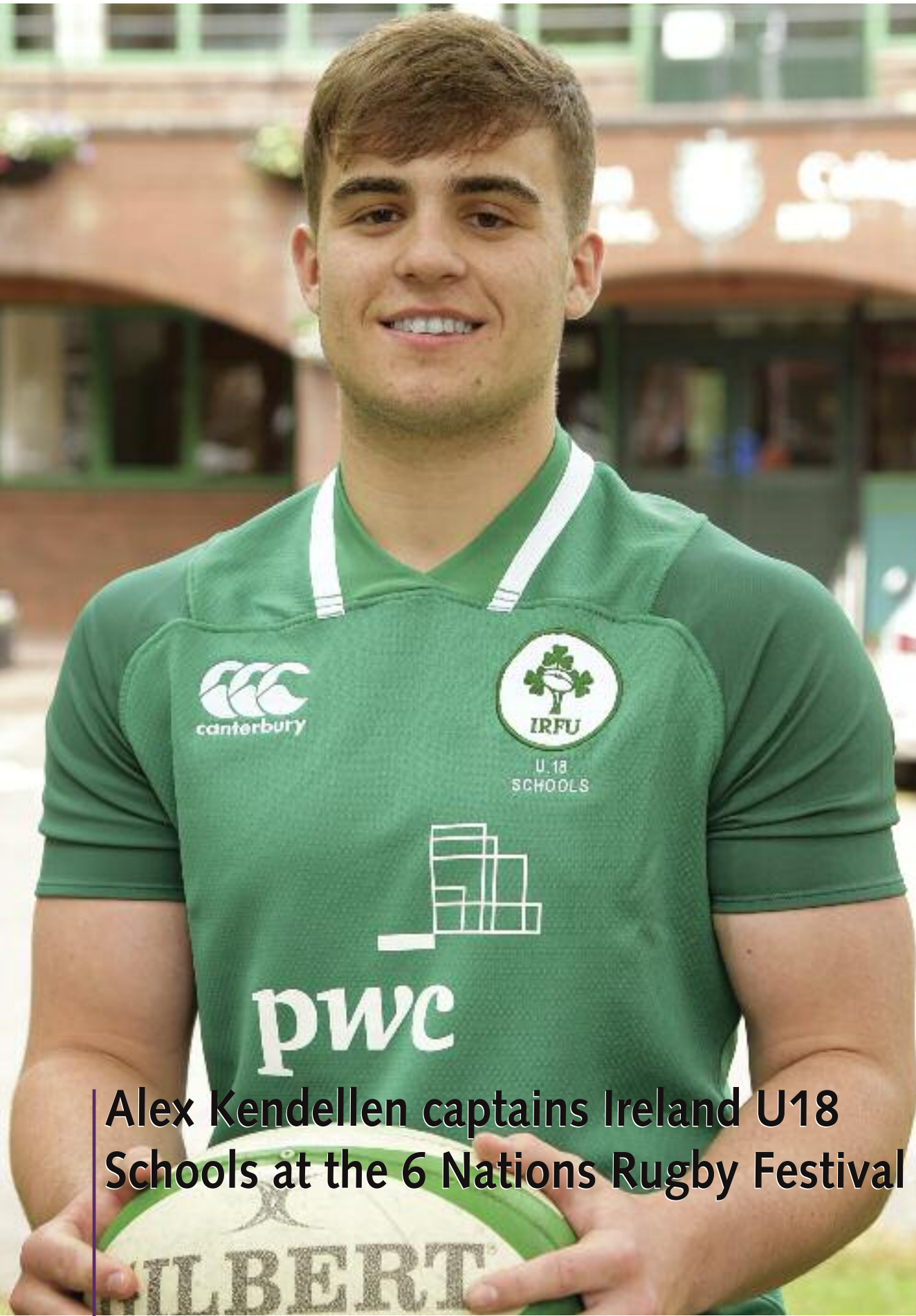




Pres Gazette

Summer 2019

The Newsletter of Presentation Brothers College, Cork



**Alex Kendellen captains Ireland U18
Schools at the 6 Nations Rugby Festival**

Report by Principal David Barry

Summer is approaching fast with the school in exam mode for the final week of school. The 6th Years celebrated their Graduation Mass on May 16th, as they leave us and prepare for their Leaving Certificate exams. I would like to take this opportunity to offer the Class of 2019 my very best wishes for their state examinations. I have no doubt that their hard work will be rewarded in August when they receive their results.

The academic year comes to a close with news that one of our past pupils, Fiachra Kelleher (Class of 2016) has been named a Trinity Scholar in English, one of the most prestigious undergraduate scholarships in these islands. In the USA, another past pupil, Seán Jenkins, has received a full NCAA Division 1 scholarship in basketball to Presbyterian College in South Carolina. The school would like to offer warmest congratulations to both young men on their recent successes. The school was delighted this past week to welcome past pupil, Dan Cowhie, back to Pres, after a long absence. Dan is Pres' oldest living graduate at the tender age of 97, and has lived in Dublin for most of his life. He was determined to retrace his Cork roots and in particular, his Pres connection. His incredible energy and memory was very apparent as he regaled us with stories from his time in Pres in the 1930s.

The staff and students have worked very well this year and I wish to thank them for all of their efforts. The teachers have been very successful in implementing the new strategies for the Junior Cycle and the pupils will reap the benefits of this hard work in the years to come.

On the sporting front, the SCT reached the Senior Cup final but unfortunately lost out narrowly on the day to old rivals CBC. Special thanks must go to all the players, coaches and parents who put in such a huge effort and sacrifice over the season. The supporters gave great uplifting support in all of the cup matches throughout the year. We thank them also.

The school had a world record to celebrate recently in rowing through 4th Year students, Jimmy Coughlan and Luke O'Keeffe, a fantastic achievement for the boys and well done to them and their coaches. Our sailors won both the Munster and All-Ireland Schools titles for the third year in a row. The Irish U18 Schools rugby team in the Six Nations Festival was captained by 5th Year student, Alex Kendellen, a great honour for Alex, his family and the school. The school also had three past pupils involved in the Ireland U20 Grand Slam winning squad and we congratulate Seán French, Jonathan Wren and Billy Scannell on their success.

Our soccer teams have done very well this year, with the U19s reaching a Munster final and with two Cork Cup finals at U19 and U15 level up for grabs in the coming weeks.



In closing, I would like to pay tribute to the retiring, Fergus 'Gussy' Healy. Fergus has been part of the furniture in Pres for the past 41 years and has impacted very positively on the lives of thousands of present and past pupils. We wish him, his wife Mags, and his three sons, Paul, Kevin and Alan (past pupils all), a long, happy and healthy retirement.

I'd like to thank Gazette editor, Don Buckley, Nora Walsh who provided photographs and graphic designer, Charlie Neville, for all their hard work, in putting this summer edition of the Pres Gazette together.

At the end of the school year I also wish to thank all of the school community for their support throughout the past year in making the 2018 / 2019 academic year a tremendous success. I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone's return in late August.

David Barry

David Barry
Principal

Cover photo shows Alex Kendellen who captained the Ireland U18 Schools at the 6 Nations Rugby Festival in England.

Fiachra Kelleher, awarded hugely prestigious scholarship from Trinity College



Fiachra Kelleher (Class of 2016), with his previous Pres English teachers, Micheál Jones and Éanna Ó Loinsigh, recently received one of the most sought after undergraduate scholarships in Europe, being named a Trinity Scholar for English. He has just completed the second year of his degree in English Studies, and the funding from this scholarship will enable him to see out his remaining undergraduate years and potential post graduate studies with both his tuition and maintenance fees paid in full. In July, Fiachra will go to the University of Auckland, New Zealand as part of a student exchange. We wish him well on his educational journey and take huge pride in his achievements to date!

NCAA Division 1 scholarship for Seán Jenkins in the US



Past pupil, Seán Jenkins, has received a full NCAA Division 1 Basketball scholarship to Presbyterian College, South Carolina. Seán left Pres in 2017, and has played the last two years with Spartanburg High School in North Carolina. Seán has excelled in this environment, with a string of MVP performances at the recent Phenom Challenge tournament resulting in him being selected for the state All-Star team for a North v South Carolina match-up. He now moves to the elite basketball environment provided by NCAA Division 1, and all in Pres wish him the very best for the next four years and beyond!

Past Pupil Dan Cowhie (age 97) returns to Pres



(l-r): Paul Cowhie, Dan Cowhie, PBC Principal David Barry and Joe Cowhie

Pres was recently greatly honoured by a visit from its oldest living past pupil, Dan Cowhie, now domiciled in Malahide, Co Dublin. Dan is the sprightly age of 97(!!!) and is still very physically active. His memory is still razor sharp as was shown when he recalled the names of fellow students and rugby players from his time in Pres (1934-'37). He was accompanied to Cork by his son, Paul, and was driven around Cork by his first cousin, Joe Cowhie (a Coláiste Chríost Rí graduate) and the three retraced Dan's childhood stomping ground, Wellington Square, on Magazine Road amongst other landmarks around Cork that Dan would have been familiar with many years ago. Dan also met with PBC Principal, David Barry, Deputy Principal Aiden Twomey and staff members, Don Buckley and Willie O'Keeffe on his visit and thoroughly enjoyed walking the corridors and seeing familiar faces on the school walls that jogged so many happy memories for him. We wish him well and look forward to him returning to Pres again soon.

James excels at Economics Olympiad '19



Leaving Certificate student, James Ó Coileáin, finished in the top three in the Munster Schools Economics Olympiad held recently in UCC. This superb achievement means he now gets to compete in St Petersburg, Russia in the International Economics Olympiad in July. Very well done James! Huge praise is also due to Paul Barr, his Economics teacher in Pres.

James with his Economics teacher Paul Barr

School Bank



Back row (l-r): Illann Wall, Jimmy Coughlan, Rob Heffernan (Bank of Ireland), Luke O'Keeffe, Luke Cronin and Patrick Campbell.
Front row (l-r): Ross McAuliffe, Darragh Murphy, Conor O'Keeffe, James McCarthy (Manager), Tiarnán De Burca and Conor Casey.

For me, the School Bank was undoubtedly one of the highlights of my Transition Year experience. It was first introduced to us by none other than Olympic medallist, Rob Heffernan, and our very own Mr Colmán ÓTuama, as being a competition against other schools and who could open the most student accounts?

It became immediately clear that we had started behind other schools as we only applied the week before the deadline for the competition. This fact didn't bother us, however. We stayed up often into the small hours of the morning, planning what we would do to promote our brand via social media, filling in application forms for accounts and keeping in contact with Bank of Ireland branches around Cork.

We learned many valuable skills relating to business and management such as leadership, communication skills, advertising, organisation, delegation, IT skills and teamwork in the process.

James McCarthy
Transition Year Bank Manager
Class 4D

Kevin Jansson to study at celebrated Juilliard Musical School, New York



Back row (l-r): David O'Riordan, Siobhán McGrath, Aelín O'Donoghue, Kevin Jansson, Enda O'Regan, Sharon Gillane and Tim O'Connell (Chairman, PBC Board of Management)
Front row (l-r): PJ Ó Floinn, Therese Kenneally and David Barry (PBC Principal)

Leaving Certificate student, Kevin Jansson's musical successes have been highlighted in these pages on many occasions in the past. News of what could be regarded as the most exciting development of his musical career to date emerged over the May Bank Holiday weekend, when it was announced that Kevin has been awarded a scholarship to attend the world renowned Juilliard Musical Academy in New York, where he will study under the legendary piano teacher Veda Kaplinsky.

The Presentation Brothers LEAF Project in association with the Friends of Kevin Jansson Trust recently hosted an event at Mount St Joseph to honour Kevin's winning of the Jeune Chopin Prize in Switzerland and his acceptance into Juilliard.

Congratulations again, Kevin and best wishes in your future career!



Kevin receives a gift from Jean O'Brien, Trustee, Friends of Kevin Jansson Trust.



Kevin gets his Juilliard t-shirt.

Scifest 2019



(l-r): Caomhán Budhlaeir, Illann Wall and Paul Downes.

In September, we began our project in the Scientific Investigation module. Every Tuesday for the first two classes, we'd work on the project with the aim of entering it in a Scifest@School competition. Scifest@School is the in-school section of the national Scifest competition. Projects from within the school compete together and external judges come in to judge the projects. There are prizes for the best presentation and for the overall winner and runner-up.

