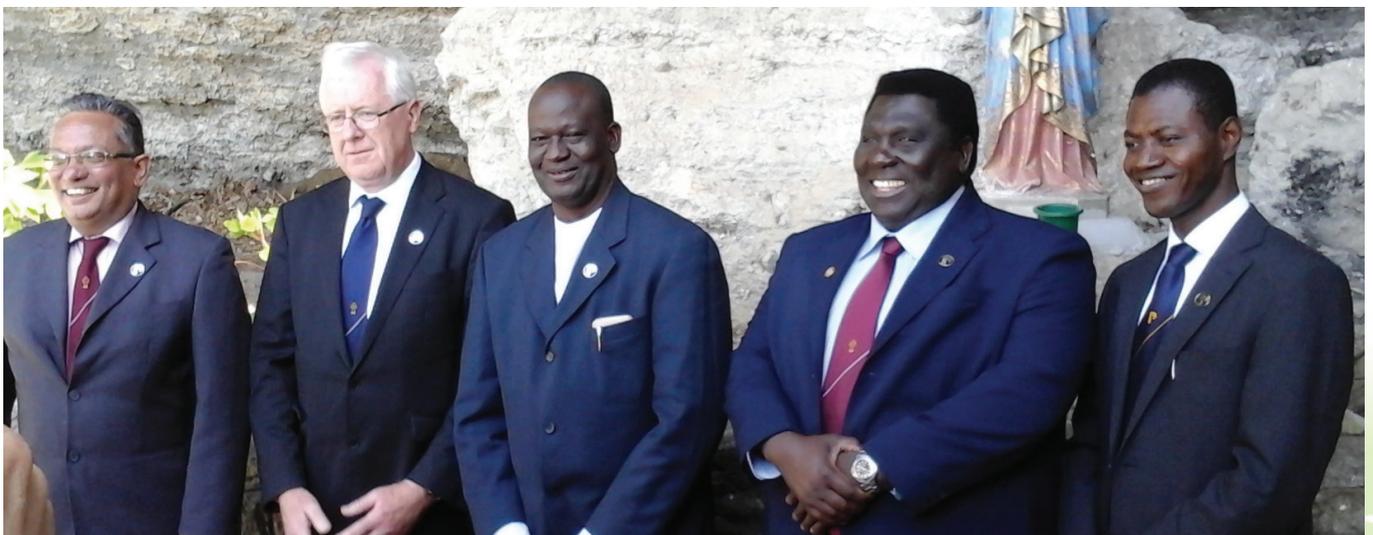
There was sadness in the Coláiste Chríost Rí community last year when Br. Patrick Fitzgibbon departed from the staff. Br. Patrick was held in the highest regard by students, staff and parents. The reason for Br. Patrick's departure from the Coláiste was his election as Deputy Congregation Leader of the Presentation Brothers. He was elected at a Chapter of the Presentation Brothers. A Chapter is a representative meeting of the Brothers, held every six years, where the elected delegates from different regions of the Congregation pray, reflect and assess their mission. The meeting assesses the work of the Order over and the needs of the mission in the next six years.

The theme of the meeting in Rome says a lot about how the Presentation Brothers see their vocation and mission today. The core call is to be Brother, which in essence is a relational term, a family term. It implies being WITH people, as fellow pilgrims, in the joys and sorrows of life. The Brothers do this as people of faith – Christ is the centre of our lives and we try to be the compassion of Christ for people, particularly those who suffer. How is all this being lived out in practice? A significant change in the Presentation Brothers in the last ten years has been the growth of the Congregation and its mission in Africa. There are many young Brothers in Ghana and Nigeria engaged in the mission of education in very needy areas. This work, it is important to acknowledge, has been greatly supported by the Presentation Family in Ireland. Coláiste Chríost Rí has been to the fore in this through immersion visits and practical support through fundraising. We thank you for that!

However, it is not only in Africa that the Presentation Brothers have engaged with a new and evolving mission and culture. In Ireland, again in the last ten years, the Presentation Brothers

Schools Trust (PBST) was established. CCRí is an important part of that network of schools. Though the Brothers are fewer and older, they have still managed to develop a very active lay Presentation Family and have sponsored new initiatives with young people through groups such as Presentation Brothers Youth Ministry (PBYM) and the Edmund Rice Action Camps (ERAC). A new novitiate or house of studies was opened for young Brothers in Killarney and in the past number of years over thirty young men have spent some time studying there. They have come from Canada, the West Indies, Pakistan, Sri Lanka as well as Ghana and Nigeria, indicating the diversity of membership which is now in the Congregation.

Many connections continue to exist between the community of Coláiste Chríost Rí and the Congregation of Presentation Brothers. We must continue to develop these connections in the years ahead. As a past pupil of the Coláiste, I am always very impressed and encouraged when I visit, by the vibrancy and commitment of staff and students. You are truly continuing to develop the Presentation ethos in new and creative ways. Following Jesus and a relationship of friendship with the Lord in prayer are at the heart of the Presentation Brother's life. Understanding vocation can be difficult, if looked at with a secular mindset alone. However, looked at with faith and love everything changes. I often think of Mother Teresa of Calcutta; Had she been discouraged, when as a young woman she set out on her great mission, consider the love and the goodness that would have been lost to the world. So, I invite you students of Coláiste Chríost Rí, to consider how God might be calling you and always have the courage to follow your dreams! CCRí is a Catholic school in the Presentation/Edmund Rice tradition. It has a great story. However, each new generation of staff and students must add a new chapter to the story. That is your challenge now. I have no doubt you are meeting that challenge in excellent ways and will continue to do so! Ar aghaidh Críost Rí!



Boxing Success



Congratulations to Cathal Ó Crualaí who won two All-Ireland medals over the past two years. In late 2017 Cathal also went on to represent Ireland at the European Championships in Bulgaria. Comhghairdeas Cathal!

Simcox winning team



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Ethan Varian, Lucás Ó hAnagáin, Cian Ó Cinniféic, Seán Ó hArgáin, Ada Ó Draighneáin, Marcus Ó Brosnacháin, Dónal Ó hArrachtáin, Fiachra Ó Cróinín, Marcus A' Cnoic. I lár (ó chlé): P Uas. Ó Ciarragáin, Cillian Myers Ó Muirí, Seac Ó Briain, Seac Ó Cuacháin, Dáire Ó Nuamáin, Caoimhín Ó Horgáin, Adam Ó Cathasaigh, Aindriú Mac Gabhann, Dáire Mac an Rí, Marcus Ó Cróinín, B Uas. Ó Cochláin. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Alex Breathnach, Scott Mac Philip, Dáire Ó Néill, Seac Ó Briain, Dáithí Uas. Ó hAodha, Rónan Daltúin, Lucás Ó hÓrgáin, Dáithí Ó Broin, Seán Ó Loinsigh. As láthair: Dónal Ó Luasaigh, Seán Ó Turnéir, Ciarán Ó Mathúna, Michéal Ó hEachairn, Wayne Mac an Tuile, Tomás Ó Mainnín, Kyle Ó Fuaráin.

Senior Football 2017/18

We came into this year with high expectations and a very focused mindset as to what we wanted to achieve. Our goal was to progress one step further than last year and reach the Corn Uí Mhuirí final. If we could, we would have a shot at winning the Cork Senior Colleges Competition.

In the Corn Uí Mhuirí we drew three Cork teams and believed we had a great chance of qualifying; starting with an impressive win over Coláiste Choilm, followed by another against Clonakilty. Usually two wins would get you over the line but this was not to be our fate. On a day when things didn't go particularly well we lost to a better DLS Macroom side; due to the point difference it meant that we had to bow out of the competition. This certainly hit hard within the team and it was tough to process. We took this loss though and turned it into motivation for our Simcox efforts.

It was strong motivation that helped us bring the Simcox cup back to where it belongs; the trophy cabinet on Capwell Road. Our Simcox campaign started off with another impressive win over a fancied Coláiste Choilm side. We proceeded to the semi-final against Hamilton High and with every player delivering on the day we came out comfortable winners. Finding out that we would then play DLS Macroom in the final gave us an opportunity for redemption. Our performance on the day of the final epitomised our bond as a team. Being five points down with little time remaining we battled like trojans and ended up winning in dramatic fashion on a score line of 3-15 to 2-13. However it was a bittersweet victory as we knew that this would be the last time our group of men from Nemo, The Barrs, Tracton and Mayfield would be playing alongside one another. This was the perfect way to conclude our days wearing the Críost Rí jersey. We will carry the memories of playing football in Críost Rí for a long time and I would like to thank all of the lads for being an absolute privilege to play with. Another man's work which was

never underestimated was that of Tomás Manning who is not merely a stats man but rather a link between players and management as well as a great friend to all.

It was more than just team spirit and determination that spurred us on. We would not have been able to achieve all that we did without the sheer work, effort and dedication of our managers: Mr. Coughlan and Mr. Kerrigan. Under their guidance we developed and improved both as teammates and individual players during our time in Coláiste Chríost Rí; for this we are hugely thankful. We

achieved all that we did knowing we were backed by the constant belief of our managers and massive backing from our families; but one man in particular deserves a special mention, Mr. Jerry Lombard our number one supporter!

As with all good things they must come to an end, and as our journey with Críost Rí draws to a close I am confident that we are leaving the green jersey, worn with pride, in a great place for future players. Exactly as it was left to us.

Rí Abú

Seac Ó Briain (Barrs)



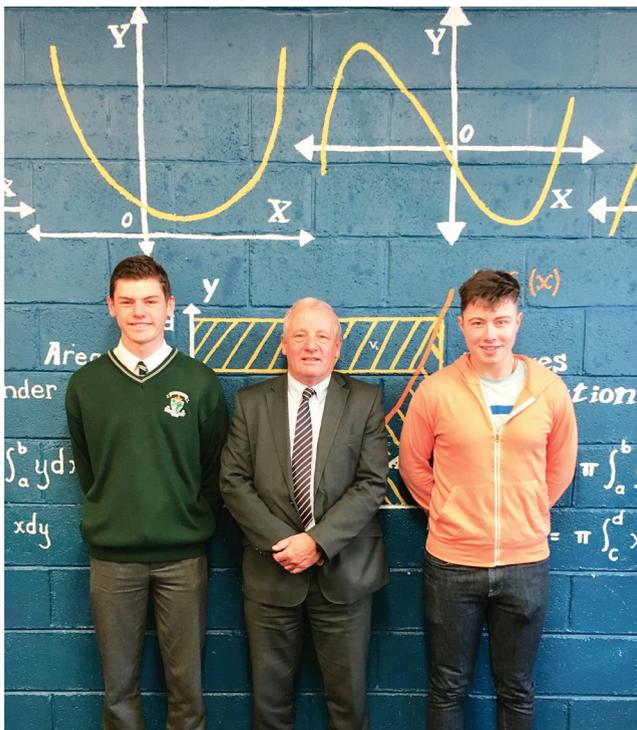
Victorious Nemo Rangers senior footballers celebrate their 20th County Championship in Críost Rí.

Academic and sporting excellence

This year we have seen so many scholarships in Coláiste Chríost Rí. From current students to those who have passed through our school in recent years. We wish to congratulate all of our scholars and wish them the very best for the future. Rí Abú agus comhghairdeas go léir!



After six very successful years each in Coláiste Chríost Rí, Kyle and Brandon Malone both received JP McManus scholarships after they excelled in their exams, both completing Pharmacy degrees in UCC. They are pictured here with their mother Catherine, teacher S Ní Riain and M Uas. Ó Ciardha (Príomhoide). Kyle has completed a masters in Pharmacy and is currently studying for his PhD in Stroke and Pharmacology. Most recently Kyle received the UCC Graduate of the year award presented by Críost Rí alumni and UCC President Prof. Patrick O'Shea (pictured above). Brandon has recently accepted a Biochemistry PhD in Rockefeller University, New York. We wish them both continued success.



Well done to Barra Ó Loinsigh who achieved an excellent leaving certificate result in 2017 and thus was awarded a Quercus scholarship to UCC. We would also like to congratulate Charlie Ó Donnabháin who has received a scholarship to Villanova University in Philadelphia for his academic and sporting ability.