Over a weekend, by sheer coincidence, both of us watched the same YouTube video on the effects of vaping on the human lungs. It was an unscientific experiment, but it got us thinking. As vaping is such a controversial topic, we decided to conduct an experiment to discover whether vaping was harmful to humans. At the same time, in Biology, we were covering *daphnia pulex*, a small 'water flea' which is used in LC50 tests. Lethal Concentration 50 tests are a common method of determining the concentration at which a chemical is lethal to humans. A sample concentration is prepared at different concentrations, and the *daphnia* are put in it. Once 50% of the *daphnia* are dead, the substance is deemed toxic. Using maths, this level can also be applied to humans.

We decided to attempt to find the LC50 for vape liquid. With the help of Ms Claire Lynch, Ms Karen Wall and Mr Enda O'Regan. We ordered *daphnia* and conducted our first experiment, where we dosed the *daphnia* with various concentrations of vape liquid. This experiment was very successful and gave us an idea of what the exact level of concentration should be. Our next test was slightly different. Using special equipment, we passed the aerosol from the vape pen through an exact volume of water. We calculated the ratio of aerosol that the average ex-smoker would inhale over a 24 hour period to the average air inhaled over the

same period, and used this concentration on the *daphnia*. The specimens were then left for 24 hours in the Junior Science lab. The results were very interesting. We noticed that despite the absence of nicotine in the vape liquid, several of the specimens had died. We also noted a colour change and a drastic change in behaviour.

We were ready for the Scifest@School competition in February. All the projects that entered were very interesting, well presented, and the competition was tight. Thankfully in the end, our project took home the first place rosette!

We entered the Scifest@College competition in CIT in April. The standard here was even higher. There were many amazing projects from all over Munster. It was a total shock to us when our names were called out as overall winners of the competition. Mr Enda O'Regan also won the 'Best Teacher of a Biology Project' prize as well.

After the shock had begun to wear off a bit, Ms Sheila Porter, the CEO of Scifest told us our project would automatically be entered in the National Final in November. The overall winners of the National Final receive an all-expenses-paid trip along with their teacher to represent Ireland at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) which is held annually in May in Anaheim, California. We are now hard at work preparing and hope to do well in November.

The whole experience was incredible, and the help that this knowledge will give us for the Leaving Cert and beyond is priceless. We would like to sincerely thank everybody who helped our project from the all teachers in the PBC Science Dept, to the students who did the Scientific Investigations module with us and helped to troubleshoot the project.

Caomhán Budhlaeir and Illann Wall
4th Year

Senior Gold Medal Essay winner 2019



(l-r): Caleb Sheehan, Ruairi McIntyre and Éanna Ó Loingsigh

There was a huge response of 38 entries for the 2019 Senior Gold Medal Essay competition that asked senior students to write on the somewhat controversial topic 'Generation Snowflake: bubble-wrapped or armour-clad, mollycoddled or unique, insult or true reflection?' The standard of the entries was exceptional, with the essays provided by three Leaving Certificate students marked out for final consideration. In the final analysis Ruairi McIntyre was awarded the Gold Medal for 2019 for a truly outstanding piece of writing while Tom Murphy and Mark O'Connor were highly commended for their efforts. Well done to all who entered the competition!

Éanna Ó Loingsigh



(l-r): Caleb Sheehan (PBC English Department), Tom Murphy (Highly Commended), Ruairi McIntyre (Winner, Senior Gold Medal), Mark O'Connor (Highly Commended) and Éanna Ó Loingsigh (PBC English Department).

Junior Gold Medal Essay winner 2019



Congratulations to Dylan Costello (Class 2C) who won this year's Junior Gold Medal Essay Competition, writing on the title, 'The Many Faces of Success'. Dylan received a €50 One 4 All voucher and the Gold Medal from Mr Micheál Jones, who organises the annual competition. Well done Dylan. Great achievement!

Latin tour to Rome, the eternal city!



Back row (l-r): Ronan O'Mahony, Jamie Cronin, Ben Horgan, Shane McCollum, Jack McCarra, Cormac McCarthy, Brian Whooley, Ross Daly, Peter Laverty, Jack Barrett, Andrew O'Leary, Daniel Maume and Matthew Kingston.

Front row (l-r): Moez Khan, Hugo Doherty, Cian McGrath, Liam Keville, Colm Kelliher, Fionn Kimber O'Shea and Luke Whelan.

Undeviginti discipuli una cum tribus professoribus itinere scholastico ad urbem Romam initio mensis Maii maxime fructi sunt. Tres dies omnes locos clarissimos pulcherrimosque visitavimus et amplius quam quadraginta milia passuum ambulavimus. Non est dubium quin mox regrediamur!

Ronan O'Mahony

Senior Applied Maths winners



(l-r): Andrew Geaney-O'Brien, Farzaan Zulquernain and Tom Murphy.

Applied Maths Team Quiz – Junior and Senior

Pres performed very well in this year's Regional Team Quiz on 7th March. This table quiz is based on the Leaving Cert Higher Level Applied Maths course and was organised by the Irish Applied Maths Teachers' Association. Each team must consist of two 6th year students and one 5th year student. The PBC team comprising of Tom Murphy, Andrew Geaney O'Brien and Farzaan Zulquernain finished in third place following a tiebreak for second.

The top three teams then progressed to the National Final in Athlone on Saturday 23rd March. Eleven teams from across the country took part. Again the boys put in a fine display and finished fourth on the day. It was a very tight contest and they were only three points behind the winners (with each question being worth two points).

Having won this year's Regional Junior Problem Solving Competition in January, our team consisting of Caomhán Budhlaeir, Mark Fitzgibbon, James McCarthy and Sean Ó Coileáin also travelled to Athlone in March to take part in the Junior National Final. However like in the Seniors, luck wasn't with them on the day, but they put in a very solid performance and finished in fifth place. Well done lads!

I would like to congratulate both teams on their excellent displays and for their diligence and hard work in preparing for the quizzes.

Janet Cotter

Junior Applied Maths finalists



(l-r): Mark Fitzgibbon, James McCarthy, Caomhán Budhlaeir and Seán Ó Coileáin

3rd Year Maths π Quiz winners



(l-r): Ronan Barry, Fionn Coleman, Mark Fitzgibbon, Diarmuid O'Connor.

Congratulations to Ronan Barry, Fionn Coleman, Mark Fitzgibbon and Diarmuid O'Connor who were awarded fourth place in the 3rd Year Pi Maths Quiz held recently. Great credit goes to the students for their hard work and commitment. Thank you also to their teachers and parents for their continued support.

History Quiz



(l-r): Brian Sweeney, Matthew Kingston, Vice Chairperson of the Cork HTA, Eamon Hennessy, presenting Gavin Keane with the joint fourth prize and Max Barrett.

Two teams of 3rd Year history students took part in the annual Cork HTA Junior Certificate Schools Quiz, held recently in Mount Mercy College. Pres were the holders of the Renault Clio Trophy, and both teams acquitted themselves very well on the night. A team consisting of Brian Sweeney, Matthew Kingston, Gavin Keane and Max Barrett were placed joint 4th after the eight rounds of questions, a mere three points behind the winners, Mount Mercy College. The other Pres team of Mikey O'Leary, James Hyland, Mark Fitzgibbon and Diarmuid O'Connor were also in the top ten after the final tally. Well done to all students!



(l-r): Mikey O'Leary, James Hyland, Mark Fitzgibbon and Diarmuid O'Connor.

Green Schools Initiative



The PBC Green Schools Committee raises the Green Flag in the school on May 20 2019.
(l-r) Paul Downes, Aidan Murray, Eoghan Harrington, Alison Crowley, Darragh Buckley, Conor Desmond, Ben Wrixon and David Barry (PBC Principal).

Presentation College was the recent recipient of a prestigious Green Flag at an awards ceremony held in The Radisson Blu, Little Island, on May 7th last. Sincere thanks are due to last year's Green Schools Committee for all their hard work in initiating the process that brought about securing our school's first Green Flag for litter and waste. Many students were involved over the past two years, working hard with the committee to provide the foundations for this award. Huge thanks are also due to current Chairman, Ben Wrixon (Class 1A) and Committee secretaries, Darragh Buckley (Class 1A) and Eoghan Harrington (Class 1D). Huge appreciation is also due to our teachers, Paul Downes, Alison Crowley, Aidan Murray and Conor Desmond for their help in coordinating the prestigious project.

Conor Desmond



(l-r) Class 1A students Darragh Buckley and Ben Wrixon.

Debating Report 2019



Back row (l-r): Ronan McAuliffe, James Hyland, Michael Duffy, Jack Cullen, Séamus Ryan, James McCarthy and Aidan Wolfe.

Front row (l-r): Brian Sweeney, Darragh Boland, Arbaz Khan, Ms Annette Barry, Cian Smyth and Matthew Kingston.

Historically, PBC Debating Society has had one of the proudest debating traditions in the city. However, in recent years this had waned. I, along with the other senior students, decided to set out to change this by holding after school classes for our teams on the Art of Argumentation. This year the Society can really be considered to have returned to its former glory, and perhaps even beyond that. In the 2019 season of debating, the highest score in every Junior Debate in Munster was held by a PBC speaker. No junior debate passed without silverware for Presentation Brothers College, Cork.

In addition to these successes, we had five Junior speakers qualify for the National Final in Dublin. At Senior level, three speakers progressed to the semi-finals of the Munster Philosoph, and Michael Duffy of 5th Year has since progressed to the National Grand Final of Philosoph, the most prestigious debating competition in Ireland. In addition, both Seamus Ryan and Conor Dorgan have qualified for the international stages of the Erasminian European Youth Parliament (EEYP), making this year one of the most successful periods in the Society's long and decorated history.

James McCarthy 4th Year

Peer Mentors



Back row (l-r): Ian O'Keeffe, Joe Costigan, Andrew O'Connor and Jack Murphy.

Middle row (l-r): Brian Whooley, Ben Olden, Micheál Giltinan, Ciarán Odlum, Michael Carroll, Richie Foley and Des Lee.

Front row (l-r): Adam Duane, Cormac McCarthy, Jacques Mathieu, Ms Claire Lynch, Chris Fehilly, Michael Murphy and Ntokozo Mkwanzani.

Peer Mentoring has been a feature of school life in Pres since 2007, arising out of research done for the Health Promoting School Project, where consultations with the Parents Council, staff and the Student Council flagged the transition to secondary school as traumatic for some of our students.

We started with a programme that involved input from a social worker and a group of counsellors, and it has grown substantially over the past few years. Themes are set for each session where the 6th Year Peer Mentors meet their group of 8-10 1st Years to settle them, and endeavour to teach them what it means to be a 'Pres Boy'.

In the early years, our former Principal Mr Declan Healy, always met with the Peer Mentors to help train them in. Declan was marvellous in this role, having being associated with the school for so long as a student himself, and the long and valuable teaching and management years he gave to Pres.

The outgoing 6th Year Peer Mentors had their final session of the year on Thursday 2nd May, where they began the training of our incoming 5th Year Peer Mentors who take on the mantle for next year.

This training continues with a formal Leadership training day on Friday 10th May, with Br Martin Kenneally, our former Principal, and now head of the Leaf Foundation for Leadership.

Claire Lynch



Class 1B with their peer mentors, 5th Years Chris Fehilly, Jack Murphy and 6th Year, Eoin Nation.



Class 1D with 5th Years, Michael Carroll and Adam Duane, and 6th Year Seán Henry Squires.

PresLink Quiz



Students from Class 5C (l-r) Micheál Giltinan, Ben Olden, Brian Whooley and Farzaan Zulquernain.



Students from Class 2A (l-r): Niall Collins, Ronan McAuliffe, Daniel Healy and William Hetherington.

Olive Foley speaks at Pres family event



(l-r): Dr Seán Crowley (PBC Class of 2013), Br Francis Agoah (Congregation Leader, Presentation Order), Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Mick Finn, Olive Foley and Brian MacMathuna (PBC Games Master).

Olive Foley, wife of Munster and Ireland Rugby legend, the late Anthony Foley, spoke recently at Mount St Joseph, Blarney Street, headquarters of the Presentation Brothers. Olive spoke movingly of her journey through bereavement and loss since Anthony's death. In an inspirational talk, she highlighted the sustaining power of faith along with the love and support her family had received from friends and the wider rugby community. She paid tribute, in particular, to two Pres greats Ronan O'Gara and Declan Kidney who have given outstanding support to her and her two sons.