Congratulations to Diarmuid Ó Briain on receiving acknowledgement of his excellence in his MA programme in UCC. Pictured here with leas-príomhoide D Uas. Ó hAodha.

Academic and sporting excellence



March 2017 saw The Cork Athletics Board award three students from Coláiste Chríost Rí awards. Ryan O Leary received a bursary for being an aspiring young athlete. Cathal Ó Riain and Charlie Ó Donnabháin also received awards for their international selection for Ireland.



Congratulations to Cathal Ó Riain who competed at the IWAS World Paralympic Games in Portugal, December last. As part of the Irish team Cathal won a Bronze medal in the men's senior Discus, a Silver in the U20 Javelin which set a new Irish record, and a Bronze in the U18 100m which also set a new Irish record. Just before the Portugal games Cathal won the Orla Barry Award for young male athlete of the year. At the Rio Paralympic Games 2016, Cathal just missed out on a silver medal by 0.22 of a second!

Athletics & Cross Country

When reflecting on this year's cross country season; I am met with a conflicting set of emotions. The most obvious emotion is the sheer joy at what has been another incredible year. Our senior team has solidified Coláiste Chríost Rí's place among the top schools in Irish athletics with what can only be described as a stellar season. The team was made up of Charlie O' Donovan, James Mintern, Jack O' Connor, James Allen, Lee Moore and Jack O' Brien. We began our season by retaining our South Munster crown. Until last season, Chríost Rí had not won this trophy since 1985; to retain it was no average feat. However, on an icy cold day in Waterford in February the team eclipsed their title South Munster glory by going one step further! On a very steep course, the lads put in a heroic performance to become Munster Champions; something we had not called ourselves at senior level since 1983! These lads deserve the title 'champion' as they have given us all something to be proud of and have made sure that our school remains where it belongs on the list of 'ones to watch'.

We brought the curtain down with a tough All-Ireland final where we finished in 4th place. Charlie O' Donovan added an individual bronze medal to the two silvers he won at regional and provincial level to cap off a season that we will all look back on with happy memories for a long time to come. When one considers the hundreds of

secondary schools in Ireland; finishing in 4th is something to be said with pride. I will certainly cherish this season. We have added to the lustrous history of athletics in Coláiste Chríost Rí.

However, as I alluded to in my introduction, I also have a twinge of sorrow when reflecting on this year. Many of our senior runners will graduate at the end of this academic year; and when I consider all that we have achieved in these last six years, I realise that something is coming to an end. When I look back to 2012; we had everything we needed to succeed. On the staff we had coaches that exhibited experience, passion and enthusiasm for the sport; while Ken Nason gave us a professional edge. Dedicated runners such as Charlie O' Donovan, James Mintern, Josh Burton, Andrew Maher came to Coláiste Chríost Rí and thrived in this environment. They added their talent and dedication to the mix; and it was a recipe for success. It was in this environment that this group won trophy after trophy, year after year! While I am proud of all we have achieved; I am sad to see so many talented runners leave our ranks!

However, while many faces have changed over the last six years; one thing that hasn't is the passion and commitment from our coaches and athletes. Everyone associated with school athletics exudes the same fight and determination as ever. It is this

passion that has fuelled the all success that we have achieved, and while faces will change; the passion that Coláiste Chríost Rí displays on every field will always live on through our staff and students. We only have to look back on the school's history to see this.

It is for this reason that I look to the future of running in Coláiste Chríost Rí with excitement. We have an abundance of talent coming through. Runners such as Jack O' Connor, James Allen, Lee Moore, Luke Noonan, Robert Dermody, Charlie Gaffney, Ben and Mark O' Connor and Oisín White will ensure that our school remains successful in the years to come.

To conclude, thank you to my fellow coaches Mr. Kelly and Ken Nason for all of the time and expertise that they have given this year and every year. Cross country is a time-consuming sport and these men have given many of their hours over to coaching our runners. Thank you to our principal Mr. Carey for all the interest and support every season.

Finally, thank you to all students who take part in cross country. Training with such a great group of people is thoroughly enjoyable. You never leave us down and always do us proud. I look forward to working with you all again next season.

A. O' hEidhin



Athletics & Cross Country



Sports Day



15th Ski Tour



This year our group of young men swapped a wet and windy Cork for the dry and windy slopes of Andorra. All enjoyed a full week of fresh air and skiing on what was the 15th Ski tour from Coláiste Chríost Rí. Students were accompanied by M Ó Ciardha, S Ó hIarlaithe, S Ó Luinneacháin agus S Ó Broin. A great week was had by all, thankfully no injuries, and we are already busy planning for yet another bumper year in 2019.

Madrid



The 2017 European tour to Madrid was a great success. A group of 48 students made the trip; accompanied by P Mac An Rí, S Ó Creimín, S Ó Broin, B Ó Cochláin and G Ó Foghlú. It is hard to pick a single highlight from the activities and events as there were so many. All had a wonderful time and we are looking forward to Barcelona 2018.

6.1



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Dónal Mac An Rí, Seac Ó Briain, Pól de Barra, Andrias Mac Gabhann, Marcus Ó Brosnacháin, Seac M Ó Briain, Cillian Myers Ó Muirí, Ucha Nadirashvilli.

I lár (ó chlé): Marcus Ó Croinín, Joshua de Burtún, Lucas Ó Coigligh, Caoimhín Ó Dálaigh, Alex Breathnach, Joshua Mac Coinnigh, Dónal Ó Luasaigh, Seán Turneir, Bréanainn Ó hAonghusa, Maxim Chopivsky.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Lucas Ó hÁinle, Séamus Mintern, Collín Staic, C Uas. Ó Foghlú, Cathal Ó Donnabháin, Peadar Ó Longaigh, Seán Ó Loinsigh, Tomás Ó Mainnín.

6.2



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Liam Ó Muimhneacháin, Maitiú Mac Cárthaigh, Adam O Driaghneáin, Jason Ó Mathúna, Seán Ó hArgáin, Liam Ó Murchú, Caoimhín Ó Meachair.

I lár (ó chlé): Caoimhín Ó Colmáin, Seac Ó Cuacháin, Daithí Ó Broin, Ben Beecher, Eoin de Brun, Eirhín Smidí, Eriel Tampus, Séamus Meskill.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Sam Ó hEigearthaigh, Eóghan Mac Cárthaigh, Scott Ó Muirthile, F Uas. Ó Dubhgáin, Adam Ó Muirthile, Cathal Mac Gréill, Rónan Ó Cochláin.

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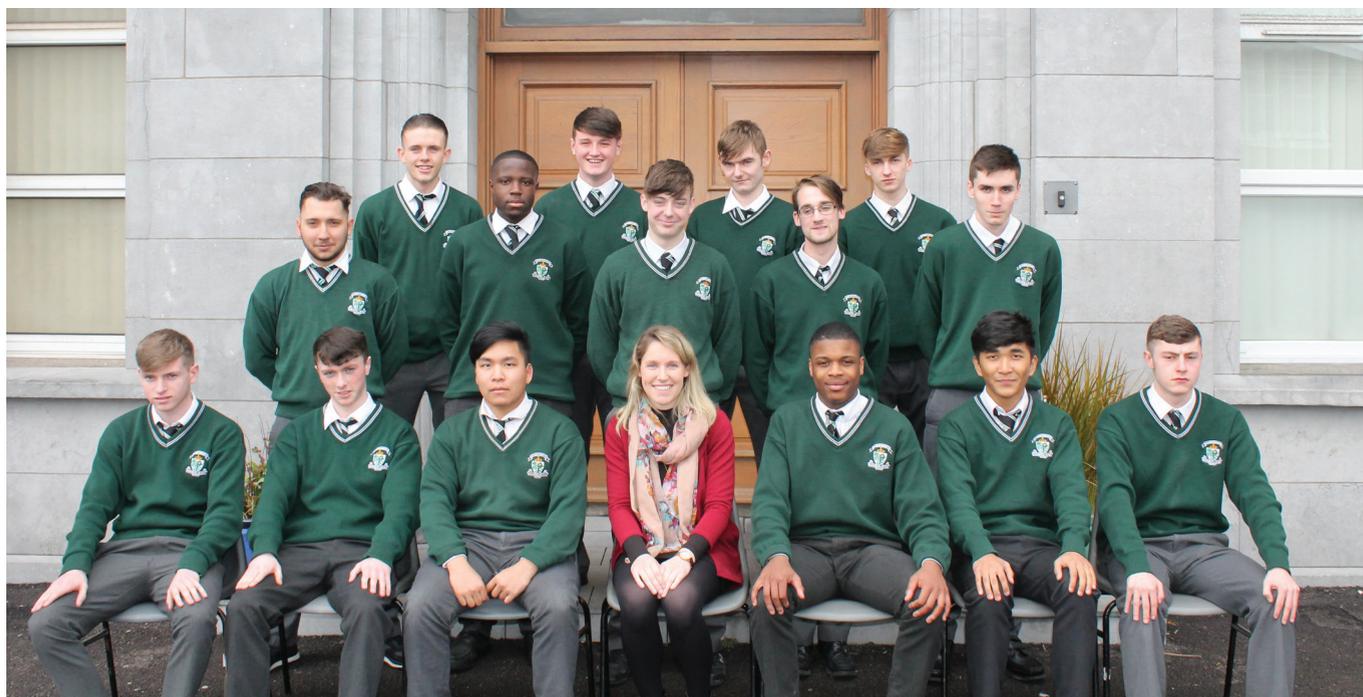


Ar chúl (ó chlé): Leo Wan, Adam Ó hIarlaithe, Niall Sherwood, Calem Ó hAllmhuáin, Seac Mac Cárthaigh, Cian Ó Cinniféic, Conchúr Ó hOirmhin, Dáire Ó Nuamáin, Ailín Ó Raghallaigh.

I lár (ó chlé): Aindriú Ó Meachair, Michal Polak-Szarkowicz, Uchechukwu Obi, Seán Mac Cárthaigh, José Recuero, Dónal Luxford, Dylan Ó hAoláin, Micheál Ó hÓgáin, Eoin Ó Briain, Tomás Territt.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Patrick Nagy, Sam Ó hÁinle, Dylan Ó Cinneide, B Uas. Ó Cochláin, Adam Ó Cathasaigh, Eimhín Breathnach, Seosamh Ó hEigearthaigh.

6.4



Ar chúl (ó chlé): Pól Mac Ambróis, Aaron Ó Murchú, Conchúr Ó Briain, Corey Geary.

I lár (ó chlé): Levers Ion, Alex Jamani, Seac de Leigh, Séamus Ó Conaill, Cian Ó Muimhneacháin.

Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Caoimhín Ó hOrgáin, Seamus Ceannt, Joshua Ó Murchú, A Ní Mhurchú, Baldwin Matondo, Dipendra Ale, Alex Ó hAodha.

Full S.T.E.A.M ahead!



The 6th year Biology class of Mr. Pyrovolakis at their visit in the Cork Biopharma Training Facility in Carrigaline during Science Week. The students attended a talk, had a tour of the 'mimic' manufacturing facility and met scientists working in the local biopharma sector.

A. Pyrovolakis



The annual Eli Lilly ISTA 2017 Junior Science Quiz took place in UCC on 11.5.17. The CCRi team came second out of 24 Cork City and County schools. R-l: Zach Burton, Eoghan McCarthy, Luke O'Donoghue, Andrew Caumban with a representative of Eli Lilly and Science teacher A.Pyrovolakis



Computer Coding classes take place every Monday after school. Students from junior cycle have been learning how to code. Students were initially introduced to a programme called Scratch which develops logic and programming skills. Students have also learned the code HTML which is useful for web development and are currently designing their own websites using HTML and CSS.

The next programming language that students will learn is Python which is used in Maths, Science and Engineering. Students that acquire programming skills at a young age gain advantages in problem solving, processing, communicating and computational thinking. Essential for future careers!