Brian McMahon represented Pres Rugby at the lecture. He spoke warmly of his friendship with Anthony since their student playing days together in St Munchin's. Brian said that Anthony was not just a hugely talented player but an outstanding captain / leader, a true friend and a great man. In a lovely gesture, he presented Olive with two Pres jerseys as gifts for her sons, Tony and Dan.

The well-attended event was chaired by Dr Seán Crowley (PBC Class of 2013). At the end of the evening, Seán's mother, Majella, gave a beautiful response to Olive's talk. She shared something of the journey of the Crowley family since the tragic loss of their beloved son Daniel, over five years ago.

The evening was run under the auspices of the Presentation Brothers Leadership Education and Formation Project. The LEAF Project is a spirituality initiative providing talks, short courses, mini-retreats and faith development opportunities for people in today's busy world. Watch out for coming events! For updates please visit www.presentationbrothers.org.



Olive is presented with two Pres rugby jerseys by Brian MacMahon, Pres senior rugby coach.

Foireann Shinsearach Díospóireachta 2019



(l-r): An tUasal Seán Ó Maoilearca, Illann Wall, Caomhán Budhlaeir, Ben Olden, Séamus Ó Dubhagáin, Mel Ó hUallacháin agus an tUasal Micheál Mac Eoin.

Scoilbhliain ghnóthach eile ag teacht chun deiridh agus na scrúdaithe Stáit ag feitheamh linn!

Bhí sárbhliain ag an bhFoireann díospóireachta agus bhain siad Craobh na Mumhan amach. Deineadh iarracht mhór arís i mbliana agus le cúnamh Dé rachaimid chomh fada le Craobh na hÉireann an bhliain seo chugainn. Is maith an scéaláí an aimsir...

Le déanaí bhí an ceoltóir cáiliúil John Spillane in ár measc agus chuaigh sé i bhfeidhm go mór ar gach éinne. Is amhránaí den scoth é agus Gaeilgeoir iontach freisin.

Bhí Seachtain na Gaeilge iontach againn arís sa scoil agus bhí an-chuid imeachtaí ar siúl timpeall na scoile: tráth na gCeist, comórtas postaeirí, céilí agus a léithéidí. Thar aon rud eile bhí an teanga Gaeilge le cloiseáil agus le féiceáil go tréan i dtimpeallacht na scoile.

Mar fhocal scoir guíonn Roinn na Gaeilge gach rath ar na daltaí a bheidh ag déanamh na scrúdaithe Stáit i mí an mheithimh. Ádh mór oraibh a bhuachaillí! Coláiste na Toirbhirte abú agus An Ghaeilge abú!

Micheál Mac Eoin

Gaeilgeoir na Bliana 2019



Comhghairdeas le Eddie Coughlan
Rang 1E

Céilí Mór sa halla



An rince fé lân seoil



Biology Field Trip to Killarney National Park



Gaisce Award Winners 2019



(l-r): Cian Smyth, Cian Healy, Caomhán Budlaeir, Ronan O'Callaghan and James McCarthy at the Black Valley, Co. Kerry

In May, five of us from 4th Year took part in an adventure journey to complete our Bronze Gaisce President's Award. This trip required us to walk a minimum of 25km over two days, while staying overnight somewhere and cooking your own meals. However daunting that may have sounded, we were more than up for the challenge. We assembled at the Black Valley Hostel in Kerry and from there we struck out. We were in good spirits and had a local guide to keep us company. The trip included a climb of over 575m on Mount Brassel in the McGillicuddy Reeks and it took us 6½ hours to complete. We arrived at our accommodation at 3.15pm. The hostel was lovely and we cooked our own dinners that night and had a good time throughout! Luckily, the weather was great and the scenery throughout was simply breath-taking. I loved the whole concept of the Gaisce Trip although the walks were tough. Collectively we had a great laugh and brought back some great memories!

James McCarthy

Class 4D



(l-r) Cian Smyth, James McCarthy, Cian Healy, Caomhán Budhlaeir and Ronan O'Callaghan.

The inaugural PBC Arts Week was a tremendous success!



Students in the workshop on the techniques of using oil pastels to create portraits with their teacher Declan O'Meara

PBC Inaugural Arts Week, ran in the school during the week of April 25th to 29th 2019.

The objective was to give students and staff an opportunity to participate in creative activities and events throughout the week, and to showcase creative work past and present produced within the school community.

Our displays of artworks from the archive gave a powerful insight into the wonderful skill and creativity of some past pupils.

Our week started with two workshops one titled 'Song In A Day' which involved 15 students, from 1st, 2nd and 5th Year, interested in music, who wrote and recorded their own song during a day long workshop. The great result was their song 'Can't See A Thing' which relates to school life. There is a link to this song on our school website.

The second workshop was delivered to a group of 25, 2nd Year Art students, who learned the techniques of using oil pastels to create portraits, the students produced great work and enjoyed this workshop very much.

During the course of the week, students and staff read poetry and quotes for each day,. The poetry was chosen to incorporate all the languages taught in the school, opening with Mark O'Gorman from 6th Year impressing everyone with his reading as gaelige of a poem by Máirtín Ó Direáin.

The Week continued on Tuesday with speakers Gareth O'Sullivan from 'Simply Architecture' who delivered a very interesting talk, to 3rd and 4th Year students on Architecture as a Career and the future of Architecture. This was followed with a 'Creative Careers' talk with Marianna O'Kane, of 'Design Burst' to an audience of 3rd and 4th Years. Other workshops during the week included Creative Writing Workshops by Children's author Kieran Crowley, delivered to 1st Year students and poet Tina Pisco worked with 4th and 5th year students. A workshop in Graphic Novels took place with 3rd, 4th and 6th year student participating. Pádraig Trehy from the Crawford College of Art & Design gave a talk to 1st, 2nd and 4th Years on Film Studies.

Our week ended with a concert, sharing and showcasing music, song, poetry and art work, involving a group of students from 1st to 5th Year.

Thank you to all the students and staff who greatly supported and participated in our Arts Week. There is a wealth of creative ability and talent in our school. Very well done to everyone for a very successful and enjoyable week.

Nora Walsh



Students who recorded their song 'Can't See A Thing' in the Music Workshop



Hard at work in the Graphic Novels' Workshop



Tina Pisco gives advice in the Creative Writing Workshop

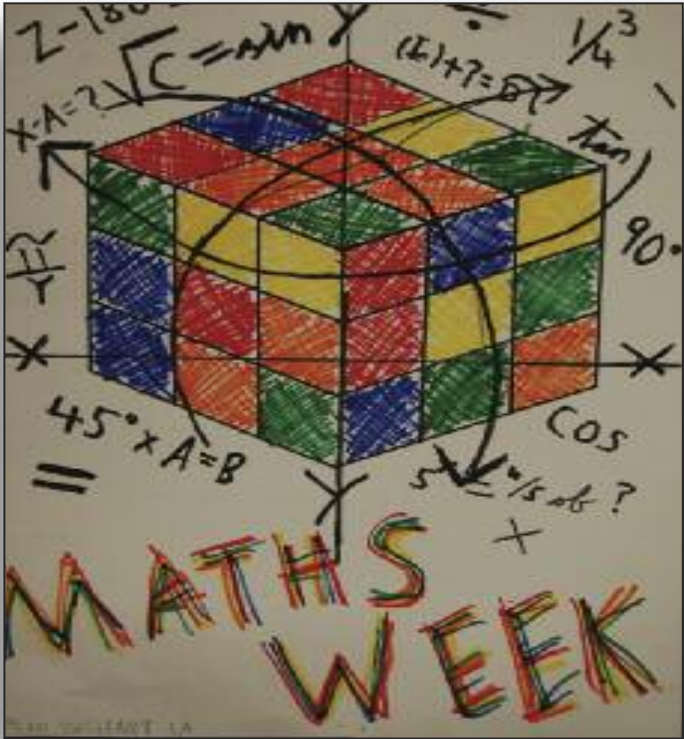


The Arts Week Concert orchestra with teachers Brian Casey, Nora Walsh and Éanna Ó Loingsigh.

Art Portfolio



By Maz Mazur



By Dylan Swihart (Class 1A)



By Dara McMahon



By Fintan O'Flynn



By Danny Noonan (Class 1c)



By Danny O'Halloran (Class 1B)



By Liam Keville (Class 1A)



By Jack O'Connor



By Rory O'Shaughnessy



By Olan Ó Siocháin

Graduate News



Paul Healy (Class of 2001)

Entering Pres as a 'furry' in 1995, Paul had either the 'advantage' or 'disadvantage' of being the son of legendary Pres Accounting and Business teacher, Fergus 'Gussie' Healy. Thankfully, he did not let that intimidate him and he quickly immersed himself in all aspects of Pres life, being joined by his younger brothers, Kevin and Alan, in subsequent years. He excelled as a rugby winger for the 1998 Junior Cup team controversially beaten by St Munchins in Musgrave Park, was a Bowen Shield finalist in 1999, a year he also toured South Africa with the school. Paul went on to play both Senior rugby and soccer for Pres in his Leaving Cert year, a unique achievement.

Paul went to UCC, studying for a BSc in Accounting from 2001 to 2004, and a Masters in Accounting and Corporate Finance from 2004 to 2005. Whilst in UCC, Paul was an active member of UCC Soccer Club, while also serving on the Soccer Club committee in various positions over the years.

After UCC, Paul qualified as a Chartered Accountant through the Bank of Ireland graduate programme, where he held various finance roles across the asset management and lending business over an eight year period. He left the banking world in 2012 and joined Lucozade Ribena Suntory as financial controller. Based in Dublin, he was responsible for setting up the finance function and supporting the business through a significant period of change.

He was promoted to Head of Financial Planning & Analysis with LRS in 2016, where he led the development of the 1 and 3 year financial plans. In January 2019, Paul took up the finance director role with Fulfil Nutrition and is responsible for building a finance team that is equipped to support the business to deliver its hugely ambitious plans to be a global snacking brand.

Paul currently lives in Rathfarnham, Dublin with his wife, Clare Anne, and their three year old son, Sebastian.



Paul Williamson (Class of 2003)

Growing up near Carrigaline, I started my education in 1997 at Pres primarily because my parents had been taught by the Presentation Orders. The strong sporting reputation of Pres was also a big attraction. I played rugby until 2nd Year, but one of my fondest sporting memories from my time at Pres was scoring points at Pairc Uí Rinn against Christians in the Lord Mayor's Cup. My first love is soccer and I have great memories of donning the black and white under the management of Aiden Twomey. I am grateful for the influence that Aiden, and Don Buckley, in particular had on me joining UCC Soccer Club, a decision which shaped my experience of college for the better.

In school, I enjoyed studying Geography under the guidance of Br Tim and also loved English and History, largely down to Caleb Sheehan. Interest in these areas led me to study for a BA (Hons) in History and Geography at UCC before undertaking a Masters in Geographical Information Systems. After UCC, I moved to London to study for a Masters in Town Planning, but visiting the wine regions of Switzerland led to a job managing wine stores in the UK, where recently I have been working as a wine consultant and broker for private collectors.

In 2010, I was a founding member, along with fellow Pres man, Jack O'Connell, and other UCC graduates, of the UCC Diaspora FC in London. The club has grown significantly and on the pitch has been quite successful too. We recently won the Wimbledon and District Premier Division, a competition which dates back to the 1880s, and we twice reached the London FA Cup final, the most prestigious competition for amateur teams in London!

After twelve years away, I am looking forward to returning to Cork to take up a position with Winelab, a modern and growing wine importer. It's a really exciting time to be coming back home to supply wine to the local food industry.



Kieran Farmer (Class of 2012)

Kieran entered Pres in 2006, which was the start of an enjoyable six year journey in learning, people and sport. His early sporting experience was really focused on cricket where his big influence was cricket coach, Dermot Giltinan. He was capped at Munster U13 and U15 levels but rugby finally captured his participation and enthusiasm. He played rugby for all his time in Pres and was part of a successful squad that competed at the highest level in Munster schools. He won two Barry Cup medals, the latter when he captained the side to victory over old rivals CBC, in their back yard up in Landsdowne. It doesn't get much better!

After Pres, he joined UCC RFC, where he played for the U20, Junior and Senior teams for three years. A few niggly injuries in quick succession prompted a break from rugby, returning two years later to play with Sunday's Well in the AIL.