C Ni hEadhra

Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths

All Ireland Final Senior Maths Competition



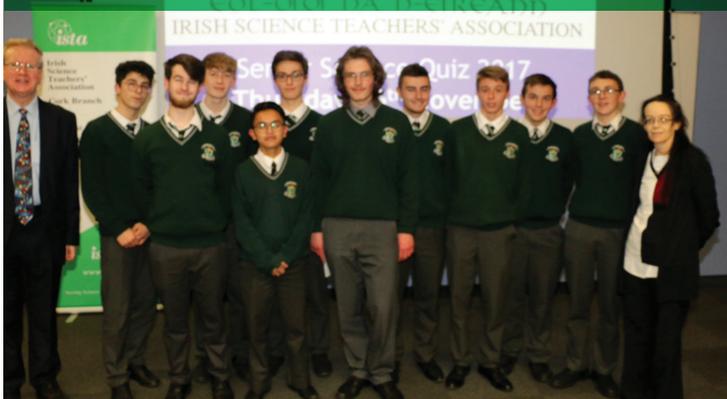
This year our students achieved an impressive 2nd place. Pictured here with Dr. Brendan O'Sullivan and S Ní Chonaill are: Lucás Ó Coigligh, Michal Szarkowicz, Joshua de Burtún agus Tomás Ó Mainnín.



Thank you to those who purchased eggs throughout the year. This provided us with the funds for the maintenance of the animal production units. 3 eggs for €1!

(Ó chlé) Julie Purcell (SNA), Seán Breathnach, Rónan Ó Cochláin, Séamus Meskell.

Senior Science Competition Regional Final



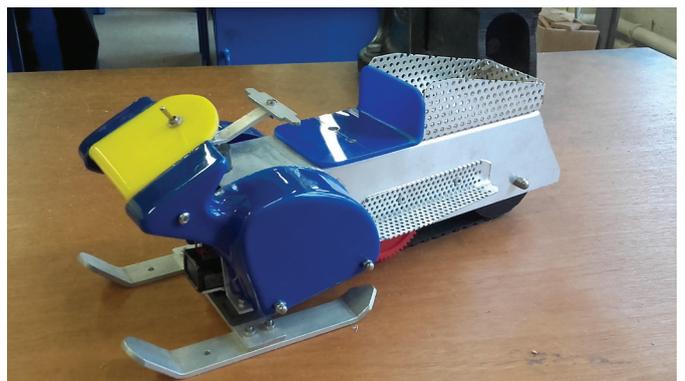
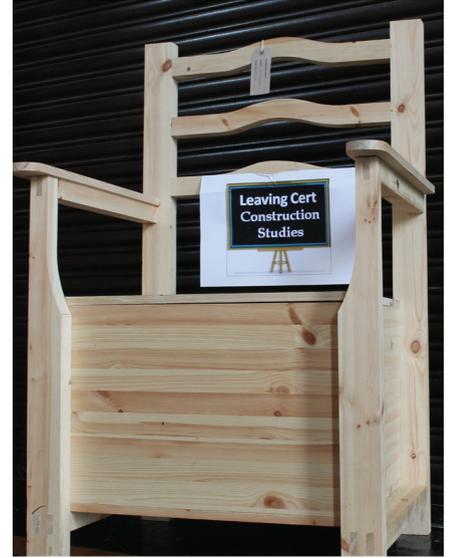
This year Coláiste Chríost Rí came out on top by winning the Cork regional final of the Senior Science Quiz. Our students also placed 9th and 11th in the competition. Questions were drawn from leaving certificate biology, chemistry and physics courses as well as general knowledge in scientific topics. Above is a picture of our panel.

An Garda Síochána TY Quiz



On Tuesday November 14th 2017, Coláiste Chríost Rí achieved 5th place in the Garda Síochána Quiz. Team members were: Adam Waters, Luke Healy, Stephen Hourigan and Tadhg O' Mahony. A total of 30 teams from schools in Cork city and county took part.

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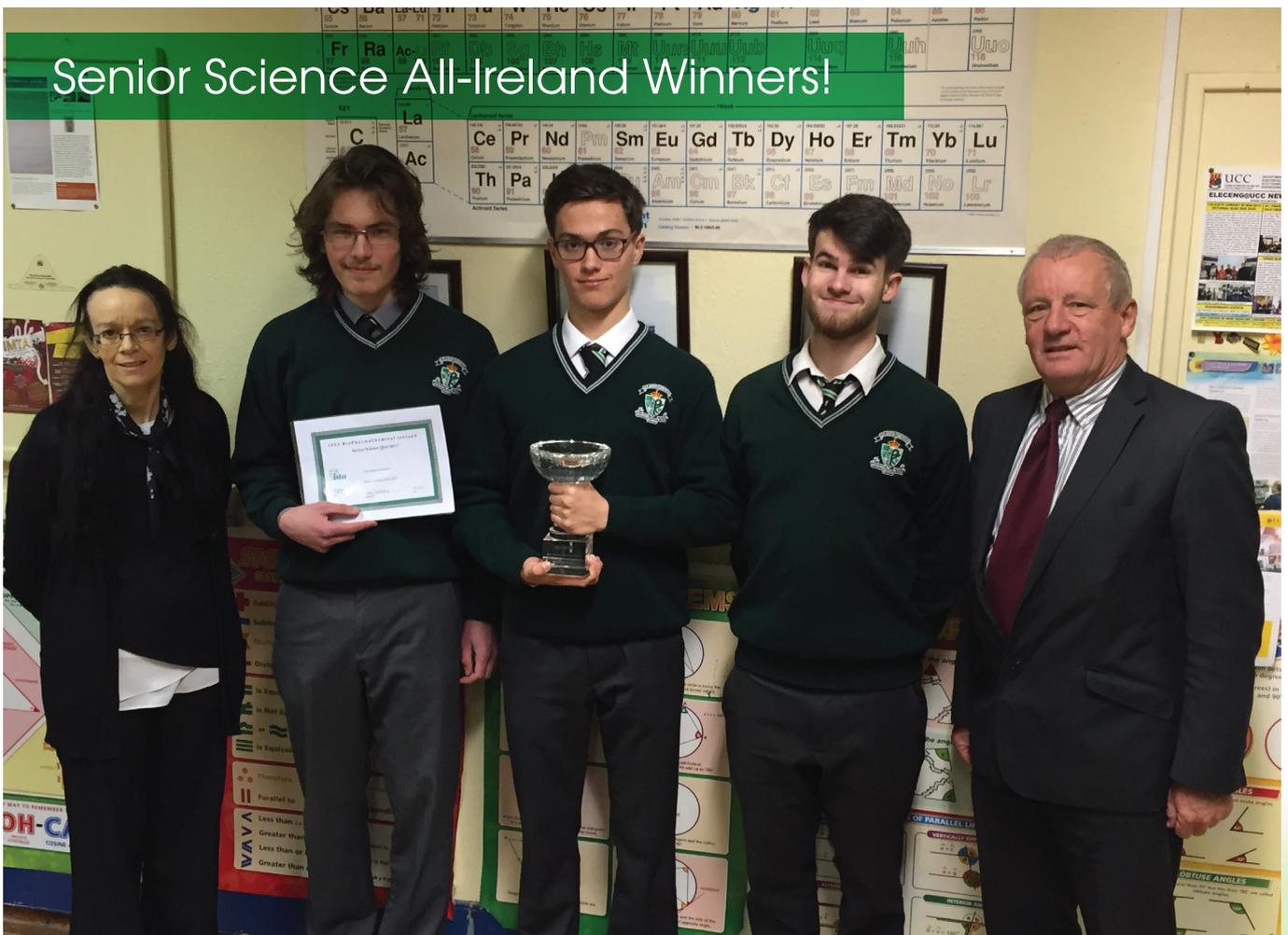