Kieran studied Business Information Systems in UCC, learning a wide variety of computer oriented skills, like software security and programming. He completed a six month internship in Queens, New York with Northwell Health, working on their content administration team. He then returned to Ireland to complete the final year of his degree, and he subsequently successfully completed a Masters in Marketing & Management (Honours) in UCC in 2018.

Upon completion of his MSc, Kieran applied for an international marketing position through the IBEC Global Graduates Programme. He was accepted by the Kilbeggan Distilling Company to work as a brand ambassador, based in Denver, Colorado where he has been for the last year or so. The key focus of the role has been to enhance brand visibility and product awareness through events, activations and consumer education.

Kieran's long-term ambition is to be part of an international, consumer facing business, utilising skills that were learned and significantly developed during his time in PBC.



Fiachra Kelleher (Class of 2016)

Fiachra Kelleher was recently awarded the title of Trinity Scholar for English, perhaps the most prestigious under graduate scholarship in Ireland. This will entitle Fiachra to free college fees plus room and board in the Trinity Residence Halls for the remainder of his academic career in the college. This award has previously been won by luminaries such as film director, Lenny Abramson, Senator David Norris, Irish rugby international, Hugo MacNeill, former President Mary Robinson, Mary Elmes, and our own past pupil, Sam Browne, a number of years ago.

From Monkstown, Co Cork, Fiachra was educated at the local school, Scoil Barra Naofa, before coming to Pres, where he joined his older brother, Art (Class of 2013).

Fiachra pursued a huge variety of interests in Pres, getting involved with the Debating Society, being elected Deputy Chair of SHARE, and also working on the PresLink Committee. He was also an accomplished rugby player, playing McCarthy Cup, Junior Cup and Barry Cup, earning a reputation as a tough, uncompromising and skilful back row player. In his Leaving Cert year, Fiachra was elected Deputy Head Boy, while he was also a Senior Gold Medal Essay winner on two occasions, in 4th Year and 6th Year.

Fiachra has just completed the second year of an English Studies degree in Trinity, and hopes to complete his PhD in English in the college after his undergraduate studies. He also writes for the acclaimed university newspaper, the Trinity News, where Fiachra is the Theatre critic. In addition, he will be spending his 3rd year of his undergraduate degree course in the University of Auckland, New Zealand, as part of a university exchange.

Everyone in Pres is particularly delighted to hear of Fiachra's magnificent success, especially his former teachers and we wish him all the very best in his future endeavours.

Pres teachers to the fore in recent golf successes



Pres Cup Golf Winners 2019 (l-r): Paul Downes holding the Ronan Scott Memorial Trophy, Willie O'Keeffe holding the Pres Cup and Enda Ronan with the Pres Cup Individual Trophy.

A team comprising of Pres teachers, Willie O'Keeffe, Enda Ronan and regular participant, Adrian Hillgrove, won the 13th edition of the Ronan Scott Memorial played at Lee Valley GC on May 8th. Conditions were challenging but 15 three man teams took part in a very competitive afternoon's golf. The winning team had an excellent score of -10 nett to edge out last year's winners, Breon Manning, Mark Gosling and Tom Houlihan. Ronan's brother, Conor, was on hand to say a few words about the man himself and present the prizes to the winning teams.

The organisers would like to thank PBC Principal David Barry, PBC Rugby and Declan Scott (Ronan's father) for their generous sponsorship of the many prizes on offer. Also sincere thanks to the Keohane family of Lee Valley GC, whose help and co-operation makes our job so much easier.

The following week in Water Rock GC, the Pres teachers team consisting of Paul Downes, Enda Ronan and Willie O'Keeffe won the annual Pres Cup, a competition played for by staff of Presentation schools in Cork County. The winners had a superb combined score of 117 points, winning by a significant margin in the end.

This is the third year in a row a Pres teachers team has won this event, with Enda Ronan also winning the individual event with a magnificent score of 42 points! Very well done all!



(l-r): Conor Scott, Tim Murphy, Roger Hill, Willie O'Keeffe and Conor Shalloe.



Ronan Scott Memorial Winners 2019
(l-r): Conor Scott, Enda Ronan, Adrian Hillgrove and Willie O'Keeffe.

Dogs for the Disabled Cork



TY student Patrick Kelly speaks to 1st Year students about the positive influence his assistance dog, Henry, has on his daily life.

On the 10th April 2019, 1st Year students partook in a charity 7-A-Side soccer tournament benefitting the charity 'Dogs for the Disabled Cork'.

This tournament was organised by the 4th Year Young Social Innovators Module. This day was organised by eight Transition Year students who were inspired by the work of the charity that benefits their fellow classmate, Patrick Kelly. This charity helps Patrick, along with many other people, who suffer from physical disabilities.

Not only was the day a massive success and a thoroughly enjoyable event for all involved, we raised €600 which will help the charity train other dogs such as Henry - Patrick's assistance dog, who helps Patrick with many basic tasks that we all take for granted, such as socialising with our friends at lunch. Before Henry arrived, Patrick did not have enough time in between classes to do this seemingly simple task.

We would like to thank Mr Caleb Sheehan for his help and guidance throughout this project, and the teachers and referees who volunteered their time during the day itself. We would also like to thank our 1st Years and their parents for their generous donations.

4th Year PBC Youth Social Innovation Module Group 2019

Fergus Healy – An Appreciation



Fergus 'Gussy' Healy

I'm writing this piece to show our respect and love for our own Fergus Healy, always affectionately known to his friends, as Gus or Gussy! He was my business and maths teacher in Pres for four years and later my colleague and friend for the last twenty-one years. Gus is married to Mags and they have three boys, Paul, Kevin and Alan, who all graduated from Pres and I know that their boys being Pres boys, filled both Gus and Mags with great pride.

Like Moses who spent 40 years leading his people to the promised land, Gussy has spent exactly a year longer guiding and mentoring students during his accomplished tenure with us. He has touched all of our lives during this time, and we are very sad to see him go. Gussy has carried the tradition of the Pres ethos with him from his early days as both a student and teacher in our sister school, Coláiste Chríost Rí.

Everyone in this school knows that you don't go into teaching to make a lot of money - people become teachers to make a difference to the students that are in their class, to teach them that they can accomplish their goals and become whoever they want to be in this world. At times, for Gussy, making a difference also meant teaching his students how to work together in a group, solve problems and to make the students believe in themselves. Gussy showed that you can make a difference in a student's life by the day to day things you do for them. Those small things work together to make a big difference in the lives of others.

Sometimes the hardest part about teaching is just getting the students involved and interested in learning. Gussy never had that problem. Every time you would pass his room, you would know his students were being engaged. Just ask former student and now teaching colleague, Peter Scott (who has always stated that he was dazzled by Gussy's white socks and multi-coloured waistcoats!!) about double entry and tabular statements! Gus always knew his students as people, and as a teacher the man was a perfectionist in delivering his subject.

Gussy, through many extra-curricular activities strived to help his students be successful away from the classroom too. Even at the end of a long teaching day, he would volunteer his time to stay after school to coach many a successful tennis team, as the numerous photographs on the walls of the school corridors are testament to. He also coached many rugby teams and has stated often that a certain Declan Kidney was once his understudy! He was superb at organising the buses for all school activities, especially on the many school tours he participated in to Russia, Spain, South Africa and Argentina amongst others.

Gussy has been an amazing teacher, but he is also a great colleague and friend. If you were ever at school late and needed someone to help you brainstorm teaching ideas, Gussy was there for you. He has been our 'go-to' person when we have had questions or needed ideas. Heck, after 41 years of teaching you better have some knowledge to share! When I think of Gussy, I'm reminded of the following quotation by John Steinbeck 'I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist, and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit!'

Gus, you are one of the great artists of the teaching profession. You have made a lasting impression on the world by enriching the lives of the students you have taught. Thank you so much and I wish you a very happy retirement!

Willie O'Keeffe

Class 6A of 2019



Back row (l-r): Kevin Costello, Tadhg Cowhig, Joey Long, Michael Hand, Kevin Bohane, Cormac Griffin, Harry Fitzgerald, Scott Keating and Luke MacSweeney.

Middle row (l-r): Daniel Ghorl, Mark Fitzgibbon, Andrew Geaney-O'Brien, Mel Holohan, Kevin Jansson, Kevin Collins, Rory Duggan and Alex Doherty.

Front row (l-r): Conor Galvin, Josh Greene, Sam Gallagher, Olan Dennehy, Brian Lynch, Ciarán Fitzgerald and Jimmy Duggan.

Class 6B of 2019



Back row (l-r): Gavin O'Sullivan, Mark O'Connor, Seán Henry Squires, Tom Murphy, James Ó Coileáin, Cian O'Mahony and Rory McCarthy.

Middle row (l-r): Misha O'Flynn, Ben McCarthy, Daved Sahm, David Marshall, Andrew Geaney-O'Brien, Cian O'Shea, William Sweeney and Ruairi McIntyre.

Front row (l-r): Dylan O'Connor, Rian O'Flynn, Cian Morgan, Danny O'Leary, Cillian Martin, Eoin Nation and Fionnán Ryan-O'Sullivan.

A very fond farewell to our 6th Years of 2019!

We would like to wish all Leaving Certificate students the very best of luck in their exams and every success throughout their future careers. We're really proud of them all!



Copies of the Leaving Cert Class of 2019 photograph are available to purchase. Please visit www.adrianoherlihy.com for more details.



Class 6C of 2019



Back row (l-r): Dan Kelleher, Peter Hyde, Patrick Blake, David Hyde, Seán Collins, Louis Bruce and Mark McLoughlin.

Middle row (l-r): Jack Cullen, James Ginelly, Cúchulain Livingston, Mark Kelly, Mark Traynor, Peter Cunningham, Ben Corcoran and George Forde.

Front row (l-r): Joe Cregan, Rory Ip, Liam Kilgrew, Kevin Healy, Frankie Horgan, Eoghan Barry and Stephen Fitzgerald.

Class 6D of 2019



Back row (l-r): Ben Gayer, Conor McCarthy, Briain Murphy, Louis Maguire, Eoin Quilter, Simon O'Neill, Cathal Walsh and David Twomey.

Middle row (l-r): Ronan O'Boyle, Cian McCarthy, Chris Murphy, Brendan O'Grady, Jack O'Driscoll, Michael Nunan, Conor O'Neill, John Whyte, Cian O'Donovan and Mark Murphy.

Front row (l-r): James Falvey, Cathal Quirke, Joe O'Leary, Robert St Leger, Darragh Murphy, James O'Shaughnessy and Derek Murray.

Class 6E of 2019



Back row (l-r): Eoin Mathers, Luke Twomey, David McCarthy, Adam O'Connor, Peter Dunne and Ferghal Hayes.
Front row (l-r): Nicky Quinlan, James McCann, David Busher, Daragh O'Sullivan, Alex Guerin, Jack Cullcooney and Ciarán Gleeson.

Prefects 2019



Back row (l-r): Daniel Ghorl, Sam Gallagher, Tom Murphy, Adam O'Connor, Cian O'Mahony and Cillian Martin.
Front row (l-r): Kevin Jansson, Mel Hololan, Daved Sahm (Head Boy), James Ó Coileáin (Deputy Head Boy),
Andrew Geaney-O'Brien and Olan Dennehy.

Sports Day 2019



Leaving Cert students gearing up for the Premier soccer!



Staff members in fancy dress get ready for the Teachers Race!



Scott Kelleher and Ben O'Connor going well in the wheelbarrow!



Eat your heart out Usain Bolt! A packed field in the 100m Championship of the College!



Almost over the line but it's no laughing matter!



Teacher Seán O'Brien burns the field!



(l-r) Emmet Ahern, Hughie O'Callaghan and Casey Ford.



To the victors go the spoils...

Cricket Report - Summer 2019



PBC Cricket XI v Bandon Grammar, Munster Schools T20, May 15th, 2019

Back row (l-r): Colin O'Brien, Conor Power, Dylan Devlin, Farzaan Zulquernain, Chris Morris, Masroor Salam and Ashik Rahman.
Front row (l-r): Rioghan O'Sullivan (Captain), Arbaz Khan, Jabir Rahman, Eshan O'Sullivan and Zahn Hafeez.

The outdoor cricket season began in earnest on May 10th last, against pre-tournament favourites, Cork Combined Schools at a pristine Mardyke ground in glorious summer weather. PBC captain, Rioghan O'Sullivan, won the toss and elected to bowl and his bold decision was rewarded when the CCS opener was bowled for a duck. CCS recovered from that early setback and progressed their score steadily despite some excellent bowling by Rioghan, Eshan O'Sullivan, 1st Year Zahn Hafeez and debutant, Colin O'Brien. Their tally of six CCS wickets overall was scant reward for their efforts throughout. CCS finished their 20 overs with a total of 135 for 6 wickets, leaving 136 runs for the win. Sadly, Pres could not match this total, despite an heroic batting performance from Eshan O'Sullivan, who top scored on 21, only getting out in the final overs to a superb one handed catch from CCS captain and Irish international, Senan Jones, off a rasping straight drive. Pres were eventually all out for 39, CCS winning by 96 runs.

Our next game was on May 15th, versus tournament holders Bandon Grammar School, also in the Mardyke Grounds. A stronger Pres team was available for this match, and with Pres again electing to bowl, the pace bowling of Masroor Salam was to the fore, dismissing Bandon captain and dangerman, Jack Buss, for 3 runs in the second over. Pres, however were undone by a succession of missed catches which allowed Bandon opening batsman, Liam Edwards, off the hook on a number of occasions, allowing him to build a fine score of 81 not out. Wickets fell to Rioghan, Eshan, Masroor and Zahn as Bandon completed their 20 overs with 143 for 5 wickets.

Pres had an almost immediate setback when opening bat, Eshan, was bowled by Bandon pace bowler, Daniel Kennedy, for 1 run. Three further wickets fell in the next 8 overs, leaving Pres with an unenviable task. However, a strong batting partnership from Rioghan and Masroor pushed Pres ever closer to the 144 runs needed for the win. Masroor was eventually caught in the penultimate over leaving Pres with 9 runs left for the win. Despite the loss of two wickets in the final over, debutant Chris Morris, hit the winning runs with one ball remaining. Huge credit to the team for their willingness to fight to the bitter end, and they rightly celebrated a superb win afterwards. Very well done lads!

Sadly, the onset of the summer exams meant that our remaining fixtures in the completion versus Midleton College and Sexton Street, Limerick, could not be completed. It is hoped that these games can be rearranged for next September.

In closing, could I express our heartfelt thanks to Cork County Cricket Club and the groundsman, Matt Reed, for their unwavering support in allowing us to use their facilities for our home matches. The continued support of PBC Principal, David Barry, for cricket in the school must also be acknowledged at this juncture.

Don Buckley
PBC Cricket Coordinator

Eshan O'Sullivan trains at Lords, the home of cricket!



Eshan outside Lords, the home of cricket

My first memory of seeing the Lords Cricket Ground was when I went to see Ireland play England. I was 5 years old then. Now I am 14 and I was there this time to have some coaching at the Marylebone Cricket Club Academy. I was honoured to be there as one of two boys from Munster as I knew this was a great opportunity and I feel very grateful to Munster Cricket Union. I was both nervous and excited to head over to London. My first day, I arrived early and waited in the café. As I looked out on the nursery ground I saw the Middlesex team training, well known players like Eoin Morgan, Stephen Finn, Dawid Malan, Paul Stirling and Tim Murtagh were all there looking relaxed. It was fascinating to see a professional squad train up close.

When I entered the training arena, I realised how massive it was. They had very advanced equipment like many bowling machines that could bowl different variations of seam and spin like the Merlin etc. We had three coaches and they started with an introduction to our day. We did some basic fielding and warm up drills. Harry Egerton from Waterford and I won both fielding competitions. This gave us great confidence. We got divided into different groups and we had a regular nets session where we took turns to bat and bowl. Most of the boys were 15 years old and were mostly from London. It was good to see the standard for my age group in England. I was shown some technical things that I could adjust with my batting and bowling. We concluded the day by playing a mini game. I was on a hat trick and finished with 5 wickets. I only got to face 4 balls and I scored 12 runs. I felt confident at the end of the day and went home tired but I was really excited about going back for the second day.

I had to wake at 6.30am, carry my kit and travel for an hour and a half in a crowded train and tube to get to Lords. I was



Eshan pictured with Waterford & District player, Harry Egerton.

lucky that the sun was shining both days. We started Day 2 by training on the Nursery before the Middlesex team came for their session. This was a real treat. The grass was green and neat, the wicket looked really nice and we were allowed to field against the backdrop of the famous Lords Media Center. Again the Middlesex stars were all around and it was unbelievable that we were sitting next to them. We padded up and this time the coaches had set up 8 nets, each net had a different drill. 7 of the nets had a bowling machine. I enjoyed all the nets. I loved 'the Paceman' the most as the ball was set to 70 miles per hour. It could swing sometimes and I loved that! I really like it when the ball comes onto the bat. After lunch they took us on a great tour of Lords. We sat in the high chairs in the famous Long Room. There was so much memorabilia from the past. I even visited the English dressing room which has been renovated for the upcoming World Cup. I got to stand on the famous balcony too. The dressing room had all the statistics of the famous players. They told us that we too could aspire to play for the MCC when we turned 18. We would need to show our potential and if the selectors felt there was some promise, then we would get in and that would mean we could play for five years and become a member of the MCC. I know that is a big ask but I could not help but leave dreaming about how exciting things could be. I also left feeling more determined to keep improving my game and do whatever it takes to be good. The 2019 season is about to begin and this is where I have to start, playing for my club, Cork County, maybe even for Munster and then hope for the best. I cannot wait!

Eshan O'Sullivan
Class 2E

Rowing Report



Pres rowers who took part in the Easter Camp at the Australian Institute European Training Centre in Gavirate, Italy.

With the Regatta season underway after a tough winter training programme, our crews are hopeful of high quality racing between now and the Irish Championships in July.

Schools Regatta - Lough Rynn, Co Leitrim, April 13th

The beginning of the Easter holidays started with a trip to Lough Rynn in Co Leitrim for the Schools Regatta. The weather played havoc with the schedule and the event was eventually called off shortly after mid-day. Single sculler Sam Crean (5th Year) braved the conditions and put in a fine performance in this tough event. Our J16 Eight was the only other crew to get on the water and showed great progress over the winter months to finish 3rd in a very strong field ahead of crews like St Josephs, Galway, Methodist College Belfast and Blackrock College.

Easter Camp - Australian Institute European Training Centre, Gavirate, Italy

We returned to Italy again this year in order to help in the development of our younger crews and get ready for the upcoming regatta season. A squad of 20 rowers travelled to the centre and worked very hard throughout the week participating in up to 3 sessions (water and land) per day. While the weather was not as good as had been hoped for, lots of miles were done and will stand to these young athletes in the future.

Skibbereen Regatta - May 4th and 5th

This Grand League format regatta was held at the National Rowing Centre over the May Bank Holiday Weekend and our school crews continue to show improved performances as the season progresses. Our J16 Eight again finished 3rd but in an even stronger field than at the Schools Regatta a few

weeks earlier. Sam Crean showed his progress by not only winning his heat of the Club Sculls, but making the 'A' Final based on his superior time. He went on to finish 6th overall. A number of our younger athletes experienced their first taste of racing at this level with our 1st Year Eight, Quads and 2nd Years all getting valuable racing. J16 Quad, J18 Pair and J18 Double also raced over the weekend.

Looking ahead, a number of squads will now prepare for the Athlone and Cork Regattas in June followed by the National Championships in July.

World Indoor Rowing Record

Two Pres students, Luke O'Keeffe and Jimmy Coughlan (both 4th Year), having raced at Skibbereen Regatta on Saturday 4th May, went home and proceeded to set a new world endurance record on the Concept 2 indoor rowing machine. They set the record for the U19 tandem continuous row, by rowing for a remarkable 52hrs, 2mins and 35secs! A stunning achievement! They started on the Saturday afternoon and rowed right through to the Monday in one hour intervals beating the previous record of 51hrs set in America. Very well done to our new world record holders!

Finally, as always a huge thanks must go to our great team of coaches who give so much of their time to rowing within the school and will continue to do so right through the summer months. Thanks also to the school for its continued support and finally to the parents and athletes themselves for all the hard work and dedication throughout the year. Best of luck to all rowers in preparation for National Championships.

*Fran Keane
Head Rowing coach*



J16 Eight enjoying the Italian rain on their Easter training camp in Italy!



Sam Crean training in the single scull



Training in the Indoor rowing tank



J18 Four in training on Lago di Varese (l-r) Jimmy Coughlan, Jamie Falsey, Emmett Ahern and Sam Crean.

Pres lads create new world record!



(l-r) World Record Holders Jimmy Coughlan and Luke O'Keeffe

Two lads went home after competing at the Skibbereen Grand League Regatta at the National Rowing Centre on the Saturday ... and set a new endurance world record on the ergometer (rowing machine). They stayed rowing until Monday. Luke O'Keeffe (17) and Jimmy Coughlan (16) of Presentation Rowing Club set up in a friend's garage and rowed for 52 hours, two minutes and 35 seconds. They became the world record holders for lightweight U19 tandem, continuous row. Jimmy had rowed in a pair at Skibbereen and they both rowed in a double.

The two are 4th Year students at Presentation Brothers College. The rowing Head Coach at Pres Fran Keane, said the two had rested for the first few days of this week, turning up on Thursday at school, having told no one about their prodigious feat. *(As reported by the Irish Times)*



(l-r) Luke O'Keeffe, Conall Harrington in whose garage the record was achieved, and Jimmy Coughlan.

Fran Keane - An Appreciation



Attention to detail. Fran checking on his crews on the Marina while his sons, future rowers James and Alex look on.

All at Pres Rowing would like to heartily congratulate Fran Keane on his recent appointment as High Performance Operations Manager and Pathway Co-ordinator for Rowing Ireland. Fran has been a driving force behind Pres Rowing since he began teaching in the school in 2004. During his time as Head Coach, he has overseen the growth of the sport in the school to up to 100 students on a yearly basis, with athletes competing at all age grades from September right into the summer months. He has guided several crews to National Championships, and helped numerous athletes from Pres go on and represent their country.

During this period, he has also coached at international level, where he has been involved with teams at the Home Internationals, Coupe de la Jeunesse and the World Championships. His most recent success came at the European Championships in May in Essen, Germany, where he coached the Junior Men's Coxed Four to a Silver Medal, only finishing 0.3sec behind world rowing powerhouses, Germany. Fran has been Lead Junior Coach for Rowing Ireland this past season and Lead Junior Men's Coach for the previous two years.

Fran's hard work and tireless dedication to rowing both on and off the water all year round has helped Pres become one of the most successful school rowing programmes in the country. We have no doubt he will continue to be a success within his new role at Rowing Ireland. His commitment and loyalty to the school, along with his ability to get the best out of those he coached are his trademarks. He will be greatly missed not only amongst those involved in the rowing club, but everyone right across the school community. We wish him the very best of luck in his new position and sincerely thank him for all he has done for Pres Rowing!

Eoin Hennessy



Fran coaching from the bank. Always time for a laugh!



With Max Barrett at the National Rowing Centre, Farran Wood.

A very successful Golf Classic fundraiser for Presentation College Rowing Club

A sincere 'Thank You' to all teams and sponsors of the Presentation College Rowing Club 2019 Golf Classic. Without your valued help, this year's event would not have been as successful as it was. As you know, all monies raised go directly to the Club's boatfund. The feedback received was very positive and we hope you, and your colleagues enjoyed the day. Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you again next year!

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Pres win the National Schools Team Racing Trophy for the third year in a row!



(l-r): James Murphy, Atlee Kohl, Dawson Kohl, James McCann, Michael Carroll and David Carroll.

The Pres 1st team pictured after winning the National Schools Team Racing Trophy in Schull for the third year in a row. Twelve teams competed in this event from all over Ireland. To compete, the team first had to qualify from the Munster Championships in Schull, which they won. The Pres 2nd team also competed in the Munster championships, but unfortunately just missed out on qualification for the Nationals.

Michael Carroll

Conor Morey is in the form of his life on the track!



Conor blitzes the field to record run of 10.55secs at the Munster Schools Athletics Championships at CIT



Conor breasts the tape in his record breaking run

Conor Morey has been selected for the Ireland U20 4x100m relay squad to run in Belgium in May where they will run for times to compete in the European U20 Championship in Sweden in July.