Here are some of the pieces designed and produced by our Construction and Engineering students, guided by their teachers M de Faoite agus B Ó Ceallacháin.

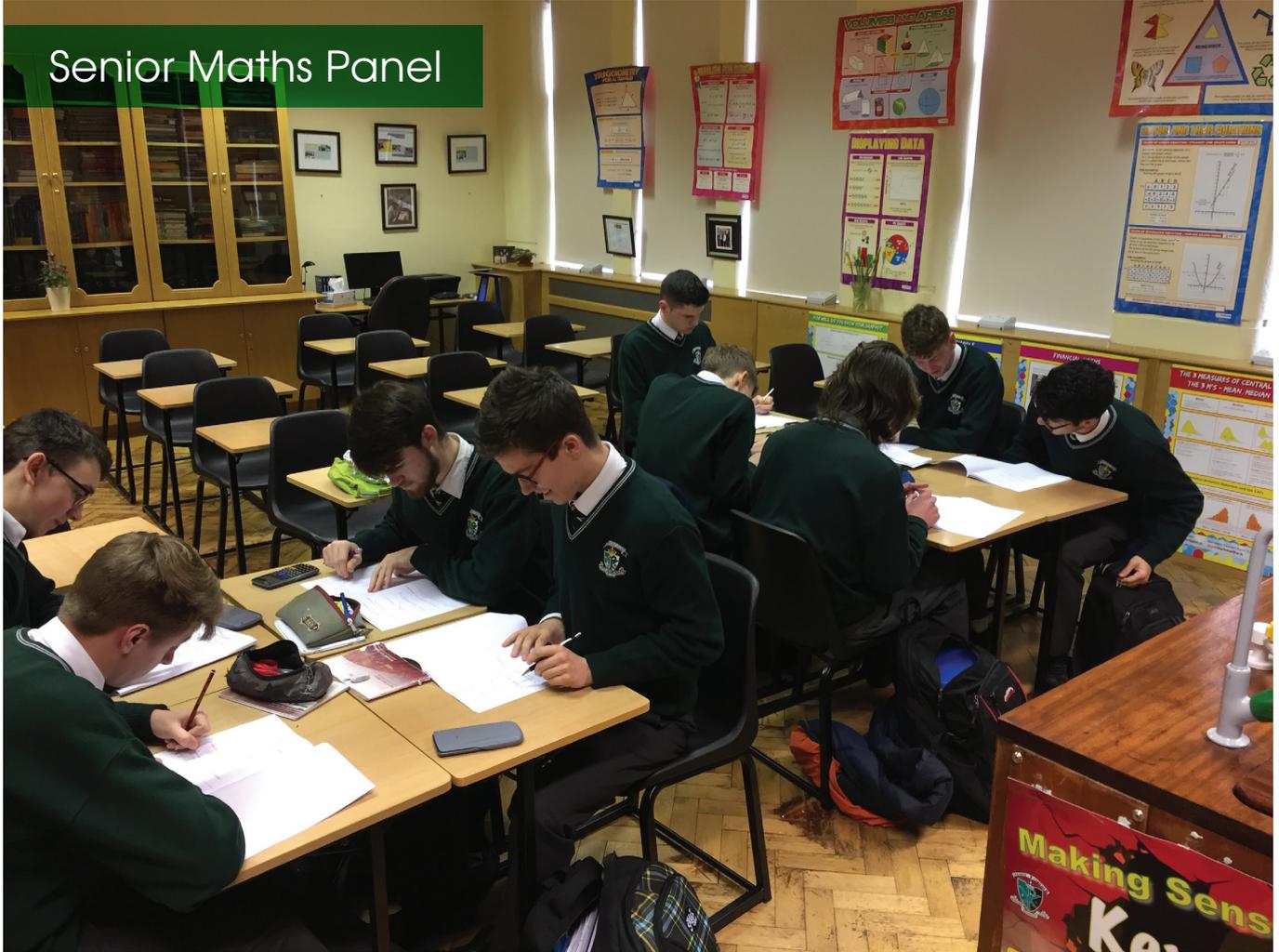
Science Technology Engineering Arts Maths



Students from the Senior Science Panel who will take part in the Pfizer Senior Science Competition at the end of April 2018.
(ó chl : Maxim Chopivskyy, Michal Szarkowicz, Ucha Nadirashvilli, Lucas   h inle, L c s   Coigligh)



Full S.T.E.A.M ahead!



Senior Maths Panel



Representing Ireland in Maths Olympiad

The Benelux Mathematical Olympiad is a mathematical competition. This year, students from Luxembourg, Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, and Ireland are competing in its special 10th edition. A Coláiste Chríost Rí student, Michal Polak-Szarkowicz, is part of the Irish team. This year the Olympiad will be held in Luxembourg on the 28th April 2018. A team of 10 was selected based on their performance in a remote training programme. Michal spent the second week of Easter break preparing at a training camp, held in University College Dublin. Best of luck Michal!