At the South Munster Schools Athletics Championships held in CIT in May, Conor won the 100m in a record time of 10.78, but in the process felt tightness in a muscle and had to withdraw from the 4x100m relay, a title Pres were defending. A few frantic 'phone calls later, PBC rugby player Joe O'Leary was drafted in as a replacement, and he played a sterling role in winning the gold medal in a time of 46.84, together with Michael Hand, Daniel Hurley and Andrew Geaney-O'Brien. Daniel Hurley also won the silver medal in the Senior Boys Long Jump on the day with a superb leap of 6.20m.

At the Munster Schools Athletics Championships held in CIT in May, Conor won the Senior Boys 100m in an excellent record time of 10.55. In the process, Conor broke a record that had stood for 34 years which was 10.60 hand timed. Conor was also part of the Pres Senior Boys 4x100m relay team who were 2nd to Mercy Mounthawk, Tralee, a result that qualifies the relay team for the Irish Schools Athletics Championships to take place in Tullamore on the June weekend.



Photo shows (l-r): Michael Hand, Daniel Hurley, Joe O'Leary, Andrew Geaney-O'Brien and Conor Morey.

Soccer Report



The PBC U19 team pictured before the Cork Cup Final v Rochestown College

Back row (l-r): James Falvey, Frankie Horgan, Daved Sahm, Cillian Martin, David Busher and Shane Cotter.
Front row (l-r): Conor O'Neill, Brian Lynch, Sam Gallagher (Captain), Peter Cunningham and Briain Murphy.

First Year

Following two rousing group stage victories against Ashton (10-1) and North Monastery (7-0), Presentation College faced an unknown quantity in Mungret Community College of Limerick. A tough battle ensued against a well organised visiting side, before Sam O'Connell opened the scoring and Harry Murphy secured a 2-0 victory with ten minutes to go with a brave header from a corner. Kinsale Community College were the opposition for the last 32 fixture and despite going a goal up early on PBC were pegged back, thanks to a very controversial penalty. The sides were tied 1-1 at half time and yet again tensions were high, but a hat trick from Sam Murphy and a late brace from John Wigginton Barrett contributed to Pres running out 7-1 victors.

Pres and Christians encounters have traditionally been more renowned in a different field sport, but in recent years both schools have put together some excellent soccer teams and taken this rivalry forward into a new age. Unfortunately, on this day at the quarter final stage, Pres were to be outdone by their old rivals. Despite dominating the first half with stylish attacking football, Sam Murphy's strike was countered by a late sucker-punch towards the end of the first half. Two quick fire goals early in the second ensured a very disappointing day for PBC, in what was a stereotypical game of two halves.

Pres still had the Cork Cup competition to look forward to and started with a hard-fought 4-2 victory against a resilient and physical Millstreet side. This was followed up by a resounding 6-0 victory over Coláiste Mhuire Cobh, a game which saw Charlie Cummins net a superb hat trick. Spiorad Naomh

Naomh were to be the quarter final opponents and unfortunately for PBC, the winners of the tie. Having been behind 1-0 at the half and conceding another dubious penalty early in the second, the 2-1 deficit was halved by Charlie Cummins. Pres gave an outstanding display for the duration of the half, throwing everything at Spiorad Naomh, but on the day it wasn't to be.

Having scored thirty-eight goals and conceding only six, the young boys of Presentation College will feel aggrieved not to have progressed further and challenged for silverware in a final or two this season, but they will be well prepared for the U15 campaign with the bit between their teeth and ready to come back stronger than ever. There is no doubt much more to come from this exciting side brimming with talent.

Shane Twomey



The Pres U15 team before the recent Cork Cup Final v Rochestown College

Back row (l-r): Max Healy, Rory O'Shaughnessy, Ronan Hennigan, James Dwyer (Captain), Ronan Dwyer and Alex Walsh.
Front row (l-r): Zach Dunne, Leon Sahm, Ben O'Connor, David Bennett and Jerry Murphy.

U15 Soccer

The U15 squad rebounded well from the disappointment of the Munster Cup performance against Coláiste an Spiorad Naomh and trained consistently every Wednesday in the period after the Christmas break. A comprehensive 9-0 win over an understrength Mayfield CS began the campaign, with Rory O'Shaughnessy, Dave Bennett, Jerry Murphy (2), Zach Dunne, Dave Carthew, Charlie Collins, James Wixted and Luke O'Donnell in the goals, plus a fine cameo role by Seán Keville.

Next up were CMGS Blarney where Pres raced into a 3-0 first half lead powered by excellent midfield play by Zach Dunne, Ben O'Connor and the hard running Ronan Dwyer. Blarney pulled one back early in the second half and there were some anxious moments before control was reasserted for the last fifteen minutes, leaving the final score, 3-1, (Dave Bennett, Ben O'Connor, Jerry Murphy). Pres were drawn away to Deerpark CBS in the quarter final, where despite an early goal from Ben O'Connor and a large amount of possession, the half time score was 1-0. The goals arrived in the second half however with two powerful headers from Rory O'Shaughnessy, a brace from Ronan Dwyer and a sixth from Luke O'Donnell, leaving the score, Deerpark 0-6 PBC.

Surprise packets, North Mon CBS, awaited Pres in the semi-final. Early dominance saw Dave Bennett score an excellent goal but some defensive frailties saw North Mon carve out several good opportunities before getting a deserved

equaliser just before half time. The Mon took the lead 15 minutes into the second half before Ben O'Connor restored parity five minutes later. The momentum went back and forth, with both sides enjoying good chances until Ben O'Connor scored an absolutely brilliant winning goal five minutes from time, final score Pres 3-2 North Mon CBS.

In the final, Pres faced U15 All Ireland semi-finalists, Rochestown College, in a game played in College Corinthians, on May 21st. Sadly, the dream of Cork Cup success went sour in a match played in glorious conditions on a pristine pitch. A very committed first 15 minutes saw Pres go close through a great effort from Jerry Murphy, but two quick fire goals from Rochestown put them firmly in the driving seat, with another goal conceded close to half time. Pres began the second half well, determined to get back in the game, and went close through Dave Bennett. However, Rochestown restored their superiority with three further goals, with Pres pushing on looking for goals. Some consolation arrived in the final five minutes with an excellent finish from substitute, Charlie Collins, before Rochestown added another before the whistle to leave the final score, Rochestown 7-1 PBC. No disgrace however, going down to an excellent team, strong, skilful and well coached. Well done to captain, James Dwyer, and his players in getting to Pres' third Cork U15 Cup final in a row.

Karl Sweeney

Soccer Report



Pres U19 before the Munster Schools Senior Cup Final v Midleton CBS

Back row (l-r): Daved Sahn, Shane Cotter, Robert Geaney-O'Brien, Frankie Horgan, David Busher and John Mullarkey (Coach).

Front row (l-r): Briain Murphy, James Falvey, Sam Gallagher (Captain), Brian Lynch, Conor O'Neill and Cillian Martin.

U17 Soccer

The U17 squad performed very well this season but lost out in the latter stages of both the Cork Cup and the Munster Cup competitions.

The majority of the group will again represent the school next year.

Robert Geaney-O'Brien will be a big loss. We would like to thank him for his exemplary attitude and positive influence on the group.

There are many talented players playing at U17 level so the future looks bright.

David O'Riordan

U19 Soccer

After a wonderful Munster campaign, the U19 soccer team arrived at a Munster final in March. The final was played in Douglas Hall on a fine day for football against Midleton CBS. The game was played at a ferocious tempo, with neither team giving an inch. With most of the game battled in the middle third, we arrived at 90 minutes scoreless. It was much of the same for extra time. With the game looking certain to go to penalties, Midleton CBS pounced on a momentary lapse of concentration to clinch victory with virtually the last kick of the game. It was an incredible performance by Pres but sadly not to be on the day.

The U19s then quickly picked themselves up for an assault on the Cork Cup, desperate to round off a great season with some silverware. After some early victories Pres would again meet Midleton CBS in the Cork Cup semi-final. The team put in a comprehensive and committed performance to run out 2-1 winners and secure a place in yet another final. The final was played in glorious sunshine at Corinthians Park on May 20, with Rochestown providing the opposition. Again, Pres showed their fighting spirit against a very accomplished side. Fighting tooth and nail to the bitter end they were unfortunately undone by a goal in the dying seconds. Another cruel blow for a hugely talented side.

To the players, we wish to remind you that the school is very proud of your achievements this year. It is no mean feat to reach both finals in the one year and we wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

John Mullarkey



Coaches Aidan Twomey and John Mullarkey impart some inspiration to the lads at half-time v Midleton CBS



Some of the large Pres crowd at the game



(l-r) Andrew Geaney-O'Brien, Mark Fitzgibbon and
Seán Henry Squires cheering the lads on!

Past pupil Caoimhín doing very well at Liverpool!



Caoimhín Kelleher (left) manager Jurgen Klopp and the other Liverpool players after their epic 4-3 aggregate win over Barcelona in the Champions League semi final recently. He's consistently made the bench for Liverpool this season. We wish him the best for next season.

Basketball Report



PBC 2nd Year Basketball Cork County League Winners 2019

Back row (l-r): Seán Murphy (PBC Coach), Rory O'Shaughnessy, Jamie Cotter, Alex Doyle, Joe MacNamara, Reuben Skuse, Aodhán Cooke and Niall Collins.

Front row (l-r): David Burke, Scott Kelleher, Max Mazur, Emmett Fitzgerald and Dara McMahon.

Pres 1st Year Basketball 2019

The Pres 1st year Basketball trials were held in January 2019, with a total of 53 boys taking part. Due to the large numbers, we extended the trials over three sessions and also included games against Fermoy. The team selected was Luke Evans, John W Barrett, Kian Murphy, Adam Scott, Conor Dalton, Eddie Coughlan, Neville O'Leary, Enan Buidlaeir, Kevin Corkery, Rex O'Sullivan, Ryan Nolan and Shane Mc Collum. We entered a team in the 2nd Division to facilitate the those who did not make the 1st team. The team selected was very skilful and quick. The problem we had with the selection was the lack of tall players, but having said this, we performed exceptionally well.

We played North Monastery AG in the Cork County Championship semi-final. We lost by one basket which was scored in the last seconds of the game. They went on to beat Rochestown in the final by 15pts. We did however secure 3rd place by beating Coláiste Choilm, Ballincollig and qualified for the All-Ireland play off. We travelled to Kerry to play Castleisland for a place in the last 16 Tournament in Limerick, but unfortunately lost by 3pts. Castleisland went all the way to the semi-final of the All Ireland Competition where they lost out to Coláiste Eanna from Dublin, the eventual winners.

PBC 2nd Year Basketball 2019

Pres won the Cork County Championship with ease this year. We defeated North Monastery AG, Rochestown College, Patrician College, Mallow and Douglas Community School in the pool stages. We defeated Coláiste Choilm in the semi-final and CBC won against Patrician Academy, Mallow in the other semi-final.

The final was played at Neptune Stadium and Pres were clear favourites going into the game. The first and second quarters were played at a frantic pace and Pres were 12 points ahead at half time. Pres put their top five on court at the start of the second half and within a few minutes the game was over as a contest. Pres used their bench players to complete the game and ran out easy winners, allowing them to advance directly into the quarter final of the All-Ireland at the National Basketball Arena, Dublin.

2nd Year All Ireland Quarter and Semi Final

Templeogue College were rated third in the country this year at this level, so we knew that we were facing a very good team, our first real challenge of the season. They came prepared and the fireworks started straight away, with both teams contesting every defensive and offensive rebound. Rory O'Shaughnessy, Alex Doyle and Reuben Skuse were working overtime and the guards were under serious pressure try to defend the teamwork of the Templeogue players. The first quarter went to Pres 9-7.

Templeogue came out and blew Pres away in the 2nd quarter 18pts to 8. Pres trailing 25-17. Emmet Fitzgerald played a great give and go with Jamie Cotter to score the opening basket. Templeogue were not going down and they rallied to end the 3rd quarter and stretching their lead to 9pts 38/29. Pres were trying to find the right combination to get momentum going. We had Alex Doyle, Aodhán Cooke, Scott Kelleher, Max Mazur and Joe MacNamara all scoring in the last quarter. Max Mazur came off the bench and hit two brilliant jump shots in succession to send the game into overtime.

Andrew stars for Ireland U18s in France

The 3 minutes overtime followed the same pattern and suddenly Pres took the lead by one point for the first time in the game. James Finn of Templeogue shot and missed a three pointer and in frustration pulled Jamie Cotter back as he was dribbling down court. The referee called an Intentional foul which gave Jamie two free throws and possession from the halfway line. Jamie dispatched his free throws and put us three up. Game over!

Semi-Final Pres v St Brendan's, Killarney

St Brendan's plan was to slow the game down and play possession basketball. Brendan's went four points up before Rory O'Shaughnessy rebounded and sent an outlet pass to Dara McMahon on the wing and he finished the break with a great basket. The first quarter ended with Brendan's ahead 12-10. In the 2nd quarter, Jamie Cotter and Scott Kelleher were quickly into their stride and scored the opening baskets to put Pres ahead. Reuben Skuse went on a rebounding spree and scored a brilliant tap in to bring the score at half time 21-19 to Brendan's.

The slow pace of the game continued and we could not get our fast break going. Aodhán Cooke, Emmett Fitzgerald and Jamie Cotter combined and scored the last three baskets to bring the scores even at 31 each. Aodhán and Emmett opened the scoring in the final quarter and Pres went into the last minute ahead. Coach Seán Murphy called a timeout with 47 seconds on the clock and all Pres had to do was to keep possession, run down the clock and see the game out. We unfortunately turned over the ball and when John O'Leary of Brendans received the ball, he shot and scored the only three pointer of the game to win the game by one with no time left for Pres to come back! St Brendan's played the Final two weeks later but were well beaten by Malahide Community School from Dublin.

Seán Murphy
Basketball Coach

Congratulations Panos!



Andrew with Irish Assistant Coach, Ciarán O'Sullivan, who also plays with Andrew on the Ballincollig BC Senior Mens Basketball team.

The 18th annual Cherbourg U18 international tournament was held in Cherbourg, France, over the Easter weekend. Ireland U18 beat hosts, Cherbourg, in the opening game of the tournament, 77-49, on Day 1. Ireland lost their second game to a strong and athletic Guadeloupe side by 2 points, but beat Manchester Magic, 50-39, later that day. Day 3 began with the semi-final against English side Myerscough Academy, a game that was won 61-37.

The final was against a very talented Reading Rockets team from the UK. After being down at half time, Ireland held out to close out the win with a narrow 62-57 victory. The Irish U18 development squad is currently at 15 players but will eventually be cut down to a final 12 players who will travel to Romania later this summer to compete in the FIBA European U18 Championships. The tournament in Cherbourg provided the team with an opportunity to further gell as a team and practice in competitive game scenarios.

Andrew O'Connor
5th Year

Congratulations to Panos Karousos (Class 3A), who was captain of Youghal U16 Basketball, Winners of the Cork County Basketball Board League.

Ireland U19 Basketball International David Murray wins CIT Sports Star Award



Photo shows David (on the left) with his Ireland teammates at the FIBA European 3x3 Championships in Bari, Italy.

In July 2018, David was an Ireland U18 bronze medalist in the FIBA European Development Group competition.

In August 2018, he was part of the Ireland U18 FIBA 3x3 squad which became the first ever Irish team to get through qualifiers at their qualifying tournament in Bari, Italy beating Andorra, Switzerland, Ukraine and Poland.

In doing so, the squad got through to the European A tournament finals itself in Debrecen, Hungary where the team could be very proud of their efforts against the very strong Division 1 teams of Russia and France whom they pushed all the way to the end. A fantastic and unforgettable experience for all!

The club season highlight was David's 5th National Cup title with Neptune - this time at U20 level - and he was also an ever present in the Men's Senior team in their return to the top flight (Super League) for this season.

College success was also achieved with CIT, where David turned in a Freshers tournament MVP display to help CIT to victory in the National Freshers Basketball competition. He was also a key member of the CIT senior team for the season and his contribution to CIT sports was recognised at CIT's recent annual Sports Awards where he picked up the Basketball Award.



David, (fourth from left) after receiving his CIT Sports Award for basketball. Well done David!

Irish Senior Schools National Swimming Championship 2019



PBC Intermediate Swim Squad (l-r) Neddie Irwin, John Curtin, Paul Higgins and Dave Carroll.

During the February mid-term break, the PBC swimming team competed in the Irish Senior Schools National Championships in the National Aquatic Centre in Abbotstown, Co Dublin.

Our Junior team included Andrew O'Leary, Jude Malley, Michael O' Sullivan and Louis Flynn. The team swam superbly winning bronze in the IM relay. Well done lads!

Our Intermediate team included John Curtin, Paul Higgins, David Carrol and Neddie Irwin. The team won two golds in the IM relay and Freestyle. This superb group of swimmers have now been All-Ireland Relay champions for the past three consecutive years. A magnificent achievement by the boys.

In the afternoon at the Interprovincial Gala, Neddie Irwin, Paul Higgins and David Carroll represented Munster. Neddie won gold in the 100m Backstroke (1.00.03); Paul Higgins won gold in the 100m Fly (58.40) and second in the 100m freestyle (55.54). All three boys were on the Munster relay team.

The PBC Swimming team has had another very successful year and would like to congratulate all swimmers involved for their dedication and hard work throughout the season. I would also like to thank Mrs Irwin for managing the team deck side during the recent National Championships.

Brian Casey
PBC Swimming Manager



(l-r): Andrew O'Leary, Louis Flynn, Jude Malley and Michael O'Sullivan.

Pres GAA supports Cardiac Risk In The Young charity



(l-r): Ethan Twomey (PBC U16½ Hurling Captain), John Connaughton (PBC Coach) presenting the cheque to Paul Downes, Kate O'Neill (PBC Coach), James Dwyer (PBC U16½ Hurling)

PBC won the Munster U16 ½ Hurling Cup to bridge a 90 year gap to the school's last GAA championship success in 1928. The cup is called Corn Darra Uí Dhonabháin after Darra, who was an active sports man in Desmond College, Newcastle West, Limerick, and who very sadly passed away at a young age while still in school. Mrs O'Donovan presented the cup to our captain on Ballyagran GAA pitch after the final and spoke movingly about her son and his sporting interests. There is an annual fundraiser in Darra's memory over the May Bank Holiday weekend in aid of Cardiac Risk in the Young (www.cry.ie) and PBC decided to contribute to this worthy cause as holder of this hurling cup. PBC teacher, Paul Downes, attended the same school as Darra and he accepted our PBC contribution on behalf of the local organisers.

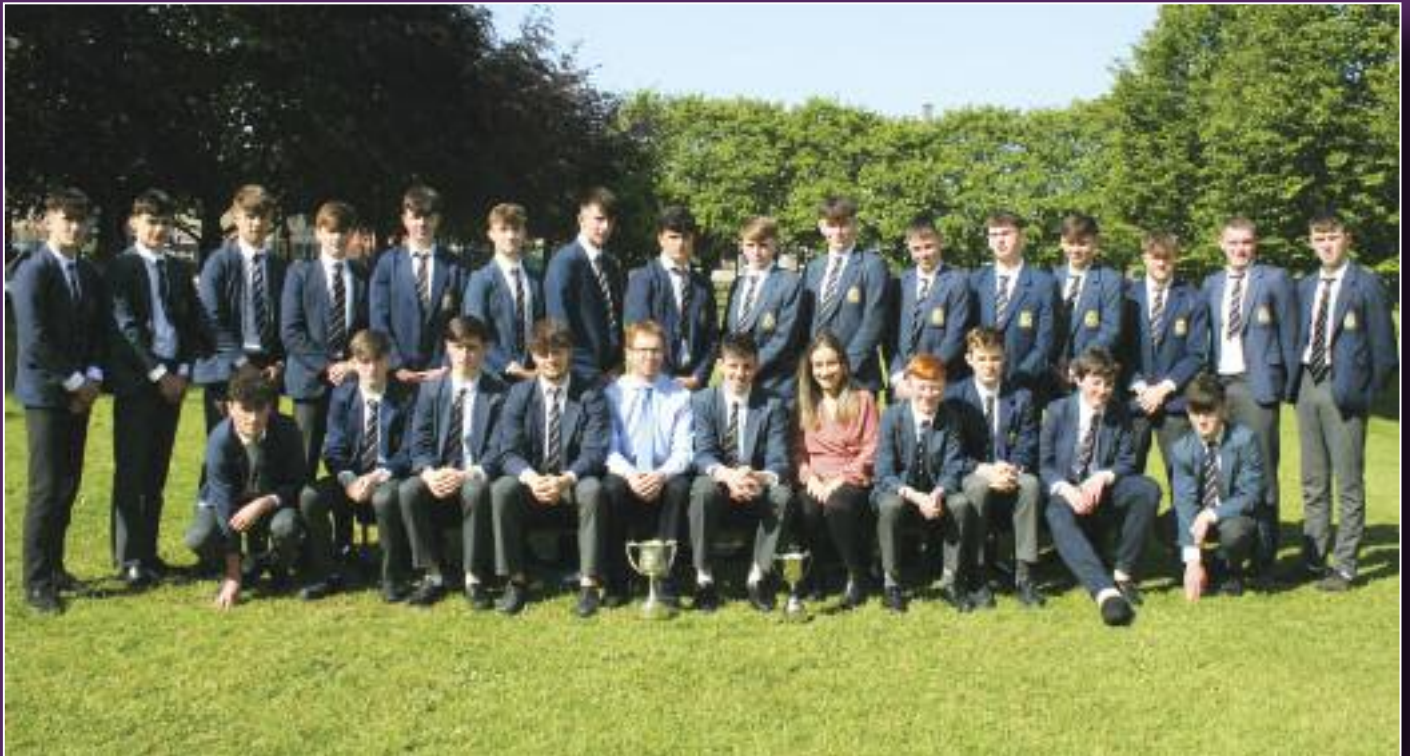
Cork GAA Minors



Patrick Campbell, Cork Minor Footballer 2019



Ethan Twomey, Cork Minor Hurler 2019



Munster C Hurling Champions U16½ Squad with their coaches John Connaughton and Kate O'Neill

The qualifier blitz was held in Mayfield GAA Grounds on the 28th March 2019. Six schools took part on the day in our grade, with PBC in a three team group with Coláiste an Spioraid Naoimh and St Brogan's, Bandon.

On a bright but windy day, we began by playing CSN and found ourselves level at half time. A run of 5pts in a row from midway through the second half saw us win by 3pts. Sam Cunningham top scored with 0-6 (4 frees) while Brian Hayes contributed a healthy 0-4 (1 free) including a great effort from near the sideline over the shoulder. Daniel Murphy stood in as 'keeper and Tadhg O'Sullivan and James Keohane marshalled our defence superbly.

Our next match was against St Brogan's and we struggled to score in the first half. Seán McLoughlin did well to finish to the net but we were three points down at half time. A determined effort was made in the second half with Daniel Hurley and Matt Moroney showing up well in the backs. Ben Carthew, Shane Cotter and JJ O'Connor contributed at the other end with Charlie Walsh knocking over three points. Unfortunately, we lost out by two points but our players efforts on the day were encouraging ahead of next year's championships.

Lord Mayor's Cup Football Blitz 2019



Pres Lord Mayor's Football squad before their first match at Ballygarvan GAA Grounds.

The qualifier blitz was held in Ballygarvan GAA Grounds on 11th April 2019. Four schools took part on the day in our grade, Midleton CBS, Mount St Michael Rosscarbery, CBC and PBC.

We began our first match against Midleton brightly with a Robert Geaney O'Brien goal. Brian Hayes was prominent around midfield as goals followed for Sam Cunningham and Max O'Leary. A first half highlight was a super save by Cormac McCarthy. In the second half, our backs gave the opposition very few opportunities with Dara Smith and Sean Nyhan to the fore to allow us a comfortable win.

The second match against Rosscarbery began with Keelan Cronin hitting the net for his first goal in an impressive hat trick. With Dara Egan and Charlie Coughlan on top at the back and nothing getting past Gavin Kelleher in goal, the platform was created for our win. Michael Cohalan, Ben Carthew, Jack Kelleher and Paul Hayes were lively throughout. James Keohane was rewarded for an energetic performance with the final score.

Our third match on the day was against a strong Christians team. While we started brightly, CBC gradually got on top and were comfortably ahead at half-time. Cian Duggan and Tim Cronin put the shoulder to the wheel and Paul Montgomery netted near the end of this CBC win.