Cuair an Áird-Mhéara 2017

In one of our long standing Críost Rí traditions, we welcomed our new Lord Mayor Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald to Coláiste Chríost Rí this year. Á failtiú ag M. Uas Ó Ciardha agus na daltaí.



Foireann Cispheile

*Ar chúl (ó chlé) Brendan O'Donoghue, Ethan Collins, Senzo Shabangu, Pranav Sreejayan, Max Fabiszewski, Lorenzo Tadeo
Chun tosaigh (ó chlé) Domas Jonaitis, David Bongcayao, Ben Heffernan, Darragh O'Shea, Charlie Forde*



Relay Success 2018

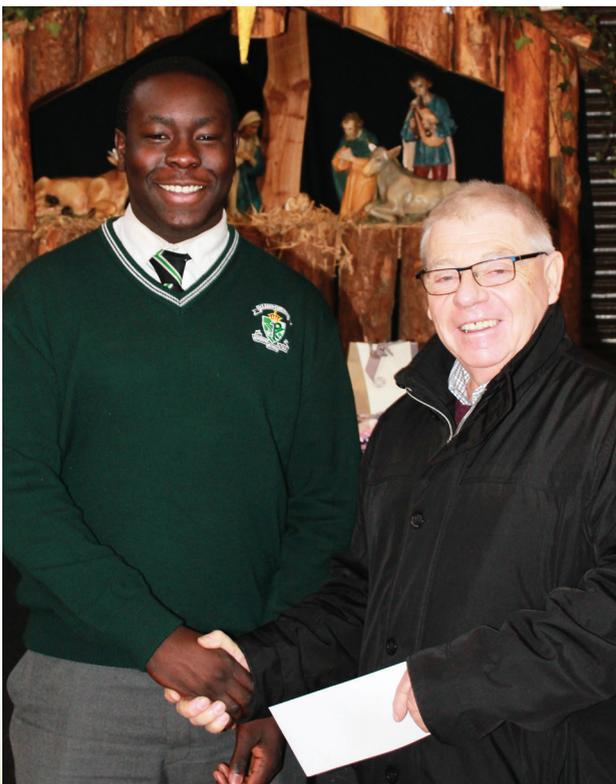
Pictured here are Daniel Okoh, Ryan O'Leary and David Okoh who all competed in the national relays this year winning gold and bronze medals!

Daffodil day fundraising



March brought the spring feeling to Críost Rí. Students and teachers (A Ní Mhurchú agus J Ní Callanáin) sprang into action baking cakes, organising a fundraising day with their students and promoting the annual Daffodil Day coffee morning across the school. As always, a great day was had but more importantly there was almost €400 raised for the Irish Cancer Society and the wonderful work that they do. Well done to all involved!

SVP



This year Coláiste Chríost Rí made another healthy donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul food collection, organised by their teacher D Mathúna. We also saw a fundraising quiz organised by transition year students and their teacher A Ní Mhurchú – to great success!

China Trip



Pictured here is Seac Ó Siocháin on a recent school trip to China.

Brussels Trip



Pictured here is Stiofán Ó hAnragáin on a recent school trip to Brussels.



Ar chúil (ó chlé): Seac Ó Riain, Marek Zbanski, Derick Odigie, Seac. Chun tosaigh (ó chlé): Felix Joby, Lucás Ó Horgáin, Senan Ó Colmáin.

Lá Geansaí na Nollag 2017

This year we celebrated the festive spirit with our third annual Christmas Jumper Day in Coláiste Chríost Rí. This year our efforts raised €750 for the Cork Cimon Community.

As always, the art department sprang into action and helped us to raise the profile of our day. Students and teachers alike came to school wearing their Christmas jumpers on the last day of term, a great day was had by all! The Cork Simon Community were extremely grateful for our efforts and all of the money raised will go to the services they provide for the people of Cork.

S Ó Luinneacháin



Mentoring Programme 2017/18

It has been another busy and exciting year for the Guidance Department! We are delighted to welcome Mr. Séamus Hayes to the Guidance team this year. Mr. Hayes is a great addition to the school community and we are thrilled to have him on board.

In career news we were privileged to have Professor Gregory Provan come and speak to our 5th and 6th year students about UCC's new Data Analytics course. Prof. Provan gave students a fantastic insight into the world of analytics and how understanding data is essential to solving complex real-world problems. I'm sure we will have many students applying to this impressive course in the future.

One of the highlights of the year was visiting the National Maritime College in Ringaskiddy. Students received a tour of world class facilities and had the opportunity to speak to current students, graduates and lecturers about course content, travelling, and employment opportunities.

Finally, as part of College Awareness Week students were given a series of lectures on study skills, career trends and college progression routes. Students also had the chance to visit the SOLAS training centre where they got hands-on experience of a variety of apprenticeships available.

With planning already underway for next year we would like to take this opportunity to wish our current leaving certificate students the best of luck in their upcoming exams and their chosen career and/or college paths!

L Ni Sé



Horticulture

Weathering the storm



While the fodder crisis did not affect us, the school garden certainly was hit by the severe weather this Winter. October brought Storm Ophelia who severely impacted on the garden. As can be seen in the photos, the plastic was torn off the polytunnel. Fortunately, it has been replaced. We're back bigger and stronger and ready for the new season.

Thanks to all in TY and the Horticulture team for the hard work.

S Ní Riain



Seachtain na Gaeilge 2018

Cheiliúramar "Seachtain na Gaeilge" sa tseachtain roimh Lá Fhéile Pádraig. Seans a bhí ann do na daltaí spórt agus spraoi a bheith acu trí mheán na teanga agus bhí deis ag daltaí eile taithe a bheith acu ar chultúr na hÉireann.

Eagraíodh imeachtaí éagsúla sna ranganna Gaeilge. Bhain daltaí an-taitneamh as a bheith ag cleachtadh damhsaí nua-aimseartha ag Céili leis na Cailíní i Christ the King. Chomh maith le sin, chan siad amhráin, idir shean- agus

nua-aimseartha, agus chuaigh siad san iomaíocht a chéile le tráth na gceist.

Bhí fuaim iontach treibheach le cloisteáil ó na seomraí ranga agus iad ag canadh sa rang agus ag imirt Kahoot.

Bhí seans ag na daltaí sóisearacha a gcuid eolais (nó easpa eolais!) faoi Éire agus cultúr na hÉireann a thaispeáint i dtráth na gceist i halla na Scoile. Chomh maith le sin, ghlac na daltaí pairt i poc fada san iománíocht.

Comhghairdeas mór le Buaiteoirí Chomórtais Sheachtain na Gaeilge, agus le gach duine a ghlac páirt iontu! Buíochas mór leis na scoileanna, múinteoirí agus daltaí as a gcuid oibre ar fad roimh, le linn agus i ndiaidh na féile!

Bhaineamar go léir taitneamh as imeachtaí na seachtaine agus táimid ag tnúth le Seachtain na Gaeilge 2019 cheana féin!

S Ó Broin



Ba í aidhm an dúshláin seo ná daoine óga a spreagadh chun labhairt as Gaeilge amháin ar feadh an lae ar scoil. Fuair gach dalta a ghlac páirt t-léine, cárta urraíochta, banda rosta agus cárta frásaí! Thuill na daltaí €320 ar son Chonradh na Gaeilge. Ba deis faoi leith a bhí ann an Ghaeilge a thabhairt amach ón seomra ranga Gaeilge agus í a úsáid ar fud na háite. Bhí rath againn i gColáiste Chríost Rí Lá na Gaeilge a spreagadh i measc na mbliainghrúpaí éagsúla. Míle buíochas as ucht bhur bpáirt a ghlac sibh ar son na cúise seo. Ár gceol sibh, 'bhuachaill!

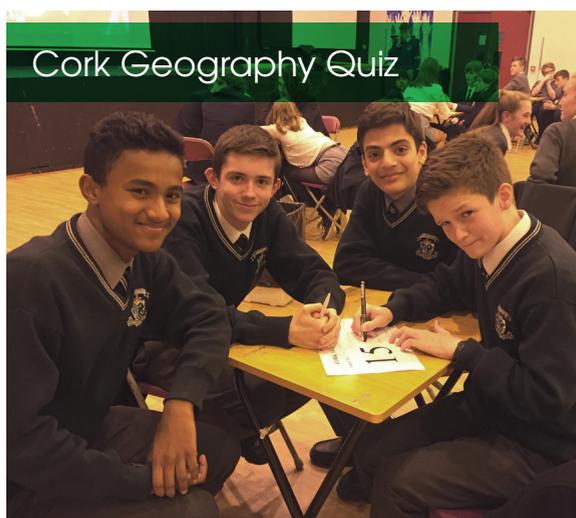
K Ní Dhúnaigh

Tíreolaíochta



This year the National Famine Commemoration will take place in UCC. Students from Coláiste Chríost Rí were invited by the Geography Department in UCC to produce a project on the Workhouse in St. Finbarr's Hospital which shares a boundary wall with our school field at Páirc Colm. Our students, together with their teachers B Ó Ceallaigh, S Ó Luinneacháin and R de Brún, are busy putting their Geography and History skills to good use; digging through the Cork City archives and compiling their own research which will be showcased in UCC at the Famine Commemoration Ceremony in May 2018. Stay tuned for updates!

ó chlé: Ben Ó Conchúir, Seosamh McCaffrey, Seán Meskell, Lucas Ó Donnchú, Lucas Ó hEalaithe, Marcus Ó Conchúir.



Pictured here are students who represented Críost Rí at the Cork Geography Teachers' Association (CGTA) Annual Schools Quiz 2017. A tough competition with impressive results, well done to our team!



Our leaving certificate students this year undertook a Geographical Investigation on coastal processes as part of their geography coursework. Pictured here are the students from S Ó Luinneacháin Rang Tíreolaíochta agus G Uas. Ó Foghlú keeping a watchful eye cliff-side! Our students also availed of the CGTA revision days in UCC during January in preparation for their leaving certificate. Best of luck to all!

Transition Year



Pictured here are some of our TY students who, over the past few months, have been helping to collect food locally from Tesco Express and Aldi. The food collected is re-distributed, via the Cork Sick Poor Society, to families who are in need. This is the first year of the CCRí food bank and it has been a wonderful success. Well done on all the hard work.

D. Ó Laoire (SNA)

Rian J. Ó Laoire, Chigozle Obi, Adam Ó hUisce, Laoi Ó Mordha, Stiofán Ó hAnragáin, Thulani Jalasi, Seán Ó Croinín, Christian Bilski, Adam Breathnach.



Gaisce Students 2018



Transition Year



TY group standing in front of the original Nano Nagel School (c. 1770), Douglas Street, Cork.



Transition Year

This year saw a very dedicated group enter TY and it is obvious now looking back that they achieved a huge amount in just one year. They have engaged with their own academic and personal learning, and have grown into young men as a result. As always the boys had the chance to sample each leaving certificate subject which will allow them to make a wise decision ahead of next year. There was also a huge amount of extra-curricular work that the students fully engaged with; this developed their interpersonal skills and a sample of these can be seen here. In true Críost Rí form we saw a huge amount of engagement with voluntary work this year, with many good causes benefitting. One of the projects that saw a large uptake this year was the Gaisce Programme. Students were involved in the three areas of: community involvement, a personal skill and a physical recreation activity. The year ended with a 25 km hike in the Ballyhoura mountains. 19 Students will be presented with their certificates of completion and their bronze medals at the TY graduation mass in May. This project would not have been possible without the hard work of the boys and the dedication and work of Miss S. O'Connell. Overall, this group were a great first group for me as TY Co-ordinator and I wish them the best of luck with the beginning of their leaving certificate next september. Go n-eirí go geal leo!

F Ó Dubhgáin



Transition Year



TY Group



French Class Fundraising



Ballyphehane and Togher youth forum



Penny Dinners

Pictured here with our TY students are representatives from our parents council who together fundraised a great amount for Cork Penny Dinners this year.



Sports Gear (O Neills)



Mentoring Programme 2017/18