After over two hours of football, our PBC players could be proud of the efforts in a competition that we first participated in back in 1996. The organiser complimented both PBC and CBC as the original participants in the competition, which has expanded over the years to include three different grades and many schools around Cork city and county.



Tadgh O'Sullivan tackles hard

AJ Whelan represents Ireland in Taekwon Do



AJ performs a mid-pattern high side kicks out of Kwan-Gae

5th Year student, AJ Whelan, took part in the Leinster Open Championships in the National Basketball Arena, Dublin on the weekend of March 23-24. This event has recently been upgraded to an international competition. As a result, many Swedish and Norwegian fighters also took part.

AJ competed in Junior Male 2nd Degree Patterns and Junior Male -62kg Sparring. In patterns he won his first ever gold as a black belt, a magnificent achievement, and in sparring, he got to the final of the group. His gold and silver medals resulted in him winning Best Overall Junior Male for the first time!

The Leinster Open was a selections competition for the European Championships to be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina this coming October. AJ has secured a spot in patterns and will know in the coming months whether or not he will be selected for sparring also.

Between the 23rd and the 28th of April 2019, AJ took part in the ITF World Championships in Inzell, Germany, his debut competition with the Irish National Team. This was a very difficult competition to start with, given that the current Taekwon Do standard is as high as it has ever been.

AJ competed in Junior (U18) Male Individual 2nd Degree Patterns and Junior Male Team Patterns. The competition itself started on Wednesday, April 24th, with both of his events coming on Day 1. With over 50 competitors in his individual patterns category, it was the biggest patterns group that AJ had ever participated in.

After many hard months of training and preparation, he performed really well, getting to the second round but losing there to a Russian who went on to win the bronze medal.

In Team Patterns, Ireland beat Italy in the first round but were knocked out unfortunately by Argentina in the quarter-finals. Although he didn't medal at this competition, AJ is very happy with where his level is currently at and he is now looking to improve even further for other upcoming competitions.



AJ (on the right) wins silver in sparring



Very proud to wear green!



AJ with his medals and Best Overall Junior Male trophy with Aiden Twomey

Rugby Report



The victorious McCarthy Cup Squad with their coaches

'Molann an obair an fear', a very apt description of all boys who participated in PBC rugby 2018-19. Although some results didn't go our way, we contested every competition to the knock out stages and only fell by the narrowest of margins in the Senior Cup final to our rivals on the hill. The work put in both on and off the pitch was a credit to all involved, the boys themselves, the coaches, the teachers, the support staff in the college and in Wilton.

I'd like to thank all those involved in PBC Rugby. This list is an endless one so I won't mention any individual. Rugby is very much a team effort. No team ever succeeds without the efforts and work put by those from 1st year to 6th year. We've had a record number of games at all grades and at the different levels within each year group. We've increased the number of miles covered by each team by almost 25%!

This coming year sees a new competition structure in place for Junior and Senior Cup, increasing the number of matches for both groups. The efforts made by the PBC Rugby team can be clearly seen with PBC the Number 1 Ranked Team in the Senior Competition based on the results of the last three years. We're looking forward to successful campaigns next season.

Further great success at representative level followed on post Christmas, with Alex Kendellen captaining the Irish U18 side in Gloucester and Worcester. A number of Pres boys have been selected to train for Munster throughout the summer. Seán French, Jonathon Wren and Billy Scannell, starred in the

in the Irish U20 victorious squad. Our past pupils really representing at the highest levels. We are super proud of them all. Huge congratulations to Daragh Murphy, Daragh McSweeney and Eoin Quilter who were selected on the Irish Independent Munster Schools Team of the Year, and were honoured at a recent ceremony in Thomond Park. Well done boys!

Rugby Travel Ireland will remain as sponsors of our senior team for the next two years. We'll have new sponsors for our junior team by September. We very much value their support. We're delighted to announce that PBC are rebranding and welcome BLK into the Pres family. A new kit will be available for the new season. See the school website.

We look forward to working with you all next season, with pre-season and summer programmes already under way. We very much appreciate the efforts of all the boys and parents. I'd like to thank those who have supported us for the last 6 years and are moving on to pastures new. We wish them the best for the future. I'd like to welcome the new boys, our incoming first years and their parents.

Beir bua is beanncht ar ghach éinne, great motivation for next year's season at all levels. 'Is maith an t-anlann an t-ocras', but no success without plenty of commitment and practice – 'cleachtadh a dhéanann máistreacht!'

Brian MacMathúna
Games Master PBC Rugby.

So close!



The PBC Senior Cup team who were narrowly beaten by CBC in the Munster Schools Senior Cup Final on St Patrick's Day

Back row (l-r): Jack Kelleher, Alex Kendellen, Mark McLoughlin, Seán Henry Squires, Darragh McSweeney, John Forde, Eoin Quilter (Vice-Captain), Darragh French and Michael Hand.

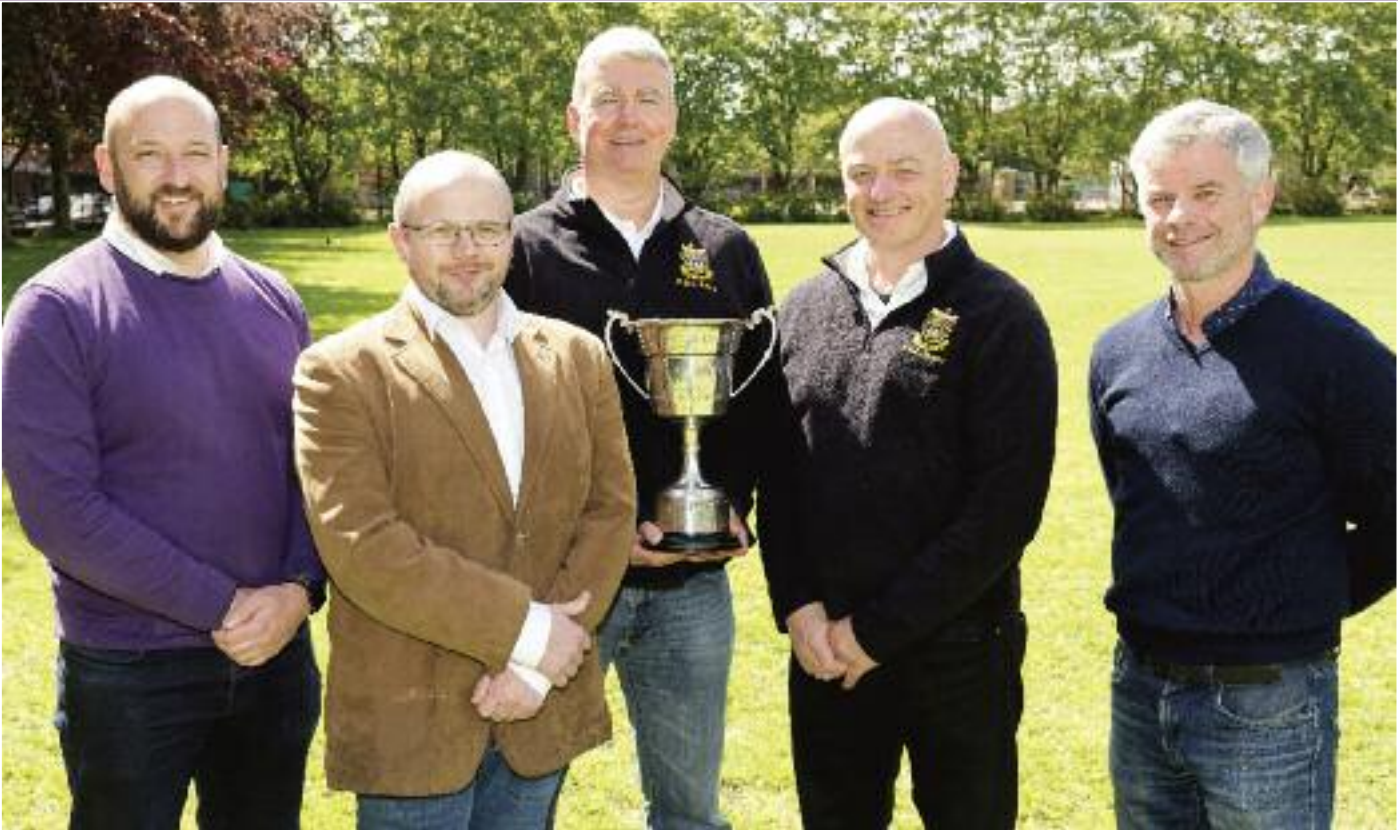
Front row (l-r): David McCarthy, Peter Cunningham, Joe O'Leary, Louis Bruce (Captain), Rory Duggan and Darragh Murphy.

PBC and Ireland legend Tom Kiernan visits Pres



Senior Cup captain Louis Bruce with his mother Lynn and grandfather Tom Kiernan. The PBC, Cork Constitution, Munster, Ireland and British & Irish Lions legend spoke to the Senior Cup squad and presented the cup final jerseys to them in the days before the final.

Coaches for the McCarthy Cup



(l-r): John Mullarkey, Brian Casey, Seán Ryan (holding the McCarthy Cup), Feargus O'Donoghue and Caleb Sheehan.



A moment of history as described by the IRFU



Grand slam celebrations. Well done lads!



A superb line break by past pupil Seán French v Wales



Past pupil Jonathan Wren about to cross the whitewash v Wales

Alex captains Ireland U18 Schools



Alex Kendellen, who captained Ireland U18 Schools in the 6 Nations Rugby Festival, in action v England.

Louis plays for Ireland U19



PBC SCT Captain, Louis Bruce played for Ireland U19 against Australia U19 in a pre-Christmas 2018 international, at Donnybrook in Dublin.

50th Anniversary of Senior Cup triumph



(l-r): Eoin Quilter (Vice Captain 2019), Eugene Daly (Captain, 1969 Senior Cup Winners) and Louis Bruce (Captain 2019)



(l-r): Br Martin Kenneally (Presentation Order), Marian Carey (Deputy Principal), Paul Kidney, Dick Kennefick and John Healy



(l-r): Larry O'Neill, Tim O'Connor, Denis Hegarty, Gerry Keoghan and Owen Twomey.



(l-r): Buster Lawton pictured with 1969 Senior Cup winning captain, Eugene Daly.

Pres celebrates the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Senior Cup triumph!



50th Anniversary 1969 - 2019

Presentation Brothers College - Munster Schools Senior Cup Winners 1969

Back row (l-r): Michael Murphy, Tim O'Connor, Finbarr O'Donovan, Richard Kennefick, Humphrey Moynihan, Niall Crowley and John Hunt.

Middle row (l-r): Don Courtney, Owen Twomey, Richie Feely, Eugene Daly (Captain), Tom Ryan, Jack Elliot and John Healy.

Front row (l-r): Paul Kidney, Patrick McSweeney, David Browne and Austin Manning.



Members of the 1969 Senior Cup winning team pictured before a recent celebration in their honour in Presentation College.

Back row (l-r): Hugo Finlay, Paul Kidney, Owen Twomey, John Healy and John Hunt.

Front row (l-r): Richard Feeley, Tim O'Connor, Eugene Daly, Michael Murphy and Don Courtney.

Down Memory Lane



**Pictured at a school reception in April 1970 to honour
Pres, Munster, Ireland and British & Irish Lions legend, Tom Kiernan,
on winning his 50th cap for Ireland.**

Back row (l-r): Barry McGann (Pres, Cork Con, Munster & Ireland), Tom Kiernan, Br Placid,
Finny Harrington (PBC Senior Rugby Coach) and Br Jerome (PBC Principal)

Front row (l-r): Dick Kennefick, Austin Manning, John Hunt, Finbarr O'Donovan and John Healy
(All members of PBC SCT and the Munster Schools panel.)



Reflection

A Creed To Live By
Nancy Sims

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself with others.

It is because we are different that each of us are special. Don't set your goals by what other people deem important.
Only you do what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart. Cling to them as you would your life, for without them life is meaningless.

Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or in the future. By living one day at a time you live all days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give. Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying.

Don't be afraid to admit that you are less than perfect. It is the fragile thread that binds us to each other.

Don't be afraid to encounter risks. It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible. The fastest way to lose love is to hold to it tightly,
and the best way to keep love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams. To be without dreams is to be without hope, to be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget not only where you have been, but also where you are going.
Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

